NEW JERSEY ADULT MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE Report

September 18 to September 24 CDC Week 38

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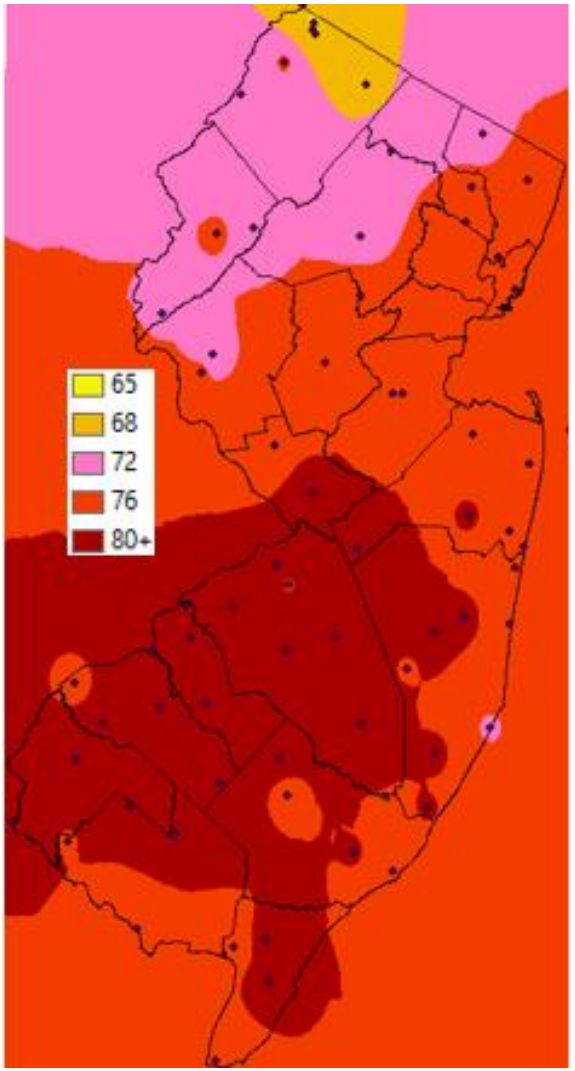
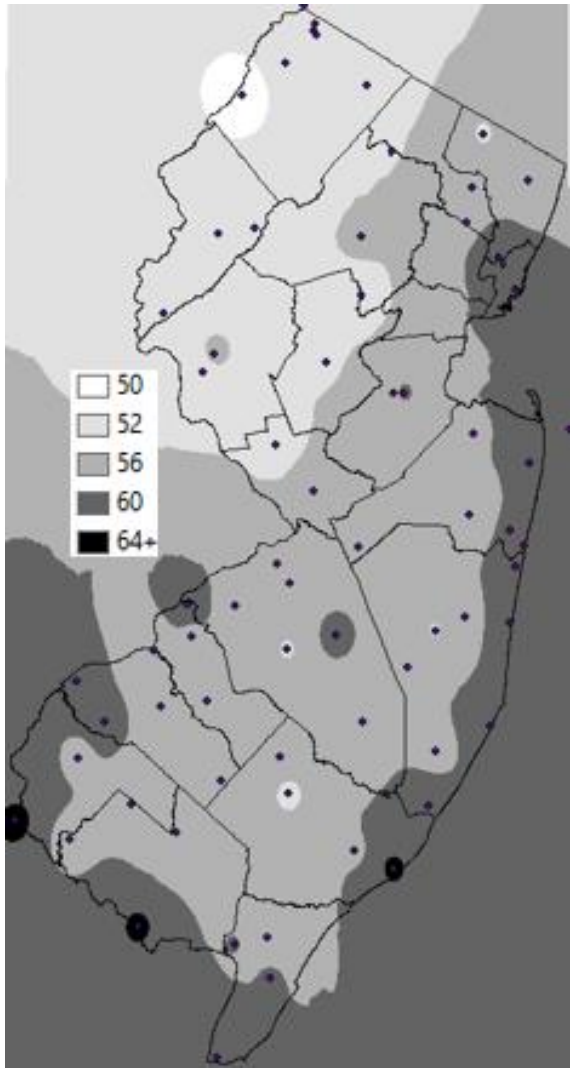
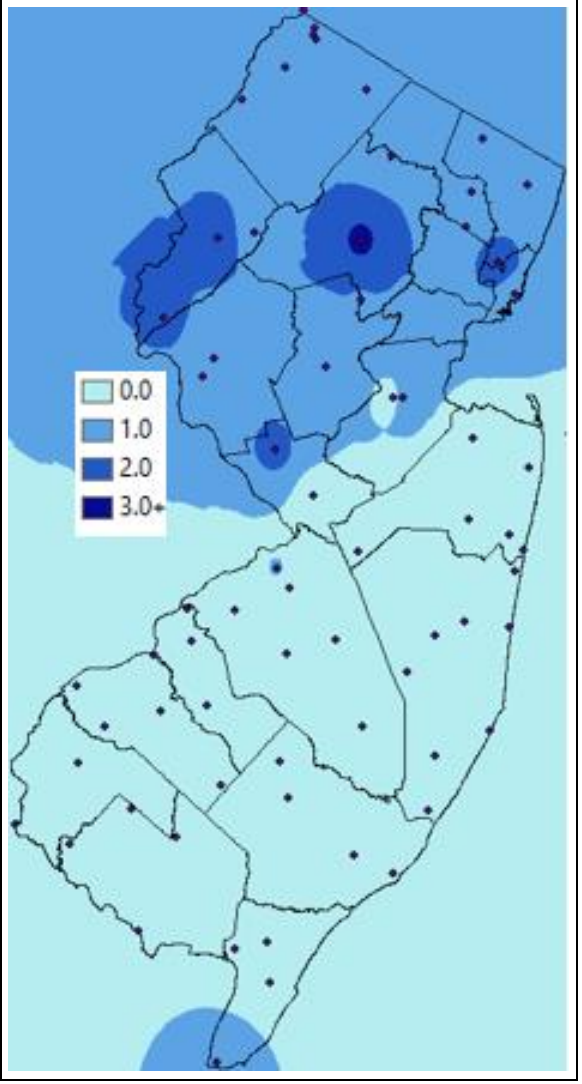
Summary Table – Week 38

Region	*Aedes vexans*			*Culex* Mix			*Coquillettidia perturbans*			*Aedes sollicitans*		
	This Week	Average*	Increase	This Week	Average*	Increase	This Week	Average*	Increase	This Week	Average*	Increase
Agricultural	1.74	9.47	0	4.33	18.72	0	0.02	0.01	3	1.14	1.29	0
Coastal	2.49	2.20	1	2.52	8.19	0	0.00	0.02	0	2.33	0.59	4
Delaware Bayshore	2.12	2.45	0	4.90	8.91	0	0.00	0.07	0	7.83	1.39	4
Delaware River Basin	0.07	5.37	0	0.14	6.36	0	0.00	0.19	0	0.00	0.06	0
New York Metro	0.50	1.64	0	1.53	6.95	0	0.09	0.05	2	0.01	0.11	0
North Central Rural	0.00	0.26	0	0.05	0.71	0	0.00	0.02	0	0.00	0.00	0
Northwest Rural	0.29	11.98	0	0.09	3.78	0	0.00	0.02	0	0.00	0.00	0
Philadelphia Metro	1.21	7.50	0	0.86	2.51	0	0.07	0.18	0	0.00	0.00	0
Pinelands	2.36	1.08	3	0.99	2.59	0	0.00	0.03	0	0.77	2.39	0
Suburban Corridor	0.22	1.13	0	0.76	1.07	0	0.00	<0.01	0	0.00	<0.01	0

*Averages represent data from, at most, the previous 5 years. Increase is a scale of current values from historical values where no difference or a decrease is represented by 0 (blue), up to 50% greater difference by 1 (green), up to 100% greater difference by 2 (yellow), up to 150% greater difference by 3 (orange) and greater than 150% increase by 4 (red). White cells in the increase column denote increases from an historic zero and thus no value can be appropriately given. nd=no data reported.

State Summary: After recent rains, several populations of pestiferous mosquitoes were above historical averages after a season of low abundances. For the fresh floodwater *Aedes vexans*, Coastal populations were mildly elevated and Pinelands populations were significantly higher over historical trends. For *Coquillettidia perturbans*, who is at the end of their seasonal presence, mildly elevated populations were seen in the Agricultural and the New York Metropolitan regions, albeit with low absolute numbers. For the salt floodwater species *Aedes sollicitans*, significantly elevated populations were seen in the Coastal and Delaware Bayshore regions.
Aedes albopictus trends in light trap and BG Sentinel traps are also presented, on pages 9 and 10.

