

## DESMIDS OF THE BROADS AREA OF N.W.-OVERIJssel (THE NETHERLANDS) II

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### SUMMARY

As a sequence to a previous instalment an annotated check-list of 245 desmid taxa recorded from the broads area of NW-Overijssel is concluded. The desmid flora of that area is characterised by the high rate of representation of mesotrophic species typical of rich fen habitats. The regular hemi-atomphytic occurrence in wet *Scorpidium* cushions of a number of species with a predominantly arctic-alpine distribution is striking. The also diversified, tychoplanktonic desmid flora of the more eutrophic, peat excavated dikes and pools is seriously endangered as the result of water pollution.

### 4. ANNOTATED LIST OF DESMID SPECIES (continued)

#### *Cosmarium* Corda ex Ralfs

##### *C. abbreviatum* Racib.

var. *abbreviatum* *T.13:7–8*

KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 241, t.42:14.

Rather rare in tychoplankton of pools with *Stratiotetum*.

var. *germanicum* (Racib.) Krieg. & Gerl. *T.13:9–11*

KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 242, t.42:16.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

var. *minus* (W. & G. S. West) Krieg. & Gerl. *T.13:12–17*

KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 242, t.42:18.

The open sinus, as shown in our *T.13:15–17* is reminiscent of *C. bioculatum* Bréb. The cell circumference of our collections is too angular, however, to render the material referable to the lastmentioned species. There are, moreover, transitions between open and closed sinuses within a single population.

Fairly common in benthos of fen hollows, especially in the Weerribben area; less common in tychoplankton of *Stratiotetum* pools.

##### *C. anceps* Lund. *T.14:11–13*

KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1965, p. 183, t.37:2.

Rather rare in fen hollows (see also COESEL 1974b).

##### *C. bacillare* Lütke. *T.12:4–5*

Syn.: *Actinotaenium inconspicuum* (W. & G. S. West) Teil.

KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 404, t.68:20–22.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

##### *C. bireme* Nordst. *T.14:30*

WEST & WEST 1908, p. 77, t.71:36–37.

In Nordstedt's original figure (see WEST & WEST 1908, t.71:36) the lateral angles are more basally situated. The figure of *C. bireme* in RŮŽIČKA (1973, t.8:22) agrees better with our material in this respect.

Rare in fen hollows (locality no. 2).

- C. biretum* Bréb. var. *trigibberum* Nordst. *T.17:4*  
WEST & WEST 1912, p. 28, t.101:10-15.  
Fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.
- C. blyttii* Wille var. *bipunctatum* (Dick) Růž. *T.20:3-4*  
RŮŽIČKA 1972, p. 465, t.61:18-19.  
Common in benthos of fen hollows, fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.
- C. boeckii* Wille *T.20:13*  
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 234, t.86:26-32.  
Common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools, less common in fen hollows.
- C. botrytis* Menegh. ex Ralfs  
var. *botrytis* *T.16:3*  
WEST & WEST 1912, p. 1, t.96:1-2, 5-15.  
The punctuation of the cell wall between the granules did not appear to be sufficient reason to refer the material to the var. *paxillosporum* described by WEST & WEST (1912) considering the remark by RŮŽIČKA (1972, p. 465) that such a punctuation is not an exclusive character of the var. *paxilosporum*, but may 'gelegentlich' occur in all varieties of *C. botrytis*.  
Common in benthos of fen hollows, fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.
- var. *tumidum* Wolle *T.16:4*  
WEST & WEST 1912, p. 5, t.97:2-3.  
Rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.
- C. connatum* Bréb. *T.12:16-17*  
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 327, t.52:1.  
Very common in fen hollows.
- C. conspersum* Ralfs var. *sublatum* (Nordst.) Croasd. *T.17:1-2*  
NORDSTEDT 1888, p. 45, t.5:1-4 (as *C. sublatum*).  
Following CROASDALE (1973, p. 87) all forms agreeing with *C. conspersum* Ralfs in cell shape but corresponding with *C. margaritatum* (Lund.) Roy & Biss. in the presence of punctulations between the granules, are referred to *C. conspersum* var. *sublatum*.  
Very common in fen hollows.
- C. contractum* Kirchn. var. *retusum* (W. & G. S. West) Krieg. & Gerl. *T.14:17*  
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1962, p. 76, t.17:10.  
Very rare in fen hollows (locality no. 2).
- \**C. controversum* W. & G. S. West *T.16:2*  
WEST & WEST 1912, p. 9, t.97:7-8.  
Rare in fen hollows (locality nos. 2 and 15).
- C. crenatum* Ralfs ex Ralfs *T.19:2-3*  
WEST & WEST 1912, p. 35, t.98:9-12.  
Fairly common in fen hollows (see also COESEL 1974b).
- C. crenulatum* (Näg.) Bréb. *T.15:19-21*  
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1965, p. 136, t.29:6 (as *C. impressulum* var. *crenulatum*).  
In the area studied, this alga differed manifestly from the species *C. impressulum* shown in T.15:22-26; for this reason the taxonomic view of KRIEGER & GERLOFF concerning this species is not followed.  
Common in benthos of fen hollows and in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.
- C. debaryi* Arch. *T.12:14-15*  
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1962, p. 84, t.19:8.  
Common in fen hollows.
- C. deppressum* (Näg.) Lund. *T.13:18-19*  
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1962, p. 20, t.8:1.  
Common in benthos of fen hollows and in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

<i>C. didymoprotupsum</i> W. & G. S. West	<i>T.20:2</i>
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 192, t.88:8.	
Very rare in tychoplankton (see COESEL 1975a).	
<i>C. difficile</i> Lütkem.	<i>T.14:26–28</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 251, t.43:18.	
Very common in fen hollows.	
<i>C. diplosporum</i> (Lund.) Lütkem.	<i>T.12:2–3</i>
Basion.: <i>Actinotaenium diplosporum</i> (Lund.) Teil.	
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 406, t.68:25.	
Common in fen hollows.	
* <i>C. fastidiosum</i> W. & G. S. West	<i>T.18:4–5</i>
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 218, t.85:11.	
WEST & WEST (l.c.) who recorded this species in their monograph of the British desmids from only a single locality, mention as the length range 37–38.5 µm, whereas the material shown in <i>T.18:4–5</i> has a length of about 50 µm. SKUJA (1929, p. 58, t.3:10–12) whose figures of <i>C. fastidiosum</i> agree remarkably well with ours, recorded greater dimensions than did West & West.	
Fairly common in fen hollows.	
<i>C. fontigenum</i> Nordst.	
var. <i>pseudofontigenum</i> (Gutw.) W. & G. S. West	<i>T.14:22–23</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1965, p. 205, t.39:2.	
Rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools and in benthos of fen hollows (locality no. 2).	
<i>C. formosulum</i> Hoff	<i>T.20:7–9</i>
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 240, t.88:1–3.	
Common in tychoplankton, fairly common in benthos of fen hollows.	
* <i>C. furcatospermum</i> W. & G. S. West	<i>T.18:12–13</i>
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 206, t.81:10–11, t.84:8–10.	
Fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools and in benthos of fen hollows (especially in the Weerribben area).	
* <i>C. garrolense</i> Roy & Biss. var. <i>crassum</i> Jao	<i>T.15:34</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1962, p. 44, t.22:8.	
Only found once; in tychoplankton.	
* <i>C. gonioides</i> W. & G. S. West	
var. <i>gonioides</i>	<i>T.12:8–9</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 277, t.45:20.	
The character of the truncate and slightly retuse apex, said to be characteristic of <i>C. gonioides</i> , was not observed, but taking the great diversity in apex outline of the (much more numerous) var. <i>subturgidum</i> (see <i>T.12:10–13</i> ) into account, it was decided to identify the taxon as var. <i>gonioides</i> .	
Rare in fen hollows, mixed with the var. <i>subturgidum</i> .	
var. <i>subturgidum</i> W. & G. S. West	<i>T.12:10–13</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 278, t.45:21.	
Fairly common in fen hollows.	
<i>C. granatum</i> Bréb.	<i>T.15:1–5</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1962, p. 111, t.24:2.	
Common in benthos of fen hollows, fairly common in tychoplankton.	
<i>C. hians</i> Borge	<i>T.16:6</i>
BORGE 1913, p. 13, t.1:6.	
This species may be confused with <i>C. wittrockii</i> Lund., but the latter taxon has a coarser granulation and also slightly pointed poles in vertical view. FÖRSTER (1965, t.5:42–45, t.11:25–26) gave an idea of the range of variability in <i>C. hians</i> , which was also noted in our material.	
Common in fen follows.	

