



Phytoplankton diversity in the middle Rio Doce lake system of southeastern Brazil

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ABSTRACT

This study presents results of the inventory of algal flora conducted between August 2007 and May 2008 in 18 lakes of the middle Rio Doce lake system, most of which is in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. We recorded 481 taxa, increasing the known total phytoplankton diversity of the region (gamma diversity) by 80%. The following classes were represented: Zygnematophyceae (171 taxa), Cyanobacteria (101), Chlorophyceae (71), Bacillariophyceae (42), Euglenophyceae (43), Trebouxiophyceae (24), Dinophyceae (8), Xanthophyceae (8), Chrysophyceae (6), Cryptophyceae (6) and Oedogoniophyceae (1). We identified 221 taxa that were rare (restricted to one or two lakes), and 101 that were considered representative (present in at least nine lakes). *Botryococcus braunii*, *Elakatothrix genevensis*, *Planktolyngbya limnetica*, *Peridinium pusillum*, *Trachelomonas volvocina*, *Cosmarium contractum*, *Staurastrum forficulatum*, *Staurastrum leptocladium*, *Staurastrum rotula*, and *Staurodesmus dejectus* were present in all lakes. Richness varied from 95 taxa (in Lake Gambazinho) to 168 taxa (in Lake Palmeirinha). Jaccard indices were low, and the highest similarities between lakes were 53% (Ferrugem/Ferruginha), 47% (Central/Alméciga) and 46% (Águas Claras/Palmeirinha), demonstrating high environmental and biotic dissimilarities between lakes. Geographic distance was not significantly associated with floristic similarity, suggesting that local factors are more important than are regional ones in shaping the phytoplankton composition of lakes.

Key words: algal flora, inventory, tropical lakes

Introduction

Species richness is considered one of the simplest measures to express and quantify biological complexity in a given region (Nabout *et al.* 2007). In aquatic environments, species richness is influenced by several factors, including water temperature, mixing patterns of the water column, light, nutrient availability, and herbivory (Reynolds, 1987). Therefore, knowledge of richness patterns is essential to proposals for monitoring strategies and for biodiversity conservation activities (Downing & Leibold 2002; Declerck *et al.* 2005; Nogueira *et al.* 2008).

Diversity can be assessed on different scales. Local, or alpha, diversity is given by the total number of species in each habitat. Regional, or gamma, diversity is the total number of species observed in a range of habitats (Magurran 2004). The term beta diversity was introduced by Whittaker in the 1960s. At first the term was used in order to describe changes in species composition along gradients of altitude and humidity through differences in rates of gain and loss of species. However, beta diversity is now defined as the

taxonomic difference between samples, whether occurring along an environmental gradient or not (Veech *et al.* 2002).

The middle Rio Doce lake system is a large freshwater system in southeastern Brazil, formed as a result of a mass of sediments (from the original drainages of Rio Doce and its tributaries) that acted as a natural dam, giving rise to a dense network of lakes (Pflug 1969 cited in de Meis & Tundisi 1997). The biological and ecological importance of the system was recently demonstrated by its recognition as an international Ramsar site, making it the 11th site in Brazil to be added to the Ramsar list of wetlands of international importance (Ramsar 2010).

Limnological research in the middle Rio Doce lake system was initiated in the 1970s (Tundisi & Saijo 1997). Since then, various aspects have been investigated (Barbosa & Tundisi 1980; Henry & Barbosa 1989; Rocha *et al.* 1989; Tundisi & Saijo 1997), increasing knowledge of the geological, morphological, physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of the lakes. However, specific studies on phytoplankton were mainly focused on Lake Dom Helvécio and Lake Carioca (Hino *et al.* 1986; Taniguchi *et al.* 2003;

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Barros *et al.* 2006; Souza *et al.* 2008). However, a recent survey evaluated plankton diversity in a larger number of lakes (Maia-Barbosa *et al.* 2006). Therefore, there is still little information on phytoplankton diversity in this lake system, as shown by Barbosa *et al.* (1994). The present study aims to contribute to the knowledge of phytoplankton diversity of this lake complex by presenting the results of an inventory of the algal flora in 18 lakes.

Material and methods

Study area

The Rio Doce basin is located at in southeastern Brazil, between the state of Minas Gerais (86% of the total area) and the state of Espírito Santo (14% of the total area), encompassing 83,400 km² (Marques & Barbosa, 2002). Two lake systems compose this basin: one, at the middle course, comprising ca. 250 lakes, distinct in their trophic status (Maillard *et al.* 2011), and another, at the lower course, comprising ca. 70 lakes (Cavati & Fernandes 2008). Approximately 50 lakes in the middle course are protected within Rio Doce State Park, a conservation unit created in 1939 and representing the largest contiguous remnant of the Atlantic Forest in Minas Gerais (359.76 km²). Lakes located in the surrounding area are affected mainly by hardwood (*Eucalyptus* spp.) plantations and pastureland, among several municipalities.

For the purposes of this study, 18 lakes were selected: eight located inside the Rio Doce State Park limits and ten in the surrounding areas (Fig. 1; Tab. 1). In selecting the lakes, we took into account their greatest physiographic differences and their accessibility, mainly during the rainy (summer) season. The climate of the region is classified as tropical semi-humid with 4–5 months of dry weather, exhibiting mesothermal characteristics (Nimer, 1989) with temperatures of approximately 25°C. According to Tundisi (1997), the monthly precipitation is highest in December (350 mm) and lowest in July and August (10 mm).

Samplings

Field work was conducted quarterly, in August 2007, November 2007, February 2008, and May 2008. Samples were collected from a fixed point in the limnetic region of each lake. Samplings were authorized by the Minas Gerais State Forestry Institute (permit no. 005/07). Water transparency was estimated *in situ* by Secchi disk measurements (Cole 1983). Samples were collected for total phosphorus quantification (Mackereth *et al.* 1978).

Samples for qualitative analysis of phytoplankton were collected by successive vertical and horizontal throws with a 20-µm mesh plankton net, then fixed with 4% formaldehyde solution. For each qualitative sample (four samples/lake), eight slides were analyzed, for a total of 32 slides per lake. Organisms were identified under light microscopy down to

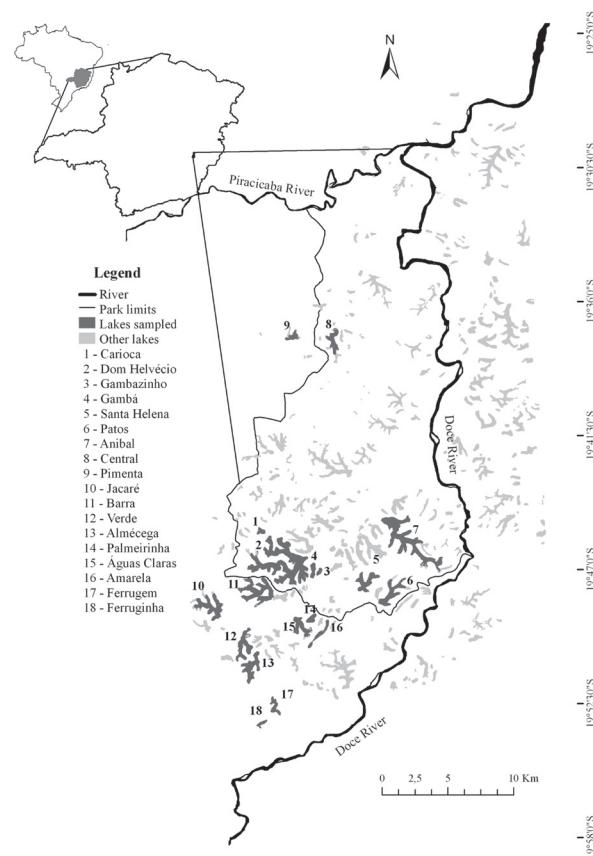


Figure 1. Middle Rio Doce lake system, showing the outline of Rio Doce State Park, sampled lakes (1 to 18), and limnetic fixed points of sampling (+). Digital base (shapefiles) provided by the Minas Gerais State Forestry Institute.

the lowest possible taxonomic level using a specific bibliography: Föster (1969; 1974), Prescott *et al.* (1975; 1977; 1981; 1982), Komárek & Fott (1983), Sant'Anna (1984), Komárek & Anagnostidis (1989; 1999), Menezes *et al.* (1995), and Bicudo & Menezes (2006). Samples for quantitative analyses were collected with van Dorn bottles at three depths (100%, 10%, and 1% of incident light, as defined with Secchi disk measurements) and fixed with Lugol's solution. Quantitative analysis followed the method described by Utermöhl (1958).

