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NOTE

Lutzomyia vexator (Coquillett) The Correct Designation for *Lutzomyia vexatrix* of Authors (Diptera: Psychodidae)

The biting fly described by Coquillett in 1907 as *Phlebotomus vexator* has been referred to in recent literature as *Lutzomyia vexatrix* (Coquillett) since Theodor (1932. Proc. 7th Reunion Soc. Argentina Patol., Regional del Norte, Tucuman, 5-7 Oct. 1931:764-786; and 1965. J. Med. Entomol. 2:171-197) recognized the subgenus *Lutzomyia* Franca, 1924 as of generic status. In the 1965 paper Theodor made the combination *L. vexatrix*, but I have not been able to consult the 1932 paper, which concerned South American species. Eads (1978. Proc. Entomol. Soc. Wash. 80:539-542) used *L. vexatrix* and later, concerned about the incorrect form of the name, requested me to comment upon it. Inasmuch as the originally proposed name *vexator* is a noun and therefore not subject to gender concord, it must not be changed when transferred to a genus of different gender. It is something like changing "king of the beasts" to "queen of the beasts" because *Felis leo* is in a feminine genus.

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