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PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARASITES OCCURRING
ON *FUNDULUS* SPP.¹

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In recent years interest in the utilization of fishes, particularly marine species, as experimental animals has increased. In the search for species amenable to this use, many investigators have chosen the hardy euryhaline species belonging to the genus *Fundulus*.

In the course of holding these animals under restricted laboratory conditions, problems involving parasitization have developed. In the summer of 1964, workers at our Institute experienced great difficulty in maintaining *Fundulus* in captivity, and large numbers of experimental animals died. Examination of these fish revealed them to be heavily infested with monogenetic trematodes (mostly gyrodactylids, a few dactylogyrids).

Inasmuch as severe cases of parasitism could well effect experimental results and render interpretation difficult, it is important that relationships between experimental animals and their parasites be recognized and dealt with. It is hoped that this provisional list of symbionts of the fundulid cyprinidonts will be of help in this regard.

The following lists of parasites and bibliographic data have been compiled from monographic works, check-lists and various papers in the pertinent fields. Additional records from the researches of workers at this Institute are reported.

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ORGANISMS OCCURRING IN NATURE

DINOFLAGELLATA

| PARASITE | HOST | SOURCE | LOCALITY |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Oodinium</i> sp. | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Lawler, unpubl. ^a | York River, Va. |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Lawler, unpubl. ^a | York River, Va. |
| <i>Chloromyxum funduli</i> | <i>Fundulus</i> sp. | Kudo, 1920 | USA |
| <i>Myxidium incurvatum</i> | <i>F. majalis</i> | Kudo, 1920 | USA |
| <i>Myxobolus funduli</i> | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | Kudo, 1920 | USA |
| " " | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Kudo, 1920 | USA |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Kudo, 1920 | USA |
| <i>Myxobolus musculi</i> | <i>Fundulus</i> sp. | Hahn, 1916 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| " " | " " | Hahn, 1917 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| <i>Myxobolus</i> sp. | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Owens, unpubl. ^a | York River, Va. |
| <i>Myxosoma funduli</i> | <i>Fundulus</i> sp. | Kudo, 1918 | USA |
| " " | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Kudo, 1920 | USA |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Kudo, 1920 | USA |
| <i>Ancyrocephalinae</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Dillon & Lawler, unpubl. | York River, Va. |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Dillon & Lawler, unpubl. | York River, Va. |
| <i>Gyrodactylus funduli</i> | <i>F. similis</i> | Hargis, 1955 | Florida |
| <i>Gyrodactylus prolongis</i> | <i>F. grandis</i> | Hargis, 1955 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Linton, 1940 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| " " | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Dillon & Lawler, unpubl. ^a | York River, Va. |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Dillon & Lawler, unpubl. ^a | York River, Va. |
| <i>Gyrodactylus stegurus</i> | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | Mueller, 1937 | USA |
| SPOROZOA | | | |
| MONOGENEA | | | |

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| PARASITE | HOST | SOURCE | LOCALITY |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Gyrodactylus stephanus</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Mueller, 1937 | Baltimore, Md. |
| " " | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Dillon & Lawler, unpubl. [*] | York River, Va. |
| " " | <i>F. grandis</i> | Hargis, 1955 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Dillon & Lawler, unpubl. [*] | York River, Va. |
| <i>Gyrodactylidae</i> | <i>F. similis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Urocleidus angularis</i> | <i>F. diaphanus menona</i> | Mueller, 1934 | Oneida Lake, N. Y. |
| <i>Urocleidus fundulus</i> | <i>F. catenatus</i> | Mizelle, 1940 | Tennessee |
| <i>Urocleidus umbraensis</i> | <i>F. dispar</i> | Seamster, 1948 | Louisiana |
| " " | <i>F. notatus</i> | Mizelle, 1938 | Illinois |
| <i>DIGENEA</i> | | | |
| <i>Bucephaloides strongylurae</i> | <i>F. grandis</i> | Sparks, 1960 | Texas |
| <i>Clinostomum complanatum</i> | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | Meyer, 1962 | Maine |
| <i>C. marginatum</i> | <i>F. diaphanus menona</i> | Bangham, 1944 | Wisconsin |
| <i>Crassiphiala bulboglossa</i> | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | Hunter, 1942 | Connecticut |
| <i>Crepidostomum</i> sp. | " " | Hunter, 1942 | Connecticut |
| <i>Creptotrema funduli</i> | <i>F. diaphanus menona</i> | Mueller, 1934 | Oneida Lake, N. Y. |
| " " | " " | Meyer, 1962 | Maine |
| " " | <i>F. chrysotus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Diplostomulum</i> sp. | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | Hunter, 1942 | Connecticut |
| " " | <i>F. diaphanus menona</i> | Meyer, 1958 | Iowa |
| <i>Echinostomatidae</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Lawler, unpubl. [*] | York River, Va. |
| <i>Homalometron pallidum</i> | " " | Stafford, 1904 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| " " | " " | Linton, 1901 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| " " | " " | Manter, 1926 | Maine |
| " " | " " | Stunkard, 1963 | Stunkard, 1964 |
| " " | " " | Stunkard, 1964 | Beaufort, N. C.(?) |
| | <i>F. majalis</i> | Linton, 1905 | |

