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Dear Frank:

Mr. David Miller, a graduate student studying the fisheries of the Arkansas River, also read your Ms. The following are our comments:

1) What is your record for Phoxinus eos in the Arkansas R. of Colorado? We know of no record for this species in the Arkansas River Basin. Ellis (1914) and Beckman (1952) reported this species only from the Platte drainage in Colorado.

Mr. Miller found an isolated population of P. erythrogaster near Pueblo, Colorado (Arkansas River drainage) in 1981. This was the first reported occurrence of this species in Colorado. All existing evidence (range analysis and glacial evidence) suggests this population is a glacial relict. Corroborating evidence is the occurrence of P. erythrogaster in the Canadian River drainage of New Mexico (Koster 1957). Koster kindly sent a ms. written in 1962. In this manuscript he provides fairly convincing evidence that P. erythrogaster, Semotilus atromaculatus and Culaea inconstans are native to the upper Canadian basin in New Mexico.

We agree that Phoxinus spp. are archaic in their western distribution and that they had more extensive southern distributions at some time, probably glacial.

2) I assume your consideration of S. atromaculatus as native to the Upper Arkansas is based on fossil evidence (C. Lavett Smith, 1954). However, according to recent accounts (Cross and Collins 1975; Miller and Robinson 1973), it is not extant in the Upper Arkansas. However, in 1979 Mr. Miller found a population of S. atromaculatus in the Monument Creek drainage just north of Colorado Springs. While the possibility exists that this population is introduced, it probably is a glacial relict native to the Arkansas River drainage of Colorado. Monument Creek provides optimal habitat for creek chub which is lacking throughout most of the Upper Arkansas. Corroborating evidence is provided in Koster (1962 ms.). The creek chub of Monument Creek is likely a glacial relict of a more southern and westward distribution rather than the result of stream capture from the Platte.

3) Mr. Miller also found Notropis dorsalis in the Monument Creek drainage north of Colorado Springs. This population is referable to N. dorsalis piptolepis. Initially we thought that this species may have gained access to the Arkansas basin similar to N. topeka (Pflieger 1971). We now consider this highly unlikely. It is also unlikely the result of stream capture. Evidence suggests that this species is introduced (R. R. Miller agrees). If introduced, then this might also

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suggest that S. atromaculatus is also introduced. However, the evidence for native occurrence of S. atromaculatus is much stronger.

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Thanks for opportunity to review ms. If further information turns up I'll send it on to you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bob:

I very much appreciated your offer to check parts of our distributional summaries for the zoogeography symposium volume, particularly with respect to streams that have headwaters in the Rocky Mountains. Thus I'm enclosing a copy of the chapter for whatever corrections and suggestions you have time and inclination to make. I've isolated the distributional table on the top of the stack, and highlighted the columns that I'd like most for you to check -- the "Rocky Mountain" region or physiographic province and the streams that enter it. The column entries (N, U, I, etc.) are explained in the heading; the uncertainty with respect to "U" entries means we are uncertain whether the species occurs naturally or as the result of introduction, not the occurrence itself.

Following the lengthy table of individual species distributions by stream and habitat is a one-page table (Table 5) that represents the comparative faunal analyses. Any change in the former table (species distributions) will affect the latter (faunal similarities) of course. We'll make such changes based on the corrections you enter on Table 4, the individual species distributions.

Beyond checking our basic distributional data, we'll welcome any suggestions you have with respect to the general text if you wish to review that as well. I'm really glad to have seen you in Tallahassee, and pleased that you are willing to look at this chapter of the zoogeography tome. It is not in "final" form. Other reviewers have called some problems to our attention, and we've discovered a few ourselves. Right now we are compiling a list of needed changes, so far all minor, toward a revision in August. Wiley and Hocutt have demanded final copy by September 1, so we don't have a lot of time.

Thanks again for any help you can provide.

Sincerely,

Frank B. Cross

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P.S. - You'll discover that our distributional table is not in full agreement with species maps in the atlas. We did pick up several additional records not known to those who compiled the maps. Although I'm guessing the principal problems you'll find will be omissions, you might also mark any last occurrences that you question, and I'll let you know our basis for them - FBC.

FISHES IN THE WESTERN MISSISSIPPI DRAINAGE 2

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INTRODUCTION 6

The "western Mississippi drainage" as used here includes the 9
Missouri, Arkansas, and Red river basins, and western tributaries of the 10
Mississippi River from the mouth of Missouri River to the Red River. We 11
divide these basins into 18 drainage units (Fig. 1), and tabulate the 13
fauna of the Mississippi mainstream as a nineteenth unit. The great 14
areal expanse of the western Mississippi drainage includes parts of five 16
physiographic provinces, the Coastal Plain, Interior Highlands, Central 17
Lowlands, Great Plains, and Rocky Mountains (Fig. 2). The basins in 19
combination drain areas at elevations exceeding 4000 m to near 20
sea-level, and have a mean annual precipitation from less than 30 to 21
about 150 cm. Much of the region was once an epicontinental sea 23
(chapter XX), accounting for its largely tabular bedrock and 24
land-surface. Only minor portions of the region were glaciated, but the 25
earliest ice sheets markedly rearranged drainage patterns; some streams 27
having Arctic outlets were redirected to the Gulf of Mexico. 28

The fish fauna of the region is well known. Much of it became 31
known before settlement by European man significantly affected the 32
biota. That information stems chiefly from government surveys to 33
establish routes for travel from eastern settlements to the Southwest 34
and the Pacific coast. Notable 19th century reports of the ichthyofauna 35
are those of Girard (1856, 1858), Cope (1864, 1865, 1871), Jordan and 36
Meek (1885), Jordan and Gilbert (1886), Jordan (1891), Meek (1892, 1894, 38

1896), Woolman (1896), and the cumulative report on the Missouri River	39
fauna by Evermann and Cox (1896). More recently, distributional	40
information on fishes has been compiled for most states of the region:	42
Louisiana (Douglas 1974); Arkansas (Buchanan 1973); Missouri (Pflieger	43
1971, 1975); Iowa (Harlan and Speaker 1956); Oklahoma (Miller and	44
Robison 1973); Kansas (Cross 1967); Nebraska (Morris, Morris and Witt	45
1974); South Dakota (Bailey and Allum 1962); North Dakota (Reigh and	46
Owen 1979; Owen, Elsen, and Russell 1981); New Mexico (Koster 1957);	47
Colorado (Beckman 1952); Wyoming (Baxter and Simon 1970); and Montana	49
(Brown 1971). These sources as well as miscellaneous other literature	50
were used in this analysis, together with the recent <u>Atlas of North</u>	51
<u>American Freshwater Fishes</u> (Lee, Gilbert, Hocutt, et. al. 1980).	54
Previous zoogeographic studies of parts of the region, notably those by	58
Metcalf (1966) and Pflieger (1971), were especially useful.	60
A relatively rich paleontological record also exists for fishes in	63
this region; perhaps its geographic, temporal, and taxonomic scope	64
exceeds that for any region in North America except the intermontane	65
west. The fossils range in age from Ordovician (500 mybp) to	66
Pleistocene and consist repeatedly of both freshwater and marine faunas.	67
This chapter deals only with Cenozoic freshwater faunas (Tables 1 and	68
2). Pre-Cenozoic freshwater faunas include a number of taxa, of which	69
only sturgeons, paddlefish, amiids and gars persist in Cenozoic faunas	71
and recent river systems of this region.	73
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<u>Geologic background.</u>	78
The Plains region experienced at least three cycles of marine	80
transgression and regression during the Cretaceous Era, being repeatedly	81
inundated and drained from the west by epicontinental seas. This	83
resulted in the deposition of extensive layers of sandstones, shales,	84
and carbonate rocks. It is generally thought that the final regression	86
of this seaway predates or coincides with the Laramide Orogeny which	87
produced the Rocky Mountains; however, an area of Paleocene marine	88
sediments is known from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and North Dakota.	90
Whether this vestigial sea was connected to the Arctic Ocean or the Gulf	91
Embayment has not been unequivocally established.	92
The final retreat of the seaways left a nearly planar surface on	95
which the Paleogene sediments of Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado,	96
and the Dakotas formed. Almost nothing is known of the Paleogene	97
drainages. Very few of these Paleogene deposits produce significant	99
ichthyofaunas. Of some interest, however, is an Oligocene lake deposit	100
in Florissant, CO, which has produced an abundant biota of plants and	101
insects, as well as a few fishes [e.g., <u>Amia</u> (Boreske 1974), <u>Ictalurus</u>	102
(Lundberg 1975), <u>Amyzon</u> (Cope 1884), and <u>Trichophanes</u> (Rosen and	109
Patterson 1969)].	115
By way of clarification, it must be understood that the terms,	117
"Miocene, Pliocene, and Pleistocene," as currently understood and as	118
used in this paper, are at variance with traditional usage in	119
ichthyological literature. Time periods, provincial land mammal ages,	120
and traditional glacial terminology are incorporated in Table 3. Thus,	121
much of the Plains sediments traditionally designated as Pliocene are	123

included in Miocene times. Pliocene deposition is thought to have begun 124
between 5.5 million years before present (mybp) (Haq 1977) and 5.0 mybp 125
(Berggren, and vanCouvering 1974), and ended between 2.5 mybp 127
(Boellstorff 1977, 1978) and 1.6 mybp (Haq, Berggren, and vanCouvering 128
1977). Sediments which were deposited after the Ogallala Group and 129
which bear fossils of the Rexroadian subdivision of the Blancan land 130
mammal age (Schultz, Martin, Tanner et al. 1978) are now designated 132
Pliocene. The term Pleistocene refers to sediments younger than 2.5 135
mybp. 136

Moreover, as recent authors (Bowen, 1978; Boellstorff 1978) have 138
pointed out, interpretation of the glacial history of North America 139
within the framework of four major glacial cycles conflicts with 140
observable data, and is not concordant with our present understanding 141
of European glacial history, the primary source for the traditional 142
view. The pre-Wisconsinan glacial stage terms have generally been 144
applied only conceptually. Studies of the type area of the Nebraskan 145
and Kansan tills indicate that the type Nebraskan till of Shimek (1909) 146
is bracketed by fission track dates on volcanic ashes of 1.2 mybp and 147
0.7 mybp (Boellstorff 1978). The seven tills which Boellstorff (1978) 148
documented in this area accord with the seven tills detected in Nebraska 149
by Reed and Dreeszen (1965). In addition, it is generally conceded that 151
neither the "Illinoian" nor Wisconsinan glaciations were severe enough 152
to deposit tills in Nebraska. 154

These facts are discordant with the traditional four glaciation 156
framework not only because there are at least twice as many tills as 157
available glaciations, but also because the earliest tills indicate 158

glaciation commencing in the Late Pliocene. This need not be disturbing 159
when one remembers that the Pliocene epoch was defined before and 160
independent of Agassiz's scheme of European glaciation. 161

The absurdity of the conceptual vs. the strict application of these 164
pre-Wisconsinan stage terms may be illustrated by the Broadwater-Lisco 165
faunas of Hooker County, NE. Hibbard (1970) lists these faunas as 166
belonging to the Aftonian interglacial, that is, post-Nebraskan. In 167
reality, they are at least 2.8 my old and must therefore be considered 169
of Late Pliocene age, while the type Nebraskan till is no older than 1.2 170
mybp (Table 3) (Boellstorff 1978). 171

Of much greater utility as sequential reference markers are the 174
North American land mammal ages, because these are defined 175
biostratigraphically and because mammalian fossils, unlike glacial 176
tills, are frequently found with pertinent fossil ichthyofaunas. For 177
convenience, this paper will consider the Mio-Pliocene boundary as 179
approximating the break between Hemphillian and Blancan Land Mammal 180
Ages. The boundary between Early Blancan (Rexroadian) and Late Blancan 181
(Senecan) faunas will approximate the Plio-Pleistocene boundary. 183

Miocene sediments are common to Colorado, South Dakota, and all 186
states southward. Little sedimentary evidence is available elsewhere 187
for Miocene drainage patterns in the western Mississippi region. 188
Clearly, the source area for the Miocene alluvium of the Plains was the 190
eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains, which had undergone renewed 191
uplift shortly before. Most of the sediments of the Ogallala Group in 192
Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas therefore appear to have been 193
deposited from west to east. Sediments of this age are, however, rarely 194

encountered in eastern Nebraska, eastern Kansas, or any of Oklahoma	196
beyond the panhandle (Frye 1970, Seni 1980). Whether this is from	197
erosion or non-deposition is uncertain. Ogallala sediments, where	198
present, form nearly continuous sheets of sand and gravel across	199
ancestral drainages and constitute the primary aquifer in the western	201
Plains. The Ogallala reaches depths of 90m in Kansas and exceeds 150m	202
in parts of Nebraska.	203
<u>Pre-glacial (Mio-Pliocene) Drainage Patterns</u>	206
Drainage patterns supposed to have been ancestral to the Missouri,	208
Arkansas, and Red rivers have been described in an ichthyological	209
context by Metcalf (1966), Pflieger (1971) and others, and are	210
summarized elsewhere in this volume (see especially chapter XX, fig.	212
XX). Metcalf (1966) recognized three major preglacial components of the	213
regional drainage: the southward flowing Teays/Mississippi, a northern	214
Arctic ("Hudson Bay") component, and a Preglacial Plains Stream System	215
that flowed southward largely independent of the preglacial Mississippi.	217
Two of the elements, the Teays/Mississippi and the Arctic, have been	218
authenticated by geologic and faunal evidence, although the westward	219
extent of the Miocene Mississippi drainage is not precisely known. Owen	220
<u>et al.</u> (1981:6) indicated that areas within the present Missouri River	224
drainage from the Moreau and Cheyenne rivers northwestward formerly	226
drained northward as the Arctic component (Fig. 3 ^A _A -1). The ancestral	227
Bad, White, and Niobrara flowed southeastward to the Mississippi via the	228
Iowa River; this drainage, as mapped by Owen <u>et al.</u> (1981:6), extended	229
westward through central South Dakota (Fig. 3 ^A _A -2). Southward from the	234
ancestral Iowa River, tributaries to the Mississippi were thought by	235

Metcalf (1966) and Pflieger (1971) to have a much more limited westward extent than today. The largest tributary was the ancestral Grand River, originating at a longitude of about 98^o in southeastern Nebraska. Southeastward, the Grand was joined by the Kansas River, originating at approximately the same longitude (Fig. 3^A-3). Southward from the Grand/Kansas river, the western Mississippi drainage was virtually confined to the Ozark-Ouachita plateaus.

Metcalf (1966) believed that areas south of the ancestral Iowa River, and west of the ancestral Grand River and Ozark-Ouachita plateaus, drained southward into or beyond the present Red River. That system, the Preglacial Plains Stream System, incorporated most of the region now drained by the Platte, Arkansas, and Red river basins. Metcalf's conclusions concerning the Plains drainage were derived mainly from evidence presented by Lugn (1935) and Lueninghoener (1947) (Nebraska portion), Frye and Leonard (1952) (Kansas), and Quinn (1957) (Arkansas). There is no known geological evidence of a preglacial Plains stream in Oklahoma. The major geologic evidence for the central portion of this system concerns the path of the western-derived Ogallala sands and gravels. Two arguments permit the deduction that no east-flowing rivers crossed the Flint Hills of Kansas in the Miocene. First, Tertiary gravels composed of rounded locally-derived chert are found as high terraces in the Flint Hills, but never on the crests (Frye and Leonard 1952). Second, the only sediments of western (Rocky Mountain) origin in the lower Kansas River Valley, the only drainage which today cuts through the Flint Hills, appear only after "Kansan" deposition (Davis 1951). Thus, the only outlet for Miocene drainages

from western Kansas must have been to the southeast into Oklahoma. 266

Metcalf (1966) cited evidence that the Preglacial Plains Stream, or 269
its glacial equivalent which he called the Ancestral Plains Stream, 270
transgressed the present Red River valley near the site of Dallas, TX, 272
and continued southward toward the Gulf. If so, it may have received 273
additional southern tributaries that extended westward beyond the 274
present Pecos River (see Koster 1957). 274

While Metcalf's (1966) arguments are persuasive, the geologic 277
evidence for an extensive Preglacial Plains Stream System is ambiguous. 278
Horberg and Anderson (1956) concluded that the Platte drained to the 279
Mississippi preglacially, an interpretation acknowledged by Metcalf. 280
Subsequently, pre-Oligocene patterns in western Nebraska were mapped by 281
DeGraw (1969) and Stout, DeGraw, Tanner, et. al. (1971) (Fig. 3A).⁻⁴ 282
These drainages consisted of several eastward flowing streams south of[^] 286
the Iowa River system. Headwaters of these streams were located in the 287
same region as the present Platte and Niobrara river systems but 288
transgressed many of the present divides. The eastward extent of their 289
map lies in the headwater regions of the present Loup River system. 290
While these streams might there have turned southward to become 291
Metcalf's Preglacial Plains Stream, a "Nebraskan" paleovalley extending 292
from southwestern Wyoming through western Nebraska, and veering 293
northward toward the early Iowa River system (Stanley and Wayne 1972, 294
discussed below) indicates that the drainages mapped by DeGraw (1969) 295
were part of the pre-glacial Iowa River system. Alternatively, some of 296
the streams may have entered the preglacial Grand-Kansas River system 297
described below. 298

Dreeszen and Burchett (1971) discussed buried channels of the Grand/Kansas River system, which they thought varied in age from Cretaceous to early Pleistocene. As mapped by those authors, the complex channels extended eastward from southeastern Nebraska and northeastern Kansas to discharge into the Mississippi River approximately along the present lower course of the Missouri River. The authors stated additionally that two buried valleys in southeastern Nebraska

"have been traced westward more than halfway across the state and, presumably, are a part of the Rocky Mountain drainage system. For example, the most southerly of these buried valleys (at various times mistakenly referred to as the 'Ancestral Republican River') extends upgradient into Kansas near Chester, Nebraska, and back into Nebraska near Superior. For 15 miles westward from Superior this 'buried' valley is coincident with the present Republican River valley and then branches. One branch has been mapped to the northwest and the other is approximately coincident with the present Republican River valley."