*C. holmiense* Lund. var. *integrum* Lund.

T.14:24-25

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1965, p. 156, t.33:1.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

*C. hornavananense* Gutw.var. *dubovianum* (Lütkem.) Růž.

T.19:7

RŮŽIČKA 1949, p. 9, t.2:11-14, t.5:41-57.

Fairly common in fen hollows, rare in tychoplankton (see also COESEL 1975a).

var. *janoviense* (Gutw.) Růž.

T.19:8

RŮŽIČKA 1949, p. 12, t.3:18-20, t.6:58-65.

Rare in tychoplankton.

*C. humile* (Gay) Nordst.var. *humile*

T.18:14

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 221, t.85:16-18.

Common in tychoplankton (especially in Stratiotetum), fairly common in fen hollows.

var. *substriatum* (Nordst.) Schmidle

T.18:15

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 224, t.85:20.

Rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

*C. impressulum* Elfv.

T.15:22-26

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1965, p. 133, t.29:4.

Common in fen hollows.

*C. insigne* Schmidle

T.16:7

SCHMIDLE 1893, p. 33, t.6:14; 1894, p. 57, t.7:20.

The specimens studied agree better with the description and figure in e.g., DICK (1930, p. 128, t.6:3-4) and LAPORTE (1931, p. 98, t.11:120) than with SCHMIDLE's original description.

Common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools (see also COESEL 1974b).

*C. laeve* Rab.var. *laeve*

T.15:8-10

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1969, p. 259, t.44:5.

Common in (tycho)plankton.

var. *pseudoctangulare* Fritsch & Rich

T.15:6-7

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1969, p. 263, t.44:11.

Rare in plankton of lakes.

*C. margaritiferum* Menegh. ex Ralfsforma *margaritiferum*

T.18:1

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 199, t.83:4-11.

Fairly common in fen hollows.

forma *kirchneri* (Börges.) W. & G. S. West

T.18:2

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 203, t.83:13.

While other workers (such as RŮŽIČKA 1973, p. 210) recorded transitions between the forma *kirchneri* and the forma *margaritiferum*, these two forms occur in the area studied as sharply distinguishable taxa.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

forma *badense* (Schmidle) comb. nova

T.18:3

Syn.: *C. malinvernianum* (Racib.) Schmidle var. *badense* Schmidle

SCHMIDLE 1894, p. 58, t.7:21.

*C. malinvernianum* var. *badense* Schmidle was considered to be a synonym of *C. margaritiferum* by WEST & WEST (1908, p. 202). Since the alga shown in our T.18:3 differs from the "typical" form of *C. margaritiferum* (as described and figured by WEST & WEST, l.c.) by its greater dimensions and larger, conical granules, characteristics figuring largely in Schmidle's description of *C. malinvernianum* var. *badense*, the present author proposes the name *C. margaritiferum* forma *badense* for this taxon. In the area studied this form was morphologically sharply distinct from the forma *margaritiferum* and *kirchneri*.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

*C. meneghinii* Bréb.

T.15:47-48

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1965, p. 185, t.37:7.

Fairly common in tychoplankton.

*\*C. minimum* W. & G. S. West

T.14:6-7

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1969, p. 290, t.47:10.

Rare in fen hollows (e.g. in locality no. 2).

*\*C. norimbergense* Reinschvar. *depressum* (W. & G. S. West) Krieg. & Gerl.

T.15:51-51

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1969, p. 292, t.48:1.

Fairly common in benthos of fen hollows; rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

*C. obtusatum* Schmidleforma *obtusatum*

T.19:10-11

RŮŽIČKA 1953, p. 251, t.1:1-10, t.3:20-32.

Common in benthos of fen hollows and in tychoplankton of pools and ditches.

forma *aqualis* Růž.

T.19:12

RŮŽIČKA 1953, p. 251, t.2:16, t.4:33.

Common in tychoplankton.

*C. ochthodes* Nordst.

T.19:1

WEST & WEST 1912, p. 11, t. 98:4-6 (as *C. ochthodes* var. *amoebum* W. West).

According to RŮŽIČKA (1952) the var. *amoebum* distinguishes itself only from the type variety by the more trapezoid shape of the semi-cells. The two taxa are sometimes continuously linked by transitional forms. This renders the validity of the var. *amoebum* rather doubtful (RŮŽIČKA, l.c.). Our material, intermediate as far as the shape of the semi-cells is concerned, is according to the opinion of RŮŽIČKA (1973, t.11:3) not referable to the var. *amoebum*.

Very common in fen hollows, occasionally found with zygotes (see COESEL 1974a).

*?\*C. orthogonum* Delp. var. *gutwinskii* Krieg. & Gerl., forma

T.15:16-18

Our collections agree rather closely with a desmid described by LAPORTE (1931, p. 101, t. 12:139-140, 144) which according to this author approaches a forma of *C. orthogonum* Delp. described by GUTWINSKI in 1892, which unnamed form was later described as the var. *gutwinskii* by KRIEGER & GERLOFF (1965, p. 142, t.30:2). The alga figured in our T.15:16-18 differs from it in the more semiorbicular shape of the semi-cells instead of a subhexagonal shape characteristic of *C. orthogonum*. An affinity with *C. crenulatum* (Näg.) Bréb. is also conceivable. “*C. orthogonum* forma” of Laporte is – albeit with some diffidence – indeed associated with *C. impressulum* var. *crenulatum* by KRIEGER & GERLOFF (1965, p. 136). I prefer to refer to it as a form of *C. orthogonum* considering the broad, truncate apex and the relatively large dimensions in which the Netherlands specimens differ from *C. crenulatum*.

Fairly common in benthos of fen hollows, rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

*C. pachydermum* Lund.var. *pachydermum*

T.13:2

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1962, p. 13, t.5:2.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

var. *aethiopicum* W. & G. S. West

T.13:1

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1962, p. 14, t.5:3.

In our study area connected with var. *pachydermum* by intermediate forms. Occasionally found with zygosores (see COESEL 1974a).

Very common in benthos of fen hollows, rare in tychoplankton.

*\*C. paragranatoides* Skuja

T.15:49-50

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1965, p. 160, t.33:13.

Common in fen hollows.

**\**C. perminutum* G. S. West***T.12:6-7*Basion.: *Actinotaenium perminutum* (G. S. West) Teil.

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1969, p. 396, t.68:1-2.

Fairly common in fen hollows.

***C. phaseolus* Bréb. ex Bréb.**var. *phaseolus**T.13:26*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1962, p. 53, t.14:3.

Fairly common in benthos of fen hollows, rather rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

var. *elevatum* Nordst.*T.13:27*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1962, p. 54, t.14:4.

In our study area connected with var. *phaseolus* by intermediate forms; distribution as of the typical variety.**\**C. polygonum* (Näg.) Arch. var. *acutius* Messik.***T.13:20-22*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1965, p. 215, t.40:6.

