

# Etymology of Entomology

What's in a [*species*] name?

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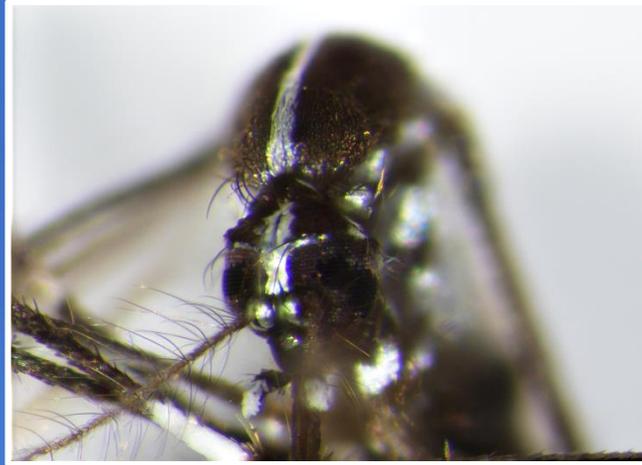


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***Aedes***: unpleasant; odious; disagreeable (An. Gr.)



***aegypti***  
of Egypt (L.)



***albopictus***  
white-painted (L.)



***canadensis***  
of Canada (New L.)



***japonicus***  
of Japan (New L.)

***Aedes***: unpleasant; odious; disagreeable (An. Gr.)



***sollicitans***

disturb; annoy;  
worry; make  
anxious (L.)



***taeniorhynchus***

banded snout  
or beak (Gr.)



***triseriatus***

three series  
or rows (L.)



***trivittatus***

three ways; a  
crossroads (L.)



***vexans***

annoying (L.)

**Anopheles:** troublesome (Gr.)



***barberi***

bearded (L.)



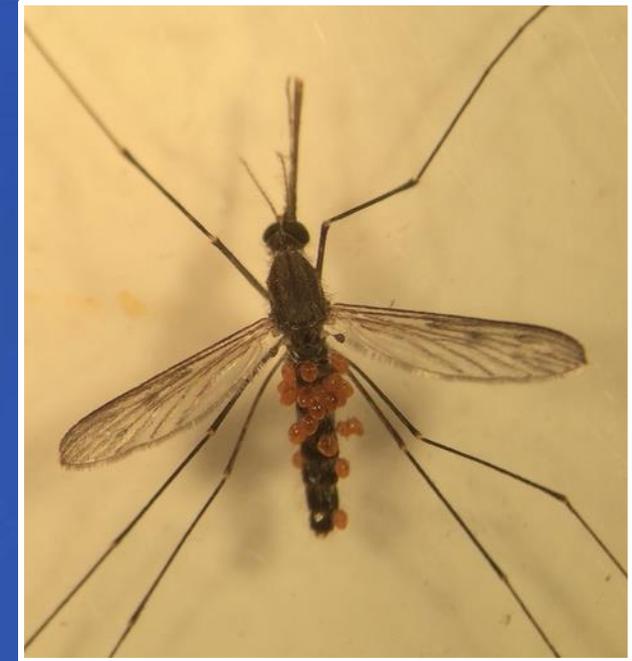
***crucians***

cross; torture (L.)



***punctipennis***

a sting; prick;  
feather; wing (L.)



***quadrimaculatus***

four-spotted (L.)

***Coquilletidia***: named for Coquillet



***perturbans***

disturb; ruckus (L.)

**Culex:** a gnat; small fly (L.)



***erraticus***

wandering (L.)



***pipiens***

peeping; chirping (L.)



***restuans***

renewing;  
reviving (L.)



***salinarius***

of salt; salty (L.)



***territans***

terror (L.)

***quinquefasciatus***

five-banded (L.)

***Culiseta***: little bristle (L.)



***inornata***  
unadorned (L.)



***melanura***  
black-tailed (Gr.)

***Orthopodomyia***: straight-footed fly (Gr.)



***signifera***

wildly-marked, signed (L.)

***Psorophora***: itch-bearing; scabies (Gr.)



***ciliata***  
small hair (L.)



***columbiae***  
of Columbia;  
dove (L.)



***howardii***  
named for  
Howard



***ferox***  
fierce; wild; savage (L.)

***Toxorhynchites***: bowed snout or beak (Gr.)



***rutilus***  
red (L.)

***Uranotaenia***: heavenly bands or ribbons (Gr.)



***sapphirina***

sapphire; blue (Gr.)

# Resources

Borrer, Donald J. *Dictionary of Word Roots and Combining Forms*. 1960.

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# Questions?

