

BITING MIDGES (CERATOPOGONIDAE: *CULICOIDES* LATREILLE) RECORDED FROM FARMS IN SWEDEN

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In light of the emergence of bluetongue in Northern Europe, populations of *Culicoides* species were monitored in and around several Swedish livestock farms (surveillance in 2007 and 2008). The position of the sampling sites ranged from about latitude 55° N to about 68° N. Thirty-three *Culicoides* species were recorded, of which 30 were new to Sweden. The species recorded, and

their relative abundance and spatial distribution on sites are detailed. Species incriminated as vectors of bluetongue virus were predominant.

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