



21. Biobio Region, Nuble Province, Termas de Chillan, stream in valley SE of main fumeroles, 2.ii.1994
22. Biobio Region, Nuble Province, Termas de Chillan, stream 1 km SSW of ski centre, 2.ii.1994
23. Biobio Region, Nuble Province, river at Puente Torrealba about 5 km ENE of Las Trancas on Termas de Chillan road, 2.ii.1994
24. Araucania Region, Cautín Province, Rio Momolluco near Chilean customs post at Puesco on Pucón (Chile) to Junín de los Andes (Argentina) road, 4.ii.1994

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### First report of Simuliidae in Fuerteventura, Canary Islands

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Blackflies are quite well known in Gran Canaria, La Gomera, La Palma and Tenerife, though they have a very restricted distribution in these Canarian islands because of the scarcity of running water. Until lately, however, they have been undiscovered in the highly arid easternmost islands of the archipelago, viz. Fuerteventura and Lanzarote, where lotic habitat is almost non-existent. They are still unknown (and seem unlikely to occur) in Lanzarote but I have found two breeding sites in Fuerteventura and can now report the occurrence of at least one species in the island. Its identity has been verified by Roger Crosskey as *Simulium (Nevermannia) ruficorne* Macquart, a species widespread in Africa and fairly common in sun-warmed lotic habitats in Gran Canaria, La Gomera and Tenerife. I collected pupae and obtained reared adults in February 1990 from the barranco (ravine) to the Embalse de las Peñitas near Vega de Rio Palmas (UTM grid ref. ES9940) and in April 1996 I collected early stages and adults from a trickle near Llanos de la Concepción (UTM grid ref. ES9149). Both places are on the west side of Fuerteventura island, near the road from Puerto de Rosario (the island capital on the east coast) to Pájara (in the southwest). Specimens from both sites are deposited in my collection and in the Natural History Museum in London.