| PARASITE | HOST | SOURCE | LOCALITY |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Homalometron pallidum</i> | <i>F. majalis</i> | Manter, 1931 | |
| " " | <i>Fundulus</i> sp. | Sparks, 1958 | Louisiana |
| <i>Mesoophorodiplostomum pricei</i> | <i>Fundulus</i> sp. | Hoffman, 1960 | USA |
| <i>Neascus vancleavei</i> | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | Van Cleave & Mueller, 1934 | Oneida Lake, N. Y. |
| " " | <i>F. similis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. seminolis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. grandis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. chrysotus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. cingulatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. notatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Neascus</i> sp. | <i>Fundulus</i> sp. | Hunter, 1942 | Connecticut |
| " " | <i>F. notatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. diaphanus menona</i> | Bangham, 1944 | Wisconsin |
| <i>Paramacroderoides echinus</i> | <i>Fundulus</i> sp. | Holliman and Leigh, 1953 | Florida |
| <i>Pisciamphistoma stunkardi</i> | <i>F. notatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Posthodiplostomum minimum</i> | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | Hunter, 1942 | Connecticut |
| <i>Rhipidocotyle lintoni</i> | <i>F. grandis</i> | Sparks, 1960 | Texas |
| "Unidentified distome" | <i>F. similis</i> | Sparks, 1958 | Louisiana |

CESTODA

| | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------|
| <i>Agamoneima immanis</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Chandler, 1935 | Texas |
| <i>Agamoneima</i> sp. | <i>F. similis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. seminolis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. grandis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. chrysotus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. cingulatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|
| " " | <i>F. notatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Bothriocephalus rarus</i> | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | Meyer, 1962 | Maine |
| <i>Bothriocephalus</i> sp. | <i>F. seminolis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. grandis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Dorylaimus</i> sp. | <i>F. seminolis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Protocephalus ambloplites</i> | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | Hunter, 1942 | Connecticut |
| <i>Protocephalus</i> sp. | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | | Connecticut |
| " " | <i>F. similis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. grandis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. chrysotus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. cingulatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " | <i>F. notatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |

NEMATODA

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Contracaecum robustum</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Chandler, 1935 | Texas |
| <i>C. spiculigerum</i> | <i>F. similis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. chrysotus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. cingulatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. notatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Dichelyne lintoni</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Yamaguti, 1961 | North Carolina |
| <i>Eustrongylides ignotus</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Brand, 1944 | USA |
| <i>Eustrongylides</i> sp. | <i>F. diaphanus menona</i> | Mueller, 1934 | Oneida Lake, N. Y. |
| " " | <i>F. diaphanus</i> | Hunter, 1942 | Connecticut |
| " " | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Owens, unpubl. [*] | York River, Va. |
| <i>Raphidascaris cayugensis</i> | <i>Fundulus</i> sp. | Yamaguti, 1961 | USA |

ACANTHOCEPHALA

| PARASITE | HOST | SOURCE | LOCALITY |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Arhytmorhynchus duocinctus</i> | <i>F. grandis</i> | Bullock, 1957 | Texas |
| <i>Leptorhynchoides thecatus</i> | <i>F. similis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. grandis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. chrysotus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Neoechinorhynchus cylindratus</i> | <i>F. similis</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. cingulatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. notatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. diaphanus menona</i> | Bangham, 1944 | Wisconsin |
| <i>N. dorpharus</i> | <i>F. majalis</i> | Van Cleave & Bangham, 1949 | Florida |
| <i>Neoechinorhynchus</i> sp. | <i>F. chrysotus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. notatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Octospiniferoides chandleri</i> | <i>F. grandis</i> | Bullock, 1957 | Texas |
| " " | <i>F. grandis</i> | Bullock, 1960 | Florida |
| <i>Telosentis tenuicornis</i> | <i>F. grandis</i> | Bullock, 1957 | Texas |
| COPEPODA | | | |
| <i>Argulus funduli</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Wilson, 1907 | Beaufort, N. C. |
| " " | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Wilson, 1932 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Wilson, 1932 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| <i>Caligus rufimaculatus</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Wilson, 1905 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Wilson, 1905 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| <i>Ergasilus caeruleus</i> | <i>Fundulus</i> sp. | Wilson, 1932 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| <i>Ergasilus funduli</i> | <i>F. chrysotus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| " " | <i>F. ocellaris</i> | Wilson, 1911 | Louisiana |
| | (<i>F. limbatus</i>) | Reichenbach Klinke, 1958 | |

| PARASITE | HOST | SOURCE | LOCALITY |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <i>Ergasilus funduli</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Wilson, 1932 | Louisiana |
| " " | <i>F. majalis</i> | Pearse, 1947 | North Carolina |
| <i>Ergasilus lizae</i> | <i>F. similis</i> | Yamaguti, 1963 | USA |
| " " | <i>F. heteroclitus grandis</i> | Yamaguti, 1963 | USA |
| <i>Ergasilus</i> sp. | <i>F. notatus</i> | Bangham, 1940 | Florida |
| <i>Lernaeenicus radiatus</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Wilson, 1917 | Woods Hole, Mass. |
| <i>L. affixus</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Wilson, 1917 | Woods Hole, Mass. |

HIRUDINEA

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----|
| <i>Cystobranchus vividus</i> | <i>F. pisculentus</i> | Pratt, 1935 | USA |
| <i>Pisicola funduli</i> | <i>F. pisculentus</i> | Pratt, 1935 | USA |

**PARASITES CAUSING EXPERIMENTALLY INDUCED
INFECTIONS****SPOROZOA**

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Ichthyosporidium hoferi</i> | <i>F. heteroclitus</i> | Sinderman & Scattergood, 1954 |
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DIGENEA

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Heterophyes</i> sp. | <i>F. p. parvipinnis</i> | Martin and Kuntz, 1955 |
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