

# Final Report

## Aquatic Life in Ephemeral, Intermittent and Perennial Streams in the Coastal Plain of North Carolina

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### Background

Any discussion of small, headwater streams must begin with a definition of flow regimes. Currently, there is no universally accepted set of definitions of stream types, so comparisons between studies must be made with care. North Carolina DWQ defines a perennial channel as one that contains water all year around and an intermittent channel as one that contains water for a significant part of the year, but is dry for some part, during a year of normal rainfall (15A NCAC 2B.0233).

This grant continued the investigation of headwater streams started by a previous EPA grant (Development of Policy for Protection of Intermittent Streams through the 401 Water Quality Certification Program grant # CD 974043-00-0) which investigated the aquatic life in headwater (intermittent and perennial) streams in the mountains and piedmont of North Carolina. Some of the results of this study are summarized in the following four paragraphs.

Streams start in different ways and require different sized drainage areas. In the mountains, most streams start as perennial springs with small watersheds (usually <10 acres), though there are a few documented cases of streams starting as overland flow or with wet weather springs. In both of these cases, the intermittent reaches were very short (< 7 m). In the piedmont, most streams started via overland flow, however it was not uncommon to find a spring-fed stream. Watersheds supporting intermittent streams ranged from 10-20 acres and intermittent streams were usually 10 m or less, except in the Triassic Basins and Slate Belt ecoregions, which were much longer. Stream mapping efforts in these ecoregions found similar results (Periann Russell. Personal Communication)

While there were a few species that were found only in intermittent streams (the dipterans *Dasyhelea* and family Dolichopodidae and beetle larvae *Helichus*), most species found in intermittent streams were found in perennial streams as well. This agreed with the findings of Delucchi and Pecarsky 1989, Feminella 1996, and Del Rosario and Resh 2000. Some species live only in headwater perennial streams: the caddisflies *Homoptera* and *Pseudostenophylax* in the mountains, and the phantom crane flies (*Ptychoptera* and *Bittacomorpha*) in the piedmont. While shredders, particularly winter stone flies like *Allocapnia*, could be dominant in headwater reaches in winter, as found by Haggety et al. 2002, the much more omnivorous amphipod *Crangonyx*, was at least as likely to dominate intermittent reaches when they were wet.

On average, intermittent stream segments supported approximately 60-70% of the aquatic life in a perennial segment. There is a large variance around these numbers because of faunal changes between wet and dry seasons, wet and dry years, ecoregion and whether the discussion involved number of aquatic species or number of individuals. On average, ephemeral reaches supported about 20-30% of the aquatic life in a perennial segment with the same large variance for the same reasons. This is not far from the results of Fritz and Dodds (2002), who found intermittent streams in the tallgrass prairie had 45-50% of the aquatic life of downstream perennial segments.

In wet years, when intermittent segments did not dry out, it took about 18 months for the fauna at an intermittent site to evolve to the point that it resembled the fauna at perennial sites downstream. In dry years, it took only a few weeks of a dry stream bed to extirpate most of the aquatic species.

While these observations gave us significantly more insight to the behavior of intermittent streams in the piedmont and mountains of North Carolina, before the Division of Water Quality could move forward with policy changes based on this improved understanding, we had to evaluate headwater streams in the coastal plain as well.

**Sites**

Initially, eight small, minimally impacted watersheds were identified in southern and eastern North Carolina (Figure 1). The three western most sites were located in the Sandhills level 4 ecoregion (Griffith et. al. 2002), the southernmost and eastern most sites were in the outer coastal plain (Carolina Flatwoods to Griffith) and the three sites in the middle were located in the inner coastal plain (Griffith’s Rolling Coastal Plain). Each stream was divided into five to thirteen segments. These divisions were usually based upon a change in one of the features of the stream, however in some cases (especially Brices Creek) the changes were so subtle that segments were made at 100m intervals. The location of each stream segment is detailed in Appendix 1. Significant time was spent looking for a natural stream that flowed in the Tidewater area (Griffith’s Chesapeake-Pamlico Lowlands and Tidal marshes and Nonriverine Swamps and Peatlands), however there did not appear to be enough gradient east of the Suffolk scarp and on the barrier islands to cause water to flow unidirectionally without human intervention such as ditching.

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## Physiographic Provinces

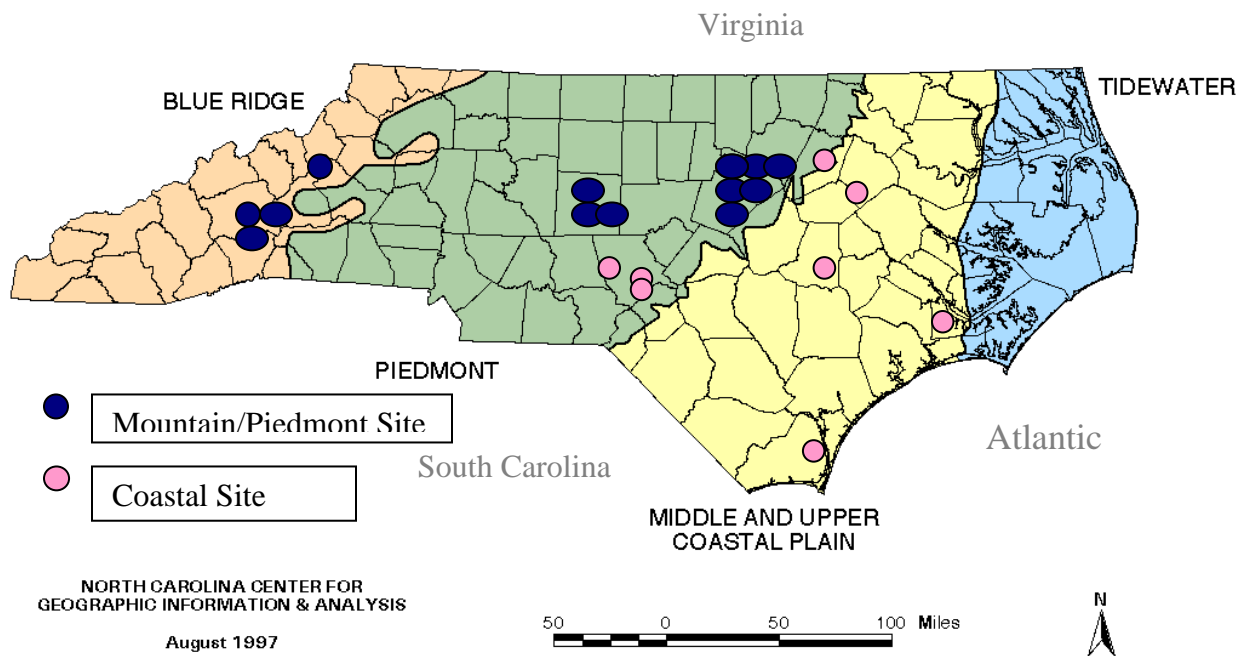


Figure 1. Map of Study Streams

Each stream segment was scored by two people using the DWQ stream determination form (NCDENR 2005) and the site was assigned the average of the two scores. The transition from an ephemeral channel to an intermittent stream was indicated by a rating score of 19; while the transition from intermittent to perennial was assigned with a rating score of 29. Permission to access one of the Inner Coastal Plain streams (Bynum Mill) was rescinded in December 2007, so the stream ceased to be monitored from that date.