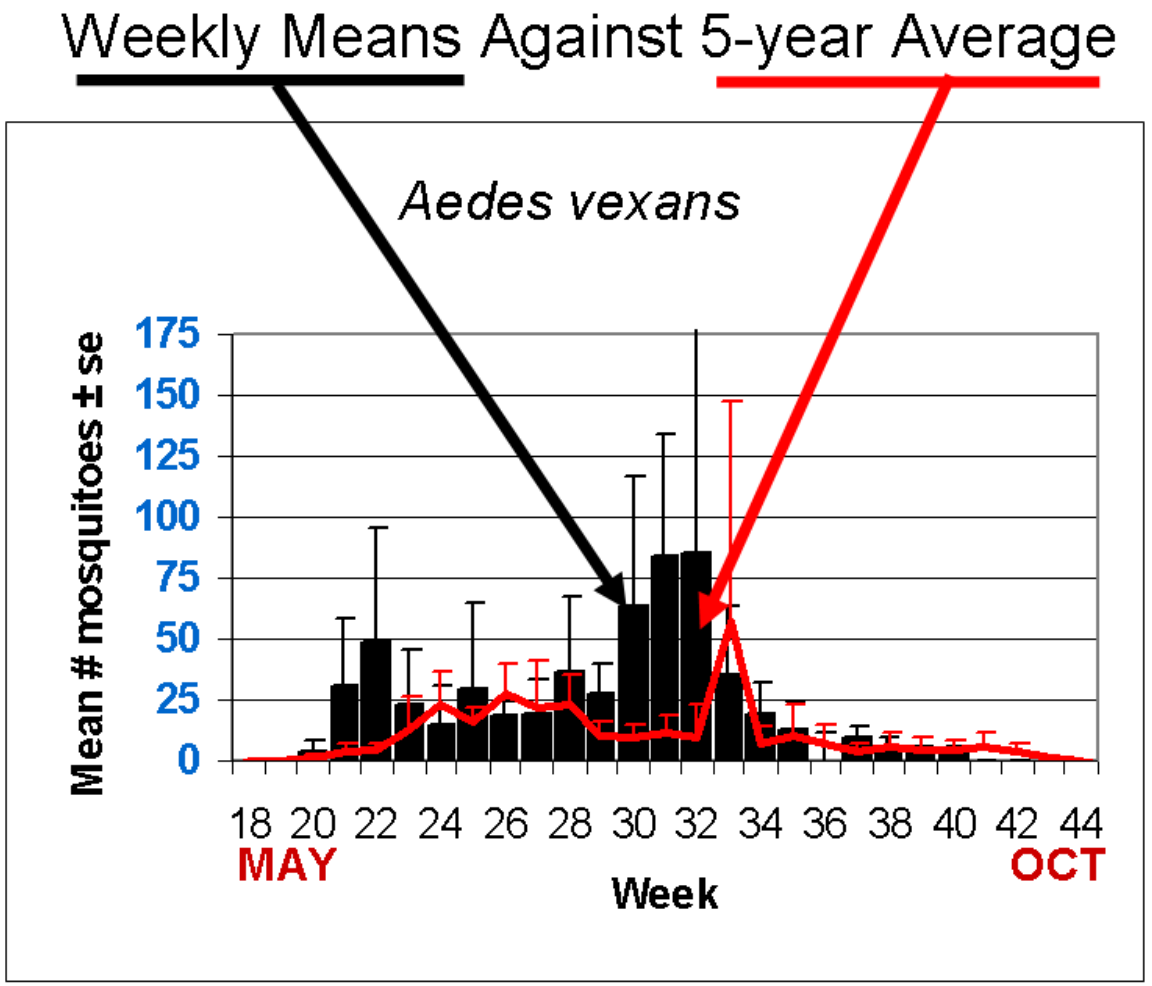
Climate Factors

Average High Temperature	Average Low Temperature	Total Precipitation
		

The three figures show the interpolation of average maximum (°F) and minimum temperature (°F) and total precipitation (inches) for 14 days prior to 25 September 2022 in New Jersey. Data points are from about 45 weather stations maintained through the New Jersey Weather & Climate Network and the State Climatologist. Interpolation between points was performed using ArcMap 10.1.

ONJSC at Rutgers University NJ Weather & Climate NETWORK

The Species Graphs: The species graph pages include a graph with two plots for each of the ten regions defined on the first page (Agricultural, Coastal, Delaware Bayshore, Delaware River, New York Metro, North-Central, Northwestern, Philadelphia Metro, Pinelands, and Suburban Corridor). Below is an example of one graph from one species within one region. The bar plot shows the average number of mosquitoes per trap within the region (weekly means) and line plots show the historical trend as the average number of mosquitoes from the previous 5 years (5-year average). In general, historical data are running means from the previous 5 years, but on occasion, will include data from fewer years. Adjustments are made to account for year discrepancies. Data for this week are from Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Union, and Warren counties. Data for the previous week are from Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Hudson, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties.



Aedes vexans - Fresh Floodwater Species
Multivoltine Aedine (*Ae. vexans* Type)

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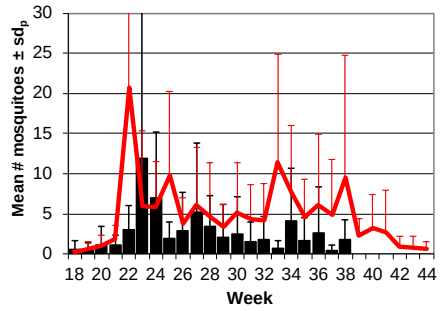

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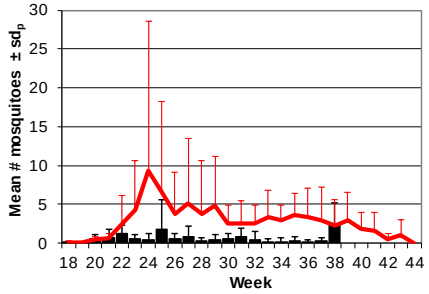

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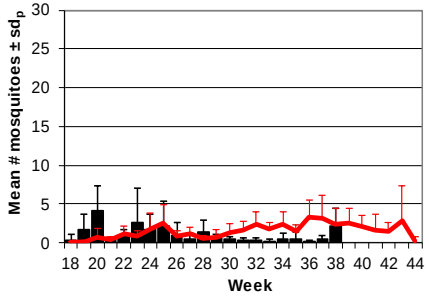

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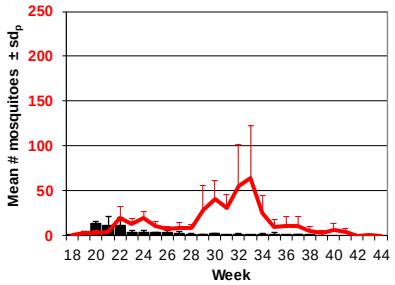

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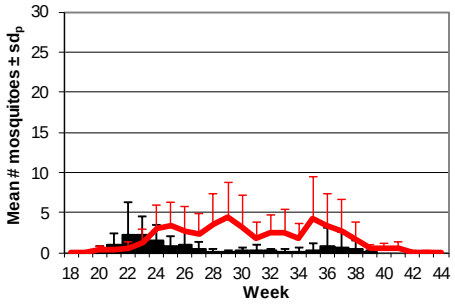

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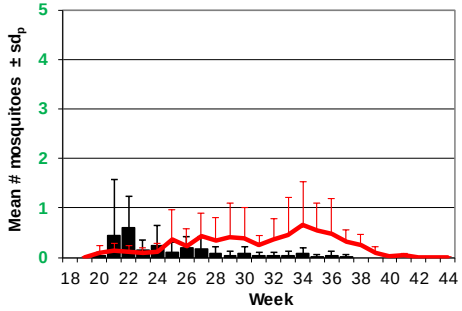

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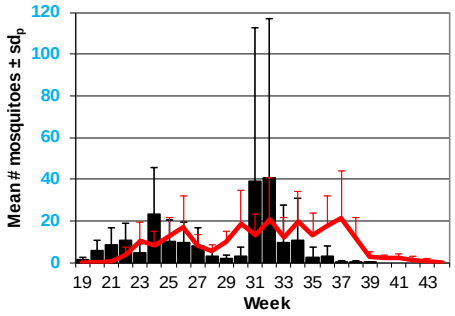

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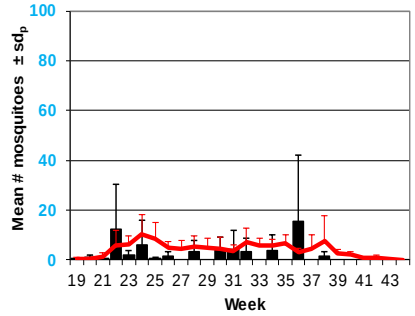

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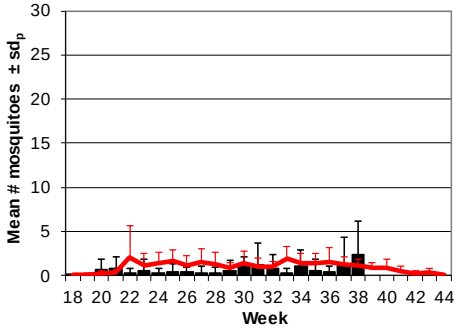

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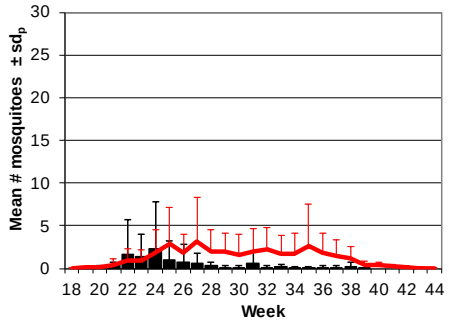
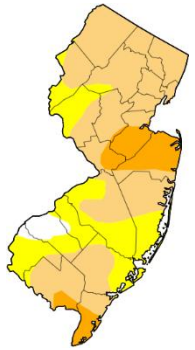


Comments

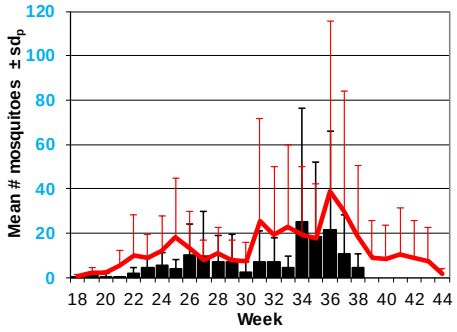
Aedes vexans is the model for fresh floodwater species. With abundant precipitation, this species can emerge in very significant numbers. Drought conditions improved minimally from the previous week with recent precipitation and may change with the passage of Hurricane Ian. With recent precipitation, populations of *Aedes vexans* in the Coastal and Pinelands were mildly to moderately elevated above historical trends.



Drought areas are classified as “abnormally dry” in yellow, “moderately dry” in orange, or “severe drought” in dark orange. https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NJ

Culex Mix – Permanent Water Species
Multivoltine *Culex/Anopheles* (*Cx. pipiens* Type)

Agricultural



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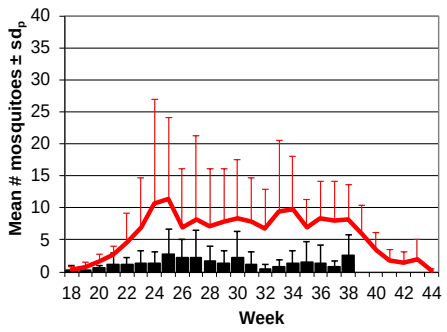

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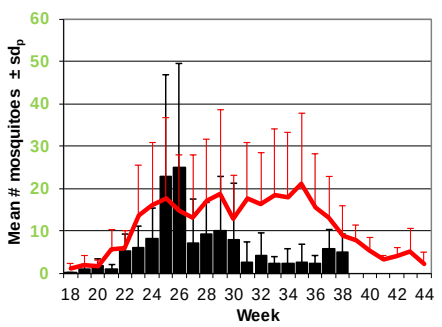

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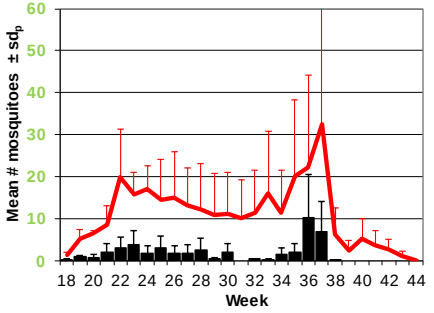

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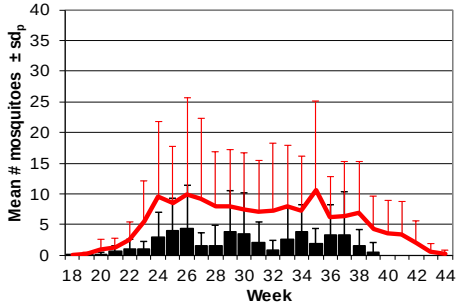

