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QUANTIFICATION

A. Approaches

Enumeration	Counting Unit	Reporting Unit
Total cells	1 cell	cells/ml
Natural unit	cells/colonies	units/ml
Areal standard units	400 μm^2	units/ml (not recommended, NY only)

B. Precision/Accuracy

- Assume random distribution of units on counting area.
- If assume Poisson distribution, counting 100 units yields 20% C.I.
- If assume Poisson distribution, counting 400 units yields 10% C.I.
- Everyone counts differently, for different reasons.
- Standard methods suggests counting until reaching at least 100 of dominant species.
- Lund et al. (1958) suggest 100 total units is sufficient (leaves a lot out of assemblage).
- Most counting error comes from field sampling and sample handling rather than from counter (at least for total numbers) once counter is experienced.
- Some workers recommend counting until successive fields or strips yield no significant ($P=0.90$) change in ratio of numbers among species, rather than to specific number of cells or fields/passes. Others suggest a combination of estimation of counting error and numerical limit.
- Comparing data using different counting methods can be VERY complicated and sometimes impossible (e.g. counted in combination of Natural Unit and Cells versus counted in all Natural Units or all Cells).

C. Actual Counting

- Must establish area of count: fields, passes or strips, whole sample.
- Must establish boundary conditions; can over count if count every cell or colony that is partially in field. Compensate by only counting cells that are partially in upper half of field, or only partially in upper and right boundaries.
- Must establish tally criteria: usually best to count only "live" cells or at least separate live and dead cells.
- Must establish best magnification(s) for your samples. 100X (large filaments, 1+ mm), 200X (>7-10 μm cells or colonies), 400X (<7-10 μm cells or colonies), 1000X (initial identifications and some diatom samples). Based also on particulate level and optics.

D. Biovolume/Biomass Estimates

- At counting level, estimate biovolume by approximating geometric figures for cell and colony shapes to first get a volume based on protoplasm. At same time, one can measure additional dimensions to calculate Natural Unit volume and area as well.
 - simple geometric figures: sphere, cylinder, prolate ellipsoid, rectangular box
 - more complex figures: elliptic prism, rhomboid prism, gomphonemoid, oblate prolate ellipsoid, triangular prism, cymbelloid, screw, cone, truncated cone, spool, custom calculations and combinations of any and all of the above.
 - simple example: Chlamydomonas-sphere
 - complex example: Ceratium-oblate prolate ellipsoid+1 large truncate cone+ 2 medium cones+1 large cone.

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- Measure for biovolume (protoplasm exclusive of sheath and spines/setae or dead space) or volume (protoplasm inclusive of sheaths and dead space but exclusive of spines/setae).
- Measure appropriate cell dimensions on a representative number of cells or colonies in sample (20-30, generally).
- Convert biovolume to biomass assuming a density of 1.000 (from $\mu\text{m}^3/\text{mL}$ to $\text{mg/L}=1*10^{-6}$).
- Can also convert to carbon (mg/L, protoplasm exclusive of sheath, spines/setae, dead space or vacuoles).
- GALD: Greatest Axial Linear Dimension; can often estimate other dimensions from species specific ratios, allowing faster measurement. GALD gives an estimate of edibility. Anything in the plankton greater than $>20\text{-}30 \mu\text{m}$ are considered not easily eaten by a Daphnia.

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Media	Refractive Index (n)	Solvent	Comments	Manufacturer/ Supplier
<i>Natural Media</i>				
Canada Balsam	1.53	Xylene, benzene toluene, trichloroethylene, dioxan	Yellowes with age, bleaches stains; dries slowly but can be combined with other resins to remedy this.	(not proprietary)
Dammar Balsam	1.53	Xylene, benzene	Superior to Canada Balsam; faster drying if dissolved in benzene.	(not proprietary)
Karo (mixture of dextrose, dextrin, maltose)	?	Water, alcohol	Hardens so that no sealing is necessary except in moist climates.	(not proprietary)
<i>Synthetic media</i>				
Carmount 165	1.63-1.64	Xylene or toluene		Cargille Labs, Inc.
Clearax	1.67	Xylene, acetone	Good for diatoms	No longer commercially available
Clearmount	1.51	Xylene, benzene, toluene, alcohol, dioxan	Conserves stains	No longer commercially available
CMCP-10		Water, alcohol	Dries quickly but stains fade	Electron Microscopy Sciences
Cumar R-9, 11	1.63	Toluene	Dark orange	Neville Chemical Co.
Euparal	1.48	Xylene, alcohol	Mixture of natural and synthetic resins; can use directly after 95% alcohol; intensifies haematoxylin stains	BioQuip
Glycerine Jelly	1.47	Water	Semi-permanent; store slides flat; sealing mandatory. Add 1 g phenol crystals to 100 g jelly for stock solution	(not proprietary)

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SOME MOUNTING MEDIA IN GENERAL USE (ADAPTED FROM SOURNIA, 1978)

Media	Refractive Index (n)	Solvent	Comments	Manufacturer/Supplier
HPMA	1.5	Water	Clears nitrocellulose filters and seals permanently	SPI Supplies OR Electron Microscopy Sciences
Hyrax	1.63	Xylene, benzene, toluene	Very expensive; good for diatoms	No longer commercially available
Lakeside Cement #70C	1.54	Alcohol (EtOH)	Slightly yellow	Lakeside Products
Meltmount	1.7	Xylene or toluene	Easy to use	McCrone Group
Naphrax	1.72	Xylene, benzene, acetone	Good for diatoms.	Naphrax, LTD.
Permout	1.53+	Toluene	Conserves stains; does not yellow	Fisher Scientific
Pleurax	1.75	Alcohol	Good for delicate diatoms	US: Prof Dailey, Upenn
Zyax	1.7	Toluene/Xylene	Good for delicate diatoms	US: Prof Dailey, Upenn

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MANUFACTURERS OF RESINS

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<http://www.bioquip.com/>

Cargille Labs, Inc.
55 Commerce Road
Cedar Grove, NH 07009
973-239-6633
www.cargille.com

Custom Research and Development Inc.
Former maker of Hyrax
(Out of business as of 1/1/94)

Electron Microscopy Sciences
1560 Industry Road
PO Box 550
Hatfield, PA 19440
215-412-8400
www.emsdiasum.com

Fisher Scientific Company
711 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
800-766-7000
<https://www.fishersci.com/us/en/home.html>

Lakeside Microscope Accessories
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EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS

Company	Telephone #	Website	Primary Types of Supplies
Aquatic Research Instruments	800-320-9482	www.aquaticresearch.com	Field samplers, lab supplies
Ben Meadows	800-241-6401	www.benmeadows.com	Field equipment, lab supplies
Carolina Biological Supplies	800-334-5551	www.carolina.com	Lab supplies, specimens
Cole Parmer	800-323-4340	www.coleparmer.com	Lab supplies
Fisher Scientific	800-766-7000	www.fishersci.com	Lab supplies
Forestry Suppliers	800-647-5368	www.forestry-suppliers.com	Field equipment
Geneq	800-463-4363	www.geneq.com	Field and lab supplies
Hach	800-227-4224	www.hach.com	Field and lab chemistry supplies
HydroLab		hydrolab.com	Field Meters
PhycoTech	269-983-3654	www.phycotech.com	Algae-related supplies and support
Thomas Scientific	800-345-2100	www.thomassci.com	Lab Supplies
VWR Scientific	800-932-5000	us.vwr.com	Lab supplies
Ward's Science	800-962-2660	www.wardsci.com	Lab supplies, specimens
Wildlife Supply Company (Wildco)	517-799-8100	wildco.com	Field samplers, lab supplies
Yellow Springs Instruments (YSI)	937-688-4255	www.yisi.com	Field meters

Microscopes and related supplies: Contact your local dealer. Companies include:

Leica (which includes Leitz, Reichert, AO Spencer, Bausch and Lomb)

Nikon

Olympus

Zeiss

Meijer

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North America

- **American Type Culture Collection - ATCC (USA)**
- **Chlamydomonas Genetics Center (USA)**
- **UTEX - The Culture Collection of Algae (USA)**
- **Canadian Phycological Culture Centre (CPCC) (Canada)**

Asia/Australia

- **Microbial Culture Collection-NIES - MCC-NIES (Japan)**

Europe

- **Algobank (France)**
- **Culture Collection of Algae at the University of Cologne - CCAC (Germany)**
- **Sammlung von Algenkulturen - SAG (Germany)**
- **SAMS culture collection of algae and protozoa**

World Federation of Culture Collections (*Not exclusive to Algae*)

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GUIDE TO THE NAMES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FRESHWATER ALGAL GROUPS

Algal taxonomic systems have varied considerably over the last century or even longer, with generally increasing complexity as techniques for seeing or otherwise deciphering algal features have become more sophisticated. Occasionally we get a simplification, as when culturing reveals that two or more previously separate taxa are really the same taxon grown under different conditions. Yet mostly we find new reasons to split groups apart based on physical, chemical, or genetic differences not previously observed or understood. If the split has some ecological meaning, it can be very useful in environmental management work. Even when a single taxon has different growth forms in response to environmental conditions, having different names can be useful. You can always combine data into fewer groups, but you can't separate data that were lumped from the start.

The major groupings of algae have endured for many decades, although whether these are divisions, phyla, classes, orders, or some other taxonomic level designation has varied. We have some well known common names (e.g., diatoms, dinoflagellates) that are easily recognized but may not relate clearly to the taxonomic group name (Bacillariophytes, Pyrrophytes). But overall, we have general groupings that make sense in light of the major group features: pigments, cell wall, energy storage products, and motility. Reproduction is also a key factor in major groupings, but is less commonly observed in actual sample analysis. Within groups, a lot of subdivisions are based on morphological trends or specialized cell features common to a part of the overall group. Caution must be exercised by those constructing taxonomic systems, however, in discerning features that truly represent a group or subgroup trend, and are not merely responses to environmental conditions that cut across perceived group boundaries. For those identifying algae, it becomes important to learn the visual cues that represent major group features, such as color, cell wall appearance, energy product appearance, flagella number, relative size and placement on the cell, and reproductive structures when present.

The table provided here is intended to provide a framework for dividing algae into major groups. The most recent and perhaps hardest split to understand is the fractionation of golden algae, or Chrysophyta, into at least five groups: chrysophytes, xanthophytes, haptophytes, raphidophytes and eustigmatophytes. In the lectures portion of this workshop, these will be considered collectively, but there is justification, mainly ultrastructural features, for making the split. Older schemes recognized mainly chrysophytes and xanthophytes, and some systems even combined the bacillariophytes with these other groups based on pigment similarity. Algal taxonomy is just not as simple as that of many higher organisms, and you have to learn to accept uncertainty, discrepancy, and change as a fact of life when doing algal taxonomy.

