

Is it *Aedes* or is it *Ochlerotatus*?

Ochlerotatus had been originally established as a genus in 1891.

It became an aedine subgenus in the 1930s, but in 2000 John Reinert and his colleagues elevated the subgenus *Ochlerotatus* back to a genus based upon microscopic differences in the male genitalia between it and other subgenera of *Aedes*.

However, in 2005 the *Journal of Medical Entomology* and the Entomological Society of America decided to put *Ochlerotatus* back to subgenera level (http://www.entsoc.org/Pubs/Periodicals/JME/mosquito_name_policy).

After a contentious worldwide debate regarding the effect the taxonomic changes would have on names established over decades of work in scientific, government and lay communities, many scientists (including those at the CDC) and others affected by the change espoused the continued use of the previously established names.

So, for the time being, everything is *Aedes* again.

However, we are still using *Aedes* and *Ochlerotatus* in Georgia because our training programs were put into place when *Ochlerotatus* was still being used.