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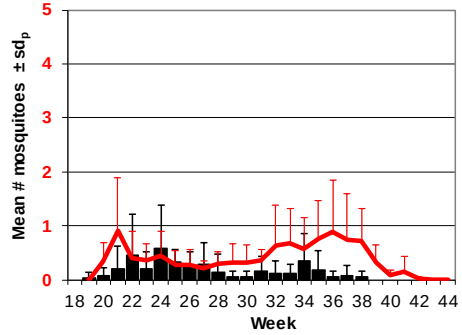

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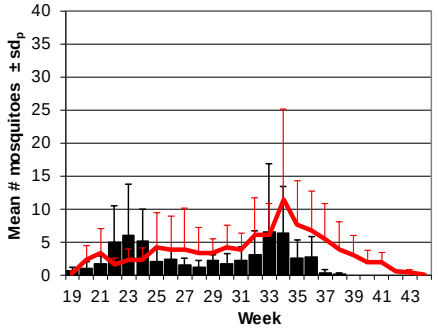

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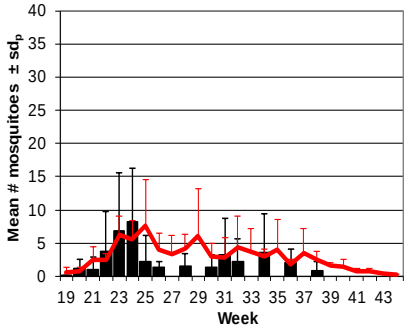

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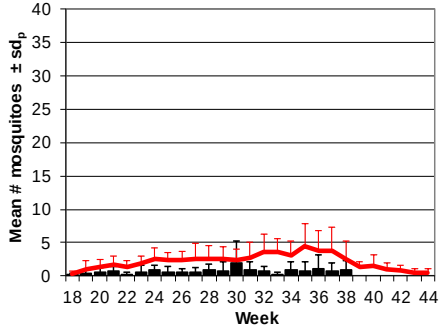

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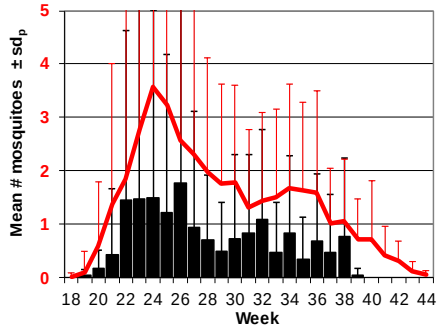


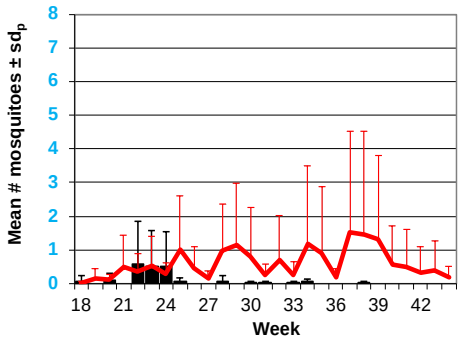
Comments

Culex Mix is composed of *Culex pipiens, Cx. restuans* and *Cx. salinarius*. These three species (especially *pipiens* and *restuans*) are often difficult to tell apart after encountering the damaging blades of the New Jersey light trap. No populations of *Culex* Mix were elevated above historical trends. West Nile activity continues to develop.

These ornithophilic species are primary enzootic vectors for West Nile and other viruses. West Nile virus has been detected in the state. Last year was a high activity year, with initial *Culex* populations in some regions reported with smaller numbers.

Culiseta melanura – Miscellaneous Group Unique (*Cs. melanura* Type)

Agricultural



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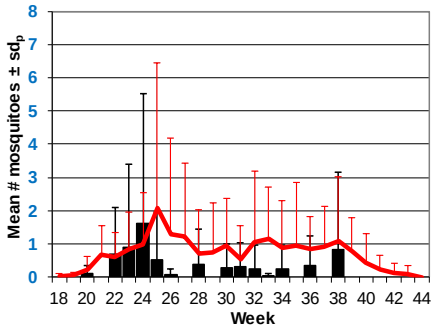

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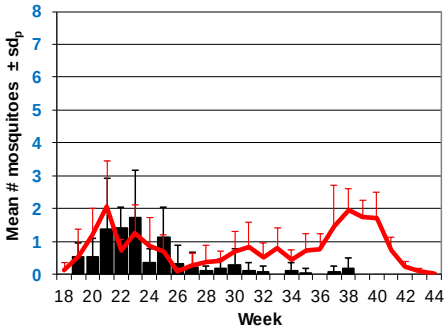

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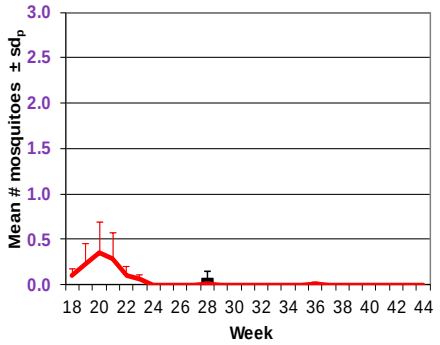

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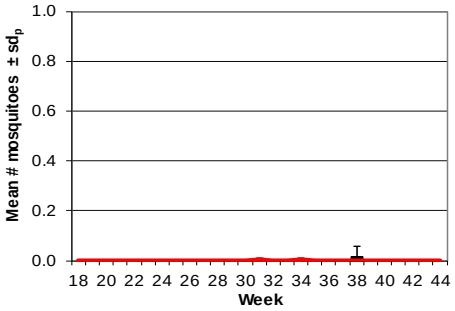

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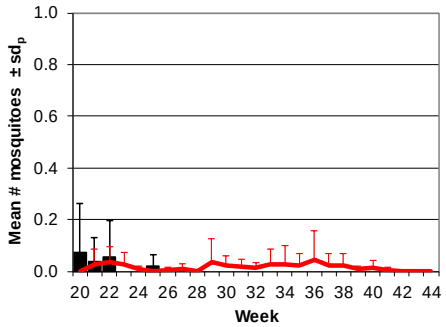

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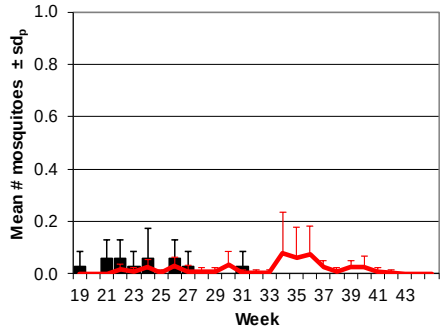

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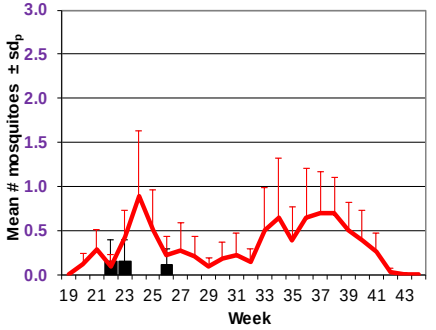

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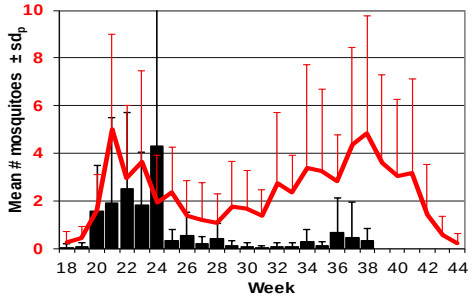

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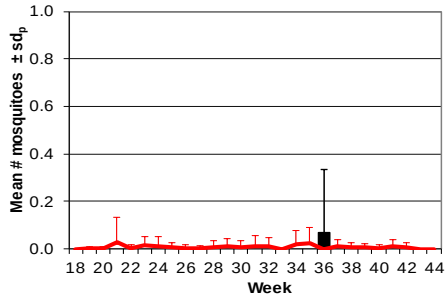


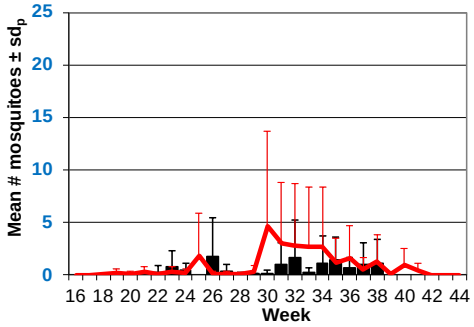
Comments

Culiseta melanura is the enzootic ornithophilic vector of eastern equine encephalitis. This cold-hearty species can emerge early in the season as well as staying active late into fall. Current populations continue to be well below the historical trends. EEE activity has been detected in the state, but in the northern region (Morris County) and in a pool of *Culex* Mix. Virus has not yet been detected in *Cs. melanura*. Only populations in the New York Metropolitans and Suburban Corridor showed numbers significantly above recent historical values.

All horse owners should make sure their horses are up to date on their EEE/WNV vaccination schedules:
http://www.aaep.org/custdocs/adultvaccinationchart.pdf

Aedes sollicitans - Salt Floodwater Species
Multivoltine Aedine (*Ae. sollicitans* Type)

Agricultural



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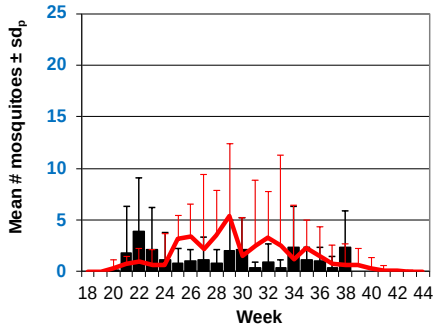

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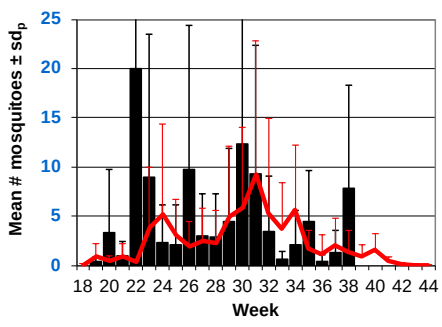

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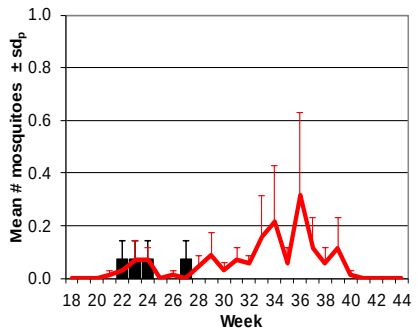