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Name (Division or Class)	Common Name	Common Aquatic Habitat	Common Morphology/Motility	Cell Wall	Primary Pigments/Color	Energy Storage Product	Examples
Chlorophyta	Green Algae	Oceans, Lakes, Rivers, Estuaries. Planktonic and Attached	Microscopic to visible with the naked eye. Unicellular, colonial and filamentous, includes flagellates – highly variable by subgroup. <i>Flagella in pairs of equal length.</i>	Cellulose, glucosides, xylans and mannans or wall absent. Stoneworts calcify. <i>Walls appear rigid, thick in most cases.</i>	Chl _a , Chl _b , lutein, zeaxanthin, violaxanthin, antheraxanthin neoxanthin <i>Color = grass green, sometimes masked by other pigments (red.)</i>	Starch <i>Pyrenoids usually visible.</i>	Cladophora, Ulva, Oocystis, Scenedesmus, Pyramichlamys (Tetraselmis), Pandorina, Planctonema, Oedogonium, Spirogyra
Cyanophyta	Blue-green Algae or Cyanobacteria	Lakes, Rivers, Estuaries, Oceans. Planktonic and Attached	Microscopic to visible with the naked eye. Unicellular, colonial and filamentous, some filaments glide or move. <i>No flagella.</i>	Mucopeptides or Peptidoglycans (amino sugars + amino acids). <i>Walls minimally visible, sheath sometimes apparent.</i>	Chl _a , phycocyanin, phycoerythrin, allophycocyanin <i>Color = Blue-green to violet to black.</i>	Cyanophycean starch, cyanophycean granules, polyphosphate bodies, carboxysomes. <i>Not obvious or observed as small dots</i>	Anabaena, Nostoc, Oscillatoria, Lyngbya, Chroococcus, Microcystis, Merismopedia, Aphanocapsa
Bacillariophyta (Bacillariophyceae)	Diatoms or Golden Brown Algae	Lakes, Rivers, Estuaries, Oceans. Planktonic and Attached	Microscopic. Unicellular, colonial and filamentous, some cells stalked, some cells motile by gliding. <i>Flagella only in gametes.</i>	Opaline silica (SiO ₂). <i>Walls appear very rigid, thick in most cases.</i>	Chl _a , Chl _{c2} , Chl _{c1} , Chl _{c3} , fucoxanthin <i>Color = golden brown.</i>	Chrysolaminarin, lipid, mannitol. <i>Appears as small droplets in most cases.</i>	Navicula, Nitzschia, Asterionella, Fragilaria, Cyclotella, Aulacoseira
Chrysophyta (Chrysophyceae)	Golden Algae	Lakes, Rivers, Estuaries, Oceans. Mostly Planktonic	Microscopic. Unicellular, colonial, mostly flagellates. <i>Flagella usually in pairs of unequal length, but can be single.</i>	Cellulose or silicified walls sometimes with silica scales or enclosed by mineralized lorica. Some lack distinct cell wall (membrane only). <i>May appear "fuzzy" from scales.</i>	Chl _a , Chl _{c1} , Chl _{c2} , fucoxanthin <i>Color = golden to brownish.</i>	Chrysolaminarin. <i>Appears as small droplets in most cases.</i>	Mallomonas, Dinobryon, Erenkenia, Kephyrion, Synura, Chrysosphaerella

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Xanthophyta (Xanthophyceae or Tribophyceae)	Yellow-Green Algae	Lakes, Rivers, Estuaries, Oceans. Planktonic and attached	Microscopic. Unicellular, colonial and filamentous. <i>Few flagella, but where present, pairs unequal in length.</i>	Cellulose or silicified walls. Some lack distinct cell wall (membrane only). <i>Usually appear rigid.</i>	Chla, Chlc ₁ , Chlc ₂ , vaucheriaxanthin <i>Color = yellow green.</i>	Chrysolaminarin. <i>Appears as small droplets in most cases.</i>	Tribonema, Gonichloris, Heterothrix, Vaucheria
Haptophyta (Haptophyceae or Prymnesiophyceae)	Yellow Brown Algae or Haptophytes	Lakes, Rivers, Brackish, Estuaries, Oceans. Planktonic	Microscopic. Unicellular, all flagellates. <i>Flagella in pairs of unequal length, plus a short stiff hair (haptonema).</i>	Cellulose often covered by organic scales. <i>“Soft” or “fuzzy” appearance.</i>	Chla, Chlc ₁ , Chlc ₃ , fucoxanthin, β-carotene <i>Color = yellow brown to golden brown.</i>	Chrysolaminarin, paramylon (Van Den Hoek). <i>Appears as small droplets in most cases.</i>	Chrysochromulina, Prymnesium
Raphidophyta (Raphidophyceae)	Raphidophytes	Lakes, Ponds, Acid Bogs, Rivers. Planktonic	Microscopic. Unicellular, all flagellates. <i>Only one flagellum usually evident, but shorter one present.</i>	Thick periplast with small muciferous bodies or trichocysts embedded. <i>Cell wall not very obvious, appears flexible.</i>	Chla, Chlc ₁ , Chlc ₂ , β-carotene, diadinoxanthin, vaucheriaxanthin, heteroxanthin <i>Color = yellow-green to green.</i>	Lipid. <i>Appears as small droplets in most cases.</i>	Gonyostomum
Eustigmatophyta (Eustigmatophyceae)	Eustigmatophytes	Lakes, Ponds, Acid Bogs, Rivers. Mostly Planktonic	Microscopic. Unicellular, includes flagellates. <i>Flagella in pairs of unequal length.</i>	Unknown cell wall. <i>Wall not visibly distinct in most cases.</i>	Chla, violaxanthin, β-carotene, Vaucheriaxanthin <i>Color = green to yellowish green.</i>	Unknown storage product, chrysolaminarin (?) <i>Appears as small droplets in most cases.</i>	Vischeria, Ellipsoidon
Pyrrophyta	Dinoflagellates	Oceans, Lakes, Rivers, Estuaries. Mostly planktonic, some attached or epizootic.	Microscopic. Unicellular or small chains, mostly flagellates. <i>Two flagella, one wraps around middle of cell, other trails cell.</i>	Cellulose (when present) and polysaccharides, often thick thecal plates present. <i>Thecate forms appear rigid and heavy, naked forms appear more flexible.</i>	Chla, Chlc ₁ , Chlc ₂ , β-carotene, peridinin, fucoxanthin, diadinoxanthin <i>Color = red to brown, some colorless.</i>	Starch, lipid. <i>Cell contents tend to be dense, looking like a lot of lumps, some of which are storage products.</i>	Peridinium, Ceratium, Glenodinium, Gymnodinium

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Cryptophyta	Cryptomonads	Oceans, Lakes, Rivers, Estuaries. Mostly planktonic.	Microscopic. Unicellular. All flagellates. <i>Two flagella, subequal length.</i>	Periplast (trilaminar plasmalemma) often with ejectosomes. <i>Walls generally appear thin and flexible.</i>	Chl _a , Chl _c ₂ , phycocyanin, phycoerythrin, ∇-carotene, alloxanthin <i>Color = blue to red to brown, some colorless.</i>	Starch, lipid. <i>Pyrenoid-like structures are often evident.</i>	Cryptomonas, Rhodomonas, Chroomonas
Euglenophyta	Euglenoids	Oceans, Lakes, Rivers, Estuaries. Mostly planktonic, some epizooic.	Microscopic. Unicellular. All flagellates except for epizooic taxa. <i>Only one flagellum usually evident, but shorter one present.</i>	Plasmalemma exterior, pellicle just underneath with helical organization. Some species with a pectin lorica often mineralized with iron or magnesium. <i>Appearance varies widely with genus.</i>	Chl _a , Chl _b , β-carotene, neoxanthin, diadinoxanthin <i>Color = red to green, some Trachelomonas appear brown from iron in the lorica.</i>	Paramylon. <i>Paramylon bodies usually evident; various shaped rods or rings.</i>	Euglena, Trachelomonas, Astasia, Colacium, Phacus.
Rhodophyta	Red Algae	Oceans, Rivers, Lakes, Estuaries. Mostly attached and some Planktonic.	Microscopic to visible with the naked eye. Unicellular, colonial and filamentous. <i>Flagella in gametes only.</i>	Cellulose, xylans and mannans, polysaccharides, alginate, some calcify. <i>Usually very distinct walls, often gelatinous coating.</i>	Chl _a , phycoerythrin, phycocyanin, allophycocyanin, β-carotene, ∇-carotene, zeaxanthin <i>Color = red-violet to black.</i>	Floridean starch. <i>Not visible or evident as small, dark dots.</i>	Gigartina, Gracilaria, Batrachospermum, Bangia
Phaeophyta	Brown Algae	Oceans, Estuaries, Streams, Lakes, Mostly marine. Mostly attached and some Planktonic.	Microscopic to visible with the naked eye. Unicellular, colonial and filamentous. <i>Flagella in gametes only.</i>	Cellulose, alginic acid, sulfated mucopolysaccharides. <i>Usually very distinct walls, often gelatinous coating.</i>	Chl _a , Chl _c ₁ , Chl _c ₂ , fucoxanthin <i>Color = brown.</i>	Chrysolaminarin, mannitol, lipid. <i>Appears as small droplets in most cases.</i>	Laminaria, Sargassum, Ectocarpus

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ALGAL KEYS AND TAXONOMIC REFERENCES

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Also, many local libraries are able to locate and borrow taxonomic books through an interlibrary loan system.

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COMMON ALGAL TERMS

- Acicular** Needlelike in shape.
- Acidophilic** Tolerating or thriving in acid environments.
- Acuminate** Having pointed ends, tapered to a point.
- Akinete** Cyanophyte resting cyst.
- Algae** Thalloid plants, usually photosynthetically pigmented.
- Alveola** Shallow, minute, pit or cavity, a hollow space in the cell wall.
- Apical** Pertaining to the tip or end of a structure.
- Apical axis** The axis or rotation between two apices of a cell
- Apiculate** Having distinct apices, or end points, as with pointed tips
- Arbustular** Growing in the form of a tree or bush.
- Arcuate** Strongly curved, crescent-shaped.
- Attenuate** To taper to a smaller width, narrowing gradually.
- Axial** Pertaining to an axis, an elongate filament or zone from which lateral parts originate.
- Benthic** Of or on the bottom, living on a substrate.
- Calyptra** Thickened cell wall at the tip of a filament, appearing as a cap.
- Capitate** Enlarged and set off at the apex, forming a head.
- Carinal dot** A pore associated with the raphe of a diatom within a canal on the valve face
- Central nodule** Thickened central area of valve (cell wall) in diatoms, usually associated with a terminal pore for a raphe
- Chromatophore** Cell organelle containing photosynthetic pigments.
- Cingulum** Part of diatom frustule connecting valves, part of girdle.
- Clathrate** Having branches or linear divisions, a dendritic shape
- Clavate** Club shaped, having one end thicker than the other.
- Cocoid** Spherical or ball shaped.
- Coenobium** A colony with cells arranged in a definite shape.
- Coenocytic** Multinucleate.
- Colony** (As a simplistic generic term) Non-filamentous aggregation of cells; additional terminology necessary to describe relationship of cells.
- Conjugation** Process of coming together, combining into one piece.
- Cordate** Heart shaped.
- Costa** Thickenings which appear like ribs.
- Cruciate** Cross-shaped.
- Cyst** Thick walled cell usually formed in response to unfavorable conditions, intended to form new plant at later date.
- Dendroid** Irregularly branched, appearing like a root system.
- Dichotomous** Having two choices, as in a taxonomic key or with simple branching.
- Dimorphus** Having two shapes, forms or phases.
- Dorsal** Pertaining to the upper or top structure.
- Dorsiventral** Having distinguishable upper and lower surfaces or structures.
- Epilimnion** Upper water layer, lighted and interacting with atmosphere.
- Epilithic** Growing on rock.
- Epipellic** Growing on soft sediment.
- Epiphytic** Growing on plants (or other substrates).
- Epipsammic** Growing on sand.
- Epizoic** Growing on an animal.
- Eukaryote** Cell with membrane-bound organelles.
- Eyespot** A photosensitive organelle, usually red in color, used in navigation by motile cells.
- Fascia** A distinguishing band across a cell face, as with the valve of certain diatoms
- Filament** A string of joined cells.
- Flagellum** Hair-like projection used for motility.
- Foliose** Leafy or leaf-like in appearance.

