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"The tapers of the gods,
The sun and moon, run down like waxen globes;
The shooting stars all end in purple jellies,
And chaos is at hand."

Dryden's Oedipus, referring to the
sudden appearance of Nostoc balls
after a rain fall.
ABSTRACT

The genus *Nodularia* /Mertens in Juergens/ Bornet et Flahault 1888 is considered with regard to its ecology, distribution, physiology and taxonomy.

Ecology was studied by periodic sampling of organisms and monitoring environmental parameters in four saline ponds in the British Columbia interior, as well as by sampling a variety of brackish, marine and other inland saline water bodies. *Nodularia* was collected in habitats of alkaline pH 8.2 - 10.0 and medium to high dissolved salts (4 - 60 °/oo) and is associated with a specific group of euryhaline bluegreen algae. However, environments in which it grows are usually dominated by species of green algae, with *Nodularia* only occasionally becoming dominant.

The distribution of *Nodularia* was examined by reference to herbarium collections and literature reports. Although many bluegreen algae are considered cosmopolitan, *Nodularia* has a temperate and subtropical distribution with few reports from polar or tropical latitudes.

The growth and physiology was investigated using 16 isolates from Canada, United States, Great Britain and Australia. Isolates were grown in a wide range of conditions of light, temperature, pH and dissolved salts in defined media. Generally, the highest growth rates were obtained with relatively high light intensity (550 - 600 ft-c), temperature of 25 - 30 °C, pH near 10 and dissolved salts of 5 - 30 °/oo. Highest rates of growth were obtained with NO₃⁻ as the nitrogen source as opposed to NH₄⁺ or urea. *Nodularia* was found to fix nitrogen in pure culture.
Nodularia was established in 1822 by Mertens, but not validly published until 1888 by Bornet and Flahault. At present there have been 28 taxa described. The validity of these and the variability in nature and of isolates in culture in a variety of chemical and physical conditions was considered. An evaluation of the reliability of the taxonomic characteristics indicates that sheath and akinete characteristics are variable while vegetative cell shape, heterocyst location and aspects of akinete formation are more stable characteristics.

On the basis of the observations reported, all the described taxa can be included within two species, N. spumigena [Mertens in Juergens] Bornet et Flahault 1888 or N. harveyana (Thw.) Thuret 1875, or placed in other genera.
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INTRODUCTION

Drouet and Daily's (1956) revision of the coccoid blue-green algae caused considerable controversy regarding interpretation of taxonomy and morphology of the Cyanophyceae. The variability inherent in bluegreen algal taxa has been subject to a variety of interpretations. Many Cyanophyceae have been described as new species with little justification (Golubic 1969) and every year more taxa are proposed to add to the taxonomic confusion.

Physiological and biochemical characterization are of little value if an incorrect or unacceptable binomial is applied. Anacystis nidulans, a coccoid form, is a case in point. The commonly studied isolate of Kratz and Allen has been shown to be a Synechococcus sp. (Padmaja and Desikachary 1968; Komarek 1970). However Anacystis nidulans is employed by researchers who are apparently unwilling to use the correct binomial.

Taxonomic work is of little value unless variation both in culture and in nature is taken into account. It is important that both field and laboratory studies be coordinated and complementary to give insight into the biology of an alga (Pringsheim 1967). Despite the acknowledged need for this type of an approach for the bluegreen algae (Desikachary 1970), only one study (Kann and Komarek 1970), using ecological observations, cultural study and a critical review of the
literature, has been reported. In light of this, the need for such studies are apparent.

The present investigation of the filamentous, heterocystous genus *Nodularia* (Mertens in Juergens) Bornet et Flahault (see Stafleu 1972, p. 240) was undertaken to study the genus and delimit the species. The genus is more manageable than the large genera, such as *Nostoc* or *Anabaena*, and appears well-defined in a generic sense. The problem was approached by studying the occurrence and distribution, factors controlling its growth, and its morphological variation. These are considered as three separate chapters; Ecology; Physiology; Taxonomy.
ECOLOGY

Of primary importance in the study of an organism is defining its role in the environment: what organisms it is associated with, and when and why it occurs in a particular place at a particular time.

The primary sampling areas were in the interior of British Columbia near Kamloops and Penticton. These areas are in the ponderosa pine - bunch grass biogeoclimatic zone (Krajina 1965) and the vegetation in the area of the ponds and the lower valleys is dominated by Artemisia tridentata Nutt. Both areas receive relatively low amounts of precipitation, most occurring in the winter. Kamloops has an average of 24.3 cm/yr precipitation, with most snow in December or January and most rain in June. The average daily maximum and minimum July temperatures are 29 C and 13 C and the average daily maximum and minimum January temperatures are -2 C and -9 C. Penticton receives 27.4 cm/yr average precipitation, with most falling as snow in December and as rain in May or June. The average daily maximum and minimum July temperatures are 29 C and 12 C and the average daily maximum and minimum January temperatures are 0 and -6 C (Canada Department of Transport).

Periodic sampling, May-September 1972; April-July 1973, was made of four ponds in which Nodularia regularly occurred.
Three of these ponds (Ctenocladus Pond, Wallender Lake, Inks Lake) are located southwest of Kamloops and one (White Lake) located southwest of Penticton (Fig.1). Blinn (1969) has documented some aspects of Ctenocladus Pond and Wallender Lake. In addition to these four habitats, which were sampled periodically, a number of locations were sampled on an irregular basis or only on a single occasion (Table 1).

Methods:

At each sampling the temperature and dissolved oxygen were measured (YSI model 54 oxygen meter-thermistor and a glass thermometer); pH recorded (Metrohm model E280A pH meter); water (duplicate 500 ml samples), plankton and grab samples collected and general observations made (water levels, species present, and estimation of abundance of organisms on a subjective basis since attempts at quantitative measurements proved extremely difficult). The water samples were filtered through Whatman (#1) and Millipore (.45 μm) filters, within six hours of collection and maintained at 5°C for return to the laboratory. In the laboratory the organisms present were identified and Nodularia isolated. Then the samples were fixed with either neutral 4% formalin, Lugol's iodine or 70% ethanol. Analyses of ortho-phosphate, ammonium-nitrogen and nitrate nitrogen were carried out, within 48 hours, according
Figure 1. Study areas in the interior of British Columbia.

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a. British Columbia 1 inch = approx. 650 km

b. West of Kamloops British Columbia
   1. Inks Lake  2. Wallender Lake  3. Bowers Lake
   4. Ironmask Lake  5. unnamed pond  6. Polygon Pond
   7. Ctenocladus Pond  8. 'Salt Pond 4'  9. Salsola Pond
   10. 'Salt Pond 3'  11. Saltwort Pond

c. South west of Penticton British Columbia
Table 1. Locations of Nodularia collections, 1971-1973.

A. Locations regularly sampled

1. Ctenocladus Pond 50°39'N, 120°32'W
North of Trans-Canada Highway (BC Hwy 97), 9 mi west of Kamloops B.C.
Cited by Blinn (1969) as 'Cherry Creek Pond'

2. Wallender Lake 50°38'N, 120°26.5'W
East side of Lac la Jeune Road, 3 mi from its junction with the Trans-Canada Highway (BC Hwy 97)

3. Inks Lake 50°37'N, 120°27'W
West side of Lac la Jeune Road, 4 mi from its junction with the Trans-Canada Highway (BC Hwy 97)

4. White Lake 49°19'N, 119°38'W
One mile south west of the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory and 5 mi south of Penticton B.C.

B. Locations irregularly or singly sampled

5. 'Salt pond 4' 50°40'N, 120°35'W
A small unnamed pond southwest of Salsola Pond (Salsola Pond cited by Blinn as Salt Mine Pond 1)

6. 'Salt pond 3' 50°40'N, 120°34'W
A small unnamed temporary pond between Salsola Pond and Saltwort Pond (Saltwort Pond cited by Blinn 1969 as Salt Mine Pond 2)

7. Big Quill Lake, Saskatchewan 51°30'N, 104°40'W
North of Kandahar on Hwy 14 (Sask.) and 100 mi east of Saskatoon

8. Devils Lake, North Dakota at Camp Grafton 48°N, 99°W

9. San de Fuca, Washington 48°10'N, 122°48'W
Adjacent to Washington Highway 525

10. Riefel Wildlife Refuge 49°08'N, 123°10'W
Near Ladner B.C.

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Table 1 (Contd.) Locations of Nodularia collections, 1971-1973

C. Cultures were isolated from soil samples collected at the following locations

11. Spotted Lake 49°05′N, 119°34′W
   In Richter Pass, 6 mi northwest of Osoyoos B.C. on B.C. Hwy 3

12. Small unnamed pond 119°38′N, 49°09′W
   In low area 1 mi south of Richter Lake, 4 mi southwest of Spotted Lake adjacent to Hwy 3

13. Bowers Lake 50°40′N, 120°26′W
   At the junction of Trans-Canada Highway (Canada Hwy 1, BC Hwy 97) and Lac la Jeune Road

   Collected by Dr. J.R. Stein, 18 ix 1969
to Standard Methods (A.P.H.A. 1965). The one exception to this treatment of water samples is to be found in the data from August 1972 when the water was not analyzed until two weeks after collection. Analyses of the water for the major cations (Na⁺, Mg²⁺, Ca²⁺, K⁺) were made with a Perkin-Elmer (model 303) atomic absorption spectrophotometer and for major anions (CO₃⁻, HCO₃⁻, SO₄²⁻, Cl⁻) by Standard Methods from water samples stored at 5°C. Details of water analysis are given as Appendix, Table 1.

When reference is made to salinity it is in the broad sense of the amount of dissolved salt contained in the water without any implied ionic content rather than in the narrower oceanographic sense of chlorinity. The term brackish is used in reference to dilute sea water, and the term saline refers to inland water bodies of salt content greater than 0.5‰.

Results:

In the spring (late March and April) the lakes are at their largest volume and contain relatively low amounts of dissolved salts due to the high volume of water resulting from snow-melt and drainage into these depressions. As spring and summer progress, the salinity increases as water volume decreases due to evaporation in excess of rainfall and
runoff. In late summer and fall (late August and September) the ponds reach their minimum volume and in some instances dry up completely (Fig 2).

The dynamics of the ions in saline ponds of this type is described by Blinn (1971). In any interpretation it must be emphasised that there can be a great deal of variation from year to year in water levels of these ponds depending on total precipitation. For example, it was observed that water levels in 1973 were lower than 1972 at corresponding collection dates.

The ponds are characterized by a large amount of autotrophic growth, principally algae, in spring and early summer (April-July) followed by a heterotrophic growth phase, grazing invertebrates and bacteria, from July to September. Maximum diversity of organisms occurs in spring and diversity decreases as the salinity increases. To examine these trends and variations single ponds must be considered.

A. Locations regularly sampled.

1. Ctenocladus Pond has Na$^+$ and $SO_4^{2-}$ as the dominant ions. The pond normally dries up during the course of the summer and the salinity may vary from 30-50 $^\circ$/oo in the spring to more than 400 $^\circ$/oo in the fall (Appendix, Table II). The dominant alga is the chlorophyte Ctenocladus circinnatus Borzi.
Figure 2. Seasonal changes in saline ponds

a. White Lake, 2 vi 1973
b. White Lake, 22 vii 1973
c. Ctenocladus Pond, 3 vi 1973
d. Ctenocladus Pond, 21 vii 1973
Nodularia harveyana was collected only during April and May in small numbers and was absent from June-September. Other algae present were the green algae Spirogyra sp., Ulothrix
tenerrima Kütz., Ulothrix sp., Dunaliella salina (Dunal) Teodor. and Cladophora fracta (Dillw.) Kutz; the bluegreen algae Oscillatoria amphibia C.A. Ag., O. brevis C.A. Ag., Anabaena sp., Phormidium tenue (Menegh.) Gomont and Lyngbya
nordgaardii Wille; an Euglena sp.; the diatoms Amphora
coffeaeformis Ag. and Navicula sp. All but the Dunaliella
and Lyngbya were present in their largest numbers in April
and May. With increasing salinity during the summer, most species of algae were greatly reduced in numbers or disappeared completely. Dunaliella and Lyngbya reached maximum
numbers in June or July, the former in the isolated pockets of open water, the latter as an epiphyte on dead or dying Cladophora and Ulothrix. Ctenocladus remained throughout the summer but in less quantity and hidden under the salt layer deposited by the evaporating water.

Around the shoreline of the pond is a zone of Salicornia
rubra Nels. and within the pond itself is a dense growth of Ruppia maritima L. In April and May large numbers of mosquito larvae (Aedes sp.) were observed. In June through August the pond is inhabited by large numbers of brine shrimp, Artemia salina Leach. A mat of purple sulphur bacteria
Figure 3. Seasonal changes in temperature, salinity and organisms for 1972-1973 in Ctenocladus Pond. The relative abundance of the organisms are indicated by the vertical bars.
covers a thick, black, anerobic mud. An unidentified ostra-
cod and the rotifer, Brachionus plicatilis Muller, inhabit the
pond and egg cases, larvae and adult salt flies (Ephedridae)
are around the water's edge. The periodicity and population
dynamics of the more important organisms is shown in Fig. 3.

2. Wallender Lake is characterized by a lower amount of
dissolved salts and less variable salinity range (14-88°/oo)
than Ctenocladus Pond. The principal ions are Na⁺, Mg⁡⁺⁺, and SO⁴⁻(Appendix, Table III). Probably as a result of
these lower levels of dissolved salt, a larger variety of
organisms are present. The vascular plants consist of Sal-
icornia rubra and Scirpus maritimus L. around the margin of
the lake and Ruppia within the lake itself. The dominant
alga throughout the season except for early spring (April and
early May), is Cladophora fracta. During May rapid growth
of Cladophora results in the formation of a characteristic
peripheral mat (Fig. 4c). Nodularia (primarily N. harveyana)
is present in maximum numbers in May and June and typically
occurs associated with the Cladophora mat. During May, Nodul-
aria is primarily vegetative, by June many of the cells have
converted to akinetes and by July very few filaments are seen,
with nearly all cells as akinetes. Associated with Nodularia
is a community of bluegreen algae consisting of Oscillatoria
geminata Menegh., O. tenuis C.A. Ag., O. nigroviridus Thwaites,
Figure 4. Some features of the saline ponds studied.

a. Wallender Lake with large numbers of diatoms along the shoreline (iv 1973)

b. A closer view of diatom bloom in a. (pencil is approximately 10 cm long)

c. Peripheral Cladophora mat around the edge of Wallender Lake (vi 1973)

d. Shoreline of Wallender Lake with Cladophora, purple sulphur bacteria and Scirpus (vi 1973)

e. Inks Lake showing density of brine shrimp (vii 1973). Also present are Cladophora and Ruppia (thermometer is approximately 35 cm long)
Spirulina major Kutz. and Phormidium fragile Gamont. Lyngbya nordgaardii appears in July after the decline in numbers of most other bluegreen algae.