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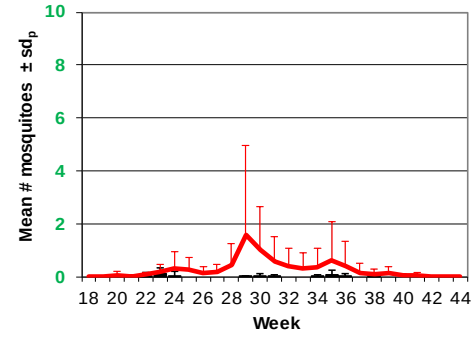

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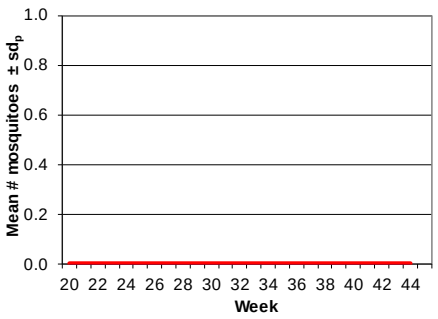

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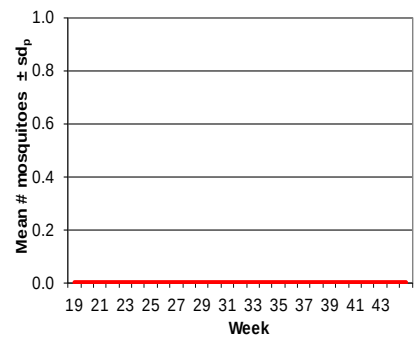

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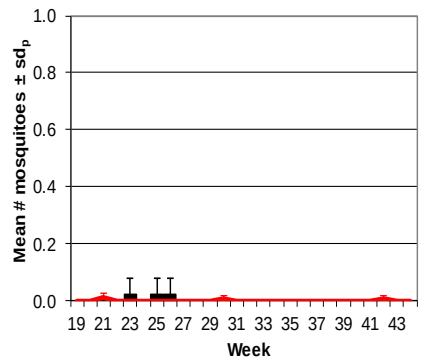

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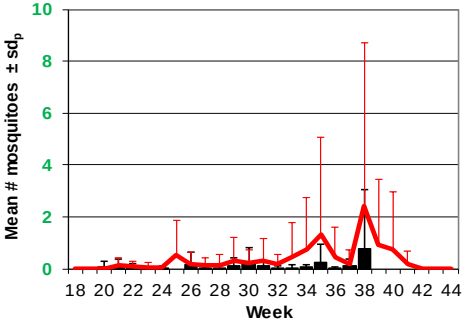

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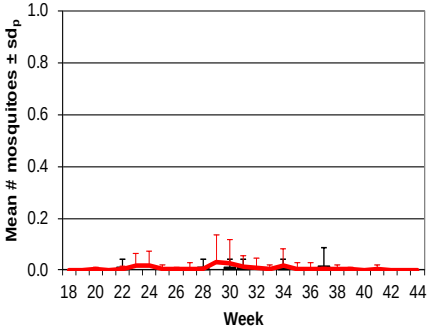


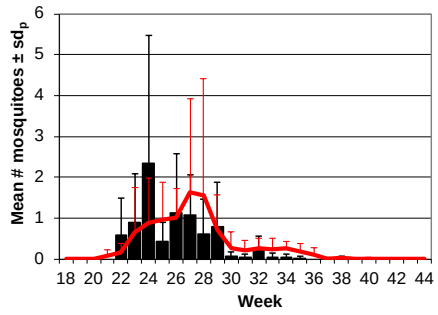
Comments

Aedes sollicitans is a salt floodwater species and responds to both lunar tidal patterns as well as rainfall. *Aedes sollicitans* continues to be on the wane, but abundances in the Coastal and Delaware Bayshore regions were elevated significantly above historical averages.

Next full moon is October 9th.
Salt line on the Delaware River is within expected values along the Basin region:
https://www.nj.gov/drbc/programs/flow/salt-front.html

Coquillettidia perturbans
Monotypic (*Coquillettidia perturbans* Type)

Agricultural



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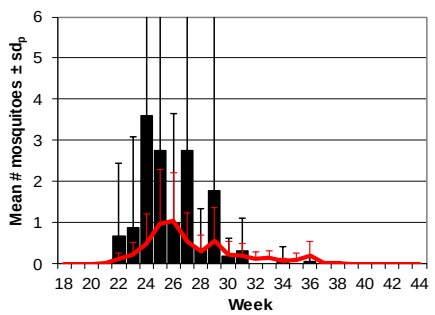

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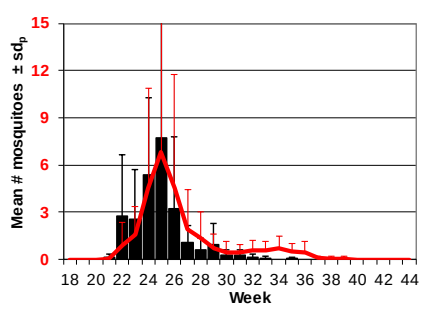

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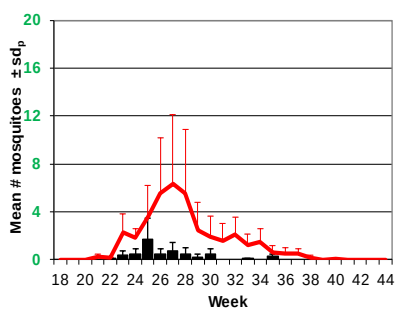

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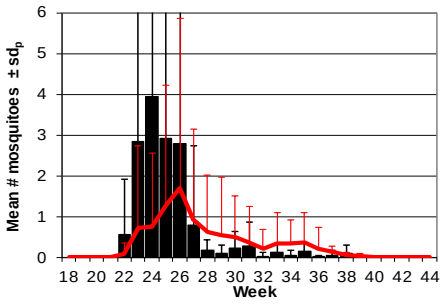

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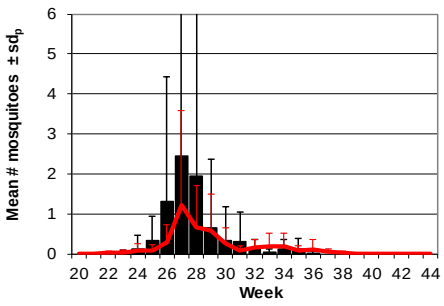

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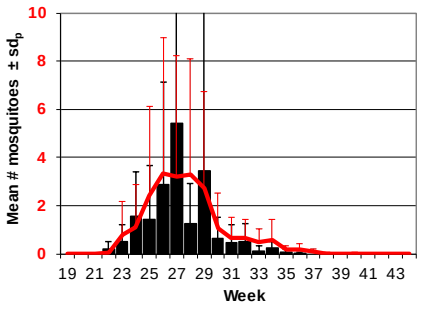

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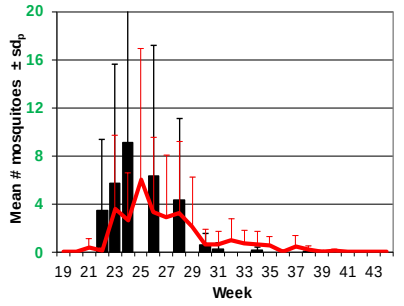

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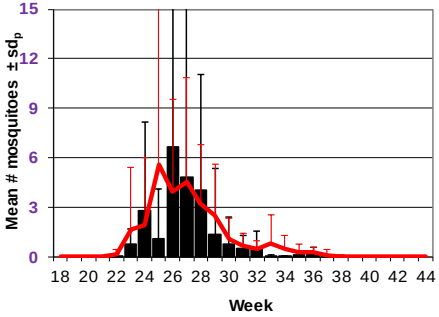

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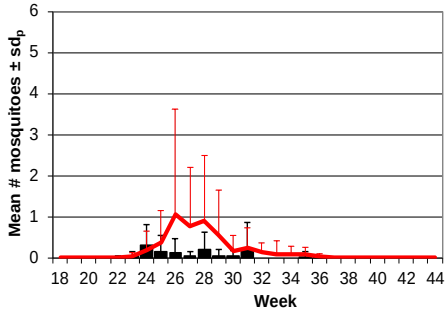


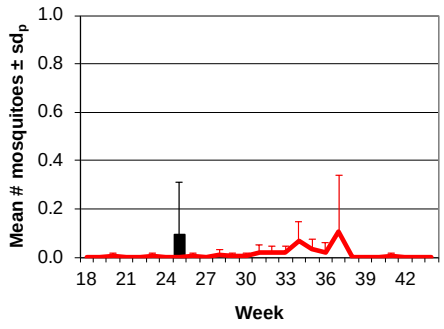
Comments

Coquillettidia perturbans populations are in cattail swamps and other wetlands with emergent vegetation, often making population control dependent on controlling water depth. *Coquillettidia perturbans* populations are well on the decline for this mid-season species yet populations in the Agricultural and New York Metropolitan regions showed mild to moderate elevations above historical trends.

This species is considered a potential inland vector for EEE, and positive pools are often detected and as such, due diligence should be taken with the monitoring of the endemic vector (*Cs. melanura*) and this bridge vector (*Coq. perturbans*).

