

RESULTS OF SEDIMENT CORES TAKEN FROM SISSABAGAMA LAKE, SAWYER COUNTY, SPIRIT LAKE, TAYLOR COUNTY, AND NORTH SPIRIT LAKE, PRICE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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Aquatic organisms are good indicators of a lake's water quality because they are in direct contact with the water and are strongly affected by the chemical composition of their surroundings. Most indicator groups grow rapidly and are short lived so the community composition responds rapidly to changing environmental conditions. One of the most useful organisms for paleolimnological analysis are diatoms. These are a type of algae which possess siliceous cell walls, which enables them to be highly resistant to degradation and are usually abundant, diverse, and well-preserved in sediments. They are especially useful, as they are ecologically diverse. Diatom species have unique features as shown in Figure 1, which enable them to be readily identified. Certain taxa are usually found under nutrient poor conditions

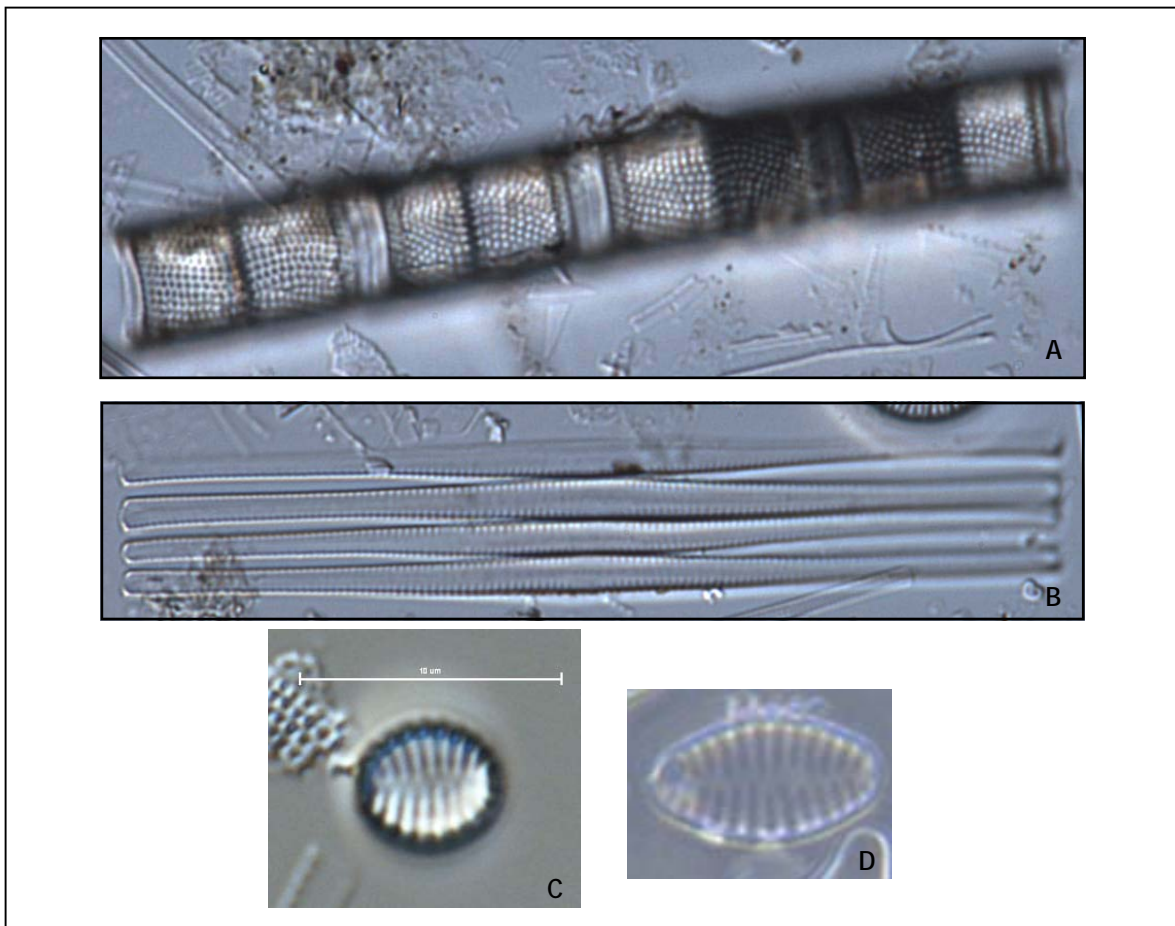


Figure 1. Photomicrographs of the diatoms commonly found in the study lakes. The top two diatoms, *Aulacoseira ambigua* (A), and *Fragilaria crotonensis* (B) are found in the open water environments while the bottom two diatoms are part of the benthic *Fragilaria* (C and D). The latter two diatoms are commonly found attached to substrates such as macrophytes. The top diatom, *A. ambigua*, was a common part of the diatom community in bottom sample in all three lakes.

while others are more common under elevated nutrient levels. Some species float in the open water areas while others grow attached to objects such as aquatic plants or the lake bottom.

By determining changes in the diatom community it is possible to determine water quality changes that have occurred in the lake. The diatom community provides information about changes in nutrient concentrations, water clarity, and pH conditions as well as alterations in the aquatic plant (macrophyte) community.