During early spring (April) before the growth of the Cladophora mat, a diatom maximum occurs. In April 1973 a remarkable bloom of diatoms occurred (principally Amphora coffeaeformis and Navicula spp.) (Fig. 4a,b). These diatoms are present at other times of the year but in much reduced numbers. The diatom maximum is followed by rapid growth of Cladophora and the bluegreen algae associated with Nodularia and two Ulothrix spp., U. tenerrima and U.? aequalis Kütz. In July 1972 a large number of Ceratium hirundinella (O.F.M.) Duj. was observed but not in 1973. Its appearance in such saline (48 °/oo) waters is interesting since it is normally found in much less saline conditions. At the same time (July 1972) in nearby Inks Lake (see below) a large number of Ceratium were also present. A species of Euglena was found in localized small areas on the shoreline mud throughout spring and summer.

The animal community of the lake is composed of a Moina sp. (Cladocera), Diaptomus sp. (Copepoda), Brachionus plicatilis (Rotatoria) and Chironomidae, all present primarily in the spring. Artemia salina (Branchiopoda) is present in large numbers in late spring and summer (Fig. 4e). Ephidridae
are present around the edges of the lake and the bottom sediment is covered by a mat of purple sulphur bacteria (Fig.4d). The periodicity and dynamics of organisms is shown as Fig.5. The maximum variety of species occurs in the spring or early summer and diversity decreases in response to increasing salinity. By late summer the extreme salinity reduces the number of species to a minimum.

3. Inks Lake is similar to Wallender Lake but differs from Wallender Lake in some details. Inks Lake has slightly less dissolved salts and a slightly higher pH (Appendix, Table IV) but otherwise has similar plant and animal communities (Fig.6). The same distinctive peripheral Cladophora mat and the same plant and animal components (plus Scirpus validus Vahl. and the cyanophyte Anabaena variabilis Kutz.) are present. Both N. harveyana and N. spumigena are present in the spring in large numbers. The same pattern of occurrence is noted with greatest growth in spring and disappearance of Nodularia with the water becoming increasingly saline. In both Inks Lake and Wallender Lake most Nodularia disappears at salinities of approximately 60 °/oo, the disappearance evidently is related to salinity rather than pH or ionic changes. Evidence is presented in the section on growth and physiology to further support this.

4. White Lake is 100 miles southeast of the other three
Figure 5. Seasonal changes in temperature, salinity and organisms for 1972-1973 in Wallender Lake.
Figure 6. Seasonal changes in temperature, salinity and organisms for 1972-1973 in Inks Lake.
lakes. The dominant ions are $\text{Na}^+$, $\text{SO}_4^-$, and $\text{CO}_3^-$; the salinity varies from 15-40 °/oo and the pH is 9.4-10.0 (Appendix, Table V). The organisms of White Lake are notably different from the previous three lakes. There is no peripheral mat of algae at the shoreline and no purple sulphur bacteria mat at the mud-water interface as characterizes the other three lakes. Around the margin of the lake is *Distichlis stricta* (Torr.) Tydb. and *Scirpus nevadensis* Wats., both at times being emergent from the waterbody itself. *Nodularia* (both *N. harveyana* and *N. spumigena*) occurs on and around the bases of the emergent vascular plants and in hoof prints in a cattle corraling area on the south side of the lake. *Nodularia* occurs in White Lake in spring to early summer (May-June) and is generally absent the rest of the year. However the salinity, which has a narrow range of fluctuation and relatively low concentration, does not appear to be the limiting factor. The factor responsible for the pattern of growth of *Nodularia* is the destruction of habitat as the water line recedes beyond the bases of the vascular plants. The presence of *Nodularia*, as well as most other algae, depends on the level of the water being above the lowest vascular plants. The other algae present with *Nodularia* are the bluegreen algae *Oscillatoria tenuis*, *O. chalbea* Mertens, *Phormidium retzi* (C.A. Ag.) Gomont, *Anabaena* sp., *Lyngbya aestuarii* (Mertens) Liebmann and *Spirulina*
and the green algae Spirogyra sp. and Ctenocladus circinnatus. The preceding bluegreen algae show the same periodicity and limitations as Nodularia. The Spirogyra sp. is present only in April and May and the Ctenocladus in June or July.

In April 1973 the lake contained large numbers of salamanders (Ambystoma sp.). The plankton organisms consist of the diatoms Amphora coffeaeformis and Navicula spp.; the cladoceran Moina sp. and a copepod of the genus Diaptomus. In September 1972 a large amount of Nostoc sp. was floating and washed on shore. The periodicity and population dynamics of White Lake is shown as Fig. 7.

B. Locations irregularly sampled or sampled only once.

5. 'Salt Pond 4' contained Nodularia spumigena in May 1972 at a salinity of 47 °/oo, with the primary ions being Na⁺, S0⁴⁻, and CO₃⁻ (Appendix, Table VI). The dominant alga of this pond was Ctenocladus circinnatus with lesser amounts of Oscillatoria brevis, O. tenuis and Anabaena sp.

6. 'Salt Pond 3' contained N. spumigena as the dominant alga in May 1972 at a salinity of 4 °/oo (Na⁺, S0⁴⁻, CO₃⁻) (Appendix, Table VI).

7. Big Quill Lake, Saskatchewan, in August 1972, had a salinity of 26 °/oo of predominantly Na⁺ and S0⁴⁻ (Appendix,
Figure 7. Seasonal changes in temperature, salinity and organisms for 1972-1973 in White Lake.
Table VI). *Nodularia spumigena* was the principal phytoplankter. Associated with it was the diatom *Chaetoceras elmorei* Boyer and large numbers of water boatmen (Corixidae) and copepods (*Diaptomus* sp.). The dominant alga was an *Enteromorpha* sp. which grew attached to the bottom with large numbers of detached plants blown up on the lee shore.

8. Devils Lake, North Dakota, had a salinity of 12 °/oo (Na\(^+\), S0\(_4\)) in August 1972 (Appendix, Table VI). *Nodularia spumigena* was collected both from open water where it was associated with *Aphanizomenon flos-aquae* Morren and *Microcystis aeruginosa* Kutz., and along the shoreline associated with *Cladophora* sp. and *Enteromorpha* sp.

9. Near San de Fuca, Washington, in May 1973 *Nodularia harveyana* was collected from a brackish (Na\(^+\), Cl\(^-\)) pond of salinity 18 °/oo (Appendix, Table VI). Associated with the *Nodularia* was *Percursaria percursa* (C. Ag.) Rosenvinge and *Lyngbya aestuarii*.

10. Riefel Wildlife Refuge - a pond near the refuge office had a salinity of 8.4 °/oo (Na\(^+\), Cl\(^-\)) (Appendix, Table VI) and contained *Nodularia harveyana*. The dominant alga was a *Mugeotia* sp., with *Lyngbya aestuarii* and an *Oscillatoria* sp. also being present.

C. Isolates from soil (See also Table I)

Blinn (1969) reports *N. spumigena* from Wallender Lake,
Ctenocladus Pond, Bowers Lake, Polygon Pond, Ironmask Lake, Salsola Pond and Saltwort Pond. Isolates were obtained from Wallender Lake and Ctenocladus Pond. Bowers Lake was dry from 1971-1973, however microscopic examination of soil and salt from the dry lake bed revealed akinetes. Enrichment techniques (Allen 1973) resulted in an isolate of *N. spumigena*. Similar observations and techniques resulted in isolates from Spotted Lake and a small pond south of Richter Lake. Enrichment of an Australian soil sample collected near Alice Springs also yielded an isolate of *N. spumigena*.

*Nodularia* was never collected from Polygon Pond, Ironmask Lake, Salsola Pond or Saltwort Pond, possibly because when collections were made the salinity was too high (greater than 100 °/oo) for *Nodularia* to be growing. No akinetes were visible in the soil from these sites and enrichment procedures failed to produce any isolates.
DISTRIBUTION

Some authors (Fritsch 1945) regard most bluegreen algae as being cosmopolitan in distribution. However, closer examination of individual genera or species may reveal very discrete distribution. *Nodularia* illustrates this point. Gietler (1932) and Lindstedt (1943) describe the distribution of *N. spumigena* as cosmopolitan. Chapman (1955) describes the distribution of *N. harveyana* as "+ cosmopolitan" and Umezaki (1961) describes *N. harveyana* as "subcosmopolitan" without any explanation of the prefix.

However, in a general sense bluegreen algae are very restricted. Cyanophytes are rarely found in acid situations and never below pH 4 (Brock 1973). Dawson (1966) states that many marine species may be differentiated into temperate and tropical. In a specific sense many bluegreen algae are found in restricted habitats (some hot spring species or tropical marine plankton species). Others have more subtle requirements, tolerances or preferences. The nature of these distribution patterns is obscured by misidentification, lack of pertinent data and more particularly the confused taxonomic situation.

The distribution of *Nodularia* was studied by a critical review of the literature and examination of herbaria material
(Appendix, Table IX). The results of this survey show that the great majority of collections were in temperate and subtropical areas (i.e. 25°-60° north and south of the equator, Figs. 8-13). It may be argued that tropical areas have not been the subject of as extensive collections as more temperate areas; however, there have been sufficient details surveys of tropical areas which would have revealed the presence of Nodularia had it occurred frequently in tropical latitudes (Desikachary 1959; Drouet 1937, 1938; Frémy 1929; Skuja 1949). Some of the tropical reports of Nodularia are from higher more temperate altitudes (Karim 1968; Standey in Field Herbarium; Tilden 1908; West 1914). Others do not contain information regarding altitude (Mobius 1893; Woodhead and Tweed 1957). Collections from the Arctic (Foslie cited in Nordstedt 1897) or the Antarctic (Apstein, collection in Field Herbarium; Fritsch 1912; Fukushima 1959) have been reported but it is obvious from other Arctic and Subarctic surveys (Croasdale 1973; West and West 1911; Wheldon 1947; Wille 1924) that Nodularia is uncommon in polar climates (60°-90° north or south of the equator).

What is more important perhaps in distribution is the type of habitat. Brackish marine habitats (i.e., Baltic Sea, New England coast of North America) and arid or semi-arid inland lakes (i.e., western North America) are areas in which repeated
Fig. 8. North American distribution of *N. spumigena*

Fig. 9. North American distribution of *N. harveyana*

- herbarium specimen
- literature report
Fig. 10. European distribution of *N. spumigena*

Fig. 11. European distribution of *N. harveyana*

- herbarium specimen
- literature report
Fig. 12. World (exclusive of North America and Europe) distribution of *N. spumigena*

Fig. 13. World (exclusive of North America and Europe) distribution of *N. harveyana*

- herbarium specimen
- literature report
collections have been made. The factors enabling Nodularia to occur in these types of waters is the ability of these algae to grow in a wide range of salinities, ability to resist rapid fluctuations in salinity and resistance to desiccation. Bristol (1919) reported culturing Nodularia harveyana from a dry soil sample stored for 59 years. Laboratory observations indicate that if agar plate cultures are allowed to dry in the culture chamber (15-30 C) and then stored at room temperature, the algal material is viable and growth will resume when a portion of the dried material of any of the isolates is introduced into liquid media after two years storage. Because of this resistance to desiccation, the akinetes are probably distributed by wind as are many other small aquatic organisms (Maguire 1963).
GROWTH AND PHYSIOLOGY

The growth and physiology of a number of *Nodularia* isolates were studied under laboratory conditions. The sources of the isolates are given in Table II. The purpose of this portion of the study was twofold. First to clarify some ecological observations by growing the isolates in a variety of conditions of temperature, light, pH, and salinity with the hope of obtaining insight into the occurrence and growth patterns of the alga in nature. Second, to aid in the investigation of morphological plasticity by growing isolates under a variety of physical and chemical variables.

Materials and methods:

The medium used was BG-11 of Stanier, Kunisawa, Mandel and Cohen-Bazire (1971), which is a modification from Hughes, Gorham and Zehnder (1958) (Appendix, Table VIII). Several other media were tried but BG-11 proved to be the most satisfactory considering the wide pH range (6-11) used. Isolations of *Nodularia* spp. were made by streaking the algal material collected in the field on 1% (w/v) agar plates and by manual manipulation and repeatedly restreaking of the filaments. Removal of bacterial contamination was aided by the phototactic response of the hormogonia across the agar surfaces or through the agar. Stock cultures were maintained on agar plates or
Table II. Origin of isolates used in growth and physiology experiments.
Details of locations are given in Table I.

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<td>Alkaline soil from Spotted Lake B.C. (<em>N. spumigena</em>&lt;sup&gt;+&lt;/sup&gt;)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Alkaline soil from near a small pond south of Richter Lake B.C. (<em>N. spumigena</em>)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>White Lake B.C. (<em>N. harveyana</em>&lt;sup&gt;+&lt;/sup&gt;)</td>
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<td>'Salt pond 4' B.C. (<em>N. spumigena</em>)</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Wallender Lake B.C. (<em>N. harveyana</em>)</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Big Quill Lake Sask. (<em>N. spumigena</em>, does not form akinetes, has gas vacuoles)</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Soil collected at Simpson's Gap, Northern Territories Australia by Dr. J.R. Stein (<em>N. spumigena</em>)</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>LB-1452/l from the Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa Cambridge England, isolated by Butcher (<em>N. harveyana</em>, does not form akinetes)</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>Alkaline soil from Bowers Lake B.C. (<em>N. spumigena</em>)</td>
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<td>Inks Lake B.C. (<em>N. harveyana</em>)</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>White Lake B.C. (<em>N. spumigena</em>)</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>Unnamed pond near San de Fuca Washington (<em>N. harveyana</em>)</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>Devils Lake North Dakota (<em>N. spumigena</em>)</td>
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* The reasons for using these specific names are given in the taxonomy section.
in liquid culture.

_Nodularia_ cultures used for initiating experiments were grown in 500 ml flasks and filaments in the log phase of growth were used. Temperature, light, salinity and nitrogen experiments were done using 20 mm test tubes, containing 25 ml liquid medium in each, with Bellco stainless steel closures. Test tube racks were turned daily to insure homogeneous lighting. For pH experiments cultures were grown in 100 ml liquid medium in 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks. Growth was measured after a seven day period unless otherwise noted and data based on duplicate cultures replicated three times.

Growth of a 3 to 5 ml aliquot of a culture was measured as the optical density (absorbance) at 660 nm using either a Beckman DBG or a Bausch and Lomb Spectronic 20 spectrophotometer. The optical density was related to the number of cells by preparing standard curves for each isolate. These comparison curves are shown as Fig.14.

Temperatures were varied by growth in controlled environment chambers: reach-in type for 15 C, 25 C, 30 C and 35 C (Sherer Co. Ltd., Marshall, Michigan, model RT-18B-5E; Controlled Environments Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba, model T18L; Percival Co. Ltd., Boone, Iowa, model I-36-L) and a walk-in chamber for 20 C (Bell Craft Industries, Surrey, British Columbia, model 2002).
Figure 14. Standard curves of optical density versus cell numbers.

a. The group of isolates with filament widths from 8-12 μm (i.e. N. spumigena). The relationship between optical density at 660 nm and cell numbers for isolates 12 (△), 1 (X), 6 (□) and 9 (○). All other N. spumigena isolates (2, 4, 10, 12, 13, 16) relationship lines fell between that of strains 12 and 9.

b. Those isolates with filament widths from 5-7 μm (i.e N. harveyana). The relationship between O.D. at 660 nm and cell numbers for isolates 5 (△), 8 (X), and 14 (○). All other isolates of N. harveyana (7, 11, 15) fell between the two extremes (5, 14).
Light was supplied by General Electric 20 and 40 watt cool-white florescent tubes. The spectrum of light from 400-720 nm was measured by using an apparatus similar to the one described by Burr and Duncan (1972). The spectral quality of the light is shown as Fig. 15. The quantity of the light was set at four levels of illumination (Table III) by varying the number of light tubes and the distance of the light tubes from the culture vessel. Light was measured with a Gossen 1.67-873 foot-candle meter and a radiometer (YSI model 60) calibrated in ergs/cm²/sec. The photoperiod unless otherwise specified was 16 hours:8 hours (light:dark).

