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Plankton nowych stawów przesadkowych gospodarstwa Gołysz

The plankton of new transfer-ponds at the Gołysz Farm

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Abstract — The present work is a continuation of earlier investigations on the plankton of the first and second transfer-ponds in the first year after their construction. It discusses the development of plankton with the application of another type of fertilization. The observed changes in the phyto- and zooplankton indicate a structure more consistent with that occurring in water bodies utilized for a longer time. The analyses of the fertilization did not reveal any influence on the numbers of plankton. Among other factors, some role was probably played by its composition, chiefly among the algae.

The investigations included four first transfer-ponds (Nos 1—4) and four second ones (Nos 5—8) at the Experimental Farm of the Polish Academy of Sciences at Gołysz (district Cieszyn). The composition and the quantitative relations of plankton and its development in the annual cycles from the first three years after the construction of the first transfer-ponds (1958—1960) and from the first two years for the second ones (1959—1960) were published earlier (K r z e c z k o w s k a - W o ł os z y n 1966). In this work the description of the territory and ponds, data on their fertilization and exploitation and on higher plants occurring in them were given, and also the available literature concerning the problem was discussed.

The present investigations were based on the material collected in 1961, from 10th June to 2nd July from the first transfer-ponds and from 7th July to 6th August from the second ones. The different type of fertilization introduced in that year is presented in Table I. Tabela I. Typ zastosowanych nawozów Table I. Type of the applied fertilizers

Stawy Ponds		Nr No	Nawożenie Fertilization		
Przesadki Transfer- -ponds	I	1	Supertomasyna - Thomas phosphate Saletra amonowa - Ammonium nitrate (w 3 dawkach - in 3 doses)	0.45 0.40	- 1
		2	nie nawożony - unfertilized		
		3	Supertomasyna - Thomas phosphate Saletra amonowa - Ammonium nitrate (w 3 dawkach - in 3 doses)	0.45 0.30	- 1
Przesadki		4	nie nawożony - unfertilized		
Transfer- -ponds	II	5 6 7	Superfosfat - superphosphate 1q Saletra amonowa - Ammonium nitrate (jednorazowo - in one dose)	1q	
		8	nie nawożony - unfertilized		

Characteristics of phytoplankton

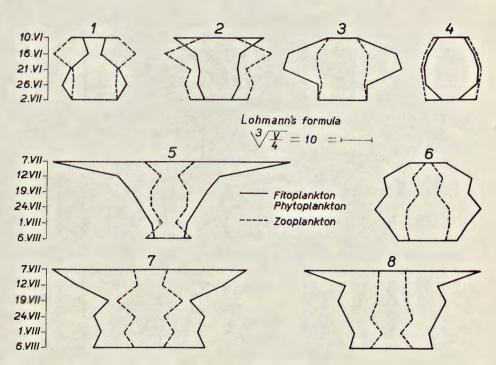
In the first transfer-ponds the smallest amount of phytoplankton was found in ponds 1 and 4, more than twice as much in pond 2, and the greatest amount (more than seven times as much as in the first two ponds) in pond 4 (fig. 1).

In ponds 1 and 3 Euglenophyta and Chlorophyta were most numerous, in pond 1 the former and in pond 3 the latter group of algae prevailing (fig. 2). In pond 1 the dominating genus Trachelomonas (chiefly Tr. volvocina) formed over 50 per cent of specimens of algae, while among various Chlorophyta the most common was Eudorina elegans. In pond 3 species of the genera Ankistrodesmus and Scenedesmus were more numerous than the above-mentioned ones (about 60 per cent). In ponds 2 and 4 Chrysophyta and Chlorophyta dominated, the chrysophytes being especially numerous in pond 2 (fig. 3). Immediately after the filling of pond 2 Dinobryon divergens occurred in masses, being almost the only component of phytoplankton at this time. In the period of filling it constituted about 80 per cent of all algae. After some days Eudorina elegans already prevailed, and later on some species of Trachelomonas and diatoms (Table II). In pond 4 the chrysophytes Dinobryon divergens and Synura uvella, or the diatoms, chiefly Synedra acus, dominated. Among Chlorophyta species of the genus Ankistrodesmus and Eudorina elegans were most often recorded.