Fairly common in tychoplankton (especially in Stratiotetum), rather rare in benthos of fen hollows.

***C. portianum* Arch.***T.16:5*

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 165, t.80:4-7.

Rather rare in both tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools and benthos of fen hollows.

***C. praemorsum* Bréb.***T.18:8*

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 196, t.84:1-5.

Fairly common in tychoplankton, rather rare in benthos of fen hollows.

***C. protractum* (Näg.) De Bary***T.16:8*

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 181, t.82:8, t.94:4-5.

Fairly common in tychoplankton, especially in stands of Stratiotetum vegetation.

**\**C. pseudobioculatum* Gutw.***T.14:29*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1962, p. 65, t.15:18.

Found only once in tychoplankton.

**\**C. pseudoexiguum* Racib.***T.14:4-5*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1969, p. 274, t.45:12.

Rare in fen hollows (e.g., in locality no. 2).

**\**C. pseudoprotuberans* Kirchn. var. *groenbladii* Croasd.***T.15:32-33*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1965, p. 231, t.41:10.

Rather rare in both tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools and benthos of fen hollows.

***C. punctulatum* Bréb. var. *subpunctulatum* (Nordst.) Börg.***T.18:9-10*

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 209, t. 84:15-20, t.85:1-3.

Common in tychoplankton of pools and ditches, less common in benthos of fen hollows.

**\**C. quadratum* (Gay) De Toni**var. *quadratum**T.15:43-44*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1965, p. 188, t.37:9.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

var. *boldtii* (Messik.) Krieg. & Gerl.*T.15:45-46*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1965, p. 190, t.37:11.

The alga figured here has, in comparison with the typical var. *boldtii* somewhat more elongated cells and was described as a forma by RŮŽIČKA (1972, p. 471, t.60:37-39.).

Common in fen hollows.

***C. quadratum* Ralfs ex Ralfs**var. *quadratum**T.14:8*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1969, p. 280, t.45:27, t.46:1-3.

Very common in fen hollows.

<i>var. willei</i> (Schmidle) Krieg. & Gerl.	<i>T.14:9</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 283, t.46:5-6.	
Common in fen hollows.	
<i>var. nepalense</i> Förster	<i>T.14:10</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 283, t.70:5.	
In our study area, like the var. <i>willei</i> connected with var. <i>quadratum</i> by intermediate forms.	
Fairly common in fen hollows.	
<i>C. quadrum</i> Lund. forma <i>punctatum</i> Croasd.	<i>T.17:3</i>
The present author agrees with CROASDALE (1973, p. 87) that the presence of punctulations between the granules, a characteristic of <i>C. margaritatum</i> (Lund.) Roy & Biss., should take only second place to the cell shape which in this case indisputably points to <i>C. quadrum</i> Lund. and not to <i>C. margaritatum</i> . The opinion of KRIEGER (1932, p. 179, t.12:7), who identified this alga as the var. <i>quadrum</i> of <i>C. margaritatum</i> , is accordingly rejected here. Common in fen hollows.	
<i>C. quasillus</i> Lund.	<i>T.20:1</i>
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 188, t.92:3.	
Rather rare in fen hollows (see also COESEL 1975a).	
<i>C. rectangulare</i> Grun.	<i>T.14:14-16</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 265, t.44:15.	
Common in fen hollows.	
<i>C. regnelli</i> Wille	
<i>var. kerguelense</i> Krieg. & Gerl.	<i>T.15:35-37</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, t.43:5.	
Common in tychoplankton of pools and ditches.	
<i>var. minimum</i> Eichl. & Gutw.	<i>T.15:38-40</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, t.43:8.	
Very common in fen hollows.	
<i>var. pseudoregnelli</i> (Messik.) Krieg. & Gerl.	<i>T.15:41-42</i>
KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, t.43:6.	
Rather rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.	
<i>C. regnesii</i> Reinsch	<i>T.16:9</i>
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 36, t.68:19-28.	
Rather rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.	
<i>C. reniforme</i> (Ralfs) Arch.	
<i>var. reniforme</i>	<i>T.17:5</i>
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 157, t.79:1-2, t.82:15.	
Common in tychoplankton of pools and ditches, less common in benthos of fen hollows.	
<i>var. compressum</i> Nordst.	<i>T.17:6</i>
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 158, t.79:3-4.	
In our study area connected with var. <i>reniforme</i> by intermediate forms; distribution as of typical variety.	
<i>C. speciosum</i> Lund.	<i>T.19:9</i>
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 247, t.89:1-3.	
Rather common in fen hollows.	
<i>C. sportella</i> Bréb. var. <i>subnudum</i> W. & G. S. West	<i>T.19:5-6</i>
WEST & WEST 1908, p. 186, t.82:14.	
The illustration in WEST & WEST (l.c.) shows a much more acute dentition than our <i>T.19:5-6</i> which agrees better in this respect with those of <i>C. sportella</i> var. <i>subnudum</i> in RŮŽIČKA (1956, t.3:28). Very rare in fen hollows (locality near "Duiningermeer").	
<i>C. subbroomei</i> Schmidle, forma W. & G. S. West	<i>T.18:6-7</i>
WEST & WEST 1912, p. 23, t.100:11.	
Rather rare in benthos of fen hollows, rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools (see also COESEL 1975a).	

*C. subcostatum* Nordst.

forma *subcostatum* *T.20:10–11*  
 WEST & WEST 1908, p. 236, t.87:3–5.

Common in tychoplankton, especially in stands of Stratiotetum vegetation.

forma *minor* W. & G. S. West *T.20:12*  
 WEST & WEST 1908, p. 238, t.87:6–9.

Distribution as of forma *subcostatum*.

*C. subcucumis* Schmidle

KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 284, t.47:1.

Rather common in fen hollows.

*C. subgranatum* (Nordst.) Lütkem.

var. *subgranatum* *T.15:15*  
 KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1965, p. 138, t.29:10.

Fairly common in fen hollows.

var. *borgei* Krieg. & Gerl. *T.15:11–14*  
 KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1965, p. 139, t.29:11.

In our study area connected with var. *subgranatum* by intermediate forms.

Very common in benthos of fen hollows, common in tychoplankton of pools and ditches.

*C. subprotumidum* Nordst.

var. *subprotumidum* *T.20:17*  
 WEST & WEST 1908, p. 231, t.86:19–21.

Common in tychoplankton, especially in stands of Stratiotetum vegetation.

var. *gregorii* (Roy & Biss.) W. & G. S. West *T.20:14–16*  
 WEST & WEST 1908, p. 232, t.86:23–25.

Distribution as of var. *subprotumidum*.

*C. subrectangulare* Lütkem. ex Grönbl.

KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1969, p. 270, t.69:17 (as *C. rectangulare* var. *subrectangulare*).

In the area of study the differences between this taxon and *C. rectangulare* Grun. are so appreciable and especially so constant that the rank of species is preferred here to the varietal one attributed to it by KRIEGER & GERLOFF (l.c.).

Fairly common in fen hollows in the Weerribben area.

*\*C.ubreinschii* Schmidle

*T.15:29–31*

KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1965, p. 139, t.29:12.

This species of *Cosmarium* distinguishes itself from the very similar *Euastrum montanum* W. & G. S. West by the smaller diameter and more sharply defined circumference of the central protuberance, by the rounded apical angles, and by the absence of a distinct apical emargination.

Fairly common in fen hollows.

*C. subtumidum* Nordst.

*T.13:23–25*

KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1965, p. 162, t.33:17.

Rather rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

*C. taxichondriforme* Eichl. & Gutw.

var. *taxichondriforme* *T.13:3–4*  
 KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1962, p. 32, t.10:1.