On 5 and 6 October 2010 sediment cores were collected from lakes Sissabagama, Spirit, and North Spirit with a gravity corer. A sample from the top of the core and near the bottom was retained for analysis. Radiochemical analysis indicated that the cores from lakes Sissabagama and Spirit were not deep enough to reach presettlement times. Consequently another, longer core was extracted from these lakes. These cores were collected on 13 June 2011 at the same location as the previous cores. The location of the cores and water and core depth are given in Table 1.

Lake	County	GPS Coordinates	Water Depth (m)	Depth of Core (cm)	Depth of Second Core (cm)
Sissabagama	Sawyer	45.78975° 91.51013°	12.5	42	90
Spirit	Price	45.37819° 90.13422°	2.4	38	96
North Spirit	Taylor	45.38159° 90.15440°	5.8	42	NA

## Results

Good cores were collected from all of the lakes and there were adequate diatoms in the samples. In none of the samples did the diatoms appear to have been unduly degraded. This means that the diatom community should accurately document water quality changes that have occurred in the lakes. The radiochemical analysis for the cores collected in October indicated that presettlement conditions were reached in the North Spirit Lake core but not in the other two cores. Since Pb-210 is a breakdown product of radium-226 if the cores are deep enough to reach background levels, there values should be similar. Since cesium-137 is a byproduct of atmospheric nuclear testing which occurred from 1954-1963 the levels should be undetectable. Since the cores from Spirit and Sissabagama were too shallow, additional , longer cores were collected in June 2011.

Table 2. Radiochemistry results from the 3 cores. Lead-210 values should be similar to Ra-226 if the cores are long enough to reach pre-settlement times. Likewise, Cs-137 should be undetectable.

Lake	County	Lead-210 (pCi g <sup>-1</sup> )	Radium-226 (pCi g <sup>-1</sup> )	Cesium-137 (pCi g <sup>-1</sup> )
Sissabagama	Sawyer	8.6785	1.1724	1.0356
Spirit	Price	1.7021	0.7379	<0.2812
North Spirit	Taylor	0.8977	0.6204	<0.2921

## Sissabagama Lake

In Sissabagama Lake, historically the major component of the diatom community are those species that float in the open water of the lake. The major taxa of these planktonic diatoms in the bottom sample were the chain forming diatom *Aulacoseira ambigua* and small amounts of *Fragilaria crotonensis* and *Asterionella formosa* (Figure 2). These diatoms are common in lakes throughout the Upper Midwest with moderate nutrient levels. These diatoms grow in the upper part of the water column and are usually found throughout the growing season.

In the top sample the abundance of *A. ambigua* declined and was replaced by *F. crotonensis* and *A. formosa*. Both of these species are some of the first diatoms to increase as a result of nutrient enrichment following human disturbances. Recent studies have shown that these diatoms respond more to an increase in nitrogen as well as an increase in phosphorus.

The percentage of planktonic diatoms was greater in the bottom than the top samples (Figure 2). Many lakes in northern Wisconsin have experienced a decline in the abundance of planktonic diatoms in response to change in submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). These lakes also experience an increase in species richness and an increase in species diversity as the SAV provide additional habitat for diatom growth. In Sissabagama Lake this trend occurred (Table 3) indicating a likely increase in SAV at the present time compared with pre-settlement conditions. Dr. Susan Borman recently conducted a study in lakes in the northwestern part of WI where she compared the SAV community in the 1930s with the present

