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Most mosquito species were considerably more abundant throughout the state for the period of this report than the preceding period. The most important mosquito species increased in every region since the last report, and several less important species occurred in greater numbers than usual.

Aedes vexans was the predominant species in three regions, A, B, and C, and showed at least a five-fold increase in every region. The <u>Culex</u> complex was predominant in two regions showing a decrease in region D, but showing a four-fold increase in region F. This inconsistency occurred between the other regions as well.

Mansonia perturbans was again the predominant species in region E and had increased three times the last weekly average. Again it was caught in only three traps but in very high numbers.

A. sollicitans and A. cantator increased significantly in region F and A. sollicitans was slightly higher than last week in regions B and D.

Psorophora ciliata was third in abundance in region B and was also reported in small numbers from regions B and D. A. trivittatus and other Psorophora species were bothersome in many areas but are not easily collected in light traps.

The mosquito situation reflected in this report can be attributed to the frequent, heavy rains which occurred in the latter half of June.

Counties represented in this report: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem*, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren.

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REGIONAL LIGHT TRAP SUMMARY

Average mosquitoes per trap-night July 6-12, 1973

Predominant Other important species Species Region M. perturbans An. punctipennis Culex complex Region A A. vexans Northern Rural 14.6 1.7 0.5 15.9 84* A. sollicitans P. ciliata Region B Culex complex A. vexans M. perturbans Passaic Valley 0.2 2.1 0.5 40.4 70 An. punctipennis Culex complex A. vexans Region C Rural 0.4 6.3 13.7 35 Region D A. sollicitans M. perturbans A. vexans Culex complex rban Corridor 0.3 3.2 25.2 23.8 154 Region E Culex complex Culiseta melanura A. vexans M. perturbans Coastal 18.1 8.6 1.5 Plain 18.5 54 A. cantator A. sollicitans A. vexans Culex complex Region F Coastal Wetlands 9.9 12.8 152.7 38.5 119

^{*}Number of trap-nights per region.