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Description of the Male, Pupa and Fourth Instar Larva of Culiseta (Culiseta) atlantica (Edwards, 1932) (Diptera: Culicidae), an Endemic Species of the Azores Archipelago

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ABSTRACT. The hitherto unknown male, pupa and fourth instar larva of Culiseta atlantica (Edwards, 1932) are described, based on the examination of 25 males, 31 associated pupal exuviae and 77 larvae caught by the writers from rockpools in the bed of the Ribeira do Salto River, east of the town Ribeira Grande, S. Miguel Island, Azores. Diagnostic characteristics of the adults (external morphology), male terminalia, pupa and fourth instar larva of Cs. atlantica and the closely related species Cs. annulata (Schrank), Cs. incidens (Thomson), Cs. particeps (Adams) and Cs. subochrea (Edwards) are given and identification keys are provided.

INTRODUCTION

Culiseta atlantica was described in 1932, by F. W. Edwards (as Theobaldia atlantica) on the basis of 5 female syntypes caught at the Azores (Pico Island) by J. Balfour-Brown, in July, 1929. The following year (1930), some other female specimens of Cs. atlantica were also caught by L. Chopard at Furnas, S. Miguel Island (Azores). Nevertheless, the adult male and the immature stages of the new species remained unknown.

During August, 1977, the present writers were able to collect from rockpools in the bed of the Ribeira do Salto, east of the town Ribeira Grande, S. Miguel Island (Azores), 77 Culiseta larvae and 31 pupae that, on the emergence of the adults (2 females and 25 males) could be identified as Cs. atlantica. The notes on the external morphology of the adult female and the descriptions of the adult male, pupa and larva that follow, are based on the examination of this material. The terminology here adopted for larval and pupal setae is that used by Dobrotworsky (1971) when dealing with subgenus Culiseta, based on the system developed by Belkin (1962). However, the hyphen is dropped in order to prevent confusion with the minus sign used in certain setal combinations.

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Culiseta (Culiseta) atlantica (Edwards, 1932)

Theobaldia atlantica Edwards, 1932:560 (9).

Culiseta (?) atlantica, Stone, Knight and Stark (1959:222).

Culiseta (Culiseta) atlantica, Maslov (1964:46); Stone (1967:211); Maslov (1967:136); Knight and Stone (1977:280).

FEMALE. General external morphology as described by Edwards (1932). Differently, however, from what Edwards stated, there is usually a white line on the second abdominal tergite, though it is narrower than in other related species and may even be reduced to a small median white spot in some specimens. Dr. B. White who, at our request, has kindly examined the five females syntypes in the British Museum (Natural History), informed us that "Only one of the syntypes is in a good condition and this has the wings covering tergite II. I have moved the wing enough to see that the median white line is present. Another female shows a few white scales also in this position, but the others are not in good enough condition for the line to be present" (in litera). That female in best condition was designated lectotype, being labelled accordingly by Dr. G. B. White, on the 9th March 1979, while the four other females were marked paralectotypes. The labels of all five specimens of the type-series read "Azores:/Ilha do Pico,/Serra Gorda./VII 1929/J. Balfour Brown/B. M. 1932-179."

On the thorax, there are some yellowish-golden mesonotal scales at the anterior border, above the wing roots and prescutelar area. Spiracular bristles numerous. Postspiracular area bare. Anterior pronotum with many long hairs and a few dark scales. Posterior pronotum with numerous hairs and brown narrow scales on the upper part and a few pale, moderately broad scales on the lower part. Numerous dark-brown hairs present at base of subcosta on underside of wing. Cross veins scaled, in line. A few pale scales present at tips of tibiae, specially on the front ones. Tarsal claws as in Fig. 1A.

Abdominal tergum I with many long bristles and a small patch of pale scales at middle.

MALE. General external morphology similar to that of the female.

Head. Maxillary palps dark, paler at joints, slightly longer than proboscis; segments III and IV with long bristles, last segment (V) swollen at the distal half and not turned up. Proboscis mainly dark, including labella with scattered pale scales on the median 1/3, reaching to middle of palpal segment V. Tarsal claws as in Fig. 1B.

