OCCURRENCE OF ORTHOPODOMYIA ALBA IN WEST VIRGINIA

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The tropical genus Orthopodomyia (Theobald) extends northward into the United States where it is represented by 2 species, Or. signifera (Coquillett) and Or. alba Baker. Or. signifera is common and widespread, but the sympatric species, Or. alba is generally considered to be rare. The mosquitoes of this genus breed in water in tree holes and occasionally in artificial water containers. Adults are elusive and neither species is known to be of any importance to man nor a vector of any disease. This paper reports the first collection of Or. alba from West Virginia.

The new state record is based on one adult male and one female which emerged on January 15, 1979, having been collected as larvae at the West Virginia University Forest, Coopers Rock State Park, Monongalia County, West Virginia, on December 14, 1978, by the author.

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