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PARASITES OF FISH OF ALGONQUIN PARK LAKES

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ABSTRACT

The present report contains results of a study of distribution of fish parasites of Algonquin Park lakes. A large proportion of the fish examined for parasites were obtained from lakes where fish had not been examined in the previous report by Bangham (1941). The 676 fish reported here belong to 22 species and 510 or 75.8 per cent carried at least one species of parasite. Of the 374 fish belonging to the family Cyprinidae only 217 or 58 per cent were infected. Parasites are listed under the name of each species of fish according to their frequency of occurrence. A check-list of the 75 species found during the survey is included.

In 1939 a preliminary survey was conducted on the parasitism of fish from lakes in the vicinity of the Ontario Fisheries Research Laboratory located on Opeongo lake. During the latter part of August, 1940, it was again possible to visit the laboratory and 183 fish were examined. These fish were obtained from Opeongo, Costello, Galeairy, Sproule, Amikeus, Sunday, and Eucalia lakes, all of which are in the Madawaska river drainage. A few specimens were examined from Smoke lake which flows into the Muskoka river. Many of these fish were obtained by workers in the physiology laboratory and were studied for parasites after the experiments in physiology were completed.

In July and August of 1942, 493 fish were examined for parasites, chiefly from lakes in the Petawawa river drainage. Most of the lakes visited were a considerable distance from the laboratory. Travel was by canoe and the amount of equipment carried was small due to several portages in the areas visited. Most of the dissections for internal parasites were made without the aid of a dissecting microscope. After the viscera were opened any large parasites were picked out and all the viscera from a fish were shaken vigorously in a container with an approximately 0.7 per cent solution of sodium bicarbonate. Then the viscera were removed, the solution poured

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off, obvious debris discarded, and the sediment containing any parasites present was preserved in 2.5 per cent formalin.

Some collections of gill flukes were submitted to Dr. J. D. Mizelle and a report on these Gyrodactyloidea has been published (Mizelle and Donahue, 1944). They report eighteen species nine of which are described as new.

The copepods were studied by Dr. W. M. Tidd and one new species was found.

In this paper the data for both 1940 and 1942 are included. The 676 fish belong to 22 species and 510 or 75.8 per cent carried at least one species of parasite. In the 1939 survey (Bangham, 1941), 84.3 per cent were parasitized. The chief reason for this difference is the large number of minnows examined in 1942. Of the 374 fish belonging in the family Cyprinidae, only 217 or 58 per cent were infected whereas 96.3 per cent of the remaining fish were parasitized.

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DISTRIBUTION OF PARASITES IN SPECIES OF FISH

The species of fish are arranged according to the check-list of Jordan, Evermann, and Clark (1930). A list of the parasites of each fish arranged according to their frequency of occurrence is given under each name. The number following the name of the parasite indicates the number of times the parasite was found. The presence of an asterisk before the name of a parasite indicates a larval form and two asterisks indicate that the parasite is an immature adult too juvenile for positive identification.

1. Lake trout. Cristivomer namaycush (Walbaum)

(Examined 22: infected 22)		
Proteocephalus parallacticus	 	21
Eubothrium salvelini	 	20
Crepidostomum farionis	 	2
*Apophallus sp	 	1
Leptorhynchoides thecatas	 	1

These trout were from Chickaree, Merchants, White Trout, Blue, Longer, Happyisle, Lavielle, and Redrock lakes. All except the single specimen from Redrock contained numerous specimens of *P. parallacticus* which was described by MacLulich (1943 a) from lake and speckled trout of this area. All the lake trout except two of the three examined from Chickaree carried *E. salvelini*. Integumental cysts, *Apophallus* sp., were found in small numbers on one trout from Happyisle lake. One of three hosts from Chickaree and one of the two lake trout from Blue carried the intestinal fluke *C. farionis*. Thorny-headed worms were restricted to a single host from White Trout lake.