Data analysis

For each lake, species richness was assessed on the basis of the number of taxa identified, considering the qualitative and quantitative data. Species richness for the sampled region (gamma diversity) was estimated with the first-order jackknife estimator (Nabout *et al.* 2007), using Stimate S software (Colwell 2006). Beta diversity was estimated by the difference between gamma diversity (total species recorded for the set of lakes) and average alpha diversity (mean species richness per lake), as suggested by Crist *et al.* (2003):

$$\beta = \gamma - \text{mean } \alpha$$

Table 1. Geographic coordinates, depth, margin development index, area, transparency, and total phosphorous concentration of 18 lakes sampled in the middle Rio Doce lake system, between August 2007 and May 2008.

| Location | Lake (abbreviation) | Geographic coordinates | Depth (m) | DL | Area (km ²) | Secchi (m) | Total phosphorous (µg/L) |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| State Park | Aníbal (AN) | 19°06'47.1"S; 42°29'54.5"W | 6.0 | 4.29 | 2.79 | 2.44 ± 0.13 | 30.12 ± 18.74 |
| | Carioca (CA) | 19°45' 26.0"S; 42°37'06.2"W | 10.0 | 1.28 | 0.13 | 1.70 ± 0.32 | 17.31 ± 6.75 |
| | Central (CE) | 19°37'39.0"S; 42°34'12.5"W | 5.0 | 2.03 | 0.44 | 0.81 ± 0.18 | 30.44 ± 10.72 |
| | Dom Helvécio (DH) | 19°46'55.7"S; 42°35'28.9"W | 28.0 | 4.93 | 5.27 | 2.48 ± 0.55 | 20.13 ± 8.86 |
| | Gambá (GA) | 19°47'15.1"S; 42°35'01.0"W | 12.0 | 1.13 | 0.22 | 3.23 ± 0.67 | 13.27 ± 4.46 |
| | Gambazinho (GN) | 19°47'07.7"S; 42°34'45.5"W | 10.0 | 2.9 | 0.09 | 1.78 ± 0.22 | 23.29 ± 8.51 |
| | Patos (PT) | 19°48'19.9"S; 42°32'12.7"W | 8.0 | 2.01 | 1.09 | 2.47 ± 0.82 | 27.33 ± 6.69 |
| | Santa Helena (SH) | 19°47'48.8"S; 42°33'04.7"W | 10.5 | 2.42 | 0.86 | 2.26 ± 0.44 | 26.77 ± 11.81 |
| Surroundings | Águas Claras (AC) | 19°49'06.9"S; 42°35'42.5"W | 9.5 | 2.24 | 0.62 | 3.28 ± 1.35 | 16.16 ± 7.35 |
| | Almécega (AL) | 19°51'25.4"S; 42°37'31.9"W | 7.0 | 2.44 | 1.3 | 2.81 ± 0.55 | 19.21 ± 14.10 |
| | Amarela (AM) | 19°49'23.1"S; 42°34'28.7"W | 2.5 | 1.82 | 0.27 | 0.86 ± 0.11 | 75.46 ± 64.80 |
| | Barra (BA) | 19°48'11.1"S; 42°37'43.6"W | 7.0 | 3.45 | 1.94 | 2.45 ± 0.76 | 47.91 ± 32.13 |
| | Ferrugem (FE) | 19°52'39.0"S; 42°36'34.3"W | 3.5 | 1.61 | 0.42 | 0.93 ± 0.25 | 49.96 ± 21.92 |
| | Ferruginha (FN) | 19°53'17.5"S; 42°36'59.4"W | 4.0 | 1.4 | 0.12 | 1.03 ± 0.05 | 32.99 ± 12.53 |
| | Jacaré (JA) | 19°48'37.8"S; 42°38'57.0"W | 8.5 | 1.28 | 1.22 | 1.95 ± 0.17 | 42.49 ± 18.30 |
| | Palmeirinha (PA) | 19°49'41.8"S; 42°36'25.4"W | 6.0 | 2.83 | 0.23 | 2.26 ± 0.60 | 28.36 ± 17.93 |
| | Pimenta (PI) | 19°37'27.4"S; 42°35'44.3"W | 3.5 | 1.63 | 1.24 | 1.13 ± 0.25 | 37.78 ± 22.38 |
| | Verde (VE) | 19°49'55.2"S; 42°37'54.1"W | 19.0 | 2.29 | 0.83 | 2.19 ± 0.58 | 14.38 ± 4.24 |

DL – development index.

where β is beta diversity, γ is gamma diversity, and α is alpha diversity.

Differences in relation to water transparency and total phosphorus levels were determined using ANOVA. Spearman's correlation coefficient was used in order to test for relationships between the morphometric features (area, depth, and margin development index) and physico-chemical variables. Hierarchical cluster analysis using Jaccard distance and Ward's method (Ward 1963) were performed in order to assess similarity between lakes in terms of the phytoplankton species composition. These statistical analyses were conducted using Past 1.90 software (Hammer *et al.* 2001).

Results and discussion

Morphometric features, such as depth, margin development index, and area, varied among lakes (Table 1). Secchi depth and total phosphorus concentrations also differed among lakes ($F=996.888$; $p=0.000$ and $F=730.533$; $p=0.000$, respectively) and correlated with depth ($p<0.05$; $r=0.630$ for Secchi disk measurements and $r=0.596$ for total phosphorus concentrations). Lakes that were shallower (<5 m: Pimenta, Central, Amarela, Ferrugem, and Ferruginha) showed lower

Secchi disappearance depths (>1.2 m) and higher levels of total phosphorus (>30 µg/L; especially Lakes Amarela and Ferrugem, in which total phosphorus was >50 µg/L), than did the lakes that were deeper (>7 m: Dom Helvécio, Águas Claras, Almécega, Gambá, and Verde), which showed greater water transparency (down to 2.2 m) and lower values of the trophy indicator (below 21 µg/L of phosphorus).

Richness extrapolation indices, such as the jackknife, although not usually used for phytoplankton (Nabout *et al.* 2007; Nogueira *et al.* 2008), can be important tools to assess the representativeness of the sampling effort. In the present study, a total of 481 taxa were recorded (Fig. 2), corresponding to 77% of the expected richness, estimated using first-order jackknife (jackknife 1 = 624). The relationship between the observed and estimated values for richness indicated that our methods were appropriate for a diversity survey. In addition, the known phytoplankton diversity in the middle Rio Doce lake system was high in comparison with the 267 species reported for seven lakes in the system by Maia-Barbosa *et al.* (2006). Gamma diversity increased by 80% with the expansion of the number of studied environments, reinforcing the observed environmental and biotic heterogeneity.

Eleven classes were identified: Zygnematophyceae (171 taxa), Cyanobacteria (101), Chlorophyceae (71), Bacillario-

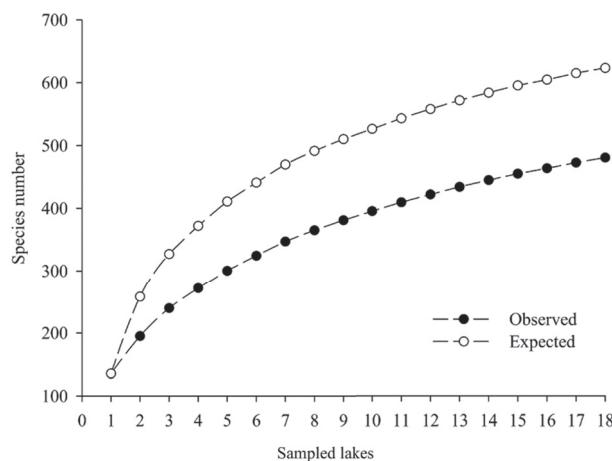


Figure 2. Species accumulation curve of 18 lakes sampled in the middle Rio Doce lake system, between August 2007 and May 2008.

phyceae (42), Euglenophyceae (43), Trebouxiophyceae (24), Dinophyceae (8), Xanthophyceae (8), Chrysophyceae (6), Cryptophyceae (6) and Oedogoniophyceae (1); Appendix 1. The predominance of desmids, especially those of the genera *Cosmarium*, *Staurastrum* and *Staurodesmus*, in the middle Rio Doce lakes was previously reported by Reynolds (1997), who attributed the dominance of this group to oligotrophic conditions and good preservation of the lakes. It has also been suggested that the thermal stratification pattern known as atelomixis (characterized by unusual, irregular circulation periods of short duration) is a key factor for

desmid prevalence (Barbosa & Padisák 2002; Souza *et al.* 2008), because it allows these species, which have relatively high specific density (Padisák *et al.* 2003), to remain within the upper layers of the water column.

Of the 481 taxa identified, 221 were rare, occurring exclusively in one or two lakes, and 101 exhibited high frequency, occurring in at least nine lakes (Tab. 2). In addition, 10 species were common to all lakes: *Botryococcus braunii* Kützing, *Elakatothrix genevensis* (Reverdin) Hindák, *Planktolyngbya limnetica* (Lemmerman) Komárkova-Legnerová and Cronberg, *Peridinium pusillum* (Pénard) Lemmerman, *Trachelomonas volvocina* Ehrenberg, *Cosmarium contractum* Kirchner, *Staurastrum forficulatum* Lundell, *Staurastrum leptocladium* Nordstedt, *Staurastrum rotula* Nordstedt, and *Staurodesmus dejectus* (Brébisson) Teiling.