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- Frustule** The siliceous cell wall of a diatom.
- Fusiform** Elongate shape, widest at the middle and tapering to the ends.
- Gamete** Reproductive cell.
- Gas vesicle** Cell organelle containing gas, gives cyanophytes buoyancy.
- Gibbous** Swollen or enlarged, often in a central area.
- Girdle** To go around, portion of diatom frustule between valves.
- Heterocyst** Nitrogen-fixing cyanophyte cell.
- Heterokont** Having flagella of unequal length.
- Heterotrichous** Having two orientations, as with prostrate and erect thallus parts.
- Hormogonium** Set of cyanophyte resting cells.
- Hypolimnion** Lower water layer, dark and separate from atmosphere.
- Intercalary** Interspersed among other cells or plant parts, not apical or basal.
- Isokont** Having flagella of equal length.
- Keel** A ridge or flange.
- Littoral** Nearshore, lake bottom and/or water column within epilimnion.
- Lorica** Separate outer sheath encasing a cell, external to cell wall, also called a "test".
- Medial** Pertaining to the central portion
- Metalimnion** Middle water layer, transitional zone between epilimnion and hypolimnion.
- Micron** Micrometer, one thousandth of a millimeter.
- Motile** Possessing the ability to move under its own power.
- Multiseriate** Having more than one row of cells within what appears to be a single filament.
- Non-motile** Unable to move on its own.
- Ocellus** An eyespot or pigmented area sensitive to light.
- Ovate** Oval, with each end of equal curve.
- Ovoid** Egg shaped, with one end more pointed than the other.
- Oogonium** Specialized cell which acts as or produces an egg.
- Operculate** Having a lid or cover.
- Palmelloid** An indefinite arrangement of cells in mucilage.
- Papilla** A nipple-like protuberance.
- Parenchymatous** A mat-like arrangement of similar sized cells.
- Parietal** Arranged along the margin or circumference, not central.
- Penicillate** Brush-like.
- Pennate** Elongate, typically having bilateral symmetry.
- Pelagic** In open water, away from shore and littoral zone.
- Pellicle** Periplast, outer cell membrane in absence of true cell wall.
- Periphyton** Plants growing on a substrate, not free-floating.
- Pervalvar axis** The axis of rotation along a line connecting the center of two valves of a diatom cell, perpendicular to both the apical and transverse axes
- Pinnate** Structured like a feather, with a central axis and lateral fine branches.
- Phycology** The study of algae.
- Planktonic** Free-floating in the water column, not attached to substrate.
- Prokaryote** Cell with no membrane-bound organelles (Cyanophytes/bacteria).
- Pseudoraphe** False raphe, clear area of diatom valve along long axis, formed by ornamentation but having no locomotive function.
- Puncta** Small holes or pits in the cell wall, often in rows.
- Pyrenoid** Cell organelle which produces starch as food storage particles.
- Pyriform** Pear shaped.
- Raphe** Canal in diatom valve through which cytoplasm flows, causing motion.
- Reniform** Kidney shaped.
- Reticulate** Arranged in a mesh-like pattern, forming a network.
- Rostrate** Having extended or produced ends; more than rounded but less than capitate
- Saccate** Sack-like, balloon-like cell or group of cells, bulbous.
- Scalariform** Ladder-like, as with the conjugation of filaments in the Zygnematales.

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COMMON ALGAL TERMS

Serrate Toothed, having a jagged margin.

Sessile Non-motile, growing attached to some substrate.

Setae Hairs or bristles of a spine-like quality, projecting from a cell surface

Siphonaceous Having many nuclei in what appears to be one cell, often saccate or tubular.

Striated Marked with parallel lines made of discrete points.

Sulcus A dividing ring, as with the distinct central girdle bands of certain diatoms

Taxon Any given level of hierarchical identification, such as division, class, order, family, genus or species.

Thallus Plant body without differentiation into roots, stem and leaves.

Theca Armored cell wall, usually thickened by silica, cellulose or calcium.

Transverse axis The axis of rotation perpendicular to the apical axis across the face of a cell (usually the valve of a diatom)

Trichocyst Cell organelle which discharges cytoplasmic threads on stimulation, usually to capture external particles.

Trichome A thin hair, also a cyanophyte filament without sheath.

Truncate Cut off abruptly without graceful curves or a point.

Ubiquitous Widespread, commonly encountered.

Uniaxial (or Uniseriate) Having one row of cells comprising a filament.

Vacuole A clear space inside a cell, seemingly empty but likely to contain gas or a food storage product.

Valve Two end pieces of diatom frustule, usually highly ornamented.

Whorl Inserted in a ring around some base, as with multiple branches emanating at the same level from points around a stem.

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DERIVATION OF ALGAL NAMES

Very few algae have common names. Consequently, everyone must learn to communicate algal information using the proper scientific names, which are in Latin. Pronunciation can vary considerably among taxonomists, so don't feel embarrassed at not being sure how to say an algal name. Written names should be consistent, but may seem very cryptic if one is unfamiliar with Latin. Here are a few tips on understanding common Latin constructs in algal names.

Many algal species are named for some prominent feature of the species. Look for Latin roots of descriptive terms (see Common Algal Terms section). Examples include *Nitzschia acicularis* (acicular meaning needle-like; this species is very thin), *Scenedesmus acuminatus* (acuminate refers to pointed ends, which the cells of this species have), and *Oscillatoria limnetica* (limnetic indicating existence in open water, which is where this species is found). The ending on a specific epithet (species name) should match the ending on the genus name in most cases (e.g., *Dictyosphaerium pulchellum*, *Rhopalodia gibba*), but there are lots of exceptions.

Many algal species are named for famous phycologists. Specific epithets in these cases typically end in a single or more often double "i" (e.g., *Oscillatoria agardhii*, named after Agardh, or *Phacus lemmermannii*, named after Lemmermann, or *Draparnaldia judayi*, named after Juday). There are plenty of species names derived from last names of people which do not end in "i", but if you see "i" at the end, you can generally count on the preceding characters to represent someone's name and not a descriptive feature.

Many algal species are named after places in which they were found. Specific epithets in these cases typically end in "ensis" or "ense" (e.g., *Scenedesmus brasiliensis* or *Anabaena wisconsinense*). These tend to be more obvious than people's names, but if you see "ensis" or "ense" on the end of the specific epithet, the preceding characters refer to a place. Other than names and places, most elements of algal names come from Latin or Greek roots for descriptive terms. A working knowledge of these roots can be extremely helpful in deciphering what the name means and how it pertains to the alga to which it has been assigned.

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NOTES ON ALGAE IDENTIFICATION

Under ideal conditions, specimens of a given species being identified under magnification would be perfectly identical, be posed in all possible viewing positions, have all cell organelles easily visible, retain natural coloration, include reproducing stages, and move only as needed. In practice, almost none of these conditions occurs when viewing natural assemblages, so the taxonomist must make the best of an imperfect situation.

To meet this challenge, here are some tips on algae identification:

1. Keep accurate and informative notes on the collection site and methodology. Such information may aid some identification and will facilitate a more informed interpretation of data.

2. Work with live and preserved material when possible, and know the limitations of the preservative. It is seldom practical to perform counts on live samples, and identifications from live material, although helpful, will not always be transferrable to preserved specimens. If possible, take some live material back to the lab for comparison with preserved material, or even observe live material reaction to preservative when added in the lab. Know what the preservative does to specimen color, cell shape, colonial aggregations, and various organelles (esp. flagella). Use India ink to stain sheaths for easier observation under brightfield optics. Permanent mounts are ideal for long term storage, but keep wet material around for confirmation purposes. Temporary (hours to days) wet mounts can be made by ringing the coverslip with Vaseline. Leaving a small channel will allow replenishment of fluid or addition of stains. Make wet mounts as thin as possible for best resolution and highest viewing magnification, and observe different views by poking the coverslip with a thin but blunt object (either end of a pencil will often work well).

3. Observe filamentous or colonial traits.

- a. Are filaments branched?
- b. How are colonial cells connected?
- c. What are the dimensions of the colony or filament?
- d. How is the colony shaped, in two and three dimensions?
- e. Is the colony motile? If so, how does it move?
- f. Are all cells in the filament or colony alike?
- g. How many cells comprise the filament or colony?

Try to observe multiple examples of the same taxon. Variability in traits can be useful in identification, and no one colony or filament will necessarily provide all information necessary for a definite identification. Remember that preservation may cause some colonies to dissociate into individual cells or may distort overall growth form.

4. Observe individual cell traits.

- a. Cell shape and dimensions.
- b. Chromatophore color, number, shape and placement.
- c. Food storage particle type, size, number and placement.
- d. Other internal cell features, such as gas vesicles, vacuoles and eyespots.
- e. Ornamentation of cell wall, as with diatoms and desmids.
- f. Presence of flagella, number, relative lengths and placement.
- g. Presence of lorica, shape and color.
- h. Other external cell features, such as mucilage, spines or trichocysts.
- i. Specialized cell types, such as heterocysts, gametes, akinetes and other resting cysts.

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As with colonies and filaments, observe multiple examples. No one cell will necessarily provide all needed information. It is harder to be convinced that a trait is absent than present, and viewing multiple examples will help confirm presence or absence of key traits. Remember that preservation may cause some features to change; some organelles may fall off, shrink, discolor or otherwise distort. Remember also that under natural conditions some features may vary in response to environmental factors; cell size, food storage, reproductive features, pigmentation and motility may be affected.

5. Make detailed composite drawings or a series of drawings for each species, showing different views. Alternatively, take photographs of specimens. Label key features and note dimensions of cells, colonies and filaments.

6. Know the limitations of the microscope. Are you using brightfield, phase contrast, or some other optical system? How does it distort color? What is the limit of resolution for each lens? Use of a Sedgewick-Rafter counting cell will limit magnification to 200X on most scopes; a Palmer-Maloney cell can be used at up to 400X. Glass slides with coverslips (wet or permanent mounts) or use of an inverted microscope can facilitate viewing at 1000X. Learn to use and maintain your microscope; optics and lighting should be adjusted to maximize visibility and resolution, and the image should be clear at all magnifications.