If these buried valleys represent preglacial drainages, they restrict the southward-flowing preglacial Plains Stream system to a region south of the present Republican River valley. Paleontological data can be brought to bear on the age of these valleys. Eshelman (1975) has recorded an extensive Late Blancan (Senecan) fauna from localities in the "ancestral Republican River" paleovalley four to seven

miles south of the Nebraska border in Republic County, KS. These	336
localities correspond exactly with the Kansas loop of the valley	337
described by Dreeszen and Burchett (1971). Correlation with glacial	338
events is not a simple task in unglaciated regions. Eshelman (1975)	339
concluded that the White Rock fauna was deposited in late pre-Nebraskan	340
times (conceptually applied, meaning near the Pliocene-Pleistocene	342
boundary). However, Skinner (1972) considered the Long Pine Gravels of	343
Nebraska to be fluvioglacial in origin; these gravels contain a fauna	344
extremely similar to the White Rock fauna (M. Voorhies, pers. com.). If	345
glacial, it would probably correspond to the earliest till (2.2mybp) of	347
Boellstorff (1978), which is much earlier than the type Nebraskan till.	348
At the very latest, this drainage would have removed Nebraska from the	349
Plains drainage in glacial times, and may have done so preglacially. In	350
northwestern Kansas, Bayne and Fent (1963) asserted that the Solomon (a	352
tributary of the Kansas River) was probably through-flowing to the	353
Mississippi throughout the Pleistocene. However, their evidence seems	354
to be refuted by the conclusions of Frye and Leonard (1952) and Davis	355
(1951), cited previously. In light of the extensive Neogene and	356
Pleistocene drainage shifts in this region, it is significant that	357
Bennett (1983) reports that Prairie Dog Creek, Bow Creek, and the North	358
Fork of the Solomon River in Norton and Phillips Counties, KS, have	359
occupied essentially their present drainages since at least Clarendonian	360
times. An interpretation of the works cited is consolidated into Fig.	361
3.	363
<u>Glacial Drainage Patterns</u>	366

Whatever the northern extent of the Preglacial Plains Stream System, the advent of glacial ice in the Plains region deflected northward- and eastward-flowing drainages to the south, and also contributed glacial runoff. In the classic conception of the North American glacial history, the first of these cycles has been termed the Nebraskan glaciation. This event united all drainage units of the Plains as far southward as the Grand/Kansas stream. Geologic investigations supporting such a southern deflection along the "Nebraskan" glacial margin have been reported by Stanley and Wayne (1972). Anorthosite-bearing gravels, evidently derived from a source in southwestern Wyoming, constitute three channels through Nebraska. The oldest of these runs to the northern Nebraska border, veers sharply southward adjacent to a "Nebraskan" till, and exits into the northwestern corner of Missouri (Fig. 3B-1). Presumably, this drainage would have passed into the ancestral Iowa River preglacially (Fig. 3A-2). Bennett (1979, fig. 4) placed the Broadwater-Lisco, Sand Draw, and Seneca faunas (Blancan) in this paleovalley. The last fauna may be of earliest Pleistocene age, but the first two are certainly older than the 2.5mybp upper boundary of the Pliocene. The ancestral Republican valley of Dreeszen and Burchett (1971) flowed into the Grand River at this time (Fig. 3A-3). The "Kansan" glacial maximum diverted the drainage systems of the Plains still farther south, at least temporarily, through the McPherson channel in central Kansas (Fig. 3C) (Frye and Leonard 1952). Thus, the pleistocene "Ancestral Plains stream" of Metcalf (1966) must have existed (Fig. 3C), whether or not it had a preglacial precursor. Zoogeographically, the "Kansan"-stage

of drainage development is important in that it mixed the faunas of all northern plains streams, whether north- (Arctic), south- (Plains), or east- (Iowa/Grand) flowing preglacially.

Western Plains faunas may have been mixed southward to the Gulf of Mexico. Transgression of the present Red River Valley by the Plains stream is a possibility (Metcalf 1966; Fig. 3B⁻², this paper). Metcalf (1966) cited, as evidence for southward extension of the Plains stream, high-level pre-Kansan quartzite cobble terraces of northern origin near Dallas, TX (Slaughter, Crook, Harris, et al. 1962) (presently a headwater region of the Trinity River system). Nevertheless, Metcalf (1966) accepted Frye and Leonard's (1963:10-11) conclusion that the Red River had already established its present valley at this time. We doubt that either the age (Wisconsinan, fide Dalquest 1965) or the location of the fossils and terraces discussed by Frye and Leonard provide conclusive evidence as to preglacial or early glacial drainage patterns in the critical area north of Dallas. A Pleistocene Plains stream utilizing the present Trinity valley enroute to the Gulf is suggested also by expansive Pleistocene terraces in the headwater region of the Trinity River (Geological Atlas of Texas, Sherman Sheet, Walter Scott Adkins Memorial Edition, 1967) and by late Pleistocene fish faunas near Dallas (Uyeno and Miller 1962) composed mostly of large river, lowland species. This fauna implies that a much larger river existed in the area during the Pleistocene than exists there today.

In southwestern Kansas, a post-Miocene - pre-Illinoian southward flowing river system crossing the present Arkansas and Cimarron rivers was mapped by Frye and Leonard (1952), Metcalf (1966) and later, based

on bedrock data by McGovern (1971). Metcalf suggested that this system 437
was a western tributary of the Plains Stream System and joined it in 438
northcentral Oklahoma. 439

As the most southerly lobe of the "Kansan" glacier began its 441
retreat, flow through the Kansas River outlet was restored, establishing 442
the Missouri River basin approximately in its present form. The Smoky 443
Hill River, a former tributary to the Arkansas, was transferred to the 444
Kansas (Missouri) system by Wisconsinan time. 446

58 Quinn (1957) proposed that a minor stream south of the glaciated 448
region transgressed the Interior Highlands to capture part of the Plains 449
drainage, establishing the present Arkansas River system. 450

The Mississippi/Teays ultimately vacated its valley west of 453
Crowley's Ridge along the eastern flank of the Interior Highlands, in 454
southeastern Missouri and northeastern Arkansas, to discharge through 455
the ancestral Ohio River valley. 457

Drainage patterns within the Interior Highlands were not directly 459
affected by glaciation, and have maintained their basic configuration 460
since the Paleozoic (Pflieger 1971). The character of streams in the 461
Highland region has changed greatly over time, however, as the Ozark 463
dome was alternately elevated and degraded (Bretz 1965). 464

ZOOGEOGRAPHY 467

Preglacial Fossil Fishes 470

Paleontological evidence of the preglacial fish fauna is extensive 472
for the Plains region from Nebraska southward, but published fossil 473
records are few or absent from the northernmost plains and Rocky 474

Mountains (Arctic component of the present Missouri Basin), the Interior 475
Highlands region, and the Coastal Plain segment of the present western 477
Mississippi drainage. 478

The pertinent fossil localities and their approximate ages are 480
summarized in Table 1 and Fig. 4. The following extant fishes or their 481
ancestral stock evidently inhabited the central and southern Plains 482
prior to the Pliocene: Atractosteus spatula, Amia calva, Esox sp., 483
Ictiobus bubalus, Ictalurus furcatus, Ictalurus natalis, Ictalurus 487
punctatus, Ictalurus nebulosus and/or Ictalurus melas, Pylodictis 489
olivaris, Lepomis gulosus, Micropterus punctulatus, Menidia sp. and 492
Aplodinotus grunniens. Also present is an extinct species referred to 497
Notropis. However, the systematics of living Notropis are poorly 500
established and there is no basis for relating it to any living taxon. 504
Likewise, an extinct species of Pomoxis is described from this period, 505
and it may be ancestral to either or both living taxa. Of the fishes 508
listed, the fossil record of Aplodinotus continues into the early 509
Blancan of this region, Ictiobus bubalus to the Irvingtonian, Esox to 513
the Rancholabrean. Ictalurus punctatus and I. melas or its probable 519
ancestor (I. sawrockensis) have a generally continuous fossil record to 525
the present day in this area. 528

Many of these fishes are characteristic of "big river" and lentic 531
habitats. That result may mean only that depositional processes are 532
most likely to preserve fossils in such habitats, and that the skeletal 533
parts of large riverine or lacustrine species are most likely to be 534
discovered and identified. Nevertheless, the records indicate large 535
rivers and lakes, probably warm and containing macrophytes, occurred 536

widely on the Miocene Plains. Noteworthy are the many records of 537
 extinct species of Amia in the Paleogene of Colorado, Nebraska, and the 538
 Dakotas, and especially records of Amia calva in the Miocene of Kansas 541
 and Nebraska. Amia apparently disappeared in these areas by the onset 545
 of glaciation and would not be expected under present stream-conditions. 548
 Similarly, records of Esox, A. spatula, and Micropterus extend much 549
 farther into the plains in preglacial epochs than they do now, as native 556
 fishes. 557

The following extant taxa make their first appearance in the Plains 559
 region in the pre-glacial portion of the Pliocene (faunas of the 560
 Rexroadian subdivision of the Blancan and mammal age; see Table): 561
Hiodon alosoides, Notropis stramineus, Pimephales promelas, Semotilus 563
atromaculatus, Ictiobus cyprinellus, Ambloplites rupestris, Lepomis 564
cyanellus, Lepomis humilis, and Morone chrysops. The records of 566
Semotilus and Pimephales continue into the Irvingtonian, and those of 572
L. cyanellus and L. humilis into the Rancholabrean of this region. 578

Hypothesized Preglacial Stream Faunas 585

Ancestral Upper Missouri Basin (Arctic component).-- Lacking fossil 588
 evidence from the area drained by the Hudson Bay streams, Bailey and 589
 Allum (1962) proposed that the following extant fishes, or their 591
 progenitors, occupied the Arctic drainage preglacially: Semotilus 592
margarita (ssp. nachtriebi), Phoxinus neogaeus, Phoxinus eos, Couesius 595
plumbeus, Catostomus catostomus, and Catostomus platyrhynchus. Bailey 598
 and Allum doubted that other members of the present Missouri River fauna 604
 would have survived the rigors of glaciation in the northwesternmost 605

part of the basin; thus, by implication, they attributed other extant species to more southerly sources and/or later entry into the Missouri basin.

McPhail and Lindsey (1970) believed that a more extensive fauna survived in the preglacial Arctic drainage. They assumed that organisms in the extensive Hudson Bay drainage were forced south by an early glacial advance until they occupied only that southwestern portion of the drainage that was free of ice. This refugium was "The source from which central Canada was repopulated." McPhail and Lindsey (1970) suggested that Hybopsis gracilis and Hiodon alosoides originated in the ancestral Hudson Bay Drainage. In this context, the record of Hiodon cf. alosoides in the pre-glacial Pliocene of Nebraska is noteworthy (Smith and Lundberg 1972).

Metcalf (1966) listed numerous fishes thought to occupy the ancestral Hudson Bay drainage and/or the ancestral Iowa River drainage: Scaphirhynchus albus, H. alosoides, Hybopsis gracilis, H. gelida, H. meeki, Rhinichthys cataractae, Notropis atherinoides, N. heterolepis, P. promelas, Moxostoma macrolepidotum, Catostomus commersoni, Lota lota, Percopsis omiscomaycus, and Culaea inconstans. Pflieger (1971) concurred with most of Metcalf's assumptions, except for N. atherinoides and N. heterolepis which he thought more likely to have entered the Missouri system from the Mississippi/Teays and the Laurentian system, respectively. Pflieger (1971) added seven species to the list of possible inhabitants of the preglacial Arctic drainage: Ichthyomyzon unicuspis, Lepisosteus platostomus, Notropis dorsalis (ssp. piptolepis), Hybognathus hankinsoni, Hybognathus argyritis, Noturus

<u>flavus</u> , and <u>Stizostedion canadense</u> .	661
<u>Preglacial Plains Stream and/or Western Mississippi Basin</u> .-- Species	667
represented by pre-Pliocene fossils, listed in an introductory paragraph	668
to this subsection, probably occupied either the south-flowing Plains	669
Stream System of Metcalf (fig. :chpt), or extensive western	670
tributaries of the Mississippi/Teays (Fig. 3A, especially the Grand	671
River system). Metcalf listed these additional species as probable	672
inhabitants of his Preglacial Plains Stream System: <u>Hybopsis aestivalis</u>	674
(especially ssp. <u>tetranemus</u>), <u>H. gracilis</u> (ssp. <u>gulonella</u>),	678
<u>Phenacobius mirabilis</u> , <u>Notropis lutrensis</u> , <u>N. topeka</u> , <u>N. stramineus</u>	685
(ssp. <u>missouriensis</u>), <u>Hybognathus placitus</u> , <u>Carpionodes carpio</u> , <u>Fundulus</u>	688
<u>kansae</u> (=zebrinus), <u>F. sciadicus</u> , and <u>Etheostoma spectabile</u> (ssp.	692
<u>pulchellum</u>). He concluded further that <u>N. atherinoides</u> , <u>N. blennius</u> ,	698
<u>Campostoma anomalum</u> , <u>Carpionodes cyprinus</u> , and <u>Catostomus commersoni</u>	701
occupied both the Plains stream and other basins.	705
Pflieger (1971) accepted the evidence for an independent,	707
south-flowing Plains drainage, and generally agreed with Metcalf's	708
conclusions as to its faunal significance. Notable modifications are	709
Pflieger's belief that <u>Notropis topeka</u> originated in the ancestral Iowa	710
River, that <u>Carpionodes carpio</u> inhabited the Mississippi as well as	714
southwestern drainages, and that <u>Fundulus sciadicus</u> evolved in the	717
ancestral Iowa or Grand River drainage rather than in the Plains stream.	721
Bailey and Allum (1962) proposed that many of the species which	724
Metcalf (1966) attributed to the Plains Stream were acquired instead	725
from the Mississippi drainage during and following integration of the	726
Missouri River Basin by glacial action, or by postglacial stream	727

captures.	728
<u>Glacial redistribution of the Fish Fauna</u>	731
The earliest glacial cycle blocked Arctic drainage outlets,	733
diverting them and their faunas first into the Iowa River system, then	734
into the ancestral Grand/Kansas River system. The southernmost	735
extension of glacial ice (during the Kansan glaciation, as conceptually	736
applied) temporarily diverted flow into the Arkansas system (Fig. 3c),	737
which may have continued southward as the "Ancestral Plains Stream",	739
before receding to leave the Missouri River Basin in essentially its	740
present form. Simultaneously, species inhabiting the ancestral	741
Laurentian and Mississippi/Teays systems would have been displaced	742
southward beyond the glacial front. Therefore opportunities for	743
mingling of the faunas of virtually all preglacial drainages occurred	744
from the earliest glacial stages.	745
At the onset of glaciation in the Late Pliocene (Fig. 4; Senecan	748
subdivision of the Blancan Land Mammal Age), these taxa appear in the	749
Plains region: <u>Anguilla rostrata</u> , <u>Notropis cornutus</u> , <u>Nocomis</u>	750
<u>biguttatus</u> , and a species of the <u>Noturus furiosus</u> group. Of these, only	752
<u>Nocomis</u> has a later fossil record in this region, continuing into	759
Irvingtonian faunas.	761
In the Early Pleistocene (faunas of the Irvingtonian land mammal	763
age), the first occurrences of several taxa are recorded: <u>Esox</u>	764
<u>masquinongy</u> , <u>Campostoma anomalum</u> , <u>Hybognathus placitus</u> , <u>Hybopsis</u>	766
<u>gracilis</u> , <u>Notemigonus crysoleucas</u> , <u>Notropis rubellus</u> , <u>Rhinichthys</u> sp.,	768
<u>Catostomus commersoni</u> , <u>Ictiobus niger</u> , <u>Moxostoma duquesnei</u> , <u>M.</u>	773
<u>carinatum</u> , <u>Noturus</u> cf. <u>placidus</u> , <u>Perca flavescens</u> , <u>Lepomis megalotis</u>	775

and Micropterus salmoides. In this area Esox, Hybopsis gracilis, 779
Notemigonus, Catostomus commersoni, Moxostoma duquesnei, Micropterus 784
salmoides and Perca continue into the Rancholabrean faunas. Taxa which 786
first occur in the Rancholabrean faunas in this region include 790
Hybognathus hankinsoni, Notropis nubilus, Catostomus platyrhinchus, 793
Noturus gyrinus, Lepomis microlophus, L. macrochirus, Etheostoma exile, 795
and Percina copelandi. 798

Several extant fishes are represented by fossil records not fully 802
congruent with their present ranges, and the adjustments may be 803
attributable to glacial events. Amia calva was extirpated from the 804
northern Plains, as mentioned previously, perhaps as a glacial effect; 807
so was A. spatula. Pylodictis olivaris, however, was widespread in 808
preglacial faunas and inhabits most of the region today, but is not 811
represented in any glacial fossil assemblages in the central or northern 812
Plains, although it persisted in Pliocene-Pleistocene associations in 813
Texas. Esox masquinongy and Perca flavescens occurred in Irvingtonian 814
(Illinoian of some authors) faunas in southwestern Kansas and 820
northwestern Oklahoma far southwest of their current native ranges 821
(Smith 1954; 1958; Smith 1963), and P. flavescens and Stizostedion 823
vitreum were found in an Irvingtonian fauna in nearby McPherson County 828
KS (Semken 1966). None of these species persisted into Holocene faunas 830
in that area, although P. flavescens and S. vitreum maintain populations 831
there now, following their introductions into impoundments. Notropis 837
nubilus, Hybognathus hankinsoni, E. masquinongy, and P. flavescens 840
occupied the southwestern Kansas fossil site at a slightly later date. 844
The site is well south of the nearest extant populations of H. 845

hankinsoni, and well west of the nearest extant populations of N. nubilus. Semotilus atromaculatus and Catostomus commersoni also are represented in fossil associations in Meade County, KS, and Butler County, OK. Their occurrence may be significant in that both species are now absent from the Prairie region south of the Kansas River basin, although the ranges of both extend farther southward in the Interior Highlands and Rocky Mountains. Perhaps they reached the southern Rockies by having had continuous ranges across the southern Plains under glacial conditions, rather than by a route involving stream captures along the Rocky Mountain chain.