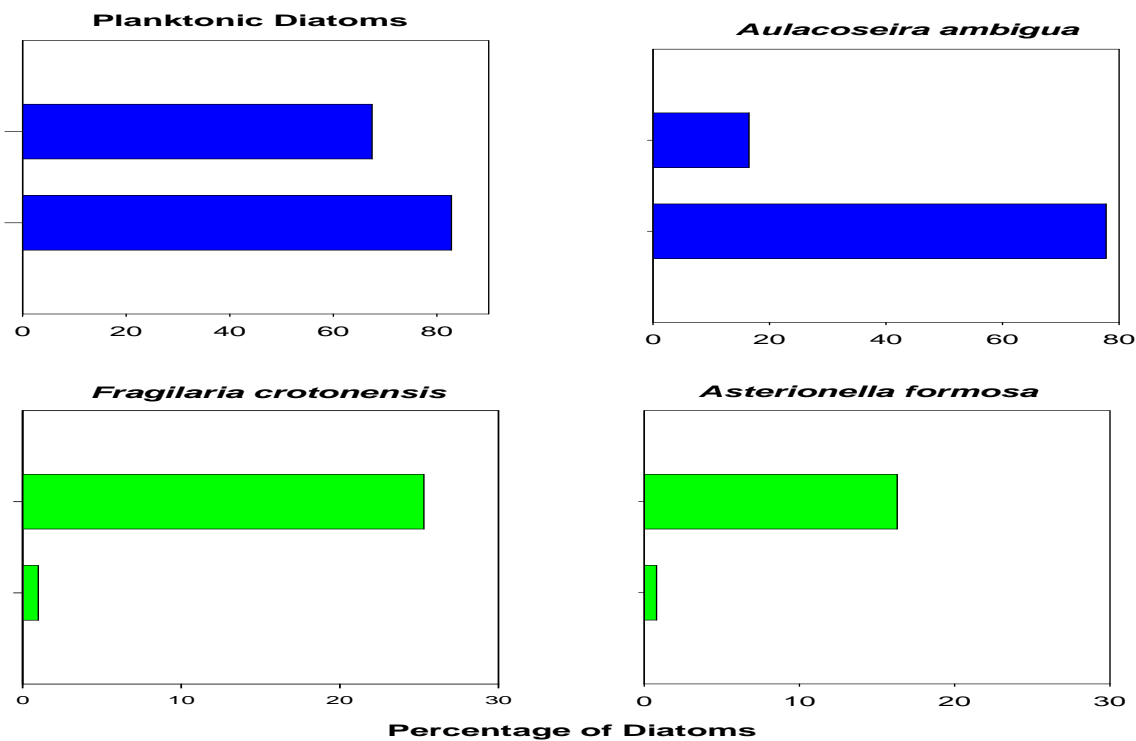


Figure 2. Changes in the abundance of important diatoms found at the top and bottom of the Sissabagama Lake sediment core. The dominant diatoms were planktonic diatoms which float in the open water. The decline in *A. ambigua* and increase in *F. crotonensis* indicates a increase in nutrients.

day community. She found that lakes with cottages have more plants and the species have shifted to those that are larger and grow closer to the lake's surface. The diatom community indicates this has happened in Sissabagama Lake.

Table 3. Number of species and diatom community diversity in the core from Sissabagama Lake.

	Number of diatom taxa	Diversity of diatom community
Top Sample	42	2.85
Bottom Sample	27	1.09

Diatom assemblages historically have been used as indicators of nutrient changes in a qualitative way. In recent years, ecologically relevant statistical methods have been developed to infer environmental conditions from diatom assemblages. These methods are based on multivariate ordination and weighted averaging regression and calibration. Ecological preferences of diatom species are determined by relating modern limnological variables to surface sediment diatom assemblages. The species-environment relationships are then used to infer environmental conditions from fossil diatom assemblages found in the sediment core.

Such a model was applied to the diatom community in the core from Sissabagama Lake. The model indicates the presettlement phosphorus concentration in the lake was around  $15 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  while the present day concentration is  $20 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ . This represents an increase in phosphorus levels of about  $5 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ . I was not able to apply the model to changes in nitrogen concentrations but it is likely the change has not be more than  $0.1 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ .

### *Spirit Lake*

In Spirit Lake the presettlement diatom community was evenly divided between diatoms that grow attached to substrates, such as submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) and planktonic diatoms that grow in the open water. At the present time, most of the diatoms are nonplanktonic taxa. In the top and bottom samples most of the nonplanktonic diatoms are in the group benthic *Fragilaria* (Figure 3). These diatoms grow in long filaments and are frequently found attached to SAV.

In the top sample the abundance of *A. ambigua* declines and is replaced by *A. formosa* and *F. crotonensis*. Both of these species are some of the first diatoms to increase as a result of nutrient enrichment following human disturbances. This change in diatom taxa is similar to that experienced in Sissabagama Lake but in Spirit Lake these taxa are a much smaller proportion of the diatom community.

The diatom community in the top sample has a higher number of species than the bottom sample and the diversity is higher (Table 4). This indicates that while SAV were common at

Table 4. Number of species and diatom community diversity in the core from Spirit Lake.

	Number of diatom taxa	Diversity of diatom community
Top Sample	49	2.76
Bottom Sample	35	1.99