2. Speckled trout. Salvelinus fontinalis (Mitchill)

(Examined 5; infected	J)									
Eubothrium salvelini											
Proteocephalus parallacticus											
Leptorhynchoides thecatus											
Crepidostomum farionis		•				-					
Hepaticola bakeri											
Apophallus sp											
Contracaecum brachyurum.			•								

Four speckled trout were secured from a small lake off the upper bay of Happyisle lake. These fish measured 41 to 52.5 cm. in length and all had light infections of E. salvelini. One fish harboured an adult L. thecatus. All the other parasites listed were from a single host from Redrock lake.

The parasites of lake and speckled trout were similar. Mac-Lulich (1943 b) examined 177 lake trout and 18 speckled trout and his list of parasites includes several species found by us. He did not report *H. bakeri* and *C. brachyurum*. A comparison of the lists above with those of Lyster (1940) for the same species of fish in Quebec reveals a number of differences.

3. Lake whitefish. Coregonus clupeaformis (Mitchill)

(Examined 17: infected 16)

Proteocephalus laruei	
Spinitectus gracilis	
Enhautistomum cooperi	
Leptorhand alvelini	
Crebidostante atus	
raosiomum farionis 1	

Rhabdochona sp													1
Ergasilus caeruleus.													1
Bothriocephalus sp			 										1

Six of these fish were from Opeongo, six from Longer, and five from White Trout. *P. laruei* was carried by all infected white fish. All other parasites listed were encountered in the Opeongo hosts except for the copepods and cysts of *Bothriocephalus* sp.

4. Menominee whitefish. Prosopium quadrilaterale (Richardson)

(Examined 8: infected 8)

Crepidostomum farionis	8
Ergasilus caeruleus	1
Spinitectus gracilis	1
All these fish were from Opeongo lake.	

5. American eel. Anguilla rostrata (LeSueur)

(Examined 1: infected 1)	
Bothriocephalus claviceps	1
Azygia longa	1
Contracaecum brachyurum	1
Haplonema aditum	1
Proteocephalus macrocephalus	1

This host, 103 cm. in length, was taken from a trap net in Opeongo lake.

6. Common sucker. *Catastomus commersonii* (Lacépède) (Examined 53: infected 52)

Glaridacris laruei	2
Actinobdella triannulata 2	0
Pomphorynchus bulbocolli 1	9
Triganodistomum attenuatum 1	1
Octospinifer macilentus 1	1
Octomacrum lanceatum	3
*Eustrongylides sp	3
*Posthodiplostomum minimum	3
Rhabdochona sp	3
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These fish were taken from Happyisle, White Trout, Longer Sunday, Eucalia, and Opeongo lakes, and no special distribution of parasites was present. As many as 100 *P. bulbocolli* were found with their long, spiny proboscides deeply embedded in the intestine. These acanthocephala and the leeches which attach to the inside surface of the operculum, cause considerable damage to their hosts. The leeches, first reported from fish by Bangham (1941 a), cause damage which merits special study.

The caryophyllaeids are determined as *Glaridacris laruei* (Lamont, 1921). This species has been described in detail by Hunter (1930). Lyster (1940) described *Glaridacris intermedius* from common suckers taken from lake Commandant, Quebec. He compared his new species with *G. confusus* Hunter, 1929, and *G. laruei* and wrote: "The significance of these similarities and differences is obscure at this time, and may indicate synonymities. The present form is apparently closely related to *G. confusus* and *G. laruei*, but cannot be referred to either. It must, therefore, be assigned to a new species which has been designated *G. intermedius* sp. nov."

It was impossible to recognize G. intermedius and it is possible that Lyster's suggestion that G. laruei and G. confusus are identical is correct. Bangham (1941 a) referred specimens from the common sucker to G. confusus.

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Octomacrum sp												9	
Rhabdochona cascadilla												2	
*Crepidostomum sp.							_					1	

Three of ten dace examined from Chickaree carried cysts of Neascus. The other parasites listed above were obtained from twenty-five dace examined in 1940 from Costello lake. The gill flukes Octomacrum sp. appear to belong to an undescribed species and have been submitted to Dr. E. W. Price for study.