## **Methods**

Biological sampling of benthic macroinvertebrates occurred three times per year in the ephemeral, intermittent and perennial stream reaches in each study catchment. Sampling times were selected to sample seasonal differences as well as varying flow conditions: (1) May - when base flow is decreasing due to increased evapotranspiration, (2) September – when base flow is at the seasonal low in perennial streams and has stopped in intermittent streams, and (3) late February – when base flow is near the seasonal high in both intermittent and perennial streams. Photos were taken of stream segments at the time of sampling.

A stratified random sampling design was used to select four stream segments for sampling within each stream. For each stream, one sample was collected in the ephemeral, one in the intermittent, and two in the perennial reaches.

Different macroinvertebrate sampling methods were employed depending on the presence or absence of water in the stream reach being sampled (Figure 2). Irrespective of water level, an area of  $200\text{ cm}^2$  of the stream bed, to a depth of 10 cm, was collected. The invertebrate community was separated from the sediment by elutriation through a 300 micron mesh screen in the field and the sediment was returned to the streambed. Macroinvertebrates were returned to the laboratory for sorting enumeration and identification.

Wet sampling (i.e. when there was water in the channel) consisted of an additional sample, which was kept separately from the quantitative sample. Two sweeps were taken with a dip net - one in a pool, one in a riffle, if the features existed. Both sediment and sweep samples were returned to the laboratory in 70% ethanol, where sorting and identification took place.

Monthly, each stream segment was visited and assessed for the presence of water and flow. This allowed for a rough estimation of how long individual stream segments had been dry before sampling. During 2008, sites containing water were sampled for pH to see if there was any pattern from upstream to downstream or between sites.

## **Results**

Most streams in the coastal plain that haven't been "improved" by humans, start as wetlands or seeps. At some point, the water in these features pass between two trees close enough together to channel the water and cause it to start flowing with enough velocity to begin forming erosive channel features (Figure 3). Even then, channel forming features are more subtle in the coastal plain (compared to the mountains or piedmont) because of the lower gradient and slower stream flows.



Figure 2. Sampling equipment

pH was variable at all sites and usually ranged between 4.0 - 5.0 or 5.5 - 6.5. It usually changed by approximately 0.2 (maximum range was 1.1 units) between the top and the bottom of the wetted watershed, but pH increased downstream as often as it decreased. These trends did not appear to be associated with ecoregion or season, however the sites with the higher pH (Bynum Mill, Cuzack and Stoney) appear to be the watersheds that have, or had, agricultural disturbances in the watersheds.



Figure 3. Mill Br 1 above and below constriction

Monthly flow observations showed an interesting trend of drying and rewetting of individual sites over the course of this study. This study began at the end of a wetter-than-

average year, where stream segments that should have been intermittent had held water for so long that their aquatic communities looked more like perennial communities. Streams began feeling the effects of the drought in Spring (March-May) 2007 and stream segments that had not been dry for many months, dried out. Water levels came back up in late winter (February – March) 2008, but not back to winter 2007 levels. May – September 2008 recorded lower water levels than the worst of the 2007 drought. Water levels recovered at about half the sites (Nicks, Mill 2, Stoney and Brice) by November 2008, but still remained near summer lows at the remaining sites.

Where a stream starts moves up and down slope depending on the rainfall for the year, as evidenced by Figure 4. This graph looks at the percent of stream segments with water during the winter and spring for 2007 (a wet year) and 2008 (a year of record drought). During a wet year, reaches defined as ephemeral (0-20 points) had water in them 40-70% of the time during the wet part of the year. This would suggest that at least some of these stream segments are intermittent during wet years, since they would no longer fit the definition of an ephemeral channel – only having water in it during and immediately following rainfall.

Drought years are a different story, however, when even during the wettest part of the year, ephemeral reaches only had water in them 5-30% of the time. In fact, intermittent reaches (20-30 points) only had water in them about 50% of the time during the wettest part of the year, suggesting that some intermittent reaches behave more like ephemeral reaches during a drought. In all cases, by the time a stream scored more than 30 points, it always had water in it during the wet part of the year no matter what the rainfall pattern.

Also interesting is the observation that as the stream gets closer to perennial, there appears to be a resistance to drying. While there was no decline between wet and dry years in stream segments scoring more than 30 points, stream segments scoring less than that showed a fairly consistent decline of 30-40 percentage points between years. This fairly constant decline makes for larger between-year differences in wetted segments as the stream scores decline (35% for 20-30 points, 56% for 10-20 points and 86% for 0-10 point stream segments).

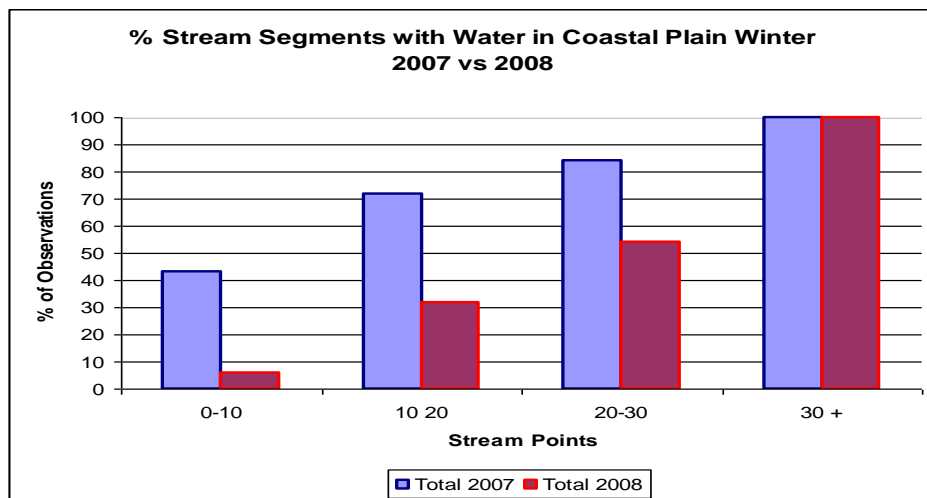


Figure 4. % Coastal Plain stream segments with water in Winter 2007 and 2008.

Some ecoregions are more susceptible to rain induced water level fluctuations than others. Figure 5 is a breakdown by ecoregion of the data in Figure 4. In nearly every case,

Sandhills (SH) segments were wetter than Inner Coastal Plain (ICP) segments which were wetter than similarly scored Outer Coastal Plain (OCP) segments.

