

A checklist for zooplankton (Rotifera, Copepoda, Cladocera) of European Turkey inland waters

Türkiye Avrupası'nın iç sularında yaşayan zooplankton (Rotifera, Copepoda, Cladocera) türlerinin listesi

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Özet: Türkiye'nin Avrupa kısmı, Avrupa ile Asya kıtalar arasında geçiş bölgesi oluşturması nedeniyle her iki kıtanın türlerine ev sahipliği yapmaktadır. Ancak şu ana kadar Anadoludan ayrı olarak Türkiye Avrupası zooplanktonik organizmaların tür listesi çıkarılmamıştır. Bu nedenle bölgede bu güne kadar bu konuda yapılan araştırmaların tümü incelenmiştir. 1940'tan bu yana yapılan araştırmaların incelenmesi sonucunda 138 Rotifera, 53 Copepoda ve 65 Cladocera olmak üzere 256 tür listelenmiştir.

Anahtar kelimeler: Tür listesi, Zooplankton, içsular, Türkiye Avrupası

Abstract: The European part of Turkey, which constitutes a transitional region between Europe and Asia hosts species of both continents. But, the zooplankton checklist in the European part of Turkey has not been published so far as a separate checklist from that of Turkey as a whole. Therefore, a checklist was presented in this study based on compilation of previous zooplankton studies carried out at European Turkey inland waters. As a result of the studies conducted since 1940 to date, a total of 256 taxa belonging to 138 Rotifera, 53 Copepoda and 65 Cladocera were listed.

Keywords: Checklist, Zooplankton, inland waters, EuropeanTurkey

INTRODUCTION

Zooplanktonic organisms are not only the main food source of fishes that live in fresh water ecosystems, but also they include indicator species which is used as an indication of water quality, pollution and the state of eutrophication. For this reason, many researches have been conducted in terms of both taxonomical and ecological aspects of zooplanktonic organisms.

Studies performed in order to determine the zooplankton fauna of Turkey continued over the years without stopping. Some of these studies focused on Rotifera and Cladocera or Copepoda. The first checklist on Cladocera was published by Gündüz (1997) and the second one on Rotifera was published by Ustaoglu *et al.* (2012a). In addition, the checklist for zooplankton of Turkish inland waters listed 229 Rotifera, 92 Cladocera and 106 Copepoda species previos in studies (Ustaoglu, 2004) and this list was updated by Ustaoglu (2014). Moreover, checklist for zooplankton of Eastern and Souteastern Anatolia Regions (Turkey) was published by Bulut and Saler (2014). But, the zooplankton checklist in the

European part of Turkey has not been published so far as a separate checklist from that of Turkey as a whole.

Inventory works on zooplankton diversity of European Turkey inland waters were carried out within the past 75 years and the first research began in the 1940. However, these researches progressed slowly and gained acceleration after 1990.

This study aims to present a current checklist of zooplankton (Rotifera, Copepoda, Cladocera) in European Turkey inland waters, based on compilation of previous inventory studies carried out so far.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

European part of Turkey covers an area of 23.764 km² and creates a crossing point between Europe and Asia continents. Kırklareli, Edirne and Tekirdag province are located in the region and Çanakkale and İstanbul are partly represented (Figure1).

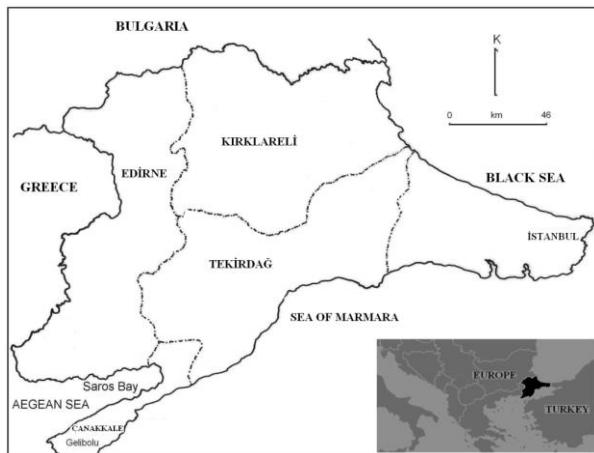


Figure 1. Map of European Turkey.