Aedes albopictus – Multivoltine Aedine (*Aedes triseriatus* Type)

Agricultural



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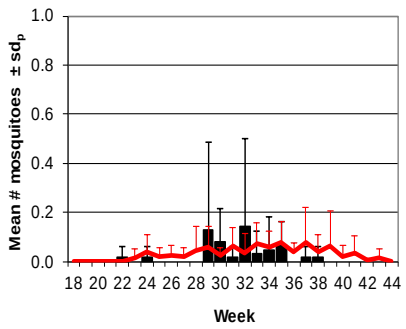

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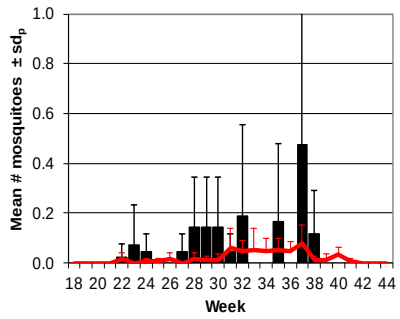

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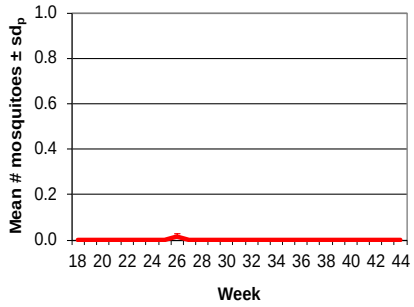

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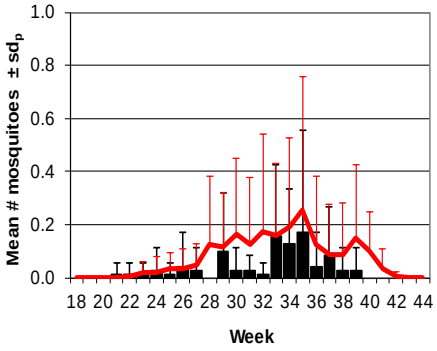

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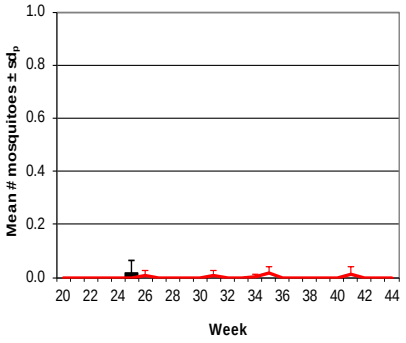

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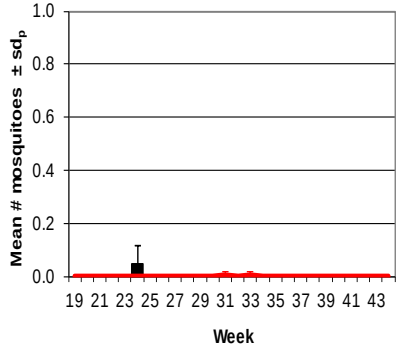

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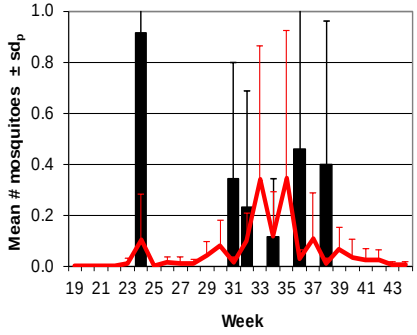

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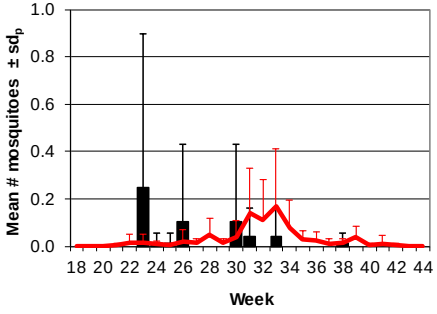

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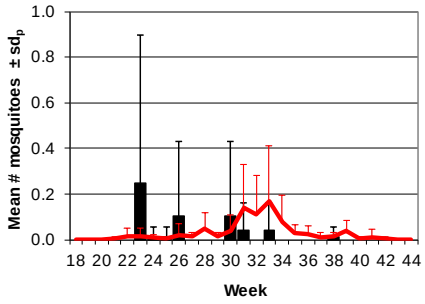

Comments

Aedes albopictus is an invasive species first detected in New Jersey in 1995 and is now found throughout the state. This species is the source of numerous resident complaints and is nearly every year found with pools positive for WNV. Because of the rising significance of this species in the state, monitoring populations have become a priority. Light traps will find specimens, but other traps may provide a more complete picture of their numbers. On the next page is the results for BG Sentinel traps, which are particularly attractive to this species. Counties were given two traps each and data is reported in JerseySurv. BGS traps are denoted statewide.

BGSentinel trapping of *Aedes albopictus*. Although data is limited, trends suggest that populations decreased during the past two years. *Note: this is *ABUNDANCE* data only, no vector numbers (will come in later graphics).
2019 include data from Bergen, Mercer, Monmouth, and Salem counties.
2020 include data from Bergen, Cape May, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Salem counties.
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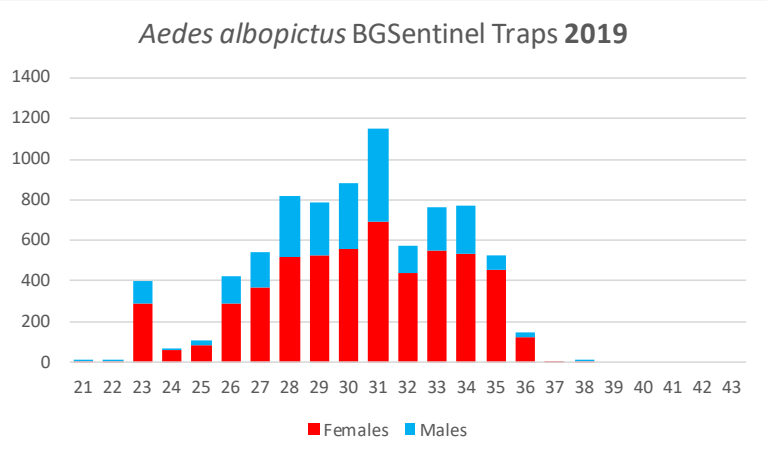
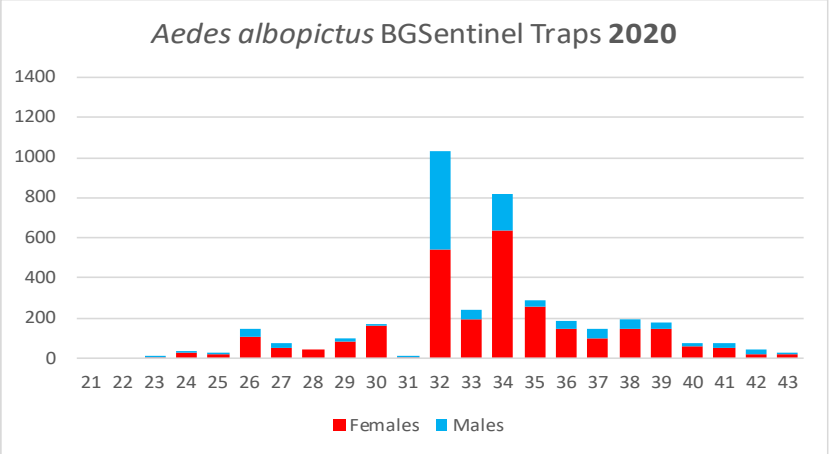
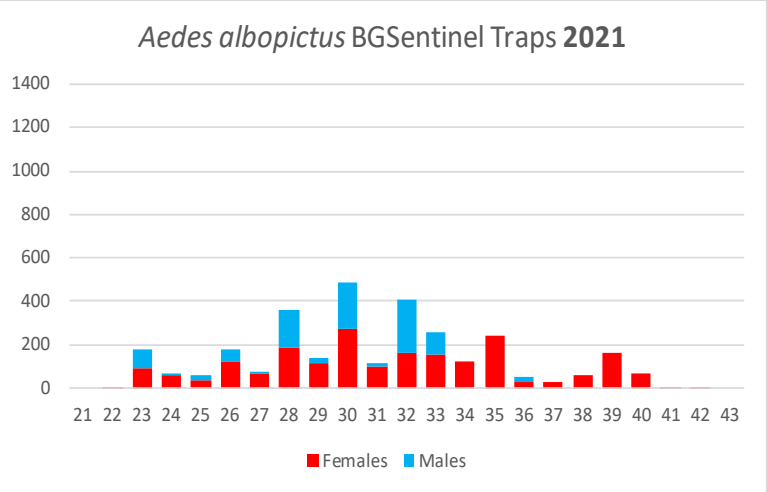
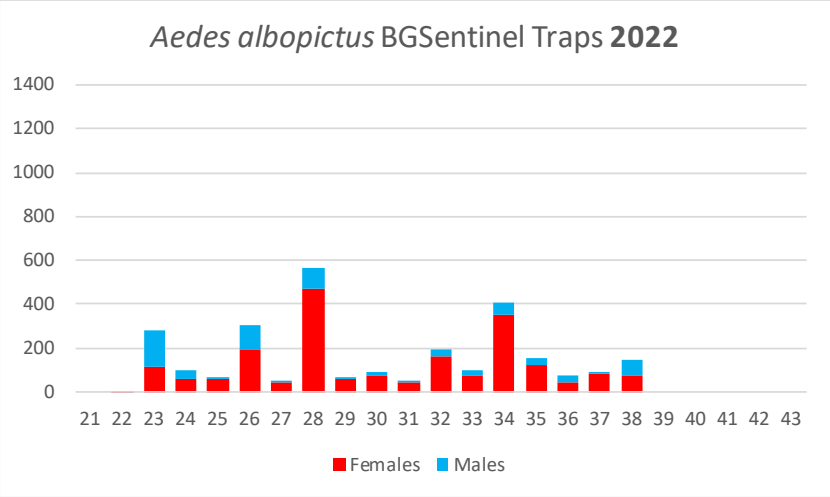




