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**FIRST RECORDS OF MEONEURA VAGANS FROM THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES (DIPTERA: MILICHIIDAE)**

The filth fly genus *Meoneura* is represented in the Nearctic Region by 13 species, many known only from one or a handful of localities (Sabrosky 1965, In Stone, *et al.*, USDA Agr. Hdbk. 276:728-733). Six of the species, including *M. vagans* (Fallén), are Holarctic. The genus was poorly known in North America until recently, when Sabrosky (1959, Ann. Entomol. Soc. Amer. 52: 17-26) revised the Nearctic species, describing 5 as new and recording 4 for the first time from North America. Later, Sabrosky (1961, Entomol. News. 72:229-234) described *M. californica* from the United States.

Collin (1930, Entomol. Mon. Mag. 66:82-89) collected adults of *M. vagans* on carrion and stated that this species was common in several areas in England. Sabrosky (1959) recorded *M. vagans* in North America only from Isle Royale, Michigan (1 male and 1 female collected 3-7 August 1936), and since that time no reports of additional collections have appeared.

On 17-18 June 1976, I collected 21 adults (20 males, 1 female) of *M. vagans* in Hummelstown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, sweeping over the body of a dead snapping turtle at the edge of a woodland. In November 1976, I received from L. L. Pechuman and J. A. Schafrik, Cornell University, a female fly collected at Ithaca, New York, 4 August 1925 and determined as *M. vagans* by S. W. Frost. I compared this specimen with my lone female and tentatively confirmed Frost's determination. Curtis W. Sabrosky kindly examined the specimen, compared it with American and European material of *vagans*, and agreed with my conclusion.

These records represent a considerable range extension for *M. vagans* in North America. The small size of many filth flies and their rather restricted habits are probably responsible for the paucity of collection records. The specimens of *M. vagans* are deposited in the collections of the U.S. National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC; Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, PA.

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