In this study, all published literature, either papers or theses from 1940 to 2012 were examined. Taxonomical species and author names were written according to Segers (2007), Ustaoglu (2004), Ustaoglu et al. (2012a) and Gündüz (1997). The studies performed concerning the zooplankton of European Turkey inland waters are as follows: Mann (1940), Muckle (1951), Kiefer (1952, 1955), Lindeberg (1953), Demirhindi (1972), Fiers (1979), Ortak and Kirgiz (1988), Güher and Kirgiz (1989, 1992, 1994, 2004, 2007, 2008), Gündüz (1997), Güher (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2012), Güher et al. (2004, 2011), Erdoğan and Güher (2005, 2008, 2012a, 2012b), Okgerman et al. (2007), Güher and Erdoğan (2008), Özçalkap and Temel (2011), Dorak and Albay (2011), Ustaoglu et al. (2012b).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As a result of the throughout investigation of the studies in European Turkey inland waters from 1940 to 2012, the presence of a total 256 taxa was reported. Among these, Rotifera was represented with 138 species belonging to 25 families, Copepoda with 53 species belonging to 11 families and Cladocera with 65 species belonging to 10 families. When the recorded taxa were grouped according to their presence in terms of province borders in the region, it appeared that 208 species existed in Edirne, 158 species in Kırklareli, 118 species in Tekirdağ and 107 species in İstanbul. Çanakkale is missing in this distribution because no study was performed in Gallipoli Peninsula (Çanakkale), the part of the province in European of Turkey. These species and their distributions have been shown at below (E: Edirne; K: Kırklareli; T: Tekirdağ; I: İstanbul).