The undulated sinus line and the basal angular wall thickening supposed to be characteristic of the species are not always manifest in our material.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

var. *nudum* Turn. *T.13:5–6*

KRIEGER & GERLOFF 1962, p. 34, t.9:13 [as *C. nudum* (Turn.) Gutw.].

As in the var. *taxichondriforme*, in the area studied with variable sinus outline and variable wall thickness of the basal angles. Without chloroplast not sharply separable from the var. *taxichondriforme* as the number of pyrenoids is an important distinguishing feature.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

*C. tetraophthalmum* Bréb.*T.16:1*

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 270, t.95:4–7.

Very common in fen hollows, rather rare in tychoplankton.

*C. tinctum* Ralfs*T.14:18–19*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1962, p. 66, t.16:1.

Very rare in fen hollows (locality no. 2).

*?C. trachypleurum* Lund. var. *minus* Racib.*T.18:1*

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 173, t.81:4–5.

The dimensions and the ornamentation of our material agree with the description and figure in WEST & WEST (l.c.), but in *C. trachypleurum* var. *minus* the shape of the semi-cell is supposed to be more oblong whereas, as shown in our figure, it is more trapezoid.

Very rare in tychoplankton.

*C. turgidum* Bréb.*T.12:1*Basion.: *Actinotaenium turgidum* (Bréb.) Teil.

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1969, p. 364, t.62:6.

Very common in fen hollows.

*C. turpinii* Bréb. var. *podolicum* Gutw.*T.20:5–6*

WEST &amp; WEST 1908, p. 191, t.83:2.

Common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

*C. undulatum* Corda ex Ralfs*T.15:27–28*

KRIEGER &amp; GERLOFF 1962, p. 40, t.11:10.

Rather in benthos of fen hollows, rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

*C. vexatum* W. West forma *granulatum* Förster*T.19:4*

FÖRSTER 1964, p. 234, t.1:24.

Our specimens agree better with the figure in FÖRSTER (1970, t.25:6) than with the original illustration as regards cell outline and granulation pattern.

Fairly common in both benthos of fen hollows and tychoplankton of pools and ditches.

*Xanthidium* Ehr. ex Ralfs*X. antilopaeum* (Bréb.) ex Kütz.*T.21:3*

WEST &amp; WEST 1912, p. 63, t.108:7–18.

Rather common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools, rare in benthos of fen hollows.

*X. cristatum* Bréb.var. *cristatum**T.21:1*

WEST &amp; WEST 1912, p. 70, t.110:8–9, t.111:1.

Rare in fen hollows (e.g. in locality no. 1).

var. *uncinatum* Bréb.*T.21:2*

WEST &amp; WEST 1912, p. 73, t.111:2–4.

Rather rare in both tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools and benthos of fen hollows.

*X. fasciculatum* Ehr. ex Ralfs*T.21:4*

WEST &amp; WEST 1912, p. 75, t.111:6–8.

Rare in fen hollows (e.g. in locality no. 1).

*Staurodesmus* Teil.*S. brevispina* (Bréb.) Croasd.*T.22:12*

TEILING 1967, p. 579, t.22:2–3.

Syn: *Staurastrum brevispinum* Bréb.; compare WEST & WEST 1912, p. 145, t.123:1–4 (including forma *major* W. & G. S. West).

Fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools, rather rare in benthos of fen hollows.

*S. convergens* (Ehr. ex Ralfs) Teil. var. *laportei* Teil.

T.21:5

TEILING 1967, p. 588, t.25:4-7, t.26:1-3.

*Arthrodesmus convergens* Ehr. ex Ralfs sensu WEST & WEST 1912, p. 106, t.116:6

Rare in fen hollows (e.g. in locality no. 1).

*S. cuspidatus* (Bréb. ex Ralfs) Teil.

T.22:8-10

TEILING 1967, p. 534, t.9:15.

*Staurastrum cuspidatum* Bréb. ex Ralfs var. *divergens* Nordst. sensu WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 25, t.132:16.

Rather rare in plankton of larger pools and lakes.

*S. dejectus* (Bréb. ex Ralfs) Teil.var. *dejectus*

T.22:5

TEILING 1967, p. 529, t.9:1-3.

*Staurastrum apiculatum* Bréb. sensu WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 6, t.129:7.

Rare in fen hollows (e.g. in locality no. 1).

var. *borealis* Croasd.

T.22:6-7

CROASDALE 1965, p. 328, t.7:4-7.

Rather rare in benthos of fen hollows, rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

*S. extensus* (Anderss.) Teil. var. *vulgaris* (Eichl. & Racib.) Croasd.

T.21:6-7

TEILING 1967, p. 515, t.5:19.

Syn: *Arthrodesmus incus* (Bréb.) Hass. ex Ralfs var. *vulgaris* Eichl. & Racib.

Rare in fen hollows (locality no. 1).

*S. mamillatus* (Nordst.) Teil.

T.22:1-4

TEILING 1967, p. 536, t.9:18.

*Staurastrum cuspidatum* Bréb. ex Ralfs sensu WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 23, t.132:13-14.

Common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

*S. patens* (Nordst.) Croasd.

T.22:11

TEILING 1967, p. 543, t.20-21.

Syn.: *Staurastrum dejectum* Bréb. ex Ralfs var. *patens* Nordst., compare WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 9, t.130:1-2. In our study area not always easily distinguishable from *Stauromesmus dejectus* var. *dejectus*.

Fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools, rather rare in benthos of fen hollows.

*Staurastrum* Meyen ex Ralfs*S. alternans* Bréb.

T.24:4-5

WEST &amp; WEST 1912, p. 170, t.126:8-9.

The form depicted in our T.24:4 is of common occurrence in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools, the one in our T.24:5 is regularly found in benthos of fen hollows.

*S. avicula* Bréb.var. *avicula*

T.25:4

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 40, t.133:8-10.

Common in tychoplankton, especially in stands of Stratiotetum vegetation.

var. *exornatum* Messik.

T.25:5-6

MESSIKOMMER 1929, p. 157, t.1:15.

Rare in fen hollows (locality no. 2).

*S. bieneanum* Rab.

T.23:1-4

WEST &amp; WEST 1912, p. 135, t.120:4-6.

The angles are by no means always so acute as figured in WEST &amp; WEST (l.c.). They may sometimes be almost rounded (compare also RŮŽIČKA 1973, t.14:3).

Fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

- \**S. boreale* W. & G. S. West *T.30: 9–12*  
 var. *boreale*  
 WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 112, t.146:5.  
 Fairly common in fen hollows.  
 ?var. *boreale*, forma *T.30: 13–15*  
 This form, here referred to *S. boreale* on account of dimensions, cell shape, and granulation pattern differs from the more typical var. *boreale* in its more gaping sinus and the straight to concave apex when seen in frontal view.  
 Rare in fen hollows (locality no. 1).  
 var. *quadriradiatum* Korshikov *T.30: 16–20*  
 KORSHIKOV 1941, p. 75, t.7:7.  
 Rather rare in fen hollows.
- S. brebissonii* Arch. *T.26: 6–7*  
 WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 61, t.137:4–5.  
 Rather common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.
- S. chaetoceras* (Schröd.) G. M. Smith *T.31: 5–15*  
 SMITH 1924, p. 99, t.76:21–24, t.77:1.  
 Relatively few of our specimens resemble the original illustration of *S. chaetoceras* (compare our *T.31: 5*): the majority of the figures agrees, as far as the biradiate forms are concerned, with what is usually called *S. tetracerum* var. *validum* W. & G. S. West in the pertaining literature (compare, e.g., NYGAARD 1945, t.4:59 with our *T.31: 6*), and as far as the triradiate ones are concerned, with *S. paradoxum* Meyen (compare, e.g., NYGAARD 1945, t.4:57 with our *T.31: 11–14*). BROOK (1959a, p. 601) already pointed out that the above-mentioned figures of NYGAARD relate to *S. chaetoceras*, and our series of illustrations of intermediate forms confirms this. Common in plankton of dikes, larger pools and lakes.
- \**S. cingulum* (W. & G. S. West) G. M. Smith *T.29: 7–10*  
 WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 105, t.145:9–10 (as *S. paradoxum* Meyen var. *cingulum* W. & G. S. West).  
 The original description and figure of this taxon refer to a typically planktonic species with long and curved arms. BROOK (1959a), who revised the collective species *S. paradoxum* Meyen and *S. gracile* Ralfs, figured a great variety of forms of *S. cingulum* including some agreeing very closely with our *T.29: 7–10* (compare BROOK 1959a, t.13:5–8).  
 Rather rare in plankton of lakes.
- S. crenulatum* (Näg.) Delp. *T.29: 11–15*  
 WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 110, t.143:9–13.  
 Our tychoplanktonic material (*T.29: 11–12*) is more typical than the specimens from the benthos of fen hollows. (*T.29: 13–15*). The latter form agrees better with several published figures of *S. gracile* Ralfs but cannot belong here on account of, e.g., the granulation pattern.  
 Rather rare in both tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools and benthos of fen hollows.
- S. dilatatum* Ehr. ex Ralfs *T.24: 6–8*  
 WEST & WEST 1912, p. 172, t.126:10–15.  
 Fairly common in fen hollows.
- \**S. dispar* Bréb. *T.24: 11–12*  
 WEST & WEST 1912, p. 187, t.127:7.  
 Fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.
- S. forficulatum* Lund. *T.27: 2–3*  
 WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 187, t.154:14–16.  
 Rather rare in fen hollows.
- S. furcigerum* (Bréb. ex Ralfs) Arch. *T.27: 5*  
 WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 188, t.156:7–8, 11.  
 Common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools, rare in benthos of fen hollows.

*S. gladiosum* Turn. var. *delicatulum* W. & G. S. West

T.26:2-3

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 58, t.137:3.

Common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools (see also COESEL 1975a).

*S. gracile* Ralfs ex Ralfs

T.29:16-17

BROOK 1959a, p. 590, text-fig. 3.

The description and figure of this species in BROOK (l.c.) who studied Ralfs' type material agree satisfactorily with our figures.

Rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

\**S. granulosum* (Ehr.) ex Ralfs var. *acutum* (Bréb.) W. & G. S. West

T.25:3

WEST &amp; WEST 1912, p. 190, t.128:14.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

?*S. hexacerum* (Ehr. ex Kütz.) Wittr.

T.30:4-8

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 138, t.142:11-14.

RŮŽIČKA (1972, p. 476) pointed out that this is a dubious species because the original figure in EHRENBURG (1838, t.10:10; as *Desmidium hexaceros*) is rather inaccurate and the interpretation given to it in the subsequent literature including WEST, WEST & CARTER (l.c.) is rather different.

Common in tychoplankton.

*S. inflexum* Bréb.

T.29:18-19

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 108, t.143:7-8.

Common in benthos of fen hollows, fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

\**S. kaiseri* Růž.

T.23:5-8

KAISER 1919, p. 228, f. 32 (as *S. orbiculare* Ralfs var. *angulatum*).

This taxon, raised to specific rank by RŮŽIČKA (1972, p. 477), exhibits a rather variable sinus outline in our area of study. The angular thickening supposed to be characteristic is not always so pronounced either. It is nevertheless a most characteristic species which is not easily confused with other taxa. Common in fen hollows.

\**S. lapponicum* (Schmidle) Grönbl.

T.24:1-3

GRÖNBLAD 1927, p. 29, t.2:106-107.

Common in fen hollows.

*S. lunatum* Ralfs var. *planctonicum* W. & G. S. West

T.25:1-2

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 30, t.133:20-22.

Fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

*S. manfeldtii* Delp.var. *manfeldtii*

T.28:5-6

DELONGTE 1878, p. 160, t.13:6-19.

*S. manfeldtii* Delp. and *S. sebaldi* Reinsch var. *ornatum* Nordst. are two closely affined taxa. TEILING (1947) considers especially "shape of the corpus and hence of the sinus" to be the differentiating character of the greatest taxonomic value, and of more importance than the outline, the arrangement of the granules, verrucae, and spines, or the length and direction of the processes. According to TEILING (l.c.), *S. manfeldtii* is characterised by a narrow sinus and a cylindrical basal part of the semicell, whereas *S. sebaldi* var. *ornatum* is characterised by an open sinus and a conical-cup shaped semicell. TEILING (l.c.) none the less states that "even the corpus character does not exclude questionable intermediate forms". As an example he mentions *S. manfeldtii* in NYGAARD (1945, fig. 79), in which a specimen is shown with an open sinus combined with a cylindrical shape of basal part of the semicell. Also our figures T.28:5-6 are dualistic in this respect. Following NYGAARD (l.c.) and also, e.g., SKUJA (1964, t.55:3-4) the present author is inclined to let, in this case, the shape of the semicell prevail taxonomically over that of the sinus.

Common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

var. *parvum* Messik.

T.28:7-8

MESSIKOMMER 1942, p. 173, t.19:1.

The original description of MESSIKOMMER (l.c.) mentions 4-radiate cells provided with faintly diverging arms. RŮŽIČKA (1973, p. 218, t.15:10-18) signalled a rather great variation in the number and

position of the arms, and also in the ornamentation. His figure t.15:18 in particular agrees very closely with our material.

Distribution as of var. *manfeldtii*.

*S. micron* W. West var. *perpendiculatum* (Grönbl.) Brook T.31: 16

BROOK 1959b, p. 161, t.27:4–5.

Our figure approaches Brook's illustrations of this taxon very closely (compare also BROOK 1960, t.91:1–6).

Rare in (tycho)plankton of pools.

*S. muticum* Bréb. ex Ralfs T.23: 11–13

WEST & WEST 1912, p. 133, t.118:16–20.

Fairly common in fen hollows.

*S. oligacanthum* Bréb. T.27: 4

WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 48, t.139:6. .

Common in fen hollows.

*S. orbiculare* Ralfs ex Ralfs var. *depressum* Roy & Biss. T.23: 9–10

WEST & WEST 1912, p. 158, t.124:17–19.

Rather rare in fen hollows.

*S. oxyacanthum* Arch.

var. *oxyacanthum* T.28: 1–3

WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 169, t.143:18–19.

Common in fen hollows.

var. *polyacanthum* Nordst.

WEST, WEST & CARTER 1923, p. 170, t.143:20–22.

Fairly common in fen hollows.

\**S. pingue* Teil. T.29: 1–6

TEILING 1942, p. 66, f. 3–5.

In the same way as *S. plancticum* Teil. is considered by TEILING (1947) to represent the planktonic derivative of the benthic *S. sebaldi* var. *ornatum* Nordst.; *S. pingue* represents according to this worker the planktonic evolution product of *S. manfeldtii* Delp. Like the latter species, *S. pingue* is characterised by the subcylindrical basal part of the semicell. The specific planktonic nature is expressed in the more slender appearance (the relatively longer arms) and the almost complete absence of ornamentation. Our forms, in particular the one shown in T.29: 2–5, deviate from the original description of *S. pingue* in TEILING (1942) in the relatively shorter arms and also in the smaller absolute dimensions. They agree much better with BROOK's figures (1959a, t.18:5–9) of the "small form" of *S. pingue*.