Growth in the range of pH 6-11 (in 1.0 unit increments) and 9-11 (in 0.2 unit increments) was investigated. The wide range of pH used was such that no buffer tried was adequate. The use of two or more buffers overlapping in range gave very poor results. For pH experiments the method of Gerloff, Fitzgerald and Skoog (1952) of adjusting the pH every 12 hours with 1 M NaOH or 1 M HCl was used. The pH was measured with a Metrohm E280A pH meter.

The salinity was varied in a range of 1-100 °/oo by adding an appropriate amount of NaCl to the medium. All isolates were grown on the above range of NaCl and in addition, four isolates (Nos 7, 9, 10, 11) were grown with Na₂SO₄, MgSO₄
Figure 15. Quality of light used in culture experiments.  
(see Barr and Duncan 1972)

Table III  Light intensities used in culture experiments.

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<td>550-600</td>
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<td>$1.8 \times 10^4$</td>
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<td>3 (LL3)</td>
<td>60-75</td>
<td>$0.9 \times 10^4$</td>
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<td>4 (LL4)</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>$1.1 \times 10^3$</td>
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and Na\textsubscript{2}CO\textsubscript{3} as the dominant salt to discover if different anions or cations had effects on rates of growth or salinity tolerance.

The effect of nitrogen sources on growth was investigated using NO\textsubscript{3}⁻, NH\textsuperscript{+}\textsubscript{4} and urea. The concentration of dissolved salts (i.e. osmolality) was kept constant by adding appropriate amounts of NaCl. Inoculation material was grown on BG-11 without nitrogen for 20-30 days before inoculation.

A preliminary consideration was whether growth rates of axenic cultures differed from identical cultures with low level bacterial contamination (less than 5 bacterial cells/100 algal cells as measured with phase contrast microscopy). Results (details below) showed that there was little difference in growth patterns and as a consequence all data (except for nitrogen fixation) is based on cultures with the same amount of low level bacterial contamination mentioned above. The purity of axenic isolates No. 1 and No. 6 was checked using a number of bacteriological growth media (Table IV) and phase contrast microscopy.

Nitrogen fixation investigations were studied with field material and under laboratory conditions. Nitrogen fixation was measured by acetylene reduction method (Stewart et al. 1970) at White Lake (May 1972) and Inks Lake (June 1972) when \textit{Nodularia} was present as a major algal component. Axenic
Table IV. Microbiological media for checking purity of cultures.

1. Nutrient Broth
   beef extract - 3.0 g; peptone - 5.0 g; water - 1.0 l

2. SST Media
   glucose - 1.0 g; tryptone - 1.0 g; yeast extract - 0.5 g; water - 100 ml

3. Peptone - Glucose
   glucose - 1.0 g; peptone - 1.0 g; water - 1.0 l

4. Potato-dextrose agar
   potato - 200 g; dextrose - 20 g; agar - 20 g; water - 1.0 l

5. Thioglycolate
   yeast extract - 5.0 g; casitone - 15 g; dextrose - 5 g; NaCl - 2.5 g; l-cystine - 0.75 g; thioglycolate - 0.3 g; agar - 0.75 g; methylene blue - .002 g; water 1.0 l

6. Sodium caseinate agar
   sodium caseinate - 3.0 g; peptonized milk - 7.0 g; agar - 12 g; water - 1.0 l
cultures were used for laboratory experiments. Analysis of
the gas phase was with an Aerograph gas chromatograph (model
600C, Wilkins Instrument and Research Inc. now Varian Co. Ltd.)
with a six foot 0.25 in (O.D.) stainless steel column of Por-
apak R and with hydrogen flame ionization with helium as the
carrier gas. The apparatus was set at a temperature of 45 C
for all components. Three replicates of each 1 ml sample
and three controls for each run were used. The controls con-
sisted of: algae incubated then killed with TCA (trichloro-
acetic acid, 2% w/v); algae not incubated but fixed with TCA;
algae fixed with TCA then acetylene added and sample incubated.

Results:

Comparison of growth rates showed that there was little
difference between axenic cultures and cultures with low level
bacterial contamination. The Nodularia in the contaminated
cultures grew at a slightly higher rate of growth (Fig.16).
The contaminated cultures were closer to the morphology in
nature than the morphology of axenic cultures (Table V).

1. Temperature. There was some variability among iso-
lates but most grew best (highest O.D.) at either 25 C or 30 C.
The maximum temperature tolerance for all isolates was between
30 C and 35 C (Fig.17). The lower limit of growth was app-
arently less than 5 C, the lowest temperature studied. Growth
occurred (although quite slowly) at 5 C for the 5 isolates which
Figure 16. Comparison of growth of axenic cultures and cultures with bacterial contamination.

Data at 25 °C, 1.6 °/oo and pH 9 for isolate 1 (points are mean of six values. Vertical bar indicates range)

○ contaminated

△ axenic
Table V. Comparative morphology of Nodularia in axenic culture, contaminated culture and nature.

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<td>1. autolysis</td>
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Figure 17. Effect of temperature on isolates of *Nodularia*.

Results shown are for pH 9, LL1 with basal medium (salinity about 1.6 °/oo) after 7 days growth.

- a. isolate 1 (o) 2 (x) 3 (□) 4 (△)
- b. isolate 5 (o) 6 (x) 7 (□) 8 (△)
- c. isolate 9 (o) 10 (x) 11 (□) 12 (△)
- d. isolate 13 (o) 14 (x) 15 (□) 16 (△)
were tested.

2. Light. Most isolates grew best at the higher light level, LL1 (Fig.18). Two isolates (Nos. 2, 9) grew best at LL2 and isolate No. 12 grew best at either LL1 or LL2 depending on the temperature. At high temperatures (35 C) the light levels combined with the temperature to inhibit growth to a greater extent than it did at lower light levels. Thus most isolates at 35 C grew very slightly at LL4 but not at all at any other light intensities.

3. pH. The isolates showed optimal growth at or near pH 10 (Fig.19 a-d). Fourteen isolates had pH growth optima between 10.0 and 10.4, whereas isolates No. 2 and No. 8 grew best at pH 9.4 and 9.6 respectively (Fig.19 e,f).

4. Salinity. A wide range of variability was seen among the isolates. Some isolates (Nos. 6, 8, 10, 12) grew in a maximum salinity of 30 °/oo NaCl. However, most isolates showed an upper salinity tolerance of 60 °/oo. The salinity of initial isolation affected the upper limit. Cultures initiated from inoculum in normal BG-11 (1.6 °/oo) had a maximum tolerance in the range of 40-50 °/oo. However, if cultures were initiated with inoculum grown at 40 °/oo then the tolerance was increased to 60 °/oo. Growth of inoculum at 60°/oo and attempts at growing cultures at higher salinities were unsuccessful. The salinity at which
Figure 18. Effect of light intensity on growth of *Nodularia*

Growth curves for c, d, e, f at 25 C, pH 9 and basal medium (about 1.6 °/oo)

a. growth of isolate 1 at different temperatures - 30 C (X), 25 C (△), 20 C (□), 15 C (○), 35 C (●).

b. growth of isolate 2 at different temperatures - 30 C (X), 25 C (△), 20 C (□), 15 C (○), 35 C (●).

c. isolates 1 (○), 2 (X), 3 (□), 4 (△)

d. isolates 5 (○), 6 (X), 7 (□), 8 (△)

e. isolates 9 (○), 10 (X), 11 (□), 12 (△)

f. isolates 13 (○), 14 (X), 15 (□), 16 (△)
Figure 19. Effect of pH on the growth of *Nodularia*

a. growth at pH 6-11 for isolates 1 (○), 2 (△), 3 (□), 4 (△)

b. growth at pH 6-11 for isolates 5 (○), 6 (△), 7 (□), 8 (△)

c. growth at pH 6-11 for isolates 9 (○), 10 (△), 11 (□), 12 (△)

d. growth at pH 6-11 for isolates 13 (○), 14 (△), 15 (□), 16 (△)

e. growth at pH 9.2-10.0 for isolates 2 (△), 8 (△)

f. growth at pH of 10.2-10.8 for isolates 6 (△), 13 (○)
optimum growth occurred was between 5 °/oo and 20 °/oo NaCl for all isolates (Fig. 20).

Use of salts other than NaCl gave essentially the same results. Isolate No. 9 showed better growth at higher salinities but all isolates showed similar levels of tolerance for salts used and highest growth rates were at the same salinities as for NaCl. No differences were evident with Mg^{++} as the major cation nor SO_4^{=} or CO_3^{=} as the major anion (Fig. 21).

5. Nitrogen. All isolates grew much better with NO_3^{-} than with NH_4^{+} as the source of nitrogen (compare Fig. 22a,b with 22 c,d). Growth was much better in media without added nitrogen than at any level of NH_4^{+}. Cultures at lower concentrations of NH_4Cl showed some growth, perhaps the high concentration of NH_4^{+} used initially was inhibitory. Growth using urea as the nitrogen source gave similar results to growth on NH_4^{+} (Fig. 22 e,f).

Acetylene reduction, as a measure of nitrogen fixation, under field conditions (approx. 50,000 cells/liter) was found to be very low (less than 1 nmole/1 pond water). In the laboratory, the two axenic isolates, No. 1 and No. 6, were used to investigate the rates of nitrogen fixation and to discover the effect of nitrogen, pH and salinity on rates of nitrogen fixation. Nitrogen in the growth media inhibited
Figure 20. Effect of salinity on growth of *Nodularia*.

Growth at salinities of 1.6 - 60 °/oo at LL2, pH 9, 25 C, inoculum grown at 1.6 °/oo (normal BG-11)

a. growth for isolates 1 (○), 2 (χ), 3 (□), 4 (△)
b. growth for isolates 5 (○), 6 (χ), 7 (□), 8 (△)
c. growth for isolates 9 (○), 10 (χ), 11 (□), 12 (△)
d. growth for isolates 13 (○), 14 (χ), 15 (□), 16 (△)
Figure 21. Effect of salinities using salts other than NaCl on growth of *Nodularia*.

Growth at salinities 1.6 - 60 °/oo at LL2, 25 C, pH 9, inoculum grown at 1.6 °/oo BG-11.

a. isolates 10 Na$_2$SO$_4$ (△) MgSO$_4$ (□) Na$_2$CO$_3$ (○)
b. isolates 9 Na$_2$SO$_4$ (△) MgSO$_4$ (□) Na$_2$CO$_3$ (○)
c. isolates 7 Na$_2$SO$_4$ (△) MgSO$_4$ (□) Na$_2$CO$_3$ (○)
d. isolates 11 Na$_2$SO$_4$ (△) MgSO$_4$ (□) Na$_2$CO$_3$ (○)
Figure 22. Effect of nitrogen source on the growth of *Nodularia*.

All data at 25°C, LL2, pH 9 and basal medium (salinity about 1.6 °/oo).

a. growth on NO$_3^-$ by isolates 1 (○), 2 (○), 3 (□), 4 (△)

b. growth on NO$_3^-$ by isolates 5 (○), 6 (○), 7 (□), 8 (△)

c. growth on NH$_4^+$ by isolates 1 (○), 2 (○), 3 (□), 4 (△)

d. growth on NH$_4^+$ by isolates 5 (○), 6 (○), 7 (□), 8 (△)

e. growth on urea by isolates 1 (○), 2 (○), 3 (□), 4 (△)

f. growth on urea by isolates 5 (○), 6 (○), 7 (□), 8 (△)
fixation to a level of 0.25 gm/l (about 40 ppm) below which rates increased. Highest rates of acetylene reduction occurred at conditions similar to those for maximum growth (pH 10, salinity 5-10 °/oo, temperature 30 C) (Fig. 23). This perhaps is a reflection of the biochemical link between photosynthesis and nitrogen fixation (photosynthetic phosphorylation supplying the energy requirements of the process, Stewart 1970).
Figure 23. Effect of salinity, pH and temperature on acetylene reduction by *Nodularia*

a. Effect of salinity on isolate 1, LL2, pH 10, 25°C, basal media (about 1.6 °/oo)

b. Effect of pH on isolate 1, LL2, 25°C, basal media (about 1.6 °/oo)

c. Effect of temperature on isolate 1, LL2, pH 10, basal media (about 1.6 °/oo)
TAXONOMY

The genus *Nodularia* was established by Mertens in 1822 by distributing specimens of the alga as Decas XV #4 of the exsiccate Algae Aquaticae of G.H.B. Juergens (1822). The type collection was made in 1821 on the island of Norderney, Germany (53.4°N, 7.0°E). Several specimens of the isotype material of *N. spumigena* exist (UC 436361, NBV 3925-51, NBV 3925-64, NBV 3925-66, NBV 3925-67, NBV 3925-68, F 951302)*. The last specimen (F 951302) is in very good condition. The generic name was "conserved" by a decision of the International Committee on Botanical Nomenclature (1969), as Link in 1809 used the name to describe a red alga, *Lemanea* (Stafleu 1972). No published description of *Nodularia* existed until 1888 when Bornet and Flahault revised the heterocystous bluegreen algae. This work by Bornet and Flahault (1886-1888) has been designated by the International Committee on Botanical Nomenclature as the taxonomic starting point of this group of bluegreen algae.

* Letter initial(s) are standard abbreviations of herbaria (UC - University of California Berkeley; FH - Farlow Herbarium, Harvard University; F - Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago; NBV - Rijksherbarium, Leiden Netherlands; NY - New York Botanical Garden; PC - Cryptogamic Herbarium of the Paris Museum; BM - British Museum, London; UBC - University of British Columbia, Vancouver). The number following the herbarium designation is the accession number of the institution (or loan number in the case of NBV). If no accession number has been designated, a number from 1000-1400 following the name "Nordin" refers to an identification number of the annotation label attached to the herbarium sheet after examination.
algae (Briquet 1935). Bornet and Flahault did an admirable job in reducing the taxonomic confusion that existed at that time. Between 1822 and 1888 several additional species of *Nodularia* were described and Kützing (1843) established the closely related genus *Spermcosira*. Kützing separated this genus from *Nodularia* because in Juergen's material akinetes were formed singly whereas in *Spermcosira* the akinetes were formed in groups. Bornet and Flahault did not consider this characteristic to be of signifance and included the genus *Spermcosira* and its accompanying species in the genus *Nodularia*. They also included a species of *Lyngbya*, *L. annulata* Suhr 1834, in the genus. Bornet and Flahault describe the genus as follows (translated from Latin):


After examining material from European herbaria, they reduced 16 taxa to 3 species names (one species having 3 varieties). They also described one new species. The species which Bornet and Flahault recognized are discussed below. Their validity is discussed later in this section.