Phoxinus spp. in the western Mississippi basin probably are archaic, despite the absence of fossil evidence to that effect. Their modern distributions imply that each had more extensive southern distributions at some previous time, presumably glacial; Figure 5 shows the present distributions of two of the three species. continental divide, Catostomus platyrhynchus is presently confined to headwaters of the Missouri River system, but is represented at a Rancholabrean site in northwestern Kansas (unpublished data of J. D. Stewart and G. R. Smith), indicating that it was more widely distributed southward at a late glacial stage (ca. 12,000 yr bp).

The modern distribution of Fundulus sciadicus suggests southeastward displacement of that species from a place of origin in the central plains into the northern and western parts of the Interior Highlands, where relic populations persist (Fig. 5). The Ozarkian populations might have been established as early as Kansan glaciation via the newly integrated Missouri River basin or the Ancestral Plains

Stream.	891
Glacial events must have caused important distributional	893
adjustments in the eastern part of the region, though evidence from	894
fossil occurrences is lacking. Isolated populations of <u>Percopsis</u>	895
<u>omiscomaycus</u> in northwestern Missouri and southwestern Iowa presumably	898
are glacial relics. The distribution of <u>N. nubilus</u> is strangely	900
disjunct in the Ozark Upland and the upper Mississippi basin, including	903
the unglaciated "Driftless Area" (Burr and Page, chapter XX). Pflieger	904
(1971) suggested a formerly widespread distribution for this species in	905
the Central Lowland province, which was vacated while glaciated and not	906
subsequently reinvaded because streams on the glacial till-mantled	908
land-surface do not afford suitable habitat. Evidence of southwestward	909
displacement of <u>N. nubilus</u> during the Illinoian glacial advance was	910
cited previously.	913
In the unglaciated southeastern part of the western Mississippi	915
basin, ice advances probably had the following effects. First, the	915
advances concentrated species by compression of their ranges for some	916
distance below the glacial front, contributing to the high diversity in	918
the faunas of the Interior Highlands (as well as in the Cumberland	919
Plateau to the east. Second, glaciation facilitated exchange of upland	920
species across the Mississippi Embayment, at times when sea level was	921
as much as 100 meters below its present level; then, presumably, the	923
Mississippi channel was deeply incised to a lower base-level, and its	925
tributaries were more steeply inclined in their lower courses. Third,	926
ice advances facilitated transport of Interior Highland species via the	927
Mississippi and lower Arkansas rivers to the several distinct drainage	929

units they now inhabit within the Highlands province. Retreat of the 930
ice sheets may have isolated many species of Highland streams from one 932
another by alluvial deposition in the lower stream courses east and west 933
of the Mississippi valley as it again became aggraded. Finally, the 935
eastward translocation of the Mississippi mainstream from its former 936
course against the Highland ridge isolated populations of upland species 937
inhabiting the St. Francis and White River systems, by addition of 939
extensive areas of Coastal Plain to their lower courses. That addition 940
markedly increased the species diversity in those small river systems 941
as well, by enlargement of their drainages to include lowland faunas. 942
Some species whose present distributions may exemplify effects of such 943
Pleistocene events are mapped here (Figs. 5 and 7) and in chapter XXXX. 944

Minor Stream Connections

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Range extensions of some species within this zoogeographic region 5
may be attributed to interchanges between headwater tributaries of 6
distinct drainages. A number of hypothesized stream captures are 7
presented below to explain range extensions of western Mississippi 8
fishes. They have been proposed on the basis of geological, genetic or 10
faunal distribution data. 11

Belle Fourche-Little Missouri rivers. Capture of the little 14
Missouri headwaters by the Belle Fourche "is classic in its simplicity," 15
(Bailey and Allum 1962) in that the abrupt southwest bend of the Belle 16
Fourche was an old section of the Little Missouri. The presence of 17
Catostomus catostomus, C. platyrhynchus, Couesius plumbeus and 21
Rhinichthys cataractae in the Belle Fourche may support such an 24
interpretation. 25

- White (South Dakota)-Niobrara. Capture by the White River of a 28
former tributary to the Niobrara River is implied by topographic maps 29
of Todd and Bennett Counties, SD, and Cherry Co., NB. Occurrences of 30
Notropis dorsalis and Fundulus sciadicus in that part of the White River 32
drainage support this interpretation (Mayden, unpublished data). 36
- Big Sioux-Minnesota rivers; Little Sioux-Des Moines rivers. The 40
middle Missouri River drainages contain a number of species which Bailey 41
and Allum (1962) thought entered this part of the Missouri basin from 42
the upper Mississippi River system, namely the Minnesota and Des Moines 43
rivers. Some headwaters of these drainages are or were connected during 44
periods of flooding. Bailey and Allum suggested that low divides 47
between drainages, and lakes of glacial moraines in eastern South Dakota 48
and northwest Iowa, provided means of dispersal for species adapted for 50
such habitats. They listed species that may have used such connections 51
to gain access to the Little Sioux, Vermillion and James rivers. They 53
also suggested that these connections allowed Notropis topeka to gain 55
access to the Des Moines basin where it probably occurred sympatrically 58
with its presumed closest relative, N. anogenus (Bailey 1959). 59
- White-Gasconade rivers. Physiographic evidence for the connection 66
of these rivers was presented by Bretz (1965). Supportive data was 67
given by Miller (1968) for the movement of the White River subspecies 69
of the greenside darter, Etheostoma blennioides newmani, into the 70
Gasconade where it intergrades with E. b. pholidotum. An isolated 74
population of Ichthyomyzon gagei in the Gasconade may also support such 77
a connection (Pflieger 1971). 80

<u>St. Francis-Black-White rivers.</u> Stream captures involving	84
tributaries to these drainages have been discussed by McKeown, Hocutt,	85
Howard <u>et al.</u> (1982). It seems doubtful that faunal transfers	86
resulting from these connectives can be distinguished from transfers	89
facilitated by the former location of the Mississippi mainstream west	90
of Crowley's ridge.	92
<u>Arkansas (Spring River)-Osage rivers.</u> The connection of these	95
rivers is based on scanty geological data, the proximity of their	96
headwaters (Metcalf 1966; Pflieger 1971) and faunal data. Frye and	97
Leonard (1952, fig. xx) indicated that the headwaters of the present	99
Neosho River discharged eastward into the Osage system in the early	100
Pleistocene. Taxa supporting such an exchange include <u>Fundulus</u>	101
<u>sciadicus</u> , <u>Etheostoma chlorosomum</u> , <u>E. gracile</u> , <u>E. microperca</u> , <u>E.</u>	104
<u>punctulatum</u> , <u>Notropis spilopterus</u> , <u>N. pilsbryi</u> and <u>N. zonatus</u> (Gibbs	106
1957; Pflieger 1971; Buth and Mayden 1981). An electrophoretic analysis	112
of the last two species by Buth and Mayden (1981), considered to be	113
sister species of the Ozarks (Gilbert 1964; Buth 1979), revealed that	115
small quantities of the primitive <u>Gpi A 100</u> allele (found in <u>N. pilsbryi</u>	116
and other <u>Luxilus</u>) were mixed with the derived <u>Gpi A 125</u> in <u>N. zonatus</u>	123
populations from the Sac and Pomme de Terre drainages. <u>Ambloplites</u>	133
<u>rupestris</u> is considered an introduction in the Arkansas and Lower	136
Missouri systems, but coupled with its close relative <u>A. constellatus</u>	138
(Cashner and Suttkus 1977), the present distribution is congruent with	142
that of other Ozarkian species. Fossil evidence from Kansas and an	143
early Kansas River report (Snow 1875) indicate that Neosho and Missouri	145
River populations of <u>A. rupestris</u> may be natural.	146

Neosho-White rivers. Branson (1963, 1967) and Branson, Triplett, and Hartman (1969) hypothesized that the Neosho captured the Spring and Elk rivers from the White River. A number of Ozark fishes of the lower Missouri and White rivers have populations in eastern tributaries of the Neosho Basin; but, several other fishes endemic to these streams should also have been transferred but apparently were not. Wiseman (1976), Wiseman, Echelle, and Echelle (1978) and Buth and Mayden (1981) found no genetic evidence in studies of Etheostoma spectabile and Notropis zonatus-N. pilsbryi to indicate former connections between the Neosho and White rivers.

White-Illinois rivers. Burr, Cashner, and Pflieger (1979) recently reported Notropis ozarcanus and Campostoma oligolepis from the Illinois River system of the Arkansas drainage. Both were previously known from all Ozark drainages except the Arkansas. Knapp (1964) reported a specimen of Etheostoma caeruleum from the Illinois River drainage. These records have been considered introductions, but are included here as possible evidence for stream piracy (Branson 1967).

Arkansas-Red rivers. No geological data are available for this connection except geographic proximity of tributaries. The distributions of several species imply a former connection between these drainages near the western edge of the Interior Highlands province, and to some degree between the Red and Ouachita rivers: *Nocomis asper, *Notropis ortenburgeri, N. pilsbryi, *N. rubellus, *Pimephales tenellus, Noturus exilis (Robison and Winters 1978), *Fundulus catenatus, *Etheostoma nigrum, *E. microperca, *Percina copelandi, P. phoxocephala, and P. caprodes fulvataenia. Those species shared with the Ouachita are

indicated by an asterisk. Alternatively, the present distributions of 212
 these species may reflect glacial displacement into widespread southern 214
 ranges, followed by isolation in highland tributaries of each drainage. 216
 Some species in the Red and Ouachita rivers have their closest relatives 218
 in the White and Middle Arkansas systems: E. radiosum with E. whipplei; 219
E. pallididorsum with E. cragini and E. punctulatum; P. sp. (cf. 227
nasuta) with P. phoxocephala and P. nasuta; Noturus taylori with N. 236
eleutherus and N. placidus (Page 1974, 1981; LeGrande 1981). 245

Red-Brazos rivers. Stricklin (1961) documented capture by the Red 252
 River of drainage that formerly entered the Brazos. Distributions of 253
 three species indicate such a connection in the past. Notropis 255
oxyrhynchus, N. potteri, and Percina macrolepida may have entered the 258
 Red River by this route. 262

Ouachita-Caddo-Little Missouri rivers. Robison and Harris (1978) 265
 presented evidence that exchanges occurred between these rivers in 266
 reporting new Ouachita records of two species previously considered to 268
 be Caddo River endemics, Noturus taylori and Etheostoma pallididorsum. 269
 It would not be expected that both entered as bait, and neither species 276
 seems likely to have dispersed through existing connectives because of 277
 unfavorable habitats in the lower portions of the Ouachita drainage. 278

FAUNAL COMPOSITION 2

Present Composition of the Regional Fauna 5

The North American freshwater fish fauna consists of approximately 8
 950 species north of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico (Gilbert 1976) 9

or about 775 species from the United States and Canada (Lee et al. 10
 1980). The extant fauna of the western Mississippi drainages includes 14
 at least 264 species in 84 genera and 33 families (Table ⁴/₁), slightly 16
 more than one-third of the fauna of the United States and Canada. 17
 Thirty-one of these species were introduced into the region or represent 18
 waif dispersal. Therefore, the number of resident native families is 19
 27 and native species 232, or 88% of the extant fauna of this region. 20
 Two species (1%), Anguilla rostrata and Alosa alabamae, are diadromous 21
 and 34 (15%) are endemic to one or more river systems of the western 28
 Mississippi drainage. 29

Most of the 27 (11%) introduced species were released intentionally 31
 in lakes. Waifs include four marine species that were found in the 32
 Mississippi River floodplain as far north as Alton, Illinois (Thomerson, 33
 Thorson and Hemp^el 1977): Carcharhinus leucas, Strongylura marina, 35
Syngnathus scovelli, and Mugil cephalus (Douglas, 1974; Lee et al., 37
 1980). Because of the uninformative zoogeographic nature of the 44
 accidental, introduced, and diadromous species they are omitted from the 45
 comparative analysis of drainage units. 46

In order, among native fishes the Cyprinidae, Percidae, 49
 Catostomidae, and Ictaluridae are the most diverse; collectively they 50
 make up about 70% of the fauna. The Cyprinidae and Percidae contribute 51
 more than 50% of the indigenous species. Polyodontidae, Amiidae, 52
 Anguillidae, Umbridae, Aphredoderidae, Percopsidae, Gadidae, 53
 Gasterosteidae, and Sciaenidae are each represented by one extant 54
 species. 55

Within the western Mississippi River system at least six drainage divides allow meaningful comparisons of species diversity in relatively distinct basin units: the Red, Arkansas, White, St. Francis, Meramec, and Missouri rivers. As pointed out by many authors (Kuehne 1962; Sheldon 1968; Lotrich 1973; Harrel, Davis and Doris 1967; Cashner and Brown 1977), species diversity in a watershed is dependent on its size, along with other factors. In conjunction with size of the system, historical factors and habitat diversity influence species diversity. A history of frequent drainage fracturing allowing isolation that may lead to speciation, or a history of frequent species acquisition from adjacent drainages, can lead to great diversity in a relatively old and stable system.

Among the six natural drainage units, size of basin and native species diversity (Table ⁵/₄) are not highly correlated. The Missouri River, the largest basin, has only 138 native species, whereas the much smaller Red (including Ouachita River) and White rivers have 152 and 150 species, respectively. The small St. Francis basin contains 139 species, the Arkansas (second largest ⁿ/_λ the region) 141 species, and the Meramec 96 native species. However, examination of the total diversity in each basin-- including introduced, waif, and diadromous species (Table ⁴/₃) -- does show a positive relationship between size of watershed and number of species. The Missouri River system has the highest total diversity with 173 species, Red River 171, Arkansas 170, White 165, St. Francis 150 and Meramec 108.

The two largest systems, Missouri and Arkansas rivers, have the highest percentage of introduced species with 19% and 13% respectively.

In the White and St. Francis rivers only 9% and 7% of the extant fauna	92
consists of "non-native" species. The larger river systems have higher	93
frequencies of introduction and lower percentages of native species than	94
the smaller systems, leading to an apparent correlation between size of	96
drainage and species diversity.	97
<u>Phenetic relationships of drainage units.</u>	100
For zoogeographic analysis the six natural drainage basins have	102
been divided into 19 drainage units (Fig. 1). Except for the	103
Mississippi River unit (19) these divisions are based on natural	104
drainage divides and/or changes in the regional physiography and faunas.	105
Figure 6 summarizes the faunal affinities among these drainage units,	107
based on percent of shared taxa as recorded in Table 4 ⁵ .	108
The phenogram	109
simplifies interpretations of the basic distributional pattern of fishes	109
in the western Mississippi basin as a whole. Rather than forming groups	110
strictly representative of discrete basins, groupings of overall	111
similarity among the 18 drainage units tend to be more concordant with	113
physiographic features, although intrabasin similarities are apparent.	115
Three basic phenetic groupings can be extracted: 1) the Missouri River	116
fauna, 2) a southern plains fauna, and 3) a southeastern Interior	117
Highlands fauna.	118
The Missouri River fauna forms a discrete cluster, except that its	120
lowermost segment shows greater affinity with the Highland fauna because	121
a number of its tributaries drain the northern Ozarks. Within the	122
Missouri basin two groupings are apparent: the three northernmost units,	123
and a cluster of 4 central units of the Plains and Central	124
Lowlands--each showing decreasing similarity as one moves downstream	125

through the system.	126
The second major grouping, the southern Plains, links the western	128
faunas of the Red and Arkansas river basins. These units are faunally	129
similar because most of their taxa occur widely in the Plains	130
physiographic region. External similarities of this cluster are with	131
both the Missouri River and Highlands clusters (<u>i.e.</u> , occupy an	132
intermediate position in the phenogram) because of low species diversity	136
in the southern plains drainage units, and the ubiquitous nature of a	137
high percentage of its fauna. The slightly greater overall similarity	138
with the Highland region is logical because the lower portions of the	139
Arkansas and Red rivers drain the Interior Highland province.	141
Within the Highlands cluster two well differentiated phenetic	143
groupings emerge, 1) drainages of the Ouachita and Ozark uplands and 2)	143
drainages peripheral to these formations. In group 1, the White and St.	144
Francis rivers form a distinctive faunal unit characteristic of the	146
Ozark uplands, whereas the Ouachita and Lower Red rivers characterize	147
the Ouachita Mountain Unit. The Lower Arkansas unit clusters with the	148
Red-Ouachita units, probably because it includes larger southern	149
(Ouachita) than northern (Ozark) tributaries as this unit is delineated	150
for the analysis. The close association of the two Interior Highland	151
subregions, and the lesser degree of similarity between these drainages	152
and the peripheral drainage units (middle Arkansas, lower Missouri, and	153
Meramec rivers) is partly a function of taxa unique to the Ozark and	154
Ouachita mountains, and partly due to absence in the two Highland areas	155
of some taxa that are widespread in the Central Lowlands.	156

<u>Analysis of the individual drainage units</u>	160
Among the 18 drainage units (Fig. 1), the White River unit is most	162
outstanding with respect to diversity and endemism. The 150 native	163
species include five that are endemic: <u>Noturus flavater</u> , <u>Ambloplites</u>	164
<u>constellatus</u> , <u>Etheostoma euzonum</u> , <u>E. juliae</u> , and <u>E. moorei</u> .	166
Relationships of these with their congeners are reasonably well	172
understood. <u>N. flavater</u> appears to be an early derivative of the <u>N.</u>	173
<u>furiosus</u> species group; its other members occur south and east of the	179
White River in the Ohio, Tennessee, Ouachita, Gulf, and East-coast	181
drainages (LeGrande 1981). <u>Etheostoma juliae</u> is an early isolate of the	182
subgenus <u>Nothonotus</u> , which also includes species in the Tennessee and	185
Ohio river systems, and one species known from the Mobile Bay area. <u>E.</u>	188
<u>euzonum</u> and its sister species <u>E. tetrazonum</u> of the lower Missouri unit,	191
like <u>E. juliae</u> , are most closely related to a group of species	195
inhabiting the Ohio River system. <u>Ambloplites constellatus</u> has	198
sister-species relationship (Cashner and Suttkus 1977) with the	202
wide-ranging eastern species <u>A. rupestris</u> , native to the Meramec in this	203
region. The distributionally restricted <u>E. moorei</u> is not considered to	206
be closely related to its geographically nearest relative, <u>E. juliae</u> ,	210
but is closely allied to <u>E. rubrum</u> (Page 1981), which inhabits an	214
adventitious eastern tributary of the Mississippi River in southern	217
Mississippi.	219
In addition to the above endemic species, two subspecies of the	221
orangethroat darter, <u>E. spectabile fragi</u> and <u>E. s. uniporum</u> (Distler	222
1968; Wiseman <u>et at</u> 1978), an undescribed subspecies of <u>E. caeruleum</u>	228
(Knapp 1964), an undescribed species of <u>Cottus</u> , and a distinctive form	234

of Nocomis biguttatus (Lachner and Jenkins 1971) are endemic to portions 238
of the White River drainage. The extinct Lagochila lacera is known west 241
of the Mississippi only from the White River; other records of it are 245
from the Ohio and Tennessee river systems. 246

