

THE AMERICAN AEDES OF THE SERRATUS GROUP

(*Diptera, Culicidae*)

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This is the last of the larger groups into which I divided *Aedes*, subgenus *Ochlerotatus* (*Ins. Ins. Mens.*, viii, 104, 1920). The others have been recently gone over in the pages of this magazine. In regard to the nomenclature originally adopted, two changes in the subgeneric names seem indicated, namely *Ochlerotatus* for *Heteronycha* (see *Ins. Ins. Mens.*, ix, 150, 1921) and *Culicelsa* for *Taeniorhynchus*. The latter change rests upon the question as to whether an author's type is to be considered the species he states it to be, or the species actually before him. I adopted the former view, but the consensus of opinion seems to be in favor of the latter. No authoritative ruling could be obtained on the subject. Lynch described the genus *Taeniorhynchus*, founding it on a species which he called *taeniorhynchus* of Wiedemann, but which was really Walker's *titillans*. If *taeniorhynchus* Wied. be considered the type of *Taeniorhynchus* Lynch, as stated by Lynch, then *Taeniorhynchus* becomes a subgenus of *Aedes* as used by me; but if *titillans* Walker be considered the type of *Taeniorhynchus* Lynch, which was the species before Lynch at the time, then *Taeniorhynchus* replaces *Mansonia* Blanchard, a distinct genus. This latter view is adopted by Theobald, Edwards and others, and to avoid confusing diversities in nomenclature, it may be best to follow suit in the present instance.

The species of *Ochlerotatus* of the *serratus* group may be separated by the characters of the male hypopygium as below. Two species which I suppose to belong to the group are unknown in the male. These are *mathisi* Neveu-Lemaire and *knabi* Coquillett, listed in their probable position.

TABLE OF SPECIES

Basal lobe of side piece rounded and bulbous.

Filament of claspette broadly blade-shaped.....*fulvus* Wiedemann

Filament of claspette not so formed.

Filament of claspette with retrose point.....*hastatus* Dyar

Filament of claspette elliptical, projecting at the base and lined,
"calla-lily shaped."

Stem of claspette stout, with a branch,

hortator Dyar & Knab

Stem of claspette long and slender.....*nubilus* Theobald

Filament of claspette slender.

Stem of claspette short, the filament longer than it,

.....*dupreei* Coquillett

Stem of claspette longer than the filament.

Stem much longer than filament; apical lobe large

and prominent.....*serratus* Theobald

Stem not much longer than filament; apical lobe

small and delicate.....*eucephalaeus* Dyar

Basal lobe of side piece elongated, finger-shaped.

Basal lobe enlarged at base, the tip slender.

Stem of claspette thick, sinuous.....*atlanticus* Dyar & Knab

Stem of claspette slender, less sinuous...*tormentor* Dyar & Knab

Basal lobe slenderly finger-shaped throughout.....*oligopistus* Dyar

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) *fulvus* Wiedemann.

Culex fulvus Wiedemann, Ausser. Zweifl. Ins., i, 546, 1828.

Culex ochripes Macquart, Dipt. exot., Suppl. 4, part 1, 315, 1850.

Culex flavicosta Walker, Ins. Saund., 431, 1856.

Culex flavicosta Giles, Handb. Gn. or Mosq., 194, 265, 1900.

Culex fulvus Giles, Handb. Gn. or Mosq., 190, 210, 1900.

Culex ochripes, Giles, Handb. Gn. or Mosq., 201, 334, 1900.

Taeniorhynchus fulvus Theobald, Mon. Culic., ii, 208, 1901.

Taeniorhynchus fulvus Giles, Handb. Gn. or Mosq., 2 ed., 470, 1902.

Culex ochripes Giles, Handb. Gn. or Mosq., 2 ed., 470, 1902.

Culex fulvus Giles, Handb. Gn. or Mosq., 2 ed., 394, 1902.

Culex bimaculatus Coquillett, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., xxv, 84, 1902.

Taeniorhynchus fulvus Theobald, Mon. Culic., iii, 237, 1903.

Culex bimaculatus Dyar, Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., xi, 27, 1903.

Culex bimaculatus Dyar, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., v, 147, pl. 2, fig. 14, 1903.

Taeniorhynchus fulvus Giles, Journ. Trop. Med., vii, 383, 1904.

