

The Zooplankton Fauna of Lake Burdur

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Özet: *Burdur gölü'nün zooplankton faunası.* Nisan 1988 ve Kasım 1999 tarihleri arasında yapılan bu çalışmada Burdur gölü zooplankton faunası incelenmiştir. Bu çalışmada Rotifera'dan 10, Cladocera'dan 5 ve Copepoda'dan 2 olmak üzere toplam 17 zooplankton türü tespit edilmiştir. *Cephalodella catellina*, *C. gibba*, *Colurella adriatica*, *Lecane lamellata*, *Keratella quadrata*, *Synchaeta oblonga*, *Polyarthra vulgaris*, *Diaphanosoma brachyurum* türleri Burdur gölü için yeni kayıttır.

Key Words: Burdur Gölü, Rotifera, Cladocera, Copepoda.

Abstract: The zooplankton fauna of lake Burdur was studied between April 1998 and November 1999. A total of 17 species were identified. Of those, 10 belong to Rotifera, 5 Cladocera and 2 to Copepoda. *Cephalodella catellina*, *C. gibba*, *Colurella adriatica*, *Lecane lamellata*, *Keratella quadrata*, *Synchaeta oblonga*, *Polyarthra vulgaris*, *Diaphanosoma brachyurum*, are new record for Lake Burdur.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Burdur Lake, Rotifera, Cladocera, Copepoda.

Introduction

In the food chain of aquatic eco-system, zooplankton are a primary food source for many life forms, especially fish. They are also used as biological indicator for determination of water quality, pollution and eutrophication (2, 3, 4).

Although a lot of work has been conducted on the zooplankton of Turkey (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11), the purpose of this study is to compare present studies with earlier ones and to provide information about the latest status of zooplankton fauna.

Material and Method

The lake Burdur is located at 37°45' N – 30°13' E in a closed river basin and therefore has bitter and salty water. It occupies a surface area of 205 km² with a maximum depth of 60 m and is categorized class "A" watery area. The

lake is fed by rainfall, seasonal and permanent streams, flood creeks and underground currents. Among streams, Bozcay in the South-West and Ulupinar, Bayındır, Buğduz, Kara Çerçin and Keçiborlu in the East are important. The lake loose water by evaporation. A fish, *Aphanius burduricus* of family Cyprinodontidae, whose taxonomic status is not well defined is surviving in the lake as endemic species (1).

The specimens were collected seasonally from 10 stations of the lake (Figure 1) with Hydro-Bios Kiel brand plankton scoop using it horizontally and vertically. Specimens were preserved in formaldehyde soon after collection. The identification of the species was made following Ward and Wipple (12), Edmondson (13), Needham (14), Sourfield and Harding (15), Dussart (16), Kolisko (17), Harding and Smith (18), Koste (19), Margaritora (20), Negrea (21) methods.

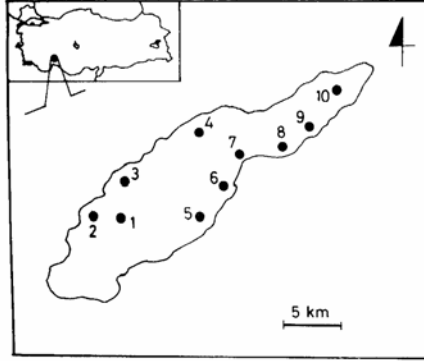


Figure 1. The location of Lake Burdur and sampling stations. 1. Burkent, 2. Tepecik, 3. Village İlyas, 4. Ardıçlı, 5. Mis Süt, 6. Sugar Plant, 7. Mouth of Sewage, 8. Süttaş, 9. Between Senir and Söğütlü, 10. Flamingo nests

Results and Discussion

The identified zooplankton species of lake Burdur are:

Rotifera

- Brachionus plicatilis* (O.F. Müller, 1786)
- Hexarthra fennica* (Levander, 1892)
- Keratella quadrata* (O.F. Müller, 1786)
- Synchaeta oblonga* Ehrenberg, 1831
- Colurella adriatica* Ehrenberg, 1831
- Polyarthra vulgaris* Carlin, 1943
- Lecane lamellata* (Daday, 1893)
- Cephalodella catellina* (O.F. Müller, 1796)
- Cephalodella gibba* (Ehrenberg, 1838)
- Notholca acuminata* (Ehrenberg, 1832).