Phylum: ROTIFERA

Classis: Eurotatoria De Ridder, 1957

Subclassis: Bdelloidea Hudson, 1884

Family: Philodinidae Ehrenberg, 1838

Dissotrocha aculeata (Ehrenberg, 1832): E, T

Philodina megalotrocha Ehrenberg, 1832: E, K, T

Rotaria neptunia (Ehrenberg, 1830): E, K, T

Rotaria rotatoria (Pallas, 1766): E

Family: Adinetidae Hudson & Gosse, 1889

Adineta sp.: K

Family: Habrotrochidae Bryce, 1910

Habrotrocha sp.: E, K, T

Subclassis: Monogenonta Plate, 1889

Superorder: Pseudotrocha Kutikova, 1970

Order: Plomiidae Hudson & Gosse, 1886

Family: Epiphaniidae Harring, 1913

Epiphanes macroura (Barrois & Daday, 1894): E, I

Epiphanes senta (Müller, 1773): E

Proalides subtilis Rodewald, 1940: E

Proalides tentaculatus De Beauchamp, 1907: E

Family: Brachionidae Ehrenberg, 1838

Anuraeopsis coelata De Beauchamp, 1932: K, I

Anuraeopsis fissa Gosse, 1851: E, K, T, I

Anuraeopsis navicula Rousselet, 1911: E, K

Brachionus angularis Gosse, 1851: E, K, T, I

Brachionus bidentatus Anderson, 1889: E, I

Brachionus budapestinensis Daday, 1885: E, K, I

Brachionus calyciflorus Pallas, 1766: E, K, T, I

Brachionus diversicornis (Daday, 1883): E, K, T, I

Brachionus falcatus Zacharias, 1898: E, K, T, I

Brachionus forficula Wierzejski, 1891: E

Brachionus leydigii Cohn, 1862: E, K, T

Brachionus plicatilis Müller, 1786: E, K, I

Brachionus quadridentatus Hermann, 1783: E, K, T, I

Brachionus urceolaris Müller, 1773: E, K, T, I

Kellicottia longispina (Kellicott, 1879): E, K

Keratella cochlearis (Gosse, 1851): E, K, T, I

Keratella quadrata (Müller, 1786): E, K, T, I

Keratella tecta (Gosse, 1851): E, K, T

Keratella tropica (Apstein, 1907): E, K, T

Notholca acuminata (Ehrenberg, 1832): E, K, T, I

Notholca salina Focke, 1961: E

Notholca squamula (Müller, 1786): E, K, T, I

Platonus patulus (O.F.Müller, 1786): E, K

Platyias quadricornis (Ehrenberg, 1832): E, K

Family: Euchlanidae Ehrenberg, 1838

Euchlanis deflexa (Gosse, 1851): E, K, T

Euchlanis dilatata Ehrenberg, 1832: K, T, I

Euchlanis incisa Carlin, 1939: E, K, T

Euchlanis lyra Hudson, 1886: E, K, T

Euchlanis meneta Myers, 1930: E, K

Family: Mytilinidae Harring, 1913

Lophocharis salpina (Ehrenberg, 1834): E, K, T

Mytilina mucronata (Müller, 1773): E, K

Mytilina ventralis (Ehrenberg, 1830): E

Family: Trichotriidae Harring, 1913

Trichotria pocillum (Müller, 1776): E, K

Trichotria tetractis (Ehrenberg, 1830): E, K, T

Family: Lepadidae Harring, 1913

Colurella adriatica Ehrenberg, 1831: E, K, T, I

Colurella colurus (Ehrenberg, 1830): E, K, T, I

Colurella obtusa (Gosse, 1886): E

Colurella uncinata (Müller, 1773): E, K, T

Lepadella (Heterolepadella) ehrenbergi (Perty, 1850): T

Lepadella (Lepadella) acuminata (Ehrenberg, 1834): E, K

Lepadella (Lepadella) patella (Müller, 1773): E, K, T, I

Lepadella (Lepadella) triptera (Ehrenberg, 1832): E

Lepadella (Lepadella) ovalis (Müller, 1786): E, K

Squatinnella rostrum (Schmarda, 1846): E

Family: Lecanidae Remane, 1933

Lecane bulla (Gosse, 1886): E, K, T

Lecane closterocerca (Schmarda, 1859): E, K, T

Lecane donneri Chengalath & Mulamoottil, 1974: E