Phytoplankton richness ranged from 95 taxa (Lake Gambazinho) to 168 taxa (Lake Palmeirinha). In general, the most representative groups for each lake were the same observed for the data set: Zygnematophyceae > Chlorophyceae > Cyanobacteria; exceptions occurred for Lake Amarela, where the number of Euglenophyceae species (25) exceeded that of Cyanobacteria species (15), and for Lake Gambazinho, which had more Bacillariophyceae species (22) than Cyanobacteria species (12) (Fig. 3). The predominance of Euglenophyceae in Lake Amarela, previously reported by Reynolds (1997), is associated with its late successional stage, shallowness, and broad macrophyte coverage of the surface area, mainly with *Nymphaea* sp., *Utricularia* sp., and *Eleocharis* sp.

Table 2. List of the most common species in the 18 lakes sampled in the middle Rio Doce lake system between August 2007 and May 2008

| 50-79% | | 80-100% | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bacillariophyceae | Chrysophyceae | Oedogoniophyceae | Bacillariophyceae | Euglenophyceae |
| <i>Cyclotella</i> sp. | <i>Dinobryon bavaricum</i> | <i>Oedogonium</i> NI | <i>Synedra acus</i> | <i>Trachelomonas volvocina</i> |
| <i>Encyonema</i> sp. 1 | <i>Dinobryon sertularia</i> | Xanthophyceae | Chlorophyceae | Zygnemaphyceae |
| <i>Eunotia lineolata</i> | Cryptophyceae | <i>Isthmochloron lobulatum</i> | <i>Botryococcus braunii</i> | <i>Cosmarium asphaerosporum</i> |
| <i>Gomphonema gracile</i> | <i>Cryptomonas</i> sp2 | <i>Tetrapleton</i> sp1 | <i>Botryococcus terribilis</i> | <i>Cosmarium contractum</i> |
| <i>Stenopterobia curvula</i> | <i>Cryptomonas</i> sp4 | Zygnemaphyceae | <i>Chlorella</i> sp. | <i>Cosmarium moniliforme</i> |
| <i>Urosolenia cf. longiseta</i> | <i>Cryptomonas</i> sp5 | <i>Cosmarium bioculatum</i> | <i>Closteriopsis</i> sp. 1 | <i>Cosmarium pseudoconnatum</i> |
| Chlorophyceae | Cyanobacteria | <i>Cosmarium depressum</i> | <i>Elakatothrix genevensis</i> | <i>Staurastrum forficulatum</i> |
| <i>Ankistrodesmus fusiformis</i> | <i>Anabaena</i> cf. <i>solitaria</i> | <i>Cosmarium monomazum</i> | <i>Eutetramorus plancticornis</i> | <i>Staurastrum ionatum</i> |
| <i>Ankistrodesmus</i> sp.2 | <i>Aphanocapsa delicatissima</i> | <i>Cosmarium quadrum</i> | <i>Monoraphidium contortum</i> | <i>Staurastrum laeve</i> |
| <i>Botryococcus protuberans</i> | <i>Aphanocapsa</i> sp. | <i>Micrasterias truncata</i> | <i>Monoraphidium</i> sp. | <i>Staurastrum leptocladium</i> |
| <i>Coelastrum pulchrum</i> | <i>Coelomorum</i> sp. | <i>Spondylosium panduriforme</i> | <i>Nephrocystium agardhianum</i> | <i>Staurastrum rotula</i> |
| <i>Coelastrum reticulatum</i> | <i>Coelosphaerium</i> sp. | <i>Staurastrum cerastes</i> | <i>Oocysts</i> sp. 4 | <i>Staurastrum smithii</i> |
| <i>Coelastrum sphaericum</i> | <i>Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii</i> | <i>Staurastrum</i> cf. <i>muticum</i> | <i>Tetraedron caudatum</i> | <i>Staurastrum trifidum</i> |
| <i>Crucigenia tetrapedia</i> | <i>Limnothrix redekei</i> | <i>Staurastrum</i> cf. <i>chaetoceras</i> | Cryptophyceae | <i>Staurastrum</i> sp5 |
| <i>Crucigeniella retangularis</i> | <i>Lyngbya</i> sp. | <i>Staurastrum manfeldtii</i> | <i>Cryptomonas brasiliensis</i> | <i>Staurodesmus crassus</i> |

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Table 2. Continuation.

| 50-79% | | 80-100% | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Desmodesmus armatus</i> | <i>Merismopedia tenuissima</i> | <i>Staurastrum setigerum</i> | Cyanobacteria | <i>Staurodesmus dejectus</i> |
| var. <i>bicaudatus</i> | <i>Microcystis aeruginosa</i> | <i>Staurastrum tetracerum</i> | <i>Aphanocapsa elachista</i> | <i>Staurodesmus jaculiferus</i> |
| <i>Dictyosphaerium pulchellum</i> | <i>Oscillatoria sp1</i> | <i>Staurastrum sp6</i> | <i>Chroococcus minutus</i> | <i>Staurodesmus sp3</i> |
| Keratococcus sp. | <i>Planktolyngbya contorta</i> | <i>Staurodesmus convergens</i> | <i>Planktolyngbya limnetica</i> | <i>Teilungia granulata</i> |
| <i>Kirchneriella lunaris</i> | <i>Pseudanabaena limnetica</i> | <i>Staurodesmus cuspidatus</i> | <i>Pseudanabaena galeata</i> | |
| <i>Oocystis lacustris</i> | Dinophyceae | <i>Staurodesmus subulatus</i> | Dinophyceae | |
| <i>Oocystis</i> sp. 3 | <i>Peridinium cf. africanum</i> | | <i>Gymnodinium</i> sp. | |
| <i>Scenedesmus bijugus</i> | Euglenophyceae | | <i>Peridinium pusillum</i> | |
| <i>Scenedesmus quadricauda</i> | <i>Phacus longicauda</i> | | <i>Peridinium baliense</i> | |
| <i>Tetraedron minimum</i> | <i>Phacus raciborskii</i> | | | |

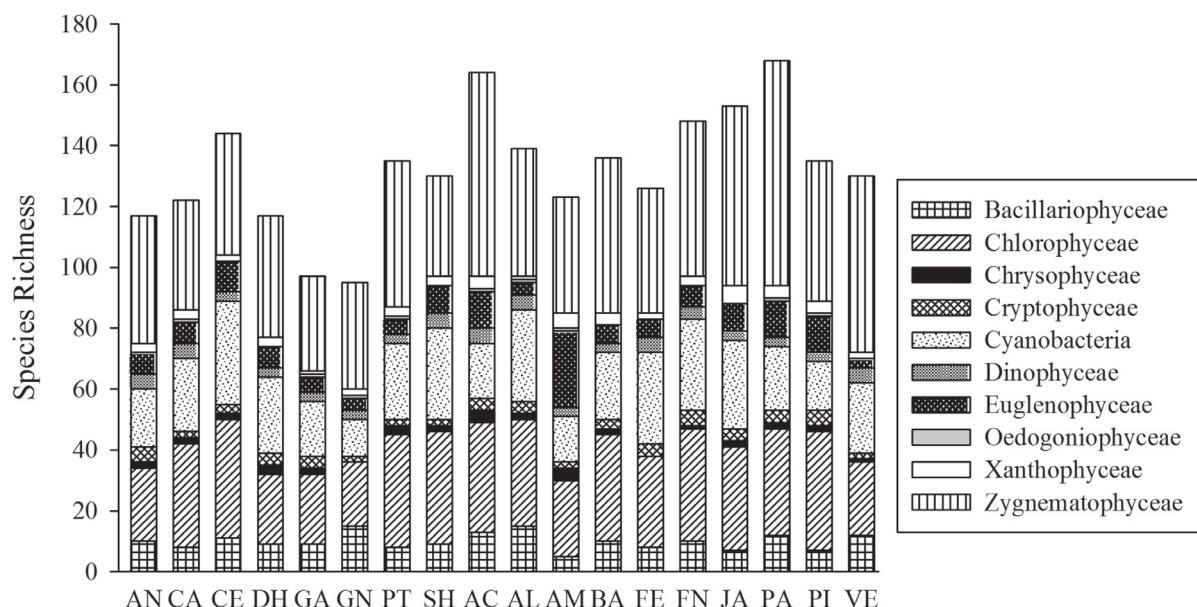


Figure 3. Species richness and contribution of each taxonomic class of 18 lakes sampled in the middle Rio Doce lake system, between August 2007 and May 2008: Águas Claras (AC), Almécega (AL), Amarela (AM), Aníbal (AN), Barra (BA), Carioca (CA), Central (CE), Dom Helvécio (DH), Ferrugem (FE), Ferruginha (FN), Gambá (GA), Gambazinho (GN), Jacaré (JA), Palmeirinha (PA), Patos (PT), Pimenta (PI), Santa Helena (SH), and Verde (VE).