7. Use keys cautiously and record the steps taken when you are uncertain which choice to make. Unfortunately, keys work best when you already know the identity of the organism. However, the closer you get to the identity of the organism (e.g., within the correct order or family), the more useful most keys become. It is therefore most efficient to recognize the traits of common orders and families and to begin keying at that point. Simply leafing through pictures can be informative, but is very time consuming. A few hints for using keys:

- a. Use multiple keys when possible; they're not all the same, and each may have something to offer.
- b. More recent keys will be taxonomically more up to date and will often use photographs, but older keys will often have more rare taxa and better drawings; both are useful.
- c. Do not assume that all taxa will be in any one key; few are 100% inclusive even for narrow groupings of algae, and none can cover the range of variants which can arise in response to environmental factors.
- d. Use ecological or geographic information as well as visual data to make identifications.
- e. Leave a paper trail; record steps along the key path as well as final outcome, including key author, date, volume, page number of the description, plate number of pictures, and any other relevant information.
- f. Don't be afraid to change your mind as observation of more specimens yields additional information.
- g. Watch out for errors; larger keys are very difficult to construct without error; use common sense. Keys are not sacred; correct your copy as needed, and make margin notes for your use wherever helpful.
- h. Make use of experts when warranted; reasonable requests for help are rarely turned down, and those with more experience can often save you much time. Remember, however, that algal identification skills are acquired through many hours of observation; you need to spend time training yourself to observe, not just to recognize what an expert has pointed out. Make an effort at identifying the unknown, but when you reach your frustration limit, get help.
- i. Make use of culture collections to broaden your exposure to algal taxa, but be wary of atypical growth forms which frequently occur in culture. Try keying a known culture to determine if it has retained the features necessary for its correct identification.

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8. Once you have identified a specimen, make notes for yourself that could help the next time you encounter that taxon. In many cases you will be able to come up with features or memory-triggering devices which allow faster repeat identification. Reference pictures or preserved specimen slides can also be particularly useful.

9. Keep informed of algal taxonomy developments. Review technical journals such as the Journal of Phycology to keep current. Join an appropriate professional society, such as the Phycological Society of America, to maintain contacts. Subscribe to one or more of the Internet forums or home pages relating to algae. Examples include:

List Name	E-mail Address	Subscription Request Language
Lakes-L	majordomo@badger.state.wi.us	Subscribe Lakes-L <i>firstname lastname</i>
Algae-L	listserv@irlearn.ucd.ie	Subscribe Algae-L <i>firstname lastname</i>
Diatom-L	listserv@iubvm.ucs.indiana.edu	Subscribe Diatom-L <i>firstname lastname</i>
PSA	listserv@colostate.edu	Subscribe PSA <i>firstname lastname</i>
Ecolog-L	listserv@umdd.umd.edu	Subscribe Ecolog-L <i>firstname lastname</i>
Botany	majordomo@duracef.shout.net	Subscribe Botany <i>emailaddress</i>

Information in italics is not given literally, but as the appropriate personal data.

Favorite Algal World Wide Web Addresses

AlgaeBase

<http://www.algaebase.org/>

Diatom Home Page Biology Department, Indiana University

https://s10.lite.msu.edu/res/msu/botonl/b_online/library/diatoms/diatom.html

Catalogue Of Benthic Marine Algae Of The Indian Ocean

<http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/rlmoe/tioc/ioctoc.html>

Phycological Society of America

<http://www.psaalgae.org>

EPA Office of Water, Clean Lakes Program

<http://water.epa.gov/type/lakes/>

Department of Biological Sciences of Bowling Green State University,

<http://www.bgsu.edu/arts-and-sciences/biological-sciences/facilities-and-resources/algal-microscopy-laboratory/image-archive.html>

Protist Image Data

<http://www.bch.umontreal.ca/protists>

Seaweed Site – National University of Ireland, Galway

<http://www.seaweed.ie/>

Iowa Lakeside Laboratory

<http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/lakesidelab>

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Great Lakes Diatoms

<http://www.umich.edu/~phytolab/GreatLakesDiatomHomePage/top.html>

California Academy of Sciences

<http://research.calacademy.org/izg/research/diatom>

Cyanosite

<http://www-cyanosite.bio.purdue.edu/index.html>

River Diatoms, Common freshwater Diatoms of Britain and Ireland

<http://craticula.ncl.ac.uk/EADiatomKey/html/>

Smithsonian Institution's Algal Web Page

<http://www.botany.si.edu/projects/algae>

Diatoms of the Arid Southwest

<http://aces.nmsu.edu/diatoms/index.html>

Taxonomic Databases – Nomenclatural and taxonomic hierarchy, including authorship, synonyms, homonyms (incl. allowed ones) and common names when applicable.

Integrated Taxonomic Information Systems

www.itis.gov/

Taxonomicon

<http://www.taxonomicon.net/>

Algaebase

<http://www.algaebase.org/>

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A REVISED KEY FOR THE FIELD IDENTIFICATION OF SOME GENERA OF ALGAE

Adapted from a key by
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1. Living in or on animals2
1. Not living in such close association with animals5
 2. On shells of snapping turtles; filamentous, coarse, tufted Basidiadia
 2. Not on turtle shells3
3. Forming a hard green coating on snail shells.....Gongrosira
3. Not on snail shells4
 4. In old egg masses of the salamander *Ambystoma*; dark green.....Oophila
 4. Living within green *Hydra* or *Planaria*(Zoo)Chlorella
5. Aquatic, submerged or nearly so14
5. Not aquatic, on soil, rocks, concrete or bark.....6
 6. On soil, rocks or concrete8
 6. On wood or bark7
7. On shaded side of tree trunks, or on weathered building siding..... Protococcus
7. On rotting logs or pilings, pale green..... Hormidium or Stichococcus
 8. On rocks or concrete9
 8. On soil.....10
9. Algal mass orange to reddish, on seemingly dry rock faces..... Trentepohlia
9. Algal mass dark olive to black, slimy if wet, peeling off surface if dryOscillatoria
 10. Algal mass clearly filamentous, possibly felt-like, often in greenhouses11
 - 10 Algal mass not filamentous or felt-like, varied locations13
11. Dark green, felt-like, coarsely branched Vaucheria
11. Yellow green, tawny or olive brown.....12
 12. Yellow green, filmy Hormidium or Stichococcus
 12. Tawney or olive brown, velvet- or felt-likeScytonema
13. Algal mass jelly-like, spherical or in expansive sheets..... Nostoc
13. Algal mass globular, 1-2 mm diameter, shining with white flakes Botrydium
 14. In running water, along shorelines, or in spray zone, attached.....15
 14. In standing or very slowly moving water, attached or free.....33
15. In cold water, during late winter or early spring unless spring-fed habitat16
15. In cool to warm water, during late spring, summer or autumn.....26
 16. Algal mass filamentous.....17
 16. Algal mass not filamentous.....23
17. Algal mass a felt-like mat Vaucheria
17. Algal mass not a felt-like mat18
 18. Plants not branched19
 18. Plants densely branched, bushy20
19. Plants short, slippery, bright green Ulothrix
19. Plants nodulose, cartilaginous, olive..... Lemanea
 20. Plants embedded in a jelly-like mass21
 20. Plants not gelatinous, coarse, often in swift water..... Cladophora
- 21 Plants olive green to reddish purple..... Batrachospermum

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21. Plants brilliant green22
22. Gelatinous mass soft, indefinite, lateral branches long and at varying angles to main stem..... Stigeoclonium
22. Gelatinous mass firm, definite, lateral branches short and at right angles to main stem.....Draparnaldia
23. Plant mass brownish, gelatinous, amorphous, a coating on rocks Diatoms
23. Plant mass green, gelatinous but not amorphous24
24. Plant mass tubular, convoluted, like green intestinesEnteromorpha
24. Plant mass saccate, membranous, possibly tubular but not convoluted25
25. Plant mass firm, easily handled intact..... Monostroma
25. Plant mass delicate, readily disintegrating when handled Tetraspora
26. Filamentous, branched or unbranched27
26. Not filamentous.....31
27. Filaments branched28
27. Filaments unbranched30
28. Algal mass a felt-like mat Vaucheria
28. Algal mass not felt-like, usually in turbulent water29
29. Algal mass bushy, coarse, dark green..... Cladophora
29. Algal mass slimy, bright green Stigeoclonium
30. Filaments up to 15 cm, nodulose, dark olive Lemanea
30. Filaments up to 60 cm, densely intertwined, coarse, green Rhizoclonium
31. Plant mass bead-like, olive to black, on rocks Nostoc
31. Plant mass not bead-like, green, varied substrates.....32
32. Green, calcareous encrustation on rocks or sticks Chlorotylum
32. Colonies green, gelatinous pads or sacs..... Tetraspora
33. In cold water during late winter or early spring.....34
33. In cool to warm water, during late spring, summer or autumn.....39
34. In woodland pools with leaf litter bottoms35
34. In open ponds, along lake margins, or in backwater areas36
35. Algal mass yellow green, filamentous, silky Tribonema
35. Each plant a motile sphere just visible to the naked eye.....Volvox
36. Plants tree-like, often calcareous, attached to bottom.....Chara or Nitella
36. Plants filamentous, no apparent branching37
37. Attached to sticks or vegetation, rarely a floating, tangled mass, not very slimy, light greenOedogonium
37. Free floating, very slimy38
38. Brilliant green, extremely slippery, ends of filaments curling when removed from waterSpirogyra
38. Varied shades of green, only slightly slippery, ends of filaments not curling when removed from water..... Mougeotia or Zygnema
39. In temporary bodies of water40
39. In permanent or rarely drying bodies of water.....43
40. In bird baths, urns, limestone shoreline depressions, reddish scum on bottom or sides Haematococcus
40. In puddles, cow tracks, ruts, manure-contaminated pools41

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41. Bluegreen, olive or black, slimy, membranous, often on mud Oscillatoria
41. Green or reddish, living in or on the water42
42. Forming a green or reddish scum on the surface of ponds Euglena
42. Coloring the water green throughout its depth Chlamydomonas or other Volvocales
43. In aquaria, bottles or culture dishes in laboratories or greenhouses44
43. In ponds, along lake margins, or in backwater areas45
44. Appearing as a green film on glass walls..... Chlorella
44. Coloring the water green throughout its depth Scenedesmus or Ankistrodesmus
45. On wet soil at water margins46
45. In an aquatic habitat, floating or submerged.....47
46. Globular, gelatinous colonies..... Nostoc
46. Slimy, membranous mats, bluegreen, olive or black Oscillatoria
47. Submerged and attached48
47. Free floating51
48. Plants tree-like, often calcareous, growing on bottom sediment Chara or Nitella
48. Not tree-like, not growing on bottom sediment49
49. Clearly filamentous, attached to sticks or vegetation Oedogonium
49. Not clearly filamentous50
50. Small hemispherical or branched gelatinous colonies, green Chaetophora
50. Flat green disks, often attached to cattail or water lily leaves Coleochaete
51. Algal mass forming a net-like structure Hydrodictyon
51. Algal mass not net-like52
52. Algal mass a tough, membranous, paper-film sheet, green to black Lyngbya
52. Algal mass not membranous53
53. Algal mass filamentous, green57
53. Algal mass not filamentous.....54
54. Each plant a green, motile sphere just visible to the naked eye..... Volvox
54. Algal particles bluegreen to lime green, dispersed or floating as a scum.....55
55. Particles appearing as chopped grass or small green flakes in water Aphanizomenon
55. Particles of linear or irregular shape, no distinct flakes.....56
56. Particles sometimes visible as small filaments when held up to
 the light Anabaena or Aphanizomenon
56. Particles amorphous blobs, coiled if filamentous Anabaena or Microcystis
57. Filaments coarse, branched, not slippery58
57. Filaments silky, unbranched, very slippery59
58. Filaments with well defined, scattered, dark, swollen areas..... Pithophora
58. Filaments uniformly colored..... Cladophora
59. Brilliant green, extremely slippery, ends of filaments curling when
 removed from water Spirogyra
59. Varied shades of green, only slightly slippery, ends of filaments
 not curling when removed from water..... Mougeotia or Zygnema