Lecane flexilis (Gosse, 1886): E

Lecane furcata (Murray, 1913): E, K, T

Lecane hamata (Stokes, 1896): E, K, T

Lecane hastata (Murray, 1913): E, T

Lecane inermis (Bryce, 1892): E

Lecane lamellata (Daday, 1893): E, K

Lecane luna (Müller, 1776): E, K, T, I

Lecane lunaris (Ehrenberg, 1832): E, K, T

- Lecane nana* (Murray, 1913): E, K, I
Lecane pyriformis (Daday, 1905): E, K, T
Lecane quadridentata (Ehrenberg, 1830): E, T
Lecane rugosa (Harring, 1914): E
Lecane stenoosi (Meissner, 1908): E, K, T
Lecane stichaea Harring, 1913: K
Lecane unguilata (Gosse, 1887): E, K, T
- Family: Proalidae Harring & Myers, 1924
Proales fallaciosa Wulfert, 1937: E, K, T
- Family: Notommatidae Hudson & Gosse, 1886
Cephalodella catellina (Müller, 1786): E, I
Cephalodella forficula (Ehrenberg, 1830): E, K
Cephalodella gibba (Ehrenberg, 1830): E, K, T, I
Cephalodella megalcephala (Glascott, 1893): E, T
Eosphora ehrenbergi Weber & Montet, 1918: K
Monommata sp.: E, K
Notommata copeus Ehrenberg, 1834: E
Notommata glyphura Wulfert, 1935: E, K, T
Pleurotrocha petromyzon (Ehrenberg, 1830): E, K, T
- Family: Ituridae Sudzuki, 1964
Itura myersi Wulfert, 1935: E, K, T
- Family: Scaridiidae Manfredi, 1927
Scardium longicaudum (Müller, 1786): E
- Family: Trichocercidae Harring, 1913
Trichocerca bicristata (Gosse, 1887): E, K
Trichocerca capucina (Wierzejski & Zacharias, 1893): E, K, T
Trichocerca cylindrica (Imhof, 1891): E, K, T, I
Trichocerca elongata (Gosse, 1886): E
Trichocerca iernis (Gosse, 1887): K
Trichocerca insignis (Herrick, 1885): K
Trichocerca longisetata (Schrank, 1802): K
Trichocerca obtusidens (Olofsson, 1918): E
Trichocerca porcellus (Gosse, 1851): E, K, T, I
Trichocerca pusilla (Jennings, 1903): E, K, T
Trichocerca rattus (Müller, 1776): E, K
Trichocerca similis (Wierzejski, 1893): E, K
Trichocerca tenuior (Gosse, 1886): E, K
Trichocerca tigris (Müller, 1786): E, K
- Family: Gastropodidae Harring, 1913
Ascomorpha ecuadensis Petry, 1850: I
Ascomorpha ovalis (Bengendahl, 1892): E, I
Ascomorpha saltans Bartsch, 1870: E
Gastropus minor (Rousselet, 1892): E
Gastropus stylifer (Imhof, 1891): I
- Family: Synchaetidae Hudson and Gosse, 1886
Polyarthra dolichoptera Idelson, 1925: E, K, T, I
Polyarthra euryptera Wierzejski, 1891: E
Polyarthra major Burckhardt, 1900: I
Polyarthra remata Skorikov, 1896: E, K, T
Polyarthra vulgaris Carlin, 1943: E, K, T, I
Synchaeta oblonga Ehrenberg, 1832: E, K, T, I
Synchaeta pectinata Ehrenberg, 1832: E, K, T, I
Synchaeta stylata Wierzejski, 1893: K, I
- Family: Asplanchnidae Eckstein, 1883
Asplanchna girodi de Guerne, 1888: E
Asplanchna priodata Gosse, 1850: E, K, T, I
Asplanchna sieboldi (Leydig, 1854): E, K, T, I
Asplanchnopodus hyalinus Harring, 1913: E
- Family: Dicranophoridae Harring, 1913
Dicranophoroides caudatus (Ehrenberg, 1834): K
Dicranophorus grandis (Ehrenberg, 1832): E, K, T
Encentrum kulmatyckii Wiszniewski, 1953: E
Encentrum saundersiae (Hudson, 1885): E, K
Erignatha clastopsis (Gosse, 1886): K
Paradicranophorus hudsoni (Glascott, 1893): E, K, T
- Superordo: Gnesiotrocha Kutikova, 1970