Lake Amarela showed the highest number of exclusive taxa (26), followed by Lakes Gambazinho (15), Jacaré (13), and Palmeirinha (13). The lowest numbers of exclusive species were observed in Lakes Ferrugem (1), Carioca (2), and Ferruginha (2).

The fact that the incidence of exclusive species was highest in Lakes Amarela and Gambazinho indicates the great importance of the shoreline regions, given that, in the case of Lake Gambazinho, the main representative species were diatoms of the order Pennales (6 taxa) and large desmids (5 taxa), the latter also prevailing in Lake Amarela (12 taxa), together with

Euglenophyceae (7 taxa). Those two lakes are quite distinct from the other lakes of the region and from those presented here. In Lake Amarela, high amounts of organic matter reflect its advanced state of eutrophication, as evidenced by the total phosphorous and transparency values. Lake Gambazinho has a polymictic pattern of thermal stratification, in contrast to the more common warm-monomictic pattern of thermal stratification observed in the majority of the middle Rio Doce lakes. Such characteristics seem to have been responsible for the higher numbers of typically periphytic species in the samples collected from these lakes.

We obtained low Jaccard indices. The highest similarities were 53% for Lake Ferrugem versus Lake Ferruginha, followed by 47% for Lake Central versus Lake Almécega, and 46% for Lake Águas Claras versus Lake Palmeirinha. Lake Amarela showed the lowest similarity with the other lakes, ranging from 14% to 25%.

On the basis of phytoplankton species composition, we identified five clusters of lakes (Fig. 4): cluster 1-Lakes Aníbal, Carioca, Pimenta, Dom Helvécio, and Santa Helena; cluster 2-Lakes Central, Almécega, Ferrugem, and Ferruginha; cluster 3-Lakes Águas Claras, Palmeirinha, Patos, Barra, Jacaré, and Verde; cluster 4-Lakes Gambá and Gambazinho, and cluster 5-Lake Amarela. Geographic distance between lakes did not correlate significantly with interlake similarity in phytoplankton composition ($r = 0.03$; $p > 0.05$).

With the exception of a few pairs of lakes that are geographically proximal and were all included in the same cluster-Gambá and Gambazinho (500 m apart); Ferrugem and Ferruginha (1200 m apart); and Águas Claras and Palmeirinha (1500 m apart)-it should be noted that the clusters were composed of lakes that were distant from one another, some located within the Rio Doce State Park and others located in the surrounding areas. In addition, the difference between the gamma diversity and the mean alpha diversity, considered here as an estimate of beta diversity, was high: 347 species. This suggests that the phytoplankton species composition of such lakes is more dependent on local factors than on regional factors.

Considering that diversity and rarity are important criteria for assessing the conservation value of a given region (Coësal 2001), the possibility of protecting the middle Rio Doce lake system as a whole should be considered. That will require specific strategies for the environments surrounding the state park, with the primary objective of maintaining phytoplankton diversity at the regional level.

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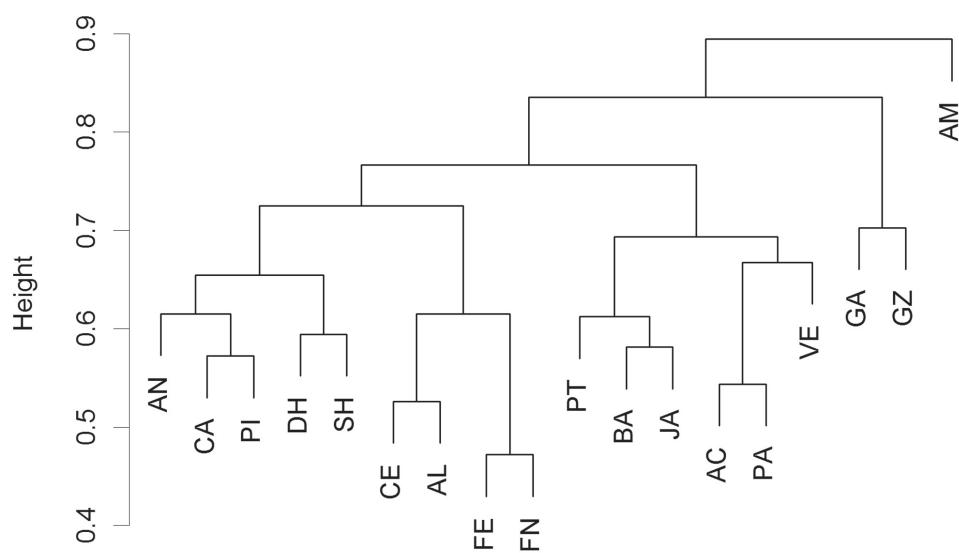


Figure 4. Cluster obtained from data of 18 lakes sampled in the middle Rio Doce lake system, between August 2007 and May 2008, considering presence and absence of species. Cluster 1-Aníbal (AN), Carioca (CA), Pimenta (PI), Dom Helvécio (DH), and Santa Helena (SH); Cluster 2-Central (CE), Almécega (AL), Ferrugem (FE), and Ferruginha (FN); Cluster 3-Águas Claras (AC), Palmeirinha (PA), Patos (PT), Barra (BA), Jacaré (JA), and Verde (VE); Cluster 4-Gambá (GA) and Gambazinho (GN); Cluster 5-Amarela (AM).

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Appendix 1. List of species recorded between August 2007 and May 2008 in the 18 lakes sampled in the middle Rio Doce lake system: **Águas Claras (AC)**, **Almécéga (AL)**, **Amarela (AM)**, **Aníbal (AN)**, **Barra (BA)**, **Carioca (CA)**, **Central (CE)**, Dom Helvécio (DH), Ferrugem (FE), Ferruginha (FN), Gambá (GA), Gambazinho (GN), Jacaré (JA), Palmeirinha (PA), Patos (PT), Pimenta (PI), Santa Helena (SH), and Verde (VE).

| Taxa | Occurrence |
|---|--|
| Bacillariophyceae | |
| <i>Aulacoseira ambigua</i> (Grunow) Simonsen | GN; AL |
| <i>Aulacoseira granulata</i> (Ehrenberg) Simonsen | SH; AC |
| <i>Aulacoseira</i> sp. 1 | CE; PT; AL; FE; FN; VE |
| <i>Aulacoseira</i> sp. 2 | AL; FN |
| <i>Caloneis</i> cf. | GN |
| <i>Cyclotella</i> sp. | All except GA, PT; FE, FN |
| <i>Encyonema</i> sp. 1 | AN; CA; CE; PT; SH; AC; FN; PA; VE |
| <i>Encyonema</i> sp. 2 | DH; SH; FE; JA |
| <i>Encyonema</i> sp. 3 | GN |
| <i>Encyonema</i> sp. 4 | JA |
| <i>Eunotia lineolata</i> Hustedt | All except CA, GA, GN, PT |
| <i>Eunotia zygodon</i> Ehrenberg | GA; PT |
| <i>Eunotia</i> sp. 1 | AN; CA; GA; SH; AC; AL; PA |
| <i>Eunotia</i> sp. 2 | DH; AC |
| <i>Eunotia</i> sp. 3 | GN; AL; PA |
| <i>Eunotia</i> sp. 4 | PT; AC; VE |
| <i>Eunotia</i> sp. 5 | GN |
| <i>Frustulia crassinervia</i> (Brébisson) Costa | GN; PA; VE |
| <i>Frustulia krammeri</i> Lange-Bertalot e Metzeltin | CE; GA; GN |
| <i>Frustulia</i> sp. 1 | FN |
| <i>Gomphonema gracile</i> Ehrenberg | All except CA; GA; GN |
| <i>Gomphonema subtile</i> Ehrenberg | PI |
| <i>Hantzschia amphioxys</i> (Ehrenberg) Grunow | GA |
| <i>Melosira varians</i> Agardh | AL; VE |
| <i>Navicula</i> sp. | CE; DH; PT; AL; BA; FN; PA; VE |
| <i>Neidium</i> sp. | GA; GN; BA |
| <i>Nitzschia</i> sp. | AN |
| <i>Pinnularia viridis</i> (Nitzsch) Ehrenberg | AN; CA; CE; AC; BA |
| <i>Pinnularia</i> sp. 1 | AL |
| <i>Pinnularia</i> sp. 2 | GN |
| <i>Pinnularia</i> sp. 3 | GN |
| <i>Pinnularia</i> sp. 4 | AC |
| <i>Pinnularia</i> sp. 5 | PA |
| <i>Stauroneis phoenicenteron</i> (Nitzsch) Ehrenberg | GN; AM |
| <i>Stenopterobia curvula</i> (Wm. Smith) Krammer | All except CE; SH; AL; AM; JA |
| <i>Surirella linearis</i> W. Smith | CA; GN; AL; VE |
| <i>Synedra acus</i> Kützing | All except GN; VE |
| <i>Urosolenia</i> cf. <i>eriensis</i> (H.L.Smith) Round & R.M. Crawford | GA; BA |
| <i>Urosolenia</i> cf. <i>longisetosa</i> (Zacharias) Edlung & Stoermer | AN; CA; CE; DH; GA; SH; AC; AL; FE; FN; PA; PI; VE |
| Pennales NI 1 | GN; |
| Pennales NI 2 | CE; AL; FE; VE |
| Pennales NI 3 | BA; JA |

