

**HISTORICAL SURVEY OF MONOSTOMES WITH DESCRIPTION OF
PARAMONOSTOMUM NARABALI SP.NOV. (DIGENEA: NOTOCOTYLIDAE
LUHE, 1909) FROM *FULICA ATRA***

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ABSTRACT: The group of monostomes is very well known because it has been widely studied notwithstanding availability of relatively incomplete works of these flukes. Though the earliest account of monostomes was recorded by Zeder (1800) but earlier to that there are several scattered contributions by Goeze(1782) and Schrank(1788). Monostomes attracted the attention of several helminthologists beginning with the early nineteenth century and thereafter several workers have contributed their lot to this group. Notable amongst the older authors are Zeder, Rudolphi, Von Siebold and others who have contributed materially to our knowledge of monostomes. *Paramonostomum narabali sp.nov.* is also described from *Fulica atra* which is the first detailed report of the species of the family from Srinagar, Kashmir, India. A comparative table depicting dimensions recorded by some authors of certain species along with the new species is also enclosed.

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