The 4-armed form shown in T.29:1 was only found occasionally, whereas the smaller 3-armed form (T.29:2–6) was rather regularly encountered in the plankton of pools and lakes.

\**S. plancticum* Teil. var. *ornatum* (Grönbl.) Teil. T.28: 9

TEILING 1947, p. 227, f. 15.

*S. plancticum* Teil. is considered by its author TEILING (1947) to be a planktonic taxon derived from the benthic *S. sebaldi* var. *ornatum* Nordst. *S. plancticum* var. *ornatum* (Grönbl.) Teil. must be regarded as a transitional form between the manifestly ornamented *S. sebaldi* var. *ornatum* and the almost smooth-walled *S. plancticum*. Rare in plankton of larger pools and lakes.

?*S. polymorphum* Bréb. T.30: 1–3

RALFS 1848, p. 135, t.22:9, T.34:6.

The specimens shown here in T.30 are more slender than DE BRÉBISSEON's original figures of *S. polymorphum* in Ralfs (l.c.). It is also a question if our figures relate to the same species, considering the different apical granule pattern of the material shown in T.30: 1 (from tychoplankton) and of the algae shown in T.30: 2–3 (from a benthonic sample). The specimens illustrated in T.30: 1 agree very well with the species described by DELPONTE (1878, t.12:30–35) as *S. oblongum* – a species hardly ever mentioned in later publications – whereas those shown in T.30: 2–3 agree in their coarser ornamentation with the likewise rather unknown *S. haaboeliense* Wille as illustrated in WEST, WEST & CARTER (1923, t.142:19–20).

Very rare in benthos of fen hollows (locality no. 10), once found in tychoplankton.

*S. polytrichum* (Perty) Rab.

T.26:1

PERTY 1852, p. 210, t.16:24.

MESSIKOMMER (1935, p. 124) has pointed out that the figures of this species as given by WEST, WEST & CARTER (1923, t.136:8–10) are confusing because the spinules are drawn as appreciably shorter and bulkier than they are in the original illustration of PERTY (l.c.). Our material – provided with long and often curved spines – agrees almost exactly with the figure of *S. polytrichum* in MESSIKOMMER (1935, t.2:15).

Rather rare in fen hollows.

*S. proboscideum* (Bréb.) Arch.

T.24:15–16

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 129, t.143:14–16.

Common in fen hollows.

*S. spongiosum* Bréb.

T.27:1

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 76, t.140:14.

Rare in fen hollows (e.g. in locality no. 15).

\**S. striatum* (W. & G. S. West) Růž.

T.24:9–10

RŮŽIČKA 1957, p. 148, t.3:54.

Syn.: *S. punctulatum* Bréb. var. *striatum* W. & G. S. West, in WEST & WEST 1912, p. 186, t.128:5–6.  
Rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

?*S. striolatum* (Näg.) Arch.

T.24:13–14

WEST &amp; WEST 1912, p. 177, t.127:1–5.

The identification is somewhat doubtful. *S. striolatum* should, judging by the original figure of NÄGELI (1849, t.8A:3) and those of WEST & WEST (l.c.), have a retuse to at best straight dorsal margin, whereas the apex line is clearly convex in our material. It is not impossible that our specimens belong to the hardly identifiable “*Staurastrum* spec.” of RŮŽIČKA (1972, p. 481, t.63:24–25; 1973, p. 220, t.14:16–17).

Rather rare in fen hollows.

\**S. subavicula* (W. West) W. & G. S. West

T.25:10–11

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 181, t.155:10.

*S. subavicula* is characterised in WEST, WEST & CARTER (l.c.) by six bifurcate processes on the apex, whereas our specimens bear only simple spines in the corresponding places. Only once was a specimen encountered in which the series of simple spines was interrupted by a bifurcate process (see our illustration in T.25:11).

PETERFI (1972, t.2:10–17) found a whole series of transitions between specimens with only simple spines and forms with a complete set of bifurcate spines.

Rather rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

\**S. subcruciatum* Cooke & Wills

T.25:7–9

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 42, t.133:6–7.

Rare in plankton of larger pools and lakes.

*S. tetracerum* (Kütz.) Ralfs ex Ralfs

T.31:1–2

var. *tetracerum*

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 118, t.2–4.

Common in tychoplankton of pools, rare in benthos of fen hollows.

var. *camelooides* (Georgev.) Florin

T.31:3–4

FLORIN 1957, p. 133, f. 29:5–8.

The biradiate form is of fairly common occurrence, the triradiate one rather rare in the plankton of larger pools and lakes.

\**S. trapezicum* Boldt

T.26:4–5

BOLDT 1888, p. 35, t.2:46.

RŮŽIČKA (1972, p. 481, t.63:15) whose illustration of *S. trapezicum* shows a striking resemblance to ours, has pointed out that the most conspicuous feature in Boldt's original figure, viz., the duplicated spines, is too variable to be taxonomically very significant.

Fairly common in fen hollows.

*Hyalotheca* Ehr. ex Ralfs*H. dissiliens* (J. E. Smith) ex Bréb.

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 229, t.161:16-27.

T.32:1-2

Fairly common in both tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools and benthos of fen hollows. In the latter habitat in a number of cases with zygospores.

*Desmidium* Ag. ex Ralfs*D. aptogonum* Bréb. ex Kütz.

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 242, t.164:1-3.

T.32:3-4

Fairly common in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools, rather rare in benthos of fen hollows.

*D. swartzii* Ag. ex Ralfs

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 246, t.163:5-8.

T.32:5-6

Fairly common in benthos of fen hollows, rather rare in tychoplankton of Stratiotetum pools.

*Sphaerozosma* Corda ex Ralfs*S. granulatum* Roy & Biss.

WEST, WEST &amp; CARTER 1923, p. 213, t.160:6-7.

T.32:7-8

Rare in both benthos of fen hollows and (tycho)plankton of pools and lakes.

## 5. DISCUSSION

With a total of nearly 250 recorded desmid taxa, the holocene broads area of N.W.-Overijssel can easily compete with the desmid "treasure-houses" in the Netherlands province of N. Brabant and Drente discovered and described by HEIMANS (1925) and BEIJERINCK (1926), respectively. The absence of a category of oligotrophic desmid species, so characteristic of the poor fen and bog vegetation types as found on the pleistocene sands of Brabant and Drente, is amply compensated by a greater diversity of the mesotrophic species characteristic of rich fen vegetation (compare COESEL 1975b). In this respect there is a greater correspondence with the desmid flora of the nature conservancy "Het Hol", likewise a holocene broads area, situated in the W. of the Netherlands (compare HEIMANS & MEIJER 1955). Precisely because the category of mesotrophic species has declined alarmingly in the above-mentioned pleistocene localities during the last half-century (see COESEL & SMIT 1977, COESEL et al. 1978), the Netherlands nowadays possess in the lowland marsh area of N.W. Overijssel by far the richest desmid site.

As the most extensive and most species-rich fen localities the localities nos. 1 and 2 can be ear-marked, whilst locality no. 12 is relatively the richest in the rare species of the broads area in question (such as *Penium spirostriolatum*, *Closterium cynthia*, *C. pseudolunula*, and *Euastrum ansatum*). The regular occurrence in this area of species reputedly with a predominantly arctic-alpine distribution such as *Cosmarium crenatum*, *C. speciosum*, *C. holmiense* var. *integrum*, *C. anceps*, and *C. paragranatoides*, is also very striking. These latter species, which have only occasionally or not at all been recorded from elsewhere in the Netherlands (compare COESEL 1974b), live hemi-atmophytically in soggy *Scorpidium* cushions in fen hollows containing neutral to faintly acid surface water.