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FIELD KEY TO SOME FRESHWATER ALGAE

Adapted from a key by
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1. In still water, lakes, ponds or ditches2
1. In flowing water56
 2. Not attachedA
 2. Attached31
- A. In filaments or jelly masses3
- A. Not filaments or jelly masses; scum or film, or evenly distributed, coloring waterB
 - B. Brownish scum or film, often glistening..... Diatoms
 - B. Not brownish in colorC
- C. Bluegreen or whitish green in colorBluegreen algae, esp. Microcystis and Anabaena
- C. Green, red or yellow green.....D
 - D. Bright grass green or red, or mixed green and red..... E
 - D. Yellow green or olive green..... F
- E. Metallic green or red surface film..... Euglena
- E. Not a surface film, bright green or possibly reddish..... Volvocales, esp. Chlamydomonas
- F. Plant masses just visible to the naked eye as dark dotsBotryococcus
- F. Plants not discernible to the naked eye..... Chlorobotrys
3. Grass or pale green plants15
3. Not green or another shade of green4
 4. Bluegreen5
 4. Not bluegreen.....10
5. Jelly blobs or smears, tending to break when handled..... Anabaena or Cylindrospermum
5. Structurally otherwise6
 6. Tufted.....7
 6. Not tufted8
7. Tufts soft, not hairy..... Tolypothrix or possibly Stigonema
7. Tufts coarse, hairy..... Scytonema crispum
8. Mass shattered completely when handled..... (green Stentor: chlorella in a protozoan)
8. Mass not shattered when handled9
9. Thin but tough sheet.....Phormidium
9. Mass composed of fine hairs..... Oscillatoria or Lyngbya
10. Golden brown to dark brown11
10. Olive green to black14
11. Soft or gelatinous, not thready12
11. Thready, often with trapped air bubbles13
 12. Frothy, not gelatinous(Iron bacteria)
 12. Not frothy, at least somewhat gelatinous Diatoms
13. Breaking easily upon handling..... Fruiting Spirogyra, Zygnema or Mougeotia
13. Not breaking easily upon handlingNon-fruiting Spirogyra, Zygnema or Mougeotia

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14. Somewhat slippery.....	Oscillatoria or Lyngbya
14. Clinging and web-like.....	Mougeotia (purple form)
15. Grass green, bright or pale.....	16
15. Dirty yellow green, often spotted with brown.....	27
16. Jelly-like, breaking on handling.....	17
16. Structurally otherwise.....	18
17. Bright green, found mainly in early spring.....	Tetraspora
17. Pale green, found mainly during mid-summer.....	Schizochlamys or Chlorobotrys
18. Tubular structure.....	Enteromorpha
18. Not tubular.....	19
19. Structure net-like.....	Hydrodictyon
19. Not net-like.....	20
20. Much branched filaments in dense mats or tufts.....	Cladophora
20. In mats of unbranched filaments.....	21
21. Not slippery.....	22
21. Slippery.....	24
22. Filaments coarse.....	Oedogonium
22. Filaments fine and clinging, web-like.....	23
23. Difficult to gather.....	Mougeotia (sterile)
23. Easy to gather.....	Microspora
24. Filaments large enough to be distinct, curling from bottom when held up.....	Spirogyra (sterile)
24. Filaments finer, scarcely distinct.....	25
25. Breaking when handled.....	Filamentous desmids (except Hyalotheca)
25. Not breaking when handled.....	26
26. Very slippery, hard to hold.....	Hyalotheca
26. Less slippery, easily held.....	Zygnema (sterile)
27. Not slippery.....	28
27. Slippery.....	29
28. Soft, hard to gather.....	Mougeotia (sterile)
28. Stringy, clinging and web-like.....	Tribonema
29. Not breaking up in handling.....	Spirogyra or Zygnema (sterile)
29. Breaking up in handling.....	30
30. Gritty.....	Spirogyra (fruiting)
30. Fluffy.....	Mougeotia or Zygnema (fruiting)
31. Film or blob or very gelatinous filament.....	32
31. Non-gelatinous filaments.....	42
32. Green, mainly found in spring.....	33
32. Not green.....	35
33. Stiff gelatinous balls or lumps.....	Chaetophora
33. Softer, not in balls or lumps.....	34
34. No evidence of filaments in gelatinous matrix.....	Tetraspora
34. Branched filament encased in gelatinous matrix.....	Draparnaldia
35. Bluegreen.....	36
35. Not bluegreen.....	38
36. Thin sheet, stays more or less intact.....	Phormidium
36. Otherwise.....	37

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- 37. Tufted filaments in jelly, usually in springy areas Batrachospermum
- 37. Blob or film, breaking up easily Anabaena or Cylindrospermum
- 38. Olive green to black Oscillatoria or Lyngbya
- 38. Yellowish or brown.....39
- 39. Indistinct slipperiness on rocks or weeds..... Diatoms
- 39. Floating blobs.....40
- 40. Pale greenish to yellow, soft irregular lumps of jelly Schizochlamys or Chlorobotrys
- 40. Rich yellow brown or reddish brown.....41
- 41. Even textured, glistening Diatoms
- 41. Flocculose, dull Iron bacteria (not algae)
- 42. Green.....43
- 42. Not green.....50
- 43. In beds or isolated tufts on bottom of ponds, up to 18 inches tall
- with whorled branches44
- 43. Not in visible beds or tufts, smaller, no distinct stem or whorled branches45
- 44. Soft, flexible, no foul smell.....Nitella
- 44. Coarse, often brittle, foul smelling Chara
- 45. In obviously branched tufts.....46
- 45. Not in tufts of branched filaments48
- 46. Very pale, barely visible as tufts.....Bulbochaete
- 46. Coarse, darker, branches or tufts evident.....47
- 47. Deep green, soft, mostly observed in spring..... Stigeoclonium
- 47. Gray green, webby, more often observed in summer Cladophora
- 48. Very coarse filaments, not slippery, in mats or on soil..... Vaucheria
- 48. Fine to moderately coarse filaments, slippery (especially larger filaments), evenly covering surface of plants or rocks49
- 49. Very slippery filaments..... Spirogyra (sterile)
- 49. Not very slippery filaments Oedogonium
- 50. On rocks51
- 50. On submerged plants.....54
- 51. Gelatinous balls.....52
- 51. Woolly, hairy or tufted forms53
- 52. Balls easily crushed, usually light in color Nostoc
- 52. Balls not easily crushed, darker in color..... Rivularia
- 53. Dark, velvet-like patches, usually wooly Calothrix
- 53. Erect tufts, usually hairy Stigonema
- 54. Very dark, short, hairy growths Stigonema
- 54. Soft, bluegreen or blue-gray growths.....55
- 55. In tufts Tolypothrix
- 55. Evenly distributed Hapalosiphon
- 56. Green.....57
- 56. Not green.....62

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57. Filamentous.....	58
57. Not filamentous, usually gelatinous blobs.....	61
58. Filaments clearly branched.....	59
58. Filaments not branched.....	Ulothrix
59. Whitish or grayish green, tufted or stringy.....	Cladophora
59. Rich grass green, mainly observed in spring.....	60
60. Fragile, filaments spotty in gelatinous matrix.....	Draparnaldia
60. Not fragile, not gelatinous, soft, branched, tufted.....	Stigeoclonium
61. In soft tubes or gelatinous sheets in slow water.....	Tetraspora
61. Forming chains or series of jelly blobs.....	Draparnaldia
62. Bright bluegreen or olive green, gelatinous, up to 12 inches.....	Batrachospermum
62. Otherwise colored or structured.....	63
63. Pale green, olive green or black.....	64
63. Reddish brown or yellowish.....	68
64. Dark, velvet-like fuzz.....	Calothrix
64. Jelly balls or film.....	65
65. Plant mass formed into balls.....	66
65. Plant mass a film, often in organically enriched water.....	67
66. Tough jelly mass, slips aside when squeezed.....	Rivularia
66. Soft jelly mass, crushes when squeezed.....	Nostoc
67. Hairy plant mass.....	Oscillatoria or Lyngbya
67. Slimy film or sheet.....	Phormidium
68. Yellowish, fragile jelly filament, usually in cold mountain brooks.....	Hydrurus
68. Reddish brown, not gelatinous.....	69
69. Coarse, knotty, unbranched strands.....	Lemanea
69. Red fuzz on rocks or wood in splash zone.....	Trentepohlia

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THE WAGNER-WINDRATH KEY To Commonly Encountered Detritus

Edited from the original 1975 key

Phylum: Detritophyta (or Amorphophycophyta)

Generally amorphous blobs and varied filaments. Often having no true cell walls or cells for that matter. May be coated with chitin, pectin or cellulose. No reproduction of any sort has been observed, yet these "organisms" are in great abundance and frequently interfere with microscopic analyses. No known economic importance has been ascribed to this group, which causes great confusion among novice taxonomists.

One Class: Detritophyceae
One Order: Detritocales
Two Families: Sweaterfilamentaceae - Filamentous forms
Confusococcaceae - Non-filamentous forms

1. Filamentous forms2
1. Roundish or amorphous blobs5
 2. Exhibiting apical-basal differentiation.....3
 2. Not exhibiting such differentiation4
3. Possessing distinct joints, bending at determinable angles..... Insectilegum fragmentalum
3. Segmented without bent joints, curving gracefully Antennia curvata
 4. Single filaments, epiphytic or epizooic, although often found without substrate, usually very smooth, sheathed and elongate Hairopsis
 - A. Epiphytic origin.....H. plantoriginalis
 - B. Epizooic origin H. animalis
 4. Filaments free, often in tangled masses, no sheaths, varying lengths and widths, but typically short and curlySweaterfilamentus confusiformus (This taxon also applies to unidentifiable algal filaments)
 - A. Colorless..... S.c. var. achromatus
 - B. Reddish..... S.c. var. rosea
 - C. Bluish S.c. var. cyania
 - D. Greenish S.c. chlorium
 - E. White S.c. albans
 - F. Dark and opaqueS.c. var. nigrescens
5. Distinguishable shapes, spheres or blobs.....6
5. Completely indistinguishable..... Krappus
 - A. Randomly dispersed..... K. krappus
 - B. Organized into discernible but amorphous lumps or balls..... K. lumpus
6. Exterior smooth, particles typically round to ovate7
6. Exterior rough, often with blunt projections, varying shapes8

