

Table 2-1 Elements commonly required by algae

element	examples of function/location in algal cells
N	amino acids, nucleotides, chlorophyll, phycobilins
P	ATP, DNA, phospholipids
Cl	oxygen-production in photosynthesis, trichloroethylene, perchloroethylene
S	some amino acids, nitrogenase, thylakoid lipids, CoA, carrageenan, agar, DMSP, biotin
Si	diatom frustules, silicoflagellate skeletons, synurophyte scales and stomatocyst walls, walls of the ulvophyte <i>Cladophora</i>
Na	nitrate reductase
Ca	alginates, calcium carbonate, calmodulin
Mg	chlorophyll
Fe	ferredoxin, cytochromes, nitrogenase, nitrate and nitrite reductase, catalase, glutamate synthetase
K	agar and carrageenan, osmotic regulation (ionic form), cofactor for many enzymes
Mo	nitrate reductase, nitrogenase
Mn	oxygen-evolving complex of photosystem II, wall-like lorica of some euglenoids and the chlorophyte <i>Dysmorphococcus</i>
Zn	carbonic anhydrase, Cu/Zn superoxide dismutase, alcohol dehydrogenase, glutamic dehydrogenase
Cu	plastocyanin, Cu/Zn superoxide dismutase, cytochrome oxidase
Co	vitamin B ₁₂
V	bromoperoxidase, some nitrogenases
Br I	halogenated compounds with antimicrobial, anti-herbivore, or allelopathic functions

CONCENTRATION OF INORGANIC NITROGEN ($\mu\text{g liter}^{-1}$) IN THE SURFACE WATERS OF VARIOUS LAKES AND RIVERS

Note the very wide range of total inorganic nitrogen ($\text{NO}_3 + \text{NH}_4$) available for plant growth. Values less than $100 \mu\text{g liter}^{-1}$ may limit growth, while levels above 400 would not. Both eutrophic and oligotrophic lakes may have very low or very high levels of total inorganic nitrogen.

Lake or river	Relative trophic state and mixing type	$\text{NO}_3\text{--N}^*$		$\text{NH}_4\text{--N}^*$		References [†]
		Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	
Tahoe, Calif.	Oligotrophic, monomictic	4	μ -25		<2	1
Castle, Calif.	Mesotrophic, dimictic	<5	10-50	<5	10-50	2
Clear, Calif.	Eutrophic polymictic	μ -100	400-600	μ -300	μ -20	3
Superior	Oligotrophic monomictic	\sim 230	\sim 280		<10	4
Windermere	Mesotrophic monomictic	100-200	300-400		\sim 10	5
Esthwaite Water	Eutrophic monomictic	μ -100	400-500		\sim 30	6
George, Uganda	Eutrophic polymictic		μ		<10	7
Baikal, U.S.S.R.	Oligotrophic dimictic	0-20	45-80		μ	8
Titicaca, Andes	Mesotrophic monomictic	40-100	100-200		μ	9
Cayuga, N.Y.	Eutrophic monomictic	50-800	\sim 800	100-300	\sim 80	10
Uganda Rivers (annual mean)			530		24	11
Truckee River at km 3	—	20	—		<10	12
Hubbard Brook	—	440	2500		40	13

* μ = undetectable, generally $< 10 \mu\text{g liter}^{-1}$.

[†] References: (1, 2) Goldman, various sources; (3) Home and Goldman, 1972; (4) Dobson et al., 1974; (5, 6) Heron, 1961; Home and Fogg, 1970; (7) Viner, 1969; (8) Kozhov, 1963; (9) Richerson et al., 1977; (10) Oglesby, 1978; (11) Viner and Smith; (12) McLaren, 1977; (13) Likens et al., 1977.

CONCENTRATIONS OF INORGANIC PHOSPHORUS ($\mu\text{g liter}^{-1}$) IN THE SURFACE WATERS OF VARIOUS LAKES AND RIVERS

Note the wide range of $\text{PO}_4\text{--P}$ available for plant growth from limiting levels (< 2 to abundance, > 10). Also, note that eutrophic and oligotrophic lakes may have similar levels.

