



Catalog of the New World Biting Midges North of Mexico (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae)

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ABSTRACT

This catalog of the biting midges (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) of the New World north of Mexico includes 603 species and 39 genera. The full citation, province or state of the type locality and distribution by province and/or state of each species is given. The most recent revision for each genus, subgenus and species group is cited.

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INTRODUCTION

The Ceratopogonidae are a fascinating group of small flies, commonly known in North America as biting midges, no-see-ums, punkies and sometimes sand flies. The group is diverse, with 5,978 extant species presently recognized worldwide (Borkent, 2009) but it is likely that at least three times this number of species are actually present. An important role for systematists is to catalog known species. Such lists form the basis for inventories for specific geographic regions and provide an overview of the known species diversity. The