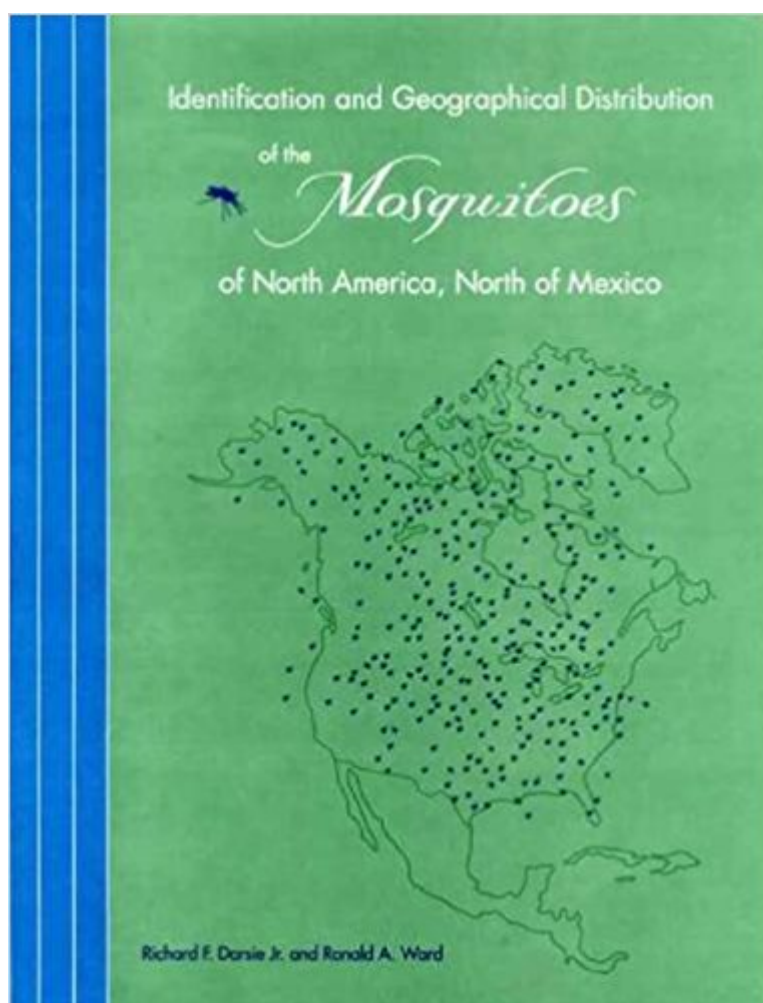


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# Identification And Geographical Distribution Of The Mosquitoes Of North America, North Of Mexico



## Synopsis

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In chapters on adult and larval morphology, the coauthors--both world-renowned in their field of taxonomy--discuss the anatomical structures mentioned in the keys and pictured on full-page plates. They provide separate generic keys for adult females and larvae and keys to the species of each genus. In addition, they show the geographical distribution of each taxon in a series of maps and include a synopsis of the occurrence of species in the states and provinces of the United States and Canada.

This book's usefulness to mosquito control programs cannot be overestimated. For example, it deals with 9 exotic species that have been introduced and today successfully thrive in North America. Several are increasing their range and this book will help identify these species when they first invade an area.

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entomology.Ã Â Ã Â

Binding is not strong when having to flip through and key out the mosquitoes. I plan on calling to see what my options are. I took a mosquito identification course and the whole section of Genera literally slid out of the book and now looks like a separate packet. I have only used the book for a week now...

Darsie and Ward's "Identification and Geographical Distribution of the Mosquitoes of North America, North of Mexico" has been the standard key for the Culicidae of the continental United States and Canada since 1982. They have now updated this classic work, adding 12 species previously unknown in North America. Originally published by American Mosquito Control Association, the new edition has been produced by the University of Florida Press. This manual does not have the extensive descriptions of the bulky Carpenter and Lacasse, but the latter work, which also has excellent habitus illustrations of the majority of species, is also fairly expensive and somewhat dated, having been published in 1974. The identification of mosquitoes is very important in establishing the presence of vectors of a number of disease causing agents, including malaria, yellow fever, dengue, West Nile virus, and the various encephalitis forms. It is vital to have a good and up to date manual (one of the major vectors of dengue, the Asian tiger mosquito, is a fairly recent addition to our fauna!) The current work fills this requirement and should serve as the main source for identification of adults and larvae for some time to come.

Good book to own if interested in identifying North American mosquitoes. Characters in some keys difficult to distinguish at times but still overall easy to use. The only thing that is lacking in this book is individual descriptions of species. Having these would make identification easier. Despite these few short comings, I still highly recommend this book for people working with mosquitoes.

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