The species has the characteristics of the genus with filaments 8-18 μm wide. Bornet and Flahault described three varieties of this species. The var. genuina had filaments 8-18 μm wide and the akinetes subglobose. The var. litorea had filaments 12-16 μm wide and akinetes spherical-compressed. The var. major (not maior as incorrectly cited by Geitler, 1932) had filaments 12-18 μm wide and akinetes flattened-elliptical. Fig. 24d.

2. N. armorica Thuret, in Bornet and Thuret, Notes Algol. 2, p.122, plate 29, Fig. 12,13, 1880.

This species was first described from material collected near LeCroisic, France. It was separated from N. spumigena by the unique structure of its akinetes which in living plants had biconcave end cell walls, and the ends of vegetative cells fitting into the adjacent akinete like a head into a cap ("pileatae"). The filaments were 10-12 μm wide, the cells compressed and disc-shaped before division; and 3-4 times as wide as long. Fig. 24c.


The alga was first described by Thwaites in W.H. Harvey's Phycologia Britannia (1848) as Spermosira harveyana.
Figure 24. The species of *Nodularia* described in and since the revision of Bornet and Flahault (1888). (Copied or photocopied from originals).

- a. *N. harveyana* drawing of type material from Harvey (1848), see also Fig. 32. x 250

- b. *N. sphaerocarpa* from Frémy (1929). x 500

- c. *N. armorica* drawing of type material from Bornet and Thuret (1880). x 650

- d. *N. spumigena* drawings of Merten's type material from Bornet and Thuret (1880), also see Fig. 31. x 650

- e. *Spermosira atlantica* drawing of type material from Dickie (1871). x approx. 500

- f. *N. paludosa* drawing of type material from Wolle (1887). x approx. 250

- g. *N. turicensis* drawing of type material from Hansgirg (1892). x 400

- h. *N. hawaiensis* drawing from Tilden (1910). x approx. 400

- i. *N. tenuis* drawing from West (1914) on left, x 500 and Fritsch and Rich (1929) on right. x 1400

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Thuret (1875) transferred the species to *Nodularia*. Bornet and Flahault described the filaments as 4-6 µm wide; akinetes subglobose, 6-8 µm wide; vegetative cells before division not much longer than wide. Fig. 24a.


This species was described as new by Bornet and Flahault from several collections: Bory in Belgium; Bornet in France; Meneghini in Italy on soil; Roussel on tree sap in France. The Roussel specimen was examined as a loan from the Paris Museum (PC Nordin 1315). No type specimen was designated by the authors. *N. sphaerocarpa* was described as being different from *N. harveyana* by filaments slightly wider in width (6-7 µm), slightly wider width of the akinetes (7-10 µm) and the shape of the akinetes (spherical-compressed). Fig. 24b.

The following species were described after 1888 or were not treated by Bornet and Flahault. Their present status is discussed and the validity of each taxon is considered.

5. *Spermosira atlantica* Dickie, J. Linn. Soc. Bot. 11: 458, Fig. 4, 1871.

The material on which the name was based was collected from hurricane debris in the Atlantic, 200 miles off the
African coast. Forti (1907) cited this as being incompletely described. The type collection was the only collection made, no type material could be located and the inadequate description and unconvincing figure suggest that the name should be rejected. Fig. 24e.

6. *N. paludosa* Wolle, Fresh-water Algae of the U.S. p. 291, plate 198, Fig. 3, 4. 1887.

The basis for describing this as a new species was the mistaken impression that European collections of the genus were all made in brackish waters and always occurred in considerable masses. Wolle's material was collected from Colorado and Pennsylvania. The cell dimensions are identical to *N. harveyana* and from the description and illustration it is possibly a *N. harveyana* although no akinetes were seen. Drouet (1930) reported that no specimens of this species existed in Wolle's herbarium. Collections identified as *N. paludosa* have been made by Clements (1896), Ackley (1931), Coyle (1930) and McInteer (1939). Forti (1907) considered it incompletely described and Geitler (1932) did not list it. The species should be rejected because of the inadequate description and lack of type material. Fig. 24f.

This alga was collected from Pushaw Stream near Orono, Maine. It was described as having trichomes 33-38 \( \mu \)m wide and cells 2-6 \( \mu \)m long. No akinetes were reported and no figure was included with the description. The location of the type is unknown and since the original collection, the species has not been reported. The species should be rejected on the basis of being incompletely described.


This was originally described as *Spermosira turicensis* by Cramer (1860). Hansgirg in 1892 transferred the species to the genus *Nodularia* despite the fact that Bornet and Flahault reduced *S. turicensis* to synonymy with *N. harveyana* in 1888 (p.244). Forti (1907) and Geitler (1932) synonomize the taxon with *N. harveyana*. Examination of herbarium material collected by Cramer (Rabenhorst's Algen Sachsens #994: FH Nordin 1084; NY Nordin 1262; PC Nordin 1236; NBV 3925-1) show it to be identical with *N. harveyana*. Fig. 24g.


Described from Hawaii and distributed in Tilden's American Algae as #484. Examination indicates that isotypes
(UC 740394; NY Nordin 1250; PC Nordin 1339; UBC 2971) and the only other two collections, by Tilden in Tahiti (South Pacific Algae #11; UC 233460; NBV 3925-47; NY Nordin 1257) and that by Crossland from Tahiti (UC 696203), are not Nodularia. Rather they are most likely Hormothamnion (?solutum) Bornet and Grunow. Kahn (1969) reports Hormothamnion from Hawaii, it is apparently common in tropical marine habitats (Philippines, Velasquez 1962; Florida, Taylor 1928; Dawson 1966). Hormothamnion is superficially similar to Nodularia and can be easily mistaken for it (May 1946, 1951) but differs in having very variable trichome size, irregular spacing of heterocysts, lack of akinetes and a distinctly tropical distribution. Fig. 24h.


The type specimen from Tanganyika was examined (BM Nordin 1347) and the material has none of the attributes of the genus. It is probably an Anabaena sp. which confirms the suggestion of Geitler (1932). Fig. 24i.


The species was described from material collected in the
Antarctic. Fritsch described it as a new species because its trichome is smaller (3-4 μm) than that of *N. harveyana* (4-6μm) and because some of the heterocysts are square. The material (BM Nordin 1934) was examined and the one akinete observed by Fritsch was not seen. The material lacks one important characteristic of the genus, that of regularly spaced heterocysts. The significance of the square heterocysts is unclear since heterocyst shape is variable in the type material. Iyengar and Desikachary (1944) show a figure of *N. spumigena* with square heterocysts. Geitler (1932) considered *N. quadrata* to be a valid species but in his 1942 work considers it to be an *Anabaena*. Since the species has never been recollected despite detailed (West and West 1911; Wille 1924) and more limited (Holm-Hanson 1964; Fukushima 1959) Antarctic surveys of freshwater algae, its status is questionable. Because of the variability of the heterocyst, irregular heterocyst spacing and lack of akinetes, the alga should be considered an *Anabaena* sp. rather than a *Nodularia*. Fig. 24j.


This variety was also described from material collected in the Antarctic. The type material (BM 1815) was examined
Figure 24 cont'd.

j. **N. quadrata** drawing by Fritsch (1912) of the type material. x approx 500

k. **N. spumigena** var. *minor* drawing by Fritsch (1912) of the type material. x approx 500

l. **N. harveyana** var. *sphaerocarpa* drawing from Skuja (1926). x 820

m. **N. epiphytica** drawing of type material by Gardner (1927). x approx 300

n. **N. willei** drawing of type material by Gardner (1927). x approx 500

o. **N. fusca** drawing of type material by Taylor (1928). x approx 400

p. **N. skujae** drawing of type material by Gonzalez-Guerro (1928). x approx 500

q. **N. spumigena** var. *vacuolata* type material drawn from Fritsch and Rich (1929). x 1000

r. **N. spumigena** var. *zujaris* drawing of type material by Gonzalez-Guerro (1930). x approx 400

s. **N. aerophila** drawing of type material from Brabez (1940). x approx 1750

t. **N. spumigena** var. *aerophila* drawing of type material from Brabez (1940). x approx 500
and is identical to N. harveyana. No other collections of this taxon have been reported but N. harveyana has been collected from the Antarctic by Apfel (F 1299674; F 1299702) and by Fukushima (1959). Fig. 24k.


Elenkin considered that N. sphaerocarpa was merely an ecological variant of N. harveyana. Evidence from experimental studies is presented below (p.89) to support this. Fig. 24l.

14. N. epiphytica Gardner, Mem. N.Y. Bot. Gard. 7:65, plate 12, Fig.16, 1927.

This species was described from material collected from freshwater in Puerto Rico. The type material (NY Nordin 1254), the isotype material (UC 401800) as well as a second collection (UC 401800a; NY Nordin 1255) were examined. The material is actually juvenile stages of Nostoc sp. Young hormogonial filaments of Nostoc often do not resemble the mature filaments (see Geitler 1932, p. 844 N. muscorum; p.855 N. verrucosum). Geitler seeing only Gardner's diagrams, considered it an Anabaena sp. No subsequent collections of N. epiphytica have evidently been made. Fig. 24m.
15. *N. willei* Gardner, Mem. N.Y. Bot. Gard. 7:65, plate 12, Fig. 15, 1927.

This species was also described from material collected from freshwater in Puerto Rico. The type and evidently the only collection (NY Nordin 1256) was examined and the material is identical to *N. spumigena*. Fig. 24n.


The species was collected from marine pools in the Tortugas Islands, Florida. The species was placed in the genus provisionally because it lacked both heterocysts and akinetes. Taylor (personal communication) no longer considers this species to be a *Nodularia*. Its taxonomic position at the present is unclear. It may belong in the genus *Johannesbaptistia* J. de Toni (Drouet 1938a), it may be synonomous with *Cyanothrix willei* Gardner (Gardner 1927) or it may be a growth form of *Lyngbya* (Frémy and De Toni 1940 cited in Drouet and Daily 1956). Nevertheless it is not a *Nodularia*. Fig. 24o.


This taxon was described from material collected in tree sap (*Ulmus* and *Populus*) at Casa de Compo and Madrid, Spain.
Geitler (1932) lists it in synonymy with *N. harveyana*. No type material could be located, however from the description and figure the species is identical to *N. harveyana*. Fig. 24p.


Fritsch created this variety because of the presence of gas vacuoles. However, material from Baltic collections (i.e. Ostenfeld, NY Nordin 1284, 1285) are collected regularly with gas vacuoles. Lemmerman (1898), Sjostedt (1922) and Lindstedt (1943) have reported gas vacuoles for *N. spumigena*. This particular attribute is variable and probably does not justify the establishment of a variety. Fig. 24q.

19. *N. spumigena* var. *zujaris* Gonzales-Guerro, Bol. Real Soc. Espan. 30:224, Fig. 7-8, 1930.

The alga was collected from Zujar River, Spain. The dimensions of the vegetative cells match those of *N. harveyana*, however, the akinete size and variation (4-12 μm long; 7-12 μm wide) is very unlike the genus. The figure shown may have been drawn from poorly preserved material or was exhibiting abnormal growth. Most probably it is an *Anabaena* sp. Geitler (1932) considers it to be an abnormal *Anabaena* sp. The type material is the only collection reported in the literature and
this variety should be excluded from the genus *Nodularia*.

Fig. 24r.


This species was published from a collection from Northern India. No description was given, thus it is rejected as a *nomen nudum*.

21. *N. aerophila* Brabez, Beihefte zum Bot. Zentrablatt 61A:214, Fig. 8a, 1941.

This species was reported from Austria and described as a new species on the basis of its soil habitat, short filaments and lack of akinetes. The lack of akinetes is a negative characteristic and the other two characteristics do not justify its separation from *N. harveyana* to which it is identical in cell size and shape. The type material and only collection was not examined but the published description and figure are that of *N. harveyana* which has been reported many times from soil. Fig. 24s.


This variety was collected in the same sample as *N. aer-
ophila and was separated on similar characteristics (aerial habitat; short filaments; lack of akinetes). It was described from a single filament and by its description is identical to *N. spumigena*, therefore its separation is completely unjustified. Fig. 24t.

23. *N. implexa* (Bornet and Flahault) Bourrelly Les Algues d'Eau Douce.III. p.418, Fig.5-6, 1970.

Bourrelly transferred *Aulosira implexa* to *N. implexa* and advocated inclusion of part of the genus *Aulosira* within the genus *Nodularia*. He maintained that the only difference between the two genera was that the cells of *Nodularia* were thinner (as compared to their width) and the sheath was thinner (i.e., *Aulosira* has a thicker sheath and the cells are not as flattened). The genus *Nodularia* is distinct because the cells are distinctly wider than long (*N. spumigena* 2-4x as wide as long; *N. harveyana* 1.5-2x as wide as long and only being as wide as long prior to cell division). In *Aulosira* the cells have always been considered either as long as wide or longer than wide (except *A. schauinslandii* Lemm. which resembles a *Hormothamnion* sp. and *A. implexa* var. *crassa* Dixit). Another distinct morphological feature is that akinetes of *Nodularia* are either round or wider than long and always separate from the heterocyst. The akinetes of *Aulosira*
are invariably longer than wide and may be either removed from or adjacent to the heterocyst (Desikachary 1959). The heterocysts of *Nodularia* are regularly spaced along the filament, but *Aulosira* has random arrangement of heterocysts. This characteristic was used by Thuret (1875) as a major characteristic to define the genus *Nodularia*. There is also a distinct habitat differentiation. *Nodularia* is typically found in marine and brackish situations and only occasionally in freshwater or on soil. *Aulosira*, on the other hand, is primarily a soil and freshwater genus and is only rarely found in brackish or marine environments. The distribution patterns of the two are very different. *Nodularia* occurs primarily in temperate environments, occasionally in the subtropics and only rarely in the tropics. *Aulosira* is primarily tropical and subtropical, and less commonly reported from temperate areas. For these reasons the genus *Nodularia* should not include the genus *Aulosira* or any part of it.


The original citation of this taxon could not be located. The only reference to it, in Starmach (1966), appears from the description and figure (p. 518-519) to be of an *N. spumigena* specimen from Siberia with particularly large cell dimensions.
Validity of Bornet and Flahault's *Nodularia* taxa: The preceding summary indicates that all the species described since 1888 can be shown to be excluded from the genus or can be included within species of *Nodularia* defined by Bornet and Flahault (1888), it is necessary to establish the validity of the taxa described by Bornet and Flahault. The questions that were considered are: is *N. armorica* a distinct entity; are the varietal names of *N. spumigena* justified; is *N. sphaerocarpa* a distinct species; are *N. harveyana* and *N. spumigena* distinct species or merely two halves of a continuum of a single species?