The White River shares the greatest number of species with the St. 249
Francis (130), Ouachita (116), and lower Red (109) rivers, and has the 250
highest similarity index values with the same systems and the lower and 251
middle Arkansas (Table ⁵/₄). The number of species shared and percent of 252
similarity with the geographically adjacent Osage and Gasconade rivers 253
of the lower Missouri drainage are not as great as with the drainages 254
cited. Three factors appear to have influenced the great diversity of 256
the White River fauna and its similarity to faunas in the above streams: 257
the high degree of endemism; the occurrence of several species having 258
disjunct distributions in the Cumberland Plateau and the Interior 259
Highlands; and the substantial proportions of both Highlands and Coastal 261
Plain habitats in its watershed. The fauna includes species 262
characteristic of high-gradient, clear streams and of large base-level 263
rivers. Because many species occur in most or all drainage units that 264
enter the Highlands province, high similarity coefficients among these 265
drainages (White with St. Francis, Ouachita, lower Red, and to a lesser 267
extent the Middle Arkansas unit) would be expected. In some cases such 268
distribution has resulted in differentiation of an ancestral species 269
into two or more descendant species endemic to one or more of the above 270
drainages. 272

The second most diverse drainage, with 139 species, is the St. 274
Francis-Little River unit. No species are endemic to these rivers. 275

Among species endemic in this zoogeographic region, however, eight occur 276
in these rivers and are shared with the White, Lower Missouri, Lower 277
Arkansas, or Ouachita rivers, all of which drain portions of the 278
Interior Highlands. The great diversity of the St. Francis-Little River 279
fauna may be due to their highland origin and lowland discharge, and to 281
their proximity to the White River unit. Of the 139 species, 130 are 282
shared with the White system, giving these two drainages a 90% 283
similarity value, higher than for any other pair of drainages except 285
some adjacent units in the upper Missouri system. Historic reasons for 286
this similarity are discussed in the sub-section on Drainage History, 287
concerning eastward movement of the Mississippi mainstream. 289

The Ouachita and Lower Red rivers are equally diverse with 133 292
native species in each; 118 are shared, giving a similarity value of 89. 293

Noturus lachneri, N. taylori, Percina sp. (cf. [^]nasuta) and Etheostoma 296
pallididorsum) are endemic to headwaters of the Ouachita, and Percina 302
pantherina is endemic to the Little River of the Red River drainage. 305

Notropis ortenburgeri, N. perpallidus, N. sp. (cf. fumeus) (Snelson 309
1973), Etheostoma radiosum radiosum and E. r. paludosus are either 313
restricted to or are found primarily in the Ouachita Mountains including 319
the Lower Red and Ouachita drainages. Notropis bairdi is endemic to the 320
Red River system, primarily its western part (but see sub-section on 324
Introductions concerning its recent establishment elsewhere). Several 325
other species have southern relic populations in the Red River drainage: 326

Nocomis asper, Notropis pilsbryi, N. rubellus, Etheostoma microperca, 329
E. nigrum, E. radiosum cyanorum, and Percina caprodes fulvitaenia (Moore 332
and Rigney 1952; Gilbert 1964; Lachner and Jenkins 1971; Burr 1978; 336

Morris and Page 1981).	337
Higher diversity in the Lower Red River than in the lower portions	339
of the Arkansas and Missouri rivers (Table 4) results partly from	340
uniqueness of the Ouachita regional fauna, but also from inclusion of	341
species characteristic of Gulf coastal drainages. Coastal Plain species	342
in the Red River fauna include <u>Hybognathus hayi</u> , <u>Notropis chalybaeus</u> ,	343
<u>N. hubbsi</u> , <u>N. maculatus</u> , <u>N. texanus</u> , <u>Moxostoma poecilurum</u> , <u>Erimyzon</u>	345
<u>sucetta</u> , <u>Noturus phaeus</u> , <u>Fundulus blairae</u> , <u>F. chrysotus</u> , <u>Etheostoma</u>	347
<u>histrion</u> , <u>E. parvipinne</u> , and <u>Menidia beryllina</u> . Other species shared	349
with southwestern Gulf drainages include <u>Notropis atrocaudalis</u> , <u>N.</u>	355
<u>potteri</u> , <u>N. sabinae</u> , <u>Etheostoma collettei</u> , and <u>Percinaⁿ macrolepida</u> .	357
The next most diverse group of drainage units includes the Lower	362
Arkansas (117 species), Lower Missouri (114), and Middle Arkansas (111).	363
Although the numbers of species are similar in these drainages, their	364
similarity indices are not especially high. The lower and middle	365
Arkansas, as expected, have the highest number of shared species and	366
similarity index (80%). The lower Arkansas and Missouri have similar	368
numbers of species but show a significantly lower number of shared taxa	369
(73) and lower similarity (63%). The Middle Arkansas and Lower Missouri	370
show a greater number of shared taxa (85) and similarity (76%) than do	371
the Lower Missouri and Lower Arkansas. This increase in similarity is	372
due mainly to taxa shared between the Osage River drainage (Lower	374
Missouri unit) and the Neosho (Grand) River drainage, both inhabited by	375
prairie taxa and by Interior Highlands taxa shared also between the	376
Neosho, White, Gasconade, and Osage rivers.	377

Endemic species are fairly well represented in these drainages 380
except for the Lower Arkansas which has none. The Lower Missouri has 381
three endemic species, are darters inhabiting southern tributaries in 382
the Osage and Gasconade rivers. Etheostoma nianguae is endemic to the 384
Osage River; its closest relative, E. sagitta, is in the upper 387
Cumberland and Kentucky rivers of Kentucky and Tennessee. Percina 390
cymatotaenia, whose sister species P. (Odontolepholis) sp. is also in 393
the headwaters of the Kentucky and Green rivers in Kentucky, is endemic 397
to the Osage and Gasconade (Page 1974). Etheostoma tetrazonum is 398
endemic to the Osage, Gasconade, and Meramec rivers. Its closest 401
relative, E. euzonum, is in the White River drainage; their closest 402
relative is E. variatum of the Ohio River system (Page 1981) (Fig. 5). 405

Only Noturus placidus and Etheostoma spectabile squamosum are 410
endemic to the Middle Arkansas unit (Neosho River, principally). 416
Nocomis asper occurs mainly in the Middle Arkansas, but also has small, 418
presumably native populations in the Red and Ouachita basins (Douglas 419
and Harris 1977). Notropis girardi and Etheostoma cragini are endemic 420
to the Middle and Upper Arkansas drainage units. The closest relatives 427
of the former, N. bairdi and N. buccula, are in the Red and Brazos 428
rivers, respectively; E. cragini's nearest relatives are E. 434
pallididorsum in the Ouachita and E. punctulatum in the Neosho, White, 439
and Osage rivers. 443

The Meramec River, a rather large adventitious tributary of the 445
Mississippi just south of the mouth of the Missouri River, has 96 native 446
species, three of which are endemic to this zoogeographic region but 447
none of which are confined to the Meramec. Consistent with its location 448

in the Interior Highlands, the Meramec shares many species with the 449
 White (78), Lower Missouri (78), St. Francis (76), and Middle Arkansas 450
 (69). The percent similarity of species is, however, slightly different 451
 than expected from the number of shared taxa. The highest similarity 452
 is with the lower Missouri (77%), because of northern Ozarkian species 453
 shared, and primarily because several Coastal species present in the 455
 White and St. Francis do not range so far north as the Lower Missouri 456
 and Meramec rivers. 457

The drainage units compared thus far lie partly or wholly within 459
 the Interior Highlands and Coastal Plain provinces, with the exception 460
 of the Middle Arkansas and Lower Missouri units which have Highland and 461
 Central Lowland components. The remaining units (Upper Red, Upper 462
 Arkansas and the several western subdivisions of the Missouri system) 463
 lack eastern Highland and Coastal Plain components. Like the western 464
 portions of the Arkansas and Red rivers, which have low diversity 466
 compared to their eastern portions, the Missouri River units show a 467
 westward decrease in faunal diversity, such that the two uppermost units 468
 (Upper Missouri and Yellowstone) have exceptionally low native species 469
 diversity (36 and 35 taxa); low numbers of taxa shared with external 470
 drainages (10 to 17); and low percent similarity with other drainages 471
 (17 to 38%). 472

In the Missouri basin, diversity declines abruptly between the 474
 lower unit (114 species) and the Chariton-Nishnabotna unit and Kansas 475
 River (each with 66 species), representing a loss of 48 species. 476
 Diversity increases to 76 species in the Platte-Niobrara unit, which 478
 gains its relative richness from two sources: acquisition of some 478

northern and western species that persist as relics in mountainous headwaters and in lakes of the Sand Hills in northwestern Nebraska; and westward dispersal of some eastern species, from the upper Mississippi basin, via connectives with the Sioux and James rivers. The Sioux and James units retain species-diversity equal to the Kansas River and Chariton-Nishnabotana (66 native fishes), despite loss of some taxa characteristic of the lower part of the Missouri basin. That loss is compensated by species acquired from the upper Mississippi, as cited elsewhere (see Bailey and Allum 1962). Diversity decreases again to 50 species, a loss of 16 taxa, in the next drainage unit, which includes the Missouri mainstream and its western tributaries from the White (SD) through the Little Missouri rivers. The Upper Missouri and Yellowstone rivers have the least number of species with 36 and 35, respectively, but have some species typical of the Rocky Mountain Region not found elsewhere in the drainage.

The overall decrease in species diversity in the Missouri River system from the Lower Missouri to the Yellowstone River is 79. Of the 35-36 species in the two uppermost units (Yellowstone and Upper Missouri rivers), 23 and 24 are shared with the Lower Missouri for a faunal similarity of 42-45%. Faunal similarities of the Upper Missouri and the Yellowstone rivers are mainly with each other (93%) and with the adjacent White-Little Missouri and Platte-Niobrara units (70-80%); similarity with other Missouri drainage units is 55% or less. External to the Missouri basin their highest similarities are with the Upper Arkansas (38%), Middle Arkansas (34%), and Canadian (32%) units. Significant portions of the Missouri and Arkansas basins drain the Rocky

Mountains and the Great Plains, and share species typical of each	511
province. The Upper Red River fails to reach the Rockies, and has but	512
26% faunal similarity with the Upper Missouri and Yellowstone units.	513
The few species shared between the upper Missouri drainages and	516
drainages outside the Missouri system include mostly large river species	517
like <u>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</u> , <u>Polyodon spathula</u> , <u>Lepisosteus</u>	518
<u>platostomus</u> , <u>Hiodon alosoides</u> , <u>Hybopsis gracilis</u> , <u>Hybognathus placitus</u> ,	522
<u>Notropis atherinoides</u> , <u>Carpionodes carpio</u> , <u>Cycleptus elongatus</u> , <u>Ictiobus</u>	524
<u>bubalus</u> , <u>I. cyprinellus</u> , <u>Ictalurus punctatus</u> , <u>Stizostedion canadense</u> and	526
<u>Aplodinotus grunniens</u> . Species not typical of large turbid rivers that	531
are shared with other drainages are those whose ranges extend southward	532
through Rocky Mountain headwaters: <u>Salmo clarki</u> , <u>Rhinichthys</u>	533
<u>cataractae</u> , <u>Catostomus catostomus</u> and <u>C. commersoni</u> .	536
No fishes are endemic to the Upper Missouri and Yellowstone units	541
although a few species are confined to the Missouri system and the	541
Mississippi River below the mouth of the Missouri. These include	543
<u>Scaphirhynchus albus</u> , <u>Hybognathus argyritis</u> , <u>Hybopsis gelida</u> , and <u>H.</u>	545
<u>meeki</u> , all typical of large, turbid rivers with sandy substrates.	548
Several northern or western species are found only in the upper portions	550
of the Missouri system within our zoogeographic region. These include	551
<u>Salmo clarki</u> , <u>Prosopium williamsoni</u> , <u>Couesius plumbeus</u> , <u>Rhinichthys</u>	554
<u>cataractae</u> , <u>Hybognathus hankinsoni</u> , <u>Notropis hudsonius</u> , <u>Phoxinus eos</u> ,	554
<u>P. neogaeus</u> , <u>Semotilus margarita</u> , <u>Lota lota</u> , <u>Fundulus diaphanus</u> , <u>Culaea</u>	556
<u>inconstans</u> , and <u>Etheostoma exile</u> .	558
Some inhabitants of the Lower Missouri basin whose westward	563
distributions terminate in that drainage unit are <u>Acipenser fulvescens</u> ,	563

<u>Amia calva</u> , <u>Notropis boops</u> , <u>N. chrysocephalus</u> , <u>N. volucellus</u> , <u>Moxostoma</u>	566
<u>anisurum</u> , <u>M. duquesnei</u> , <u>Fundulus notatus</u> , <u>F. olivaceus</u> , <u>Labidesthes</u>	567
<u>sicculus</u> , <u>Etheostoma blennioides</u> , <u>E. caeruleum</u> , <u>E. flabellare</u> , <u>E.</u>	569
<u>zonale</u> , and the two species of <u>Cottus</u> . Species whose northwestward	571
distributions end in the Sioux or James units include <u>Lepisosteus</u>	575
<u>osseus</u> , <u>Phoxinus erythrogaster</u> , <u>Hybopsis aestivalis</u> , <u>Notropis blennius</u> ,	578
<u>N. heterolepis</u> , <u>Pimephales notatus</u> , <u>Carpionodes cyprinus</u> , <u>Ictiobus niger</u> ,	580
<u>Moxostoma carinatum</u> , <u>M. erythrurum</u> , <u>Percopsis omiscomaycus</u> , <u>Percina</u>	581
<u>caprodes</u> , <u>P. maculata</u> , and <u>Etheostoma nigrum</u> .	583

The Upper Red and Upper Arkansas rivers, like the Missouri, lose	588
faunal diversity from east to west. The reduction in the Red River is	589
from 133 species in the lower unit to 56 in the upper; 81 species are	590
lost, but 4 (<u>Notropis oxyrhynchus</u> , <u>Pimephales promelas</u> , <u>Cyprinodon</u>	591
<u>rubrofluviatilis</u> , and <u>Fundulus zebrinus</u>) are gained. Along the	593
Arkansas, diversity varies from 117 in the lower unit to 111 in the	597
middle unit and 64 in the upper. Taxa shared between the lower and	598
middle units number 91, so 26 taxa are lost, but others are gained along	599
the western Ozark-prairie border. Between the middle and upper units	600
the difference of 47 species is accounted for by loss of 51 species and	601
addition of 4 (<u>Salmo clarki</u> , <u>Rhinichthys cataractae</u> , <u>Hybopsis gracilis</u> ,	603
and <u>Fundulus zebrinus</u>). A few species are added to the west in both of	606
these systems and in the Missouri, but the great majority of species are	609
lost and not replaced.	611

Ecological Aspects of Fish Distribution 3

The ranges of most species in the Missouri, Arkansas, and Red River	5
systems conform less well with drainage boundaries than with	6

physiographic boundaries, essentially ecological units. Thus many 7
species inhabit parts of several drainages, while few species occur 8
throughout any single river system. Some species (like Semotilus 9
atromaculatus and Catostomus commersoni) are abundant in eastern 13
streams, absent from the southern plains, but reappear in the 17
headwaters of tributaries that extend to western highlands. Their 18
distributions imply that access to all streams of the region was not 20
restricted by physical barriers to dispersal. The present distributions 21
of Phoxinus eos and P. erythrogaster (Fig. 7), Hybopsis meeki and 22
Fundulus zebrinus (Fig. 8), and several fishes represented in Fig. 5 33
similarly ^{ly} imply ecological restriction of ranges that transcend 34
drainage divides. 35

The major trend throughout the region is ~~an~~ impoverishment of the 38
fauna westward and northward. Diversity is limited progressively by 38
variable flow, high turbidity, extreme temperature, and low habitat 39
diversity. If species having only marginal or sporadic occurrence are 40
excluded from the analysis, similarity index values between the faunas 42
of the five physiographic provinces are low, exceeding 50% only in the 43
Central Lowlands/Great Plains combination. Values for the Coastal 44
Plain/Interior Highlands (13%) and Interior Highlands/Central Lowlands 45
(23%) are strikingly low despite the physical proximity of these 46
provinces. 47

These relationships have also been pointed out by Smith and Fisher 49
(1970) and Stevenson, Schnell, and Black (1974) who found a high level 50
of ecological control of faunal composition using multivariate analysis 51
of entire faunas against sets of environmental variables. The result 52

appeared to be a complex of environmental (ultimately climatic) 54
controls, stream size, and drainage constraints on dispersal. 55

The precision with which the fish communities conform to ecological 58
boundaries was illustrated by Pflieger (1971), who analyzed 59
distributional patterns by assigning each species to one "faunal group", 60
and plotting the group-distributions based on the frequency of 61
occurrence of all member species at localities throughout Missouri. Two 62
of the resulting maps are reproduced here (Fig. 9). All localities of 64
capture for 83 species are represented in the two maps. 65