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| Taxa | Occurrence |
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| Chlorophyceae | |
| <i>Ankistrodesmus densus</i> Korsikov | CE; SH; VE |
| <i>Ankistrodesmus falcatus</i> (Corda) Ralfs | FN |
| <i>Ankistrodesmus fusiformis</i> Corda | CA; CE; DH; GA; PT; SH; AC; AL; BA; FE; JA; PI |
| <i>Ankistrodesmus gracilis</i> (Reinsch) Korsikov | AC |
| <i>Ankistrodesmus spiralis</i> (Turner) Lemmermann | PT; FN; PA; VE |
| <i>Ankistrodesmus</i> sp. 1 | SH |
| <i>Ankistrodesmus</i> sp. 2 | CA; DH; GA; PT; AC; AM; BA; FE; PA; VE |
| <i>Ankyra judayi</i> (G.M. Smithi) Fott | CE; PT; SH; AL; AM; PI; VE |
| Chlamydomonadaceae NI2 | AC; PA |
| <i>Coelastrum cambricum</i> Archer | CE; GA; AL; FE; FN; PA; PI |
| <i>Coelastrum microporum</i> Nägeli | CE; PT; AL; JA |
| <i>Coelastrum pseudomicroporum</i> Korsikov | JA |
| <i>Coelastrum pulchrum</i> Schmidle | CE; DH; GN; SH; AC; JA; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Coelastrum reticulatum</i> (P.A.Dangeard) Senn | AN; CA; CE; GN; PT; AL; FE; FN; PI; VE |
| <i>Coelastrum sphaericum</i> Nägeli | AN; CA; CE; AC; AL; FE; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Desmodesmus armatus</i> var. <i>bicaudatus</i> (Guglielmetti) Hegewald | CA; CE; SH; AC; BA; FN; JA; PA; PI |
| <i>Desmodesmus denticulatus</i> (Lagerheim) S.S.An, T.Friedl & E.Hegewald | AN; AC; PA; PI |
| <i>Dimorphococcus</i> cf. <i>lunatus</i> A. Braun | AC; AM |
| <i>Elakatothrix</i> cf. <i>biplex</i> (Nyg.) Hindák | GN |
| <i>Elakatothrix genevensis</i> (Reverdin) Hindák | All lakes |
| <i>Eudorina elegans</i> Ehrenberg | DH; PT; BA; PA |
| <i>Eutetramorus plancticus</i> (Korsikov) Bourrely | All except AN; DH; AM |
| <i>Glaucozystis</i> cf. <i>nostochinearum</i> Itzigsohn | SH |
| <i>Gloeomonas</i> sp. | AN; CE; SH; VE |
| <i>Golenkinia radiata</i> Chodat | CA; AC; BA; JA; PA |
| <i>Gregiochloris</i> cf. | PI |
| <i>Kirchneriella lunaris</i> (Kirchner) K. Möbius | All except AN; PT; SH; JA |
| <i>Kirchneriella</i> cf. <i>obesa</i> (W.West) Schmidle | CA; CE; AL; FN |
| <i>Kirchneriella roselata</i> Hindák | PT; SH |
| <i>Korschikoviella</i> sp. | AM |
| <i>Monoraphidium contortum</i> (Thuret) Komárková-Legnerová | All except GA; AL; AM |
| <i>Monoraphidium</i> sp. | All except PI; VE |
| <i>Nephrocytium agardhianum</i> Nägeli | All except SH; PI; VE |
| <i>Nephrocytium</i> cf. <i>lunatum</i> W. West | AM |
| <i>Pectodictyon</i> aff. | DH |
| <i>Pediastrum duplex</i> Meyen | CA; AC; PI |
| <i>Pediastrum</i> sp. 1 | AM |
| <i>Planktonema</i> cf. | PT; SH |
| <i>Quadrigula closterioides</i> (Bohlin) Printz | CE; DH; PT; AL; FN; PA |
| <i>Radiococcus</i> cf. | PT; SH; VE |
| <i>Scenedesmus acuminatus</i> (Lagerheim) Chodat | CA; CE; SH; AC; BA; FE; FN; PI |
| <i>Scenedesmus acuminatus</i> f. <i>maximus</i> Uherkovich | JA; PI |
| <i>Scenedesmus arcuatus</i> Lemmermann | AN; CE; AC; BA; PI |

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| Taxa | Occurrence |
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| <i>Scenedesmus bijugus</i> (Turpin) Kutzing | All except DH; GA; FE; PI |
| <i>Scenedesmus bijugus</i> var. <i>disciformis</i> (Chodat) Leite | PT; AC; BA; FN; JA; PA; PI |
| <i>Scenedesmus acunae</i> Comas | GN; AC; PA |
| <i>Scenedesmus quadricauda</i> (Turpin) Brébisson | CA; GN; SH; AC; AL; FE; FN; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Scenedesmus regularis</i> Swir | PI |
| <i>Scenedesmus spinosus</i> Chodat | CE; AL |
| <i>Selenastrum</i> sp. 1 | GA; FN |
| <i>Sphaerocystis</i> sp. 1 | CE; GA; PT; BA; FE |
| <i>Sphaerocystis</i> sp. 2 | AL |
| <i>Stauridium privum</i> (Printz) Hegewu | PT; AL; BA; FN; PA; PI |
| <i>Stauridium tetras</i> (Ehrenberg) Ralfs | FN; PI |
| <i>Tetraedron caudatum</i> (Corda) Hansgirg | All except AM |
| <i>Tetraedron incus</i> (Teiling) G.M. Smithi | GA; PT; BA |
| <i>Tetraedron minimum</i> (A. Braun) | AN; CA; CE; DH; GA; PT; AL; BA; FE; FN; JA; PA |
| <i>Tetrallantos lagerheimii</i> Teiling | DH; SH; AC; FE; FN; JA; PI |
| <i>Tetranephrys brasiliense</i> Leite & C. Bicudo | CA; SH |
| <i>Tetranephrys</i> cf. | CA; DH |
| <i>Ulothrix</i> sp. 1 | PI |
| <i>Ulothrix</i> sp. 2 | AM |
| <i>Ulothrix</i> sp. 3 | AM |
| Volvocales NI | SH; PI |
| Chaetophorales NI | GN |
| Chlorococcales NI1 | GA; FN |
| Chlorococcales NI2 | GN |
| Chlorococcales NI3 | JA |
| Chlorococcales NI4 | SH |
| Chlorococcales NI5 | SH |
| Chrysophyceae | |
| <i>Dinobryon bavaricum</i> Imhof | CA; CE; DH; GA; PT; AC; AL; AM; JA; PA; PI |
| <i>Dinobryon sertularia</i> Ehrenberg | All except GN; PT; FE; JA |
| <i>Dinobryon</i> sp. | AC |
| <i>Mallomonas</i> cf. | PT; SH; AC; AM; BA; JA |
| <i>Pteromonas</i> cf. | DH; PT; AM |
| <i>Synura</i> cf. | AN |
| Cryptophyceae | |
| <i>Cryptomonas brasiliensis</i> Castro, C. Bicudo & D. Bicudo | All except PT; AM; VE |
| <i>Cryptomonas marssonii</i> Skuja | AN; GA; PT; AC; AL; AM; BA; FN; JA; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Cryptomonas</i> sp. 1 | AN; DH; AC; AL; PI |
| <i>Cryptomonas</i> sp. 2 | CE; GA; AC; AM; FE; FN; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Cryptomonas</i> sp. 3 | All except SH; AC; AM; VE |
| <i>Rhodomonas</i> sp. | AN; DH; SH; FE; FN; PI |
| Cyanobacteria | |
| <i>Anabaena plantonica</i> Brunnthaler | PT; AL; PA |
| <i>Anabaena</i> cf. <i>soltaria</i> Klebahn | AN; DH; GA; PT; SH; AM; FE; JA; PA; PI |