Validity of *N. armorica*: Bornet and Flahault (1888) state the distinguishing characteristic of this species is the biconcave, truncate akinetes in which the end of an adjacent vegetative cell is hidden by the concave end of the akinete. They note that this characteristic is seen only in living material. Evidently only five collections have been given the specific name *armorica*. The first was the type collected in France by Thuret in 1873. Three collections were made on the Pacific Coast of North America (1. Gardner 436, UC 100567; 2. Gardner 602, UC 100568; 3. Osterhout and Gardner PBA 1061; FH Nordin 1087, NBV 3925-30, F 980816, NY Nordin 1213, PC Nordin 1302) and the fifth in France (Frémy and Meslin 1924). Of the three North American collections one
(UC 100568) from Whidbey Is. Wash. was in poor condition. The other two did not show the characteristic akinete as would be expected with preserved material and were identical to \textit{N. spumigena}. The two collections by Gardner (436, 602) were placed in the species \textit{armorica} "doubtfully" (Setchell and Gardner 1903) since the specimens differed in several details from Bornet and Flahault's (1888) description. The figure shown in Frémon and Meslin's report (1924) is very poor. \textit{N. armorica} and \textit{N. spumigena} are identical except for the unique akinete structure. Indeed this characteristic may be a microscopic artifact (Fig. 25a,b). However some herbarium specimens identified as \textit{N. spumigena} did show biconcave areas between the akinetes (UC 761550; UC 752514) (Fig. 25c,d,e). This is odd since the characteristic supposedly occurs only in living cells (Bornet and Flahault 1888). Studies under varying growth conditions to determine the stability of taxonomic characteristics show that akinete shape, size and wall characteristics are far more variable than size and shape of vegetative cells or heterocysts (Fig. 26). Thus separation of a species on akinete characteristics alone is of doubtful value. With this evidence, \textit{N. armorica} is considered an ecological variant of \textit{N. spumigena} and is placed in synonymy with it.

Validity of varietal names of \textit{N. spumigena}: Examination of a large number of herbarium specimens, observation of the
Figure 25. Possible explanation for akinete characteristics of *N. armorica*.

a. A simplified representation showing a chain of akinetes in side view, with filament not being horizontal with respect to slide surface.

b. If the filament were not horizontal, then a top view might show the ends of the akinetes visually overlapping to give the appearance of "discs" between the akinetes.

c.d. and e show "disc" areas between akinetes characteristic of *N. armorica*. 
Figure 26. Comparison of the variability of size of vegetative cells, heterocysts and akinetes of two isolates under a variety of culture conditions.

Count of 20 random cells of each type under variations of pH (8, 9, 10), temperature (20 C, 25 C) and salinity (1.6 °/oo, 10°/oo, 20°/oo) n = 360.

a. isolate 7 (i) vegetative cells (ii) heterocysts (iii) akinetes.

b. isolate 3 (i) vegetative cells (ii) heterocysts (iii) akinetes.
variability of several isolates under widely varying culture conditions and a large number of isolates in nature, indicates that there seems little justification for retention of varietal names of *N. spumigena*. The dimensions were artificially established (the choice is among 8-12 μm, 12-16 μm and 12-18 μm) and akinete shapes are very variable among a clonal population or on the same filament. Developmental stages of akinete formation encompass a variety of shapes during its maturation and categorizing the akinetes as subspherical, spherical-compressed and flattened-elliptical are valueless.

Validity of *N. sphaerocarpa*: The size and shape of akinetes, heterocysts and vegetative cells of herbarium specimens of *N. harveyana* and *N. sphaerocarpa* were compared. Habitat and collection sites were compared to see if habitat differences were significant. The results (Fig. 27) show there is a difference in size of cells of herbarium specimens, with *N. harveyana* generally being smaller. However, there is no separation into distinct groups, rather merely a gradation. There appears to be a difference in habitat with *N. sphaerocarpa* collected more frequently from the soil than *N. harveyana*. Of 68 collections of *N. harveyana* examined (identification according to collector) 32.3%, 54.4%, and 13.2% were from brackish-marine, "freshwater", and soil habitats respectively. Of 24 *N. sphaerocarpa* collections (species
Figure 27. Comparison of cell sizes of *N. harveyana* and *N. sphaerocarpa*.

- **N. sphaerocarpa** (identification on herbarium sheet)
- **N. harveyana** (identification on herbarium sheet)

a. vegetative cells  
b. heterocysts  
c. akinetes
identification according to original collector) the respective figures were 22.6%, 52.1% and 25.3%.

An interesting correlation from culture studies is that two of the three isolates identified as N. harveyana, when grown over a wide range of salinities (1-40 °/oo), show a positive correlation between salinity and akinete size (Fig. 28). The higher the salinity in which akinetes are formed, the larger their size. However the third isolate shows no such correlation. Thus, to make a distinction between N. harveyana and N. sphaerocarpa based on akinete size is hard to justify. These observations seem to support Elenkin's (1916) proposal of treating N. sphaerocarpa as that portion of N. harveyana with the largest dimensions.

Validity of N. harveyana and N. spumigena as distinct taxa: This was examined by observation of herbarium material, field collections and growth of material in the laboratory. Scattergrams from herbarium material of akinete, heterocyst and vegetative cell size show a separation into two distinct groups (Fig. 29). This contrasts with the view of Bursa (1968) that only a single species of Nodularia should be considered. An obvious support for the maintenance of the two species is the fact that the two are often collected at the same time in the same place and are readily separable into two size classes.
Figure 28. Akinete variability of three British Columbia isolates as related to salinity.

- **a.** isolate 7
  - 1.6% o
  - 10%△
  - 20%□

- **b.** isolate 5
  - 1.6% o
  - 10%△
  - 20%□

- **c.** isolate 3
  - 1.6% o
  - 10%△
  - 20%□
Figure 29. Comparison of cell sizes of *N. spumigena* and *N. harveyana*.

- **o** *N. spumigena* (identification on herbarium sheet)
- **△** *N. harveyana* (identification on herbarium sheet)

- a. vegetative cell size
- b. heterocyst size
- c. akinete size
One approach used to separate bluegreen algal taxa, that of growth patterns on agar plates (Kantz and Bold 1969, Baker and Bold 1970) proved completely unworkable. Isolates microscopically identical exhibited strikingly different growth characteristics, and recognizing different species or even genera in this manner proved impossible (Fig.30).

The herbarium material considered during this study is shown in Appendix, Table IX.

Thus the genus should contain only two species, *N. harveyana* (Thw.) Thuret and *N. spumigena* Mertens.

The genus is distinct and easily separable from other morphologically similar genera. Certain characteristics of the genus (cells being wider than long; regular spacing of the heterocysts; formation of akinete midway between the heterocysts) varied very little under the wide range of growth conditions. Other characteristics were quite variable (sheath presence; filament length; vegetative cell color; akinete shape, texture and color). An illustration of variability in the morphology of the genus is shown in Fig. 31 and 32.

From the investigation presented here an emendation of the generic and species description is as follows:

**Nodularia** (Mertens in Juergens) Bornet and Flahault emend.

Filaments with cells distinctly wider than long, heterocysts spaced at regular intervals along the trichome. Initiation and formation of akinetes midway between the heterocysts.
Fig. 30. Cultural variation of Nodularia.

Comparison of growth patterns of several isolates after two weeks growth on BG-11 1 % (W-V) agar at 20 C pH 8 and LLl. Identification numbers refer to isolate numbers. "IUCC 583" is a Calothrix sp. which has been mis-identified as Nodularia.
Figure 31. The morphological variation of *N. spumigena*.

a. from Fritsch 1951 x850, shows terminal and intercalary heterocysts, sheath and location of formation of akinetes.

b. from Bornet and Thuret 1880 x650, vegetative filament.

c. from Bornet and Thuret 1880 x650, filament with akinetes.

d. from Bornet and Thuret 1880 x650, their drawing of Merten's type material, shows a vegetative filament and a filament with a single isolated akinete.

e. from Bharadwaja 1935 x1370, vegetative filament and filament with akinetes.

f. from Playfair 1914 x800, vegetative filament and filament with immature akinetes.

g. from Prescott 1962 x900, vegetative filament and filament with akinetes.
Figure 32. The morphological variation of *N. harveyana*.

a. from Bornet and Thuret 1880  x650, vegetative filament.

b. from Harvey 1848  x250, filament with akinetes (drawing of type material).

c. from Smith 1950  x800, vegetative filament.

d. from Hortobagyi 1959  x1000, vegetative filament and filament with akinetes.

e. from Harding 1971  x1000, vegetative filament.

f. from Geitler 1932  x900, vegetative filament.

g. from Mabille 1954  x1000, vegetative filament and filament with akinetes.

h. from Carter 1933  x613, vegetative filament.

i. from Skuja 1926  x820, filaments with immature and mature akinetes.
Vegetative cells 7.5-16.0 μm wide, width/length ratio 2:1 - 10:1; sometimes with gas vacuole. Heterocysts subspherical to disc-shaped; wider than long 8-16 μm wide, 2-10 μm long. Akinetes subspherical to disc-shaped; 8-18 μm wide, 6-15 μm long, usually in a series (occasionally single or in two's). Filaments usually with a thin colorless transparent sheath. Habitat tychoplankton or euplankton; marine, brackish, inland saline, or 'hard' freshwater. Temperate and subtropical in distribution.

**N. spumigena** [Mertens in Juergens] Bornet and Flahault emend.

Vegetative cells 3.5-7.2 μm wide; wider than long (except just before division when width and length may be equal); width/length ratio 2.5:1 - 1:1. Heterocysts subspherical (wider than long) to spherical; 4.0-7.5 μm wide. Akinete subspherical (wider than long) to spherical 4-9 μm wide, 4-8 μm long. Thin sheath may or may not be present. Habitat tychoplankton or benthic; marine, brackish or inland saline situations; occasionally in freshwater; also found on soil or in tree sap. Temperate and subtropical in distribution.

**N. harveyana** (Thw.) Thuret emend.

The synonomy of other taxa attributed to *Nodularia* are shown in Appendix, Table X.
DISCUSSION

Ecology and Physiology:

Few collectors have made quantitative measurements of the environment in which Nodularia spp. were collected and virtually no laboratory work has been done on them. Its occurrence in nature will be considered with reference to ecological observation, literature reports and growth studies in the laboratory.

Temperature: Nodularia was collected during this study at temperatures of 15-30 C. Reports in the literature give a wide range of values from 12.9-33 C (Francis 1878; West 1909; Brannon 1911; Sjostedt 1922; Dellow 1955; Woodson et al. 1966; Proshkina-Lavrenko 1968; Toetz 1973). Temperature does not appear to limit growth in some cases since Sjostedt (1922) reports N. spumigena from the Baltic in bloom quantities at 12.9 C. However more typically large numbers occur at high temperatures (20-30 C). N. harveyana has been reported from "hot" springs (Danjoy in Bornet and Flahault 1888) or warm springs (Welch 1964) but no temperatures were given. The only instance in which the temperature of a "hot" spring was measured for any Nodularia collection is 26 C (Groesbeck F 1049304, Mono Co., California), and this is well below the maximum temperature of 30-35 C from laboratory studies (p.45).
The temperature for maximum growth for *Nodularia* spp. appears to be similar to some other Nostocaceae, i.e., *Anabaena variabilis* and *Nostoc muscorum* (Kratz and Meyers 1955a). The restriction of *Nodularia* to waters of less than 30 C may partially explain its absence from tropical areas.

**Light:** Light intensity values for growth of *Nodularia* both under field and laboratory conditions are difficult to assess. In the inland saline ponds, the shallow water and the white salt around the shoreline contribute to the high light intensity, but the light intensity is reduced by shading of other algae (*Cladophora* or *Ctenocladus*) and by turbidity of the water in some lakes. The only report of light intensity measured in the field with regard to *Nodularia* is that of Dellow and Cassie (1955) who describe algal zonation in a sea cave in New Zealand. They note that *N. harveyana* was restricted to an area with light intensity of 300-750 ft-c. This is the same range of light intensity (200-600 ft-c) which gave maximum growth rates in laboratory experiments (p.50). As in the field studies, difficulties are encountered in assessing the effect of light on bluegreen algal cultures. Because of shading the light intensity at a given distance from the light source is that received only by cells at the surface of the culture vessel. Cells in the center of the vessel receive less light. Some culture work involving bluegreen algae
(i.e. McLachlan and Gorham 1962) used very high light intensities (7500-9000 ft-c) to compensate for high cell densities used. In the growth experiments described previously (p. 36) dilute inoculum was used, so that the light intensity differed only slightly from one side of the vessel to the other. The results show that *Nodularia* spp. grow under a relatively wide range of light intensities (25-600 ft-c) but maximum rates of growth were inhibited by light intensities as high as direct sunlight. Cultures grown with daylight as the energy source grew slower than any of the incubator grown cultures except at the very lowest light level (LL4).

**pH:** Published reports indicate that *Nodularia* has been collected where pH values range from 7.0-9.35 (Dellow 1955; Hortobagyi 1959; Bayly and Williams 1966; Serpette and Labbé 1966; Woodson *et al.* 1966; Ortega 1972; Plinski 1973). The genus is much more commonly reported from habitats of pH greater than 8, with the collections below pH 8 containing only small numbers of *Nodularia*. When large amounts are present, the pH is invariably above 8. During this study *Nodularia* was not collected at a pH of less than 8.2, although habitats from pH 5.2 to 10.0 were surveyed. This response to pH is also reflected in the laboratory studies. All isolates of *Nodularia* showed maximum growth rates at a pH greater than 9, with some isolates as high as 10.4. No growth
occurred at pH 6 and very little at pH 7. The only reports of bluegreen algae showing maximum growth at a high pH (10) is by Gerloff et al. (1952) and McLachlan and Gorham (1962) with *Microcystis aeruginosa*.

Salinity: This aspect of the ecology of *Nodularia* is the most thoroughly documented quantitatively; however, many reports describe collections in much more general terms, i.e., "especially hard water" (Prescott 1962). In the present study *Nodularia* isolates were collected at salinities from 3-65 °/oo (Appendix, Tables II-VI). Literature reports show a wide range of salinities for collection of *Nodularia*, from 0.12-35.7 °/oo (Levander 1900; Moore 1917; Sjostedt 1922; Hutchinson et al. 1932; Trahms 1937; Rawson and Moore 1944; Dellow 1955; Rathsack-Kutzenbach 1961; Kalbe and Tiess 1964; Bayly and Williams 1966; Proshkina-Lavrenko 1968; Ortega 1972; Verch and Blinn 1972; Plinski 1973). *Nodularia* has been reported from waters with Na⁺ and Mg⁺⁺ as dominant cations and Cl⁻, HCO₃⁻, CO₃⁻ and SO₄⁻ as dominant anions. There are no reports of *Nodularia* collections where the dominant ions are Ca⁺⁺ or K⁺. This may only reflect the fact that saline lakes of dominant Ca⁺⁺ or K⁺ are uncommon on a world basis. Laboratory observations with different types of dominant ions (p.55) show that growth rate and salinity tolerance are not affected by the dominant anion or cation present.
The maximum level of salinity at which measurable growth occurs appears to be about 60 °/oo. Field observations showed that *Nodularia* was not present if the salinity rose above approximately 60 °/oo. In culture 60°/oo was the upper limit of growth for most isolates, although some were less tolerant. Hof and Frémy (1933) report that two isolates of *Nodularia* showed maximum tolerance of 47 °/oo and 58°/oo. On a gradient of salinity *Nodularia* grows best at 5-20 °/oo, reflecting the most common salinities in which it occurs in nature. Thus, technically the isolates were not "freshwater" organisms. Batterton and van Baalen (1971) noted different patterns of growth of freshwater and marine bluegreen isolates when grown on salinity gradients. The freshwater isolate grew best in the basal medium (1 °/oo) with growth declining with any additional salts. The marine isolates grew better at 10-20°/oo salinity (NaCl) than in the basal medium.