Cladocera

- Daphnia magna* Straus, 1820
- Daphnia longispina* O.F. Müller, 1785
- Diaphanosoma brachyurum* (Lievin, 1848)
- Chydorus sphaericus* (O.F. Müller, 1776)
- Alona* sp. Baird, 1850

Copepoda

- Arctodiaptomus burduricus* Kiefer, 1939
- Canthocampus* sp. Westwood, 1836

Out of total 17 species, 10 belong to Rotifera, 5 to Cladocera and 2 to

Copepoda. The density of species with regard to the stations are given in Table 1. The dominant zooplankton species of the lake are *Arctodiaptomus burduricus*, *Brachionus plicatilis* and *Hexarthra fennica*. although the density of Cladocera species in the lake is very low, *Daphnia magna*, *Daphnia longispina*, *Alona* sp. *Diaphanosoma brachyurum* were observed at some stations of the lake. Among Copepods, *Arctodiaptomus burduricus* is an endemic species of the lake (33). *Brachionus plicatilis* and *Hexarthra fennica* are the characteristic species of the salty waters. *B. plicatilis* and *H. fennica* species were found at all the stations of the lake (Table 1). Both species have been reported as characteristic salty water species by various workers (2, 3, 4, 19, 23).

A some work has been carried out on the zooplankton fauna of the lake Burdur. Ongan *et al.* (24) studied the Cladocera fauna of the lake for the first time and reported four species, *C. sphaericus*, *D. magna*, *D. longispina* and *Moina rectirostris*. in present study, except *M. rectirostris*, all other species alongwith *Alona* sp. have been recorded from the lake. Kazancı (25) studied the zooplankton fauna alongwith biological and ecological aspects of the lake Burdur and reported a total of 9 species; 8 from Rotifera and 1 from Copepoda. in present study, among Rotifers, *B. plicatilis*, *N. acuminata*, *H. fennica* and from Copepod, *Arctodiaptomus burduricus* have been observed. However, *Platyias quadricornis*, *B. urceolaris*, *L. patella*, *F. longiseta* were not recorded.

In present study identified species of Rotifera, *Cephalodella catellina*, *C. gibba*, *Colurella adriatica*, *Lecane lamellata*, *Keratella quadrata*, *Synchaeta oblonga*, *Polyarthra vulgaris*; Cladocera, *Diaphanosoma brachyurum*, are new records for lake Burdur.

Table 1. The density and distribution of zooplankton species at different stations of the lake Burdur.

ZOOPLANKTON	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
Rotifera	ist.	ist.	ist.	ist.	ist.	ist.	ist.	ist.	ist.	ist.
<i>Brachionus plicatilis</i>	3x	3x	2x	3x	3x	3x	3x	3x	1x	3x
<i>Hexarthra fennica</i>	2x	3x	3x	3x	3x	2x	3x	3x	1x	3x
<i>Keratella quadrata</i>	1x		1x	1x	1x	1x	1x			
<i>Synchaeta oblonga</i>	2x	2x	3x	1x	1x	1x				
<i>Colurella adriatica</i>	2x	1x		2x	1x	2x		2x		2x
<i>Polyarthra vulgaris</i>	1x	1x								
<i>Lecane lamellata</i>				1x						
<i>Cephalodella catellina</i>						1x	2x			
<i>Cephalodella gibba</i>							1x			
<i>Notholca acuminata</i>				1x						
Cladocera										
<i>Daphnia magna</i>	1x	1x								
<i>Daphnia longispina</i>		1x								
<i>Diaphanosoma brachyurum</i>						1x	1x			
<i>Chydorus sphaericus</i>										
<i>Alona</i> sp.	1x									
Copepoda										
<i>Arctodiaptomus burduricus</i>	2x	3x	2x	1x	3x	2x			2x	2x
<i>Canthocampus</i> sp.						1x				1x

(1x = Very few, 2x = Frequent, 3x = Abundant)

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