Terminalia. Chaetotaxy of the eight tergite (VIII T) (Fig. 1C) somewhat variable, usually with one median isolated spiniform seta near to the hind margin of the segment, but sometimes with two or none. Lobes of the ninth tergite (IX T) (Fig. 1D) separated by a deep sinus, each bearing 11.81 ± 2.07 (range: 7-15; n=37) well developed setae. Tenth sternite (X S) (Fig. 1E) strongly sclerotized, with 4 or 5 dark teeth at tip. Phallosome (Ph) as in Fig. 1F. Basal lobe of coxite (BL) (Fig. 1G) conical, bearing 4.03 ± 0.48 apical stout pointed spines (range: 3-5; n=40), two of them always stronger than the others, besides a variable number (usually, about twenty) of less modified spiniform setae with disproportionately large bases. Without apical lobe, but a patch of half a dozen stronger setae present at the corresponding area. Style a little more than half as long as the basistyle, tapered and slightly curved beyond middle, bearing many small papillated setae.

PUPA. Pupal chaetotaxy as illustrated in Fig. 2 A, B and recorded in Table 1.

On the cephalothorax (Fig. 2A), setae 1, 2 and 3 CT could be observed only once, all of them bifid. On the abdomen, seta 1 I is dendritic, while seta 0 II and 9 II are always single (n = 34 observations in both cases).

Trumpet index (ratio of maximum length of the respiratory trumpet to its width in middle, see Belkin, 1962) 3.29 \pm 0.31 (observed range 2.50 - 3.79; n = 30). "Pinna ratio" (ratio of pinna length to trumpet length) 0.33 \pm 0.052 (range 0.27 - 0.54; n = 30). "Meatus ratio" (ratio of meatus length to trumpet length) 0.67 \pm 0.067 (range 0.36 - 0.73; n = 30).

Paddles (Fig. 2 B, C) oval, the mibrid reaching to the serrated hind margin. A small, usually single, accessory seta discernible in 31 out of the 48 paddles examined (64.58%), so far as we know, this is a unique feature in the subgenus Culiseta (Carpenter & La Casse, 1955; Belkin, 1962; Barr, 1963; Dobrotworsky, 1971).

Paddle index (ratio of length to width, as diffined by Belkin, op. cit.) 1.32 ± 0.055 , with an observed range 1.19 - 1.43 (n = 34).

LARVA. General morphology and chaetotaxy of the fourth instar larva as depicted in Fig. 3, and recorded in Table 2.

Head (Fig. 3A). Slightly wider than long, cephalic index 0.86 ± 0.05 (observed range 0.74 - 0.98; n = 32). Preclypeals slender, finely drawn out distally, slightly curved inward, distance between their bases to their lengths 1.41 ± 0.16 (range 1.13 - 1.75; n = 31). Modified setae on labrum as illustrated. Antenna small, only 0.33 ± 0.026 the head length (range 0.28 - 0.38; n = 32) darker at base and sparsely and minutely spiculate. Antennal tuft (seta 1A) inserted at or slightly before middle of shaft $(0.47 \pm 0.04; 0.39 - 0.52;$ n = 32), with 14.82 ± 3.13 branches (range 11 - 23; n = 22), usually slightly shorter than antennal shaft $(0.47 \pm 0.05; 0.37 - 0.60;$ n = 31). Distance between head setae 44' always smaller than distance between setae 55',

ratio $\overline{44}$ ' to $\overline{55}$ ' 0.78 \pm 0.10, ranging from 0.53 to 0.95 (n = 34). Mentum (Fig. 3B) with about 15 teeth each side the median tooth: 15.30 \pm 2.12, range 12 - 18 (n = 23).

Thorax and abdomen as in Fig. 3C and Table 2.

Comb (Fig. 3D) of segment VIII with 43.21 \pm 5.03 scales (CS) (range 32 - 54; n = 33). Siphon index (mounted specimens) small, 2.43 \pm 0.17, with range 2.2 - 2.9 (n = 31). Pecten (Fig. 3D) reaching to about 3/4 length of siphon, with 10.94 \pm 2.02 (range 6 - 15; n = 32) spines (PT) followed by a row of 17.56 \pm 1.90 (range 15 - 22; n = 32) long hairs, 1 - 3 of the most distal ones being usually more widely spaced. Tuft (seta 1S) inserted at base, with 13.00 \pm 1.55 plumose branches (range 10 - 17; n = 30), about as long as or slightly longer than siphon breadth at base. Ratio of basal tuft length to siphon width at base 1.13 \pm 0.09, ranging from 0.98 to 1.45 (n = 31). Saddle (Fig. 3D) complete, lateral seta (1X) only about half length of saddle: 0.44 \pm 0.04 (range 0.33 - 0.53; n = 32). The three branches of the lower caudal seta (3X) have different and somewhat variable lengths, though the median branch is always the longest and strongest.