Lake or river	Relative trophic state and mixing type	Soluble $\text{PO}_4\text{--P}$		References [*]
		Summer	Winter	
Tahoe, Calif.	Oligotrophic monomictic		\sim 2	1
Castle, Calif.	Mesotrophic dimictic	\sim 2	—	2
Clear, Calif.	Eutrophic polymictic	\sim 20	\sim 10	3
Superior	Oligotrophic monomictic		0.5	4
Windermere	Mesotrophic monomictic	5	30	5
Esthwaite	Eutrophic monomictic	5	\sim 30	5
George, Uganda	Eutrophic polymictic		<2	6
Baikal, Siberia	Oligotrophic dimictic	\sim 2	6	7
Titicaca, Andes	Mesotrophic monomictic	\sim 15	\sim 15	8
Cayuga, NY	Eutrophic monomictic	>5	\sim 12	9
Uganda rivers	—		80-230	10
Truckee River at km 3	—	\sim 10	—	11
Hubbard Brook	—	3	2	12

Table 10-3 Concentration of Soluble Minor Nutrients ($\mu\text{g liter}^{-1}$) in the Surface Waters of Various Lakes and Rivers.

Although present in relatively low concentrations, most are not limiting or toxic to the biota. Both ionic and chelated metals are present in unknown proportions in the soluble, or filterable, fraction.

Lake river	Fe	Mn	Cu	Zn	Co	Mo	References*
Tahoe	< 10	2.6	Trace	< 14	< 0.6	0.5	1
Castle, Calif.	< 10	< 1	< 0.5	< 2	< 1	< 0.5	2
Clear, Calif.	5-20	4.6	2-30	< 14	< 1.4	< 0.3	3
Windermere	...	...	...	8.0	> 0.1	> 0.1	4
Cayuga, N.Y.	3-80	1-30	0.6	2.7	0.005	...	5
Biwa, Japan	40	5-17	> 2.5	5.30	0.03	...	6
Titicaca, Andes	...	...	2.5	28	...	...	7
Schöhsee, Germany	15	4.5	1.0	1.8	0.03	0.2	8
<u>World ave.</u>	\approx 40	35	10	10	0.9	0.8	9
Sacramento, Calif.	...	6.3	2.9	...	< 1	0.4	9
Truckee, at km 10	110	9	4	5	2	> 10	10

*References: (1,2) Goldman, various sources; (3) Goldman and Wetzel, 1963; Horne, 1975; (4) Macan, 1970; (5) Oglesby, 1978; (6) Itasaka and Koyama, 1980; (7) Richer, et al., 1977; (8) Groth, 1971; (9) Livingstone, 1963; (10) McLaren, 1977.

Table 18-1 How Eutrophic Lakes Can Be Distinguished from Oligotrophic Ones

Most of the very productive lakes in the world are shallow and unstratified, while most of the very unproductive ones are very deep. The terms oligotrophic and eutrophic are best applied to lakes within one lake district or climatic region. WL ratio = ratio of watershed area to lake area.

Factor.	Oligotrophic (unproductive)	Eutrophic	
		Productive	Less productive
Nutrients	Low levels and low supply rates of at least one major nutrient (e.g., nitrogen, phosphorus, silica)	High supply rates and often high winter levels of all major and minor nutrients	Often high levels of nutrients year-round
O ₂	Does not vary much from saturation in epilimnion or hypolimnion ($100 \pm 10\%$)	Great variation from saturation. Depression in hypolimnion (0–100%) and mostly supersaturation in epilimnion (80–250%)	Similar to oligotrophic.
Biota	Low densities and yields of phytoplankton and zooplankton, zoobenthos and fish	High densities and yields of phytoplankton and zooplankton, zoobenthos and fish	Similar to oligotrophic.
Light	Transparent water, deep light penetration, often to below thermocline. Secchi depth 8–40 m	Water not very transparent, light penetration relatively low, often not reaching thermocline or lake bed. Secchi depth 0.1–2 m	a. Water often cloudy; low light penetration due to peat fragments or humic acids (<i>dystrophic</i> lake) or to suspended sediments. b. Water clear but acid, pH < 4 (<i>acidotrophic</i> lake).
Basin shape and watershed	Lakes deep and steep-sided. Undisturbed, rocky, or unproductive watershed. WL ratio low (e.g., 1:1).	Lakes shallow with gently sloping sides. Often unstratified. Cultivated, disturbed, or naturally fertile watershed. WL ratio high (e.g., 100:1).	Lakes usually small and shallow. Watershed with peat wetlands, coniferous forest or easily eroded soils. Acid volcanic springs, acid rain or muddy inflows. WL ratio variable.