- Order: Flosculariacea Harring, 1913
- Family: Flosculariidae Ehrenberg, 1838
Floscularia sp.: E, K, T
- Family: Testudinellidae Harring, 1913
Pompholyx sulcata Hudson, 1885: E, K, T, I
- Testudinella elliptica* (Ehrenberg, 1934): E
Testudinella emarginula (Stenoos, 1898): E, K
Testudinella mucronata (Gosse, 1886): E
Testudinella parva (Ternetz, 1892): T
Testudinella patina (Hermann, 1783): E, K, T, I
- Family: Filiniidae Harring & Myers, 1926
Filinia cornuta (Weisse, 1847): E
Filinia longiseta (Ehrenberg, 1834): E, K, T, I
Filinia opoliensis (Zacharias, 1898): E, K, T
Filinia terminalis (Plate, 1886): E, K, T, I
- Family: Conochilidae Harring, 1913
Conochilus (*Conochiloides*) *dossuarius* Hudson, 1885: E, K, T
Conochilus (*Conochilos*) *unicornis* Rousselet, 1892: K, T
- Family: Hexarthridae Bartos, 1959
Hexarthra fennica (Levander, 1892): E, T
Hexarthra intermedia (Wiszniewski, 1929): I
Hexarthra mira (Hudson, 1871): E, K, T, I
- Order: Collothecaceae Harring, 1913
- Family: Collothecidae Harring, 1913
Collotheca ornata (Ehrenberg, 1832): E, K, T
- Subclassis: COPEPODA**
- Order: Cyclopoida Sars, 1918
- Family: Cyclopidae G.O. Sars, 1913
- Subfamily: Eucyclopinae Kiefer, 1927
Ectocyclops phaleratus (Koch, 1838): E, K
Eucyclops macruroides (Lilljeborg, 1901): E, K
Eucyclops macrurus (G.O.Sars, 1863): E, T, I
Eucyclops serrulatus (Fischer, 1851): E, K, T, I
Eucyclops speratus (Lilljeborg, 1901): E, K, T
Macrocylops albidus (Jurine, 1820): E, K, T, I
Macrocylops fuscus (Jurine, 1820): E, K, T
Paracyclops affinis (G.O.Sars, 1863): E, K, T
Paracyclops fimbriatus (Fischer, 1853): T, I
Tropocyclops prasinus (Fischer, 1860): T, I
- Subfamily: Cyclopinae Kiefer, 1927
Acanthocyclops kieferi (Chappuis, 1925): E
Acanthocyclops robustus (G.O.Sars, 1863): E, K, T, I
Acanthocyclops venustus (Norman & Scott, 1906): E, K, T
Cyclops abyssorum G.O.Sars, 1863: E, K, T, I
Cyclops furcifer Claus, 1857: E
Cyclops insignis Claus, 1857: E
Cyclops kolensis Lilljeborg, 1901: K
Cyclops scutifer G.O.Sars, 1863: K, T, I
Cyclops strenuus Fischer, 1851: E, K, T, I
Cyclops vicinus Ulianin, 1875: E, K, T, I
Diacyclops bipunctatus odesanus (Schmankevitch, 1875): I
Diacyclops bicuspidatus (Claus, 1857): E, K
Diacyclops bisetosus (Rehberg, 1880): I
Megacyclops gigas (Claus, 1857): E, K, T
Megacyclops latipes (Lowndes, 1927): I
Megacyclops viridis (Jurine, 1820): E, K, T, I
Mesocyclops leuckarti (Claus, 1857): K, I
Metacyclops gracilis (Lilljeborg 1853): E, I
Metacyclops planus (Gurney, 1909): E
Thermocyclops crassus (Fischer, 1853): E, K, I
Thermocyclops dybowskii (Landé, 1890): E
- Subfamily: Halicyclopinae Kiefer, 1927
Halicyclops neglectus Kiefer, 1935: E, K
- Family: Oithonidae, Dana, 1853
Oithona nana Giesbrecht, 1893: E
- Order: Calanoida Sars, 1930
- Family: Acartidae G.O.Sars, 1903
Acartia (*Acartiura*) *clausi* Giesbrecht, 1889: E
- Family: Pseudodiaptomidae G.O.Sars, 1903
Calanipeda aquedulcis Kritschagin, 1873: E, K, T, I
- Family: Diaptomidae G.O.Sars, 1903
- Subfamily: Diaptominae Kiefer, 1932
Arctodiaptomus belgrati (Mann, 1940): I
Arctodiaptomus byzantinus Mann, 1940: I