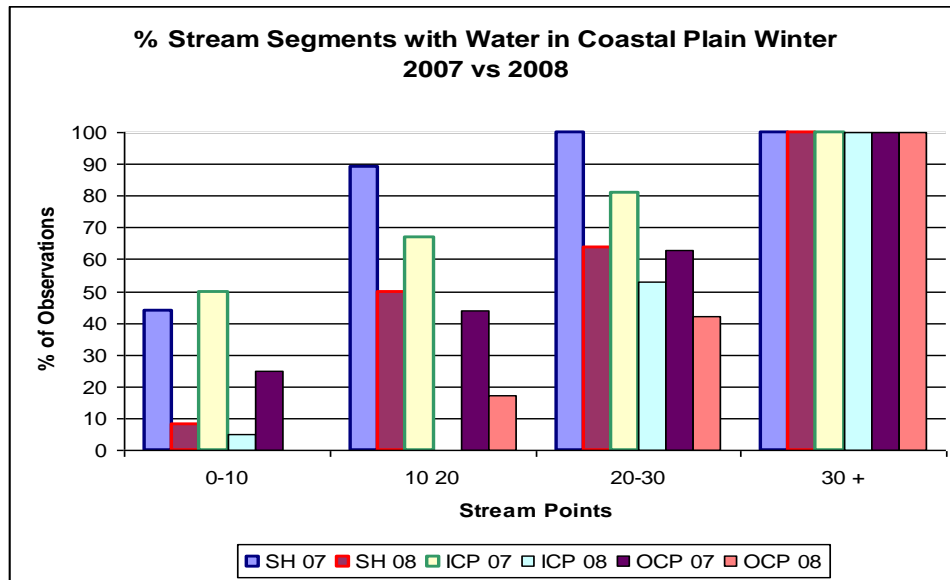


Figure 5. % Coastal Plain stream segments with water, Winter and Spring 2007 and 2008 by ecoregion.

During the wet year (2007), Sandhills intermittent segments (20-30 pts) behaved like perennial segments (100% water for all five months), as did many of the lower ephemeral Sandhills reaches (10-20 points), which averaged 90% of the sites with water. Even in the dry year (2008), water occurred in the Sandhills stream segments (10-30 points) at about the same frequency as similarly rated Outer Coastal Plain sites in the wet year. It is possible that Sandhills streams, like Mountain streams, may often begin as springs, which lack the channel forming velocities to form the geomorphology present in surface fed streams of similar permanence. In these cases it would be appropriate to use biological indicators instead of a stream score based on geomorphology to determine stream origins in the Sandhills.

Data for Summer 2007 and 2008 samples (Figures 6 and 7) show, with three exceptions, the classic pattern of no (or one) perennial indicator taxa until about 30 points, then two or more at all sites thereafter. What needs to be kept in mind, however, is that Summer 2007 was during a drought worse than the drought of 2002. In that previous drought, perennial stream segments scoring 30-34 points also went dry, suggesting that the I/P point in the coastal plain may be somewhere in the 25-30 point range in a year of normal rainfall. 2008 was a more normal flow year, however groundwater tables had not recharged so the point where more than one perennial indicator was collected was even further downstream than 2007. A case in point was Cliffs 7 (21.5 points). In 2007, the segment had been wet for the previous year and contained a diverse aquatic community (356 individuals of 28 aquatic taxa), including three long lived taxa. The segment then dried out from March to June 2008, then rewetted in July. As a result, Cliffs 6, which experienced the same wet/dry timing as Cliffs 7, only had 46 individuals from 18 aquatic taxa, including only a single long lived species. While annual rainfall is the metric used to predict the location of water located along the gradient of the stream, this metric is really just a surrogate for groundwater level which often lags behind rainfall by months or even a year or more.

This pattern is probably caused by the much flatter topography of the coastal plain leading to wetlands in many of the “ephemeral” segments and longer intermittent segments than documented in the Piedmont and extend down into areas with channel forming features normally associated with perennial streams. It is unknown whether groundwater fluctuations in the coastal plain are greater than the piedmont, or if longer segments of streams are affected by similar or smaller fluctuations.