Nitrogen: There is little correlation of nitrogen source or levels with the presence or absence of *Nodularia* in nature. Sjostedt (1922) stated that the growth of *Nodularia* was enhanced by sewage outflows but presented no data to support this view. The laboratory results (p.55) show that all isolates grew as well with various levels of $\text{NO}_3^-$ (0.25-1.0 g/l) as in medium lacking any combined nitrogen source. The inability of *Nodularia* to grow with $\text{NH}_4^+$ or urea as nitrogen
source is interesting, however the levels (0.5-1.0 g/l) may have been too high for growth, since the levels in nature are much lower (1.0-6.1 mg/l). Kratz and Meyers (1955a) report that *Anabaena variabilis* and *Nostoc muscorum* grew well on similar concentrations (0.5 g/l of NH$_4$ and urea) to those used with *Nodularia* in this study.

Stewart (1965) reported that *Nodularia* presumably fixed nitrogen but because the cultures were impure, definite proof was lacking. The present study shows that the two isolates tested fix nitrogen in pure culture and circumstantial evidence (growth in medium without combined nitrogen) was seen for the ability of the other isolates to fix nitrogen. The only data on the effect of environmental parameters on nitrogen fixation is that reported by Jones and Stewart (1969) for a marine *Calothrix* isolate. They reported highest rates of nitrogen fixation at 800 ft-c, at 30 °C, with a salinity of 5 °/oo (but fixation took place at 1-50 °/oo) and pH 8.5. Except for the pH figure these data are nearly identical with the results obtained with *Nodularia* (pH 10).

Considering the environmental parameters taken into account and laboratory observations made, some generalizations can be made regarding the biology of *Nodularia*. Salinity (and the related parameter of pH) is probably the most important aspect of the ecology of the genus. The algae, both
species, are typically found in brackish or saline waters (5-30 °/oo) and although they may occur in salinities lower or higher than these values they are usually present in much reduced amounts. Nodularia spp. also seem to tolerate sudden or gradual changes in salinity. This is evident from field observations (in the ponds in the British Columbia interior salinity rose from 15 to 65 °/oo in a few weeks) and laboratory studies (inoculum grown at 1 °/oo grew with only a short lag period when introduced into medium with dissolved salts of 40 °/oo). Some literature reports indicate Nodularia spp. live in conditions where marked salinity changes occur, such as seacoast pools where rainfall and surf alternately affect the salt content of water (Collins 1908 from Maine; Fjerdingstad 1969 from Denmark). Locations where Nodularia has been recorded in bloom quantities, which may be assumed to be favorable conditions (or near favorable), are in waters which are either brackish or saline. Bloom situations reported in the literature where salinity was recorded are Moore (1917) in Devils Lake, North Dakota at 9.5 °/oo; Sjosstedt (1922) in the Baltic Sea at 14.5 °/oo; Hutchinson et al. (1932) in South Africa at 21 °/oo; Kalbe and Tiess (1964) from the Baltic Sea at 2.3-2.5 °/oo; and Bayly and Williams (1966) from Lake Corangamite, Australia at 29.1 °/oo. Early records of blooms do not state salinity values, but from the locations
it can be inferred that the waters were brackish: Francis (1878) the tidal Lake Alexandrina, South Australia; Bornet and Thuret at Deauville, France (cited in Sjostedt 1922); Bornet and Flahault (1888) cite bloom reports by Schmitz, Suhr and Hofman-Bang along the Baltic coast. Two blooms (Kalbe and Tiess 1964 on the German Baltic coast; Francis 1878) were toxic and resulted in death of livestock and poultry.

Light and temperature possibly play a lesser role than salinity and pH in controlling growth but a more important role in distribution. The absence of *Nodularia* spp. from tropical areas could be better explained in terms of light and temperature since *Nodularia* spp. are absent from inland saline lakes and brackish areas in the tropics. In tropical inland saline situations *Arthospira* or *Spirulina* are the dominant bluegreen algae (Armitage 1971; Jenkin 1932; Rich 1932). These two factors would be obvious differences between brackish or saline areas in temperate and tropical areas. Light is a difficult factor to measure in nature since turbidity of the water, shading by other plants, daylength and latitude all affect the amount of light received. The presence of *Nodularia* spp. at higher altitudes in the tropics indicates that temperature is possibly a more important factor than light.
Taxonomy:

There exists a problem with bluegreen algae in that the term "species" is not applicable in the same sense as in higher organisms since they are prokaryotes. The term has little significance in bluegreen algae other than it surrounds an arbitrary group of organisms with certain characteristics and possessing an undefined amount of variability. Knowledge of the variability is essential to the taxonomy. The variability within a certain "population" is more easily described than the variability among "populations" for bluegreen algae. A population is defined in the sense of a collection of individuals of one species living within a defined area or volume (Hutchinson 1967). The extent of variability in bluegreen algae has been of concern for many years (for example - Crow 1924; Canabaeus 1929; Drouet 1962, 1963; Fjerdingstad 1966, 1969) and without insight into this variability, a workable taxonomic scheme is impossible. It is also apparent observations of natural material is not sufficient and that cultural work is necessary for bluegreen algae (Komarek 1971).

The literature is an often neglected and misused aspect of study. A great deal of data (on variability, ecology, distribution) can be obtained from the accumulated observations of many workers. The literature is misused in the sense that the taxonomic confusion is increased by new species
or variety descriptions with little justification. Also, *Nodularia* species have been described without type material being retained, or described with incomplete material (without akinetes), or with inadequate material (e.g. *N. spumigena var. aerophila*, p.80 was described from a single filament lacking akinetes). Another similar problem is improper identification of isolates used in physiological and biochemical investigations. The problem with *Anacystis nidulans* has already been mentioned (p.1). For example, the strain 11.1.1 of "*Nodularia sphaerocarpa*" isolated by M.B. Allen and identified by Drouet is evidently not a *Nodularia*. Material from this original culture (F Nordin 1181) as well as cultures from Indiana University Culture Collection (#583) and the culture collection at the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology Berkeley California (strain 7103) derived from the original culture, were examined. The material shows terminal heterocysts and basal differentiation characteristics of the Rivulariaceae and is a *Calothrix* sp. This same conclusion was also reached by Kenyon *et al.* (1972) studying strain 7103. The same isolate (*N. sphaerocarpa*) has been used in investigations by Edelman *et al.* (1967), Gorham (1960) and Gorham (1964). The *Nodularia sphaerocarpa*, (Culture B-1466) in the Gottingen collection is also a subculture of Allen's isolate (Koch 1964). Granhall and Hendrickson (1969)
isolated an alga which they identified as *N. spumigena*. A subculture of this isolate was examined and has the characteristics of a *N. harveyana* with filaments 5 μm wide. The isolate using this incorrect specific name was also cited by Granhall and Berg (1972).

The genus *Nodularia* appears to be a fairly stable taxon morphologically. Studies with other bluegreen algae indicate that generic characteristics may vary and material may have the characteristics of two different genera under different culture conditions (Stein 1963; Pearson and Kingsbury 1966). Certain characteristics of *Nodularia* vary little under the wide range of growth conditions used (light, temperature, pH, salinity). The cells are always wider than long (except in *N. harveyana* prior to cell division). The heterocysts are regularly spaced along the filament and fairly close together (every 20–30 cells), a characteristic emphasized by both Thuret (1875) and Fritsch (1951). The akinetes are formed midway between the heterocysts and mature from the center of the trichome towards the heterocyst. Again this characteristic is described in detail by Fritsch (1951).

However other morphological characteristics are variable. The sheath is usually present in field material (more so *N. spumigena* than *N. harveyana*); but it is not always present and in culture the presence of the sheath is even more variable,
being absent much more of the time. Foerster (1964) cites Ca\(^{++}\) and Mg\(^{++}\) hardness as a factor in sheath formation in *Oscillatoria limosa* (Roth) C.A. Ag. Filament length varies a great deal. In nature filaments may vary from a few dozen cells to several hundred. The latter condition is more prevalent in culture. Vegetative cell color varies a great deal both in nature and in culture. The color is typically a bright blue-green but may be brown, light green or blue.

The akinete as previously mentioned is very variable. Because akinetes are formed from vegetative cells, there are a variety of stages in formation; size, shape, color and texture all depend upon the maturity of the akinete. The size was the only aspect which could be correlated with any physical or chemical parameter.

The multiplicity of species of *Nodularia* in the literature appears to be more a result of poor judgement in the naming of species and misunderstanding the extent of variability, than any extreme plasticity of the organism. The aptness of generic distinctions of many Cyanophyta (especially the Oscillatoriaceae sensu Geitler) has been questioned (Drouet 1968; Bourrelly 1970). Whitton (1962) in evaluating the taxonomic criteria for several bluegreen algae commented that *Cylindrospermum* species represented a distinct grouping of forms; whereas, *Anabaena* was a very amorphous group and that genera in the
Oscillatoriaceae were very arbitrary. *Nodularia*, thus appears to be similar to *Cylindrospermum* in its distinctiveness. Thus it must be emphasized that the stability and distinctness of the taxa depend to a great extent on selecting the proper taxonomic criteria.
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Table VII. World distribution of *Nodularia*

* N. harveyana
** N. spumigena
*** both
- identification only to genus

**CANADA**

**British Columbia**
**Blinn (1969)** Kamloops
**Sismey (1922) no location**
**Sismey (1922) Penticton**
- *Stockner et al.* (1972) Skaha L. Okanagan L. Vaseux L.

**Manitoba**
**Bajkov (1935) several locations**

**Saskatchewan**
**Kuehune (1941) 7 locations in south central Sask.**
**Rawson & Moore (1944) 8 locations in south central Sask.**

**U.S.A.**

**Alaska**
*Gardner 3963 Sitka UC 661526 F 1047757*

**Arizona**
*Cameron (1963) Yuma Co. & Gila Co.*
**Cameron (1963) Cochise Co.**
**Taylor & Colton (1928) Coconino Co.**

**Arkansas**
*Demarree & Thomason 24582 Drew Co. F 1133627*

**California**
**Drouet (1943) Modoc Co.**
*Drouet & McBride 4569 Mono Co. & San Bernadino Co. UC 664554 FH Nordin 1076 NBV 3925-43 NY Nordin 1268 F 1101885 (Drouet 1943)
*Gardner 989 (PBA 1063) Marin Co. UC 341420 FH Nordin 1088 NBV 3925-48 F 980816 NY Nordin 1282 PC Nordin 1314
*Gardner 1498 Oakland UC 202866 F Nordin 1182
*Gardner 1604 Berkeley UC 202865 UC 274104
**Gardner 3295 Oakland UC 114844
**Gardner 4151 Oakland UC 661636 FH Nordin 1078 NBV 3925-42 F 1032981 NY Nordin 1266
*Gardner 6552 Berkeley UC 440248
*Gardner 6568 Berkeley UC 661705 FH Nordin 1075 NBV 3925-46 F 1033552 NY Nordin 1264
**Gardner 7231 San Mateo Co. FH Nordin 1081
*Gardner 7670 Berkeley UC 641592 FH Nordin 1080 NBV 3925-40 F 1036391 NY Nordin 1270
**Gardner 7946 Contra Costa Co. UC 661724 NBV 3925-56 FH Nordin 1056 F 1043544 NY Nordin 1293
*Gardner 7963 San Francisco UC 661654 FH Nordin 1077 NBV 3925-41 F 1034223 NY Nordin 1267
*Groesbeck 90 Mono Co. & San Bernadino Co. F 1049304
*Hof & Frémy (1933) Marina
*Hollenberg 1553 Orange Co. UC 634466
**Osterhout 559 Alameda Co. UC 393931 UC 202712 NBV 3925-54 FH Nordin 1066 PC Nordin 1328
**Osterhout & Gardner (PBA 1061) Oakland FH Nordin 1087 NBV 3925-30 F 980816 NY Nordin 1263 PC Nordin 1302
**Setchell 1628 San Benito Co. UC 752513 F 1221362
*Setchell 1679 San Francisco UC 100563
**Setchell & Jepson Stanislaus-Mariposa Co. UC 202713 NBV 3925-53

Colorado
*Louderback 17 Denver F 1235673

Connecticut
**Holden 1458-1461 Bridgeport FH Nordin 1062 NY Nordin 1290 (Collins 1900, 1905)

Florida
*Brannon 141A Gainesville F 1124079 PC Nordin 1329 (Brannon 1952)
*Drouet, Madsen & Crowson 11511 Wakulla Co. F 1324385
*Drouet, Madsen & Crowson 11513 Wakulla Co. UC 912044 F 1324476
*Drouet & Nielsen 11232 Taylor Co. UC 912045 F 1308871
*Drouet & Nielsen 11681 Franklin Co. UC 912043 F 1317616
*Standley 73311 Lee Co. F 1030027

Illinois
*Drouet, Glassman & Chapp 12696 Cook Co. F Nordin 1202
*Drouet, Glassman & Chapp 12711 Cook Co. F Nordin 1203
***Tiffany & Britton (1952) no location
***Transeau 63 Coles Co. NY Nordin 1283
*Velasquez, Richards & Drouet 2507 Cook Co. F 980549
Indiana

**Palmer (1928) Knox Co.**
*Palmer et al. 2518 Indianapolis F 980816

**Transeau (1913) Decker**

Iowa

**Prescott (1931) Dickenson Co.**

Kentucky

*McInteer (1939) no location

Louisiana

*Drouet 8766 Calcasieu Parish UC 910404 NBV 3925-45
F 1332708 PC Nordin 1311

Maine

*Collins1 (PBA 1062) Casco Bay F 545439 NY Nordin 1280
PC Nordin 1307

*Collins 22 Cape Rosier UC 687705 FH Nordin 1072
NBV 3925-39 F 1209180 NY Nordin 1278 PC Nordin 1310

*Collins 2387 Cape Rosier FH Nordin 1070 FH Nordin 1073
NY Nordin 1275

**Collins 2439 Cape Rosier FH Nordin 1060 NY Nordin 1287

**Collins 3459 Cape Rosier NY Nordin 1289

*Collins 5094 Casco Bay UC 752510 F 1219372 NBV 3925-27

**Collins 5094 Casco Bay UC 752514 F 1219336

**Collins 5526 (PBA 1307) Harpswell UC 693286 F 545467
FH Nordin 1061 NY Nordin 1296a NY Nordin 1288
NBV 3925-55 PC Nordin 1333

**Collins West Brooksister NY Nordin 1276

*Collins 5845 Casco Bay FH Nordin 1069 NY Nordin 1272
(Collins 1908)

***Collins (1908) Casco Bay

*Muxter? Kittery Pt. FH Nordin 1071

Maryland

*Wolle & Drouet 2302 Somerset Co. FH Nordin 1074
NY Nordin 1271 F 939834 UBC 49983 (Drouet 1939)

1 apparently when Collins made a collection with the two
species together he made two sheets of the material, calling
one for instance *Nodularia harveyana* and the other *Nodularia
spumigena*. Both sheets show both species contained in them.
He usually gave both sheets the same collection number.
Massachusetts
*Chapman (1940) Essex Co.
*Collins Woods Hole UC 752511
*Farlow (1881) Cambridge
**Farlow Woods Hole UC 100562 FH 4555
*Setchell Cambridge UC 100565
**Taylor 3084 Nantucket Island UBC 49982 (Drouet 1935)
*Webber (1967) Essex Co.

