

**NEW DISCOVERY FROM MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE [MRI] COLOMBO, SRI LANKA**

Department of Entomology, MRI discovered a new genus of mosquito **previously not reported** in Sri Lanka.

Genus *Topomyia*, Leicester, 1908

This mosquito genus reported in Sri Lanka

**105 years after the first discovery**

*Topomyia* species do **not suck blood**

*Topomyia* larvae **eat other mosquito larvae**

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With WHO consultant entomologist Dr. Nagpal



Collecting *Topomyia* larvae from Colocasia leaf axils

Adult *Topomyia* mosquito



Head of *Topomyia* larva  
Ventral side



Long maxilla specific for  
Sub genus *Suomyia*



Field Team of Work

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Head of *Topomyia* larva



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