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Table. Order of abundance of zooplankton ranked from 1-20, 1-21, and 1-19 respectively, from the upper strata (0-5 m) in Pine Creek Lake, Oklahoma, and Gillham and Greeson Lakes, Arkansas, 1979.

Taxon	Pine Creek	Gillham	Greeson
Cladocera			
<i>Bosmina longirostris</i> (O.F. Muller)	9	5	4
<i>Ceriodaphnia</i> spp.	16	8	18
<i>Chydorus sphaericus</i> (O.F. Muller)	20	21	
<i>Daphnia ambigua</i> Scourfield	13	14	13
<i>D. catawba</i> Coker			14
<i>D. galeata mendotae</i> Birge			15
<i>D. laevis</i> Birgel	17	17	
<i>D. parvula</i> Fordyce	8	16	17
<i>Diaphanosoma leuchtenbergianum</i> Fisher	7	10	8
<i>Holopedium amazonicum</i> Stingelin	14	12	16
Copepoda			
Calanoida	+	+	+
Cyclopoida	+	+	+
Nauplii	+	+	+
Rotifera			
<i>Amplanchna priodonta</i> Gosae	10	13	6
<i>Branchionus</i> sp.	15	18	
<i>Collotheca</i> sp.	11	6	1
Conochilidae	1	1	2
<i>Filinia longiana</i> Ehrenbers	18	20	
<i>Gastropus stylifer</i> Ishoi	5	19	12
<i>Hexarthra mira</i> (Hudson)	6	4	9
<i>Kellicottia bostoniensis</i> Rousselet	2	2	11
<i>Keratella</i> spp.	3	3	4
<i>Platyias quadricornis</i> (Ehrenberg)		21	
<i>Ploesoma</i> sp.	20	11	19
<i>Polyarthra eurypetra</i> (Wierzejski)	4	7	3
<i>Trichocerca cylindrica</i> (Inhof)	12	8	7
<i>T. capucina</i> (Wierzejski et Zach.)	18	15	10

¹Not verified

+ - Abundant but not ranked

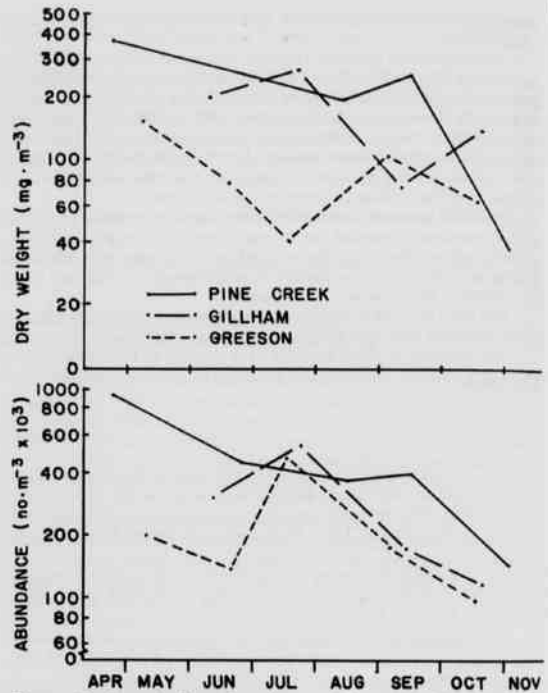


Figure. Total zooplankton abundance and dry weight biomass from the upper stratum (0-5 m) in Pine Creek Lake, Oklahoma, and Gillham and Greeson Lakes, Arkansas, 1979.

Food availability, as a function of particle size, appeared to regulate the zooplankton community structure in Pine Creek and Gillham Lakes. These reservoirs, from the western sections of the Ouachita Mountains, contain higher amounts of total organic carbon due to greater amounts of allocthonous materials, possibly from land use and soil types (J. Nix, Ouachita Baptist University, personal communication). Furthermore, zooplankton species composition was more closely related and population abundance and biomass estimates were higher in Pine Creek and Gillham Lakes than in Lake Greeson. However, fluctuations in zooplankton abundance were similar in Gillham and Greeson lakes, even though changes in the rotifer populations resulted in an inverse relationship of the biomass estimates between the two reservoirs (Figure). Lake Greeson, the least eutrophic of the three lakes, had cladoceran populations that were indicative of communities found at low nutrient concentrations, where according to Porter (Amer. Sci. 65:159-170, 1977), small species or species with high surface to volume ratios may be abundant.