10. Fallfish. Leucosomas corporalis (Mitchill)

(Examined 67: infected 47)

Rhabdochona cascadilla						 	 32
Allocreadium lobatum							 24
Posthodiplostomum minimum							 10
Ergasilus caeruleus							 4
*Neascus							2
Clinostomum marginatum						. ,	 2
*Ligula intestinalis							 2

One fallfish was obtained from Smoke lake in 1940. Of the remainder six were from White Pine creek, and sixty were from below the dam where water flows from White Trout into Longer lake.

11. Northern Creek Chub. Semotilus atromaculatus atromaculatus (Mitchill)

(Examined 64: infected 51)

Rhabdochona cascadilla	19
*Posthodiplostomum minimum	18
*Neascus	13
*Clinostomum marginatum	9
Allocreadium lobatum	8
Neoechinorhynchus sp.	5
*Proteocephalus ambloplitis	3
Octomacrum sp	2
Triganodistomum attenuatum	1
*Proteocephalus sp	1
The creek chub were from twelve lakes : Blue	2, Redrock ¹¹

Longer 7, Happyisle 8, Chickaree 9, Eucalia 2, Costello 4, Opeong

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1, White Trout 8, and Merchants 3, and from White Pine creek 8 and Mud creek 1.

2. Fine-scaled dace. Pfrille neogaea (Cope). (Examined 11: infected 7)	
*Neascus	6
*Agamonema	1
All these fish were obtained from Amikeus lake in	1940.

13. Northern common shiner. Notropis cornutus frontalis (Agassiz) (Examined 20: infected 15)

Rhabdochona cascadilla				 			9
Bunodera sacculata							7
Allocreadium lobatum			ĺ.				7
*Posthodiplostomum minimum					•		6
*Clinostomum marginatum						·	3
*Bothriocephalus sp							2
*Ligula intestinalis					•		2
Ergasilus caeruleus		•		 -	•	•	1
Neascus					•	•	1
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The fish were taken as follows: one from Sunday, four from Eucalia, two from Smoke, eleven from White Trout, and two from White Pine creek. *B. sacculata* was found only in these fish from White Trout lake. *R. cascadilla* and *A. lobatum* were from White Trout and White Pine lakes.

#. Brassy minnow. Hybognathus hankinso (Examined 4: infected 1)	mi Hubbs.
*Neascus	
All these minnows were taken in 1940	from Amikeus lake.
5. Blunt-nosed minnow. Hyborhynchus no (Examined 16: infected 12)	otatus (Rafinesque)
*Tetracotyle sp	
Rhabdochona cascadilla	
Ligula intestinalis.	·····
ush were from Smoke, Happyisle, a	and White Trout lakes.

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16. Fat-head minnow. Pimephales promelas Rafinesque.

(Examined 60: infected 46)

*Posthodiplostomum	minimum	45
**Rhabdochona sp		4
*Clinostomum margi	natum	1

All of forty-three fat-head minnows from Chickaree lake were infected with P. minimum. This is interesting because only three of ten northern dace and only one of sixty red-bellied dace from the same lake had this parasite. All the minnows were caught during an afternoon in a trap set at one location.

17. Brown bullhead. Ameiurus nebulosus LeSueur

(Examined 11: infected 11)

Corallobothrium fimbriatum	8
Allocreadium ictaluri	2
Alloglossidium geminus	2
Pomphorhynchus bulbocolli	2
Proteocephalus ambloplitis	1
Ergasilus sp	1
Vietosoma parvum	1

The bullheads were from Opeongo, Happyisle, and Merchants lakes. The C. fimbriatum are very small and appear different from those taken from places farther south, but a comparison of specimens from Tennessee, Ohio, and Canada does not reveal characters sufficiently different for the erection of a new species.

With the exception of C. fimbriatum all the parasites listed were obtained from seven bullheads in Opeongo lake.

18. Ling or burbot. Lota maculosa (LeSueur)

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Abothrium crassum		15
Contracaecum brachyurum		6
Leptorhynchoides thecatus		5
Ergasilus caeruleus		5
Haplonema hammulatum	-	5
Hepaticola bakeri		5
*Proteocephalus sp.		2
Ergasilus osburni		1
Ligustius oscirite.		