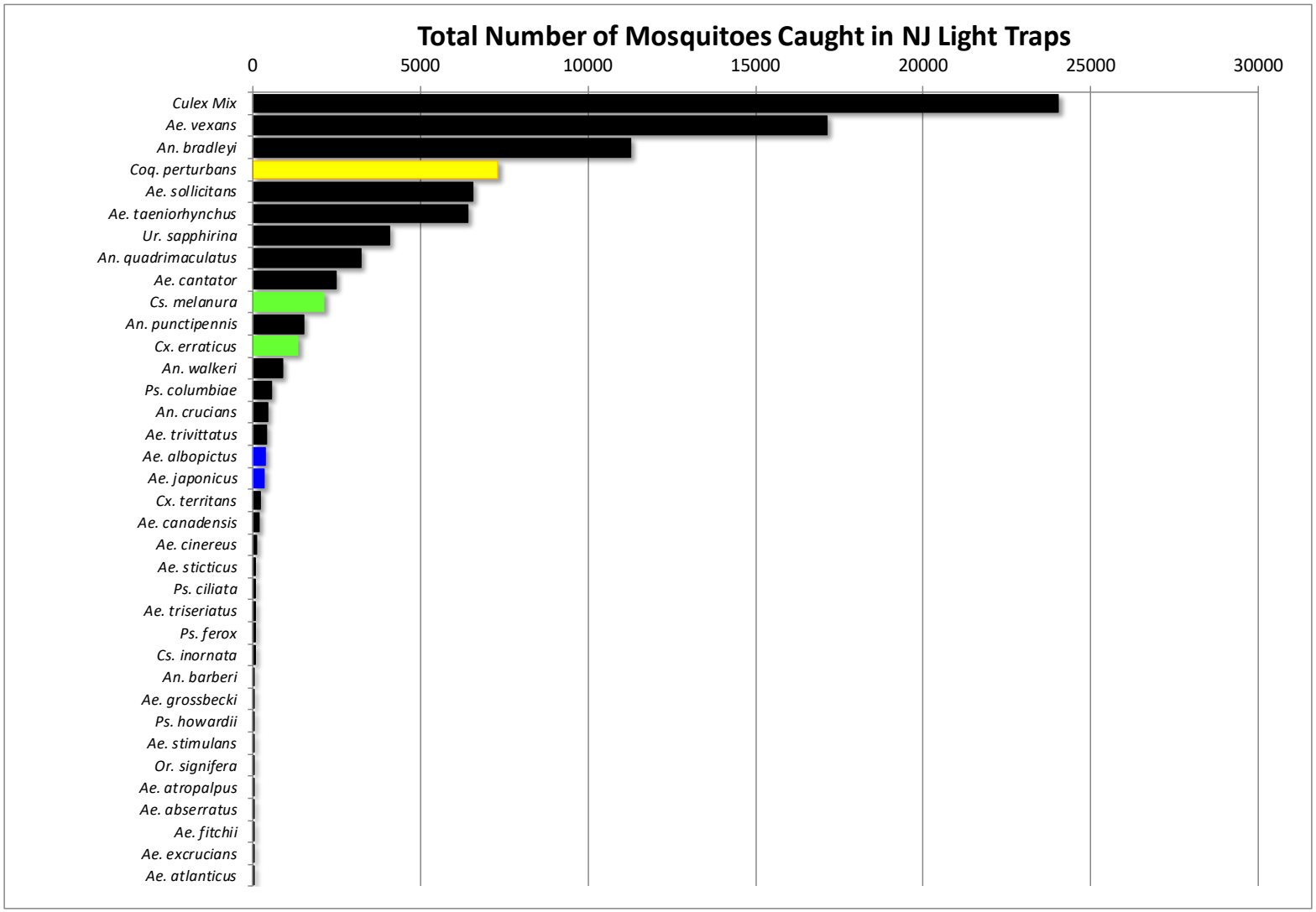




WNV *EEE*

Top Ten Mosquito Species/Region - *Ae. albopictus,* *Ae. japonicus (invasives);* *Cs. melanura or Cx. erraticus* *Coq. perturbans*

Note: In early season when fewer species are caught, graphs may show less than ten species/region or 25 statewide.



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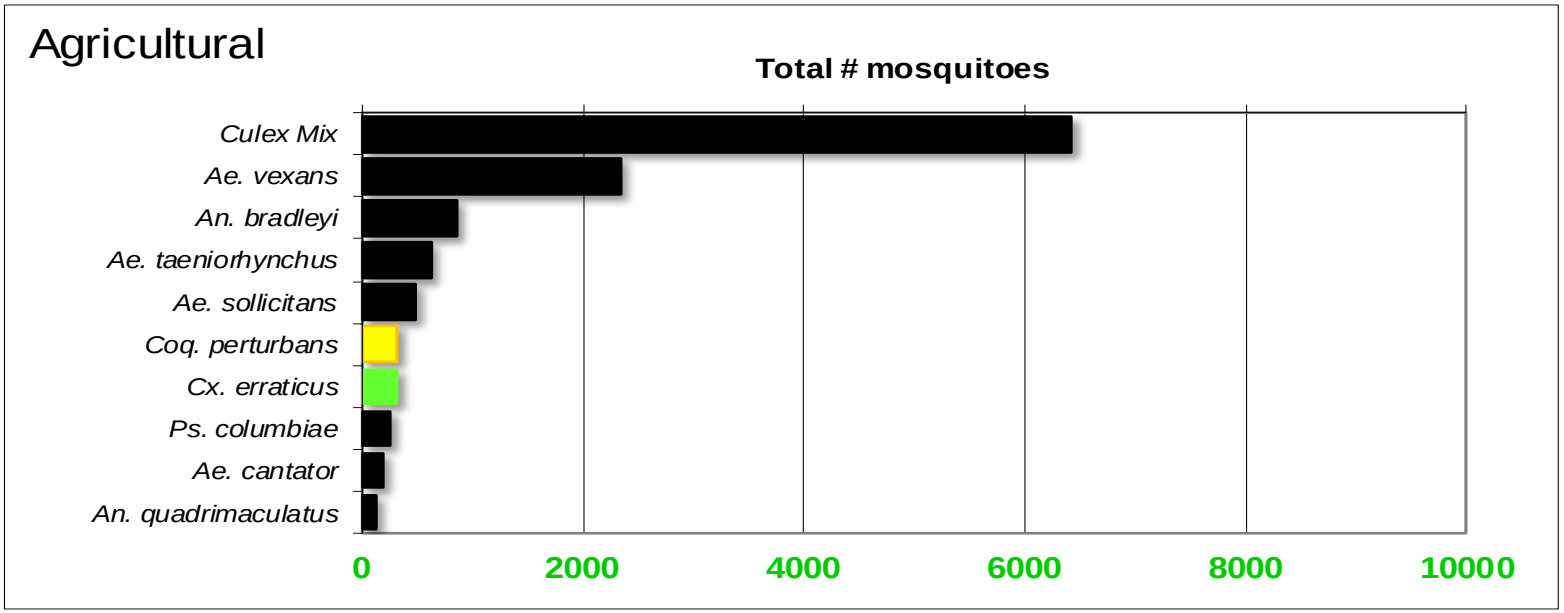

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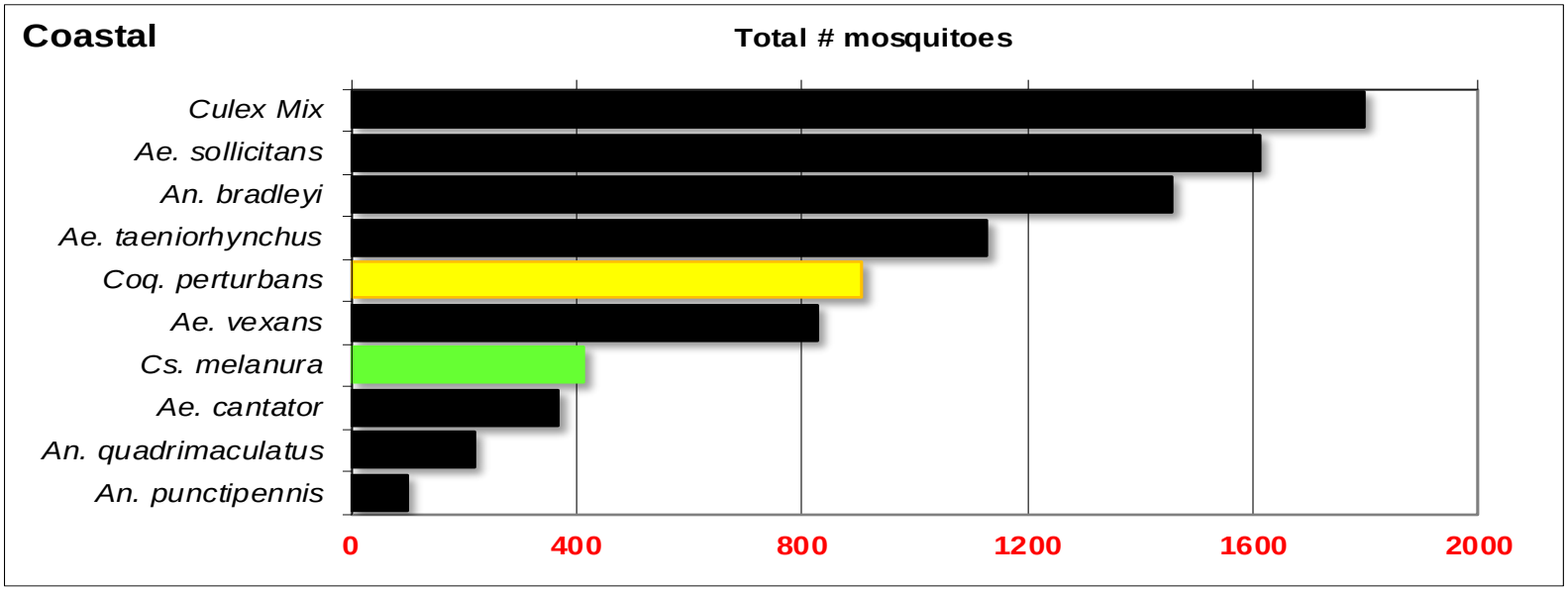

