

First occurrence of *Culicoides obsoletus*-transmitted bluetongue virus epidemic in central Europe

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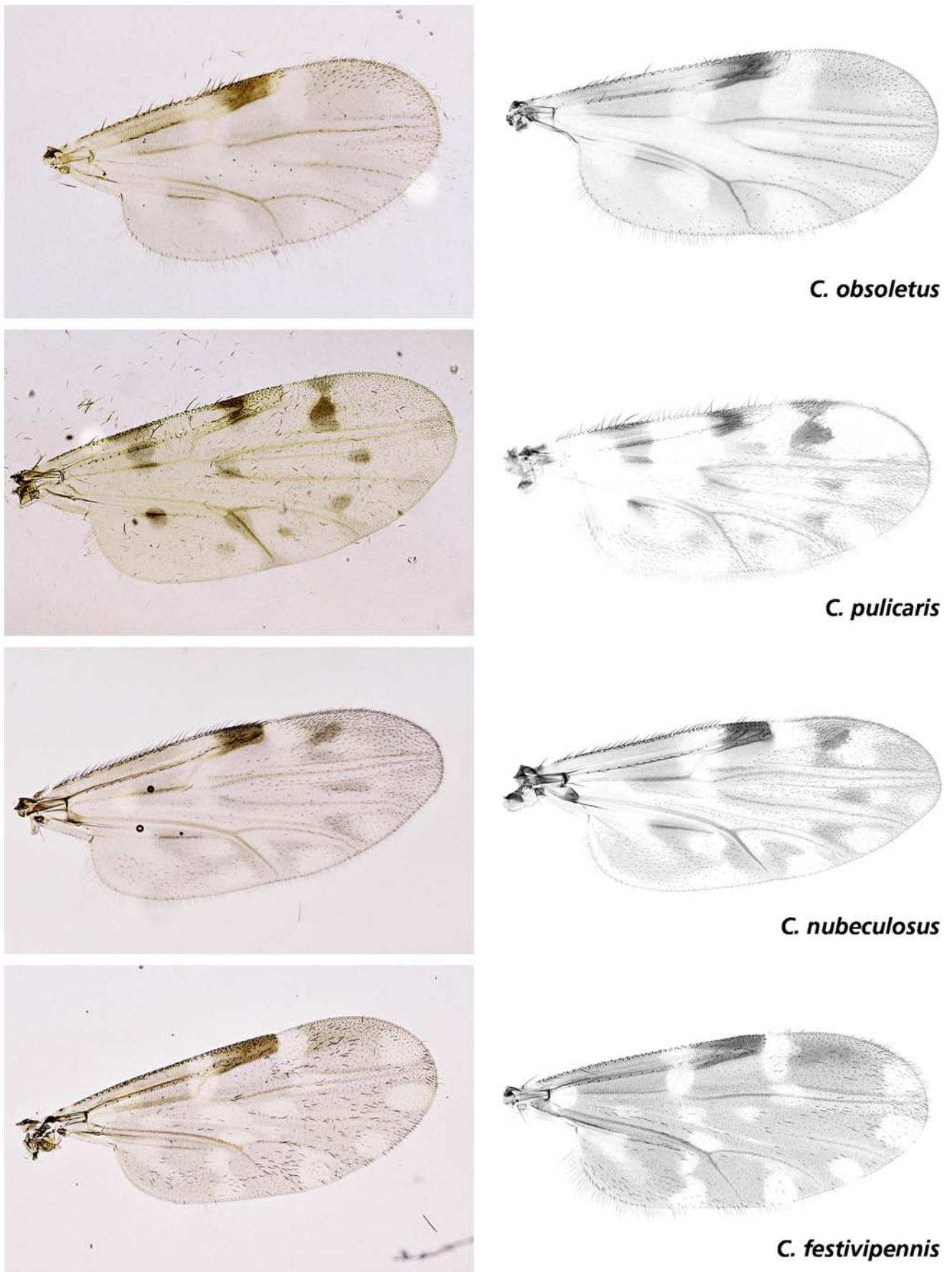


Fig. 6 Light micrographs (*left side*) and diagrammatic representations of the wings of the four trapped *Culicoides* species