Michigan
**Ackley (1931) Branch Co.
*Johnson Ann Arbor UC 752512 PC Nordin 1300 F 1157488
**Phinney 23M40 Emmet Co. F 1138192

Mississippi
**Drouet 9844 Hancock Co. F 1310578
*Scott Bay St. Louis F 1085870

Missouri
*Casebolt 167 Clay Co. F Nordin 1198 (Gier & Johnson 1954)

Nebraska
*Anderson & Walker (1920) Cherry Co.
*Clements (1896 & 1901) Lancaster Co. & South Bend
**Kiener 10401a Filmore Co. F 1099262
*Kiener 10466 Red Willow Co. F 1099440
*Kiener 13617 Lancaster Co. F 1127250
**Kiener 13777 Cherry Co. UC 679691 F 1127792
**Kiener 13885 Dodge Co. F 1131624
**Kiener 14139 Lancaster Co. F 1132181
**Kiener 14140 Lancaster Co. F 1132185
*Kiener 15687 Keith Co. F 1139911
**Kiener 16499 Kearney Co. UC 689174 F 1144655
*Kiener 20613a Sheridan Co. F 1219490
**Kiener 21834-21835 Dundy Co. F 1220286 F 1220345
*Kiener 22773a Scott's Bluff Co. F 1249366
*Kiener 22778 Scott's Bluff Co. F 1249569
**Kiener 23130 Garden Co. F Nordin 1184
**Kiener 23602-23604 Lincoln Co. F Nordin 1185-1187

Nevada
**Christiansen 1731 Washoe Co. F Nordin 1169
**LaRivers 616 Washoe Co. F Nordin 1168
New Hampshire
*Collins Hampton NY Nordin 1277
**Collins Hampton NY Nordin 1279 (Collins 1884)
**Collins Hampton NY Nordin 1286 NY Nordin 1292
NY Nordin 1296 F Nordin 1178 FH Nordin 1059 (Collins 1884)

New Jersey
**Peters Atlantic City F 1081208

New York
*Martindale (1889) Staten Island
*Pike (1886) Long Island
**Smith (1924) Bergen

North Carolina
*Cocke (1949) Duplin Co.
**Cocke (1949) Macon Co.
*Cocke (1967) Piedmont & Coastal Plain
**Cocke (1967) Coastal Plain
*Whitford (1943) New Hanover Co.
**Whitford (1943) Craven Co.
*Whitford and Schumacher (1969) Piedmont and Coastal Plain
*Whitford and Schumacher (1969) Coastal Plain

North Dakota
**Brannon (1911) Devils Lake
**Moore (1917) Devils Lake
**Verch & Blinn (1972) Devils Lake
**Young (1924) Devils Lake

Ohio
*Lillick & Lee (1934) Columbus
**Lillick & Lee (1934) Cincinnati
**Riddle (1905) Champaigne Co.

Oklahoma
**Toetz (1973) Payne Co.

Pennsylvania
**Habeeb 3738 Pike Co. F Nordin 1176

Tennessee
**Bold Goodeletsville F Nordin 1174
*Bold Bl43 Nashville F 1211634

Utah
*Harding (1971) Utah Co.
Virginia
*Louver & Strickland  1130 York Co. UC 680411 F 1109792
*Ott (1973) Yorktown
**Woodson et al. (1966) Dinwiddle Co.

Washington
***Fairchild & Wilson (1967) Grant Co.
  *Gardner  335 (PBA 1013) LaConner Skagit Co. UC 100569
    NBV 3925-38  F 546279 NY Nordin 1269 PC Nordin 1306
    (Setchell & Gardner 1903)
  **Gardner  411 (PBA 1012) Whidby Island UC 100566 NBV
    3925-72 NY Nordin 1297 F 980816 F 1047781 PC Nordin
    1334 (Setchell & Gardner 1903)
  **Gardner  436 Port Townsend UC 100567 (Setchell &
    Gardner 1903)
*Schumacher & Muenscher (1952) Whatcom Co.

Wisconsin
  *Prescott (1962) no location
  **Prescott (1962) no location

EUROPE

Austria
  **Brabez (1941) Franzenbader
  *Brabez (1941) Franzenbader
  *Forti (1907) cites collection by Beck
  **Forti (1907) cites collections made by Loitlesberger,
    Hansgirg

Belgium
  *Beeftink  450 & 451 Fort St. Phillipe NBV 3925-32
    NBV 3925-33
  *Forti (1907) cites two collections by De Wildemann
    one by Bory

Czechoslovakia
  *Forti (1907) cites a collection by Hansgirg at Carinthiae
  *Hansgirg  Hermanmestec F Nordin 1233
  *Hansgirg  Libochovice F Nordin 1234
  **Kol (1926) Lomniczi
  **Rosa (1951) Bohmen
  *Tarnavschi (1931) Bucovina
Denmark

**Cleve** (1897) Helleback

***Fjerlingstad** (1869) Knudshoved, Sjaelland Island

**Ostenfeld** Falster Island NY Nordin 1285

**Ostenfeld** Store Beelt NY Nordin 1284

*Schmidt* (1899) cites collections by Warming at Skallingen, Th. Mortensen at Nymindegård

**Schmidt** (1899) cites collections by Lyngbye & Hofman-Bang at Hofmansgave; Ostenfeld at Taarback, Anhatt, Fyr, Storebælt; Rosenvinge at Svendborg, Vejlefjord, Faeno-Sund, Limfjorden; Rosenvinge, Ifølge & Ostenfeld at Oresund, Kjer teminde, Fredrideshaven, Groves Flak, Aalborg Bugt, Nordre Rønner, Hirsholmene; Rosenvinge & Th. Mortensen at Nykøbing; Schmidt at Bornholm Island

*Sparring* (1942) Skallingens

*Wille* (1897) Kirkebø, Faeroe Islands (Borgesen 1901)

England

**Berkeley** no date Bristol NBV 3925-27

*Bristol* (1919 & 1920) Broadbalk

*Carter* (1933) Essex

*Grove et al.* (1920) Birmingham

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*Harvey* (1848) cites collection by Thwaites at Shirehampton near Bristol

**Harvey** (1848) cites collections by Salway at Barmouth, Ralfs at Dolgelley, Thwaites at Shirehampton

**Joshua Cirencester** F Nordin 1249

*Petersen* (1935) no location

***Stewart & Pugh** (1963) Lincolnshire

**Thwaites?** Shirehampton PC Nordin 1330

*West* (1899) Cambridgeshire

Finland

**Cedercreutz** (1934) Alands-Sea

**Forti** (1907) cites 2 collections by Elfving

**Levander** (1900) Alands-Sea

**Nylander** Helsinki PC Nordin 1317-1319 (Nylander 1861)

France

*Bornet & Flahault* (W&N 895) Cosne UC 759399 PC Nordin 1309 FH Nordin 1082 NBV 3925-34 NBV 3925-35

F Nordin 1235 NY Nordin 1281

**Frémy** (1934) Belle-Ile & Brest

**Frémy & Meslin** (1924) La Meaffé
**Gomont** Tables de la Loire PC Nordin 1323

*Gomont? Paris PC Nordin 1303

*Gomont Cosne PC Nordin 1304

**Gomont** Auvergne PC Nordin 1324

**Gomont** (W.N.&L. 1343) Auvergne UC 761550 NBV 3925-49

F 975767 NY Nordin 1294

*Koster 6121 Finistere NBV 3925-31

**Lebel 415 Mont d'Huberville NBV 3925-16 PC Nordin 1337a

**Lebel 580 Negreville PC Nordin 1337b

*Lebel 998 LeHavre PC Nordin 1316

*Mabille Berthenicourt F Nordin 1232 PC Nordin 1299

*Mabille (1954) Berthenicourt

*Roussel Talatus PC Nordin 1315

*Thuret Cherbourg FH Nordin 1083 NBV 3925-36 PC Nordin 1308

*Thuret Cherbourg PC Nordin 1298 PC Nordin 1305

**Thuret Cherbourg FH Nordin 1063 PC Nordin 1327b (Bornet and Thuret 1880)

**Thuret (in Bornet & Thuret 1880) Croisic

*Thuret? Cosne PC Nordin 1313

**Thuret Deauville FH Nordin 1065 NBV 3925-22 NBV 3925-24 PC Nordin 1327 PC Nordin 1331

**Villeret (1953) Bretagne

Germany

*Anagnostidis & Schwabe (1966) Fehmarn Island

**Arndt et al. (1966) Wismar-Bucht

**Bandel (1940) Rostoc

**Bornet & Flahault (1888) cite collections by Braun (var. gen. "in stagnis aquae dulis") (var. lit. "in herb. Thuret")

*Bornet & Flahault (1888) cite a collection by "Hantzsch in herb. Grunow"

**Braun Freiburg NBV 3925-15 PC Nordin 1338

**Braun 1847 Freiburg NBV 3925-25 PC Nordin 1336

**Bursa (1968) Gulf of Gdansk

**Forti (1907) cites collections by Lemmerman, Reinbold, Richter not seen

*Forti (1907) cites collections by Brand, Volk, M. Schmidt not seen

**Frohlich? Schleswig NBV 3925-57 NBV 3925-63 NBV 3925-70 PC Nordin 1326 PC Nordin 1335

**Kalbe & Tiess (1964) Rostoc

**Kleiboden? Wangerooge NBV 3925-13

**Klock (1930) Unterwarnow

**Koch Borkum NBV 3925-17 NBV 3925-26a

**Koch no location NBV 3925-29b
**Kolwitz (1910) Ostsee
*Lindstedt (1943) & Forti (1907) cite collections by Reinke, Reinbold
**Mertens Norderney UC 436361 NBV 3925-15 NBV 3925-59
NBV 3925-64 NBV 3925-66 NBV 3925-67 NBV 3925-68
F 951302
**Pankow (1964) Rostoc
*Pankow (1971) Ostsee, Kieler Forde
*Petersen (1935) no location
**Rathsack-Kutzenbach (1961) Rugen Island
**Rathsack-Kutzenbach (1961a) Mittleren Ostsee
**Richter (1894) Ploner Sea
**Rose Berra (Rabh. Algen 237) NBV 3925-14 F 999057
NY Nordin 1259
**Schmitz (H&R 142) Greifswalder Bodden UC 760936
UC 953542 NBV 3925-58 NBV 3925-65 PC Nordin 1325
PC Nordin 1332
**Trahms (1937) Rugen
**Waldemann (1959) middle Ostsee also cites collections
by Merkle, Driver, Hessle and Vallin, Ostenfeld,
Brandes, Rothe, Bandel

Hungary
**Fritsch (1964) cites collection by Palik
*Hortobagy i (1959) Lake Szeli'd
**Palik (1961)
*Tamás (1958) Balaton Sea

Iceland
**Petersen (1932) Einarsnes
*Petersen (1932) Hvalnes & Knararnes & Einarsnes

Ireland
*Bornet & Flahault (1888) cites collection by Harvey

Italy
*Bornet & Flahault (1888) cite collection by Menghini
**Forti (1907) cites collection by Forti

Netherlands
*Beeftink 0-199 & 0-201 Zeeuwsch-Vlaanderen NBV 3925-10
NBV 3925-11
*Bierbräuer Ostvoorde NBV 3925-12
*Bilio 23A Goeree NBV 3925-7
*Bilio 61025-2 Goeree NBV 3925-9
*Bilio 22B Goeree NBV 3925-2
*Bilio 6 Noord-Beveland NBV 3925-4
*Bilio 9 Noord-Beveland NBV 3925-3
*Bilio W Noord-Beveland NBV 3925-5
*Bilio M Noord-Beveland NBV 3925-6
*Bilio M107 Ostvoorne NBV 3925-8
*Forti (1907) cites lists of collections
**Forti (1907) cites collections by Van den Bosch, Surinigar at Leeuwarden
*Simons & Vroman (1973) De Putten
**Van den Bosch Goes PC Nordin 1320

Norway
**Foslie (WN&L1344) Bugonaes UC 761551 UC 100562 NBV 3925-21 F 975766 NY Nordin 1295

Poland
**Collector unknown Danzig Bay NBV 3925-23
*Plinski (1973) Leczyca
*Starmach (1966) no location
**Starmach (1966) no location

Rumania
*Hof & Frémy (1933) Szovata Siebenburgen

Scotland
*Bornet & Flahault (1888) cite collection by Batters
**Bornet & Flahault (1888) cite collection by Batters at the mouth of the Clyde
*Stewart (1960) Hebrides

Spain
**Gonzalez-Guerro (1928) Madrid

Sweden
**Borge (1907) Väddö, Edeby
*Cedergren (1926) Kolviken
**Cleve (1897) Moseskär Väderöarna
*Granhall & Henriksson (1969)
**Lindstedt (1943) Torekov; Bohuslän: Fiskebäckskil Stockevik
*Lindstedt (1943) several locations
**Nordstedt (W&N 198) Lomma FH Nordin 1090 NBV 3925-50 NBV 3925-61 NY Nordin 1298b F Nordin 1250
*Nordstedt (1897) cites collection by C. Ag. in herb Thuret
**Nordstedt (1897) cites collection by C. Ag. at Bastad and Areschoug exsice II #193 from same area
**Sjostedt (1922) Oresund
**Skuja (1924) from Lappland Coast
*Skuja (1926) Staburags
**Skuja (1926) cites collection by Winkler from west
   Baltic Coast

Switzerland
*Cramer (Rabh. Alg. Sach. 994) Zurich FH Nordin 1084
   NBV 3925-1 F 1002450 NY Nordin 1262

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Algeria
*Debray (1893)

Antarctica
*Apfel 51 & 52 Burger Lakes F 1299674 F 1299701
*Fritsch Winter Harbour BM 1815 (Fritsch 1912)
*Fukushima (1959) Ongul Island

Antilles (Dutch)
**Van den Hoek et al. (1972) Curacao
**Wagenear-Humelinck 641 Aruba NBV 3925-52 (Koster 1960)

Argentina
**Borge (1901) Patagonia
**Borge (1907a) Puna de Atacama
*DeHalperin (1970) Gulfo Nuevo

Australia
**Bayly & Williams (1966) Lake Corangamite
**Francis? Lake Alexandrina FH Nordin 1064 (Francis 1878)
**Playfair (1914) Lismore
**Schmitle (1896)
**Williams (1970)

Barbados
*West (1904) Chancery Lane Estate

China
*Skvartzow (1927) North Manchuria
**Skvartzow (1927) Harbin, North Manchuria

Columbia
*West (1914) Cundinamarca
Egypt
**Fritsch (1964) cites collection by Nayal
**West 393 Birket Quarun BM 302 (West 1909)

Falkland Islands
**Guarrera & Kühnemann (1949) cite collection by Vallentin at Malvinas

Formosa
**Okada (1932) Kotosho

Guatemala
**Standey 65787 Rio Pucal Dept. F 1023960
*Tilden (1908) Lake Amatitlan

India
**Bharadwaja (1935) Benares
-Chacko (1972) Madras
-Franklin (1972) Madras
**Iyengar & Desikachery (1944) Hare Island, South India
**Kamat (1968) Alibag, Maharashtra
**Kumar (1970) Sardhana
*Raju (1972) Kamat
**Raju (1972) Kanpur
**Randawa (1936) N. India
**Subrahmanyan (1972) Bastar, Jagdalpur
**Vasishta (1961 & 1960) Hoshigarpur