In the second transfer-ponds the most abundant development and similar numbers of algae were observed in ponds 5 and 7; in pond 8 their number was almost 40 per cent, and in pond 6 about 5 times lower. In ponds 5, 7, and 8 *Chrysophyceae* prevailed, similar numbers of Tabela II. Skiad jakosolowy fitoplanktonu w przesadkach pierwszych (zr 1,2,3,4) 1 drugich (nr 5,6,7,8) Table II. Qualitative composition of phytoplankton in the first (Nos 1,2,3,4) and second (Nos 5,6,7,8) transfer-ponde

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Taxon	prod-	Teron	5
Coelosphacrium Nägelianum Unger		Crucigenia minima Brunnth.	123 67
Gloscoapsa limnetica (Lemm.) Hollerbach	34 67	- reotangularis (A. Braun) Gay	
Gleocapsa sp.	2	- tetrapedia (Kirchn.) West et West	123 67
Gomphosphaoria sp.	œ	Dictyosphaerium pulchellum Wood	5678
Тунgbya sp.	9		ι
Merismopedia sp.	1 5 1	Elakatothrix lacustris Korsohik.	2 4 2 A
Oscillatoria sp.	2	Occystis gigas Archer	
Euglena sp. div.	1234 78	Pediastrum Boryanum (Turp.) Menegh.	2 2 4 2 0 1 8
Phacus longicauda (Ehr.) Duj.	9		0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
- pleuronectes (Mäll.) Duj.	- - -	- tetras (Ehr.) Raifs	100000
		Scenedesmus scuminatus (Lag.) Chod.	1 2 3 4 6 7
Phacus sp.		- arouatus Lemm.	
Trachelomonas arnata Stein		- ecornis (Maire) Vnog.	a L y z y z y z y z y z y z y z y z y z y
- hispida (Ferty) Stein en Meti.			
- volvocina Ehr.	- 0 C + C	Sobroodoris Sp. div. Smith	
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		Selenstrum Bibrelenum Reinsch.	3 5 7
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	12345678	Tetraëdron caudatum C. Hansz.	
- sertularia Shr.	5	- trigonum (Nüg.) Hansg.	1 3 5
Mallomonas 6n.	9		2 5 7
Svnura uvella Ehr.	2 4 5 6 7 8	Tetrastrum staurogeniaeforme (Schroed) Lemm	
Urozlena volvox Zhr.	~	Quadrigula Chodatii (TanFul.) G.M. Smith	5
Asterionella formosa Hase.	9	Spirogyra sp.	4 57
Centronella Reicheltii Voigt (C.Rostafinskil	3 4	Zygnema sp.	9
	678	Arthrodesmus convergens Ehr.	4
- crotonensis Kitton	5678	- incus Breb. Hass.	9
Synedra acus Kütz.	1234 678	Closterium Kätzingil Breb.	1 3 7
- ulna (Nitzsch.) Ehr.	234 678	- Leibleinii Kütz.	1 3 5 7
Synedra sp.	67	Closterium sp.	3 7
Bacillariophyceae n. det.	12345678	Cosmarium Botrytis Menegh.	4 6
Ophiocytium capitatum Wolle		- subtumidum Nordst.	3 5 7
Tribonean sp.	6 7	- subprotumidum Nordst.	1234 6 8
Eudorina elegans (L.) Ehr.	12345678	- Turpinii Breb.	3 567
Genium protorale Müll.	4	Cosmarium sp.	12345678
Pandorina morum Bory	2 4 5	Desmidium Swartzii Ag.	- 0 0
Volvoz aureus Ehr.		Tuastrum insulare (wittr. / woy	-
Microspora sp.		- TUTRETI NGSU	2
Stifeocionium sp.	6 7 3	ABL BIRGH	α
Actinatium Mantzsonii Legern. E Antstrontesuus falostus (C.) Ralfs	-	Bvalotheca dissiliens Breb.	
	4 5 6 7	Pleurotzenium trabsouls (Ehr.) Nag.	5
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Chloranglum sp.	1 78	Xanthidium antilopeum (Breb) Kutz.	2
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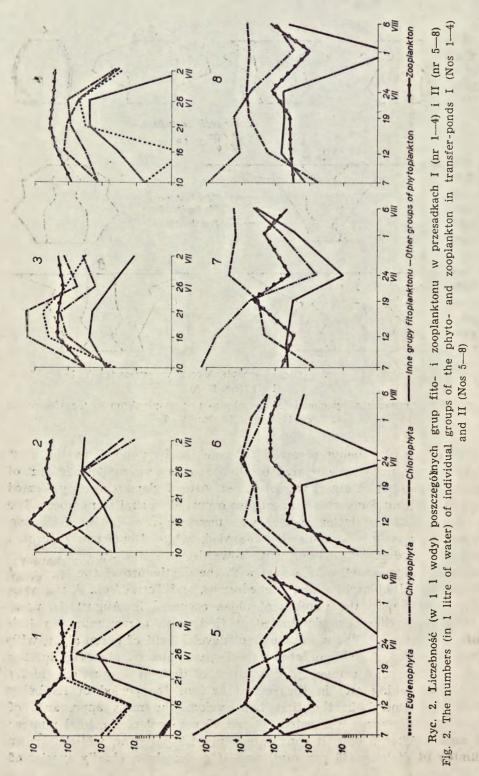
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Ryc. 1. Ogólna ilość okazów fito- i zooplanktonu w przesadkach I (nr 1-4) i II (nr 5-8)