In 38 larvae examined, the ventral brush consisted of 18.66 ± 0.97 (range 16-20) tufts, of which 15.95 ± 0.80 (14-17) were inserted in the barred area and 2.70 (range 2-3) were precratal, while 2 or 3 of these (mean 2.40) were inserted on saddle. Anal papillae about as long as saddle, dorsal pair slightly longer than ventral pair.

TAXONOMY AND DIAGNOSIS

As was stated by Maslov (1964) on the basis of general morphology and chaetotaxy of the adult female, Cs. atlantica belongs to subgenus Culiseta. This is now confirmed beyond any doubt, not only by the general morphology and chaetotaxy of the adult male but also by the larval (Dobrotworsky, 1971) and pupal characters (Barr, 1963). An unusual character of the atlantica pupa, however, is the presence, in 65 percent of the observations, of the accessory paddle seta characteristic of subgenus Climacura Howard, Dyar & Knab (Barr, op. cit.). Within subgenus Culiseta, adults of Cs. atlantica have unusually dark abdominal tergites with only latero-basal pale patches scarcely visible from above. Besides, imagines of atlantica can also be easily separated from those of Cs. alaskaensis (Ludlow) and Cs. inormata (Williston) by the speckled legs of these two species, from Cs. bergrothi (Edwards) and Cs. glaphyroptera (Schiner) by the completely dark wings of atlantica and from Cs. impatiens (Walker) by the entirely black tarsi of the latter (Matheson, 1944; Aitken, 1955; Senevet and Andarelli, 1959). In the identification keys that follow, an attempt is made to separate Cs. atlantica and the other four closely related holarctic species of the nominate subgenus: Cs. annulata (Schrank), Cs. incidens (Thomson), Cs. particeps (Adams) and Cs. subochrea (Edwards) (see also Ribeiro et al., 1977).

MALES AND FEMALES

1.	First segment of hind tarsi with a pale ring at middle 2
_	First segment of hind tarsi dark, without a pale ring 3
2.	Scales on fifth wing vein all dark; pale scales on abdominal tergites confined to basal bands on segments and to a longitudinal stripe or patch on the second segment annulata
-	Fifth wing vein with some pale scaling; abdominal tergites with a sprinkling of pale scales on the dark areas subochrea
3.	Wings and legs speckled particeps
=	Wings all dark and legs not speckled
4.	Wings with scales on cross-veins atlantica
_	Without scales on cross-veins incidens
	MALE TERMINALIA
1.	Tenth sternite (paraproct) strongly curved, sickle-shaped annulata
_	Tenth sternite only slightly curved distally
2.	Lobes of ninth tergite small, separated by a shallow sinus 3
-	Lobes of ninth tergite well developed, separated by a deep sinus almost as wide as the lobes
3.	Eighth tergite bearing a single short, stout spine at the middle of the apical margin particeps
_	Eighth tergite bearing a group of 5 - 8 such spines incidens
4.	Lobes of ninth tergite with about 12 setae atlantica
-	Lobes of ninth tergite with about 20 setae subochrea
	FOURTH INSTAR LARVAE
1.	Saddle strongly spiculate dorso-apically
	Saddly not obviously spiculate

2.	The 2 or 3 precratal tufts of the ventral brush on the anal segment arising from the saddle incidens								
_	These tufts inserted in a ventral cleft of the saddle particeps								
3.	Distance between head-setae $\overline{44}$ ' obviously greater than distance between head-setae $\overline{55}$ ' atlantica								
-	Distance between head-setae $\overline{44}$ ' about the same as distance between head-setae $\overline{55}$ ' or less								
4.	Siphon tuft 1S about as long as siphon breadth at base annulata								
-	Siphon tuft 1S obviously shorter than diameter of siphon at base								
PUPAE									
1.	Denticles on margin of paddle short and blunt annulata								
_	Denticles on paddle margin long and sharp								
2.	Seta 5 much longer and stouter than seta 1 on abdominal segments IV - VI								
-	Setae 5 and 1 with about the same length on segments IV - VI								
3.	Seta 7 III with 4 - 8 branches; a small accessory seta on paddle present in about 65 percent of the instances atlantica								
-	Seta 7 III with 8 - 11 branches; without accessory seta on paddle								
4.	Seta 9 VIII with 2 or 3 branches incidens								
-	Seta 9 VIII with about 9 branches subochrea								
	DIOCCOLOCY								

