

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY



First Impressions of the BG Pro

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- What is the BG Pro
- Initial thoughts and what we could use it for
- Brief review of a comparison study
- Pros and Cons
- Future



Outline



The BG Pro

- Designed as a modular trapping system
 - EVS, CDC, and Sentinel
 - “...you will be able to create new styles with the modular system and optimize your BG-Pro to your needs...”
- Parts are similar design and quality to BG Sentinel Traps
- Priced in the same range as CDC traps and BG Sentinels



BG Pro – A Closer Look

- CDC-style configuration
 - Comes with the 'hat'
 - LED light strip
 - Catch bag above the fan
 - Battery storage on the trap



Notable Design Features



- Aggressive 3 blade fan
- Closing hatch
- Power bank instead of traditional battery



Our Initial Thoughts/Uses



- Modular design would allow field staff to configure trap type on the fly
- Save on battery charging time and space
- Have on hand as extras to configure if we get low on other traps throughout the season

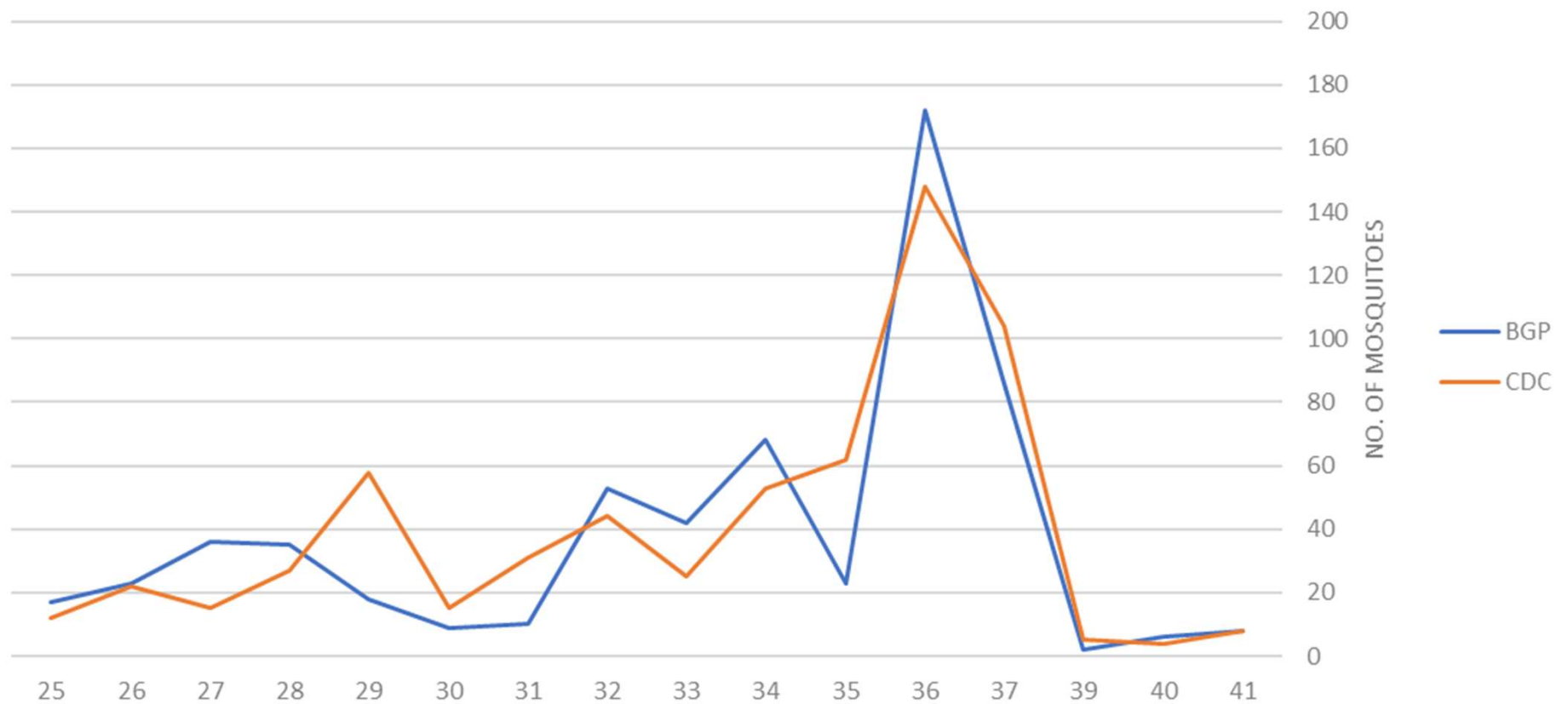
We Tested It



- 1:1 test trapping against a CDC Light Trap
- Baited with CO₂ and light
- BGP and CDC set together at the same location for ~24 hours
- 4 trapping locations
- June - October

