

The Type Locality of Aedes (S.) Simpsoni (Theobald)

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Theobald (1905. Entomologist 38:224-225) recorded the type locality of Aedes simpsoni as "Transvaal" in South Africa. The specimens were collected by C. B. Simpson, the Transvaal Government Entomologist, apparently at Nelspruit in 1904-5. In the report prepared by D. L. Bostock and C. B. Simpson, "Report of the mosquito survey of the Eastern line of railway of C.S.A.R. together with recommendations for the reduction of fever" published by the Central African Railway Printing Works, Germiston, dated 1905, the party arrived at Nelspruit on the evening of 29 March. On p. 11 the authors list a number of species of mosquitoes (including Stegomyia simpsoni) and state that "the larger number of them were collected at Nelspruit in the season 1904-5". They continued to state that "Stegomyia fasciata is by far the most abundant mosquito in the low veld. It is followed by S. simpsoni ..... in order of abundance.

Dr. P. Mattingly kindly examined the type specimens at the British Museum and reported the following data on the label: On the male cotype, 54 p and on the female, 54 f. There are also in the British Museum 4 slides of male and female heads and male terminalia labelled by Theobald Stegomyia simpsoni n. sp. - Transvaal.

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