<i>Arctodiaptomus pectinicornis</i> (Wierzejski, 1887): I	Family: Sididae (Baird, 1850)
<i>Arctodiaptomus wierzejskii</i> (Richard, 1888): E, K, T	<i>Diaphanosoma birgei</i> Korinek, 1981: E, T
<i>Hemidiaptomus brehmi</i> (Mann, 1940): I	<i>Diaphanosoma brachyurum</i> (Liévin, 1848): E, K, T, I
<i>Mixodiaptomus kупелwieseri</i> (Brehm, 1907): K, I	<i>Diaphanosoma orghidani</i> Negrea, 1982: E, T
Family: Temoridae G.O.Sars, 1903	Family: Bosminidae (Baird, 1845)
<i>Eurytemora velox</i> (Lilljeborg, 1853): K, I	<i>Bosmina coregoni</i> Baird, 1857: E
Order: Harpacticoida Sars, 1911	<i>Bosmina longirostris</i> (O.F.Müller, 1785): E, K, T, I
Family: Harpacticidae Dana, 1846	Family: Chydoridae Stebbing, 1902
<i>Harpacticus</i> sp.: E	<i>Acroperus harpae</i> (Baird, 1835): K, I
Family: Canthocampidae Sars, 1906	<i>Alona costata</i> Sars, 1862: E, K, I
<i>Attheyella trispinosa</i> (Brady, 1880): I	<i>Alona guttata</i> Sars, 1862: E, K, I
<i>Attheyella walmeri</i> De Kerherve, 1914: I	<i>Alona protzi</i> Hartwig, 1900: I
<i>Bryocamptus pygmaeus</i> (G.O.Sars, 1863): I	<i>Alona rectangula</i> Sars, 1862: E, K, T, I
<i>Canthocamptus microstaphylinus</i> Wolf, 1905: E, K, I	<i>Alonella excisa</i> (Fischer, 1854): E, K, T
Family: Laophontidae T.Scott, 1904	<i>Biapertura affinis</i> (Leydig, 1860): E, K, I
<i>Heterolaophonte stroemii</i> (Baird, 1834): E	<i>Biapertura intermedia</i> (Sars, 1862): E
<i>Onychocamptus mohammed</i> (Blanchard, Richard, 1891): E, K, I	<i>Campnocercus rectirostris</i> Schoedler, 1862: K
Family: Ameiridae (Monard, 1936)	<i>Chydorus latus</i> Sars, 1862: E, I
<i>Nitocra hibernica</i> (Brady, 1880): E, K, T, I	<i>Chydorus sphaericus</i> (O.F.Müller; 1776): E, K, T, I
<i>Nitocra lacustris</i> (Schmanevitsch, 1875): E	<i>Coronatella quadrangularis</i> (O.F.Müller, 1785): E, K, T, I
Family: Dacrythompsoniidae Lang, 1936	<i>Disparalona rostrata</i> (Koch, 1841): E, T
<i>Leptocaris brevicornis</i> (Van Douwe, 1904): E	<i>Dunhevedia crassa</i> King, 1853: E
<i>Leptocaris trisetosa</i> (Kunz, 1935): E	<i>Graptoleberis testudinaria</i> (Fischer, 1848): K, I
Suborder: CLADOCERA	<i>Leydigia acanthoceroides</i> (Fischer, 1854): E, I
Family: Daphniidae Sars, 1865	<i>Leydigia leydi</i> (Schoedler, 1863): E, K, T
<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> Richard, 1894: E	<i>Oxyurella tenuicaudis</i> (Sars, 1862): E
<i>Ceriodaphnia laticaudata</i> P.E.Müller, 1867: E	<i>Picripleuroxus laevis</i> (Sars, 1862): K
<i>Ceriodaphnia megops</i> Sars, 1862: K	<i>Pleuroxus aduncus</i> (Jurine, 1820): E, K, T, I
<i>Ceriodaphnia quadrangularis</i> (O.F.Müller, 1758): E, K, T, I	<i>Pleuroxus truncatus</i> (O.F.Müller, 1785): E, K
<i>Ceriodaphnia reticulata</i> (Jurine, 1820): E, K, T, I	Family: Moinidae Goulden, 1968