On a local basis, Hall (1952) compared the faunas of small eastern 68
and western tributaries of Grand River in northeastern Oklahoma. In the 69
area where Hall's collections were made the Grand River mainstream 70
conveniently delimits the interior Highlands and Central Lowlands 71
provinces. Forty-three species inhabited the eastern tributaries and 72
21 the western tributaries. Twenty-three species were confined to the 74
eastern tributaries and eight additional species were taken in those 75
streams and in Grand River, but not in the western tributaries. Four 76
species were found exclusively in the western tributaries, five other 78
species in those streams plus the mainstream. Thus only 12 species were 79
shared by the opposing tributaries, yielding a similarity index of 80
42.5%, a value lower than most values obtained in the interbasin 81
comparisons (Table ⁵/₄). Most species represented in Hall's (1953) study 82
have extensive geographic ranges. Differences in habitat clearly 84
explain their pronounced segregation in the opposing tributaries. 86
Differences apparent from Hall's description of the streams include 87
local relief, land-use, substrate type, turbidity, summer temperatures, 88

and extent of aquatic vegetation.	89
Similar but less extreme local segregation of faunas is apparent in	92
areas surveyed recently by Reigh and Owen (1979) in the Missouri basin	93
of western North Dakota. The Heart and Little Missouri rivers contain	94
39 and 24 species, respectively; 22 are shared, yielding a similarity	95
index of 74%. Dominant species in the two streams differ markedly,	96
however. <u>Hybopsis gracilis</u> and <u>Hybognathus</u> spp. (<u>argyritis</u> and	97
<u>placitus</u>) comprised 79% of the fishes captured in the Little Missouri	108
but less than 2% of those in the Heart. <u>Notropis lutrensis</u> and <u>N.</u>	110
<u>stramineus</u> comprised 48% of the fish collected in Heart River but less	115
than 2% in the Little Missouri. Seven centrarchids were found in the	117
Heart River, but only one, <u>Lepomis cyanellus</u> , in the Little Missouri.	119
Reigh and Owen (1979) described the Heart River, with its tributaries,	122
as having "some of the finest aquatic habitat in southwestern North	123
Dakotas," due in part to impoundments that trap silt, along with springs	125
and beaver dams that provide pool areas and flow during dry periods.	126
The authors described the Little Missouri River as having extreme	127
fluctuation in flow (0 to 1,840 m ³ /sec), high silt loads, and an	128
unstable stream bed devoid of vegetation. Several of the species	129
prevalent in the Little Missouri fauna, but rare or absent in Heart	131
River, are characteristic of the original prairie fish-community. In	132
addition to the three species cited above, these included <u>Hiodon</u>	133
<u>alosoides</u> , <u>Hybopsis gelida</u> , <u>Lota lota</u> , and <u>Stizostedion canadense</u> .	136
Populations of these species have declined alarmingly over much of their	140
ranges in recent decades, perhaps excepting <u>Hiodon</u> and <u>Stizostedion</u>	141
which occupy impoundments.	147

<u>Faunal Diversity as a Function of Physiographic Province.</u>	150
The Interior Highlands is the smallest of five physiographic provinces represented here, yet it has the richest fauna, with 150 native species, or 65% of the total fauna; 27 of its species are endemic to the western Mississippi basins (Tables ⁴ / ₃ and ⁵ / ₄). The high species diversity in this province is likely due to its long history of drainage stability since the Paleozoic, generally high amount of precipitation (100cm/year), and constant base-flows supplied by some of the largest springs in North America. These factors sustain clear waters and diverse habitats that were not disrupted by glaciation or inland seas. Similarities with other provinces are relatively low, the largest index values being with the Central Lowlands (64%) and Coastal Plain (56%), as expected geographically. The Coastal Plain province, south and east of the Highlands, has 122 species (53% of total fauna). The Highlands and Coastal Plains share substantially fewer species (75) than are shared by the Highlands and Central Lowlands (92), adjoining the Highlands to the north and west.	152 152 153 155 156 157 158 159 160 162 163 164 165 167 168 169
Diversity of the Central Lowlands is second greatest in this region, with 139 native species. Its fauna is largely a conglomerate of species found also in the Great Plains, Interior Highlands, and Coastal Plain provinces. Of the 13 western Mississippi endemic species that inhabit this province, only <u>Notropis bairdi</u> and <u>Noturus placidus</u> can be considered endemic to the Central Lowlands province specifically. The remaining 11 have their centers of distribution in one of the two adjacent regions (<u>Notropis pilsbryi</u> , <u>N. ortenburgeri</u> , <u>Nocomis asper</u> , <u>Etheostoma radiosum</u>); are large-river species (<u>Scaphirhynchus albus</u> ,	171 172 173 174 175 182 183 185 187

Hybognathus argyritis, Hybopsis gelida); or are equally shared with 190
 other provinces (Notropis girardi, Pimephales tenellus, Fundulus 191
sciadicus, Etheostoma cragini). 193

The affinities of the Central Lowlands lie mainly with the 197
 Highlands based on shared species (92), but its similarity index is 198
 greatest with the Great Plains (72%). The Plains fauna consists, with 199
 the exception of five species, of a subset of the Central Lowlands 200
 species that tolerate the harsh environmental conditions on the Great 201
 Plains. Similarity values of the Lowlands with the Coastal Plain (83 202
 species in common) and with the Interior Highlands are equal (64%) but 203
 less than that with the Great Plains. As expected, the prevalent 205
 species shared with the Highlands generally are upland species. Central 206
 Lowland - Coastal Plain shared species include those typical of large 207
 rivers or low-gradient and homogeneous habitats. 209

The Great Plains, probably the largest physiographic province in 212
 this region, has 77 native species (86 including introductions). Nearly 213
 all native species occur also in the Central Lowlands, giving these two 214
 provinces the highest similarity coefficient (72%) of any pair of 215
 provinces in the region. The Great Plains fauna is least similar to the 216
 Coastal Plain (39%) and Highlands (41%). 217

The most depauperate of the physiographic provinces is the Rocky 220
 Mountains, with 18 native species (30 including introductions). 221
 Fourteen of its native species are shared with the Plains, 10 with the 222
 Central Lowlands, only 6 with the Interior Highlands, and 3 with the 223
 Coastal Plain. The highest and lowest similarity index values (48% and 224
 10%) are with the Great Plains and Coastal Plain, respectively. No 225

species is endemic to the Rocky Mountain portion of the Mississippi 226
 drainage. Species unique to this province, within our region, include 227
 the salmonids Prosopium williamsoni, Salmo clarki, and Thymallus 228
arcticus; all occur also in western or northern drainage basins external 233
 to the Mississippi system. The faunas of northern and southern 235
 drainages in the Rocky Mountain province are dissimilar. Only five 236
 species inhabit mountain streams of both the Missouri and Arkansas 237
 basins: Salmo clarki, Rhinichthys cataractae, Hybopsis gracilis (more 238
 characteristic of the larger Plains streams), Catostomus commersoni, and 241
C. catostomus. Arkansas River populations of the last species may be 247
 introduced. 248

Comparison of similarity values between drainage units and 250
 physiographic provinces yields some noteworthy results (Table ⁵/₄). The 251
 Lower Arkansas and Lower Red rivers have high similarity coefficients 252
 with the Coastal Plain province, as do the White and St. Francis rivers; 253
 all these drainage units occupy the Coastal Plain, in part, but have 254
 headwaters in the Interior Highlands, accounting for their relatively 256
 high faunal richness. The Lower Missouri and Meramec rivers, both in 257
 proximity to the Mississippi floodplain, do not have high faunal 258
 similarity (40-50%) with the Coastal Plain. Similarity of the Interior 260
 Highlands fauna with that of various drainage units is substantially 261
 below 50%, except for drainages included within the Highlands, 262
 indicating the distinctiveness of its fauna. Drainage similarity with 263
 the Central Lowlands province is rather uniform across all drainage 265
 units, except for low values in the upper Missouri River units. That 266
 result is due partly to the fact that the Central Lowlands transect most 267

of the drainage units, but due also to the high number of species shared 269
 by this province and all others; thus the Central Lowlands fauna is only 270
 moderately distinctive. 271

Other Habitat Associations. 274

Of the 230 native non-diadromous species in the region, 166 (72% 276
 occupy small rivers, 122 (52%) inhabit creeks, 91 (39%) inhabit lakes, 277
 and 84 (36%) inhabit large rivers (Table ~~2~~⁵). ~~inhabit creeks, 91 (39%)~~ 278
~~inhabit lakes, and 84 (36%) inhabit large rivers (Table 2).~~ Three (1%) 280
 are upland karst topography, cave-dwelling species (Amblyopsidae) (Table 4). 281
 Species inhabiting both small rivers and creeks number 89 (38%), whereas 283
 those in both large rivers and creeks number only 12 (5%). Big and 284
 small river, small river and lake, and lake and creek combinations have 285
 the next highest numbers of shared species with 60, 57, and 47 286
 respectively. Seventy-six percent (26) of the western Mississippi 287
 endemics are typical of small rivers and 52% (18) inhabit creeks. Lakes 289
 and big rivers contain two and four endemic species, respectively. 290

The small-river habitat is faunally rich partly because of its 292
 inter-mediacy between large-river and creek habitats. Small rivers are 293
 a mixing zone analogous to the Central Lowlands province with respect 293
 to species diversity. Many species are characteristic of small rivers, 295
 but many lake, creek, and big-river taxa are also found in the 296
 small-river situation. The big-river fauna, although low in number of 297
 species, is fairly distinctive, characterized by wide-ranging species. 298
 The lake habitat is the least common natural habitat in this region, 299
 except in the Rocky Mountain and Coastal Plain provinces, because most 300
 of the region is unglaciated. The rarity of lakes accounts for the low 301

diversity of typically lake species.	303
<u>Introductions</u>	306
At least 27 species have been introduced in the region, and 40	308
additional species now inhabit parts of the western Mississippi basin	309
to which they are not indigenous. Most introductions involved sport	310
fish and forage fish stocked in impoundments, or bait-minnows	311
transported from other regions. Exotics introduced include 9 salmonids,	312
<u>Osmerus mordax</u> , <u>Astyanax mexicanus</u> , <u>Esox masquinongy</u> , 7 cyprinids,	315
<u>Ictalurus catus</u> , 3 poeciliids, <u>Morone americana</u> , <u>Morone saxatilis</u> ,	318
<u>Lepomis auritus</u> , and <u>Lepomis gibbosus</u> . Species transplanted into basins	323
or sub-basins other than those where they occurred naturally include	327
<u>Amia calva</u> , <u>Dorosoma petenense</u> , <u>Thymallus arcticus</u> , <u>Umbra limi</u> , <u>Esox</u>	330
<u>lucius</u> , 10 cyprinids, <u>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</u> , 3 ictalurids, 3	332
cyprinodontids, <u>Gambusia affinis</u> , <u>Menidia beryllina</u> , 13 centrarchids,	336
and 3 percids.	339
Extraneous fishes were released in the region during early phases	341
of settlement, often before the native fauna was catalogued adequately	342
(Snow 1875). In Kansas, for example, 13 species were introduced before	343
1885 (Graham 1885). Cashner (1980) concluded that all populations of	344
<u>Ambloplites rupestris</u> in the Arkansas and Missouri River systems	347
resulted from early introductions. <u>Cyprinus carpio</u> was introduced	348
widely in 1880, primarily as a pondfish. The carp now occurs in all	352
drainage units (Table ⁴ / ₃), and comprises more than half the commercial	353
catch of food-fishes from the Missouri River (Funk and Robinson 1974).	354
<u>Ctenopharyngodon idella</u> was introduced in 1963 into experimental ponds	357
in Arkansas and soon thereafter into impoundments in that state as a	358

means of vegetation control. It escaped almost immediately and 360
 dispersed throughout the Missouri-Mississippi mainstream (Pflieger 361
 1978). The grass carp is now being distributed in Kansas by more than 362
 20 private vendors who have stocked it in thousands of ponds, mostly 364
 since 1975. 365

Stizostedion vitreum has been stocked in reservoirs throughout the 368
 region and reproduces in many of them, dramatically expanding its range 369
 to the southwestern limits of the Mississippi basin within the past 30 371
 years. Over a longer period the range of Micropterus salmoides has 372
 expanded from the easternmost parts of the Dakotas, Nebraska, and Kansas 376
 westward to the limits of the basin. Other centrarchids, notably 377
Lepomis macrochirus, L. microlophus, and Pomoxis nigromaculatus have 380
 undergone similar westward range extension. Other sport fishes widely 384
 introduced are Morone chrysops, M. saxatilis, Esox lucius, Salmo 385
gairdneri, and S. trutta; only M. chrysops has established substantial 387
 wild populations in streams, but sustained releases of the others insure 394
 their persistence in most states of the region. Numerous salmonids 395
 (Table ⁴/₂) have been introduced into rivers and reservoirs of the upper 397
 Missouri system, principally Lake Sakakawea, ND, in 1976 and 1977 (Reigh 398
 and Owen 1979). 399

Fish-management agencies have tended increasingly to introduce 401
 "forage" species as well as game fishes into reservoirs. Osmerus mordax 402
 was released in Lake Sakakawea in 1976, where it increased explosively 405
 and dispersed downstream into other reservoirs and the unimpounded 406
 Missouri. Osmerus has been collected also in the Mississippi mainstream 407
 in Illinois ^{and Kentucky} (Burr and Mayden 1980) ~~and~~ Louisiana (Suttkus and Conner 411

1980), and ^{upper} may originate from Lake Michigan as well as from ^{upper} Missouri River 412
stocks. Dorosoma cepedianum, D. petenense, and M. beryllina have been 413
introduced into many impoundments in the southern Plains, often in 419
conjunction with Morone. Several minnows, notably Notemigonus 420
crysoleucas, Pimephales promelas, and P. notatus, have gained access to 425
areas where they once were absent, apparently due to frequent releases. 429
Pimephales vigilax became established in the lower Kansas River in 1976, 432
spread throughout the mainstream, and by 1981 was the fourth most 433
abundant cyprinid in that river; it did not occur naturally in the 434
Missouri River system. Notropis bairdi appeared in the Cimarron River 435
(Arkansas system) in the 1970's and rapidly replaced its cognate 439
species, N. girardi, in that river. Gambusia affinis apparently entered 440
Kansas via the State Fish Hatchery near Pratt in about 1940. It 446
occurred in most streams south of 39° latitude by 1970, and became 447
established in the Kansas River system by 1970. 448

Changes in the Fauna Due to Recent Habitat Alterations 452

Modifications of habitats for fishes, including pollution, 454
siltation, and impoundment of streams, have had important effects on the 454
regional fauna. Excessive consumption of water in the Great Plains, 456
principally for irrigation, has become an especially serious decimating 457
factor in the past decade. Grain crops have been produced in some 458
segments of the Arkansas River channel, legally a navigable stream. 459
However, the cumulative effects of impoundments-farm ponds, fishing 460
lakes, and mainstream reservoirs-probably have had the most significant 461
impact on the fauna. Most of the western Mississippi Basin, apart from 463
the Interior Highlands and Coastal Plain, has less surface water than 464

its residents demand. Precipitation varies erratically, and the region 465
has few natural lakes. The thousands of impoundments constructed for 466
convenient water supply have vastly increased lentic habitats for 468
fishes, stimulated the introductions discussed above, and altered the 469
flow regimes, sediment loads, and microbiota of streams throughout the 470
region. Control of stream-flow by impoundment has facilitated further 471
modifications of rivers for navigational purposes and expanded 472
development of adjacent floodplains. Therefore, streams over much of 473
the region have become narrower, less turbid, and less subject to wide 474
fluctuations in discharge and temperature than in their original 476
condition. The principal result has been increased diversity of the 477
prairie fauna. Concurrently, several fishes native to Plains rivers and 478
adapted to shallow sandy streams with widely fluctuating flows, high 480
turbidity, and extreme summer temperatures, have declined. Hybopsis 481
gracilis, H. gelida, H. meeki, Hybognathus placitus, and H. argyritis 484
are examples of formerly abundant, widespread species that are affected 488
adversely. Their populations have yielded dominance to pelagic 489
planktivores such as Dorosoma cepedianum and Notropis lutrensis, to 490
sight-feeding carnivores such as centrarchids and Morone, and to 496
salmonids where stream-temperatures have been depressed by hypolimnetic 499
discharge from reservoirs. 500

Several species of the Interior Highlands have been jeopardized, 502
mainly by impoundment and channelization, although the ecological 503
effects of impoundment may differ importantly in the Highlands and 504
Plains. The most vulnerable Highland species have extremely limited 505
geographic ranges, and many are dependent on riffle habitats. 506

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locality; 7. Saw Rock local fauna; 8. Rexroad local fauna; 9. Bender local fauna; 10. Broadwater-Lisco local fauna; 11. Sand Draw local fauna; 29. Roger Mills Co., OK; 30. Kilgore, local fauna. Glacial Pliocene and Pleistocene fossil fish localities in the western Mississippi drainage (▲): 12. Seneca local fauna; 13. Plainville local fauna; 14. White Rock local fauna; 15. Sappa local fauna; 16. Wathena local fauna; 17. Angus local fauna; 18. Rezabek local fauna; 19. Sandahl local fauna; 20. Kanopolis local fauna; 21. Butler Spring local fauna; 22. Berends local fauna; 23. Doby Springs local fauna; 24. Mt. Scott local fauna; 25. Duck Creek local fauna; 26. Ree Heights local fauna; 27. Litchfield local fauna; 28. Hill City local fauna; 31. Good Creek local fauna; 32. Clear Creek local fauna; 33. Trinity River local fauna; 34. Ben Franklin local fauna.	31 32 33 34 35 36 37 37 38 39 40 41 41 42 43
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Fig. 5. Present ranges of several fishes having disjunct distributions in the Ozark region and elsewhere, superimposed on major drainage elements of the preglacial Mississippi basin. Presumably the relatively stable, unglaciated Highland streams served as refugia for these species during glacial epochs.

Fig. 6. Phenogram depicting percent similarity of fish faunas in 18 drainage units of the western Mississippi River basin. Similarity values are from Table #.

Fig. 7. Present distributions of Phoxinus eos (cross hatching and circles) and P. erythrogaster (stippling and squares). Ranges

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(see map)

of both species have receded northward and eastward from areas 61
 occupied during glacial maxima, leaving relic populations in 62
 habitats that remained suitable. The range of Phoxinus 63
neogaeus is similarly disjunct. 65

Fig. 8. Present distributions of Hybopsis meeki (Missouri 68
 mainstream) and Fundulus zebrinus (stippled area plus isolated 71
 dot). Other species adapted to Plains rivers have similar 74
 distributions, notably Scaphirhynchus albus, Hybopsis 75
gracilis, H. gelida, Hybognathus placitus, and H. argyritis. 77

Fig. 9. Two of seven ~~primary~~ faunal groupings of Missouri fishes, 82
 From Pflieger (1971). 83

TABLE 1. Distribution of Fishes in Nineteen Drainage Units, Physiographic Provinces and Habitats and Endemism in Western Mississippi River Drainages. (N=Native, U=Uncertain, D=Diadromous, A=Accidental, I=Introduced, ?=Questionable Validity, E=Extinct, P=Prevalent, M=Marginal, S=Sporadic and X=Present). Totals for each column represent total number of taxa in each.

