

## EDITORIAL NOTES

ABBREVIATIONS FOR NAMES  
OF GENERA

*Mosquito News* is beginning to follow the lead of *Mosquito Systematics* in adopting abbreviations for names of genera and subgenera as recommended by J. F. Reinert, 1975, *Mosquito Systematics* 7(2):105-110. The first time a generic or subgeneric name appears in an article it should be spelled out. Thereafter the appropriate abbreviation proposed by Reinert should be used. Recognition is given to Alan Stone who originated many of the abbreviations. The use of standardized abbreviations prevents confusion and reduces the amount of printing, especially in tables and lists. In *Mosquito News* subgeneric names are rarely repeated, so these abbreviations are not listed here. There follows Reinert's list of:

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<i>Aedeomyia</i>	= Ad	<i>Malaya</i>	= Ml
<i>Aedes</i>	= Ae	<i>Mansonia</i>	= Ma
<i>Anopheles</i>	= An	<i>Maorigoeldia</i>	= Mg
<i>Armigeres</i>	= Ar	<i>Mimomyia</i>	= Mi
<i>Bironella</i>	= Bi	<i>Opifex</i>	= Op
<i>Chagasia</i>	= Ch	<i>Orthopodomyia</i>	= Or
<i>Coquillettidia</i>	= Cq	<i>Phoniomyia</i>	= Ph
<i>Culex</i>	= Cx	<i>Psorophora</i>	= Ps
<i>Culiseta</i>	= Cs	<i>Sabethes</i>	= Sa
<i>Deinocerites</i>	= De	<i>Topomyia</i>	= To
<i>Eretmapodites</i>	= Er	<i>Toxorhynchites</i>	= Tx
<i>Ficalbia</i>	= Fi	<i>Trichoprosopon</i>	= Tr
<i>Galindomyia</i>	= Ga	<i>Tripteroides</i>	= Tp
<i>Haemagogus</i>	= Hg	<i>Udaya</i>	= Ud
<i>Heizmannia</i>	= Hz	<i>Uranotaenia</i>	= Ur
<i>Hodgesia</i>	= Ho	<i>Wyeomyia</i>	= Wy
<i>Limatus</i>	= Li	<i>Zeugomyia</i>	= Ze

THE *Psorophora confinnis* COMPLEX

During the last 5 or 6 years there has been some uncertainty about the naming of North American *P. confinnis* (Lynch-Arribáizaga) as described and figured by Carpenter and LaCasse (1955). Belkin et al. (1970) pointed out that thorough studies of material from Argentina northward will have to be made before the taxonomic status of various populations can be established. They recommended applying the name *columbiae* (Dyar and Knab) to populations from the eastern and southern United States and to a population from Grand Cayman Island. Recently Dr. Belkin stated in a letter: "Since no study of the entire *confinnis* complex

has been done as yet I would suggest that in the eastern states *columbiae* be used and that in the western states (especially Arizona and California) reference be made to 'California (Arizona, New Mexico) population of *Psorophora confinnis* complex.'"

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## CORRECTION

The dates of the New Orleans meeting were listed incorrectly on the cover of *Mosquito News*, vol. 35, nos. 1 and 2. The correct dates are: March 27-30, 1977.