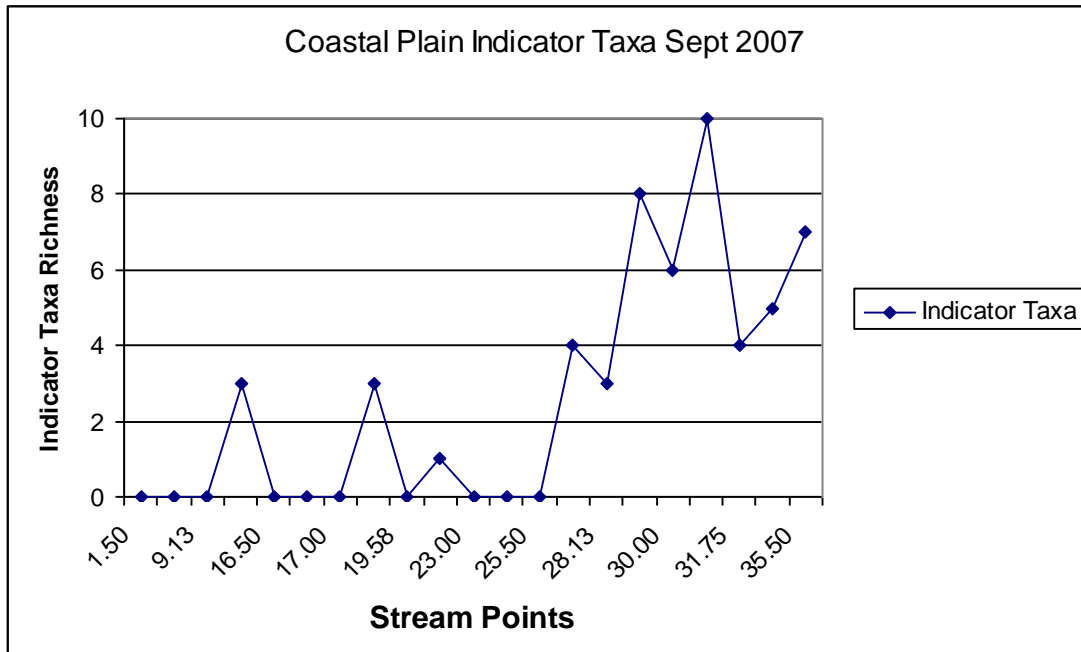


Figure 6. Perennial Indicator Taxa Summer 2007

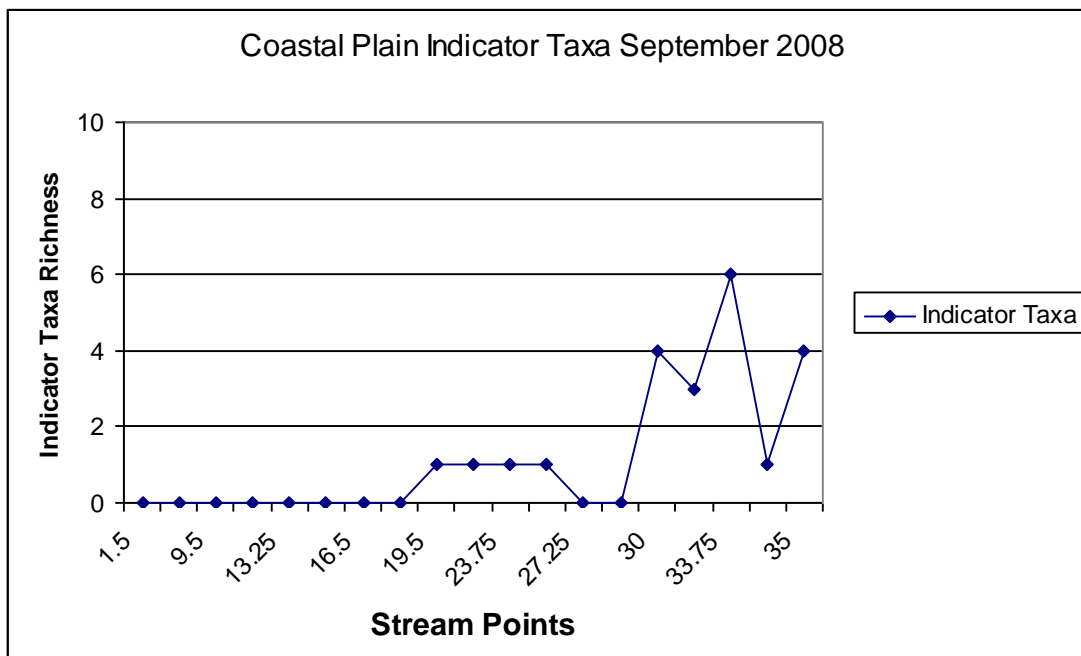


Figure 7. Perennial Indicator Taxa Summer 2008

Additional information can be gleaned from the stream flow data, when looked at in a different way. Figure 8 is a graph of the frequency of water presence and flow as a function of stream permanence.

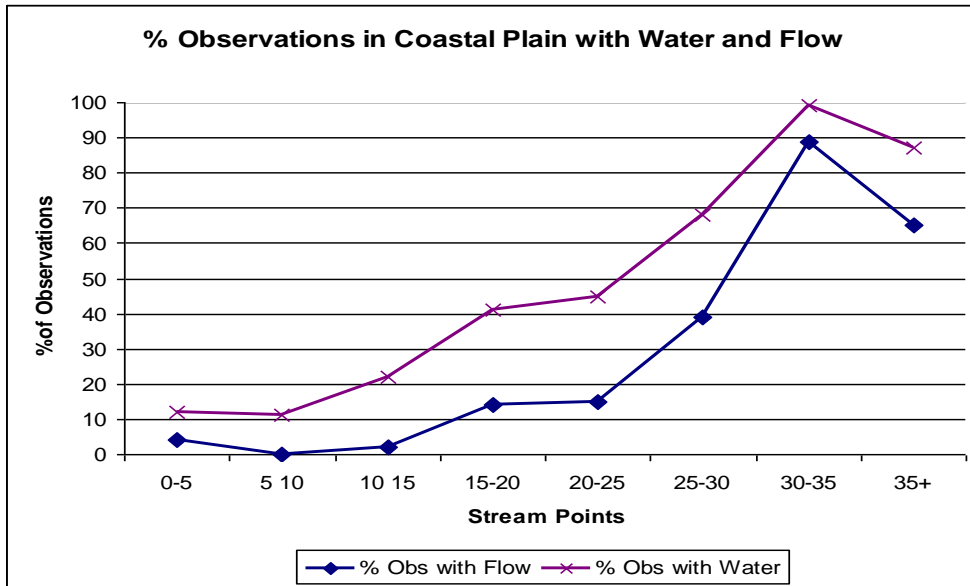


Figure 8. Percent of Observations in NC Coastal Plain of Stream Segments with Water and Flow

Streams scoring 30-35 points had water in them almost 100% of the time and flowing water almost 90% of the time. This confirms DWQ's regulatory definition of perennial with the numerical cutoff of 30 points. The two lines showing the percentage of observations with water and flow are relatively parallel, widening some in the intermittent range indicating that water tends to pool more in these areas. The drop off in both flow and water in the final 35+ point category is entirely due to the streams in the outer coastal plain (Figure 9) which were suffering from a severe drought for most of this study. Streams from the inner coastal plain and sandhills both showed water peaking at 100% in this category as one would expect. However perennial outer coastal plain streams were dry for long periods because of the extended drought in 2008 extending into mid 2009.

Two categories with minimal observations were the 5-10 points range (four segments – none in the sandhills) and the 35 points plus category (six segments) make these two categories most susceptible to outliers. The 25-30 point range of inner coastal plain is based on two segments in a single stream on private property. We lost permission to sample this stream after fall 2008, so the truncated data set here does not represent the natural winter rewetting that was represented in the sandhills and outer coastal plain.



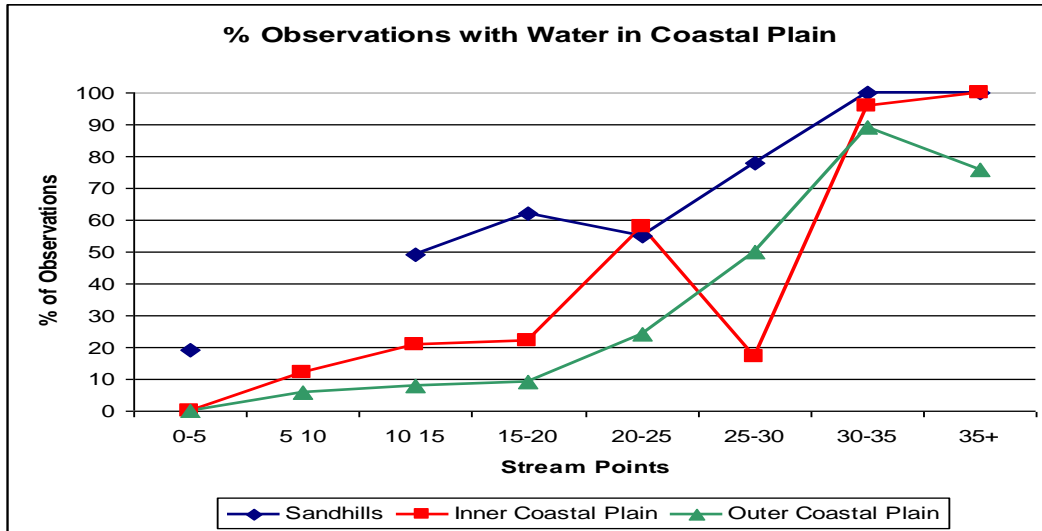


Figure 9. Percent of Observations in NC Coastal Plain with Water by Ecoregion

The definition of a perennial stream, water in channel all year round in a year of normal rainfall, is met by stream reaches of 30 points and up in all coastal ecoregions, and possibly fewer in the sandhills, since this study period was dominated by below normal rainfall. However it is more difficult to infer where the intermittent should start based on the NC regulatory definition of water in channel for several months out of the year, but dry for some part. If one accepts the Corps definition of seasonally wet (3 months or 25% of year), this could correspond to approximately 24 points in the outer coastal plain, 20 points in the inner coastal plain and about 10 points in the sand hills, though this last estimate falls in the middle of a data gap. Since it has been a policy decision to make 19 points the beginning of intermittent reaches and 30 the beginning of perennial across ecoregions, it would appear that further training would be in order for those people making stream calls in the coastal plain, particularly the sandhills, to be more aware of between-ecoregion differences in the strength of channel forming features to bring these scores up back where they should be.