Fig. 1. Total number of specimens of the phyto- and zooplankton in transfer-ponds I (Nos 1—4) and II (Nos 5—8)

Chlorophyta also being recorded in pond 6. In pond 5 in the first sampling the mass development of Dinobryon divergens (99 per cent of the total number of algae) was observed. After 5 days it already formed 47 per cent, but Pandorina morum also occurred in similar numbers. The occurrence of the latter species was temporary, as in the following period it was only sporadically recorded, while Dinobryon divergens continued to dominate (65 per cent). Towards the end of July and August the green algae chiefly developed with the dominance of the species of Pediastrum, Dictyosphaerium, Scenedesmus, and Tetraedron. A characteristic decrease in the number of algae occurred in August. In pond 6 Dinobryon divergens dominated at first, with a maximum on 12th July (71 per cent). The more abundant development of green algae, with the dominance of Ankistrodesmus species, was already observed on 19th July. In this pond a much greater share of diatoms was noted, chiefly at the beginning and in the second half of the period of its being filled. In pond 7 in the first two periods the mass appearance of Dinobryon divergens was noted (99 and 95 per cent of the total number of algae). After 5 days it constituted only 1.3 per cent, while a larger number of diatoms (60 per cent) and of green algae, chiefly species of



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and Ankistrodesmus (24 per Scenedesmus cent), occurred. The chlorococcous Chlorophyceae, especially the above-mentioned ones. prevailed up to the end of the exploitation of the pond, with the exception of the sampling on 24th July when Eudoring elegans (99 per cent) dominated. In the first period in pond 8 a water bloom of Dinobryon divergens (99 per cent) was recorded, after which its number gradually decreased, so that on 24th July it was only noted in small numbers. At this time Synura uvella developed abundantly (30 per cent) as well as Chlorophyta (Dictyosphaerium pulchellum, Ankistrodesmus, Scenedesmus, Eudorina elegans), which prevailed up to the end of the season. A more numerous appearance of diatoms was observed on 12th July (49 per cent) and on 19th July (20 per cent).