SPECIES	DRAINAGE OCCURRENCE													ECOLOGY															
	RED			ARKANSAS				MISSOURI						REGION			HABITAT												
	Ouachita R.	Lower Red R.	Upper Red R.	Lower Arkansas R.	Middle Arkansas R.	Canadian R.	Upper Arkansas R.	White R.	St. Francis-Little Rs.	Meramec-Miss Tribs.	Lower Missouri R.	Chariton-Nishnabotna Rs.	Kansas R.	Platte-Niobrara Rs.	Sioux-James Rs.	White-Lt. Missouri Rs.	Yellowstone R.	Upper Missouri R.	Mainstream Miss. R.	Coastal Plain	Interior Highlands	Central Lowlands	Great Plains	Rocky Mountains	Big River	Small River	Creek	Lake	Endemic
PETROMYZONTIDAE																													
Ichthyomyzon castaneus	N	N		N	N			N	N	N	N	N							M	S	P	M			X	X		X	
Ichthyomyzon fossor									N	N											P					X	X		
Ichthyomyzon gagei	N	N		N	N			N		N										S	P					X	X		
Ichthyomyzon unicuspis														N	N				N	S		S			X		X		
Lampetra aepyptera								N	N	N												P					X		
Lampetra appendix								N	N												P						X	X	
CARCHARINIDAE																													
Carcharinus leucas																				A	S								
ACIPENSERIDAE																													
Acipenser fulvescens	N							N		N	N	N	N						N	S	S	S			X				
Scaphirhynchus albus								N		N	N	N	N			N	N	N	N	S		P	P		X				X
Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus	N	N		N	N			N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P		X				
POLYDONTIDAE																													
Polyodon spathula	N	N		N	N	N	N			N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	S	P	P		X				X
LEPISOSTEIDAE																													
Atractosteus spatula	N	N		N				N	N										N	P	S				X				
Lepisosteus oculatus	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N										N	P	M	M			X				X
Lepisosteus osseus	N	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N					N	P	P	P	M		X	X			X
Lepisosteus platostomus	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			N	N	P	M	P	M		X	X			

TABLE 1. Continued.

SPECIES	DRAINAGE OCCURRENCE														ECOLOGY																	
	RED		ARKANSAS				MISSOURI								REGION			HABITAT														
	Quachita R.	Lower Red R.	Upper Red R.	Lower Arkansas R.	Middle Arkansas R.	Canadian R.	Upper Arkansas R.	White R.	St. Francis-Little Rs.	Meramec-Miss Tribs.	Lower Missouri R.	Chariton-Nishnabotna Rs.	Kansas R.	Platte-Niobrara Rs.	Sioux-James Rs.	White-Lt. Missouri Rs.	Yellowstone R.	Upper Missouri R.	Mainstream Miss. R.	Coastal Plain	Interior Highlands	Central Lowlands	Great Plains	Rocky Mountains	Big River	Small River	Creek	Lake	Endemic			
AMIIDAE																																
<i>Ania calva</i>	N	N		N	N			N	N		I	I	I						N	P					X					X		
ANGUILLIDAE																																
<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D				D	P	P	S	M		X	X						
CLUPEIDAE																																
<i>Alosa alabamiae</i>	D	D		D	D					D	D								D	S	S				X	X						
<i>Alosa chrysochloris</i>	N	N		N	N			N	N		N	N	N	N					N	P	S	S			X							
<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			N	P	S	P	M		X	X				X		
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	N	N	U	N	I	I		N	N		I								N	P	M	M			X					X		
MIODONTIDAE																																
<i>Hiodon alosoides</i>	N	N	N	N	N		N	N			N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S		P	P		X	X						
<i>Hiodon tergisus</i>	N	N		N				N	N	N	N	N							N	P	M	M			X	X				X		
SALMONIDAE																																
<i>Coregonus clupeaformis</i>																I		I					S								X	
<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>																I		I					S								X	
<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>													I			I	I							S		X					X	
<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>																I							S								X	
<i>Prosopium williamsoni</i>																	N	N						P		X	X					
<i>Salmo aguabonita</i>																	I	I					S								X	
<i>Salmo clarki</i>						N	N							N			N	N							P		X	X				X
<i>Salmo gairdneri</i>	I	I		I	I	I	I	I	I	I		I	I	I	I	I	I	I						P		X	X	X				X
<i>Salmo trutta</i>	I			I	I	I	I	I	I	I		I	I	I	I	I	I	I						P		X	X	X				X

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TABLE 1. Continued.

SPECIES	DRAINAGE OCCURRENCE														ECOLOGY															
	RED		ARKANSAS				MISSOURI								REGION			HABITAT												
	Ouachita R.	Lower Red R.	Upper Red R.	Lower Arkansas R.	Middle Arkansas R.	Canadian R.	Upper Arkansas R.	White R.	St. Francis-Little Rs.	Meramec-Miss Tribs.	Lower Missouri R.	Chariton-Nishnabotina Rs.	Kansas R.	Platte-Niobrara Rs.	Sioux-James Rs.	White-Lt. Missouri Rs.	Yellowstone R.	Upper Missouri R.	Mainstream Miss. R.	Coastal Plain	Interior Highlands	Central Lowlands	Great Plains	Rocky Mountains	Big River	Small River	Creek	Lake	Endemic	
Salvelinus fontinalis						I	I							I		I	I	I					P				X	X		
Salvelinus namaycush														I		I	I	I					S						X	
Thymallus arcticus														I		I	N						M			X	X	X		
OSMERIDAE																														
Osmerus mordax											I	I		I		I	I	I	I	S		S	S		X				X	
UMBRIDAE																														
Umbra limi									N						N	I			N	M		P							X	
ESOCIDAE																														
Esox americanus	N	N		N				N	N	N	N		N						N	P	P	M	S			X	X	X		
Esox lucius	I	I	I				I	I	I	I	I	I	N	N	I	I	I	N				P	P		X				X	
Esox masquinongy	I							I			I										S								X	
Esox niger	N	N	U	N				N	N										N	P							X		X	
CHARACIDAE																														
Astyanax mexicanus		I	I		I																S	S	S		X	X				
CYPRINIDAE																														
Campostoma anomalum	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				N	S	P	P	M	P		X	X			
Campostoma oligolepis					I			N	N	N	N								N		P						X	X		
Carassius auratus	I		I	I	I		I	I	I		I	I	I				I	I							X	X			X	
Couesius plumbeus														N		N	N	N					P	P		X	X	X		
Ctenopharyngodon idella	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I		I	I	I	I	I				I	P	M				X			X		
Cyprinus carpio	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	M	M	P	P		X	X		X		
Ericymba buccata									N	N												M				X				

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TABLE X. Continued.

SPECIES	DRAINAGE OCCURRENCE													ECOLOGY																
	RED			ARKANSAS			MISSOURI							REGION		HABITAT														
	Ouachita R.	Lower Red R.	Upper Red R.	Lower Arkansas R.	Middle Arkansas R.	Canadian R.	Upper Arkansas R.	White R.	St. Francis-Little Rs.	Meramec-Miss Tribs.	Lower Missouri R.	Chariton-Nishnabot-na Rs.	Kansas R.	Platte-Niobrara Rs.	Sioux-James Rs.	White-Lt. Missouri Rs.	Yellowstone R.	Upper Missouri R.	Mainstream Miss. R.	Coastal Plain	Interior Highlands	Central Lowlands	Great Plains	Rocky Mountains	Big River	Small River	Creek	Lake	Endemic	
<i>Notropis chrysocephalus</i>	N	N		N	N			N	N	N										M	P	M			X	X				
<i>Notropis cornutus</i>										N	N	N	N	N	N						M	P	S		X	X				
<i>Notropis dorsalis</i>							H			N	N	N	N	N	N					N		P	P		X	X	X			
<i>Notropis emiliae</i>	N	N		N				N	N										N	N	P	M	M			X	X	X		
<i>Notropis fumus</i>	N	N		N	N			N	N										N	P	M	M			X	X	X			
<i>Notropis galacturus</i>								N	N										N	P		M			X	X	X			
<i>Notropis girardi</i>																					P				X					X
<i>Notropis greeni</i>				N	N			N	N	N										M	P				X					X
<i>Notropis heterolepis</i>										N											S	S	S			X	X	X		
<i>Notropis hubbsi</i>	N	N		N										N	N						P					X	X	X		
<i>Notropis hudsonius</i>																									X	X	X	X		
<i>Notropis longirostris</i>	N																				M					X	X			
<i>Notropis lutrensis</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N					N	P		P		X	X	X	X		
<i>Notropis maculatus</i>	N	N		N				N	N											N	P				X	X	X	X		
<i>Notropis nubilus</i>				N	N			N	N	N															X	X	X			X
<i>Notropis ortenburgeri</i>	N	N		N	N	N															M	P	H			X	X			X
<i>Notropis oxyrhynchus</i>			N																				S			X	X			
<i>Notropis ozarcanus</i>					I			N	N																X	X				X
<i>Notropis perpallidus</i>	N	N																							X	X				X
<i>Notropis pilsbryi</i>		N		N																					X	X				X
<i>Notropis potteri</i>		N	N																	N	P		P		X	X				X
<i>Notropis rubellus</i>	N	N		N		N	N	N	N			N										P	M			X	X			
<i>Notropis sabiniae</i>	N	N						N	N												P					X	X			
<i>Notropis shumardi</i>		N		N						N	N	N	N		N					N	P		P	M	X		X			
<i>Notropis spilopterus</i>				N					N	N					I					N		P				X	X			
<i>Notropis stramineus</i>		N	N	N	N	N			N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				N		M	P	P	M	X	X	X		
<i>Notropis telescopus</i>								N	N																	X				

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<i>Notropis texanus</i>	N	N		N		N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N				N	P					X	X					
<i>Notropis topeka</i>				N		N	N	N		N	N	N						N	P	P	P	S				X	X			
<i>Notropis umbratilis</i>	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N						N	P	P	P					X	X		X	
<i>Notropis venustus</i>	N	N	N	N			N	N	N	N	N							N	P	M	M				X	X				
<i>Notropis volucellus</i>	N	N		N	N		N	N	N	N								N	P	M	P				X	X		X		
<i>Notropis whipplei</i>	N	N		N	N		N	N	N	N									P	M	M				X	X			X	
<i>Notropis zonatus</i>							N	N	N	N									M	P	M				X	X				
<i>Phenacobius mirabilis</i>		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		N	M	M	P	P	S		X	X	X	X		X
<i>Phoxinus eos</i>																														
<i>Phoxinus erythrogaster</i>		U	U																		P	S	S	S			X	X		X
<i>Phoxinus neogaeus</i>																														
<i>Pimephales notatus</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		N		P	P	P	M				X	X	X	
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	I	U	N	I	N	N	N	I	I	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		N		S	P	P			X	X	X	X		
<i>Pimephales tenellus</i>	N	N		N	N		N	N												P	P					X	X	X		X
<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			I		I					N	P						X	X				
<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>											U		N	N	N							S						X		X
<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>						N	N						N		N	N							P				X	X		
<i>Richardsonius balteatus</i>																							P				X	X		X
<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		N	P	P	P	P	M				X	X		X
<i>Semotilus margarita</i>													N		N	N						M	P				X	X		X
CATOSTOMIDAE																														
<i>Carpiodes carpio</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S	S	P	P			X	X			X	
<i>Carpiodes cyprinus</i>	N	N					U	N		N	N	N	N	N				N	S	S	P	M			X	X			X	
<i>Carpiodes velifer</i>	N		U	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N					N		P	P					X			X	
<i>Catostomus catostomus</i>							U						N		N	N	N					M	P			X	X	X		
<i>Catostomus commersoni</i>				N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				S	P	P	P			X	X	X		

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CYPRINODONTIDAE																														
<i>Cyprinodon rubrofluviatilis</i>			N		I																		P			X	X			
<i>Fundulus blairae</i>		N																			P					X	X	X		
<i>Fundulus catenatus</i>	N	N		N			N	N	N	N									N		P					X	X	X		
<i>Fundulus chrysotus</i>	N	N						N	N												P					X	X	X		
<i>Fundulus diaphanus</i>															N								H				X	X		
<i>Fundulus dispar</i>	N							N	N										H	P							X	X		
<i>Fundulus notatus</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N								N	P		P				X	X	X		
<i>Fundulus olivaceus</i>	N	N		N	N	N		N	N	N										P	P	H				X	X			
<i>Fundulus sciadicus</i>				N							N	I	N	N	N						P	P	P				X			X
<i>Fundulus zebrinus</i>			N			N	N				N	N	N	N		I	I	I					P	P		X	X	X		
POECILIIDAE																														
<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	I	N	N	I	I	I	I						N	P	M	M					X	X		
<i>Poecilia mexicana</i>																		I						S				X		
<i>Xiphophorus helleri</i>																		I						S				X		
<i>Xiphophorus variatus</i>																		I						S				X		
ATHERINIDAE																														
<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N								N	P	P	S				X	X		X	
<i>Menidia beryllina</i>	N	N	N	N	I	I	I		N	I									N	P	S	S				X			X	
GASTEROSTEIDAE																														
<i>Culaea inconstans</i>						U	U							N	N	N	N	N						S	S	S		X	X	

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SYNGNATHIDAE																															
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>																			A	S											
PERCICHTHYIDAE																															
<i>Morone americana</i>														I									S			X			X		
<i>Morone chrysops</i>	N	N	U	N	N	U	U	N	N		N	N	U	I	U	I			N	P	S	S	S		X			X			
<i>Morone mississippiensis</i>	N	N			I			N	N			I		I					N	P	S	S	S		X			X			
<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I		I		I	I					I	S	S	S	S					X			
CENTRARCHIDAE																															
<i>Ambloplites ariomus</i>	N	N						N	N											M	P					X	X				
<i>Ambloplites constellatus</i>								N			I										P					X	X			X	
<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>				I	I					N	I				N	I	I				P	S	S			X	X				
<i>Centrarchus macropterus</i>	N	N		N				N	N										N	P						X	X	X			
<i>Elassoma zonatum</i>	N	N		N				N	N										N	P							X	X			
<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	I	I		I				I	I											P	S					X		X			
<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	U	I	I	N	P	P	P	P		X	X	X	X			
<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>										I		I	I	I	U	I	I	I		S	S	S	S	S		X	X	X			
<i>Lepomis gulosus</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	U	N	N	N	N		U						N	P	S	P					X	X			
<i>Lepomis humilis</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			N	M	S	P	P		X	X	X	X			
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	N	N	N	N	N	U	N	N	N	N	N	U	U	U	U	I	I	I	N	P	S	M			X	X	X	X			
<i>Lepomis marginatus</i>	N	N		N				N	N										N	P							X	X			
<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		U						N	M	P	P	S			X	X	X			
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	N	N	U	N	U	U	I	N	N	N	I		I	I					N	P	S	M	S		X	X		X			
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	N	N			I	I		N	N										N	P		M				X		X			
<i>Lepomis symmetricus</i>	N	N		N				N	N										N	P									X		

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<i>Micropterus coosae</i>																						S							X	
<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	N	N		N	N		N	N	N	N		I	I	U	I	I	I			M	P	M				X	X	X		
<i>Micropterus punctulatus</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	I	I							N	M	P	M					X	X	X		
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	I	I	I	N	P	P	P	S			X	X	X	X		
<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	I	I	I	N	P	S	P	S			X	X		X		
<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	N	N	I	N	N	I	I	N	N	N	I	I	I	N	I	I	I	N	P	S	P	S			X	X		X		
PERCIDAE																														
<i>Ammocrypta asprella</i>	N	N						N	N	N	N									P	M				X	X				
<i>Ammocrypta clara</i>	N	N						N	N									N	P						X	X				
<i>Ammocrypta vivax</i>	N	N		N				N	N									N	P	M					X	X				
<i>Etheostoma asprigene</i>	N	N		N				N	N	N									P						X			X		
<i>Etheostoma blennioides</i>	N			N	N			N	N	N	N									P	M				X	X				
<i>Etheostoma caeruleum</i>					I			N	N	N	N									P					X	X				
<i>Etheostoma chlorosomum</i>	N	N		N	N	N		N	N									N	P		M					X	X		X	
<i>Etheostoma collettei</i>	N	N																	P	P						X				
<i>Etheostoma cragini</i>					N		N													M	S	S				X			X	
<i>Etheostoma euzonum</i>								N												P					X				X	
<i>Etheostoma exile</i>													N	N	N	N	N								X			X		
<i>Etheostoma flabellare</i>				N	N			N	N	N	N									P	M				X	X				
<i>Etheostoma fusiforme</i>	N	N						N											P	S					X			X		
<i>Etheostoma gracile</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		N							N	P	S	M				X			X		
<i>Etheostoma histrio</i>	N	N		N				N	N										P	M					X	X				X
<i>Etheostoma juliae</i>								N												P					X					X
<i>Etheostoma microperca</i>		N			N				N	N										S	S					X	X		X	
<i>Etheostoma moorei</i>								N												P					X	X				X
<i>Etheostoma nianguae</i>										N										P					X	X				X