Ten fish were taken from Opeongo in 1940 and single specimens from Sproule, White Trout, Longer, Blue, and Chickaree lakes in from Sprgasilus osburni is a new species and a description of it by Tidd and Bangham will appear in the forthcoming issue of the Transactions of the American Microscopical Society.

19. Stickleback. Eucalia inconstans (Kirtland) (Examined 7: infected 0)

The sticklebacks were obtained in 1940 from a small lake. called Eucalia by the investigators at the laboratory, located by the park highway near the Opeongo lake road.

20. Yellow perch. Perca flavescens (Mitchill)

(Examined 84: infected 81)

*Neascus	47
Proteocephalus pearsei	28
Bunodera sacculata	20
Crepidostomum cooperi	19
*Proteocephalus ambloplitis	16
Spinitectus gracilis.	8
**Bothriocephalus sp.	4
*Posthodiplostomum minimum	4
Dichelyne cotylophora	2
*Clinostomum marginatum	2
Illinobdella sp.	0
*Ligula intestinalis	0
*Leptorhynchoides theratus	4
*Agamonema	2
*Azygia angusticanda	1
The	1

The perch were from White Pine creek (2) and the following lakes: Blue 6, Galeairy 3, Happyisle 10, Longer 4, Merchants 7, Opeongo 25, Redrock 3, Shiner 3, Sunday 1, and White Trout 20. Those from Longer and Blue lakes and from White Pine creek carried only cysts of Neascus and P. pearsei.

21. Small mouth black bass, Micropterus dolomieu Lacépède (Examined 46: Infected 46)

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Proteocephalus fluviatilis	16
*Uvulifer ambloplitis	14
Spinitectus carolini	12
*Clinostomum marginatum	11
Crepidostomum cornutum	7
Proteocephalus ambloplitis	6
Leptorhynchoides thecatus	6
Azygia angusticauda	3
Rhabdochona cascadilla	2
Rhipidocotyle papillosum	2
Neoechinorhynchus cylindratus	1
*Posthodiplostomum minimum	1
The heart Calacian 14 Heartain 97	-10

The bass were from Galeairy 14, Happyisle 27, and Opeongo i The amazing infections of Opeongo bass with larval *P. ambia*

plitis have been pointed out (Bangham, 1941 a). The biology of this parasite in this area deserves special study. The bass from Galeairy and Happyisle were not nearly as heavily infected as the bass from Opeongo. *P. fluviatilis*, reported by Bangham (1941 a) for the first time from bass living in lakes, was found in all three lakes.

22. Common sunfish. Lepomis gibbosus (Linnaeus)

(Examined 35: infected 35)

*Posthodiplostomum minimum	13
*Clinostomum marginatum	11
*Leptorhynchoides thecatus	9
*Uvulifer ambloplitis	9
Crepidostomum cornutum	8
*Hymenolepis sp	7
Crepidostomum cooperi	5
*Proteocephalus ambloplitis	4
** Proteocephalus pearsei	4
Spinitectus gracilis	4
Bothriocephalus claviceps	4
**Azygia angusticauda	3
Rhabdochona sp.	3
*Agamonema	3
Spinitectus carolini	2
Leptorhynchoides thecatus	1

The sunfish were from seven lakes as follows: Galeairy 2, Happyisle 1, Longer 5, Merchants 5, Opeongo 8, Shiner 2, and White Trout 12.

The common sunfish from Longer carried only strigeid cysts. Two fish from Opeongo, three from White Trout, and one from Shiner lake bore cysts which contained a cestode larva with invaginated rostellar hooks. A similar form was recorded and figured by Van Cleave and Mueller (1934). They found a single larva in the digestive tract of *Micropterus salmoides*.

A related or identical species was found by Bangham (1941 b) encysted in the long-nosed killifish, banded topminnow, golden topminnow, flagfish, and mosquito-fish of southern Florida.

