

The Name of the Australian Salt-marsh Mosquito

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The salt-marsh mosquito that is the common pest of the tropical and subtropical coasts of Australia is generally known as Aedes vigilax (Skuse, 1889).

Klein and Marks (1960) showed that the specific name albirostris Macquart, 1850 (published as Culex albirostris) is available for this species, but suggested that the specific name vigilax continue to be used until the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature had heard an application to validate it. This suggestion has been followed by subsequent authors and publications with the exception of Rev. app. Ent. (B) (1963, Vol. 51, p. 257; 1967, Vol. 55, p. 214).

Somewhat belatedly, I can now report that in May 1969 the Commission received a request from myself and Peter Brown (of this Department) to use its plenary powers to suppress Culex albirostris Macquart. We have been advised that this application will be published in Bull. zool. Nomencl. "as soon as possible".

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