Cultural Eutrophication

The phenomenon of eutrophication is used in limnology to describe the normal processes that occur in lakes and lead to their eventual extinction. In most natural environments, the aging of lakes is a very slow process taking decades to cause perceptible change. Cultural eutrophication is the accelerated fertilization of lakes, reservoirs, streams, and estuaries arising from pollution associated with population growth, industrial development, and intensified agriculture. The response of aquatic ecosystems to increased input of nutrients is greater productivity to the detriment of water quality.

Effects of Eutrophication

The process of eutrophication is directly related to the aquatic food chain (Figure 5-4). Algae use carbon dioxide,

inorganic nitrogen, orthophosphate, and trace nutrients for growth and reproduction. These plants serve as food for microscopic animals (zooplankton). Small fishes feed on zooplankton, and large fishes consume small ones. Productivity of the aquatic food chain is keyed to the availability of nitrogen and phosphorus, often in short supply in natural waters. The amount of plant growth and normal balance of the food chain are controlled by the limitation of plant nutrients. Abundant nutrients unbalance the normal succession and promote blooms of blue-green algae that are not easily utilized as food by zooplankton. Thus, the water becomes turbid and under extreme conditions takes on the appearance of "pea soup." Floating masses of algae are windblown to the shore, where they decompose producing malodors. Decaying algae also settle to the bottom, reducing dissolved oxygen. Shorelines and shallow bays become

Figure 5-4 The aquatic food chain unbalanced by eutrophication compared with normal succession.

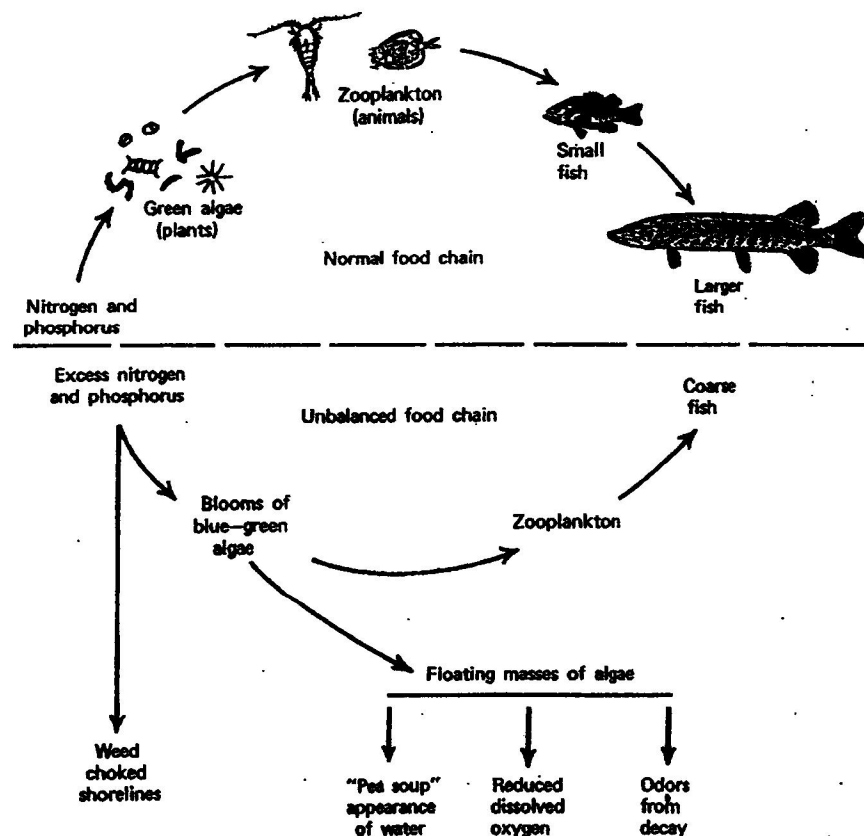


Table 10-1 Concentrations (mg liter⁻¹) of Soluble Major Nutrients (Other than Nitrogen and Phosphorus) in the Surface Waters of Various Lakes and Rivers.

The very dilute lakes, such as Tahoe or the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) lakes in Ontario, contrast with terminal lakes such as Mono, where the conservative elements accumulate. Note how conservative elements increase downstream in rivers, indicating that dilute lakes need small watersheds to remain low in conservative elements.