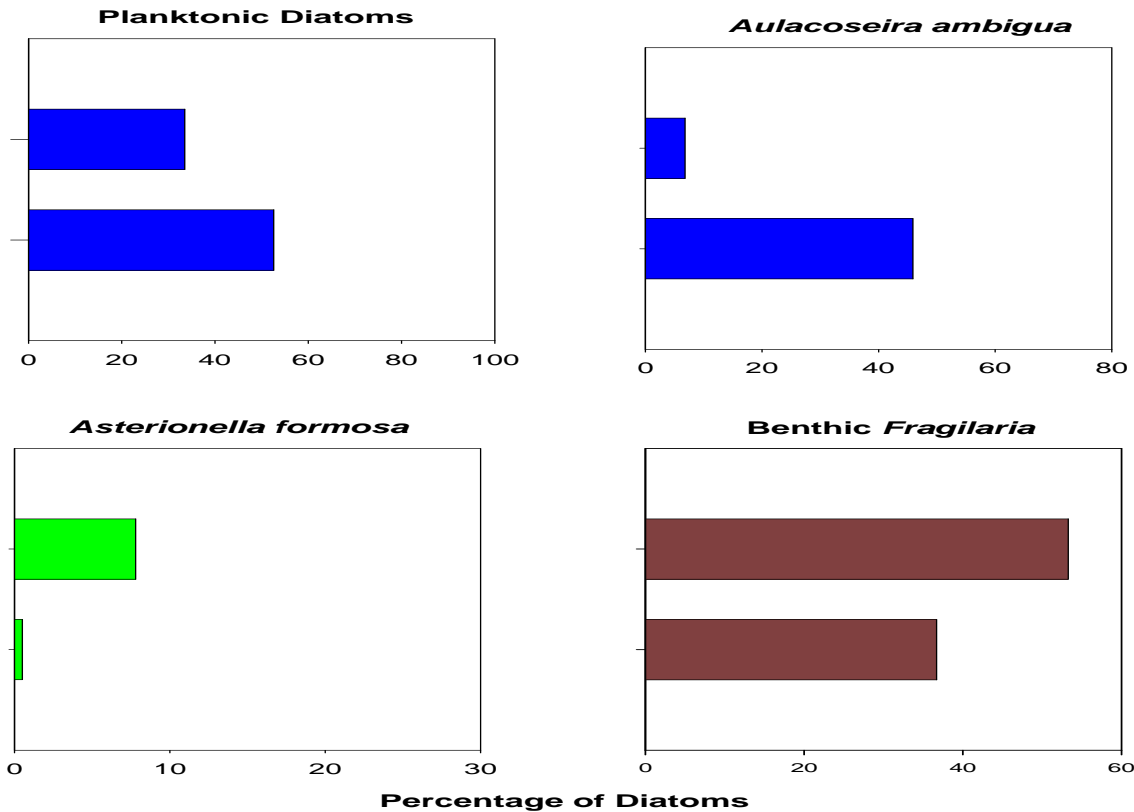


Figure 3. Changes in the abundance of important diatoms found at the top and bottom of the Spirit Lake sediment core. The dominant diatoms at the bottom of the core were planktonic but they shifted to nonplanktonic diatoms at the top of the core. This indicates an increase in growth of submerged aquatic vegetation.

the time the bottom sample was deposited there likely has been an increase in the macrophyte community in recent times.

The model that was applied to the diatom community in Spirit Lake estimated that the pre-settlement phosphorus concentration was about  $44 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ . The model estimated the present day concentration was  $117 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  which is similar to the measured values of the last 5 years. The model indicates a substantial increase of phosphorus since presettlement times.

### North Spirit Lake

In North Spirit Lake the diatom community was historically dominated by planktonic diatoms. As with Sissabagama Lake, the dominant species was *A. ambigua* (Figure 4). Like the other two lakes, the diatom community changed significantly in the top sample. The planktonic diatom, *A. ambigua* was replaced by *Stephanodiscus hantzschii* which is typically found in higher phosphorus concentrations. There has been a decline in the abundance of planktonic diatoms and they have been replaced by benthic *Fragilaria*, especially *Fragilaria capucina*.

Spirit and North Spirit lakes are adjacent and connected, and historically the diatom communities were somewhat similar. There were more nonplanktonic diatoms in Spirit Lake but the dominant taxa were similar. At the present time the communities are much more similar,

although planktonic diatoms are more common in North Spirit Lake. Benthic *Fragilaria* are common in the top samples of both lakes. In North Spirit Lake there has been an increase in species richness and diversity (Table 5) which is an indication of increased SAV growth in recent years.

The modeling effort for North Spirit Lake indicates that phosphorus concentrations have increased significantly between the bottom and top sample. The average summer phosphorus concentration measured in the lake during the period 2005-10 was  $77 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  while the estimated present day concentration is  $94 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ . The model estimates that the historical phosphorus concentration was about  $52 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  which is much lower than the present day levels.