Characteristics of zooplankton

The greatest number of zooplankton animals occurred in pond 2, there were fewer in ponds 1 and 4, and fewest in pond 3. In the ponds 1, 2, and 4 Bosmina longirostris or Keratella cochlearis dominated, the quantitative relations between them being variable. In pond 1 Bosmina longirostris constituted 64 and 79 per cent of animals in the first two periods, while in the later period Keratella cochlearis prevailed (32-36 per cent). In pond 2 Keratella cochlearis constituted 62 per cent after filling, but already on 16th July only 10 per cent, while Bosmina longirostris amounted to 72 per cent. Later on, up to the moment of draining the number of Keratella cochlearis again increased and reached 75 per cent of the total zooplankton in the last sampling on 2nd July. In pond 4, as a rule, Keratella cochlearis dominated (37-90 per cent). In the middle of June only Bosmina longirostris occurred in greater numbers. Copepods prevailed only in pond 3, chiefly their larval stages (nauplii), or Cyclops (32-48 per cent). At the end of June Anureopsis fissa dominated (37 per cent) and at the beginning of July Brachionus angularis (25 per cent). In some first transfer-ponds (especially in 1 and 2) great numbers of eggs of Bosmina longirostris and Keratella cochlearis were noted.

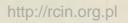
In the second transfer-ponds the greatest numbers of zooplankton were noted in pond 7, in the remaining ponds the numbers being smaller almost by half or similar. In ponds 5, 6, and 8 the zooplankton was of rotiferous character, and in pond 7 of a cladoceran-rotiferous one. Among rotifers the dominants were, as a rule, *Keratella cochlearis*, *Polyarthra vulgaris*, *Synchaeta*, *Conochilus*, and *Anureopsis fissa*, and among cladocerans *Bosmina longirostris* (Table III). As for *Copepoda* their larval stages or *Cyclops* were more common but their numbers were always smaller than those of rotifers and cladocerans. In the individual ponds Tabela III. Skład jakościowy zooplanktonu w przesadkach pierwszych (nr 1,2,3,4) i drugich (nr 5,6,7,8) Table III. Qualitative composition of zooplankton in the first (Nos 1,2,3,4) and second (Nos 5,6,7,8)

transfer-ponds

Takson Taxon	Nr przesadki Takson No of transfer- -pond Taxon	Nr przesadki No of transfer- -pond
Asplanchna brightwelli Gosse	2 3 5 7 Polyarthra euryptera	Wierzejski 234
- priodonta Gosse	2 567 - major Bruckhardt	78
Asplanchna sp.	23 5678 - vulgaris Carlin	1 5678
Anureopsis fissa (Gosse)	12345678 Synchaeta sp.	3 4 5 6 7 8
Brachionus angularis Gosse	1 3 4 5 6 Testudinella patina 1	Hermann 7
- calyciflorus Wierzejski	123 5 7 Trichocerca cylindri	oa Imhof 2 678
- diversicornis Daday	23 678 Trichocerca sp.	2 5678
- quadridentatus Hermann	123 78 Trichotria truncata	Whitelegge 567
Brachionus sp.	12345678 Rotatoria n. det.	2345678
Conochilus unicornis Rousselet	1 5678 Rotatoria (ova)	124
Conochilus sp.	1 5 7 8 Bosmina longirostris	0.F. Mall. 12345678
Euchlanis sp. div.	1 45678 Ceriodaphnia reticula	lata Sar 12345 78
Filinia brachiata (Rousselet)	5 - quadrangula O.F. M	12345 78
- longiseta (Ehr.)	1234567 Ceriodaphnia sp.	12345 78
Keratella cochlearis (Gosse)	12345678 Chydorus sphaericus	0.F. Mall. 2 4
var. tecta (Gosse)	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Daphnia longispina M	12345 78
- quadrata (O.F. Müll.)	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Diaphanosoma brachyu	rum Lieven 1234 78
Lecane bulla (Gosse)	12345 Polyphemus pedioulus	Linne. 67
- luna (0.F. Mtll.)	1 Scapholeberis mucron:	ata 0.F. Mall. 2 56
- lunaris (Ehr.)	1 56 8 Cladocera n. det.	3 4 5 7 8
Lecane sp.	1 5 Cladocera (ova)	1 2
Lepadella patella Mäll.	2 3 5 6 7 8 Cyclopidae	12345678
Notholca sp.	567 Diaptomidae	23 78
Pedalia mira (Hudson)	5 6 7 8 Nauplii	12345678