Taeniorhynchus fulvus Lutz, in Bourroul, Mosq. do Brasil, 70, 1904.

Taeniorhynchus fulvus Goeldi, Os Mosq. no Pará, 112, 1905.

Chrysococonops fulvus Goeldi, Os Mosq. no Pará, 114, 1905.

Culex ochripes Blanchard, Les Moust., 275, 1905.

Taeniorhynchus fulvus Blanchard, Les Moust., 387, 1905.

- Aëdes bimaculatus* Dyar & Knab, Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., xiv, 19t, 1906.
- Psorophora fulva* Coquillett, U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent., Tech. ser. 11, 14, 1906.
- Ochlerotatus bimaculatus* Coquillett, U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent., Tech. ser. 11, 18, 1906.
- Ochlerotatus bimaculatus* Dyar, U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent., Circ. 72, 4, 1906.
- Chrysococonops fulvus* Theobald, Mon. Culic., iv, 493, 1907.
- Chrysococonops fulvus* Peryassú, Os Culic. do Brazil, 49, 230, 1908.
- Aëdes fulvus* Knab, Ent. News, xx, 387, 1909.
- Chrysococonops fulvus* Theobald, Mon. Culic., v, 443, 1910.
- Aëdes bimaculatus* Thibault, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., xii, 22, 1910.
- Aëdes bimaculatus* Howard, Dyar & Knab, Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 622, 1917.
- Aëdes fulvus* Howard, Dyar & Knab, Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 624, 1917.
- Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) bimaculatus* Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 78, 1918.
- Aëdes bimaculatus* Barret, Ins. Ins. Mens., vii, 63, 1919.
- Aëdes bimaculatus* Sherman, Journ. E. Mitchell Sci. Soc., xxxvi, 91, 1920.
- Aëdes (Heteronycha) fulvus* Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.
- Aëdes (Heteronycha) bimaculatus* Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.
- Aëdes fulvus* Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 174, 1920.

In the monograph we recognize *fulvus* and *bimaculatus* as distinct species; but it seems to me that the difference is not more than racial. In the North American form the black markings on the mesothorax are reduced, while the ciliation on the hind legs is less pronounced; but a gradation seems indicated. No Mexican material is in the collection, and I suspect that the apparent hiatus between our Gulf coast form and the form that appears in Central America and southward is due to the absence of collections in the intervening territory.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) mathisi Neveu-Lemaire.

- Culex mathisi* Neveu-Lemaire, Arch. de Parasit., vi, 13, 1902.
- Culex mathisi* Blanchard, Les Moust., 370, 1905.
- Culex mathisi* Theobald, Mon. Culic., iii, 220, 1903.
- Culex mathisi* Theobald, Mon. Culic., v, 362, 1910.

Culex mathisi Surcouf & Gonzales-Rincones, Essai Dipt. Vul. Venez., 176, 1911.

Aëdes (Heteronycha) mathisi Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.

Described from French Guiana from a female, the male being unknown. According to the description, the mesonotum is yellow, marked with brown lines, and with an area of curved scales in the middle.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) knabi Coquillett.

Culex knabi Coquillett, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., vii, 183, 1906.

Aëdes knabi Dyar & Knab, Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., xiv, 203, 1906.

Aëdes knabi Dyar, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., viii, 16, 1906.

Ochlerotatus knabi Coquillett, U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent. Tech. Ser. 11, 18, 1906.

Culex knabi Theobald, Mon. Culic., v, 612, 1910.

Aëdes knabi Howard, Dyar & Knab, Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 841, 1917.

Aëdes (?Gualteria) knabi Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 73, 1918.

No male is yet known. The species resembles *mathisi* and *hortator*, and will presumably be found to belong in this group.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) hortator Dyar & Knab.

Aëdes hortator Dyar & Knab, Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., xv, 12, 1907.

Aëdes hortator Theobald, Mon. Culic., v, 485, 1910.

Aëdes hortator Howard, Dyar & Knab, Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 843, 1917.

Aëdes (?Gualteria) hortator Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 73, 1918.

Aëdes (Heteronycha) hortator Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.

Described from Trinidad from two females. Dr. and Mrs. Bonne have bred the species in Surinam and kindly presented two males to the National Museum.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) hastatus, new species.

Male. Head and mesonotum entirely covered with silvery scales. Abdomen black dorsally, with large triangular lateral segmental white spots. Legs dark, as the wing-scales.