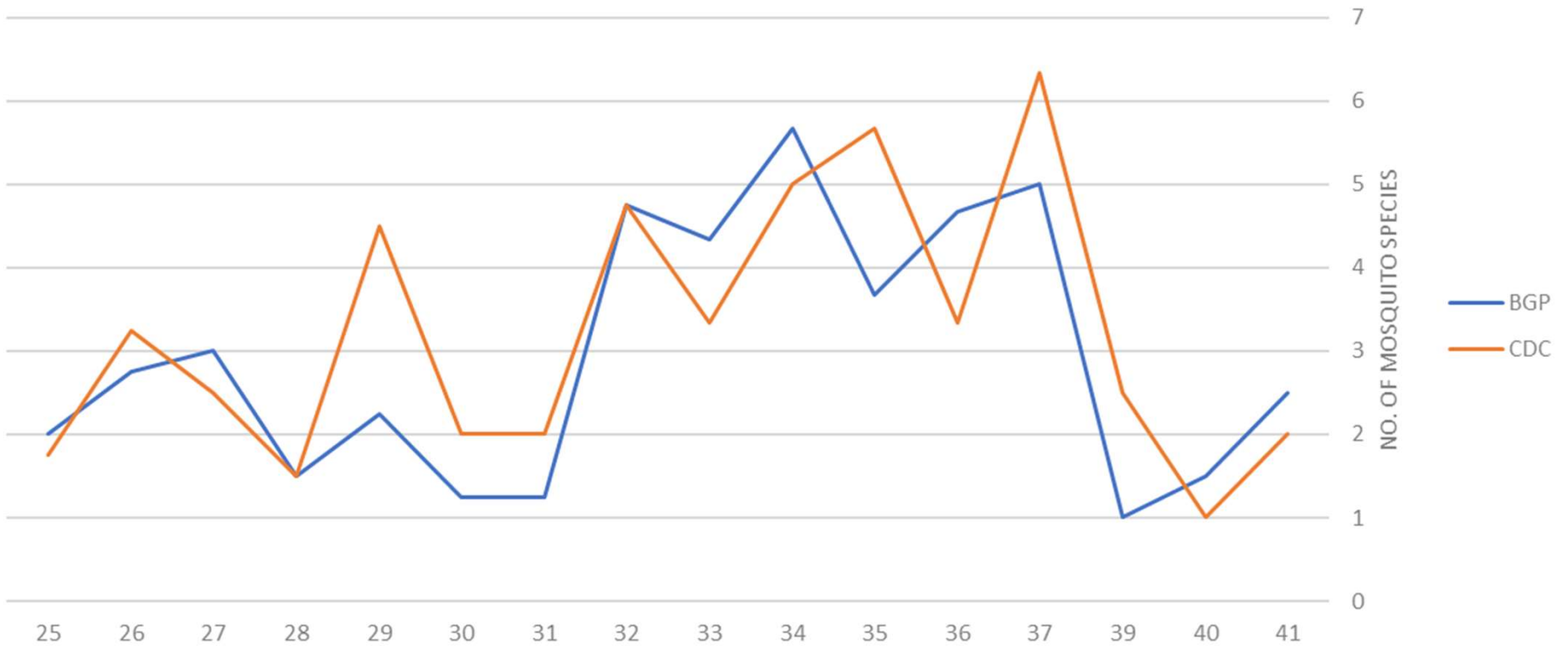


2020 BG Pro vs. CDC: Number of Mosquitoes Caught/Week





2020 BG Pro vs. CDC: Average Number of Species Caught/Week



Final Numbers



BG Pro

- 608 total mosquitoes
- Average 11.5 mosquitoes/week
- 24 different species
- Average 2.9 different species/week

CDC Light

- 633 total specimens
- Average 11.9 mosquitoes/week
- 23 different species
- Average 3.2 different species/week



Pros and Cons

- Think of it more of a “give and take”

Pro: Catch bag before the fan and functional trap door to minimize escaping mosquitoes

Con: Its cumbersome to set up and the LED light bar doesn't have a place to attach

Pro: Long lasting, lighter, easier to use power bank battery source

Con: There is an absolutely OPPRESSIVE amount of bi-catch – probably from the LED

Pro: Modular design allows for several quick, flexible configurations

Con: The different configurations work well but not as well as a trap made in that design



Future

- More field tests in general to see what the long-term durability is
- Troubleshoot some hiccups with the batteries and traps shutting off
- Test different configurations and/or try out some new ones



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