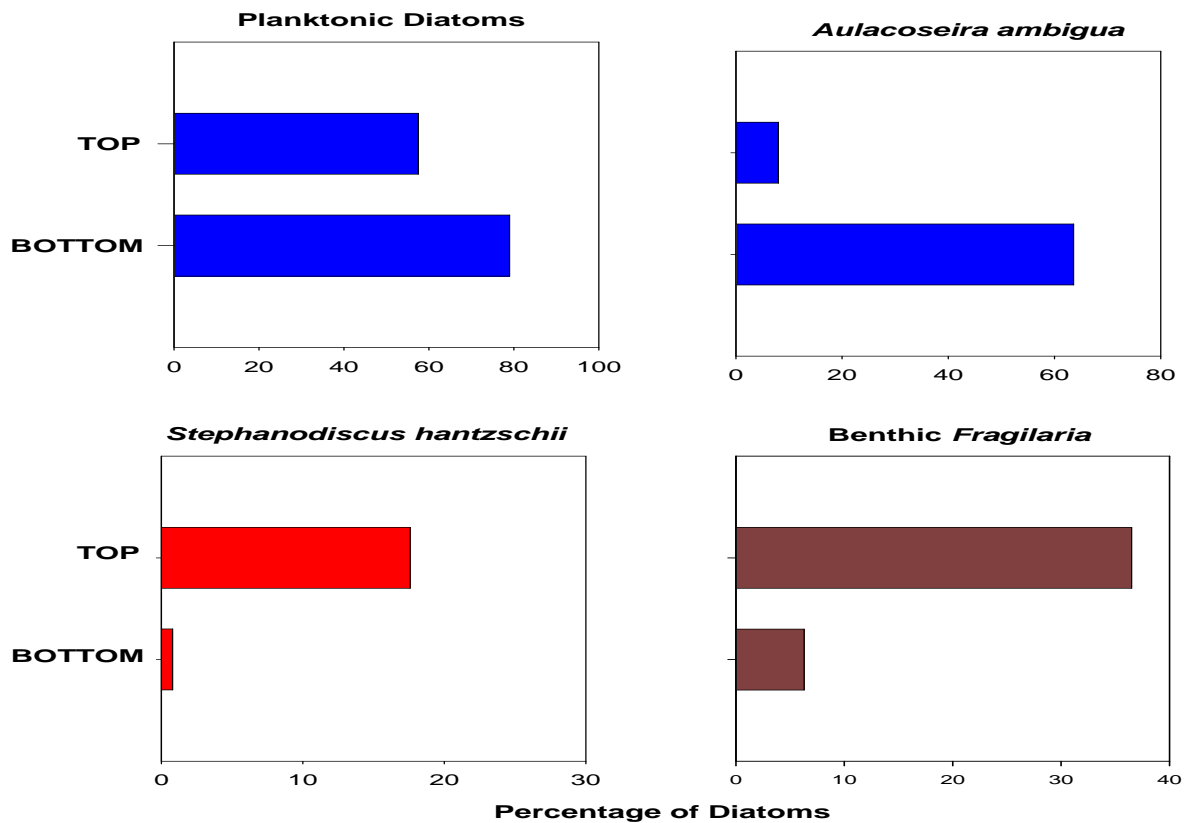


Figure 4. Changes in the abundance of important diatoms found at the top and bottom of the North Spirit Lake sediment core. There was a significant shift of diatom community with planktonic diatoms becoming less important in the top sample. This indicates an increase in growth of the SAV community. The replacement of *A. ambigua* with *S. hantzschii* signals and increase in phosphorus.

Table 5. Number of species and diatom community diversity in the core from North Spirit Lake.

	Number of diatom taxa	Diversity of diatom community
Top Sample	36	2.49
Bottom Sample	24	1.55

### Summary

The diatom communities indicate that phosphorus concentrations in all the lakes is higher now than they were historically (Table 6). The phosphorus concentrations in Lake Sissabagama are about  $5 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  higher now compared with presettlement levels. Phosphorus levels have increased much more in Spirit and North Spirit lakes. Historically both of these lakes had phosphorus levels in the eutrophic range but they are much higher now.

The extent of the SAV community has increased in all three lakes. This is common in lakes that have experienced cottage development. It is likely this is reflected the growth of plant species that are more architecturally diverse and grow higher in the water column.

Table 6. Mean summer phosphorus concentrations in the study lakes ( $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ ). The observed value represents the last 5 years. The concentration for the top and bottom samples were estimated from the diatom community.

	Observed P	Top	Bottom
Sissabagama	23	20	15
Spirit	120	117	44
North Spirit	77	94	52

<b>SISSABAGAMA LAKE</b>		
<b>Sawyer County</b>		
<b>Top (0-1 cm)</b>		
	<b>COUNT TOTAL</b>	
	Number	Prop.
<b>TAXA</b>		
<i>Achnanthydium minutissimum</i> (Kützing) Czarnecki	13	0.033
<i>Asterionella formosa</i> Hassal	65	0.163
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua</i> (Grunow) Simonsen	62	0.155
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua</i> (Grunow) Simonsen narrow morph	4	0.010
<i>Aulacoseira granulata</i> (Ehrenberg) Simonsen	10	0.025
<i>Aulacoseira granulata</i> var. <i>angustissima</i> (Müller) Simonsen	1	0.003
<i>Cocconeis neothumensis</i> Krammer	1	0.003
<i>Cocconeis placentula</i> var. <i>lineata</i> (Ehrenberg) Van Heurck	4	0.010
<i>Cyclotella bodanica</i> var. <i>lemanica</i> Müller	1	0.003
<i>Cymbella naviculiformis</i> Auerswald ex Héribaud	2	0.005
<i>Discostella stelligera</i> (Hustedt) Houk et Klee	11	0.028
<i>Discostella stelligeroides</i> (Hustedt) Houk et Klee	4	0.010
<i>Encyonopsis microcephala</i> (Grunow) Krammer	3	0.008
<i>Eunotia incisa</i> Smith ex Gregory	3	0.008
<i>Eunotia</i> spp.	1	0.003
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> Desmazières	1	0.003
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> var. <i>mesolepta</i> Rabenhorst	15	0.038
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> var. <i>rumpens</i> (Kützing) Lange-Bertalot	1	0.003
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis</i> Kitton	81	0.203
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis</i> var. <i>oregona</i> Sovereign	21	0.053
<i>Fragilaria sepes</i> Ehrenberg	7	0.018
<i>Fragilaria tenera</i> (Smith) Lange-Bertalot	2	0.005
<i>Geissleria acceptata</i> (Hustedt) Lange-Bertalot et Metzeltin	1	0.003
<i>Gomphonema</i> cf. <i>angusticephalum</i> Reichardt	2	0.005
<i>Gomphonema gracile</i> Ehrenberg emend Van Heurck	3	0.008
<i>Gomphonema pumilum</i> (Grunow) Reichardt et Lange-Bertalot	2	0.005
<i>Karayevia clevei</i> (Grunow) Bukhtiyarova	1	0.003
<i>Navicula cryptocephala</i> Kützing	2	0.005
<i>Navicula minima</i> Grunow	1	0.003
<i>Navicula rhynchocephala</i> Kützing	2	0.005
<i>Navicula tantula</i> Hustedt	4	0.010
<i>Nitzschia lacuum</i> Lange-Bertalot	2	0.005
<i>Nitzschia linearis</i> var. <i>subtilis</i> Hustedt	1	0.003
<i>Nitzschia perminuta</i> (Grunow) Peragallo	1	0.003
<i>Nitzschia</i> spp.	1	0.003
<i>Opephora olsenii</i> Møller	1	0.003
<i>Platessa conspicua</i> (Mayer) Lange-Bertalot	4	0.010
<i>Pseudostaurosira trainorii</i> Morales	3	0.008
<i>Rhizosolenia longiseta</i> Zacharias	1	0.003
<i>Sellaphora seminulum</i> (Grunow) Mann	4	0.010
<i>Sellaphora</i> spp.	1	0.003
<i>Staurosira construens</i> var. <i>venter</i> morph 1	4	0.010
<i>Staurosirella pinnata</i> (Ehrenberg) Williams et Round	4	0.010
<i>Staurosirella pinnata</i> var. <i>lancettula</i> (Schumann) Siver et Hamilton	2	0.005
<i>Synedra biceps</i> Kützing	1	0.003
<i>Synedra delicatissima</i> var. <i>angustissima</i> Grunow	6	0.015
<i>Tabellaria flocculosa</i> (strain III) sensu Koppen	2	0.005
<i>Tabellaria flocculosa</i> (strain IIIp) sensu Koppen	24	0.060
<i>Tabellaria flocculosa</i> var. <i>linearis</i> Koppen	7	0.018
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.000</b>



