

Simple Key for Common Adult Mosquitoes in Utah County

Looking at the head and specifically at the proboscis

1a Is the palp as long as the proboscis An. freeborni

1b Is the palp shorter than the proboscis go to number 2

2a Abdomen pointed. 3

2b Abdomen round. 5

3a If V shaped notches present on abdomen, and legs have narrow basal bands Ae. Vexans

3b If No V shaped notches present on abdomen go to 4

4a If it is light color with pale scales (blondes) Oc. dorsalis

4b If it has broad distinct white bands on legs and even white bands on abdomen Oc. increpitus

4c If it is dark, has broad banded legs and proboscis Oc. nigromaculis

5a If it is brown with no banding on legs, abdomen or proboscis Cx. pipiens

5b If it is dark and has broad white banded legs and a banded proboscis Cx. tarsalis

5c If it is yellow in color with some banding on it abdomen Cx. erythorothorax

5d If it is large, brown with un-banded legs, and a long, decurved proboscis and the scales on the legs appear speckled like salt and pepper Cs. inornata