Lake or river	Conductivity, μmho cm ⁻¹	SiO ₂	Ca	Mg	Na	K	SO ₄	Cl	HCO ₃	References*
Tahoe	92	...	9.4	2.5	6.1	1.7	2.5	1.9	...	1
Castle, Calif.	30	1.3	1.6	2.6	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	2
Clear, Calif.	250	14	23	15	10	2.0	9	6	145	3
English Lake District, ave.	...	...	4.5	1.0	3.9	0.5	6.3	7.1	7.8	4
South Basin, Windemere	...	...	6.2	0.7	3.8	0.6	7.6	6.7	11	4
Erie	6	0.3	38	8.5	7.2		22	15	118	5
Superior	79	2	12.4	2.8	1.1	0.6	3.2	1.9	28.1	5
ELA lakes, ave.	19	≈ 1	1.6	0.9	0.9	0.4	3.0	1.4	3.8	6
Cayuga, N.Y.	56	...	44	10	51	2.6	36	81	122	7
Mono, Calif.	...	...	...	60	28,000	1400	9000	17,500	18,800	8
George, Uganda	223	20	17.2	7.4	20	4.2	14.6	8.4	99	9
Biwa, Japan	...	≈ 1	≈ 10	≈ 2	≈ 5	≈ 2	≈ 6.8	≈ 7	...	10
Titicaca, Andes	...	0.07-1.1	66	34	176	14	282	260	...	11
Tanganyika	...	0.3	11	39	63	33	6.3	26	...	12
Baikal, Siberia	...	≈ 3	15	4.2		6.1	4.9	1.8	≈ 60	13
World ave. lakes and rivers	...	12	15	4.1	6.3	2.3	11.2	7.8	58.6	14
• North American rivers, ave.	...	9	21	5	9	1.4	20	8	68	14
• European rivers, ave.	...	7.5	31	5.6	5.4	1.7	24	7	95	14
• Nile, Khartoum	...	26	17.4	5.2	30.7	11.8	0.44	8	149	14
• Rhine, Netherlands	...	5.7	42	6.1	10.1	6.4	19.5	11.3	113	14
• Amazon (Narrow Santarem)	...	11.1	12.5	1.5	1.1	1.4	4.3	2.3	41	14
Truckee at km 10	...	...	8.5	4.3	6.1	1.7	2.9	≈ 3	...	15
Truckee at km 15	...	16	9.5	4.8	12.4	1.8	3.5	5.9	48	14,15
• Lower Congo River, Kinshasa	105	7.5	10.8	3.9	14.2	...	7.8	6.1	...	16
Hubbard Brook, N.H.	≈ 25	4.5	1.7	0.38	9.1	0.21	6.3	5.4	< 1	17

*References: (1,2) Goldman, various sources; (3) Horne, 1975; Lallatin, 1972; (4) Macan, 1970; (5) Schelske and Roth, 1973; Dobson et al., 1974; Ragotzkie, 1974; Bennett, 1978; (6) Armstrong and Schindler, 1971; (7) Oglesby, 1978; (8) Mason, 1967; Livingstone, 1963; (9) Viner, 1973; Ganf and Viner, 1973; (10) Itasaka and Koyama, 1980; (11) Richerson et al., 1977; (12) Hecky et al., 1978; (13) Livingstone, 1963; Kozhov, 1963; (14) Livingstone, 1963; (15) McLaren, 1977; (16) Visser and Villeneuve, 1975; (17) Likens et al., 1970.