the quantitative relations of different species varied in time. Thus, in pond 5 the nauplii prevailed at the beginning of July, after a week Synchaeta dominated, later being replaced by Keratella cochlearis and Polyarthra vulgaris. On 6th August the dominance of other rotifers (Conochilus and Anureopsis fissa) was noted. In pond 6 the specific composition, very similar at first, was characterized by the occurrence of a greater number of Euchlanis dilatata on 19th July and of nauplii, Polyarthra vulgaris, and Pedalia mira on 6th August. The character of zooplankton in pond 7 was chiefly influenced by the development of Bosmina longirostris, which constituted as much as 90 per cent of zooplankton on 19th July and reached the greatest number in all the second transfer-ponds. In pond 8 the rotifers Polyarthra vulgaris, Synchaeta, and Keratella cochlearis prevailed up to the end of July. Only in August did Anureopsis fissa develop abundantly (22--33 per cent) besides the most numerous Polyarthra vulgaris.

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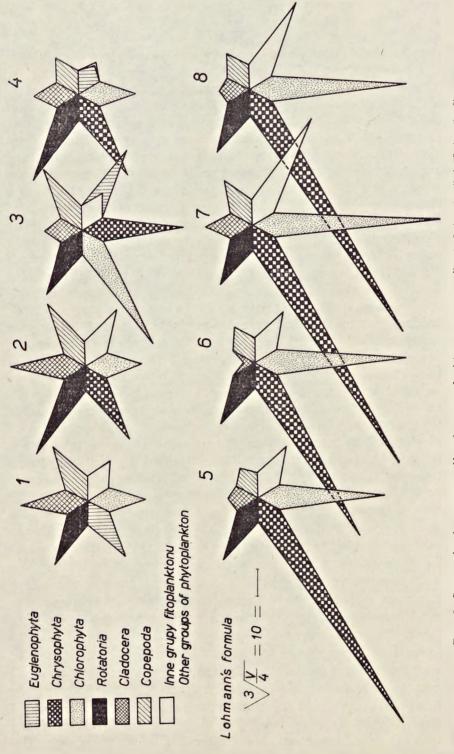


Fig. 3. The total number of specimens of individual groups of plankton in transfer-ponds I (Nos 1-4) and II (Nos 5-8) Ryc. 3. Sumy okazów poszczególnych grup planktonu w przesadkach I (nr 1--4) i II (nr 5--8)