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| Taxa | Occurrence |
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| <i>Anabaena</i> sp. 1 | AM |
| <i>Anabaena</i> sp. 2 | DH; SH; AC; FE; JA; PI; VE |
| <i>Anabaena</i> sp. 3 | CA; AL; BA; JA |
| <i>Aphanizomenon</i> sp. | AN |
| <i>Aphanocapsa delicatissima</i> W. West & G. S. West | CA; CE; GA; GN; PT; SH; AL; BA; FE; FN; JA; VE |
| <i>Aphanocapsa elachista</i> W. West & G. S. West | All except AM |
| <i>Aphanocapsa holsatica</i> (Lemmermann) Cronberg & Komárek | GA; GN; PT; JA |
| Cyanobacteria | |
| <i>Aphanocapsa planctonica</i> (G.G. Smith) Komárek et Anagnostidis | CE; AL |
| <i>Aphanocapsa</i> sp. | AN; CA; CE; SH; AL; BA; FE; FN; PI; VE |
| <i>Aphanothecce cf. stagnina</i> (Sprengel) A. Braun | AN; DH; SH; AL; FE; VE |
| <i>Aphanothecce</i> sp. 1 | CE; GA; GN; FN |
| <i>Aphanothecce</i> sp. 2 | FE |
| <i>Aphanothecce</i> sp. 3 | CA; DH; SH |
| <i>Aphanothecce</i> sp. 4 | JA; PA |
| <i>Asterocapsa</i> sp. | CA; SH; JA |
| <i>Calothrix</i> sp. | CA; DH; PT; AC; AL; AM; PA |
| <i>Chroococcus minutus</i> (Kütz) Nügeli | All except GN; PI |
| <i>Chroococcus</i> sp. 1 | PT; AM; JA |
| <i>Coelomorium</i> sp. | CE; DH; SH; AC; AL; FE; FN; JA; VE |
| <i>Coelosphaerium</i> sp. 1 | CA; CE; DH; GN; SH; AL; BA; FE; FN; JA |
| <i>Coelosphaerium</i> sp. 2 | SH |
| <i>Cyanodictyon cf. iac</i> Cronberg & Komárek | AL; FN; VE |
| <i>Cyanodictyon imperfectum</i> Cronberg & Weibull | CE; AL; FE; FN |
| <i>Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii</i> (Woloszynska) Seenayya & Subba Raju | DH; PT; SH; AL; BA; FE; FN; PI; VE |
| <i>Epigloeoospaera</i> sp. 1 | CE; DH; PT; SH; AL; FE; FN; PA |
| <i>Epigloeoospaera</i> sp. 2 | CE; FE; FN |
| <i>Eucapsis</i> sp. | CE |
| <i>Geitlerinema cf. amphibium</i> (Agardh ex Gomont) Anagnostidis | AN; DH; SH |
| <i>Geitlerinema splendidum</i> (Greville ex Gomont) Anagnostidis | AN; PT; AM |
| <i>Geitlerinema unigranulatum</i> (Singh) Komárek & Azevedo | CE; AC; JA |
| <i>Johannesbaptistia</i> sp. | AM |
| <i>Leptolyngbya</i> sp. | AC; AM |
| <i>Limnothrix redekei</i> (Van Goor) Meffert | All except AL; AM; JA; PA |
| <i>Lyngbya</i> sp. | AN; CA; CE; DH; PT; AC; AM; BA; JA; VE |
| <i>Merismopedia glauca</i> (Ehrenberg) Kützing | AN; CA; PT; BA; FE; FN |
| <i>Merismopedia tenuissima</i> Lemmermann | All except AN; GN; AM; VE |
| <i>Microcrocis</i> cf. | JA |
| <i>Microcystis aeruginosa</i> (Kützing) Kützing | CA; CE; PT; SH; AL; BA; FE; FN; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Microcystis novacekii</i> (Komárek) Compère | SH; FE; JA |
| <i>Microcystis protocystis</i> Crow | CA; CE; SH; AL; BA; FE; JA; VE |
| <i>Microcystis wesenbergii</i> Komárek | AN; SH; AL; FN; JA |
| <i>Nostoc</i> sp. 1 | VE |
| <i>Nostoc</i> sp. 2 | SH |

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| Taxa | Occurrence |
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| <i>Nostoc</i> sp. 3 | BA |
| <i>Oscillatoria</i> sp. 1 | CA; DH; GA; PT; SH; AC; AM; BA; FN; JA; PA; PI |
| <i>Oscillatoria</i> sp. 2 | AN; CE; AM; FE; FN; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Planktolyngbya contorta</i> (Lemmermann) Anagnostidis & Komárek | CA; CE; DH; GA; GN; SH; AL; BA; FE; FN; PI; VE |
| <i>Planktolyngbya microspira</i> Komárek et Cronberg | GN; BA |
| <i>Planktolyngbya</i> sp. | VE |
| <i>Planktolyngbya limnetica</i> (Lemmermann) J.Komárková-Legnerová & G.Cronberg | All lakes |
| <i>Planktothrix</i> sp. | CA; DH; AC; AM |
| <i>Porphyrosiohon</i> cf. | DH |
| <i>Pseudanabaena catenata</i> Lauterborn | AN; SH; BA; VE |
| <i>Pseudanabaena galeata</i> Böcher | All except AN; AM; PA |
| <i>Pseudanabaena limnetica</i> (Lemmermann) Komárek | AN; CA; CE; GA; AL; BA; FE; FN; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Pseudanabaena mucicola</i> (Nauman & Hubber-Pestalozzi) Bourrelly | DH; GN; FE |
| <i>Pseudanabaena</i> sp. 1 | AN; PT; PI |
| <i>Pseudanabaena</i> sp. 2 | SH; AC; JA; PA |
| <i>Rabdoderma</i> cf. | FN |
| <i>Radiocystis</i> cf. | CE; GA |
| <i>Radiocystis fernandoi</i> Komárek & Komárkova-Legnerová | SH; AL; FE; FN |
| <i>Raphidiopsis</i> cf. | CE |
| <i>Snowella</i> cf. | JA |
| <i>Sphaerocavum brasiliense</i> Azevedo & Sant'Anna | DH |
| <i>Spirulina</i> sp. 1 | PT; PI |
| <i>Spirulina</i> sp. 2 | PT; AM |
| <i>Synechococcus</i> cf. | DH; AC; JA; PA |
| <i>Synechocystis</i> cf. | AL; BA; FE |
| Chroococcales NI 1 | CE; AL |
| Chroococcales NI 2 | CE; AL |
| Chroococcales NI 3 | PT; FN |
| Chroococcales NI 4 | CE; FE |
| Chroococcales NI 5 | CE |
| Chroococcales NI 6 | FN |
| Chroococcales NI 7 | GA |
| Chroococcales NI 8 | SH |
| Chroococcales NI 9 | PI |
| Chroococcales NI 10 | CA |
| Chroococcales NI 11 | CA; AM |
| Chroococcales NI 12 | GA |
| Chroococcales NI 13 | GA |
| Chroococcales NI 14 | CE; DH; AL; FN |
| Chroococcales NI 15 | AL; FE; FN |
| Chroococcales NI 16 | CE; AL |
| Nostocales NI 1 | CA; GN; AC; JA; VE |
| Nostocales NI 2 | VE |

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| Nostocales NI 3 | PA |
| Nostocales NI 4 | PA |
| Nostocales NI 5 | PI |
| Nostocales NI 6 | PA |
| Oscillatoriales NI 1 | CE; GA |
| Oscillatoriales NI 2 | AN; CE; FN; PA |
| Oscillatoriales NI 3 | AN |
| Pseudanabaenaceae NI 1 | AC |
| Pseudanabaenaceae NI 2 | CE; PA |
| Pseudanabaenaceae NI 3 | PT |
| Pseudanabaenaceae NI 4 | PA |
| Stigonematales NI 1 | PT |
| Stigonematales NI 2 | JA |
| Dinophyceae | |
| <i>Gymnodinium</i> sp. | All except AM; BA |
| <i>Peridinium baliense</i> Lindemann | All except PT; AM |
| <i>Peridinium cf. africanum</i> Lemmermann | AN; CA; PT; SH; AC; AL; AM; FE; FN; VE |
| <i>Peridinium cf. volzii</i> Lemmermann | AL; AM; BA; FE |
| <i>Peridinium pusillum</i> (Pénard) Lemmermann | All lakes |
| <i>Peridinium</i> sp. 1 | VE |
| <i>Peridinium</i> sp. 2 | AN; CA; AC |
| <i>Peridinium</i> sp. 3 | SH |
| Euglenophyceae | |
| <i>Euglena acus</i> Ehrenberg | CE; AC; AM; PA; PI |
| <i>Euglena ehrenbergii</i> Klebs | PT; AC; AL; AM |
| <i>Euglena oxyuris</i> Schmarda | AN; CA; CE; AC; AM; PA |
| <i>Lepocinclis fusiformis</i> (H.J.Carter) Lemmermann | AM; PI |
| <i>Lepocinclis cf. ovum</i> (Ehrenberg) Lemmermann | SH |
| <i>Lepocinclis</i> sp. 1 | CA; CE; DH; AM; PA; VE |
| <i>Lepocinclis</i> sp. 2 | GN |
| <i>Lepocinclis</i> sp. 3 | AM |
| <i>Lepocinclis</i> sp. 4 | JA |
| <i>Monomorpha cf. pyrum</i> (Ehrenberg) Mereschkowsky | DH; SH; AC; PA |
| <i>Phacus hamatus</i> Pochmann | AN; PT; AM; BA; FN; JA; PI |
| <i>Phacus longicauda</i> (Ehrenberg) Dujardin | AN; JA; GN; SH; AC; AM; BA; FN; JA; PI |
| <i>Phacus onyx</i> Pochmann | CA; CE; AM |
| <i>Phacus raciborskii</i> Drezenolski | CA; CE; JA; GA; PT; AM; JA; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Phacus suecicus</i> Lemmermann | AL; AM; BA |
| <i>Phacus</i> sp. 1 | AM |
| <i>Phacus</i> sp. 2 | JA; SH; AC; AM |
| <i>Phacus</i> sp. 3 | GN; FN |
| <i>Rhabdomonas</i> sp. | GA |
| <i>Strombomonas cf. encifera</i> | PI |
| <i>Strombomonas cf. gibberosa</i> | AM |

