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Seasonal variation in the planktonic diversity of Tumaria reservoir of Kashipur Uttarakhand India

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Abstract

Plankton are the microscopic plants and animals found in any aquatic ecosystem. Phytoplankton are microscopic plants while zooplankton are microscopic animals. The present investigation was carried out to find out the planktonic diversity of the Tumaria reservoir during January-December 2018. To fulfill the objectives of the present study, samples were collected from Tumaria reservoir on monthly basis. The samples were analysed for various physicochemical parameters (temperature, transparency, TDS, TS, pH, DO and chloride) and planktonic diversity. During the present study phytoplankton and zooplankton were identified under the microscope with the help of standard photographs following standard reference materials. During course of study phytoplankton was observed were Chlorophyceae (50%) > Bacillariophyceae (37%) > Cyanophyceae (13%) while zooplankton observed were Rotifera (40%) > Protozoa (34%) > Cladocera (23%) > Copepod (3%). It was also found that plankton diversity was found higher during the winter months followed by summer and minimum during the monsoon months. Planktonic diversity observed during study was found strongly correlated with temp (r=-0.56) and transparency (r=0.95).

Key Words: Chlorophyceae, Phytoplankton, Tumaria reservoir, Zooplankton

Introduction

Plankton are the microscopic milieu of aquatic ecosystem. Phytoplankton are the producers of aquatic ecosystem as they store sun energy and supply the energy to higher trophic level. They make their own food by the process of photosynthesis. They provide food to zooplankton, fishes and other higher organisms in aquatic reservoir. Plankton are the most sensitive to water pollution. Any small change in the physicochemical or microbiological properties of water affects the planktonic diversity significantly (Summerwar, 2012). Tumaria reservoir possesses the variety and variability of plankton and fishes. Plankton stands on the base of food chain in reservoir. Plankton in any aquatic ecosystem is the indicator of the health of the system. Main Tumaria reservoir was constructed in the year 1961-1962 and its extension reservoir in the year 1969-1970. The reservoir is more or less rectangular in shape with very irregular shoreline. The

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height of the reservoir is about 25 meter and it has 6 meter wide road. The upstream slope of the earthen dam is covered by pitching with heavy stones. The earthen portion of the dam is made up of locally available impervious and semipervious soil, slope is provided with good turf. The spillway of reservoir is developed by the stones and cement. It is designed to allow 14386 cusec of maximum flood water discharge. Reservoir has maximum breadth of about 4.5 km and length of about 10 km. The basin of the reservoir is more or less conical in shape. It has approx. 15 meter depth in some places. The catchment area of the reservoir is 404sq.km. The spread area of the reservoir at FRL is 27sq.k. The total capacity of the Tumaria reservoir is 165.54 and 167.75 million cubic meter at FRL and MRL, respectively. All the tributaries of the feeder river originate from Shivalik range and receive a numerous of rivulets in the course of their flow from north to south. The characteristics feature of the reservoir is hilly. Approximately 25% of the catchment area is used for agriculture and rest of the area (75%) is very rich in dense natural forest. On account of denudation of the forest in catchment areas, soil erosion has assumed enormous areas. In Tumaria reservoir, the first



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sedimentation survey was carried out by the IRI, Roorkee in 1989. The low capacity of the reservoir is 1.66 million cubic meter during the last two decades. The sedimentation index has been found to be 4.57 ha m. per year per 100 sq. km (Agarwal, 1989).

Water of the Tumaria reservoir is mainly used for the irrigation purpose. Four canals are constructed from this reservoir namely: Tumaria canal, Tumaria Phika feeder, Tumaria extension canal and Tumaria escape canal. With the help of irrigation facilities from Tumaria reservoir, the agricultural fields of the surrounding areas are capable of producing three different major crops in a year I.e paddy farming, wheat farming and sugarcane farming. The water level of the Tumaria reservoir is heavily influenced by the seasonal flood during month of July, August and September. No systematic work has been carried out in Tumaria reservoir regarding planktonic diversity. Therefore in the present study an attempt has been made to find out the status of diversity of plankton of the Tumaria reservoir of Udham Singh Nagar.