BIOECOLOGY

Our immature specimens of Cs. atlantica were all found in shaded rock-pools in the basaltic bed of the Ribeira do Salto River. The breeding water was always dark brown, with decaying leaves of eucalyptus, Criptomelia japonica, Laurus azorica and Canna sp. Culiseta atlantica was present in three of the four rock-pools positive for mosquitoes, always associated with larval Culex pipiens Linnaeus, and Culiseta longiareolata (Macquart).

Control of the contro

All the adult specimens were reared in the laboratory from larva or pupa. The writers were never bitten during collecting.

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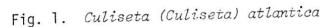
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LEGENDS



- A. Tarsal claws of adult female
- B. Tarsal claws of adult male
- C. Male terminalia, tergum VIII
- D. Male terminalia, tergum IX
- E. Male terminalia, sternum X
- F. Aedeagus
- G. Basal lobe of coxite

Fig. 2. Culiseta (Culiseta) atlantica. Pupa.

- A. Cephalothorax
- B. Abdomen
- C. Paddle fringe

Fig. 3. Culiseta (Culiseta) atlantica. Fourth instar larva.

- A. Head
- B. Mentum plate
- C. Thorax and abdomen
- D. Abdominal segments VIII, X and siphon



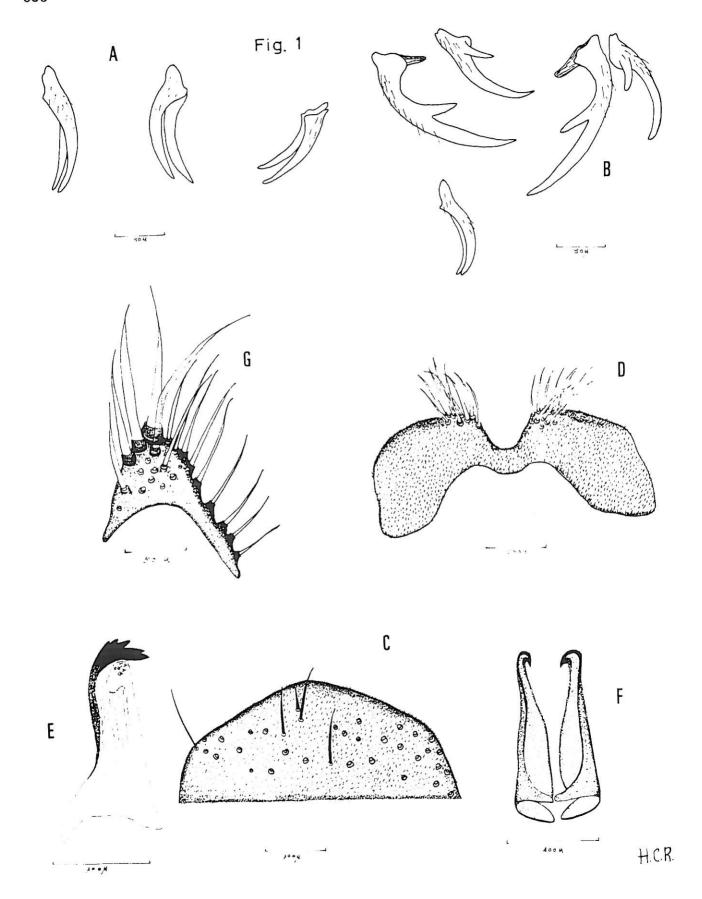
Table 1 - Pupal chaetotaxy of Culiseta (Culiseta) atlantica

