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DESIGNATION OF THE TYPE SPECIES OF THE SUBGENUS NEOTHEOBALDIA DOBROTWORSKY (GENUS THEOBALDIA NEVEU-LEMAIRE, 1902)

(DIPTERA, CULICIDAE)

The subgenus *Neotheobaldia* Dobrotworsky (1954, Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W. lxxix:65-78) was described on the larval characters of *Theobaldia hilli* Edwards. This species is the type of the subgenus *Neotheobaldia*.—N. V. DOBROTWORSKY, *Zoology Department, University of Melbourne, Australia*.

THE IDENTITY OF CULEX AESTUANS WIEDEMANN

(DIPTERA, CULICIDAE)

The species *Culex aestuans* Wiedmann (Ausserenrop. zweifl. Ins. 1:11, 1828) was described from specimens from Brazil in Wiedemann's own collection. Theobald (Mon. Culic. 2:151, 1901) synonymized this under *Culex fatigans* Wiedemann, a synonym of *Culex pipiens quinquefasciatus* Say. Howard, Dyar and Knab (Mosq. N. and C. Amer. 3:320, 1915) questioned the synonymy and since that time the species has remained unidentified.

Through the kindness of Dr. Max Beier of the Vienna Museum we have seen five specimens, probably all original material. These are in very good condition and all agree well with *Culex pipiens quinquefasciatus*, thereby verifying Theobald's synonymy. The specimens bear the following labels:

“Brasilien/aestuans m. Coll. Wiedem.” Male and female. I have mounted the terminalia of this male on a slide and here designate this specimen as the lectotype.

“aestuans m. Coll. Wiedem./C. aestuans m. Braçilia de Winth.” Female.

“Brasilien/aestuans Coll. Winthem./aestuans Wied. Brasilia.” Male.

“Brasilien/aestuans Coll. Winthem.” Female—

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