<b>SISSABAGAMA LAKE</b>		
<b>Sawyer County</b>		
<b>Bottom (86-88 cm)</b>		
	<b>COUNT TOTAL</b>	
	Number	Prop.
<b>TAXA</b>		
<i>Achnanthes</i> spp.	5	0.013
<i>Achnanthes oblongella</i> Østrup	2	0.005
<i>Achnantheidium minutissimum</i> (Kützing) Czarnecki	1	0.003
<i>Asterionella formosa</i> Hassal	3	0.008
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua</i> (Grunow) Simonsen	311	0.778
<i>Aulacoseira lirata</i> (Ehrenberg) Ross	1	0.003
<i>Aulacoseira</i> spp.	9	0.023
<i>Cyclotella bodanica</i> var. <i>lemanica</i> Müller	1	0.003
<i>Cymbella</i> spp.	2	0.005
<i>Encyonema minutum</i> (Hilse) Mann	2	0.005
<i>Eunotia formica</i> Ehrenberg	1	0.003
<i>Eunotia incisa</i> Smith ex Gregory	2	0.005
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> var. <i>gracilis</i> (Østrup) Hustedt	3	0.008
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis</i> Kitton	4	0.010
<i>Fragilaria vaucheriae</i> (Kützing) Petersen	1	0.003
<i>Gomphonema gracile</i> Ehrenberg emend Van Heurck	1	0.003
<i>Hantzschia amphioxys</i> (Ehrenberg) Grunow	1	0.003
<i>Navicula</i> spp.	4	0.010
<i>Pseudostaurosira brevistriata</i> (Grunow) Williams et Round	6	0.015
<i>Pseudostaurosira parasitica</i> (Smith) Morales	2	0.005
<i>Pseudostaurosira trainorii</i> Morales	13	0.033
<i>Puncticulata bodanica</i> (Grunow in Schneider) Håkansson	2	0.005
<i>Staurosira construens</i> var. <i>subsalina</i> (Hustedt) Andresen, Stoermer et	1	0.003
<i>Staurosira construens</i> var. <i>venter</i> (Ehrenberg) Hamilton	5	0.013
<i>Staurosirella pinnata</i> (Ehrenberg) Williams et Round	5	0.013
<i>Synedra rumpens</i> var. <i>familiaris</i> (Kützing) Hustedt	1	0.003
<i>Tabellaria flocculosa</i> (strain III) sensu Koppen	1	0.003
<i>Tabellaria</i> spp.	3	0.008
unknown pennate	7	0.018
<b>TOTAL</b>	400	1.000