Figure 10 shows all aquatic abundance data for the coastal plain and Figure 11 shows the same for the Piedmont. Aquatic taxa richness data show the same trends. The first three sets of columns of the two graphs are comparable, while the last set of columns on the Coastal Abundance graph is equivalent to the last two sets of columns in the Piedmont graph. Once again, the story is “more water, more aquatic life”. The large spikes in aquatic life in Coastal Plain lower “ephemeral” and “intermittent” stream segments in February and May 2007 were because these areas had stayed wet for months previously and were populated by short-lived taxa. Primarily these taxa were midges from the subfamily Chironomini (*Tanytarsus*, *Polypedilum*, *Tribelos*), other Diptera (*Pseudolimnephila* and *Palpomyia/ Bezzia* gp), isopods (*Asellus*), amphipods (*Crangonyx*) and dytiscid beetles (*Neoporus*).

The second observation is that, on average, more aquatic life was present in ephemeral coastal segments than in piedmont segments with similar scores, roughly the same amount of aquatic life in piedmont and coastal intermittent reaches and less life in perennial coastal streams, compared to perennial piedmont streams. In areas scoring fewer than 10 points, in the coastal plain there were two seasons in 2007 when an average of >50 aquatic animals were found, when not even the wettest season reached this level in the Piedmont. In the lower ephemeral segments, both coastal plain and piedmont sites had four seasons with an average of

100 or more aquatic animals, however two of these seasons averaged 300 animals or more. Both Piedmont and Coastal Plain had four seasons with an average of nearly 200 animals, two of which exceeded 400 individuals. Finally, six of the seven Coastal Plain perennial sites had between 200-300 aquatic individuals, whereas in the Piedmont, seven of the eight seasons averaged > 200 individuals/site, however four of these seven sites averaged > 400 individuals/site.

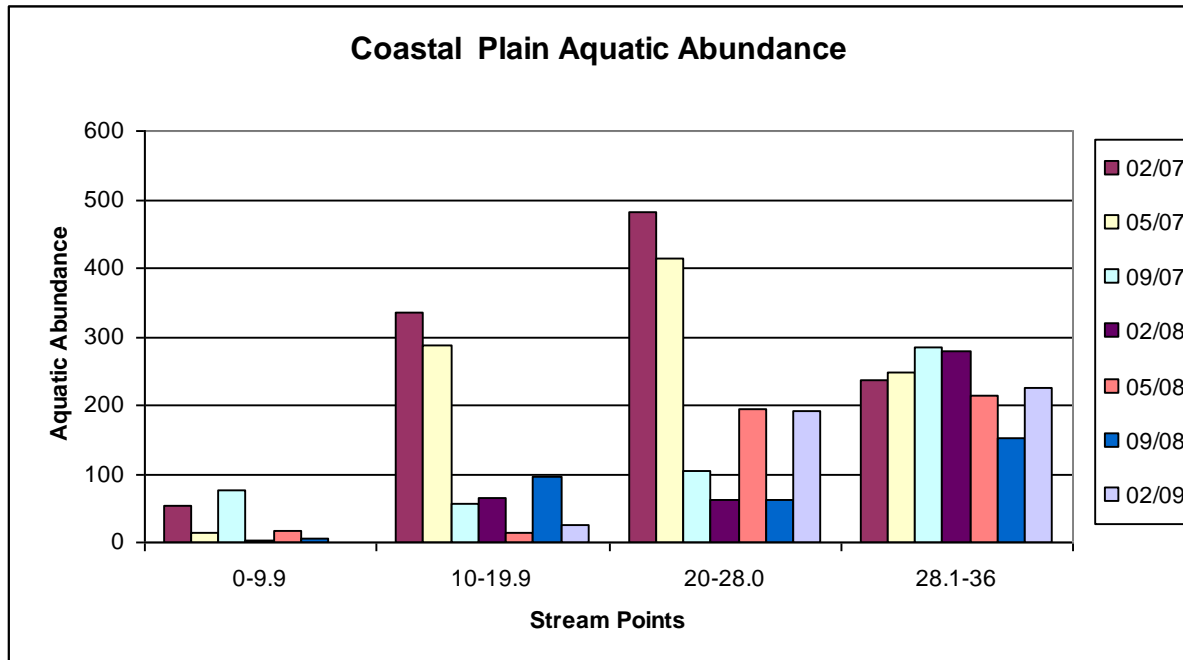


Figure 10. Total Aquatic Abundance at Coastal Plain Headwater Sites

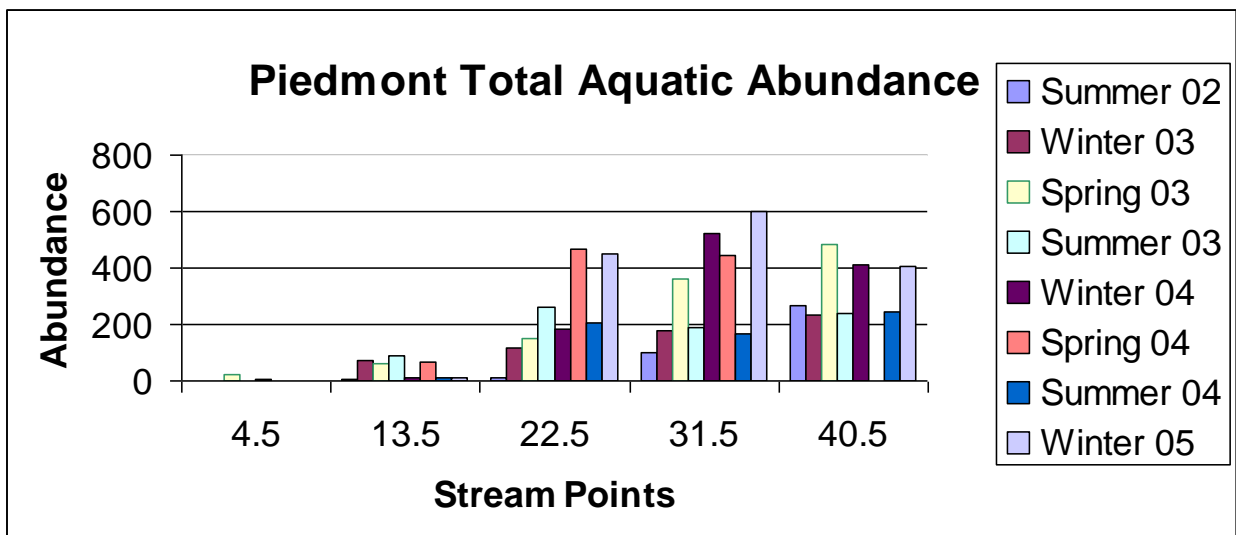


Figure 11. Total Aquatic Abundance at Piedmont Headwater Sites

Table 2 presents a summary of the taxa collected at each site in this study. Most sites reflect two years of collecting in three seasons over a wet year and a dry year. The exception is

Bynum Mill, which was only monitored for one year before landowner permission was revoked. During this year, however, 102 different taxa were collected, nearly half (47%) of them diptera. All sites at Bynum Mill were rated intermittent (19-27 points on NC stream determination form), which was borne out by the lack of taxa from many groups considered to be perennial indicators: caddisflies, stoneflies, megalopterans, vertebrates and snails and only a single mayfly (*Centroptilum*). Interestingly, the percent of terrestrial taxa from an intermittent stream (12%) like Bynum Mill does not appear to be different from streams that have ephemeral, intermittent and perennial components (9-19%).