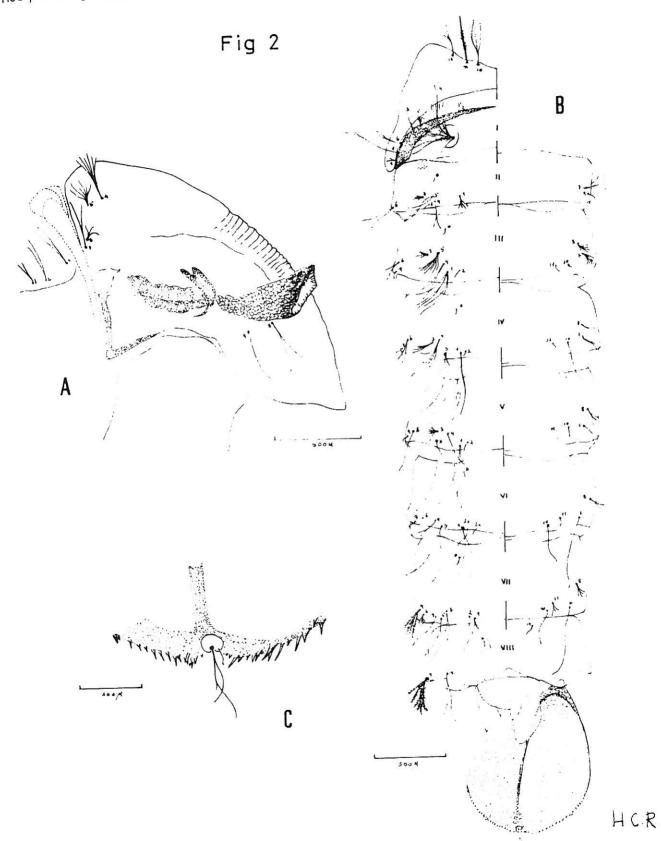
	Seta nr.	n (Observed range	Mean (X)	95% Confidence Interval	Standard deviation (s)	Mayr's coefficient of variability (CV)
	4	37	3 - 10	4.05	3.60 - 4.50	1.34	33.09
	8	41	1 - 2	1.90	1.89 - 1.91	0.030	1.58
	9	40	2 - 4	2.58	2,40 - 2.75	0.55	21.36
Cephalothorax	10	56	3 - 7	4.75	4.48 - 5.02	1.01	21.26
	11	.54	1 - 3	1.39	1.24 - 1.54	0.56	40.29
	12	54	2 - 5	3.83	3.59 - 4.07	0.87	22.72
	2	35	1 - 3	1.43	1.24 - 1.62	0.56	39.16
	3	36	8 - 11	9.15	8.85 - 9.45	0.90	9.84
Abdominal	4	36	1 - 3	2.00	1.86 - 2.14	0.41	20.50
segment [5	31	2 - 5	3.35	3.04 - 3.66	0.84	25.07
3cgment :	6	32	2 - 3	2.06	1.97 - 2.15	0.25	12.14
	7	35	1 - 2	1.94	1.86 - 2.02	0.24	12.37
	9	34	1 - 3	1.29	1.09 - 1.49	0.58	44.96
	1	30	2 - 8	4.93	4.44 - 5.42	1.31	26.57
	2	34	1 - 2	1.06	0.98 - 1.14	0.24	22.64
	3	33	3 - 6	5.27	4.91 - 5.63	1.01	19.17
Abdominal	4	33	1 - 4	2.33	2.10 - 2.56	0.65	27.86
segment II	5	34	2 - 4	2.76	2.55 - 2.97	0.61	22.10
	6	32	1 - 3	2.06	1.76 - 2.36	0.84	40.78
	7	32	1 - 5	2.56	2.29 - 2.83	0.76	26.69
	1	40	2 - 7	4.68	4.34 - 5.01	1.05	22.46
	3	39	4 - 8	5.92	5.60 - 6.24	1.01	17.06
	4	42	1 - 3	2.12	2.00 - 2.24	0.40	18.63
Abdominal	5	44	6 - 9	7.32	7.04 - 7.60	0.93	12.70
segment III	6	41	1 - 3	2.00	1.93 - 2.07	0.22	11.00
	7	33	4 - 8	5.61	5.30 - 5.92	0.86	15.33
	10	40	2 - 3	2.18	2.05 - 2.30	0.38	17.47
Abdominal	1	49	2 - 4	2.49	2.32 - 2.66	0.58	23.29
segment IV	5	48	2 - 6	3.92	3.55 - 4.29	1.27	32.40
	1	50	2 - 5	2.36	2.18 - 2.54	0.63	26.69
Abdominal	3	55	5 - 8	6.31	6.09 - 6.53	0.81	12.84
segment V	5	41	2 - 6	2.66	2.33 - 2.99	1.06	39.85
Jegment ,	7	49	j - ö	5.59	5.36 - 5.32	0.81	14.49
	1	38	2 - 3	2.08	1.99 - 2.17	0.27	13.14
	3	37	1 - 3	2.38	2.18 - 2.58	0.59	24.79
Abdominal	5	31	2 - 5	2.55	2.20 - 2.90	0.96	37.65
segment VI	6	40	1 - 2	1.03	0.97 - 1.08	0.16	15.61
	8	39	2 - 5	3.05	2.82 - 3.28	0.72	23.61
	1	40	2 - 4	2.40		0.55	22.92
	3	45	1 - 3	2.27	2.10 - 2.44	0.58	25.55
Abdominal	4	40	1 - 2	1.90		0.30	15.79
segment VII	5	46	2 - 4	2.96	2.72 - 3.20	0.82	27.70
	9	33	3 - 5	3.94	3.72 - 4.16	0.61	15.48
Abdominal	4	52	1 - 2	1.98	1.94 - 2.02	0.14	7.07
segment VIII	9			4.64	100 to 10	1.11	23.92
	1	48	1 - 4	2.21	2.04 - 2.38	0.58	26.24
Paddle		es - y 48	0 - 1	0.65	0.51 - 0.79	0.49	74.62

