



# *Psorophora ferox* Biology

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*Psorophora ferox* larvae occur in temporary rain-filled woodland pools, particularly in or near wooded areas as well as floodplains especially after summer rains in Brunswick County. They develop rapidly. The larvae can be collected from March to November in the County. The peak months for this mosquito are from June through October.

The females are ferocious biters, even attacking during daylight hours on cloudy days. She seems to prefer attacking people's faces and elbows. This mosquito does not readily come to our New Jersey light traps. She prefers to stay near the oviposition site. They are particularly troublesome to citizens living near the woodland pool habitats. *Ps. ferox* was the dominant mosquito species collected after hurricane Fran in 1996. We consider this mosquito to be of high importance to the citizens of Brunswick County because of its strong nuisance potential.