Even though the Brice Creek site had perennial segments, which had contained water for years previously, the entire reach dried out in 2008, as did the Bynum Mill site. This may explain why there were several community characteristics in common with the two otherwise dissimilar sites: lowest taxa richness and EPT taxa richness numbers, low % of community as Terrestrial Taxa and no stoneflies.

Mollusc presence seemed to be associated with pH, ranging from 0-2 taxa in the streams with lower pHs (4.0-5.0) and 3-10 in streams (Bynum, Stoney and Cusack) with higher pH (5.5-6.5). Interestingly, two of the four sites where more than one mayfly was collected were in the lower pH group, even though mayflies are generally considered to be sensitive to low pH (Hubbard and Peters 1978). There did not appear to be any between-ecoregion trends that were greater than interecoregion variability.

Table 2. Total number of taxa collected at each site over the course of the study.

Parameter/Site	Bynum*	Stoney	Cliffs	Nicks	Mill 1	Mill 2	Brice	Cusack
Ephemeroptera	1	3	0	4	1	3	0	5
Trichoptera	0	7	8	9	7	7	4	8
Plecoptera	0	5	1	2	1	1	0	1
Misc Diptera	21	22	23	18	27	26	16	31
Chironomidae	26	54	36	57	56	51	27	42
Coleoptera	12	12	8	6	13	11	13	18
Odonata	4	3	5	3	4	10	8	5
Oligochaeta	10	12	7	8	8	7	5	14
Megaloptera	0	1	3	3	2	2	3	1
Crustacea	11	13	11	9	9	11	10	13
Mollusca	3	5	2	0	2	2	2	10
Other	13	15	12	18	24	18	13	22
Total Taxa	102	152	116	137	154	149	101	170
EPT Taxa	1	15	8	15	9	11	4	13
Terrestrial Taxa (%)	12 (12)	16 (11)	22 (19)	16 (12)	27 (18)	18 (12)	9 (9)	29 (17)

\*Bynum Mill was only sampled for one yr, so taxa list is shorter than other sites sampled for two years.

Appendix 2 contains a list of the 358 taxa collected during this study. As usual, the single largest group was the Diptera, which made up 48% of the total taxa richness in this study. Of these, 116 taxa were in the family Chironomidae (midges) and 56 taxa were in all the other families combined). Beetles (Coleoptera) were the second most abundant group, with 46 taxa. The family Dytiscidae accounted for nearly 1/3 of their taxa richness. The major groups of macroinvertebrates that were the least well represented in these headwater systems were the mayflies (Ephemeroptera), stoneflies (Plecoptera) and caddisflies (Trichoptera), with 30 taxa

between them. While this diversity would be considered good for a single collection from a mid-order coastal plain stream (DENR 2006), this taxa richness was the sum of multiple sites collected from multiple streams over multiple seasons over two years. One reason for the low taxa richness of these groups was their general intolerance to drying and the drought in the second year of this study, which dried up many of the perennial stream segments.

Interestingly, the nematodes, a group frequently overlooked in macroinvertebrate assessments due to their low abundance, had more taxa in this study (11) than the mayflies (9 taxa) or the molluscs (10 taxa). This is probably due to the smaller mesh size (250 microns) used in the sand sample catching a larger number of small taxa that normally pass through the more customary 600 micron mesh net. Water mites (Hydracarina), another group not usually included in macroinvertebrate collections in North Carolina, also turned out to have a surprising diversity (eight taxa) and should be considered as important to collect and identify as a component of a water quality assessment as isopods (nine taxa), and amphipods (two taxa).

## **Conclusions**

With the completion of this study, the State of North Carolina has concluded that there is now enough information documenting the presence and abundance of aquatic life in intermittent streams such that the State will begin to require mitigation for impacts to intermittent streams beginning October 13, 2009. Mitigation for intermittent streams will be at the same rate as impacts to perennial streams; 1:1 for impacts greater than 150 feet (NCDENR 2009). It is estimated that this will require avoidance of, or mitigation for impacts to, over two miles of intermittent streams every year whose aquatic functions have not been replaced through compensatory mitigation up until now.

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Appendix 1. Study locations.

Station	Latitude	Longitude	Ave Pts	Station	Latitude	Longitude	Ave Pts
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Mill 1 A1	12.913	17.567	3.00	Nicks Cr 1	38.274	02.020	4.00
	35 09	79 21			35 13	79 32	
Mill 1 A2	12.559	16.974	16.25	Nicks Cr 2	38.523	02.019	16.50
	35 09	79 21			35 13	79 32	
Mill 1 A3	13.045	17.339	25.50	Nicks Cr 3	38.969	02.361	25.25
	35 09	79 21			35 13	79 32	
Mill 1 A4	13.340	16.825	26.75	Nicks Cr 4	39.717	02.135	31.75
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Mill 1 A5	14.772	16.152	20.00	Nicks Cr 5	40.077	01.631	31.50
	35 09	79 21			35 13	79 32	
Mill 1 A6	15.156	16.042	3.75	Nicks Cr 6	41.060	00.444	36.50
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Mill 1 A7	15.176	15.912	22.75		35 02	77 03	
	35 09	79 21		Brice Cr 1	14.408	49.272	17.00
Mill 1 B5	14.315	15.943	16.50		35 02	77 03	
	35 09	79 21		Brice Cr 2	13.794	46.915	22.25
Mill 1 B6	14.477	15.975	2.75		35 02	77 03	
	35 09	79 21		Brice Cr 3	12.562	42.854	23.38
Mill 1 B7	14.701	15.679	16.00		35 02	77 03	
	35 09	79 21		Brice Cr 4	11.741	39.545	22.25
Mill 1 B8	15.101	15.504	23.50		35 02	77 03	
	35 09	79 21		Brice Cr 5	10.990	36.050	28.63
Mill 1 B9	15.445	14.970	29.00		35 02	77 03	
	35 09	79 21		Brice Cr 6	09.546	32.987	29.00
Mill 1 B10	15.735	14.788	30.00		35 02	77 03	
	35 09	79 21		Brice Cr 7	10.706	29.883	28.13
Mill 1 B11	16.369	14.763	32.00		35 02	77 03	
	35 09	79 21		Brice Cr 8	11.025	26.119	29.50
Mill 1 B12	16.871	14.961	30.25		35 02	77 03	
	35 09	79 21		Brice Cr 9	10.163	22.294	26.75
Mill 1 B13	17.417	15.733	26.50		35 02	77 03	
	35 09	79 21		Brice Cr 10	10.081	18.548	28.13
	35 09	79 21			35 02	77 03	
Mill 2 1	15.933	18.786	1.50	Brice Cr 11	10.594	15.028	33.50
	35 09	79 21			35 02	77 03	
Mill 2 2	16.024	18.530	13.00	Brice Cr 12	11.038	11.582	35.50
	35 09	79 21			35 02	77 03	
Mill 2 3	16.345	18.170	16.50	Brice Cr 13	11.277	08.320	37.00
	35 09	79 21					
Mill 2 4	16.591	17.766	19.50		34 09	78 07	
	35 09	79 21		Cusak Cr 1	57.203	00.213	3.25
Mill 2 5	17.034	17.361	28.75		34 09	78 07	
	35 09	79 21		Cusak Cr 2	56.931	00.183	10.63
Mill 2 6	16.993	16.933	29.25		34 09	78 07	
	35 09	79 21		Cusak Cr 3	55.606	00.169	11.63
Mill 2 7	17.138	16.452	33.25		34 09	78 07	
	35 09	79 21		Cusak Cr 4	54.379	00.663	9.13
Mill 2 8	17.960	16.119	33.75				