<b>SPIRIT LAKE</b>		
<b>Taylor County</b>		
<b>Top (0-1 cm)</b>		
	<b>COUNT TOTAL</b>	
	Number	Prop.
<b>TAXA</b>		
<i>Achnanthydium minutissimum</i> (Kützing) Czarnecki	6	0.015
<i>Amphora copulata</i> (Kützing) Schoeman et Archibald	1	0.003
<i>Asterionella formosa</i> Hassal	31	0.078
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua</i> (Grunow) Simonsen	20	0.050
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua</i> (Grunow) Simonsen curved morph	7	0.018
<i>Aulacoseira granulata</i> (Ehrenberg) Simonsen	14	0.035
<i>Aulacoseira granulata</i> var. <i>angustissima</i> (Müller) Simonsen	10	0.025
<i>Aulacoseira subarctica</i> (Müller) Haworth	7	0.018
<i>Aulacoseira tenella</i> (Nygaard) Simonsen	6	0.015
<i>Chamepinnularia</i> sp. 1?	1	0.003
<i>Cocconeis placentula</i> var. <i>lineata</i> (Ehrenberg) Van Heurck	1	0.003
<i>Ctenophora pulchella</i> (Ralfs ex Kützing) Williams et Round	1	0.003
<i>Cyclostephanos invisitatus</i> (Hohn et Hellerman) Theriot, Stoermer et Håkansson	5	0.013
<i>Cyclostephanos tholiformis</i> Stoermer, Håkansson et Theriot	5	0.013
<i>Discostella pseudostelligera</i> (Hustedt) Houk et Klee	1	0.003
<i>Discostella stelligera</i> (Hustedt) Houk et Klee	1	0.003
<i>Discostella woltereckii</i> (Hustedt) Houk et Klee	7	0.018
<i>Eunotia formica</i> Ehrenberg	1	0.003
<i>Eunotia soleirolii</i> (Kützing) Rabenhorst	1	0.003
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> Desmazières	1	0.003
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> var. <i>mesolepta</i> Rabenhorst	7	0.018
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> var. <i>rumpens</i> (Kützing) Lange-Bertalot	1	0.003
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis</i> Kitton	18	0.045
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis</i> var. <i>oregona</i> Sovereign	2	0.005
<i>Geissleria acceptata</i> (Hustedt) Lange-Bertalot et Metzeltin	2	0.005
<i>Gomphonema</i> spp.	2	0.005
<i>Hantzschia amphioxys</i> (Ehrenberg) Grunow	1	0.003
<i>Lemnicola hungarica</i> (Grunow) Round et Basson	2	0.005
<i>Navicula cryptocephala</i> Kützing	4	0.010
<i>Navicula glomus</i> Carter et Bailey-Watts	1	0.003
<i>Navicula minima</i> Grunow	4	0.010
<i>Navicula tantula</i> Hustedt	3	0.008
<i>Nitzschia archibaldii</i> Lange-Bertalot	4	0.010
<i>Nitzschia frustulum</i> (Kützing) Grunow	1	0.003
<i>Nupela</i> sp. 1	1	0.003
<i>Planothidium biporum</i> (Hohn et Hellerman) Lange-Bertalot	1	0.003
<i>Planothidium lanceolatum</i> (Brébisson ex Kützing) Lange-Bertalot	1	0.003
<i>Pseudostaurosira brevistriata</i> (Grunow) Williams et Round	3	0.008
<i>Pseudostaurosira trainorii</i> Morales	90	0.225
<i>Sellaphora pupula</i> (Kützing) Mereschkowsky	1	0.003
<i>Sellaphora seminulum</i> (Grunow) Mann	4	0.010
<i>Staurosira construens</i> Ehrenberg	18	0.045
<i>Staurosira construens</i> var. <i>venter</i> (Ehrenberg) Hamilton	94	0.235
<i>Stephanodiscus niagarae</i> Ehrenberg	2	0.005
<i>Stephanodiscus parvus</i> Stoermer et Håkansson	2	0.005
<i>Surirella angusta</i> Kützing	1	0.003
<i>Synedra acus</i> Kützing	1	0.003
<i>Synedra delicatissima</i> var. <i>angustissima</i> Grunow	1	0.003
<i>Tabellaria flocculosa</i> (strain IV) sensu Koppen	1	0.003
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.000</b>

<b>SPIRIT LAKE</b>		
<b>Taylor County</b>		
<b>Bottom (92-94 cm)</b>		
	<b>COUNT TOTAL</b>	
	Number	Prop.
<b>TAXA</b>		
<i>Achnanthes</i> spp.	4	0.010
<i>Achnantheidium minutissimum</i> (Kützing) Czarnecki	2	0.005
<i>Asterionella formosa</i> Hassal	2	0.005
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua</i> (Grunow) Simonsen	184	0.459
<i>Aulacoseira italica</i> (Ehrenberg) Simonsen	10	0.025
<i>Aulacoseira subarctica</i> (Müller) Haworth	12	0.030
<i>Cymbella</i> spp.	1	0.002
<i>Discotella pseudostelligera</i> (Hustedt) Houk et Klee	3	0.007
<i>Discotella stelligera</i> (Hustedt) Houk et Klee	3	0.007
<i>Eolimna minima</i> (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot	3	0.007
<i>Eunotia incisa</i> Smith ex Gregory	1	0.002
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> var. <i>gracilis</i> (Østrup) Hustedt	6	0.015
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> var. <i>mesolepta</i> Rabenhorst	1	0.002
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis</i> Kitton	2	0.005
<i>Fragilaria sepes</i> Ehrenberg	1	0.002
<i>Gomphonema</i> spp.	1	0.002
<i>Navicula subrotundata</i> Hustedt	2	0.005
<i>Neidium iridis</i> (Ehrenberg) Cleve	1	0.002
<i>Nitzschia palea</i> (Kützing) Smith	1	0.002
<i>Nitzschia</i> spp.	1	0.002
<i>Pseudostaurosira brevistriata</i> (Grunow) Williams et Round	6	0.015
<i>Pseudostaurosira trainorii</i> Morales	92	0.229
<i>Rhizosolenia longiseta</i> Zacharias	1	0.002
<i>Sellaphora pupula</i> (Kützing) Mereschkowsky	1	0.002
<i>Sellaphora</i> sp.	1	0.002
<i>Staurosirella pinnata</i> (Ehrenberg) Williams et Round	17	0.042
<i>Staurosirella pinnata</i> var. <i>lancettula</i> (Schumann) Siver et Hamilton	32	0.080
<i>Synedra rumpens</i> Kützing	1	0.002
<i>Synedra rumpens</i> var. <i>familiaris</i> (Kützing) Hustedt	5	0.012
<i>Synedra ulna</i> (Nitzsch) Ehrenberg	1	0.002
<i>Tabellaria</i> spp.	2	0.005
unknown pennate	1	0.002
<b>TOTAL</b>	401	1.000