Discussion

With reference to the phyto- and zooplankton communities of the investigated ponds, described in the first years of their filling (K r z e c zkowska-Wołoszyn 1966), the later stages of their succession were observed in the present investigations. As far as the phytoplankton is concerned, the most striking change was the prevailing share of another group of algae — Chrysophyta. Some authors, chiefly the Russians, interpret in outline the disappearance of Euglenales and Volvocales, and the increasing quantitative and qualitative share of Chrysophyceae, Dinophyceae, and Protococcales, as the process of establishment of a new pond. In the first years after filling the zooplankton of the investigated ponds was of rotiferous character. According to the opinion of other authors dealing with this problem, this is characteristic for the newly formed zooplankton communities. In the present investigations a much greater share of Cladocera and Copepoda was found. In the later stage of stabilization the dominance of crustaceans becomes established (Denisova et al. 1971, Morduchaj-Boltovskoj et al. 1971). It is striking that in the first transfer-ponds built and filled a year earlier, only one of them still preserved this rotiferous character (3), while in the second ones, filled a year later, three ponds (5, 6, and 8) still did so. Thus it is justly postulated that the process of establishment of a new water body takes several years (Starmach 1963, Sokolova et al. 1971). In the present investigations a further decrease in the number of organisms was found, this probably indicating a more advanced stage of their stabilization. It was more advanced in the first transfer-ponds, utilized a year longer. The increased productivity of new water bodies as compared with the longer utilized ones was stressed by other authors. Unlike the algae, the amount of zooplankton was maintained on a more equal level in the period of filling. These data are in accordance with the opinions of other authors on the influence of carp fry on zooplankton (Grygierek 1962, 1965, Krzeczkowska-Wołoszyn 1972). The much greater disproportion of the total number of phyto- and zooplankton in the second transfer-ponds and their much more equalized production in the first ones, is characteristic. The smaller numbers of algae in the first transfer-ponds might have resulted from the more intense feeding by crustaceans, which occur in greater numbers (Grygierek 1970, Januszko 1970). Smaller numbers of zooplankton in the second transfer-ponds may be explained by the more active feeding of the carp fry which had already grown older. This is also indicated by greater decreases in the numbers of Cladocera and Copepoda which, according to the opinion of other authors, might have been a more suitable fodder for older carp fry. The

qualitative composition both among the algae and among the animals was not basically changed as compared with earlier years. In analysing the fertilization no distinct influence on the numbers of plankton was found. It it possible that in the unfertilized ponds some effect of the fertilization applied in the previous years was still felt. As far as the algae are concerned, the composition of the fertilization might also have played some role. In the investigated ponds *Chrysophyta* dominated. As J a n u s z k o (1970) reports, the effect of fertilization of the same type on the increase in the number of *Chrysophyta* was small, in contrast to other groups of algae.

STRESZCZENIE

Badania niniejsze omawiają rozwój planktonu przesadek pierwszych i drugich, w 1961 roku, przy zastosowaniu innego typu nawożenia. Są one kontynuacją wcześniejszych badań, prowadzonych w pierwszych latach po ich wybudowaniu (Krzeczkowska-Wołoszyn 1966). W porównaniu z nimi skład jakościowy fito- i zooplanktonu nie wykazywał istotnych zmian, stwierdzono natomiast dominację odmiennych grup. Wśród glonów dominowały Chrysophyta. W obrębie zooplanktonu stwierdzono przewagę, lub znacznie większy udział Cladocera i Copepoda. Notowano też dalszy spadek liczebności organizmów. Charakter planktonu oraz tego typu zmiany wskazywałyby, zgodnie z danymi innych badaczy, na późniejsze etapy sukcesji oraz układy bardziej zbliżone do występujących w zbiornikach z dłuższym użytkowaniem. Obserwowano większą dysproporcję produkcji glonów i zwierząt w przesadkach drugich, przy bardziej wyrównanej ich produkcji w pierwszych. Mniejsza ilość fitoplanktonu przesadek pierwszych mogła wynikać z intensywniejszego wyjadania obficiej występujących skorupiaków. Natomiast mniej liczny zooplankton przesadek drugich można tłumaczyć aktywniejszym żerowaniem starszego narybku karpia. Rozpatrując nawożenie nie stwierdzono jego wpływu na ilość planktonu. W stawach nie nawożonych mógł jeszcze wchodzić w gre następczy wpływ nawożenia stosowanego w latach poprzednich. Odnośnie glonów pewną rolę mógł też odgrywać jego skład. W badanych stawach dominowały Chrysophyta. Zgodnie z danymi z literatury wpływ tego typu nawożenia na wzrost liczebności Chrysophyta w przeciwieństwie do innych grup glonów jest niewielki.

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