<i>Daphnia (C.) atkinsoni</i> Baird, 1859: E, I	<i>Moina brachiatia</i> (Jurine, 1820): E, K, T
<i>Daphnia (C.) magna</i> Straus, 1820: E	<i>Moina macrocoda</i> (Straus, 1820): T
<i>Daphnia (C.) similis</i> Claus, 1876: E, K, T	<i>Moina micrura</i> Kurz, 1874: E, K, T
<i>Daphnia (C.) ulomskyi</i> Benning 1914: E	<i>Moina salina</i> Daday, 1888: E, T
<i>Daphnia carinata</i> King, 1852: I	Family: Macrothricidae Norman & Brady, 1867
<i>Daphnia cucullata</i> Sars, 1862: E	<i>Ilyocryptus sordidus</i> (Liévin, 1848): E, K, T, I
<i>Daphnia curvirostris</i> Eymann, 1887: I	<i>Lathonura rectirostris</i> (O.F.Müller, 1785): I
<i>Daphnia galeata</i> Sars, 1864: E	<i>Ilyocryptus agilis</i> Kurz, 1878: E, K, T, I
<i>Daphnia hyalina</i> Leydig, 1860: E, I	<i>Macrothrix hirsuticornis</i> Norman & Brady, 1867: E, K
<i>Daphnia longispina</i> O.F.Müller, 1785: E, K, T, I	<i>Macrothrix laticornis</i> (Fischer, 1851): E, K, T, I
<i>Daphnia obtusa</i> Kurz, 1874: E, K, T, I	<i>Macrothrix rosea</i> Lievin, 1848: E
<i>Daphnia parvula</i> Fordyce, 1901: E	Family: Leptodoridae Lilljeborg, 1861
<i>Daphnia pulex</i> Leydig, 1860: E, K, T, I	<i>Leptodora kindtii</i> (Focke, 1844): E, I
<i>Megafenestra aurita</i> (Fischer, 1849): E, K	Family: Polypemidae Baird, 1845
<i>Scapholeberis kingi</i> Sars, 1903: E, K, T, I	<i>Polypemus pediculus</i> (Linnaeus, 1761): K
<i>Scapholeberis mucronata</i> (O.F.Müller, 1758): E, K, I	Family: Cercopagidae Mordukhai-Boltovskoi, 1968
<i>Simocephalus exspinosus</i> (Koch, 1841): E, K, T	<i>Cercopagis pengoi</i> (Ostromov, 1892): I
<i>Simocephalus serrulatus</i> (Koch, 1841): E, T, I	Family: Podonidae Mordukhai-Boltovskoi, 1968
<i>Simocephalus vetulus</i> (O.F.Müller, 1776): E, K, T, I	<i>Cornigerius meaticus</i> (Pengo, 1879): I

In studies conducted in the Palaeartic Region, 1348 Rotifera, 245 Cladocera and 1204 Copepoda species were identified so far (Segers, 2008; Forro et al. 2008; Boxshall and Defaye, 2008) whereas these groups in Turkey are represented with 378, 98 and 135 species, respectively

(Gündüz, 1997; Ustaoğlu 2004, 2014, Ustaoğlu et al. 2012a) (Table 1). The European part of Turkey, which constitutes a transitional region between Europe and Asia, hosts species of both sides which in turn leads to an increased diversity in this part of Turkey.

Table 1. Number of Rotifera, Cladocera and Copepoda species currently known in Palaeartic and Turkey.

PALAEARCTIC			TURKEY		
	Number species	Reference	Number species	Reference	EUROPEAN TURKEY
Rotifera	1348	Segers (2008)	378	Ustaoğlu et al. (2012a) Ustaoğlu (2014)	138
Cladocera	245	Forro et al. (2008)	98	Gündüz (1997) Ustaoğlu (2004, 2014)	65
Copepoda	1204	Boxshall and Defaye (2008)	135	Ustaoğlu (2004, 2014)	53
Total	2797		611		256

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