Cusak Cr 5	34 09 54.492	78 07 02.608	13.25	Cliffs 10	35 13 56.4	77 53 22.26	34.25
Cusak Cr 6	34 09 54.131	78 07 03.351	23.00	Cliffs 11	35 13 57.24	77 53 20.94	33.75
Cusak Cr 7	34 09 53.466	78 07 04.144	15.88	Cliffs 12	35 13 57.36	77 53 20.04	37.75
Cusak Cr 8	34 09 53.164	78 07 04.483	11.50	Cliffs 13	35 13 57.72	77 53 19.02	35.00
Cusak Cr 9	34 09 53.012	78 07 04.889	16.50				
Cusak Cr 10	34 09 52.768	78 07 05.363	19.00	Bynum Mill 1	35 45 45.348	77 42 54.778	19.58
Cusak Cr 11	34 09 52.796	78 07 06.800	25.50	Bynum Mill 2	35 45 46.052	77 42 55.226	21.00
Cusak Cr 12	34 09 52.814	78 07 07.404	27.25	Bynum Mill 3	35 45 47.109	77 42 55.218	27.08
Turkey Cr	34 09 52.267	78 07 08.852	40.5	Bynum Mill 4	35 45 47.879	77 42 55.089	27.17
Conf.				Bynum Mill 5	35 45 48.659	77 42 54.778	18.83
Stoney Cr 1	35 57 58.797	77 56 03.745	9.50				
Stoney Cr 2	35 57 59.280	77 56 03.985	15.00				
Stoney Cr 3	35 58 00.940	77 56 04.136	21.00				
Stoney Cr 4	35 58 01.753	77 56 05.366	23.75				
Stoney Cr 5	35 58 04.482	77 56 06.858	31.25				
Stoney Cr 6	35 58 06.154	77 56 06.809	31.50				
Stoney Cr 7	35 58 06.885	77 56 05.833	33.75				
Stoney Cr 8	35 58 07.049	77 56 05.458	37.50				
Cliffs 1	35 13 50.8	77 53 27.1	3.50				
Cliffs 2	35 13 52.2	77 53 26.7	8.50				
Cliffs 3	35 13 53.58	77 53 26.22	11.75				
Cliffs 4	35 13 54.9	77 53 25.74	22.00				
Cliffs 5	35 13 55.44	77 53 25.32	4.75				
Cliffs 6	35 13 55.92	77 53 25.14	23.75				
Cliffs 7	35 13 56.7	77 53 24.42	21.50				
Cliffs 8	35 13 56.64	77 53 23.4	30.00				
Cliffs 9	35 13 56.76	77 53 22.98	32.25				

Appendix 2. Taxa collected during coastal headwater study.

Ephemeroptera

Baetis frondalis  
Caenis  
Centroptilum  
Eurylophella doris  
Eurylophella funeralis  
Leptophlebia spp  
Leptophlebia intermedia  
Paraleptophlebia  
Stenonoma modestum

Trichoptera

Chevmatopsyche  
Diptetrona modesta  
Heterplectron americanum  
Hydatophylax  
Ironoquia punctatissima  
Lepidostoma  
Lype diversa  
Molanna blenda  
Oxyethira  
Platycentropus  
Polycentropus  
Ptilostomis  
Pycnopsyche  
Triaenodes abus  
Wormaldia

Plecoptera

Allocaenia  
Amphinemura  
Leuctra  
Perlesta placida  
Prostoia  
Shipsa rotunda

Misc Diptera

Aedes  
Anepholes  
Bezzia  
Bezzia (long & narrow)  
Bittacomorpha  
cf Dolichopodidae  
Chaoborus  
Chrysops  
Circulonidae (terrestrial)  
Culex  
Culicidae

Dasyhela  
Dixa  
Dolichopodidae  
cf Dolichopodidae  
Dorniphora cornuta  
Empididae  
Ephydra  
Erioptera  
Eristalis  
Hexatoma  
Hexatoma sm white  
Limnephila  
Nemotelus  
cf Nemotelus  
Neoascia  
Nipptipula  
Ormosa  
Orthopodomyia signifera  
Palpomyia  
Palpomyia (wide & short)  
Pedicia  
Pericoma  
Pilaria  
Platytipula  
Pseudolimnephila  
Psorophora  
Psychoda  
Ptychoptera  
Simulium  
Tabanus  
Telmatoscopus  
Terr muscid 6 hairs  
Terr 8 anal hairs  
Terr cf Psychoda  
Terr Hairy Muscid 4 dorsal hairs  
Terr White Muscidae  
Yamatotipula

Chironomidae

Ablabesmyia mallochii  
Allotanypus  
Antillocladius  
Apedilum elasticus  
Apsectrotanypus  
Bethbilbeckia  
Brundiniella  
Camptocladius  
Chaetocladius  
Chironomus  
Cladotanytarsus dautesi



