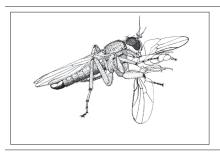
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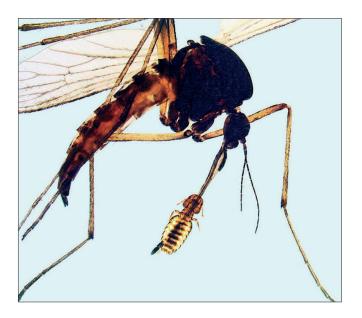
Behaviour – Verhalten

New record of a chewing louse on a species of *Ochlerotatus* Lynch-Arribálzaga (Diptera: Culicidae)

[Neuer Fund eines Mallophagen an einer Art von *Ochlerotatus* Lynch-Arribálzaga (Diptera: Culicidae)]

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On 13th May 2013 a female mosquito of *Ochlerotatus* spec. was caught while it attacked a human at Serwest (near Chorin, 52°56′26″N 13°56′34″E, federal state Brandenburg, Germany). Attached to the mosquito was a 3rd instar of the chewing louse *Damalina* (*Cervicola*) *meyeri* (Taschenberg, 1882) (Ischnocera: Bovicolidae) (Figs 1, 2). This chewing louse clung with its mandibles and fore legs to the host's proboscis (Fig. 3).

Phoresy – using other animals for transport to new hosts or habitats – is widespread behaviour among chewing lice, mostly involving hippoboscid flies (Diptera: Hippoboscidae). Not less than 405 cases

Fig. 1: Damalina meyeri (TASCHENBERG) on Ochlerotatus spec.

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