Hypopygium. Side piece about three times as long as wide; apical lobe long and slender, bare, except for a single coarse seta at tip; basal lobe bulbous, moderate, with many setae on the outer aspect, the spine moderate, adjacent to the basal edge

of the setal group. Claspette stem slender, the filament considerably longer than the stem and with a sharp retrose point at about the middle. Tenth sternites small, with about four rather long spines.

Type, male, No. 25212, U. S. Nat. Mus.; Paitilla, Canal Zone, Panama, December 17, 1921 (J. B. Shropshire).

A single male was bred from a ground-pool, which contained also *Culex coronator*, *Uranotaenia geometrica*, *Psorophora posticatus*, *Anopheles apicimacula* and a single female *Aëdes*, which may be the female of the present form, but which I preferred to identify as *Aëdes serratus*.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) nubilus Theobald.

Culex nubilus Theobald, Mon. Culic., iii, 208, 1903.

Culex serratus Coffin (not Theobald), in Shattuck, Bahama Ids., 286, 1905.

Culex nubilus Blanchard, Les Moust., 629, 1905.

Ochlerotatus nubilus Coquillett, U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent., Tech. Ser. 11, 19, 1906.

Aëdes pertinax Grabham, Can. Ent., xxxviii, 316, 1906.

Aëdes pertinax Dyar & Knab, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., xix, 163, 1906.

Protoculex quasiserratus Theobald, Mon. Culic., iv, 463, 465, 1907.

Aëdes pertinax Pazos, Anal. Acad. Cien. méd. fis. y nat. de la Habana, xlv, 424, 1908.

Aëdes pertinax Pazos, San. y Ben., ii, 47, 318, 1909.

Culex nubilus Theobald, Mon. Culic., v, 361, 1910.

Protoculex quasiserratus Theobald, Mon. Culic., v, 401, 1910.

Aëdes pertinax Theobald, Mon. Culic., v, 597, 1910.

Culex nubilus Surcouf & Gonzales-Rincones, Essai. Dipt. Vul. Venez., 180, 1911.

Protoculex quasiserratus Surcouf & Gonzales-Rincones, Essai. Dipt. Vul. Venez., 190, 1911.

Aëdes nubilus Howard, Dyar & Knab, Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 721, 1917.

Aëdes pertinax Howard, Dyar & Knab, Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 791, 1917.

Aëdes (?Ochlerotatus) nubilus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 75, 1918.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) pertinax Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 77, 1918.

Aëdes polyagrus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 77, note, 1918.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) nubilus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 128, 1918.

Aëdes (Heteronycha) nubilus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.

Aëdes (Heteronycha) pertinax Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105,
1920.

In the female, the silver line on the mesonotum may be present or absent. Theobald described *nubilus* from a female in which the silvery mark was absent. The differences given by me in the shape of the claspette filament between *pertinax* and *polyagrus* I do not now consider valid. The shape of this structure seems to vary greatly according to the accidents of preparation. In the form from the Greater Antilles, *Aëdes nubilus pertinax* Grabham, the larva has the tuft of the air-tube just within the pecten instead of beyond it.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) dupreei Coquillett.

Culex dupreei Coquillett, Can. Ent., xxxvi, 10, 1904.

Culex dupreei Smith, Ent. News, xv, 49, 1904.

Culex dupreei Felt, Bull. 79, N. Y. Sta. Mus., 334, 1904.

Culicada dupreei Felt, Bull. 79, N. Y. Sta. Mus., 391c, 1904.

Culex dupreei Smith, Bull. 171, N. J. Agr. Exp. Sta., 38, 1904.

Culex dupreei Smith, N. J. Agr. Exp. Sta., Rept. Mosq., 281, 1905.

Grabhamia dupreei Dyar, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., vii, 48, 1905.

Culicada dupreei Felt, Bull. 97, N. Y. Sta. Mus., 447, 479, 1905.

Aëdes dupreei Dyar & Knab, Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., xiv, 195, 1906.

Ochlerotatus dupreei Coquillett, U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent. Tech. Ser. 11, 18, 1906.

Ochlerotatus dupreei Dyar, U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent., Circ. 72, 4, 1906.

Culex dupreei Howard, Osler's Modern Med., 376, 1907.

Protoculex ? dupreei Theobald, Mon. Culic., iv, 466, 1907.

