



Wyeomyia smithii Biology

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Wyeomyia smithii larvae occur in the leaves of the Purple Pitcher plant, *Sarracenia purpurea*. Larvae may be found during any season of the year. The eggs are apparently deposited by the female in the younger leaves before water collects in them; however, they may be deposited on the sides of older leaves above the water level (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955).

Wy. smithii females are not known to bite humans. The female rests with the head pointed downward at an angle between the front legs and with the hind legs curled high above the abdomen (Carpenter and LaCasse, 1955). We consider this mosquito to be of low importance to the citizens of Brunswick County.

REFERENCE

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