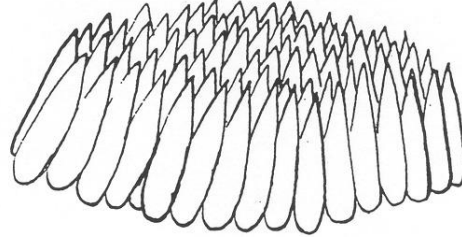


# MOSQUITO EGG RAFT

TYPICAL OF ALL CULEX AND CULISETA SPECIES MOSQUITOES



1. *Culex and Culiseta* mosquitoes lay their eggs on the surface of fresh or stagnant water. The water may be in tin cans, barrels, horse troughs, ornamental ponds, puddles, ditches or swamps. These mosquitoes prefer water sheltered from the wind by grass and weeds.
2. *Culex* mosquitoes usually lay their eggs at night while the *Culiseta* mosquito's egg laying habits vary. A mosquito may lay a raft of eggs every third night during its life span.
3. Both *Culex and Culiseta* mosquitoes lay their eggs one at a time, sticking them together to form a raft of from 50 to 100 eggs. A raft of eggs looks like a speck of soot floating on the water and is about 1/4 inch long and 1/8 inch wide.
4. Tiny mosquito larvae usually emerge from the eggs within 24 hours.

**Note:** *Anopheles* mosquitoes lay their eggs singly on water, not in rafts. *Aedes* mosquitoes lay their eggs singly on damp soil. *Aedes* eggs hatch only when flooded with water (salt water high tides, irrigated pastures, flooded river bottoms and tree holes).