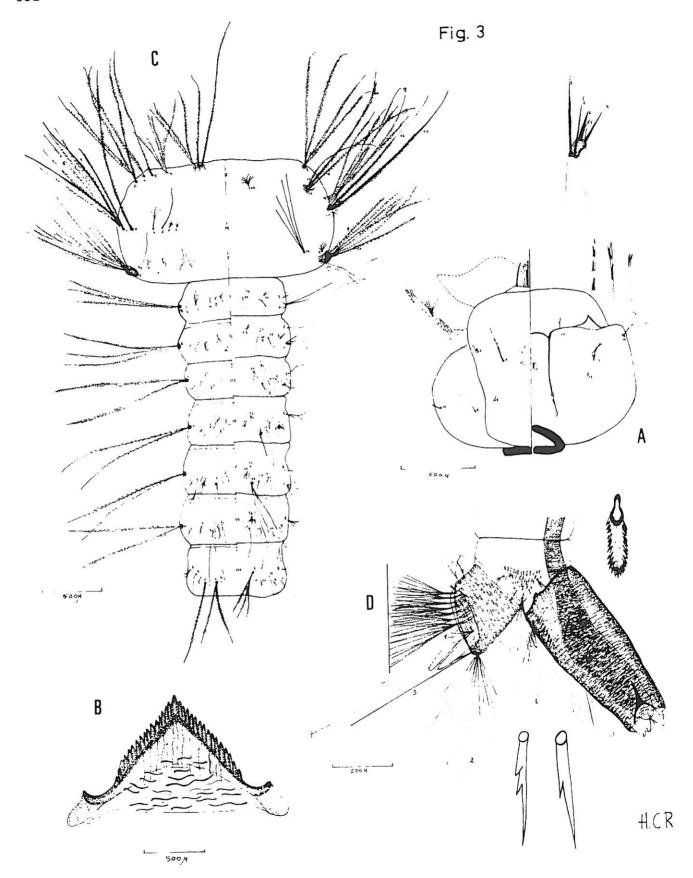
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Table 2 - Chaetotoxy of the fourth instar larva of Culiseta (Culiseta) atlanticaª