CHECK-LIST OF PARASITES

The parasites are arranged in their systematic order. The list includes the monogenetic tremadodes which were identified by Mizelle and Donahue (1944). These authors described nine new species and made many comments on the distribution of gyrodactylids.

TREMATODA

Cleidodiscus banghami (Mueller, 1936) Cleidodiscus pricei Mueller, 1936 Cleidodiscus sp. Actinocleidus oculatus (Mueller, 1934) Actinocleidus incus Mizelle and Donahue, 1944 Actinocleidus recurvatus Mizelle and Donahue, 1944 Actinocleidus gibbosus Mizelle and Donahue, 1944 Actinocleidus scapularis Mizelle and Donahue, 1944 Actinocleidus sigmoideus Mizelle and Donahue, 1944 Urocleidus adspectus Mueller, 1936 Urocleidus dispar (Mueller, 1936) Urocleidus ferox (Mueller, 1934) Urocleidus procax Mizelle and Donahue, 1944 Dactylogyrus banghami Mizelle and Donahue, 1944 Dactylogyrus bulbus Mueller, 1938 Dactylogyrus bullosus Mizelle and Donahue, 1944 Dactylogyrus cornutus Mueller, 1938 Dactylogyrus perlus Mueller, 1938

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Dactylogyrus pollex Mizelle and Donahue, 1944 Octomacrum lanceatum Mueller, 1934 Octomacrum sp. Rhipidocotyle papillosum (Woodhead, 1929) Vietosoma parvum Van Cleave and Mueller, 1932 Allocreadium ictaluri Pearse, 1924 Allocreadium lobatum Wallin, 1909 Crepidostomum cornutum (Osborn, 1903) Crepidostomum cooperi Hopkins, 1931 Crepidostomum farionis (O. F. Müller, 1784) Crepidostomum sp. Bunodera sacculata Van Cleave and Mueller, 1932 Triganodistomum attenuatum Mueller and Van Cleave, 1932 Alloglossidium geminus (Mueller, 1930) A pophallus sp. Clinostomum marginatum (Rudolphi, 1819) Tetracotyle sp. Posthodiplostomum minimum (MacCallum, 1921) Neascus Hughes, 1927 Uvulifer ambloplitis (Hughes, 1927) Azygia longa (Leidy, 1851) Azveia angusticauda (Stafford, 1904)

Cestoda

Glaridacris laruei (Lamont, 1921) Ligula intestinalis (Linnaeus, 1758) Bothriocephalus claviceps (Goeze, 1782) Bothriocephalus sp. Abothrium crassum (Bloch, 1779) Eubothrium salvelini (Schrank, 1781) Proteocephalus embloplitis (Leidy, 1887) Proteocephalus fluviatilis Bangham, 1925 Proteocephalus laruei Faust, 1919 Proteocephalus macrocephalus (Creplin, 1825) Proteocephalus parallacticus MacLulich, 1943 Proteocephalus sp. Corallobothrium fimbriatum Essex, 1927 Hymenolepsis sp.

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Nematoda

Agamonema Diesing, 1851 Hepaticola bakeri Mueller and Van Cleave, 1932 Contracaecum brachyurum (Ward and Magath, 1917) Eustrongylides sp. Spinitectus carolini Holl, 1928 Spinitectus gracilis Ward and Magath, 1917 Rhabdochona cascadilla Wigdor, 1918 Rhabdochona sp. Dichelyne cotylophora (Ward and Magath, 1917) Haplonema aditum Mueller, 1934 Haplonema hamulatum Moulton, 1931

Acanthocephala

Neoechinorhynchus cylindratus (Van Cleave, 1913) Neoechinorhynchus sp. Octospinifer macilentus Van Cleave, 1919 Leptorhynchoides thecatus (Linton, 1891) Pomphorhynchus bulbocolli Linkins, in Van Cleave 1919

Copepoda

Ergasilus caeruleus Wilson, 1919 Ergasilus osburni Tidd and Bangham (manuscript)

Hirudinea

Actinobdella triannulata Moore, 1905 Illinobdella sp. 45

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