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7. Defining border of particle thick and dark, interior colorless,
particles spherical..... Aerobubblides croasdalii
7. Particle borders thin, particles spherical to ovate, often greenish,
potentially algae but unidentifiable..... Confusococcus obscurus
8. Particle border generally faceted and angular, sometimes
with smoothed edges, interior clear Sandgrainium amorphosum
8. Particle lobed or with hairlike projections, usually opaque
or at least not transparent Pollenia grainia
8. Anything else Particulosa heaferii
(After an eminent detritologist but inept phycologist)

SUPPLEMENT #3: ALGAL ECOLOGY

SELECTED SOURCES ON ALGAL ECOLOGY

DETRITOPHYTA DRAWINGS

Sweaterfilamentus confusiformis



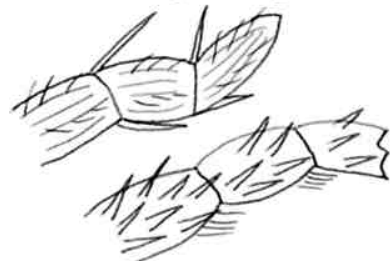
Antennia curvata



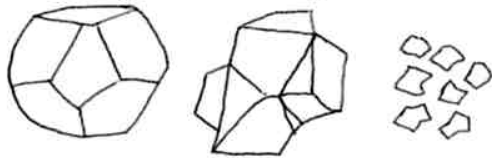
Hairopsis
[a.) filament and b.) section]



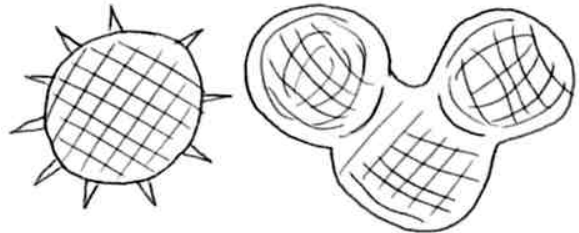
Insectilegum fragmentalis



Sandgrainium amorphosii



Pollenia grainiensis



Confusococcus obscurum



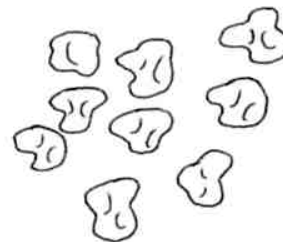
Aerobubblides croasdalii



Krappus krappus
[a.) at low power and b.) at high power]



Krappus lumpus



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Division	Group	Genus	T&O Producer (Commonly, Sometimes, Not Likely)	Toxin Producer (C, S, N)
BACILLARIOPHYTA	Centric Diatoms	Aulacoseira/Melosira	S	N
BACILLARIOPHYTA	Centric Diatoms	Cyclotella	S	N
BACILLARIOPHYTA	Centric Diatoms	Stephanodiscus	S	N
BACILLARIOPHYTA	Araphid Pennate Diatoms	Asterionella	C	N
BACILLARIOPHYTA	Araphid Pennate Diatoms	Fragilaria/related taxa	S	N
BACILLARIOPHYTA	Araphid Pennate Diatoms	Synedra	S	N
BACILLARIOPHYTA	Araphid Pennate Diatoms	Tabellaria	S	N
BACILLARIOPHYTA	Biraphid Pennate Diatoms	Cymbella	S	N
BACILLARIOPHYTA	Biraphid Pennate Diatoms	Gomphonema/related taxa	S	N
BACILLARIOPHYTA	Biraphid Pennate Diatoms	Nitzschia	S	S
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Actinastrum	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Ankistrodesmus	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Botryococcus	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Characium	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Chlorella	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Chlorococcum	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Coelastrum	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Crucigenia	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Dactylococcus	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Deasonia	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Dictyosphaerium	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Dispora	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Franceia	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Gloeocystis	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Golenkinia	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Kirchneriella	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Lagerheimia	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Micractinium	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Monoraphidium	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Oocystis	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Pediastrum	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Polyedriopsis	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Quadrigula	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Scenedesmus	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Schroederia	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Selenastrum	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Sphaerocystis	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Tetraedron	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Tetrastrum	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Cocoid/Colonial Chlorophytes	Treubaria	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Desmids	Arthrodesmus	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Desmids	Closterium	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Desmids	Cosmarium	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Desmids	Desmidium	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Desmids	Euastrum	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Desmids	Micrasterias	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Desmids	Roya	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Desmids	Spirogyra	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Desmids	Staurastrum	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Desmids	Staurodesmus	S	N

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CHLOROPHYTA	Filamentous Chlorophytes	Cladophora	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Filamentous Chlorophytes	Hydrodictyon	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Filamentous Chlorophytes	Pithophora	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Filamentous Chlorophytes	Rhizoclonium	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Flagellated Chlorophytes	Carteria	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Flagellated Chlorophytes	Chlamydomonas	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Flagellated Chlorophytes	Chlorogonium	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Flagellated Chlorophytes	Eudorina	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Flagellated Chlorophytes	Gonium	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Flagellated Chlorophytes	Pandorina	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Flagellated Chlorophytes	Platydorina	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Flagellated Chlorophytes	Pleodorina	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Flagellated Chlorophytes	Pyramichlamys	S	N
CHLOROPHYTA	Flagellated Chlorophytes	Volvox	S	N
CHRYSTOPHYTA	Flagellated Chrysophytes	Chrysophaerella	C	N
CHRYSTOPHYTA	Flagellated Chrysophytes	Dinobryon	C	N
CHRYSTOPHYTA	Flagellated Chrysophytes	Mallomonas	C	N
CHRYSTOPHYTA	Flagellated Chrysophytes	Ochromonas	S	S
CHRYSTOPHYTA	Flagellated Chrysophytes	Synura	C	N
CHRYSTOPHYTA	Haptophytes	Prymnesium	S	C
CYANOPHYTA	Filamentous Cyanophytes	Arthrospira/Spirulina	S	N
CYANOPHYTA	Filamentous Cyanophytes	Lyngbya	C	C
CYANOPHYTA	Filamentous Cyanophytes	Oscillatoria	C	C
CYANOPHYTA	Filamentous Cyanophytes	Phormidium	C	N
CYANOPHYTA	Filamentous Cyanophytes	Pseudanabaena	C	N
CYANOPHYTA	Filamentous Cyanophytes	Schizothrix	N	S
CYANOPHYTA	N-fixing Filamentous Cyanophytes	Anabaena	C	C
CYANOPHYTA	N-fixing Filamentous Cyanophytes	Anabaenopsis	C	C
CYANOPHYTA	N-fixing Filamentous Cyanophytes	Aphanizomenon	C	C
CYANOPHYTA	N-fixing Filamentous Cyanophytes	Cylindrospermopsis	N	C
CYANOPHYTA	N-fixing Filamentous Cyanophytes	Cylindrospermum	N	C
CYANOPHYTA	N-fixing Filamentous Cyanophytes	Hapalosiphon	N	S
CYANOPHYTA	N-fixing Filamentous Cyanophytes	Nodularia	N	S
CYANOPHYTA	N-fixing Filamentous Cyanophytes	Nostoc	C	C
CYANOPHYTA	N-fixing Filamentous Cyanophytes	Raphidiopsis	S	S
CYANOPHYTA	Unicellular/Colonial Cyanophytes	Aphanocapsa	N	S
CYANOPHYTA	Unicellular/Colonial Cyanophytes	Gomphosphaeria	S	N
CYANOPHYTA	Unicellular/Colonial Cyanophytes	Microcystis	C	C
CYANOPHYTA	Unicellular/Colonial Cyanophytes	Synechococcus	N	S
EUGLENOPHYTA	Other Flagellates	Euglena	S	N
EUGLENOPHYTA	Other Flagellates	Lepocinclis	S	N
EUGLENOPHYTA	Other Flagellates	Phacus	S	N
EUGLENOPHYTA	Other Flagellates	Strombomonas	S	N
EUGLENOPHYTA	Other Flagellates	Trachelomonas	S	N
PYRRHOPHYTA	Other Flagellates	Amphidinium	S	N
PYRRHOPHYTA	Other Flagellates	Ceratium	S	N
PYRRHOPHYTA	Other Flagellates	Glenodinium	S	N
PYRRHOPHYTA	Other Flagellates	Gymnodinium	S	N
PYRRHOPHYTA	Other Flagellates	Peridinium	S	N

Note: Recent evidence indicates that *Gloeotrichia*, an N-fixing filamentous cyanobacterium, produces toxins.

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The choices for management include physical, chemical and biological control mechanisms, singly or in combination. These are itemized in the associated table. Examples of capitalization upon key growth and loss processes include:

A. Toxic reaction to chemicals: Copper is a metabolic poison to which many algae react by cellular destruction. Diatoms, chrysophytes and many cyanobacteria are sensitive to copper, but many green algae (most notably the Cladophorales and Chlorococcales) and some cyanobacteria (most notably *Aphanizomenon*, sometimes *Anabaena* and *Phormidium*) can be very resistant to its effects. Alternative forms of copper and peroxide-based algaecides have been developed to affect copper-resistant algae or to minimize toxic effects on certain non-target organisms (e.g., trout, *Daphnia*, or certain desirable native plant species), with varying results.

B. Photosynthesis under changing light levels: The pigment composition of an alga determines its preference for both quality and quantity of light. Although some algae can become heterotrophic (feeding on organic compounds, bacteria, other algae or even animals), most grow poorly in the absence of light, and some grow poorly if certain wavelengths of light are reduced in intensity. Use of dyes or covers can reduce certain algal growths or alter the competitive balance to shift species composition. Blue-greens, the chrysophyte *Synura* and certain filamentous green algae tend to tolerate low light levels best, however, and these are among the major problem algae, so alteration of light levels alone is rarely sufficient to achieve the desired level of control.

C. Buoyancy regulation: Increasing temperature lowers the viscosity of water and increases settling rates of algae, and addition of polymers or other settling agents may increase the settling rate of affected algae. Buoyancy compensation mechanisms by certain bluegreens (gas vesicles) and flagellated algal forms (motility) minimize impacts of increasing settling rate, however. Water circulation may disrupt buoyancy compensation mechanisms, but circulatory effects on light and photosynthesis or simple redistribution of algal cells throughout the water column appear to be stronger effects of that technique. Strong percussion (underwater explosion) is known to collapse the gas vesicles in bluegreens, but also stuns or kills fish.

D. Wash-out: Although algae grow fast, high flushing rates in an aquatic system will limit accumulation of biomass. If a lake naturally flushes about every two weeks, blooms will be rare. Flushing rate can be increased by the addition of more water. If that water is of low nutrient content, dilution may also be a factor in controlling algal growths. Acquiring an adequate supply of water, preferably low nutrient water, often limits application of this approach.

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E. Predation (Grazing): Zooplankton depend largely on algae for food, and a population of large-bodied herbivorous zooplankters, most notably the Cladoceran *Daphnia*, can filter the entire volume of a lake more rapidly than most algae can grow. *Daphnia* are minimally selective about what they eat, and the larger the body, the larger the particle size that can be consumed and the greater the filtering rate (related to cube of body length). Some strains of bluegreens are toxic to zooplankton, and many of the small gelatinous greens of the order Chlorococcales can pass through a zooplankton gut undigested, but intense water filtration by zooplankton can be an effective means for minimizing algal biomass. Unfortunately, *Daphnia* are also the preferred food of many small fish, which can decimate the population and limit grazing control of algae. This biomanipulative approach is a question of ecological balance, which can be difficult to maintain. However, maintenance of the greatest possible biomass of large bodied *Daphnia* will generally result in the maximum water clarity possible at the overall level of system fertility.