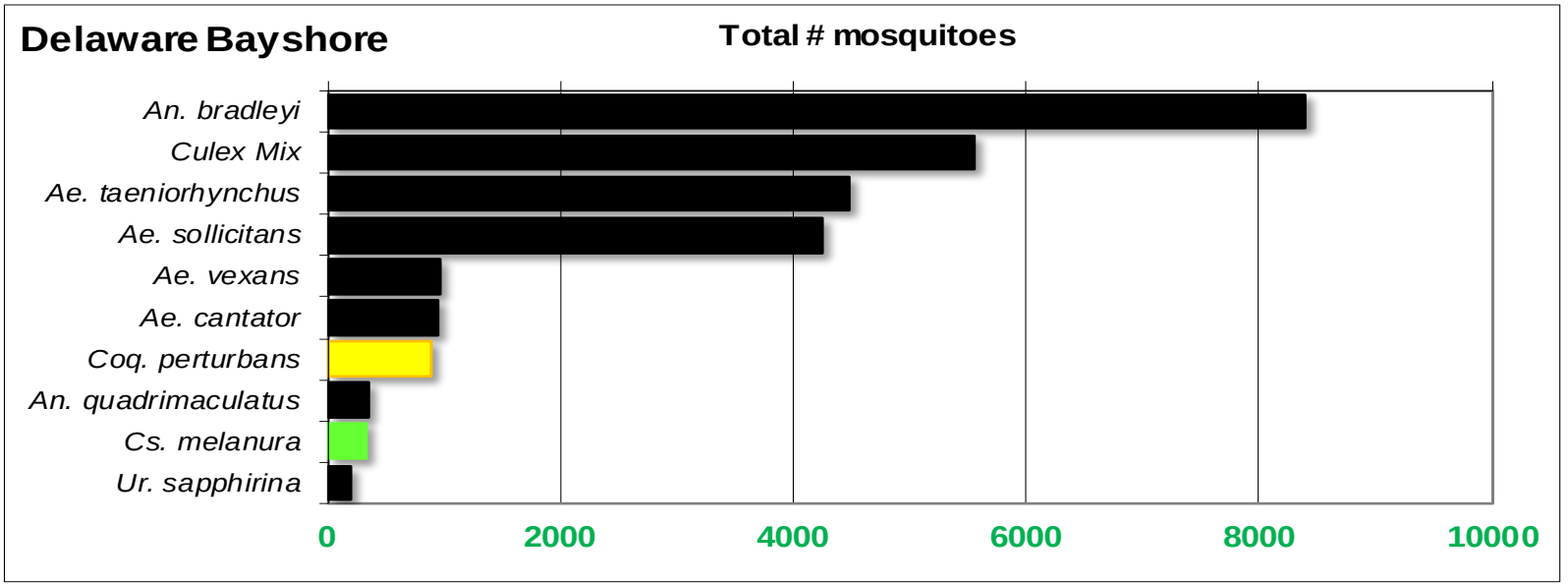
Delaware Bayshore
Total # mosquitoes
An. bradleyi
Culex Mix
Ae. taeniorhynchus
Ae. sollicitans
Ae. vexans
Ae. cantator
Coq. perturbans
An. quadrimaculatus
Cs. melanura
Ur. sapphirina
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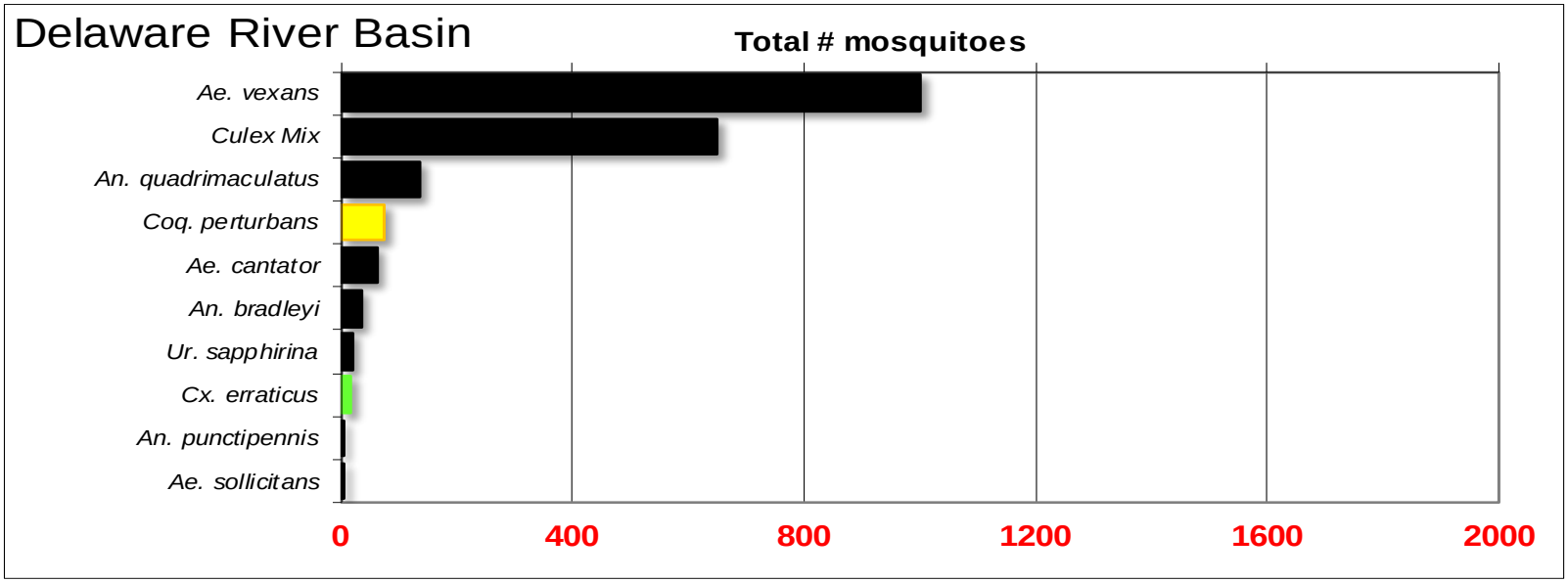
Delaware River Basin
Total # mosquitoes
Ae. vexans
Culex Mix
An. quadrimaculatus
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Ae. cantator
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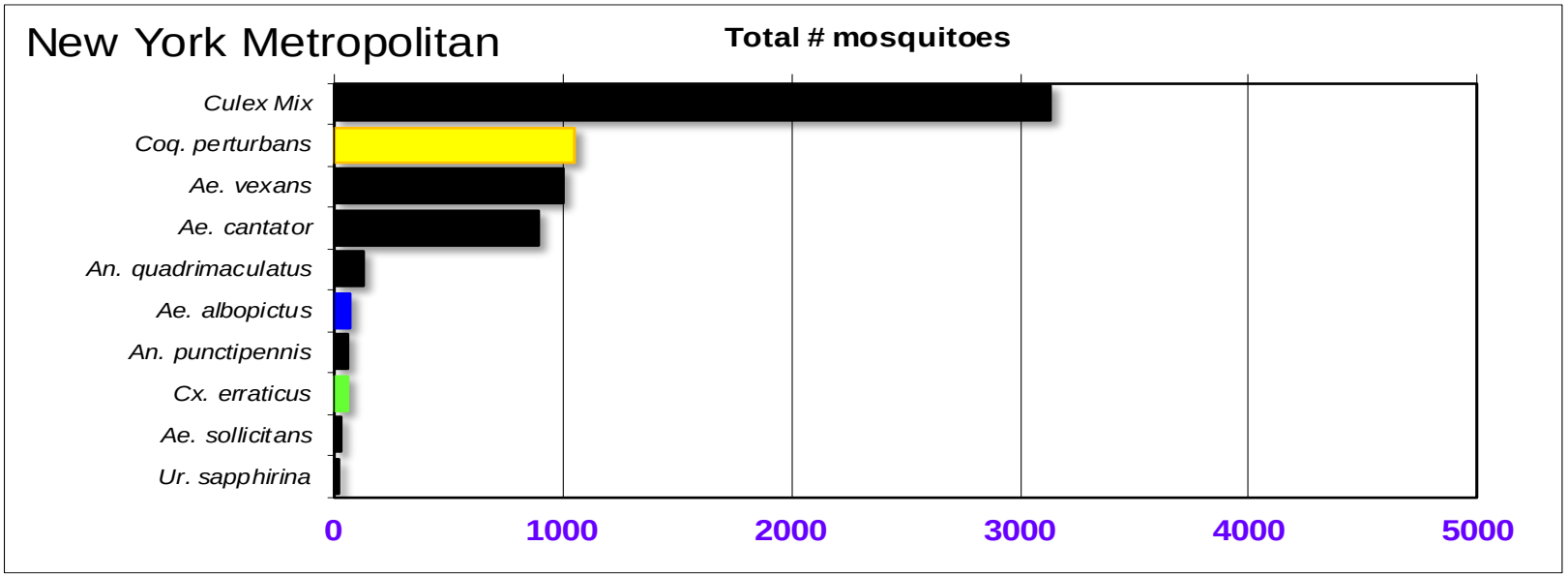
New York Metropolitan
Total # mosquitoes
Culex Mix
Coq. perturbans
Ae. vexans
Ae. cantator
An. quadrimaculatus
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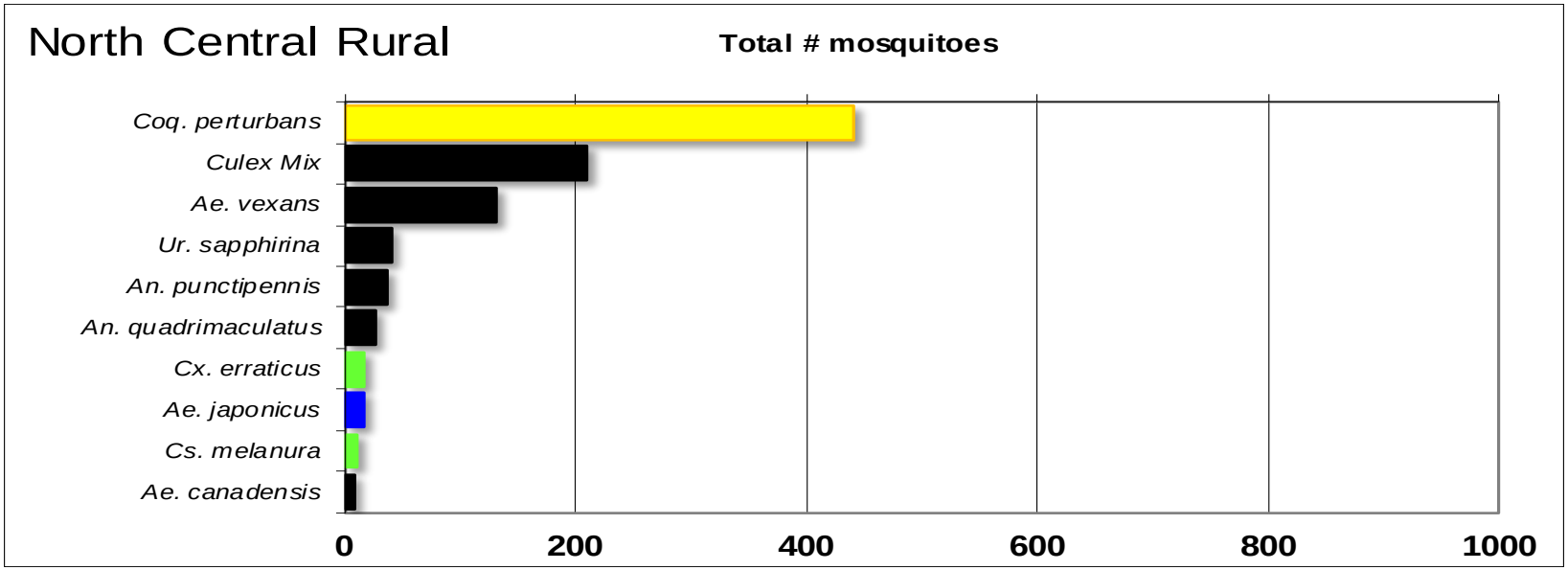
North Central Rural
Total # mosquitoes
Coq. perturbans
Culex Mix