Israel
-Jabotinsky (1961) Lake Zohar

Japan
*Umezaki (1961) several locations
**Yoneda (1937) Shinano

Java
*Mobius (1893) Solo
**Van Oye (1922) Batavia
*Van Oye (1923) Tasikmalaja
*Jutono (1973) Jogjakarta

Mexico
*Drouet & Richards 3416 Empalme, Sonora F 1031425
-Ortega (1972) Lake Texcoco
*Patrick Lake Texcoco F Nordin 1241
New Zealand
  *Chapman (1955) Stanmore Bay
  *Chapman 1b Stanley Bay F 1246844
  *Dellow (1955) Hauraki Gulf
  *Dellow & Cassie (1955) Whangaparaoa Bay

Peru
  **Ibanez Trujillo F Nordin 1238
  ***Maldonado Lago Villa F 1102709 F 1102707

Puerto Rico
  **Wille 1817a Laguna Guanica UC 463735 NY Nordin 1256
  (Gardner 1927)

Sierra Leone
  ***Woodhead & Tweed (1957) no location

South Africa
  **Fritsch & Rich (1929) Kimberley
  **Hutchinson et al. (1932) Transvaal (Rich 1930) (Rich 1934)
  *Pearson 26 Orange River BM Nordin 1348 (Fritsch 1918)

South West Africa
  *Welch (1964) Swakop River, Rietfontien Spring
  **Welch (1964) Gross Barmen, Etosha Reserve
  **Welch (1965) Okandu
  *West (1912) Little Namaqualand

Sudan
  **Karim (1968) Jebel Marra

Tunisia
  *Serpette & Labbé (1966) between Rades and Miliane
  **Serpette & Labbé (1966) Oasis de Tozeur

U.S.S.R.
  *Elenkin (1916) Kislovodsk
  *Kosinskaja Tartar Autonomous SSR (cited in Fritsch 1964)
  *Proshkina-Lavrenko (1968) Caspian Sea
  **Proshkina-Lavrenko (1968) Caspian Sea
  *Shtina (1972) Khirov S.S.S.R
  **Starmach (1966) cites collection by Woronichin in Siberia
  **Zhadin & Gerd (1961) Lake Balkash
Table VIII. Medium BG-11 (Stanier et al. 1971)

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notes: The ferric ammonium citrate should be autoclaved separately to eliminate precipitation and added aseptically after cooling.

the Na₂CO₃ should be autoclaved separately if the desired final pH is above 8, and added aseptically after cooling.
Table IX. Herbarium material of *Nodularia* examined.

**Nodularia spumigena**

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*Herbarium sheet FH Nordin 1064 has no collector's name on it but Francis apparently distributed his samples of *Nodularia* from this site. Bornet & Flahault (1888) report examining material from him.*
Gomont? 30 viii 1885 Tables de la Loire, France PC Nordin
1323
Gomont? 15 viii 1894 Auvergne, France PC Nordin 1324
Gomont (Wittrock, Nordstedt & Lagerheim, Algae Exsiccatae
1343) viii 1894 Auvergne, France UC 761550 NBV
3925-49 F 975767 NY Nordin 1294
Habeeb 3738 15 v 1951 Pike Co., Pa. F Nordin 1176
Holden 1458-1461 28 v 1899 Bridgeport, Conn. FH Nordin
1062 NY Nordin 1290
Holden 30 vi 1899 no location NY Nordin 1291
Ibanez 27 x 1952 Trujillo, Peru F Nordin 1238
Joshua no date Cirencester, England F Nordin 1249
Kiener 13777 22 vii 1936 Cherry Co., Nebr. UC 679691
F 1127792
Kiener 10401a 21 vii 1941 Fillmore Co., Nebr. F 1099262
Kiener 13885 23 iv 1943 Dodge Co., Nebr. F 1131624
Kiener 14139 & 14140 6 vi 1943 Lancaster Co. Nebr.
F 1132185 F 1132181
Kiener 16499 6 iv 1944 Kearney Co., Nebr. UC 689174
F 1144055
Kiener 21834 27 iii 1947 Dundy Co., Nebr. F 1220345
Kiener 21835 27 iii 1947 Dundy Co., Nebr. F 1220286
Kiener 23130 2 iv 1948 Garden Co., Nebr. F Nordin 1184
Kiener 23602-23604 17 v 1948 Lincoln Co., Nebr. F Nordin
1185 F Nordin 1186 F Nordin 1187
Koch 3 vii 1845 Borkum, Germany NBV 3925-17 NBV 3925-29a
Koch 3 vii 1846 no location NBV 3925-29b
LaRivers 61b 22 ix 1951 Washoe Co., Nev. F Nordin 1168
Lebel 415 14 v 1860 Mont d'Huberville, France NBV 3925-16
PC Nordin 1337a
Lebel 580 12 iv 1862 Negreville, France PC Nordin 1337b
Maldonado 41 i 1942 Lago Villa, Peru F 1102707 F 1102709
Mertens vi 1821 Norderney, Germany UC 436361 NBV 3925-15
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NBV 3925-68 F 951302
Nordstedt (Wittrock & Nordstedt, Algae Exsiccatae 198)
11 vi 1877 Lomma, Sweden FH Nordin 1090 NBV 3925-50
NBV 3925-61 F Nordin 1250 NY Nordin 1298b
Nylander 1860 Helsinki, Finland PC Nordin 1317 PC Nordin
1318 PC Nordin 1319
Ostenfeld 5 viii 1901 Falster, Denmark NY Nordin 1285
Ostenfeld 1 viii 1904 Store Beelt, Denmark NY Nordin 1284
Osterhout 559 (not PBA 1061 as marked on UC specimens)
28 vi 1902 Alameda Co., Calif. UC 393931 UC 202712
NBV 3925-54 FH Nordin 1066 PC Nordin 1328
Osterhout & Gardner (PBA 1061) 30 v 1902 Oakland, Calif.
FH Nordin 1087 NBV 3925-30 F 980816 NY Nordin 1263
PC Nordin 1302
Peters 14 v 1891 Atlantic City, N.J. F 1081208
Phinney 23M40 8 ii 1940 Emmet Co., Mich. F 1138192
Rose vii 1852 Berra, Germany NBV 3925-14 F 999057
NY Nordin 1259
Schmidt 1899-1900 Siam? PC Nordin 1322
Schmitz, Hauck & Richter (Phykotheca Universalis 142)
viii 1886 Greifswaler Bodden, Germany UC 953542
PC 1325
UC 953542 NBV 3925-58 NBV 3925-65 PC Nordin 1323
PC Nordin 1332
Setchell 1628 14 iv 1897 San Benito Co., Calif. UC
752513 F 1221362
Setchell & Jepson vii 1896 between La Grange, Stanislaus
Co. & Coulterville, Mariposa Co., Calif. UC 202713
NBV 3925-53
Standey 65787 20 ii 1939 Rio Pucal Dept., Guatemala
F 1023960
Suhr (Frolich?) vii 1834 Schleswig NBV 3925-57 NBV
3925-63 NBV 3925-70 PC Nordin 1326 PC Nordin 1335
(type of Kützings N. suhriana = N. spumigena Mertens
& Suhr's Lyngbya annulata)
Taylor 3084 29 viii 1920 Nantucket Island, Mass. UBC
49982
Transeau 63 14 v 1911 Charleston, Ill. NY Nordin 1283
Thuret 30 viii 1874 Cherbourg, France FH Nordin 1063
PC Nordin 1327b
Thuret? viii 1874 Deauville, France FH Nordin 1065
NBV 3925-22 NBV 3925-24 PC Nordin 1327 PC Nordin 1331
Thwaites? v 1867 Shirehampton, England PC Nordin 1330
Van den Bosch no date Goes, Netherlands PC Nordin 1320
Wagenear-Hummelinck 641 11 v 1955 Aruba, Dutch Antilles
NBV 3925-52
West 393 8 xii 1911 Birket Quarun, Egypt BM 302
Wille 1817a Laguna Guanica, Puerto Rico UC 463735
NY Nordin 1256

Nodularia harveyana

Apfel 51 & 52 19 i 1948 Burger Lakes, Antarctica
F 1299674 F 1299701
Atkinson 1895 no location PC Nordin 1301
Atkinson 1895 no location PC Nordin 1321
Beeftink 0-199 29 viii 1951 Zeeuwsch-Vlaanderen, Nether-
lands NBV 3925-10
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lands NBV 3925-11
Beeftink 450 28 vii 1955 Fort St. Phillipe, Belgium
NBV 3925-33
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Bilio 23A 17 x 1966 Goeree, Netherlands NBV 3925-7
Bold B143 12 i 1947 Nashville, Tenn. F 1211634
Bornet & Flahault (Wittrock & Nordstedt, Algae Exsiccatae 895) 25 ix 1886 Cosne, France UC 759399 F Nordin 1082 NBV 3925-34 NBV 3925-35 F Nordin 1235 NY Nordin 1281 PC Nordin 1309
Brannon 141A 5 ii 1943 Gainsville, Fla. F 1124079 PC Nordin 1329
Casebolt 167 5 vi 1950 Clay Co., Mo. F Nordin 1198
Chapman Ib ix 1947 Stanley Bay, New Zealand F 1246844
Collins 4844 no date no location NY Nordin 1273
NY Nordin 1274
Collins vii 1884 Hampton, N.H. NY Nordin 1277
Collins 2387 14 vii 1892 Cape Rosier, Maine FH Nordin 1070 FH Nordin 1073 NY Nordin 1275
Collins 22 vii 1894 Cape Rosier, Maine UC 687705 FH Nordin 1072 NBV 3925-39 F 1209180 NY Nordin 1278 PC Nordin 1310
Collins (PBA 1062) 14 vii 1903 Casco Bay, Maine F 545439 NY Nordin 1280 PC Nordin 1307
Collins 5094 vii 1904 Casco Bay, Maine UC 752510 NBV 3925-37 F 1219372
Collins 16 viii 1904 Woods Hole, Mass. UC 752511
Collins 5845 10 vii 1908 Casco Bay, Maine FH Nordin 1069 NY Nordin 1272
Cramer (Rabenhorst Algen Sachsens 994) vi & vii 1860 Zurich, Switzerland FH Nordin 1084 NBV 3925-1 NY Nordin 1262 F 1002450
Demaree & Thomason 24582 1 viii 1943 Collins, Drew Co., Ark. F 1133627
Drouet 8766 28 x 1948 Calcasieu Parish, La. UC 910404 NBV 3925-45 F 1332708 PC Nordin 1311
Drouet, Glassman & Chapp 12711 2 vii 1957 Chicago, Ill. F Nordin 1203
Drouet, Glassman & Chapp 12696 2 vii 1957 Chicago, Ill. F Nordin 1202
Drouet, Madsen & Crowson 11511 27 i 1949 Wakulla Co., Fla. F 1324385
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Louver & Strickland 1130 9 v 1942 York Co., Va. UC 680411 F 1109792
Mabille 8 1 xi 1952 France F Nordin 1232 PC Nordin 1299
Muxter? 10 v 1916 Killery Pt., Maine FH Nordin 1071
Palmer, Webster, Prettyman, Webster & Drouet 2518 17 viii 1939 Indianapolis, Ind. F 980816
Patrick 197 24 vii 1947 Xochimilco, Mexico F Nordin 1241
Pearson 26 no date South Africa BM Nordin 1348
Roussel 16 vii 1869 Talatus?, France PC Nordin 1315
Scott 30 iii 1941 Bay St. Louis, Miss. F 1085870
Setchell 1679 no date San Francisco, Calif. UC 100563
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Standley 14 iii 1940 Punta Rossa Lee Co., Fla. F 1030027
Thuret 31 vii 1874 Cherbourg, France PC Nordin 1298
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Velasquez, Richards & Drouet 2507 4 viii 1939 Cook Co., Ill. F 980549
Wolle & Drouet 2302 26 vii 1938 Somerset Co., Md.
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The following specimens were in too poor a condition or in insufficient numbers to make a judgement on their identification.

collector unknown ix 1885 Pavia, Germany NBV 3925-26
Drouet & Louderback 5739 21 vii 1946 Salt Lake Co.,
Utah F 1198553
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(Drouet 1956)
Gardner 602 vii 1899 Whidbey Island, Wash. UC 100568
Kiener 13940 23 iv 1943 Dodge Co., Nebr. F 1131688
Runyon & Lillick 609 25 ix 1933 Columbus, Ohio FH Nordin 1058
Stockmayer (Vindobon Kryptogamas Exsiccatus 428) viii 1893
Frankenfels, Austria FH Nordin 1086
Taylor 1923 Purcell Range, British Columbia (Taylor 1928a)
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West 432 10 i 1905 Toa, Tanganyika BM 303

The following material is more properly placed in a genus other than Nodularia

Aavd? 7 vii 1853 Leipzig, Germany FH Nordin 1068 = Scytonema sp.
Allen 5079a 2 iv 1953 from herbarium specimen F Nordin
1181 = Calothrix sp.
Crossland 7292 23 x 1929 Tahiti UC 696203 = Hormothamnion (solutum?) Born. & Grun.
Fritsch 363 no date Winter Harbour, Antarctica BM 1934 = Anabaena variabilis
Gardner 3305 9 v 1916 Berkeley, Calif. UC 661514 FH
Nordin 1079 NBV 3925-44 F 1033572 NY Nordin 1265 = Anabaena variabilis
Rabenhorst (Algen Sachsens 469) vii 1855 Ultdobern, Germany FH Nordin 1067 NBV 3925-28 NY Nordin 1260 = Scytonema sp.
Rabenhorst (Algen Sachsens 470) vi 1855 Zurich, Switzerland UC 432853 FH Nordin 1089 NBV 3925-60 NBV 3925-69 F 1015345 F 1015346 F 1015349 NY Nordin 1261 = Anabaena sp.
Roussel 4 ix 1851 "Meloduuo", France PC Nordin 1312 = Anabaena sp.
Realea x 1857 Attelobern, Germany NBV 3925-19 NBV 3925-20 = Scytonema sp.
Setchell 23 viii 1889 Walite Hill Pond, R.I. UC 100564 = Nostoc (carneum?) Ag.
Tilden (American Algae 484) 22 v 1900 Oahu, Hawaii UC 740394 NY Nordin 1258 PC Nordin 1339 UBC 2971 = Hormothamnion sp.
Tilden (South Pacific Algae 11) x 1909 Tahiti UC 233460 NBV 3925-47 NY Nordin 1257 = Hormothamnion sp.
Wille 282d 6 i 1915 Coamo Springs, Puerto Rico UC 401708 FH Nordin 1085 NY Nordin 1255 = Scytonema sp. Nostoc sp.
Wille 1415a no date Puerto Rico UC 401800 NY Nordin 1254 = Scytonema sp. Nostoc sp.
Table X. Synonomy of *Nodularia* (Mertens in Juergens) Bornet et Flahault 1888

**Nodularia spumigena** (Mertens in Juergens) Bornet et Flahault 1888

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**Nodularia harveyana** (Thwaites) Thuret 1875

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