Material and Methods

The samples of water and plankton were collected from the Tumaria reservoir on monthly basis starting from January 2018 to December 2018. Approx. 100 litres of water samples was filtered through plankton net for the collection of plankton's sample. The residue left in the net was collected in a bottle and preserved with 4% formalin. The identifications of the plankton were made by the standard methods prescribed in APHA (1995) and Edmondson (1959). During the present study phytoplankton and zooplankton were identified under the microscope. Water quality was also analysed using the standard methods prescribed in APHA (1995) and Khanna and Bhutiani (2007).

Results and Discussion

The results of phytoplankton diversity are given in table 1 and fig 1. Total numbers of 30 genera of phytoplankton were encountered during the study. Major share of phytoplankton diversity is accounted by Chlorophyceae (green algae) represented by 15 genera (Ankistrodesmus, Chlamydomonas, Cladophora, Closterium, Comarium Cosmarium, Euglena, Oedogonium, Pandorina, Pediastrum,

Spirogyra, Tetraspora, Ulothrix, Uronema and Volvox) followed by Bacillariophyceae (diatoms) which is brown algae, second major group in terms of contribution in phytoplanktonic diversity, represented by 11 genera (Amphora, Bacillaria, Cyclotella, Cymbella, Denticula, Diatoma, Fragilaria, Frustulia, Gomphoneis, Naviculam and Nitzschia) followed by the blue green algae (Cyanophyceae) which constituted only 04 genera (Anabaena, Nostoc, Spirulina, Ocillatoria). Temperature is responsible for distribution of plankton and other species. It also affects metabolic rates of the aquatic milieu. During the study period the lowest value of temperature (16.9°C) was observed in the month of January and highest value of temperature was observed in the month of June $(30.6^{\circ}C)$.

During our observations the maximum diversity was recorded during the winter months showing the negative correlation with temperature (r= -0.56). Similar pattern was observed by Bhadula and Joshi (2012) and Khanna et al. (1998). Sharma and Tiwari (2018) also observed that phytoplankton diversity is certainly depends on water quality. Seasonal qualitative composition of phytoplankton diversity at four spots (Patrampur, Jagdishwala, Tumaria main canal and Kilabli) in the Tumaria reservoir during 2018 has been depicted in Table-1. During the study period (January, 2018 to December, 2018), the maximum genera of phytoplankton were recorded in the winter months and minimum was in the monsoon months. The Chlorophyceae were dominant over bacillariophycae and Cyanophyceae while Joshi et al. (1993) have observed that bacillariophycae were dominant over Chlorophyceae and Cyanophyceae in Ganga river.Zooplankton makes a significant link in operating in aquatic ecosystems. food web Zooplankton depends on phytoplankton and provides food to higher organisms in aquatic ecosystems. Therefore a study on qualitative estimation on zooplankton is the fundamental step to estimate quality and production status of aquatic ecosystems. Fisheries also depend on variety and diversity of zooplankton.

The zooplankton assemblage of Tumaria reservoir was assessed to provide base line information on an aspect of the biological characteristics of the river necessary for fishes, biodiversity conservation and reservoir management. Results are given in table 2 and fig 2. During the study period, 40% of total zooplankton diversity was accounted by four groups and twelve genera of Rotifera (*Anura, Asplanchna, Brachionus, Filinia*,



Table 1. Seasonal phytoplankton diversity of Tumaria reservoir during 2018

Genera	Winter season				Summer season				Rainy season			
	Jan.	Feb.	Dec.	Nov.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.
	Chlorophyceae											
Ankistrodesmus	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+
Chlamydomonas	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cladophora	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Closterium	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+
Comarium	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Cosmarium	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Euglena	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Oedogonium	_	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pandorina	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Pediastrum	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+
Spirogyra	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tetraspora	_	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Ulothrix	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Uronema	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Volvox	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
					Bacillario	phyceae	•					
Amphora	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bacillaria	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
Cyclotella	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
Cymbella	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Denticula	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Diatoma	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Fragilaria	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Frustulia	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Gomphoneis	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+
Navicula	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Nitzschia	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
					Cyanop	hyceae						
Anabaena,	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Nostoc	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Spirulina	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Ocillatoria	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+