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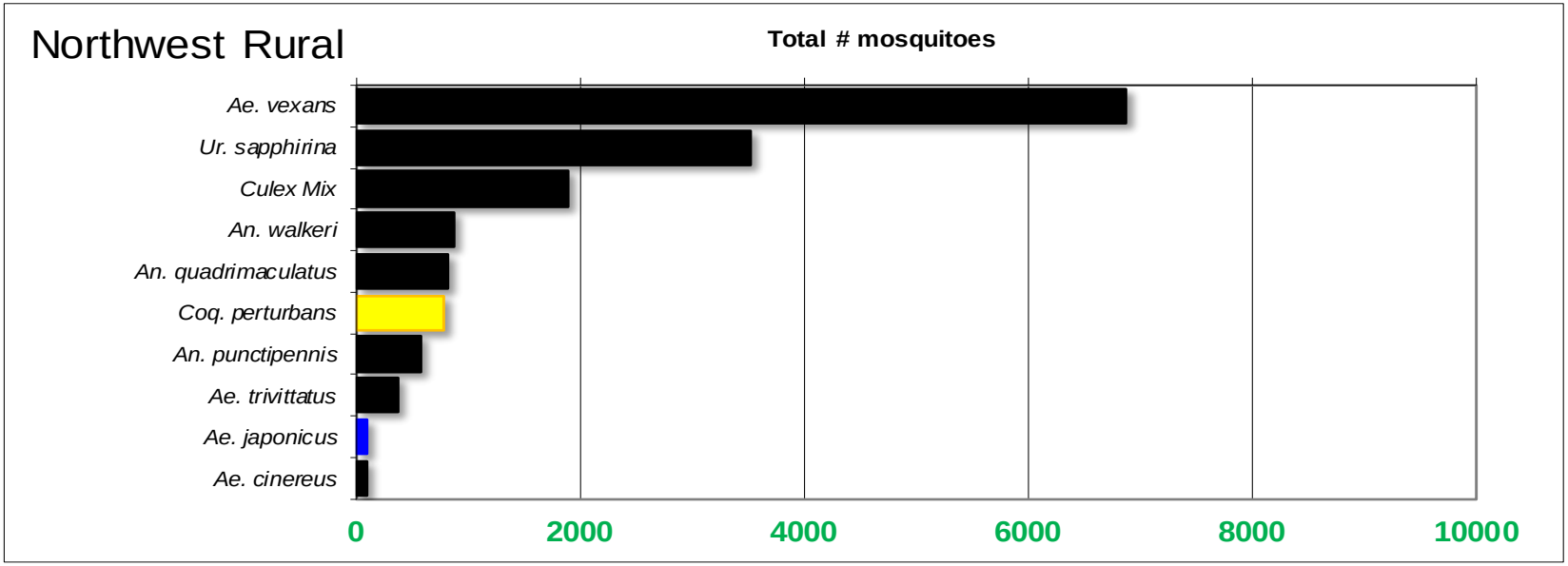
Northwest Rural
Total # mosquitoes
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Ur. sapphirina
Culex Mix
An. walkeri
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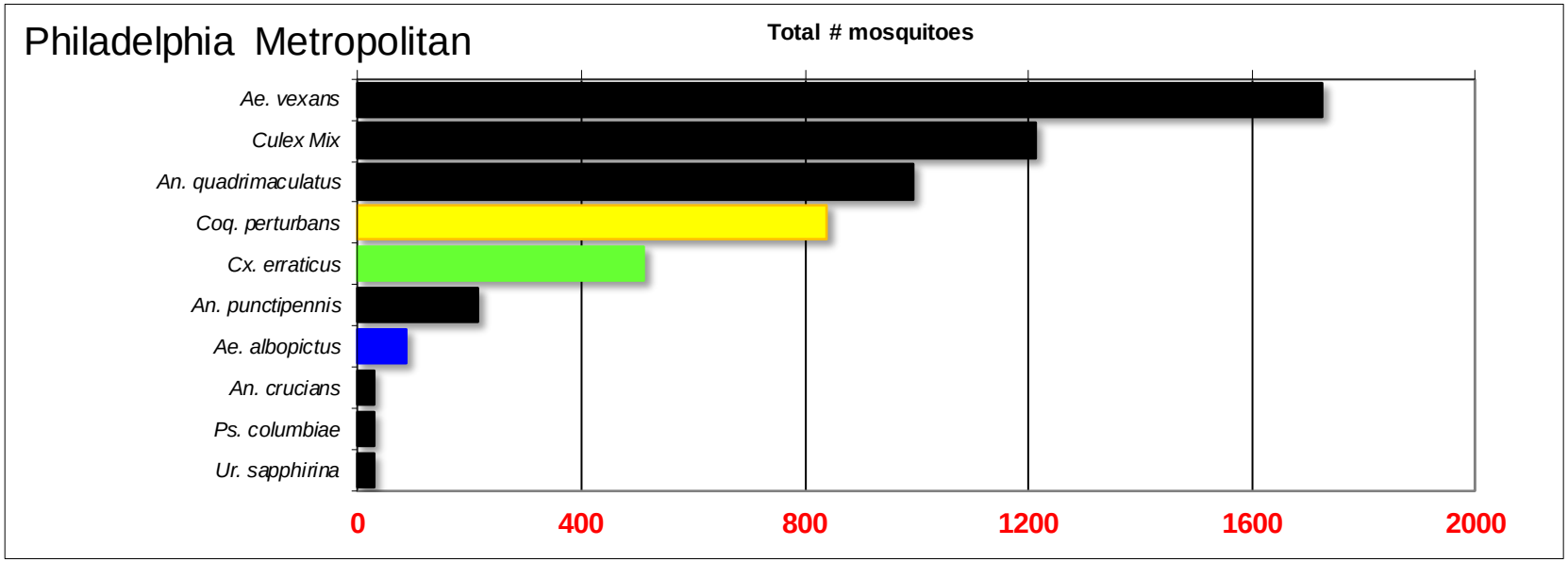
Philadelphia Metropolitan
Total # mosquitoes
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Culex Mix
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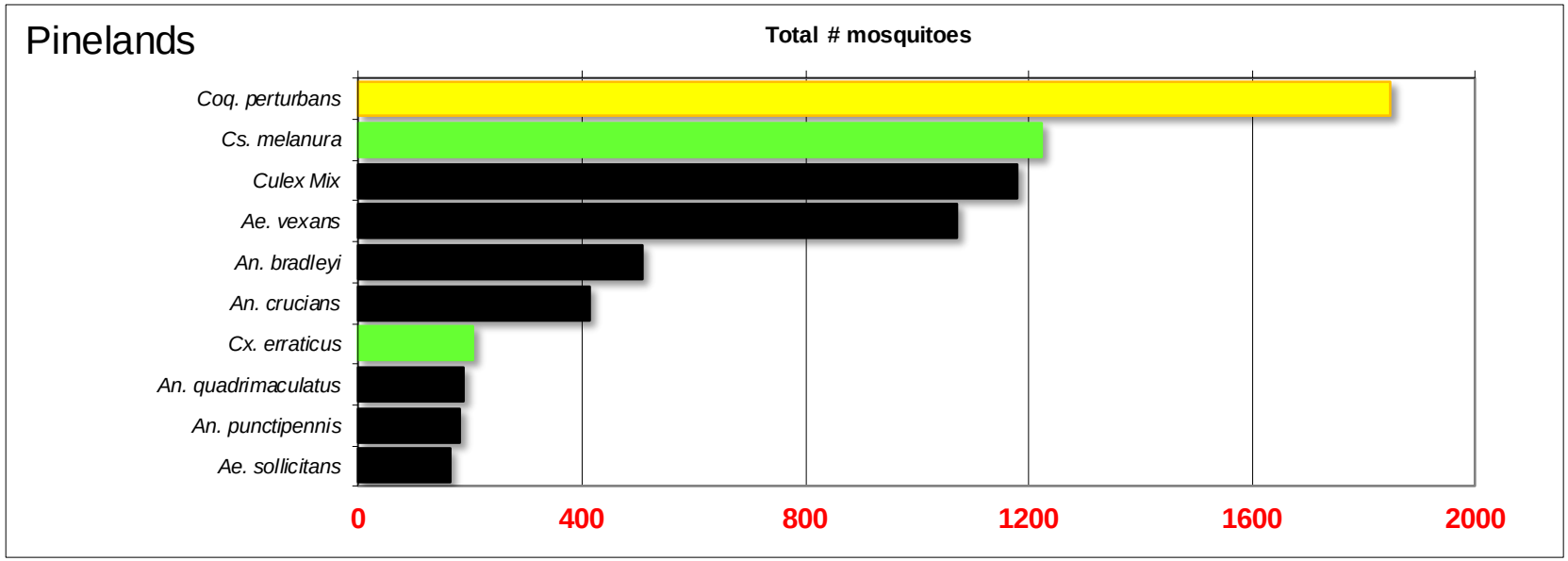
Pinelands
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Cs. melanura
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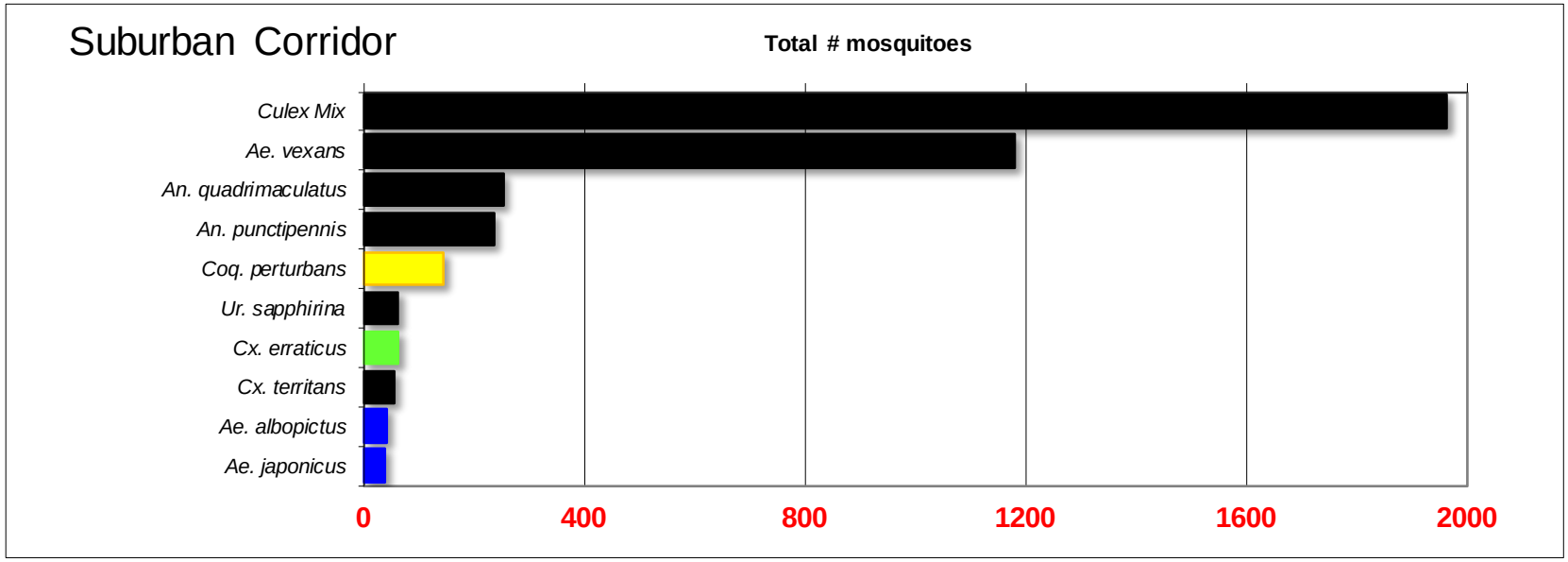
Suburban Corridor
Total # mosquitoes
Culex Mix
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Cx. territans
Ae. albopictus
Ae. japonicus
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