F. Nutritional requirements: Control of a variety of nutrients can result in either control of algal biomass or shifts in taxonomic composition. Trace nutrients, such as iron, calcium, magnesium, sulfur and potassium, may limit productivity in some cases, and substantial silica is essential to the growth of most diatoms. Carbon can be a limiting nutrient in some systems, but most management schemes target phosphorus or nitrogen, the primary growth nutrients. Even then, nitrogen availability can be difficult to decrease, given its abundance as a gas and the ability of certain blue-greens to use this source of nitrogen (mainly through fixation in heterocysts). Consequently, control of algal biomass normally relies on control of phosphorus availability.

Phosphorus control is best achieved by preventing its entry into the lake with watershed management practices. Once phosphorus is in the system it may be controlled through such techniques as aeration (limiting recycling from the sediments), selective withdrawal (removing differentially phosphorus-rich water), or inactivation (binding to “anti-fertilizer” compounds such as aluminum salts, which then settle out of the water column). Addition of water low in phosphorus (dilution) or removal of phosphorus-laden sediments (dredging) can also reduce phosphorus availability.

Beyond the absolute quantity of essential nutrients, control can sometimes be achieved by altering the relative quantities of key nutrients. Algae prefer nutrients in certain ratios, the most studied of which is the N:P ratio. Chlorococcalean greens have one of the highest preferred ratios, often around 30:1 by weight. Nitrogen-fixing bluegreens have the lowest ratios, typically around 7:1 by weight. By removing or adding nutrients to alter the effective ratio, shifts in taxonomic composition can be achieved. If this results in dominance by forms that are more edible to zooplankton or have higher settling rates, some control of biomass may also be achieved as an indirect effect. Addition of nitrogen can sometimes minimize formation of blue-green surface scums, and an infusion of silica can prolong the typical spring period of diatom dominance.

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1. Where light and nutrients are sufficient and toxic substances are limited, algae will grow

- ◆ Phosphorus >0.01 mg/L and nitrogen >0.3 mg/L can support blooms.
- ◆ Phosphorus >0.05 mg/L and nitrogen >1.0 mg/L will usually support blooms.
- ◆ Phosphorus is critical to the quantity of algae present, up to about 0.10 mg/L.
- ◆ Nitrogen is critical to the types of algae present, and sometimes the quantity.
- ◆ Very little light is necessary for some species of algae to bloom; tolerance of low light for an extended time period is common.
- ◆ Metals and some organic compounds are the primary toxicants for algae.

2. One factor will control the abundance of any given alga, but that factor can vary over time and among algae

- ◆ Some blue-greens can fix nitrogen, but require elements not needed by other algae.
- ◆ Diatoms need much more silica than other algae, and are also less buoyant.
- ◆ Succession of algae can be triggered by changing control factors.
- ◆ Control of the whole algal community by one factor occurs at extremes (e.g. very low P or high copper).

3. Nutrient ratios are major determinants of the type of algae present

- ◆ N:P:Si ratio is most influential, but trace nutrients can have an effect as well.
- ◆ Blue-greens which can fix N thrive at low N:P ratios (<15:1 by weight).
- ◆ Most greens prefer high N:P ratios (>30:1 by weight).
- ◆ Diatoms require high Si, but occur at a wide range of N:P ratios.
- ◆ Carbon availability can be important at very high N and P.
- ◆ Light and temperature can also be important determinants of algal assemblage composition.

4. Productivity and biomass are related but separate concepts

- ◆ Productivity is a growth process.
- ◆ Biomass is the net result of growth and loss processes.
- ◆ High productivity leads to high biomass if loss processes are not adequate to maintain balance.

5. Diversity of algal adaptations may defeat any control strategy except maintaining low phosphorus

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| ◆ N fixation | ◆ Heterotrophy |
| ◆ Buoyancy regulation | ◆ Anti-grazing mechanisms |
| ◆ Auxiliary pigments | ◆ Copper resistance |

6. The most effective algal control is achieved through reduction of external and internal phosphorus loading

- ◆ P can be made to limit productivity most reliably.
- ◆ Essential to determine relative magnitude of sources of P.
- ◆ May require multiple techniques and extended timeframe.

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7. High grazing pressure yields the lowest algal biomass per unit of fertility

- ◆ Large-bodied, herbivorous, Cladoceran zooplankton (*Daphnia*) at high biomass can limit algal biomass.
- ◆ Algal adaptation can overcome grazing pressure if nutrients are sufficient.

8. Algaecides should only be used until growth processes can be controlled

- ◆ Algaecides can provide short-term control and can prevent blooms if applied at the proper time.
- ◆ Algaecides do not provide long-term control and can have adverse side effects.

9. The “No Action” alternative carries substantial unstated costs

- ◆ Treatment costs are proportional to algal density in many cases.
- ◆ Use impairment can be translated into monetary value.
- ◆ Lost property value has been documented and yields a lower tax base.

10. The cost of control should be evaluated on a long-term basis

- ◆ Short-term cost is more variable among techniques than long-term cost.
- ◆ Control is rarely a one or two year effort.
- ◆ Capital, operational and maintenance costs apply in different time frames.

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(Adapted from Wagner 2001)

OPTION	MODE OF ACTION	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
WATERSHED CONTROLS			
1) Management for nutrient input reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Includes wide range of watershed and lake edge activities intended to eliminate nutrient sources or reduce delivery to lake ◆ Essential component of algal control strategy where internal recycling is not the dominant nutrient source, and desired even where internal recycling is important 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Acts against the original source of algal nutrition ◆ Creates sustainable limitation on algal growth ◆ May control delivery of other unwanted pollutants to lake ◆ Facilitates ecosystem management approach which considers more than just algal control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May involve considerable lag time before improvement observed ◆ May not be sufficient to achieve goals without some form of in-lake management ◆ Reduction of overall system fertility may impact fisheries ◆ May cause shift in nutrient ratios which favor less desirable algae
1a) Point source controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ More stringent discharge requirements ◆ May involve diversion ◆ May involve technological or operational adjustments ◆ May involve pollution prevention plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Often provides major input reduction ◆ Highly efficient approach in most cases ◆ Success easily monitored 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May be very expensive in terms of capital and operational costs ◆ May transfer problems to another watershed ◆ Variability in results may be high in some cases
1b) Non-point source controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reduction of sources of nutrients ◆ May involve elimination of land uses or activities that release nutrients ◆ May involve alternative product use, as with no phosphate fertilizer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Removes source ◆ Limited or no ongoing costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May require purchase of land or activity ◆ May be viewed as limitation of “quality of life” ◆ Usually requires education and gradual implementation
1c) Non-point source pollutant trapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Capture of pollutants between source and lake ◆ May involve drainage system alteration ◆ Often involves wetland treatments (detention/infiltration) ◆ May involve stormwater collection and treatment as with point sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Minimizes interference with land uses and activities ◆ Allows diffuse and phased implementation throughout watershed ◆ Highly flexible approach ◆ Tends to address wide range of pollutant loads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Does not address actual sources ◆ May be expensive on necessary scale ◆ May require substantial maintenance

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OPTION	MODE OF ACTION	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
IN-LAKE PHYSICAL CONTROLS			
2) Circulation and destratification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Use of water or air to keep water in motion ◆ Intended to prevent or break stratification ◆ Generally driven by mechanical or pneumatic force 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reduces surface build-up of algal scums ◆ May disrupt growth of blue-green algae ◆ Counteraction of anoxia improves habitat for fish/invertebrates ◆ May reduce internal loading of phosphorus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May spread localized impacts ◆ May lower oxygen levels in shallow water ◆ May promote downstream impacts
3) Dilution and flushing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Addition of water of better quality can dilute nutrients ◆ Addition of water of similar or poorer quality flushes system to minimize algal build-up ◆ May have continuous or periodic additions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dilution reduces nutrient concentrations without altering load ◆ Flushing minimizes detention; response to pollutants may be reduced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Diverts water from other uses ◆ Flushing may wash desirable zooplankton from lake ◆ Use of poorer quality water increases loads ◆ Possible downstream impacts
4) Drawdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lowering of water over autumn period allows oxidation, desiccation and compaction of sediments ◆ Duration of exposure and degree of dewatering of exposed areas are important ◆ Discharge of a large portion of lake water with nutrients at the highest level of the year can result in a net loss of nutrients from the lake. ◆ Refill by lower nutrient water from a well-managed watershed, or just high spring flushing, can reset the lake to a lower nutrient level. ◆ Algae are affected mainly by reduction in available nutrients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May reduce available nutrients or nutrient ratios, affecting algal biomass and composition ◆ Opportunity for shoreline clean-up/structure repair ◆ Flood control utility ◆ May provide rooted plant control as well ◆ Long-term, low-cost approach to managing internal load 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Possible impacts on non-target resources ◆ Possible impairment of water supply ◆ Alteration of downstream flows and winter water level ◆ May result in greater nutrient availability if flushing inadequate ◆ Usually a very slow way to lower internal loading (10-30 year timeframe typical)

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5) Dredging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sediment is physically removed by wet or dry excavation, with deposition in a containment area for dewatering ◆ Dredging can be applied on a limited basis, but is most often a major restructuring of a severely impacted system ◆ Nutrient reserves are removed and algal growth can be limited by nutrient availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Can control algae if internal recycling is main nutrient source ◆ Increases water depth ◆ Can reduce pollutant reserves ◆ Can reduce sediment oxygen demand ◆ Can improve spawning habitat for many fish species ◆ Allows complete renovation of aquatic ecosystem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Temporarily removes benthic invertebrates ◆ May create turbidity ◆ May eliminate fish community (complete dry dredging only) ◆ Possible impacts from containment area discharge ◆ Possible impacts from dredged material disposal ◆ Interference with recreation or other uses during dredging
5a) "Dry" excavation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lake drained or lowered to maximum extent practical ◆ Target material dried to maximum extent possible ◆ Conventional excavation equipment used to remove sediments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Tends to facilitate a very thorough effort ◆ May allow drying of sediments prior to removal ◆ Allows use of less specialized equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rarely truly a dry operation; tends to be messy ◆ Eliminates most aquatic biota unless a portion left undrained ◆ Eliminates lake use during dredging
5b) "Wet" excavation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lake level may be lowered, but sediments not substantially exposed ◆ Draglines, bucket dredges, or long-reach backhoes used to remove sediment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Requires least preparation time or effort, tends to be least cost dredging approach ◆ May allow use of easily acquired equipment ◆ May preserve aquatic biota 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Usually creates extreme turbidity ◆ Normally requires intermediate containment area to dry sediments prior to hauling ◆ May disrupt ecological function ◆ Disrupts many uses
5c) Hydraulic removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lake level not reduced ◆ Suction or cutterhead dredges create slurry which is hydraulically pumped to containment area ◆ Slurry is dewatered; sediment retained, water discharged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Creates minimal turbidity and impact on biota ◆ Can allow some lake uses during dredging ◆ Allows removal with limited access or shoreline disturbance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Often leaves some sediment behind ◆ Cannot handle coarse or debris-laden materials ◆ Requires sophisticated and more expensive containment area
6) Light-limiting dyes and surface covers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Creates light limitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Creates light limit on algal growth without high turbidity or great depth ◆ May achieve some control of rooted plants as well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May cause thermal stratification in shallow ponds ◆ May facilitate anoxia at sediment interface with water