	S	eta nr.	n	Observed range	Mean (x)	95% Confidence interval	Standard deviation (s)	Mayr's Coefficient of variability (CV)
					2 71	2.51 - 2.91	0.58	21.40
		4	35	2 - 4	2.71	5.45 - 5.99	0.81	14.16
		5	36	4 - 8	5.72	1.12 - 1.54	0.63	47.36
		6	36	1 - 3	1.33	3.80 - 9.54	1.07	11.66
pe		7	35	7 - 11	9.17	3.80 - 3.54	_	
Неаф		8	38	2	2	2.03 - 2.31	0.38	17.51
		9	30	2 - 3	2.17	6.52 - 7.48	1.30	18.57
		10	31	2 - 5	7.00	2.78 - 3.28	0.71	23.43
		11	34	6 - 13	3.03			16.50
T		1	34	1 - 2	1.03	0.97 - 1.09	0.17	10.30
		2	33	1	1			6.35
		3	32	3 - 5	3.15	3.08 - 3.22	0.20	
		4	38	5 - 10	6.15	5.88 - 6.42	0.83	13.62
	×	5	38	1 - 2	1.11	0.98 - 1.24	0.39	35.13
	Prothorax	6	41	1	1			
	oth	7	41	4 - 5	4.05	3.98 - 4.12	0.22	5.43
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			39	i	1			
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L		12				1.07 - 1.27	0.38	32.73
	×	5	56	1 - 2	1.17	0.99 - 1.05		12.74
1	hor	6	60	1 - 2	1.02	0.99 - 1.05		12.74
	Mesothorax	7	59	1 - 2	1.02 8.42	8.12 - 8.72		8.55
	Ме	8	24	7 - 10	0.42	0.12		10.00
	×	7	32	9 - 14	11.50	11.00 - 12.0		12.08
	or.	9	23	8 - 11	8.96	8.63 - 9.29		8.54
İ	Metathorax	13	40	4 - 6	4.85	4.65 - 5.05	0.62	12.78
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	Seg	6	36					25.46
	Seg.	6	34	2 - 5	3.26	2.97 - 3.5	5 0.83	23.40
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	Seg.	6	30	2	2			18.67
		1	34	5 - 10	6.85			8.86
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	Si	+-		3 0	4.40	4.07 - 4.	73 0.98	23.38
	eg.	1		3 - 8				6.41
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A Clarification of the Format Used in the Collection Records Series of the Project "Mosquitoes of Middle America"

In the first publication of the Collection Records series of the project "Mosquitoes of Middle America" (Belkin and Heinemann 1973:201), we gave the format used for the entire series (a total of 14 separate publications to date: Belkin and Heinemann 1973, 1975a, 1975b, 1976a, 1976b, 1976c; Heinemann and Belkin 1977a, 1977b, 1977c, 1978a, 1978b, 1978c, 1979; Heinemann, Aitken and Belkin 1980). We stated that the locality for each collection is given in the following manner: "Major political subdivision of country, nearest town [italics added], specific locality (Universal Transverse Mercator Grid coordinates), approximate elevation above sea level in meters . . ." We did not repeat this information in the subsequent 13 papers of the series, and consequently the localities of some collections have been misinterpreted in that the "nearest town" has been taken to be the actual locality. This is most unfortunate in those cases in which the "nearest town" is some distance (up to 50km or more) from the actual collection site. Confusion has also arisen in those cases in which the "nearest town" is in a different political divistion than the actual collection site; in this case it can appear that the collection locality has been placed in the wrong political division. If there is any question about the actual collection site of a particular lot, the Locality Index should be consulted.

An example of the type of confusion that can arise is found in Sirivanakarn and Belkin (1980:15, figs. 1-4), where the type locality of the new species *Culex pedroi* (PA 1126) is given as "Chilibre, Rio Chagres, about 0.5km S of Juan Mina . . . Canal Zone" and on the figures as "Canal Zone, Chilibre, Rio Chagres." In this case Chilibre is the nearest town, not the collection locality as it appears to be as it is stated above. In fact, Chilibre is not even in the Canal Zone, but in the province of Panama. The type locality should have been given as "Juan Mina (Rio Chagres 0.5km S of)," and Chilibre should not be mentioned at all or should be very clearly labelled as "nearest town."

A few additional clarifications are as follows:

- (1) Unless otherwise specified, distances and directions are taken from maps, and are only very approximate (example: "Sinnamary, about 35km S of . . ."). If distances are by road it is clearly stated so (example: "Le Gallion, about 1km W of on Route du Gallion").
- (2) In virtually all cases, elevations are determined from the maps available to us, and thus are no more accurate than the maps and our knowledge of the exact collection site. Since both variables are often in error to a considerable degree, our elevations are also often in error. This is especially true when the collections were made in mountainous terrain.
- (3) In most cases the most accurate designation of the collection sites is the Universal Transverse Mercator grid coordinates. Four digits designates a specific square one kilometer on a side, and 6 digits a square 100 meters on a side. If no UTM grid coordinates are given, either the collections site was not sufficiently known, or maps with UTM grid markings were not available to us. In the latter case, we have used longitude and latitude, and distance and direction from major towns and cities to designate collection sites.
- (4) For Collection Records series papers 7-14, any locality name in quotation marks indicates that we were not able to find that name used in that particular sense on our maps or in our gazetteers, and thus we were not able to confirm its spelling or correct usage. For the earlier papers in the series (Collection Records 1-6) we did not use this convention.