

Type Locality Restriction for Wyeomyia schnusei

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Martini (1931:202) described Dendromyia schnusei in a paper on South America mosquitoes without indicating the number of specimens or even the country of origin. The species has subsequently been reported from Bolivia by Cerqueira (1943:21). The type material of schnusei is apparently lost (Belkin 1971) and there is therefore no way of determining the type locality directly.

I am here restricting the type locality of schnusei to San Carlos, Mapiri (La Paz), Bolivia on the basis of the following inferences. The specific name is probably a dedication to the collector Carl August Wilhelm Schnuse who collected in Chile, Bolivia and Peru in 1902-1904 and whose collections were deposited in the Dresden Museum (Horn and Kahle 1935-1937:247). Martini (1931:199) mentions that some of the material before him came from the Dresden Museum and the dates and localities for some of the species mentioned in this paper agree with the interpretation that this material was collected by Schnuse. Horn and Kahle (plate 27, fig. 7) illustrate a Schnuse label with the locality of Bolivia, Mapiri, S. Carlos, 800 m. As this is the locality given in Martini's paper for several sabethines I consider that it is very likely that schnusei may have been collected there also.

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