<b>NORTH SPIRIT LAKE</b>		
<b>Price County</b>		
<b>Top (0-1 cm)</b>		
	<b>COUNT TOTAL</b>	
	Number	Prop.
<b>TAXA</b>		
<i>Achnantheidium minutissimum</i> (Kützing) Czarnecki	2	0.005
<i>Adlafia minuscula</i> (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot	2	0.005
<i>Asterionella formosa</i> Hassal	66	0.165
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua</i> (Grunow) Simonsen	32	0.080
<i>Aulacoseira granulata</i> (Ehrenberg) Simonsen	2	0.005
<i>Cyclostephanos tholiformis</i> Stoermer, Håkansson et Theriot	1	0.003
<i>Discostella woltereckii</i> (Hustedt) Houk et Klee	3	0.008
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> Desmazières	7	0.018
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> var. <i>mesolepta</i> Rabenhorst	80	0.200
<i>Fragilaria capucina</i> var. <i>rumpens</i> (Kützing) Lange-Bertalot	1	0.003
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis</i> Kitton	28	0.070
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis</i> var. <i>oregona</i> Sovereign	9	0.023
<i>Fragilaria vaucheriae</i> (Kützing) Petersen	1	0.003
<i>Geissleria decussis</i> (Hustedt) Lange-Bertalot et Metzeltin	1	0.003
<i>Geissleria similis</i> (Krasske) Lange-Bertalot et Metzeltin	1	0.003
<i>Gomphonema minutum</i> (Agardh) Agardh	1	0.003
<i>Gomphonema pumilum</i> (Grunow) Reichardt et Lange-Bertalot	1	0.003
<i>Karayevia clevei</i> (Grunow) Bukhtiyarova	1	0.003
<i>Navicula</i> cf. <i>minima</i> Grunow	1	0.003
<i>Navicula cryptocephala</i> Kützing	1	0.003
<i>Navicula minima</i> Grunow	2	0.005
<i>Nitzschia amphibia</i> Grunow	1	0.003
<i>Nitzschia archibaldii</i> Lange-Bertalot	2	0.005
<i>Nitzschia dissipata</i> (Kützing) Grunow	2	0.005
<i>Opephora olsenii</i> Møller	1	0.003
<i>Pinnularia abaujensis</i> (Pantocsek) Ross	2	0.005
<i>Pseudostaurosira trainorii</i> Morales	9	0.023
<i>Sellaphora laevissima</i> (Kützing) Mann	1	0.003
<i>Sellaphora pupula</i> (Kützing) Mereschkowsky	1	0.003
<i>Staurosira construens</i> var. <i>venter</i> (Ehrenberg) Hamilton	45	0.113
<i>Staurosirella pinnata</i> (Ehrenberg) Williams et Round	4	0.010
<i>Stephanodiscus hantzschii</i> fo. <i>tenuis</i> (Hustedt) Håkansson et Stoermer	5	0.013
<i>Stephanodiscus hantzschii</i> Grunow	65	0.163
<i>Stephanodiscus niagarae</i> Ehrenberg	16	0.040
<i>Stephanodiscus parvus</i> Stoermer et Håkansson	2	0.005
<i>Synedra cyclosum</i> Brutschy	1	0.003
<b>TOTAL</b>	400	1.000

<b>NORTH SPIRIT LAKE</b>		
<b>Price County</b>		
<b>Bottom (38-40 cm)</b>		
	<b>COUNT TOTAL</b>	
	Number	Prop.
<b>TAXA</b>		
<i>Achnantheidium minutissimum (Kützing) Czarnecki</i>	3	0.008
<i>Asterionella formosa Hassal</i>	24	0.060
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua (Grunow) Simonsen</i>	251	0.628
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua (Grunow) Simonsen narrow morph</i>	3	0.008
<i>Cocconeis placentula var. lineata (Ehrenberg) Van Heurck</i>	2	0.005
<i>Cyclostephanos tholiformis Stoermer, Håkansson et Theriot</i>	1	0.003
<i>Discostella stelligeroides (Hustedt) Houk et Klee</i>	3	0.008
<i>Discostella woltereckii (Hustedt) Houk et Klee</i>	5	0.013
<i>Eunotia bilunaris (Ehrenberg) Mills</i>	1	0.003
<i>Eunotia incisa Smith ex Gregory</i>	2	0.005
<i>Fragilaria capucina var. mesolepta Rabenhorst</i>	7	0.018
<i>Fragilaria capucina var. rumpens (Kützing) Lange-Bertalot</i>	17	0.043
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis Kitton</i>	47	0.118
<i>Fragilaria sepes Ehrenberg</i>	3	0.008
<i>Gomphonema gracile Ehrenberg emend Van Heurck</i>	2	0.005
<i>Gomphonema minutum (Agardh) Agardh</i>	1	0.003
<i>Navicula minima Grunow</i>	2	0.005
<i>Navicula subrotundata Hustedt</i>	2	0.005
<i>Pseudostaurosira trainorii Morales</i>	12	0.030
<i>Rossithidium linearis (Smith) Round et Bukhtiyarova</i>	1	0.003
<i>Sellaphora pupula (Kützing) Mereschkowsky</i>	1	0.003
<i>Sellaphora seminulum (Grunow) Mann</i>	1	0.003
<i>Staurosira construens var. venter (Ehrenberg) Hamilton</i>	6	0.015
<i>Stephanodiscus hantzschii Grunow</i>	3	0.008
<b>TOTAL</b>	400	1.000