Aëdes dupreei Thibault, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., xii, 18, 1910.

Protoculex (?) dupreei Theobald, Mon. Culic., v, 402, 1910.

Aëdes dupreei Morse, Ann. Rept. N. J. Sta. Mus., 1909, 719, 1910.

Aëdes dupreei Headlee, Bull. 276, N. J. Agr. Exp. Sta., 99, 1915.

Aëdes dupreei Howard, Dyar & Knab, Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 779, 1917.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) dupreei Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 77, 1918.

Aëdes (Heteronycha) dupreei Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.

Several of the records in the monograph for this species must be canceled. Washington, D. C., June 15, 1903 (W. V. Warner) refers to *Aëdes triseriatus* Say; Las Loras, Costa Rica, Sept. 9, 1905 (F. Knab), depends upon an unbred larva, which apparently agrees with *dupreei*, but may be another species; Trinidad,

W. I., June, 1905 (A. Busck), is *Aëdes oligopistus* Dyar. The only authentic records remaining are New Jersey, Louisiana and Arkansas, to which I have no additions to make.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) serratus Theobald.

Culex serratus Theobald, Mon. Culic., ii, 45, 1901.

Culex serratus Giles, Handb. Gn. or Mosq., 2 ed., 457, 1902.

Culex nigripes Parker, Boyer & Pothier (not Zetterstedt), Bull. 13, Yell. Fev. Inst., 37, 1903.

Culex serratus Bourroul, Mosq. do Brasil, 72, 1904.

Culex serratus Blanchard, Les Moust., 360, 1905.

Culex serratus Goeldi, Os Mosq. no Pará, 95, 1905.

Aëdes meridionalis Dyar & Knab, Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., xiv, 189, 1906.

Ochlerotatus serratus Coquillett (in part), U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent., Tech. Ser. 11, 19, 1906.

Aëdes serratus Dyar & Knab, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., xix, 163, 1906.

Protoculex serratus Theobald (in part), Mon. Culic., iv, 464, 1907.

Culex serratus Aiken, Brit. Guiana Med. Ann., 1906, 68, 1907.

Aëdes serratus Busck, Smith, Misc. Colls., quart. iss., iii, 64, 1908.

Protoculex serratus Peryassú, Os Culic. do Brazil, 48, 215, 1908.

Protoculex serratus Theobald (in part), Mon. Culic., v, 401, 1910.

Protoculex serratus Surcouf & Gonzales-Rincones, Essai Dipt. Vul. Venez., 189, 1911.

Aëdes serratus Howard, Dyar & Knab, Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 794, 1917.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) serratus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 77, 1918.

Aëdes (Heteronycha) serratus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.

Except for the genitalia, this species is very difficult to separate from *Aëdes nubilus* Theob. The silvery mesonotal stripe appears to be always present in the female, and is generally broader than in *nubilus*. It is probable that the two are often confused.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) eucephalaeus Dyar.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) eucephalaeus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 127, 1918.

Aëdes (Heteronycha) eucephalaeus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.

In the female the mesonotum is marked with a silver line as in the allied species; but the male has the whole mesonotum

silvered over. The types were collected in Surinam, and no other localities are before me.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) atlanticus Dyar & Knab.

- Culex serratus* Smith (not Theobald), Ent. News, xiv, 309, 1903.
Culex serratus Smith (not Theobald), Bull. 171, N. J. Agr. Exp. Sta., 38, 1904.
Culex serratus Felt (not Theobald), Bull. 79, N. Y. Sta. Mus., 334, 1904.
Protoculex serratus Felt (not Theobald), Bull. 79, N. Y. Sta. Mus., 391d, 1904.
Protoculex serratus Dyar (not Theobald), Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., vii, 48, 1905.
Culex serratus Smith (not Theobald), N. J. Agr. Exp. Sta., Rept. Mosq., 277, 1905.
Protoculex serratus Felt (not Theobald), Bull. 97, N. Y. Sta. Mus., 449, 490, 1905.
Culex confirmatus Ludlow (not Lynch), Can. Ent., xxxvii, 388, 1905.
Aëdes atlanticus Dyar & Knab, Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., xiv, 190, 1906.
Ochlerotatus serratus Coquillett (not Theobald), U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent., Tech. Ser. 11, 19, 1906.
Aëdes atlanticus Dyar, U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent., Circ. 72, 4, 1906.
Protoculex serratus Theobald (not Theobald), Mon. Culic., iv, 464, 1907.
Aëdes serratus Morse (not Theobald), Ann. Rept. N. J. Sta. Mus., 1909, 719, 1910.
Leucomyia scapularis Theobald (in part), Mon. Culic., v, 315, 1910.
Aëdes serratus Headlee (not Theobald), Bull. 276, N. J. Agr. Exp. Sta., 97, 1915.
Aëdes atlanticus Howard, Dyar & Knab, Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 799, 1917.
Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) atlanticus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 76, 1918.
Aëdes atlanticus Sherman, Journ. E. Mitchell Sci. Soc., xxxvi, 90, 1920.
Aëdes (Heteronycha) atlanticus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.