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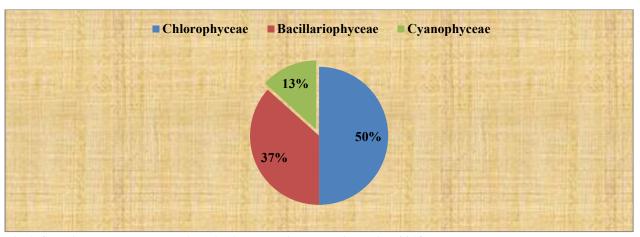


Fig 1. Showing phytoplankton diversity in Tumaria reservoir during 2018



Table 2. Seasonal Zooplanktonic diversity of Tumaria reservoir during 2018

Genera		Winter	seasor	1	Summer season				Rainy season			
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov	Dec.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.
							tifera					
Anura	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Asplanchna	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Brachionus	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Filinia	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Keratella	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Lecane	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Monostyla	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Notholca	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
Philodina	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+
Polyarthra	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Rotaria	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Trichocera	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
					Pr	otozoa						
Arcella	+	+	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Centrophyxis	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Didinium	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+
Difflugia	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Noctiluca	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Paramecium	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Spathidium	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+
Stentor	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Vorticella	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Volvox	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
					Cla	docera						
Bosmia	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
Ceriodaphnia	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	-	-	+
Chydorus	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Daphnia	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Diphanosoma	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Moina	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Simocephalus	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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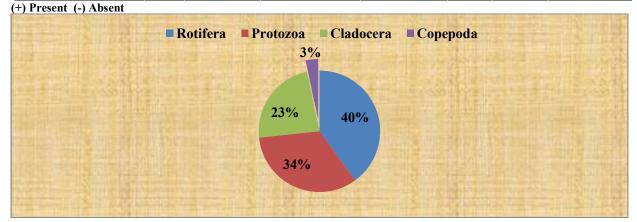


Fig 2. Showing Zooplankton diversity in Tumaria reservoir during 2018



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Keratella, Lecane, Monostyla, Notholca, Philodina, Polyarthra, Rotaria and Trichocera). A total of 34% of total zooplankton diversity was accounted by ten genera of Protozoa (Arcella, Centrophyxis, Noctiluca. Didinium. Difflugia, Paramecium. Spathidium, Stentor, Vorticella and Volvox). Seven genera of Cladocera (Bosmia, Ceriodaphnia, Chydorus, Daphnia, Diphanosoma, Moina and Simocephalus) were also identified accounted to about 23% of total zooplankton diversity. One genera of copepoda (Cyclops) also identified during the study accounted to about 3% of total zooplankton diversity. Negi and Pant (1983) observed rotifers as dominant group of zooplankton in Khurpatal lake. Undesirable changes in hydrobiological factors of reservoirs may create an unpleasant environment to the aquatic milieu (Khanna et al., 2011; Oriola, 2003). Zooplankton are important communities for the fisheries development (Pathani and Upadhyay, 2003). During present study it was found that most of the zooplankton diversity was higher during the winter

months followed by summer months followed by monsoon months. Our results were supported by observations of several researchers (Sivakumar and Altaff, 2003; Khanna and Bhutiani, 2005; Negi *et al.* 2013 Singh, 2015; Rao, 2017; Major *et al.* 2017; Kumar and Shyam. 2018; Bhutiani *et al.* 2018a; Bhutiani *et al.* 2018b).