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6.a) Dyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Water-soluble dye is mixed with lake water, thereby limiting light penetration and inhibiting algal growth ◆ Dyes remain in solution until washed out of system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Produces appealing color ◆ Creates illusion of greater depth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May not control surface bloom-forming species ◆ May not control growth of shallow water algal mats ◆ Alters thermal regime
6.b) Surface covers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Opaque sheet material applied to water surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Minimizes atmospheric and wildlife pollutant inputs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Minimizes atmospheric gas exchange ◆ Limits recreational use
7) Mechanical removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Filtering of pumped water for water supply purposes ◆ Collection of floating scums or mats with booms, nets, or other devices ◆ Continuous or multiple applications per year usually needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Algae and associated nutrients can be removed from system ◆ Surface collection can be applied as needed ◆ May remove floating debris ◆ Collected algae dry to minimal volume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Filtration requires high backwash and sludge handling capability for use with high algal densities ◆ Labor and/or capital intensive ◆ Variable collection efficiency ◆ Possible impacts on non-target aquatic life
8) Selective withdrawal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Discharge of bottom water which may contain (or be susceptible to) low oxygen and higher nutrient levels ◆ May be pumped or utilize passive head differential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Removes targeted water from lake efficiently ◆ Complements other techniques such as drawdown or aeration ◆ May prevent anoxia and phosphorus build up in bottom water ◆ May remove initial phase of algal blooms which start in deep water ◆ May create coldwater conditions downstream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Possible downstream impacts of poor water quality ◆ May eliminate colder thermal layer that supports certain fish ◆ May promote mixing of remaining poor quality bottom water with surface waters ◆ May cause unintended drawdown if inflows do not match withdrawal
9) Sonication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sound waves disrupt algal cells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Supposedly affects only algae (new technique) ◆ Applicable in localized areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Uncertain effects on non-target organisms ◆ May release cellular toxins or other undesirable contents into water column
IN-LAKE CHEMICAL CONTROLS			

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10) Hypolimnetic aeration or oxygenation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Addition of air or oxygen at varying depth provides oxic conditions ◆ May maintain or break stratification ◆ Can also withdraw water, oxygenate, then replace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Oxic conditions promote binding/sedimentation of phosphorus ◆ Counteraction of anoxia improves habitat for fish/invertebrates ◆ Build-up of dissolved iron, manganese, sulfide, ammonia and phosphorus reduced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May accidentally disrupt thermal layers important to fish community ◆ Theoretically promotes supersaturation with gases harmful to fish ◆ Biota may become dependent on continued aeration
11) Algaecides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Liquid or pelletized algaecides applied to target area ◆ Algae killed by direct toxicity or metabolic interference ◆ Typically requires application at least once/yr, often more frequently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rapid elimination of algae from water column, normally with increased water clarity ◆ May result in net movement of nutrients to bottom of lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Possible toxicity to non-target species ◆ Restrictions on water use for varying time after treatment ◆ Increased oxygen demand and possible toxicity ◆ Possible recycling of nutrients
11a) Forms of copper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cellular toxicant, suggested disruption of photosynthesis, nitrogen metabolism, and membrane transport ◆ Applied as wide variety of liquid or granular formulations, often in conjunction with chelators, polymers, surfactants or herbicides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Effective and rapid control of many algae species ◆ Approved for use in most water supplies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Possible toxicity to aquatic fauna ◆ Ineffective at colder temperatures ◆ Accumulation of copper in system ◆ Resistance by certain green and blue-green nuisance species ◆ Rupturing of cells releases nutrients and toxins
11b) Synthetic organic herbicides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Absorbed or membrane-active chemicals which disrupt metabolism ◆ Causes structural deterioration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Used where copper is ineffective ◆ Limited toxicity to fish at recommended dosages ◆ Rapid action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Non-selective in treated area ◆ Possible toxicity to aquatic fauna (varying degrees by dose and formulation) ◆ Time delays on water use
11c) Oxidants (mostly peroxides)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Disrupts most cellular functions, tends to attack membranes ◆ Applied most often as a liquid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Potential selectivity against blue-greens ◆ Moderate control of thick algal mats, used where copper alone is ineffective ◆ Rapid action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Older formulations tended to have high toxicity to some aquatic fauna ◆ Limited field experience with new formulations

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12) Phosphorus inactivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Typically salts of aluminum, iron or calcium are added to the lake, as liquid or powder ◆ Phosphorus in the treated water column is complexed and settled to the bottom of the lake ◆ Phosphorus in upper sediment layer is complexed, reducing release from sediment ◆ Permanence of binding varies by binder in relation to redox potential and pH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Can provide rapid, major decrease in phosphorus concentration in water column ◆ Can minimize release of phosphorus from sediment ◆ May remove other nutrients and contaminants as well as phosphorus ◆ Flexible with regard to depth of application and speed of improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Possible toxicity to fish and invertebrates, mainly by aluminum at low or high pH ◆ Possible release of phosphorus under anoxia (with Fe) or extreme pH (with Ca) ◆ May cause fluctuations in water chemistry, especially pH, during treatment ◆ Possible resuspension of floc in shallow areas ◆ Adds to bottom sediment, but typically an insignificant amount
13) Sediment oxidation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Addition of oxidants, binders and pH adjusters to oxidize sediment ◆ Binding of phosphorus is enhanced ◆ Denitrification is stimulated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Can reduce phosphorus supply to algae ◆ Can alter N:P ratios in water column ◆ May decrease sediment oxygen demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Possible impacts on benthic biota ◆ Longevity of effects not well known ◆ Possible source of nitrogen for blue-green algae
14) Settling agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Closely aligned with phosphorus inactivation, but can be used to reduce algae directly too ◆ Lime, alum or polymers applied, usually as a liquid or slurry ◆ Creates a floc with algae and other suspended particles ◆ Floc settles to bottom of lake ◆ Re-application typically necessary at least once/yr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Removes algae and increases water clarity without lysing most cells ◆ Reduces nutrient recycling if floc sufficient ◆ Removes non-algal particles as well as algae ◆ May reduce dissolved phosphorus levels at the same time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Possible impacts on aquatic fauna ◆ Possible fluctuations in water chemistry during treatment ◆ Resuspension of floc possible in shallow, well-mixed waters ◆ Promotes increased sediment accumulation

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15) Selective nutrient addition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ratio of nutrients changed by additions of selected nutrients ◆ Addition of non-limiting nutrients can change composition of algal community ◆ Processes such as settling and grazing can then reduce algal biomass (productivity can actually increase, but standing crop can decline) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Can reduce algal levels where control of limiting nutrient not feasible ◆ Can promote non-nuisance forms of algae ◆ Can improve productivity of system without increased standing crop of algae 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May result in greater algal abundance through uncertain biological response ◆ May require frequent application to maintain desired ratios ◆ Possible downstream effects
IN-LAKE BIOLOGICAL CONTROLS			
16) Enhanced grazing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Manipulation of biological components of system to achieve grazing control over algae ◆ Typically involves alteration of fish community to promote growth of large herbivorous zooplankton, or stocking with phytophagous fish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May increase water clarity by changes in algal biomass or cell size distribution without reduction of nutrient levels ◆ Can convert unwanted biomass into desirable form (fish) ◆ Harnesses natural processes to produce desired conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May involve introduction of exotic species ◆ Effects may not be controllable or lasting ◆ May foster shifts in algal composition to even less desirable forms
16.a) Herbivorous fish (not permitted in MA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Stocking of fish that eat algae 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Converts algae directly into potentially harvestable fish ◆ Grazing pressure can be adjusted through stocking rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Typically requires introduction of non-native species ◆ Difficult to control over long term ◆ Smaller algal forms may be benefited and bloom
16.b) Herbivorous zooplankton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reduction in planktivorous fish to promote grazing pressure by zooplankton ◆ May involve stocking piscivores or removing planktivores ◆ May also involve stocking zooplankton or establishing refugia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Converts algae indirectly into harvestable fish ◆ Zooplankton response to increasing algae can be rapid ◆ May be accomplished without introduction of non-native species ◆ Generally compatible with most fishery management goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Highly variable response expected; temporal and spatial variability may be high ◆ Requires careful monitoring and management action on 1-5 yr basis ◆ Larger or toxic algal forms may be benefited and bloom

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17) Bottom-feeding fish removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Removes fish that browse among bottom deposits, releasing nutrients to the water column by physical agitation and excretion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reduces turbidity and nutrient additions from this source ◆ May restructure fish community in more desirable manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Targeted fish species are difficult to eradicate or control ◆ Reduction in fish populations valued by some lake users (human/non-human)
18) Pathogens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Addition of inoculum to initiate attack on algal cells ◆ May involve fungi, bacteria or viruses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May create lakewide “epidemic” and reduction of algal biomass ◆ May provide sustained control through cycles ◆ Can be highly specific to algal group or genera 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Largely experimental approach at this time ◆ May promote resistant nuisance forms ◆ May cause high oxygen demand or release of toxins by lysed algal cells ◆ Effects on non-target organisms uncertain
19) Competition and allelopathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plants may tie up sufficient nutrients to limit algal growth ◆ Plants may create a light limitation on algal growth ◆ Chemical inhibition of algae may occur through substances released by other organisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harnesses power of natural biological interactions ◆ May provide responsive and prolonged control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Some algal forms appear resistant ◆ Use of plants may lead to problems with vascular plants ◆ Use of plant material may cause depression of oxygen levels
19a) Plantings for nutrient control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plant growths of sufficient density may limit algal access to nutrients ◆ Plants can exude allelopathic substances which inhibit algal growth ◆ Portable plant “pods” , floating islands, or other structures can be installed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Productivity and associated habitat value can remain high without algal blooms ◆ Can be managed to limit interference with recreation and provide habitat ◆ Wetland cells in or adjacent to the lake can minimize nutrient inputs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vascular plants may achieve nuisance densities ◆ Vascular plant senescence may release nutrients and cause algal blooms ◆ The switch from algae to vascular plant domination of a lake may cause unexpected or undesirable changes
19b) Plantings for light control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plant species with floating leaves can shade out many algal growths at elevated densities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vascular plants can be more easily harvested than most algae ◆ Many floating species provide valuable waterfowl food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ At the necessary density, floating plants likely to be a recreational nuisance ◆ Low surface mixing and atmospheric contact promote anoxia

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OPTION	MODE OF ACTION	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
19c) Addition of barley straw	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Input of barely straw can set off a series of chemical reactions which limit algal growth◆ Release of allelopathic chemicals can kill algae◆ Release of humic substances may bind phosphorus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Materials and application are relatively inexpensive◆ Decline in algal abundance is more gradual than with algaecides, limiting oxygen demand and the release of cell contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Success appears linked to uncertain and potentially uncontrollable water chemistry factors◆ Depression of oxygen levels may result◆ Water chemistry may be altered in other ways unsuitable for non-target organisms

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