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| <i>Trachelomonas mirabilis</i> var. <i>spinosa</i> Svirenko | AM; PA; PI |
| <i>Trachelomonas armata</i> (Ehrenberg) Stein | AN; CA; PT; AC; AM; FN; JA; PI |
| <i>Trachelomonas cf. magdaleniana</i> Deflandre | AM |
| <i>Trachelomonas cf. oblonga</i> Lemmermann | SH |
| <i>Trachelomonas cf. spinosa</i> Stokes | JA |
| <i>Trachelomonas hispida</i> var. <i>coronata</i> Lemmermann | CE; AC |
| <i>Trachelomonas hispida</i> var. <i>duplex</i> Deflandre | SH; AM; BA; JA; PA; JA |
| <i>Trachelomonas cf. zingeri</i> Roll | CE; JA; PA |
| <i>Trachelomonas lacustris</i> Drezepolski | AM; JA; FN; JA; PA; JA |
| <i>Trachelomonas megalacantha</i> Da Cunha | AM |
| <i>Trachelomonas volvocina</i> Ehrenberg | All lakes |
| <i>Trachelomonas</i> sp. 1 | SH; AL |
| <i>Trachelomonas</i> sp. 2 | CA; CE; AC; AM; JA; FN |
| <i>Trachelomonas</i> sp. 3 | AN; SH |
| <i>Trachelomonas</i> sp. 4 | AC; JA; PA |
| <i>Trachelomonas</i> sp. 5 | AM |
| <i>Trachelomonas</i> sp. 6 | AM |
| <i>Trachelomonas</i> sp. 7 | DH |
| Euglenales NI 1 | AN; AC; AM; BA; JA; PA; JA |
| Euglenales NI 2 | GA |
| Euglenales NI 3 | GA |
| Euglenales NI 4 | CE |
| Oedogoniophyceae | |
| <i>Oedogonium</i> sp. | CA; GA; GN; PT; AC; AL; AM; PA; JA |
| Trebouxiophyceae | |
| <i>Actinastrum aciculare</i> Playfair | AN; CA; GA; FE; FN; JA; PA; PI |
| <i>Actinastrum hantzschii</i> Lagerheim | GA |
| <i>Botryococcus braunii</i> Kützing | All lakes |
| <i>Botryococcus protuberans</i> W.West & G.S.West | All except DH; GA; SH; FE |
| <i>Botryococcus terribilis</i> J. Komárek & P. Marvan | All except GN; BA; VE |
| <i>Chlorella</i> sp. | All except PA |
| <i>Closteriopsis</i> sp. 1 | All except VE |
| <i>Closteriopsis</i> sp. 2 | CA; GN; SH; AC; JA; PI; VE |
| <i>Crucigenia cf. fenestrata</i> (Schmidle) Shimidle | AL; BA; JA; VE |
| <i>Crucigenia cf. quadrata</i> Morren | CE |
| <i>Crucigenia tetrapedia</i> (Kirchner) W.West & G.S.West | All except DH; GA; GN; FE |
| <i>Crucigeniella crucifera</i> (Wolle) Komárek | PI |
| <i>Crucigeniella retangularis</i> (Nägeli) Komárek | AN; CA; CE; PT; AL; AM; BA; FE; JA; PA; PI |
| <i>Dictyosphaerium erenbergianum</i> Nägeli | GN; AL; FE; JA |
| <i>Dictyosphaerium pulchellum</i> Wood | All except DH; GA; GN; BA; VE |
| <i>Keratococcus</i> sp. | AN; CA; CE; PT; SH; AL; BA; FN; PI |
| <i>Oocystis cf. nephrocytoides</i> Fott & Cado | PT; SH |

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| <i>Oocystis cf. solitaria</i> Wittrock | AN; GA; PT; FE |
| <i>Oocystis lacustris</i> Chodat | All except AN; CA; GA; GN |
| <i>Oocystis</i> sp. 1 | CE; GA; AL; BA; PA; |
| <i>Oocystis</i> sp. 2 | All except GA; GN; PI; VE |
| <i>Oocystis</i> sp. 3 | All except AN; GN; PA |
| <i>Oocystis</i> sp. 4 | AM; BA |
| <i>Oocystis</i> sp. 5 | DH |
| Xanthophyceae | |
| <i>Centritractus</i> sp. | CA; PT; SH; BA; JA; JA |
| <i>Isthmochloron lobulatum</i> (Nägeli) Skuja | AN; DH; GN; PT; AL; AM; BA; JA; JA; VE |
| <i>Isthmochlorum gracile</i> (Reinsch) Skuja | CA; CE; SH; PA; JA |
| <i>Pseudostaurastrum</i> sp. | AC; AM; JA |
| <i>Tetraplektron cf. bourrelyi</i> Ettl | AN; DH; GA; AC; AM; BA; PI |
| <i>Tetraplektron torsum</i> (Skuja) Dedus. | AC; AM; FN; JA; PA |
| <i>Tetraplektron</i> sp. 1 | CA; CE; DH; GN; PT; SH; AC; FN; JA; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Tetraplektron</i> sp. 2 | AN; AM; BA; FE; FN; JA; PA |
| Zygnematophyceae | |
| <i>Actinotaenium</i> sp. | AM; JA |
| <i>Bambusina Brébissonii</i> Kützing | AC; AM |
| <i>Bourrellyodesmus jolyanus</i> C. Bicudo & Azevedo | PT; SH; AC; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Closterium cf. setaceum</i> Ehrenberg | PT; AC; AM; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Closterium closterioides</i> (Ralfs) Louis & Peeters | GN; AC |
| <i>Closterium dianae</i> Ehrenberg | CE |
| <i>Closterium gracile</i> Brébisson ex Ralfs | CA; AC; AM; BA; FN; PA; PI |
| <i>Closterium kuetzingii</i> Brébisson | AN; CE; DH |
| <i>Closterium moniliferum</i> (Bory) Ehrenberg ex Ralfs | GN |
| <i>Closterium cf. turgidum</i> Ehrenberg | AC |
| <i>Closterium</i> sp. 1 | CE; AL |
| <i>Closterium</i> sp. 2 | GN; AM |
| <i>Closterium</i> sp. 3 | GN; AM |
| <i>Closterium</i> sp. 4 | PA |
| <i>Cosmarium asphaerosporum</i> Wittrock | All except AM |
| <i>Cosmarium bioculatum</i> Brébisson in Ralfs | AN; CA; GA; SH; AC; BA; FE; FN; JA; PA; PI |
| <i>Cosmarium conspersum</i> Ralfs | CE; PT; FE; PI |
| <i>Cosmarium contractum</i> Kirchner | All lakes |
| <i>Cosmarium depressum</i> (Nageli) Lundell | |
| <i>Cosmarium lagoense</i> Nordstedt | AL; BA |
| <i>Cosmarium moniliforme</i> West & West | All except AM; PI |
| <i>Cosmarium monomazum</i> P.Lundell | AN; CE; DH; PT; AC; BA; FN; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Cosmarium ornatum</i> Ralfs | JA; PA |
| <i>Cosmarium portianum</i> Archer | GN; AC; JA; PA |
| <i>Cosmarium pseudoconnatum</i> Nordstedt | All except GA; AM |
| <i>Cosmarium cf. pseudopyramidatum</i> Lundell | GN |