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NEW COUNTY AND STATE RECORDS OF MOSSES FROM ARKANSAS

Bryophytes have been collected in Arkansas by only a few individuals. Although much is known about the distribution of bryophytes in the Ozark region of Arkansas (Wittlake, 1950b; Redfearn, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1979), little information is available for other regions of the state (Lowe, 1919; Scully, 1941; Moore, 1964). Wittlake (1950a) reviewed the early work concerning bryophytes of Arkansas. This paper reports new county and state records of bryophytes from Arkansas.

Most of the new county records are from collections stored at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and were made by E. B. Wittlake between 1948 and 1951. These collections are currently being processed into modern storage facilities.

As a result of specimens processed thus far, 28 new county records are represented in Wittlake's (EBW) collection. Collections made by the second author (JEM) at Hot Springs National Park, Garland County represented five additional county records. Voucher specimens have been deposited at the University of Central Arkansas herbarium. Finally, three county records are from collections made by the senior author (SLT) and have been deposited at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville herbarium.

General Notes

Nomenclature for the taxa reported below follow Crum and Anderson (1981). Collectors' initials are in parentheses following the county or counties the specimens were collected from.

- Amblystegium riparium* (Hedw.) BSG. Garland (JEM).
- Anomodon minor* (Hedw.) Furnr. Arkansas (EBW).
- Aulacomnium heterostichum* (Hedw.) BSG. Poinsett and St. Francis (EBW).
- Bartramia pomiformis* Hedw. Crittenden (EBW).
- Bruchia flexuosa* (Sw. ex Schwaegr.) C. M. Miller (EBW).
- Bryum argenteum* Hedw. Pulaski (EBW).
- Bryum pseudotriquetrum* (Hedw.) Gaertn., Meyer & Scherb. Hempstead (EBW).
- Ceratodon purpureus* (Hedw.) Brid. Stone and Washington (SLT).
- Diphyscium foliosum* (Hedw.) Mohr. Sharp (SLT).
- Ditrichum pallidum* (Hedw.) Hampe. Chicot, Clark, Crittenden, Howard, Marion, and Sevier (EBW).
- Fissidens bushii* (Card. & Ther.) Card & Ther. Garland (JEM).
- Funaria hygrometrica* Hedw. Chicot, Crittenden, Hempstead, Lincoln, Polk, and Sebastian (EBW).
- Funaria flavicans* Mx. Howard and Lincoln (EBW).
- Leptobryum pyriforme* (Hedw.) Wils. Garland (JEM).
- Orthotrichum strangulatum* P.-Beauv. Garland (JEM).
- Pilonotis longiseta* (Mx.) Britt. Pulaski (EBW).
- Physcomitrium pyriforme* (Hedw.) Hampe. Columbia, Howard, Lincoln, Logan, Mississippi, and Polk (EBW).
- Plagiothecium cavifolium* (Brid.) Iwats. Garland (JEM).

Two new state records are also represented. *Sphagnum macrophyllum* Bernh. ex Bird. was collected by Dr. P. L. Redfearn et al. in Hempstead County. In North America this species is found in aquatic habitats in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New York to Florida and west to Texas, including Tennessee. *Venturiella sinensis* (Vent. ex Rabh.) C. M. var. *angustaannulata* Griff. & Sharp was collected in Stone County by the senior author. The location represents the taxon's most eastern distribution in North America. The species has been recorded from only three other locations in North America, Texas (Bartram, 1934) and Oklahoma (Inkenberry, 1960; Redfearn, 1970).

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MOSQUITOFISH PRODUCTION IN MONOCULTURE AND POLYCULTURE PONDS*

Mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*, Baird and Girard) are playing an increasingly important role in mosquito-control programs across the nation, due to increasing costs of insecticides, public pressure over environmental damage by insecticides, and the need for continuous mosquito control near populated areas. Among reports on the use of mosquitofish as predators of ricefield mosquitoes are those of Horsfall, 1942; Fowler, 1964; Craven and Steelman, 1968; and Meisch and Coombes, 1974. Large numbers of mosquitofish will be necessary to achieve adequate control over wide areas (Hoy and Reed, 1970; Hoy et al., 1971, 1972; Davey et al., 1974). The intensive culture of mosquitofish in California has been reported by Challet and Rohe, 1974; Challet et al., 1974; and Reynolds, 1975.