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<i>Etheostoma nigrum</i>	N	N		N	N			N	N	N	N	N	N	N					N		M	P	S		X	X			
<i>Etheostoma pallidiorsum</i>	N																				P						X		X
<i>Etheostoma parvipinne</i>	N	N		N				N	N											P	P	M	M				X	X	
<i>Etheostoma proeliare</i>	U	N	U	N		N		N	N										N	P	M	M					X	X	
<i>Etheostoma punctulatum</i>					N			N	N		N										P	P					X	X	X
<i>Etheostoma radiosum</i>	N	N																			P	M				X	X		X
<i>Etheostoma spectabile</i>		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N							P	P	S			X	X		
<i>Etheostoma stigmaeum</i>	N	N		N	N			N	N												P					X	X		
<i>Etheostoma tetrazonum</i>										N	N											P				X	X		X
<i>Etheostoma whipplei</i>	N	N		N	N	N		N													P	P				X	X		
<i>Etheostoma zonale</i>	N			N	N			N	N	N	N										P					X	X		
<i>Perca flavescens</i>													I	I	N	I	I	I	N			P	P						X
<i>Percina caprodes</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		N		N							P	P			X	X	X	
<i>Percina copelandi</i>	N	N		N	N		N													M	P	P			X	X			
<i>Percina cymatotaenia</i>											N										P					X	X		X
<i>Percina evides</i>								N	N	N	N											P				X			
<i>Percina macrolepida</i>		N	N																	S		P			X		X		
<i>Percina maculata</i>	N	N		N	N			N	N		N	N	N	N	N					M	M	P			X	X			
<i>Percina nasuta</i>	N			N	N			N	N												P				X	X			X
<i>Percina ouachitae</i>	N							N	N											P	M				X	X			
<i>Percina pantherina</i>		N																			P				X	X			X
<i>Percina phoxocephala</i>		N		N	N		N			N	N										M	P			X	X			
<i>Percina sciera</i>	N	N	N	N	N			N	N											P	M	M			X	X			
<i>Percina shumardi</i>	N	N		N	N			N	N										N	P		S			X	X			
<i>Percina uranidea</i>	N							N	N											P	M				X	X			
<i>Stizostedion canadense</i>	N	N		N	N			N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		M	P	P		X	X		X	
<i>Stizostedion vitreum</i>	I	I	I	I	U	I	I	U	U	N	U	U	U	U	N	N	I	I	N		P	P	P		X	X		X	

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SCIAENIDAE																															
<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P		P	H		X	X		X		
MUGILIDAE																															
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>				A															A	S											
COTTIDAE																															
<i>Cottus bairdi</i>								N	N	N	N											P					X	X			
<i>Cottus carolinae</i>					N			N	N	N	N											P					X	X			

TABLE 5. Matrices of Numbers of shared Species and Similarities of Species Composition (expressed as percent) Among Selected Drainages, Physiographic Regions, Habitats and Endemic Species in the Western Mississippi River Basin. Only native species (N) are used in comparisons ^{and} between drainages and prevalent (P) distributions in Physiographic Regions are used in calculations. Upper right triangular matrix is number of shared species, lower left matrix is percent similarity, and diagonal is number of native ^{Species} or prevalent taxa in that category. *the drainage unit.*

DRAINAGES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
1 Ouachita R.	133118	45104	83	47	47116110	61	69	43	42	38	36	20	12	12	87109	96	87	35	2	60	98	67	68	10							
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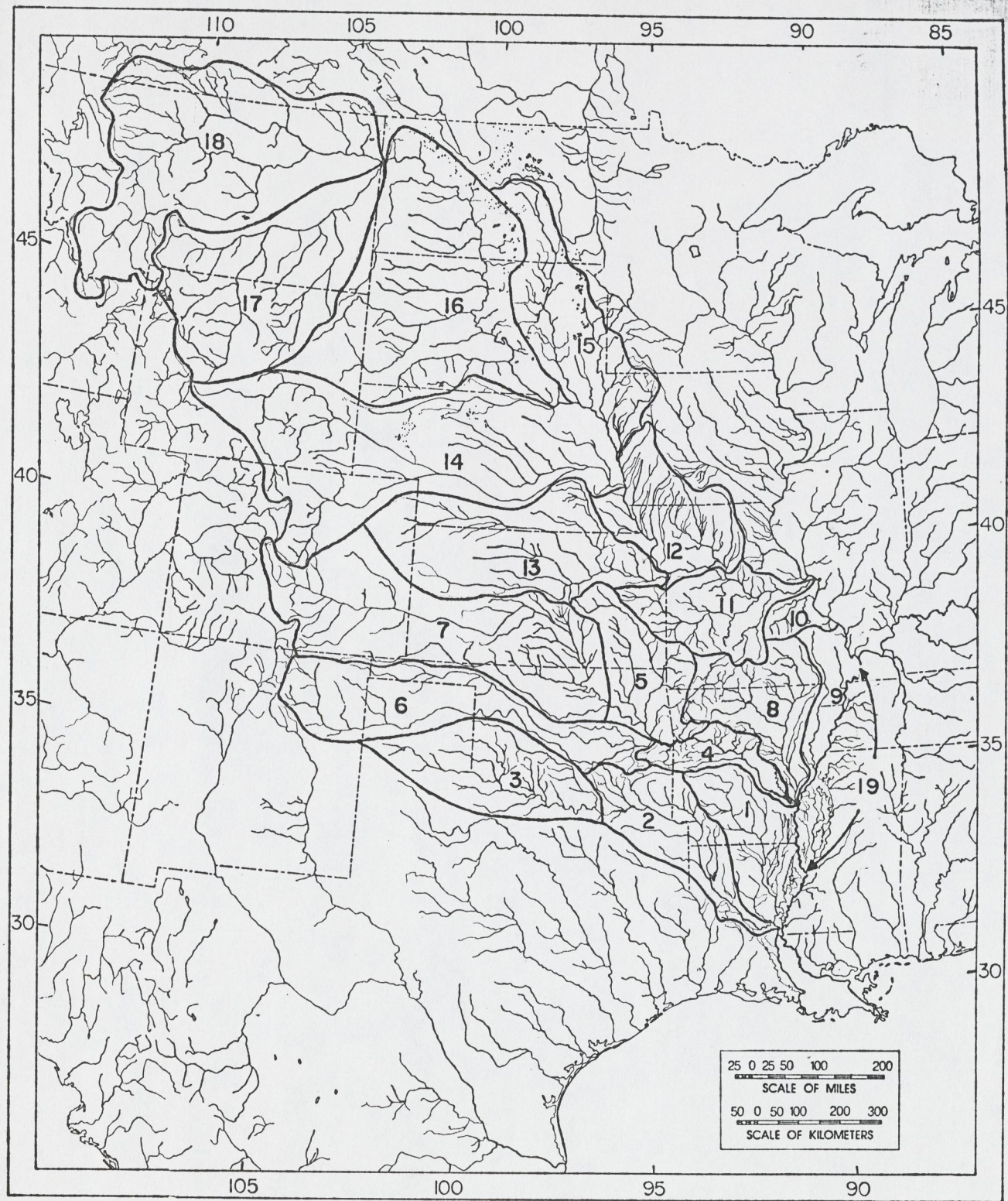


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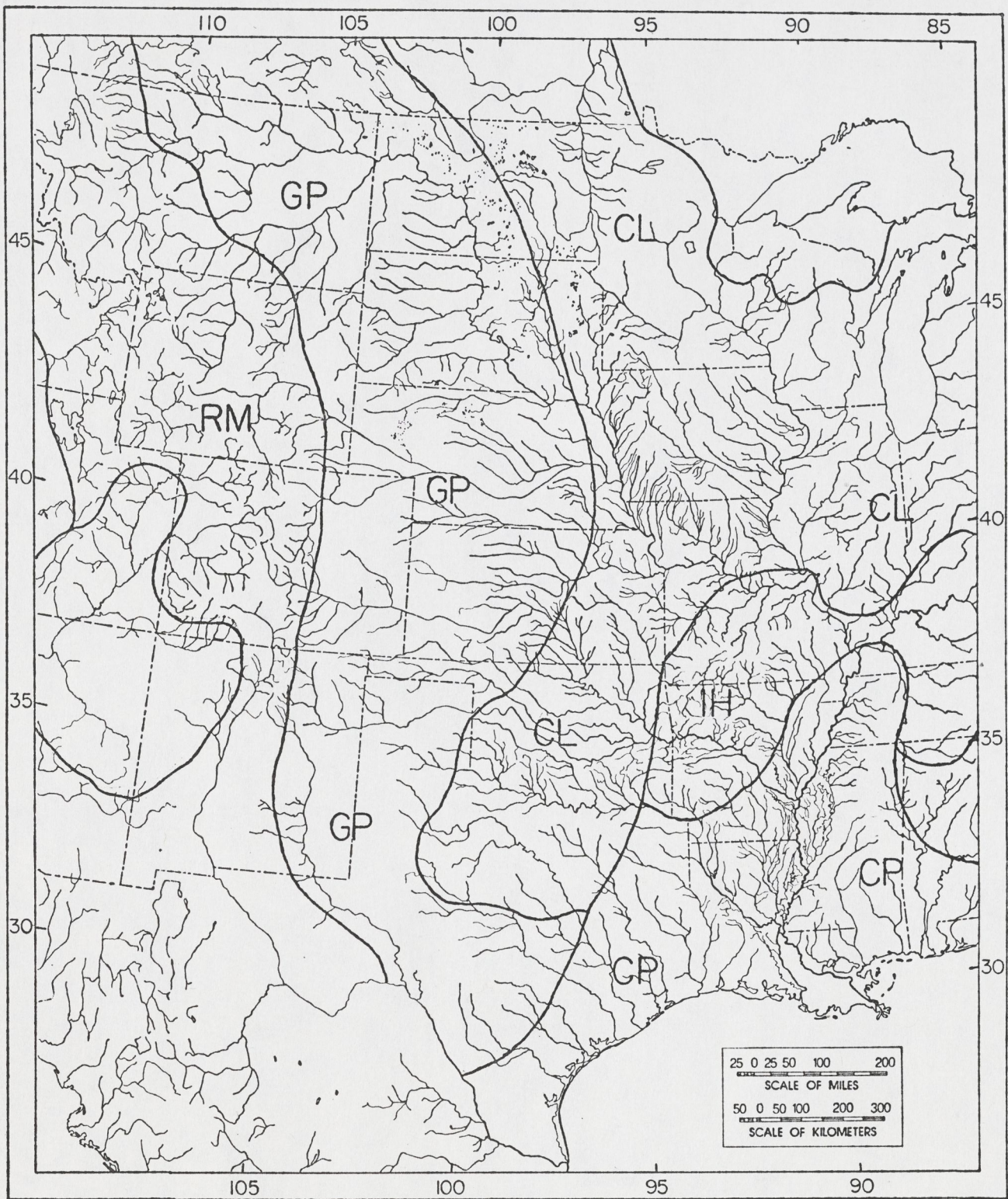


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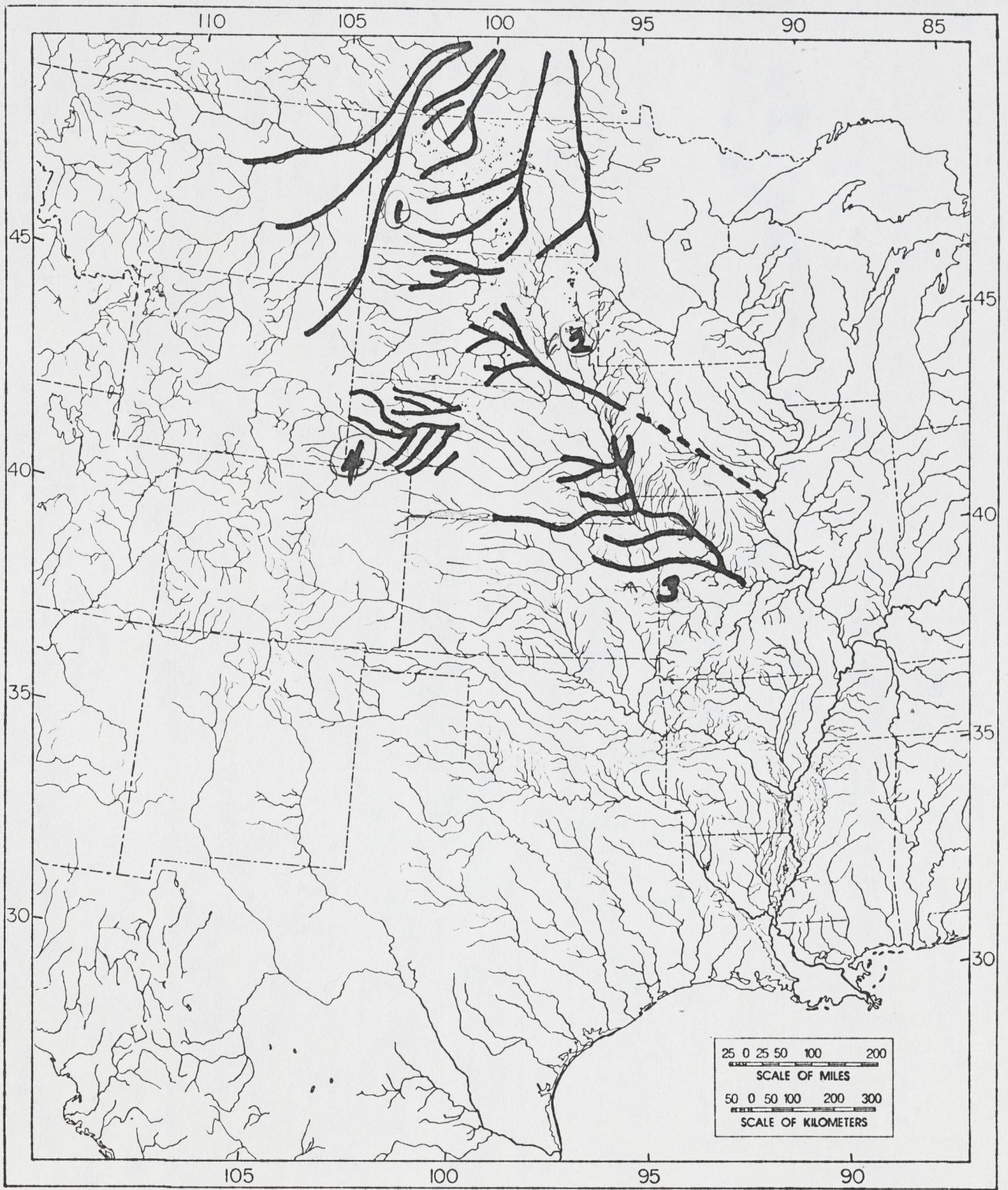


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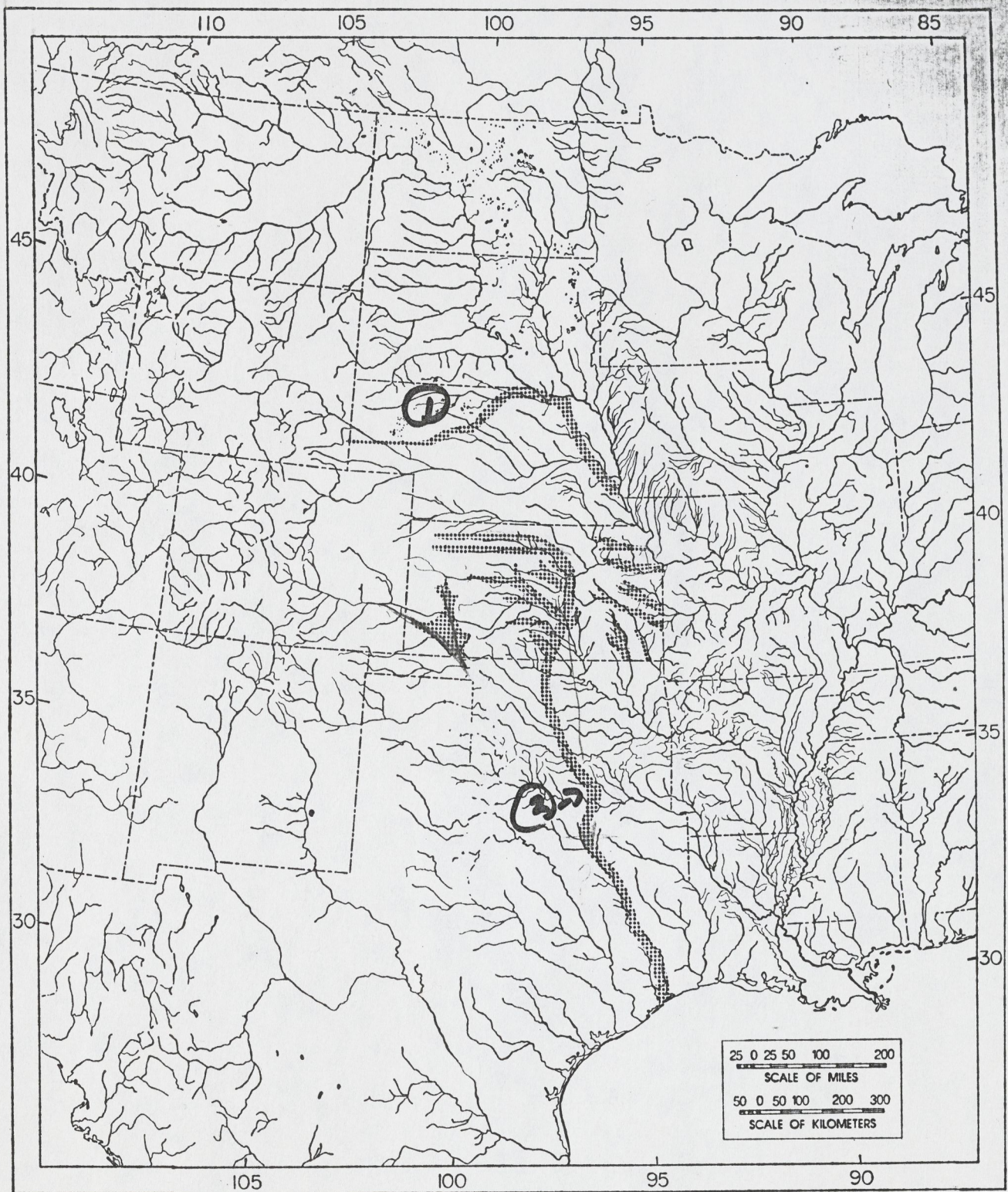
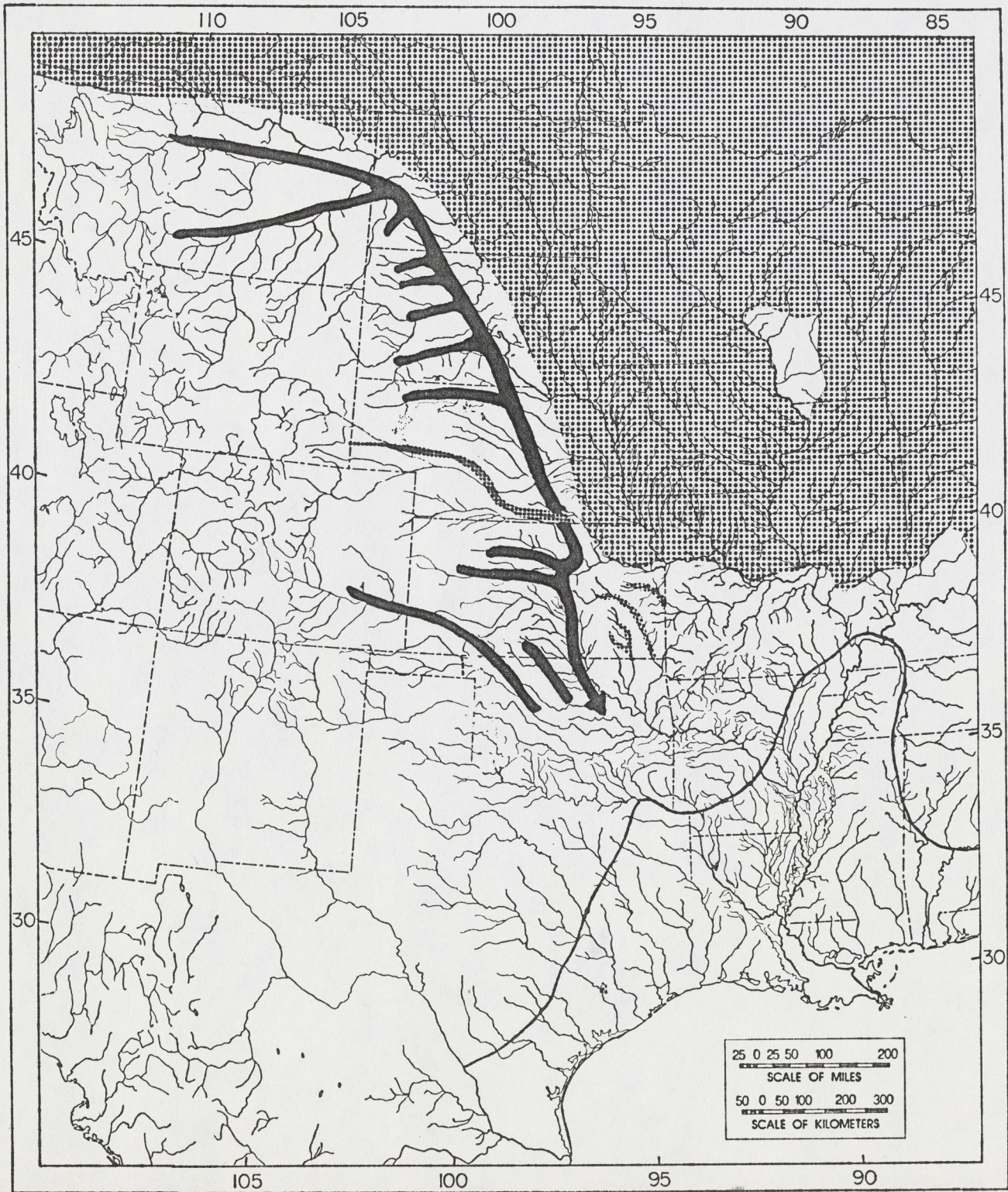