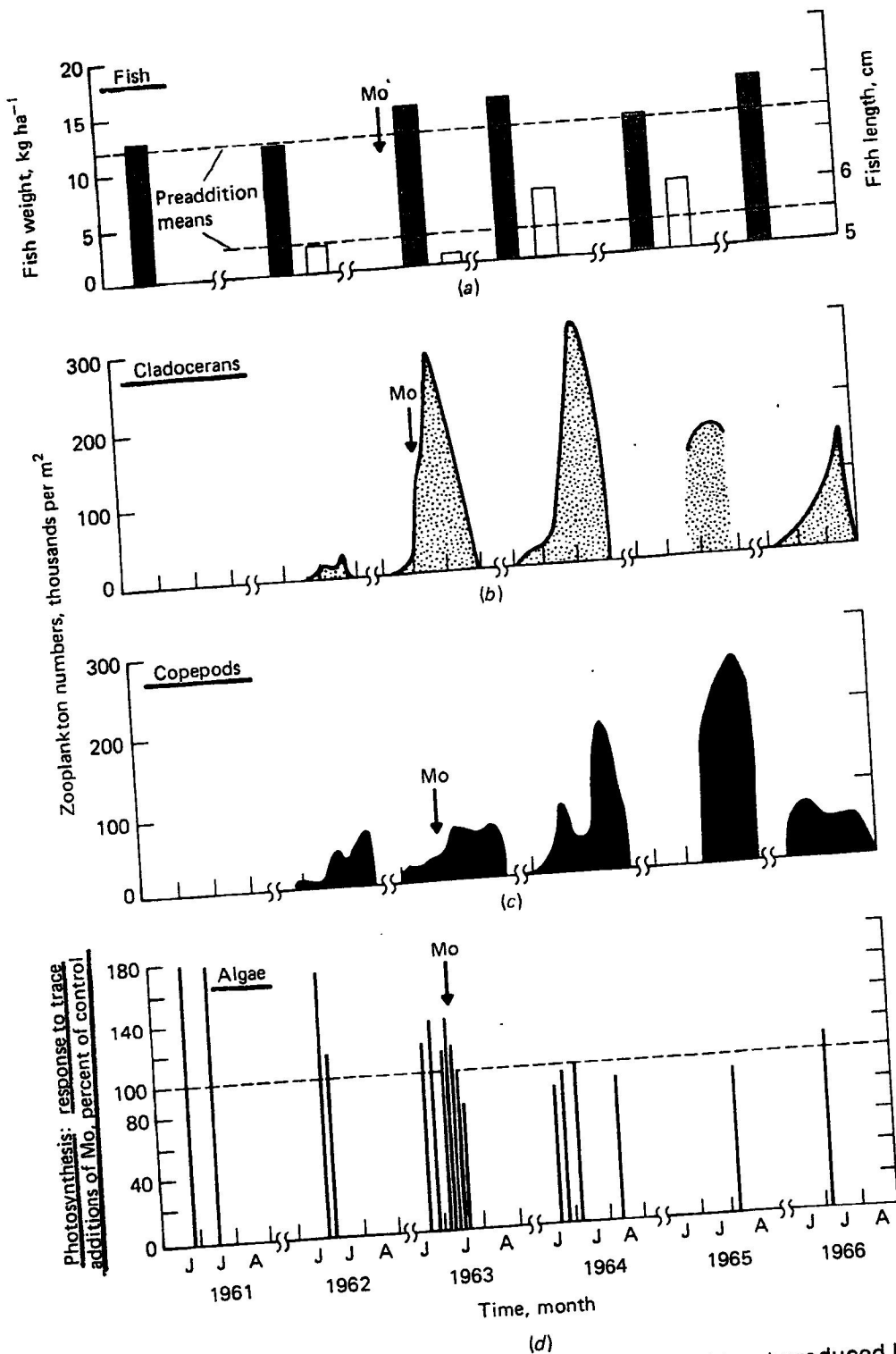


Figure 10-13 Changes in phytoplankton, zooplankton, and trout produced by addition of small quantities of a limiting trace metal, molybdenum, to Castle Lake, California. (d) Note immediate cessation of stimulation of photosynthesis by further additions of molybdenum in bottle assays (c) delayed increase in populations of the longer-lived copepod zooplankton, but (b) almost immediate response for the rapidly reproducing cladoceran zooplankton which were mostly *Daphnia rosea*. Despite natural year-to-year variations in cladoceran numbers, the prolonged increase over 4 years after molybdenum addition was probably due to the addition. (a) Note rapid response in fish catches or yield and increase in average fish length in years following molybdenum addition. This response by fish is similar to that found in fish ponds fertilized with nitrogen and phosphorus where effects usually occur in the first year after addition and last for 3 to 4 years. Arrow indicates date of molybdenum addition to the epilimnion on July 1963. Lake epilimnion concentrations rose from less than 0.2 to 15 $\mu\text{g liter}^{-1}$, while hypolimnion levels remained at less than 0.2 $\mu\text{g liter}^{-1}$. Phytoplankton numbers and primary production (not shown) rose less dramatically in the years after molybdenum addition, presumably due to rapid grazing of the algae by

PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

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Table of Radioactive Isotopes

Naturally occurring radioactive isotopes are indicated by a blue mass number. Half lives are in parentheses where s, m, h, d and y stand for seconds, minutes, hours, days and years respectively. The symbols describing the mode of decay and resulting radiation are defined as follows:

α alpha particle
β⁻ beta particle
β⁺ positron
K K-electron capture
e⁻ internal electron conversion
f fission
γ gamma ray

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