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| <i>Cosmarium pyramidatum</i> Brébisson in Ralfs | DH; GA; AC; BA; FE; FN; PA; VE |
| <i>Cosmarium quadrum</i> P.Lundell | CE; DH; GA; GN; AC; AL; BA; FN; JA; VE |
| <i>Cosmarium trilobulatum</i> Reinsch | PA |
| <i>Cosmarium cf. zonatum</i> P.Lundell | AC |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 1 | CE; AL; AM |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 2 | AN; AL; PA |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 3 | BA; FN; PA |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 4 | BA |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 5 | AC; FE; FN; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 6 | BA; VE |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 7 | VE |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 8 | CA; GN; PA |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 9 | AM |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 10 | AM |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 11 | AC; AM; PA |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 12 | AM |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 13 | AM |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 14 | AM |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 15 | PA |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 16 | PA |
| <i>Cosmarium</i> sp. 17 | JA |
| <i>Desmidium aptogonum</i> Brébisson | SH; BA |
| <i>Desmidium grevillei</i> (Kützing ex Ralfs) De Bary | CA |
| <i>Desmidium swartzii</i> Agardh | SH |
| <i>Euastrum cf. abruprum</i> Nordstedt | GN; PT; FN |
| <i>Euastrum didelta</i> (Turpin) Ralfs | GN |
| <i>Euastrum elegans</i> (Brébisson) Kützing | AM |
| <i>Euastrum pulchellum</i> Brébisson | PT; BA |
| <i>Gonatozygon Brébissonii</i> De Bary | AM; BA; PI |
| <i>Gonatozygon cf. pilosum</i> Wolle | GA; PT |
| <i>Gonatozygon monotaenium</i> De Bary in West & G.S.West | GN; BA |
| <i>Haplotaenium minutum</i> (Ralfs) Delponte | DH; AC; PI; VE |
| <i>Hyaloteca</i> sp. | PT; AC; AL; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Micrasterias abrupta</i> West & G.S.West | AC; PA |
| <i>Micrasterias arcuata</i> Bailey | AC |
| <i>Micrasterias borgei</i> H. Krieger | GN |
| <i>Micrasterias crux-melitensis</i> (Ehrenberg) Ralfs | FN; VE |
| <i>Micrasterias oscitans</i> var. <i>mucronata</i> (R.V.Dixon) J.N.F.Wille | AC; PA |
| <i>Micrasterias pinnatifida</i> (Kützing) Ralfs | AC; AL; JA; PA |
| <i>Micrasterias tropica</i> Nordstedt | AM |
| <i>Micrasterias truncata</i> (Corda) Bréb. ex Ralfs | AN; DH; AC; AL; AM; JA; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Mougeotia</i> sp. 1 | AN; GN; PT; AC; AM |
| <i>Mougeotia</i> sp. 2 | AM |

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| <i>Netrium</i> sp. | PA |
| <i>Octacanthium mucronulatum</i> (Nordstedt) P.Compère | CA; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Octacanthium</i> sp. | JA |
| <i>Onychonema laeve</i> Nordstedt | PT |
| <i>Pleurotaenium</i> cf. <i>baculoides</i> (Skuja) Krieger | AC |
| <i>Pleurotaenium</i> sp. | AM; PA; VE |
| <i>Sirogonium</i> cf. | AM |
| <i>Sphaerozosma</i> sp. | CE; DH; SH; FE; FN; JA; PA; PI |
| <i>Spirogyra</i> sp. 1 | AN |
| <i>Spirogyra</i> sp. 2 | VE |
| <i>Spirogyra</i> sp. 3 | AM |
| <i>Spondylosium panduriforme</i> (Heimerl) Teiling | AN; CE; DH; PT; SH; AL; AM; BA; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Spondylosium planum</i> (Wolle) West & G.S.West | JA |
| <i>Staurastrum avicula</i> Brébisson | All except PT; SH; BA |
| <i>Staurastrum brasiliense</i> Nordstedt | PT |
| <i>Staurastrum cerastes</i> Lundell | AN; DH; PT; AL; BA; FN; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum chaetoceras</i> (Schröder) G.M.Smith | AN; CA; CE; DH; GA; GN; PT; SH; FN; PA; PI |
| <i>Staurastrum curvimarginatum</i> Scott et Grönblad | PA |
| <i>Staurastrum depressiceps</i> Scott et Grönblad | CE; BA; FE; JA; PA |
| <i>Staurastrum forficulatum</i> Lundell | All lakes |
| <i>Staurastrum gemelliparum</i> Nordstedt | CA; FN |
| <i>Staurastrum grallatorium</i> Nordstedt | GA; PT; AC; AL; BA; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum ionatum</i> Wolle | All except AM; FE |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> cf. <i>hagmannii</i> Grönblad | PT; BA; PA |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> cf. <i>hirsutum</i> Borge | DH; SH |
| <i>Staurastrum laeve</i> Ralfs | All except GN; AM |
| <i>Staurastrum leptacanthum</i> Nordstedt | CA; PT; AC; BA; FE; JA; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum leptocladium</i> Nordstedt | All lakes |
| <i>Staurastrum manfeldtii</i> Delponte | PT; SH; AC; AL; FN; JA; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum minnesotense</i> Wolle | AN; PT; FE; FN; JA |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> cf. <i>muticum</i> (Brébisson) Ralfs | AN; CE; GA; GN; PT; AC; FE; FN; PA; PI |
| <i>Staurastrum nudibrachiatum</i> Borge | PT; AL; BA; JA; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum orbiculare</i> (Ehrenberg) Ralfs | CA; AM; PI |
| <i>Staurastrum quadrangulare</i> Brébisson | AC; BA; PI |
| <i>Staurastrum rotula</i> Nordstedt | All lakes |
| <i>Staurastrum sebaldii</i> Reinsch | SH; PI |
| <i>Staurastrum setigerum</i> Gleve | All except CA; CE; AM; PA; PI |
| <i>Staurastrum sexangulare</i> Bulnheim (Rabenhorst) | PT |
| <i>Staurastrum smithii</i> (G.M. Smith) Teiling | All except GN; AM; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum taylorii</i> Grönblad | CA; DH; AC; AM; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum teliferum</i> Ralfs | AN; CE; DH; AC |
| <i>Staurastrum teliferum</i> Ralfs var. 2 | PT; SH; AC; FE; FN; PA; VE |

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| <i>Staurastrum tentaculiferum</i> Borge | AC; PA; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum tetracerum</i> (Kützing) Ralfs ex Ralfs | AN; CA; DH; SH; AC; BA; FE; FN; JA; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum trifidum</i> Nordstedt | All except SH; AM |
| <i>Staurastrum wolleanum</i> Butler cited in Wolle | AN; PT; AL; PA; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 1 | All except DH; AM |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 2 | AN; CE; DH; GA; AC; AL; FE; JA; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 3 | CE; AC; AL; AM; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 4 | GN; AL; FE; FN; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 5 | CE; PT; BA; JA; PA |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 6 | FN |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 7 | CA; PT; JA; PA; PI |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 8 | DH; SH; BA; PA; PI |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 9 | BA |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 10 | DH; SH; AC; BA; JA; PA; PI; VE |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 11 | GA; PT; SH; AC; AM; BA; JA; PA |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 12 | SH; JA |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 13 | PI |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 14 | VE |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 15 | AM |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 16 | AN; CE; FE; FN; JA |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 17 | PA |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 18 | AC |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 19 | AC |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 20 | AC; JA |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 21 | AC |
| <i>Staurastrum</i> sp. 22 | GA; FE; FN |
| <i>Staurodesmus convergens</i> (Ehrenberg Ex Rafs) Teiling | All except GN; PT; AM; JA; VE |
| <i>Staurodesmus convergens</i> (Ehrenberg Ex Rafs) Teiling var. 2 | AC; BA; FN; JA; PI |
| <i>Staurodesmus crassus</i> (West & West) Florin | All except GN; AM |
| <i>Staurodesmus cuspidatus</i> (Brébisson) Teiling | All except GA; AC; AL; AM; VE |
| <i>Staurodesmus dejectus</i> (Brébisson) Teiling | All lakes |
| <i>Staurodesmus cf. extensus</i> (Anderson) Teiling | AC; PA |
| <i>Staurodesmus incus</i> (Brébisson) Teiling | CA; CE; FE; PI |
| <i>Staurodesmus jaculiferus</i> (W. West) Teiling | All except SH; AM |
| <i>Staurodesmus lobatus</i> (Borgesen) Bourrely | AC; AM; BA; FN; JA; PI; VE |
| <i>Staurodesmus o'mearii</i> (Archer) Teiling | CA; CE; DH; GA; FN; VE |
| <i>Staurodesmus pachyrhynchus</i> (Nordst.) Teiling | AL; BA; FN |
| <i>Staurodesmus phimus</i> (Turner) Thomasson | CE; PI; VE |
| <i>Staurodesmus subulatus</i> (Kützing) Croasdale | AN; CA; DH; GN; AL; AM; BA; FE; FN; JA; PA; PI |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 1 | DH; AC; AL; FE; FN; JA; PA; VE |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 2 | GA; AC; FN; PA; VE |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 3 | AN; CE; PT; AL |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 4 | FE; PA |

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| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 5 | AN; AL |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 6 | JA |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 7 | AN; VE |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 8 | FN; JA; PA |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 9 | PT; PI |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 10 | CA; VE |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 11 | VE |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 12 | AM |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 13 | AM; PI |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 14 | JA |
| <i>Staurodesmus</i> sp. 15 | AC |
| <i>Teilingia granulata</i> (J.Roy & Bisset) Bourrelly | All except AM |
| <i>Teilingia</i> sp. 1 | GA |
| <i>Teilingia</i> sp. 2 | GN; AL; VE |
| <i>Triploceras gracile</i> Bailey | JA; PA |
| <i>Xanthidium regulare</i> Nordstedt | PA |
| <i>Zygnema</i> aff. | GN |