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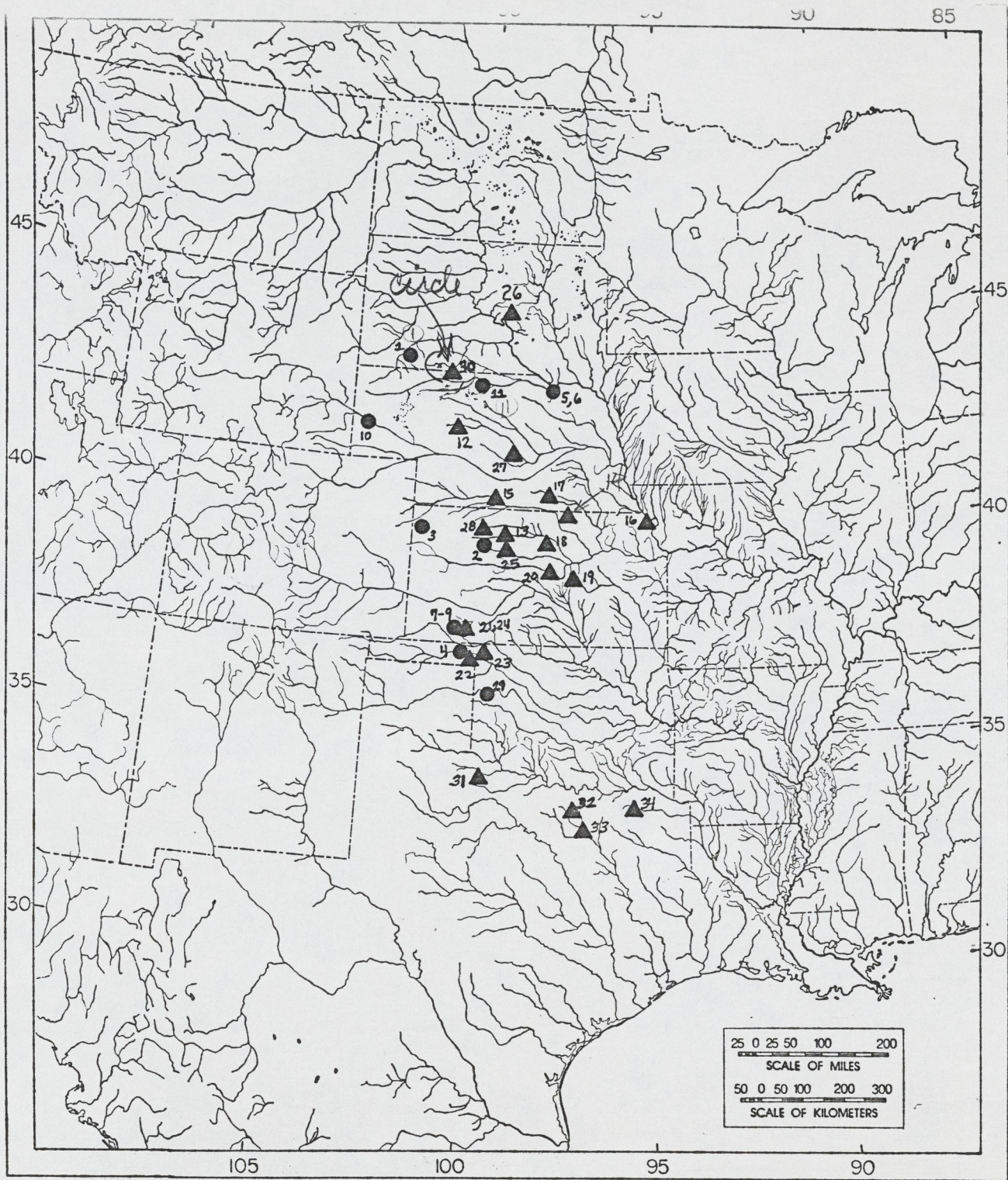
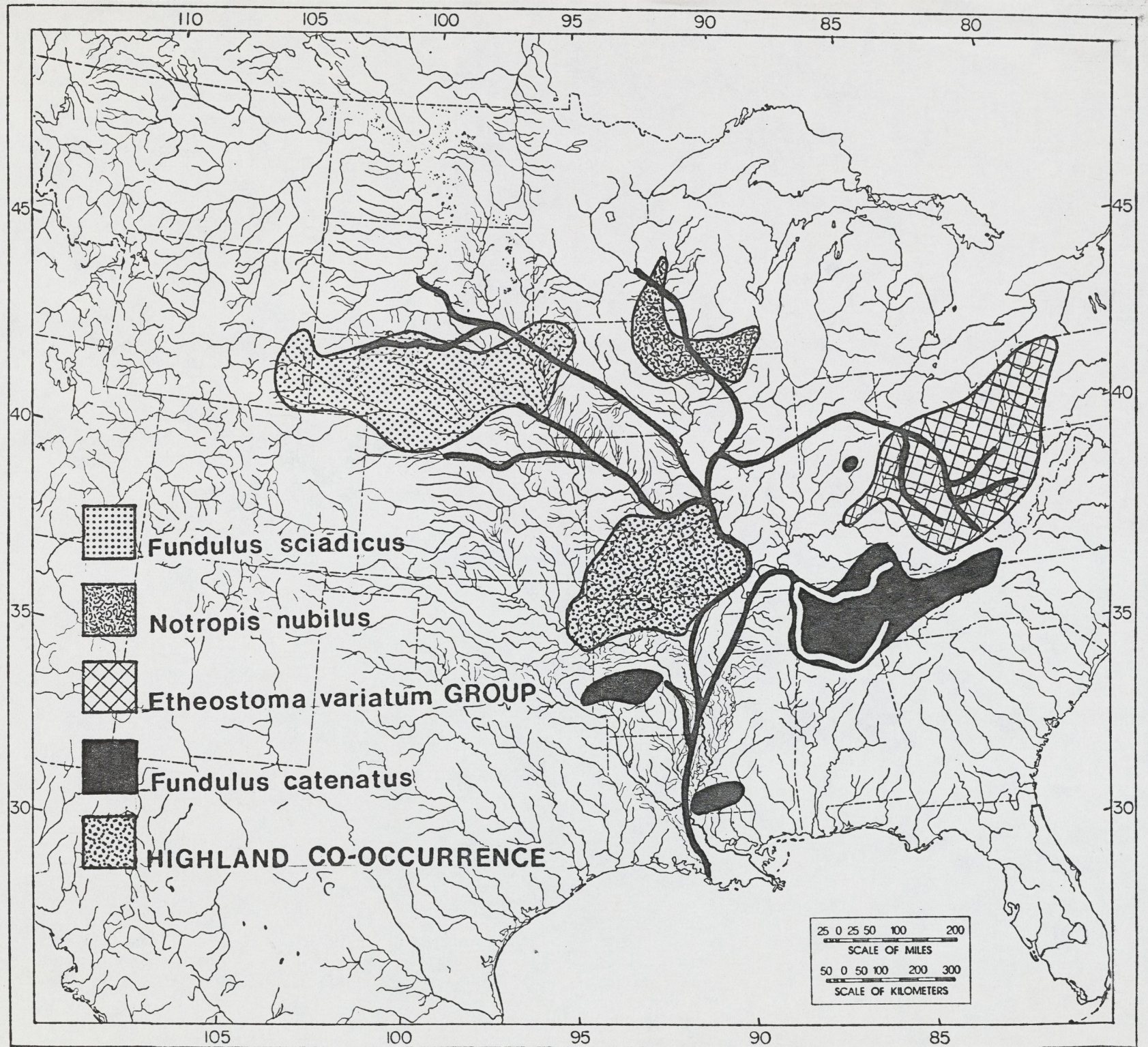


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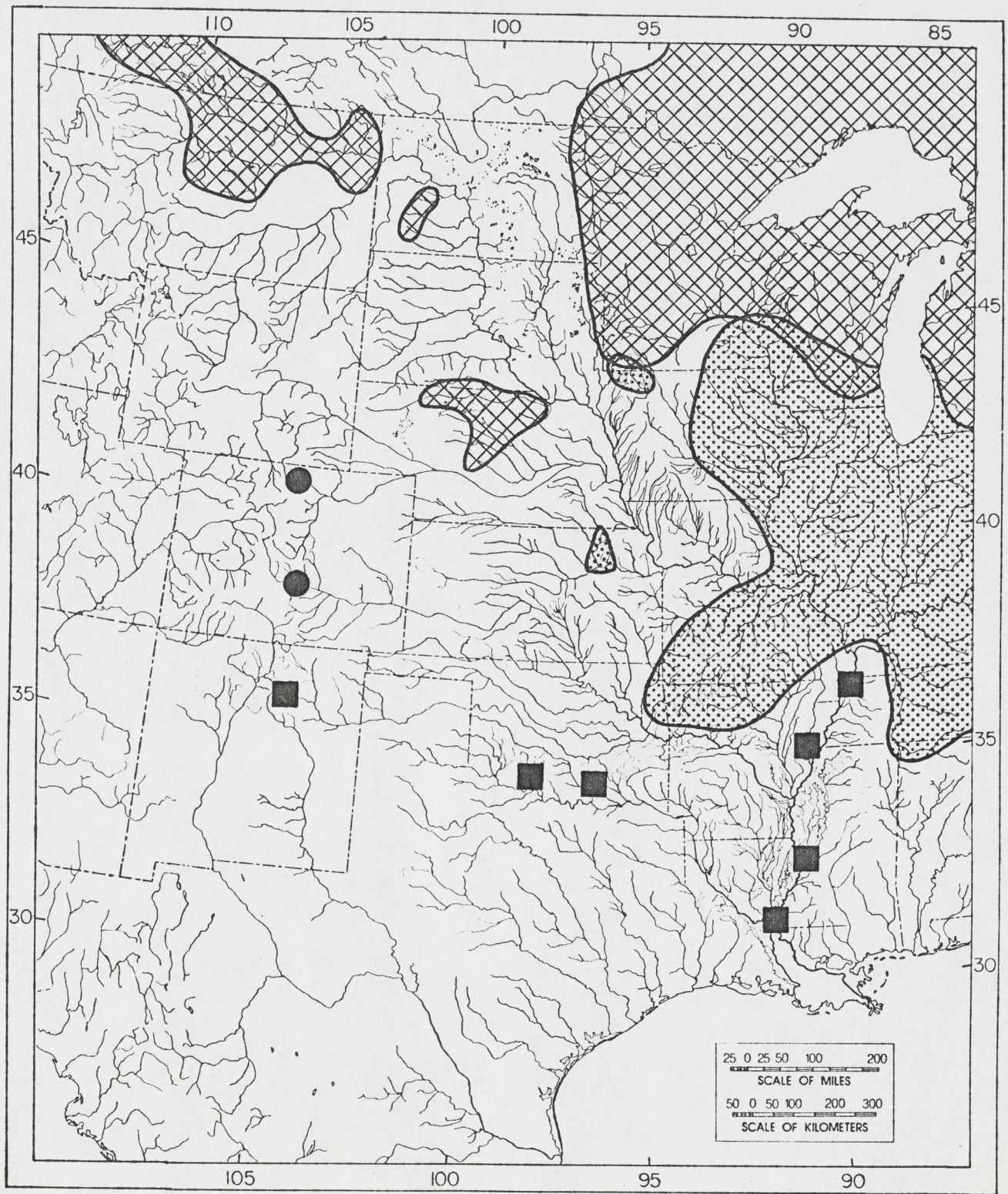


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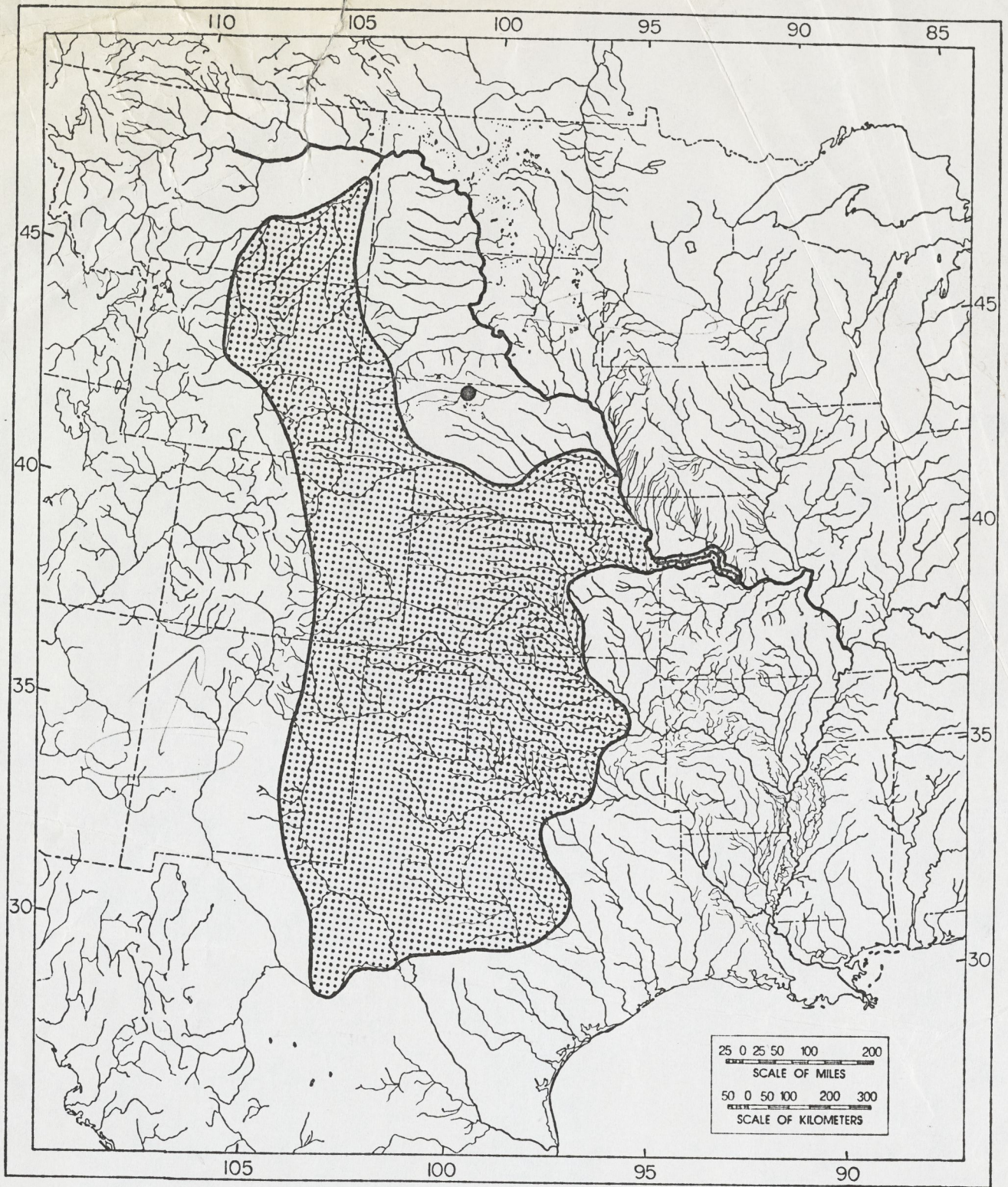


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