Clinotanypus  
 Conchapelopia  
 Constempellina  
 Corynoneura  
 Cryptochironomus fulvus  
 Cryptotendipes  
 Diamesa?  
 Dicrotendipes leucoselis  
 Diplocladius cultriger  
 Doithrix villosa  
 Endochironomus nigricans  
 Endotribelos hesperium  
 Eukiefferiella sp1  
 Eukiefferiella sp4  
 Eukiefferiella sp6  
 Georthocladius  
 Georthocladius fimbriatus  
 Glyptotendipes  
 Gymnometriocnemus  
 Heterotrissocladius  
 Heterotrissocladius marcidus  
 Hydrobaenus  
 Hydrobaenus sp O  
 Labrundinia  
 Labrundinia pilosella  
 Larsia  
 Larsia sp B (epler)  
 Limnophyes  
 Macropelopia  
 Micropsectra spA (sp1)  
 Micropsectra spD (sp4?)  
 Micropsectra sp5  
 Microspectra sp 9  
 Microtendipes  
 Microtendipes pedellus  
 Nanocladius  
 Natarsia  
 Nilothauma  
 Orthocladius annectens C/O 52  
 Orthocladius lignicola  
 Orthocladius robacki C/O 12  
 Parachaetocladius  
 Parachaetocladius abnobaeus  
 Parakiefferiella  
 Parakiefferiella sp A  
 Parametreonemus lundbecki  
 Paraphaenocladius  
 Paraphaenocladius exigitans  
 Paratanytarsus  
 Paratendipes (subaequalis)

Paralauterborniella  
 nigrohalteralis  
 Phaenopsectra  
 Phaenopsectra obediens sp  
 Phaenopsectra punctipis  
 Polypedilum aviceps  
 Polypedilum flavum  
 Polypedilum halterale  
 Polypedilum illinoense  
 Polypedilum scalenum  
 Polypedilum tritum  
 Procladius  
 Psectrocladius  
 Psectrotanypus elatus  
 Psectrocladius pilosus  
 Pseudorthocladius  
 Pseudosmittia  
 Psilometriocnemus  
 Psilometriocnemus elatus  
 Rheocricotopus  
 Rheocricotopus tuberculatus  
 Rheotanytarsus  
 Smittia  
 Smittia sp B  
 Stempellinella  
 Stempellinella sp A  
 Stempellina sp C  
 Stenochironomus  
 Sublettea coffmani  
 Tanypus  
 Tanytarsus sp1  
 Tanytarsus sp10  
 Tanytarsus sp14  
 Tanytarsus sp15  
 Tanytarsus sp2  
 Tanytarsus sp3  
 Tanytarsus sp4  
 Tanytarsus sp5  
 Tanytarsus sp6  
 Tanytarsus sp7  
 Thienemaniella  
 Tribelos  
 Tribelos fuscicorne  
 Tribelos jacundis  
 Uniella  
 Uniella multivirgata  
 Virgatanytarsus?  
 Zavrelia  
 Zavrelimyia  
 Zavrelimyia sp A

## Coleoptera

Acilius mediatius  
Agabetes (larvae)  
Agabus (adult & larvae)  
Agabus punctatus (adult)  
Anchytarsus bicolor (adult & larvae)  
Celina (adult & larvae)  
Circulonidae (terr)  
Copelatus (adult & larvae)  
Copelatus chevrolati  
Dubiraphia (adult)  
Dubiraphia (larvae)  
Enochrus  
Helichus (adult & larvae)  
Helocombus (adult & larvae)  
Hydaticus bimarginatus (adult)  
Hydaticus cinctipeniis (adult)  
Hydraenidae (larvae)  
Hydrobius (adult & larvae)  
Hydrophilidae (adult & larvae)  
Hydroporus (adult & larvae)  
Hydroporus deflatus  
Hydroporus politus  
Hygrotus (adult)  
Ilybius (larvae)  
Laccophilus fasciatus rufus  
Laccornis (larvae)  
Laccornis difformis  
Neoporus (adult & larvae)  
Neoporus mellitus  
Rhantus  
Rhantus calidus  
Peltodytes (larvae)  
Psephenus herricki  
Pseudo hydrophilidae (terr)  
Scirtes  
Scirtes like (long antennae)  
Scirtes like (short antennae)  
Sperchopsis tessalatus  
Stenelmis (larvae)  
Terr beetle (Cantharidae)  
Terr Beetle larvae  
Terr Beetle larvae elimidae  
Terr Hairy Elmid like  
Terr Beetle larvae nr circulonidae  
Thermonectes basillaris (adult)  
Tropisternus

## Odonata

Aeshna umbrosa  
Aeshnidae  
Argia  
Boyeria grafiana  
Boyeria vinosa  
Calopteryx  
Cordulegaster  
Cordulegaster maculata  
Enallagma  
Gomphaeshna antilope  
Ischnura  
Ladona  
Libellula  
Pachydiplax longipenis  
Perithemis  
Plathemis lydia  
Somatochlora  
Sympetrum

## Oligochaeta

Earthworm  
Enchytreidae  
Haplotaxis gordioides  
Ilyodrilus frantzi  
Isochaetides curvistetosus  
Isochaetides freyi  
Limnodrilus hoffmeisteri  
Limnodrilus udekemaianus  
Lumbriculidae  
Lumbriculidae (short proboscis)  
Nais  
Opisthoporus  
Potamothyryx vej dovski  
Pristinella  
Pristinella jenkinsae  
Spirosperma ferox  
Spirosperma nikolski  
Tubifex  
Tubificidae no hair  
Tubificidae w/ hair

## Megaloptera

Chauliodes pectinicomis  
Nigronia fasciatus  
Nigronia serratocornis  
Sialis

## Crustacea

Asellus  
Asellus attenuatus

Asellus forbesi  
Asellus laticaudatus  
Asellus montanus  
Asellus obtusus  
Asellus occidentalis  
Asellus racovitzai  
Asellus rodulus  
Astacidae  
Collembola  
Cambarus  
Cambarus bartoni  
Crangonyx  
Crangonyx serratus  
Copepod (calenoid)  
Copepod (harpacticoid)  
Copepod (cyclopoid)  
Ostracod  
Procambarus  
Procambarus acutus  
Terrestrial isopod

#### Mollusca

Amnicola limosa  
Campeloma decisom  
Ferrissia  
Micromenetus dilatus  
Musculium  
Physella  
Pisidium  
Pseudosuccinea collumella  
Sphaerium  
Terrestrial Snail

#### Other

Alaimus  
Albia  
Anatonchus  
Ant  
Centipede sm, long antennae  
Chain pickerel  
Cura foremani  
Dugesia tigrina  
Earwig  
Ethmolaimus  
Flea  
Gerris  
Heteroptera  
Hydracarina (white & hairy)  
Hydrodroma  
Hydroma

Hygrobates  
Ironus  
Laimydorus  
Limnesia  
Lepidoptera larvae  
Leptolaimus  
Mesodorylaimus w tail  
Mesovelia  
Metrobates  
Millipede  
Mite (terrestrial)  
Mosquito fish (Gambusia)  
Mud Minnow? (Umbra  
pygmaea?)  
Nematoda  
Nemertea  
Notonecta  
Oxydirus  
Pirate perch  
Pleidae  
Prostoma graecens  
Pseudoscorpion  
Pyralidae  
Rhagovelia  
Salamander (undescribed sp)  
Salamander (4 toes)  
Salamander (2lined?)  
Sigara  
Spider  
Sperchon  
Springtail (collembola)  
Tadpole  
Termite  
Thrips (Thysanopetera)  
Thornia