Water Quality and Plankton diversity

Water samples were analysed for various physicochemical parameters such as temperature, total solids, transparency, pH, dissolved oxygen and chlorides. The water quality parameters are presented in Table 3. In the present study the lower value of temperature (16.9°C) was noted in the month of January and highest value of temperature (30.6°C) was noted in the month of June, respectively. Total dissolved solids are solids which are dissolved in water. The total dissolved solids showed negative correlation with plankton diversity as it reduces the sunlight penetration in aquatic bodies.

Table 3. Showing mean values of physicochemical parameters of Tumaria reservoir

Parameters						DO		
Season	Months	Temp.	TDS (mg/l)	Trans. (cm)	pН	(mg/l)	Cl (mg/l)	
Winter	January	16.9±0.7	95.6±0.8	14.56±0.12	8.1±0.23	8.2±0.21	10.27±0.17	
	February	18.9±0.8	97.3±1.78	12.42±0.10	7.9±0.12	8.1±0.17	12.42±0.19	
	November	18.1±0.7	101.37±0.89	8.45±0.42	7.8±0.21	7.1±0.27	14.18±0.26	
	December	17.6±0.6	99.2±0.81	12.67±0.38	8.0±0.20	7.7±0.27	13.27±0.17	
Summer	March	22.1±0.3	103.45±1.20	10.45±0.37	7.7±0.34	7.7±0.18	14.37±0.25	
	April	25.2±0.4	109.8±1.24	9.27±0.21	7.6±0.21	7.5±0.18	17.29±0.19	
	May	29.1±0.3	112.4±1.31	8.28±0.32	7.6±0.23	7.2±0.15	18.12±0.81	
	June	30.6±0.7	210.2±1.56	8.20±0.78	7.5±0.32	5.5±0.16	21.27±0.18	
Rainy	July	30.1±0.8	310.7±1.61	4.27±0.98	7.6±0.33	5.7±0.18	25.34±0.17	
	August	29.1±0.7	215.4±1.45	4.89±0.87	7.8±0.15	6.1±0.18	24.16±0.16	
	September	25.5±0.5	110.2±1.21	6.54±0.67	7.9±0.16	6.5±0.22	19.16±0.18	
	October	20.2±0.6	105.7±0.98	6.02±0.56	7.9±0.20	6.7±0.25	17.19±0.16	



During the study period the lowest value of total dissolved solids (95.6 mg/l) was observed in the month of January and highest value of TDS (310.7mg/l) was observed in the month of July. Similar results of TDS were observed by Bhutiani et al. (2018a) and Bhutiani et al. (2018b). Major et al. (2017) also observed similar patterns of phytoplankton in relation to TDS. Negi et al. (2013) also supports our results. The lowest value of pH was observed 7.5 during the month of June and highest value of pH was recorded as 8.1 during the month of January. During the study period, the lowest and highest values of dissolved oxygen were observed as 5.5 mg/l and 8.1 mg/l during the month of June and January. In the present the lowest and highest values of chlorides were recorded 10.27 mg/l and 25.34 mg/l during the month of January and July, respectively. The lowest and highest values of transparency were noted 4.27 cm and 14.56 cm in the month of July and January, respectively. The transparency showed positive correlation (r=0.95) with plankton diversity.

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Conclusion

Planktonic diversity exhibits a very important component of aquatic reservoir. In the present study an emphasis has been given to identify species of plankton and their relation with water quality parameters. Phytoplankton was observed Chlorophyceae Bacillariophyceae Cyanophyceae while zooplankton was observed as Rotifera > Protozoa> Cladocera> copepod. Planktonic diversity and water quality was found strongly correlated with each other. During the present study the most pollution tolerant species of Oscillatoria, Euglena and Navicula were recorded. Among the zooplankton, Rotifers were good indicators of water quality. Rotifers of genus Brachionus and Keratella are abundant in water of the reservoir. Their occurrence in eutrophic water was well documented. We conclude that there are several reasons for the deterioration of the plankton diversity especially at Tumaria main canal. These findings will help in the future studies for bio monitoring of the Tumaria reservoir.

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