This species was for long confused with *serratus* Theobald, which is not surprising, as the markings are identical, and the slight difference in the color of the legs would scarcely attract

attention. Only when the larvae or male genitalia are studied does the specific difference become readily apparent.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) tormentor Dyar & Knab.

Aëdes tormentor Dyar & Knab, Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., xiv, 189, 1906.

Ochlerotatus serratus Coquillett (not Theobald), U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent., Tech. Ser. 11, 19, 1906.

Aëdes tormentor Dyar, U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Ent., Circ. 72, 4, 1906.

Aëdes tormentor Thibault, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., xii, 18, 1910.

Aëdes tormentor Howard, Dyar & Knab, Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 797, 1917.

Aëdes tormentor Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 77, note, 1918.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) tormentor Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 77, 1918.

Aëdes (Heteronycha) tormentor Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.

This species has no colorational differences from *serratus*; but the larva differs in having a long pecten on the air-tube, which much exceeds the hair-tuft. In both *serratus* and *atlanticus* the pecten does not reach the hair-tuft. The male genitalic differences are well marked. Mr. Franklin Sherman records this species from North Carolina (Journ. E. Mitchell Sci. Soc., xxxvi, 91, No. 10, 1920); but I think that the identification is erroneous and that all the specimens are *atlanticus* D. & K.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) oligopistus Dyar.

Aëdes dupreei Howard, Dyar & Knab (in part, not Coquillett), Mosq. No. & Cent. Am. & W. I., iv, 781, 1917.

Aëdes oligopistus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 76, note, 1918.

Aëdes (Ochlerotatus) oligopistus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., vi, 76, 1918.

Aëdes (Heteronycha) oligopistus Dyar, Ins. Ins. Mens., viii, 105, 1920.

Two male specimens from Trinidad are all that are before me, the female being unknown. The mesonotum is entirely silvered across in the male sex.

The larva has the upper head-hair single, lower in twos; skin sparsely granular; lateral comb of eighth segment of eight large, well separated, sharply pointed scales, without lateral

fringe; anal segment ringed by the plate; air-tube delicate, pointed at the tip, about three times as long as wide, the pecten of four scales at the base, followed by a large 10-haired tuft. The anal gills are missing in the specimen; the small rounded distinct tracheae run into the air-tube.

The known larvae may be separated as follows:

Anal segment ringed by the plate.

Pecten of air-tube with detached teeth outwardly; lateral comb of eighth segment in a large triangular patch.....*fulvus* Wiedemann
Pecten of air-tube uniform; lateral comb with scales in a nearly straight row.

Air-tube short and thick.

Lateral comb with about ten scales (9-11).

Hair tuft of tube at end of pecten or beyond it,
serratus Theobald, *nubilus* Theobald

Hair tuft well within the pecten,

tomentor Dyar & Knab

Lateral comb of six scales.....*atlanticus* Dyar & Knab

Air-tube long and slender.

Air-tube pecten of four scales.....*oligopistus* Dyar

Air-tube pecten of about eight scales; anal gills very long and coarsely tracheate.....*dupreei* Coquillett

Anal segment not ringed by the plate.....*knabi* Coquillett

The larvae of *eucephalaeus*, *hastatus*, *hortator* and *mathisi* are unknown.

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Family NOCTUIDAE

Subfamily AGROTINAE

Euxoa clavigera, new species.

Fore wing rather dark gray, the stigmata and subterminal space light gray filled; subbasal space tinged with dull luteous centrally; inner line black, double, of three sections, those on costa and internal margin a little further out than the central