Apart from a rich benthic desmid flora in the mesotrophic, weakly acid quivering fen hollows, a diversified tychoplanktonic desmid flora is found in the more eutrophic, alkaline peat-excavated pools. As characteristic taxa the following may be mentioned: *Cosmarium insigne*, *C. protractum*, *C. biretum* var. *trigibberum*, *C. turpinii*, *Staurastrum manfeldtii* and *S. gladiosum* var. *delicatum*. As a result of the fast deteriorating water quality in the area concerned these species become progressively restricted in their occurrence to some hydrologically more or less isolated refugia.

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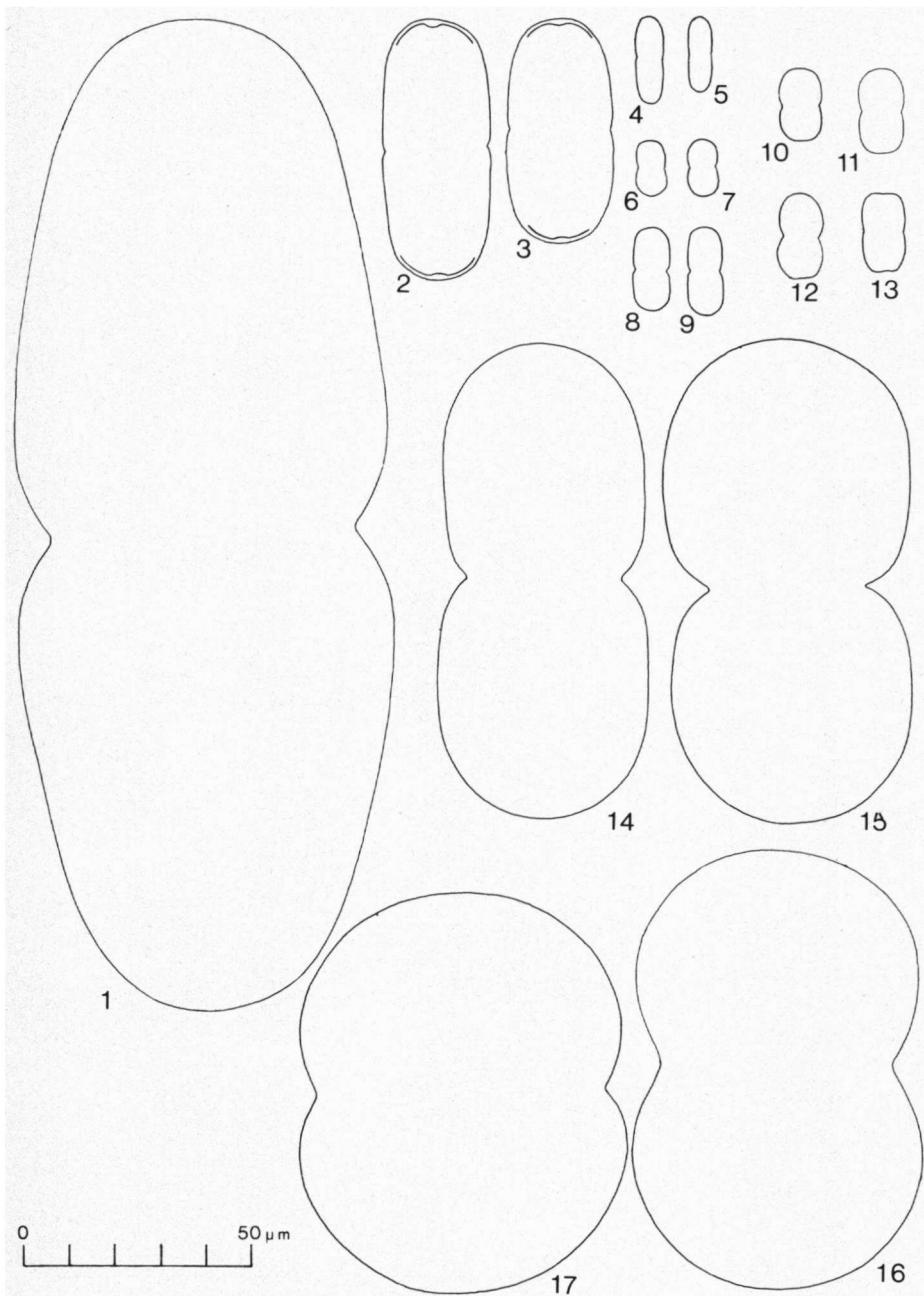
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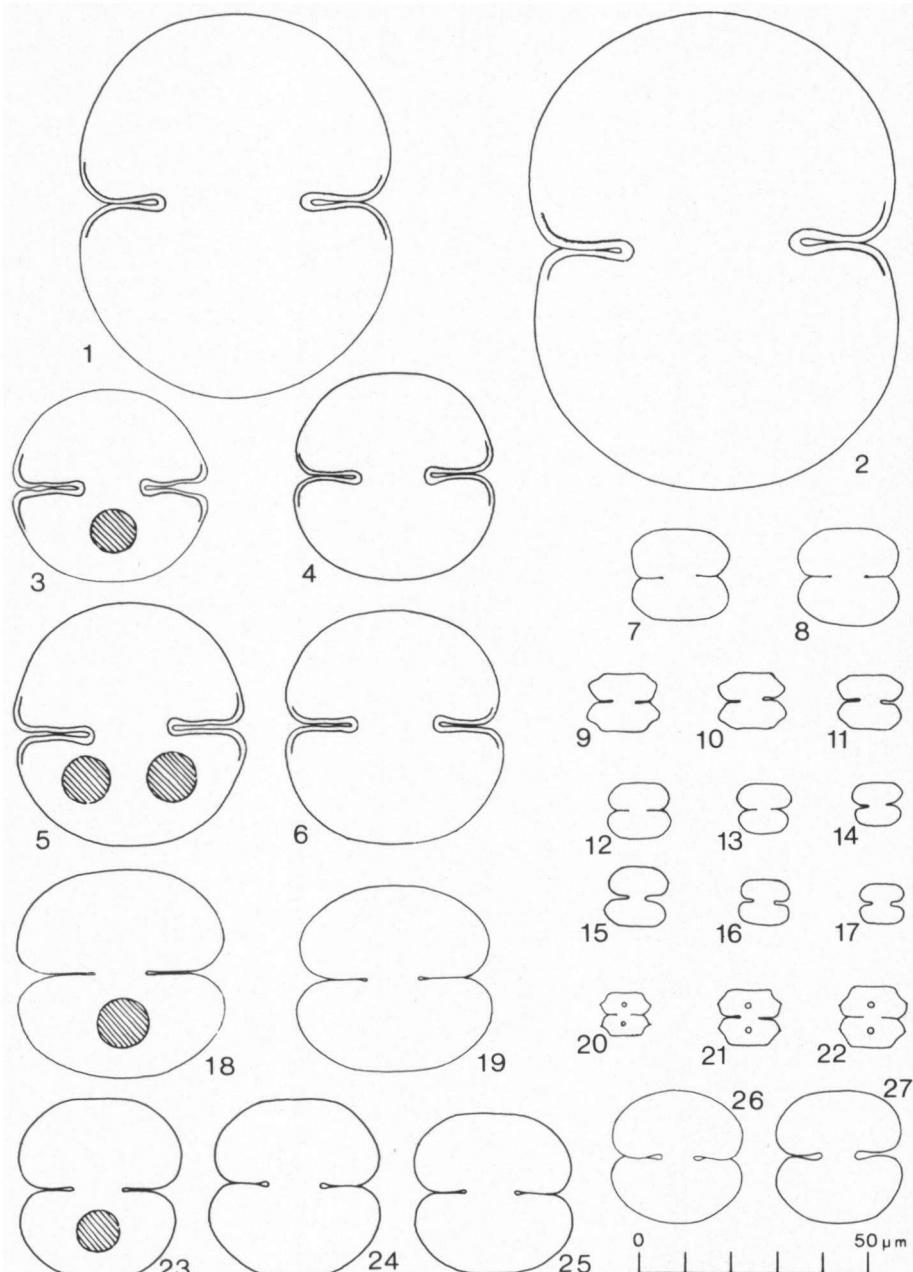
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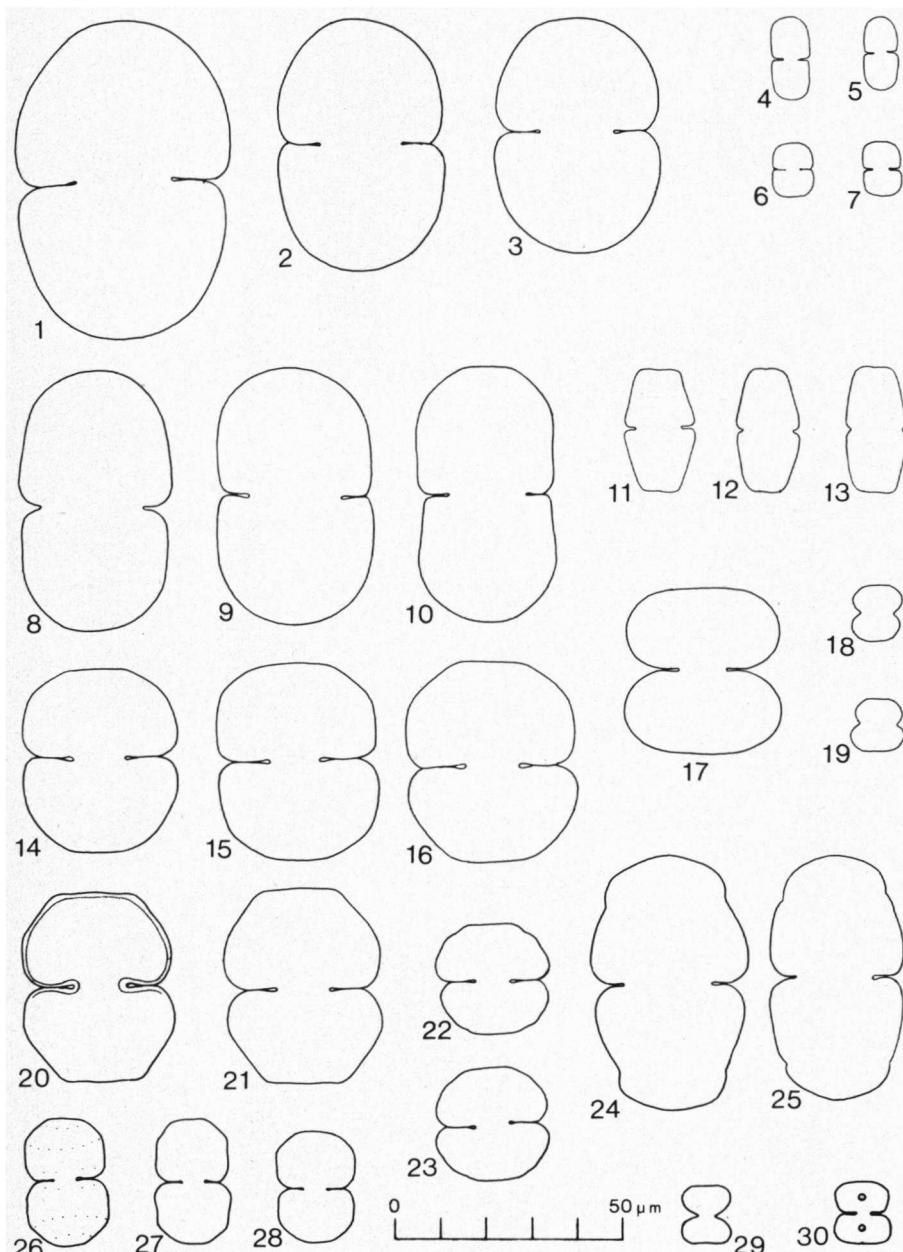
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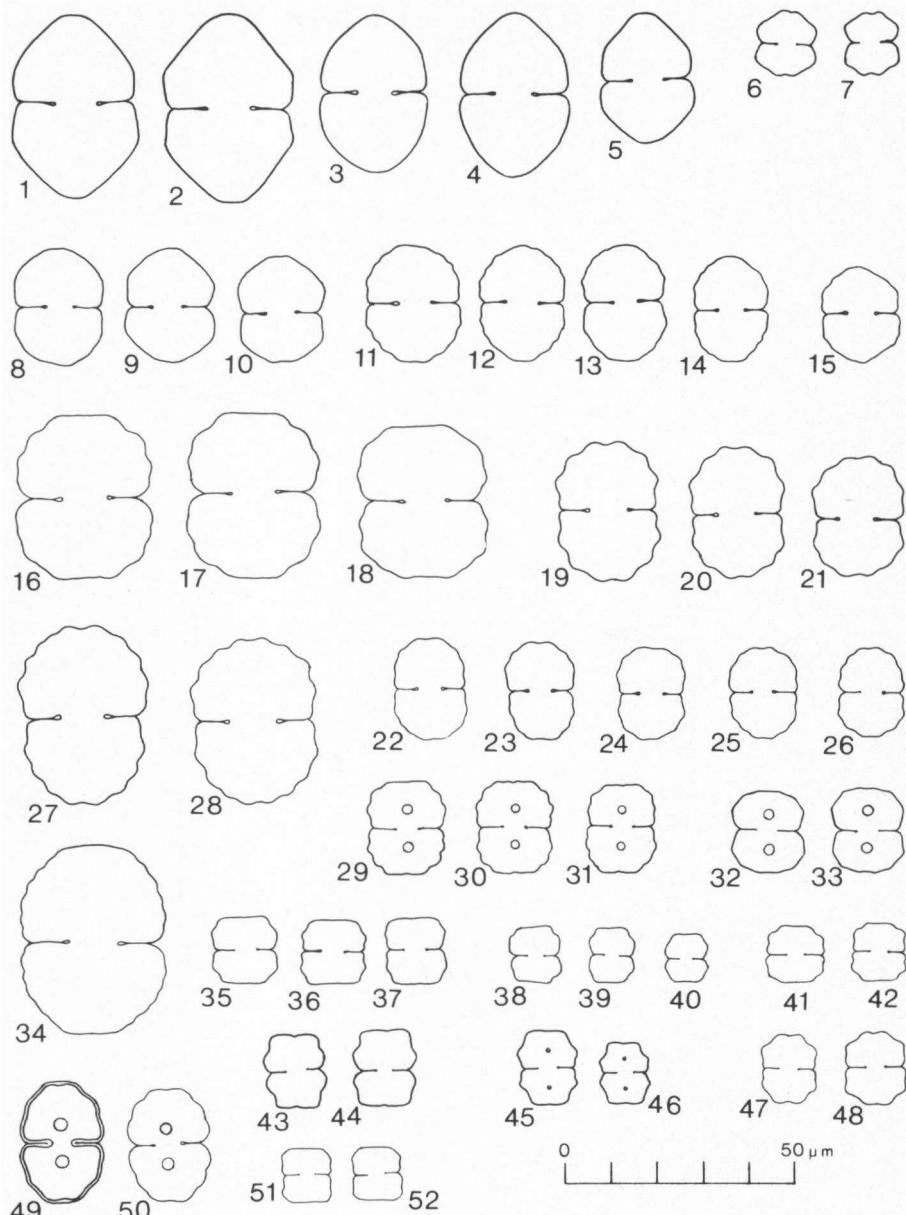
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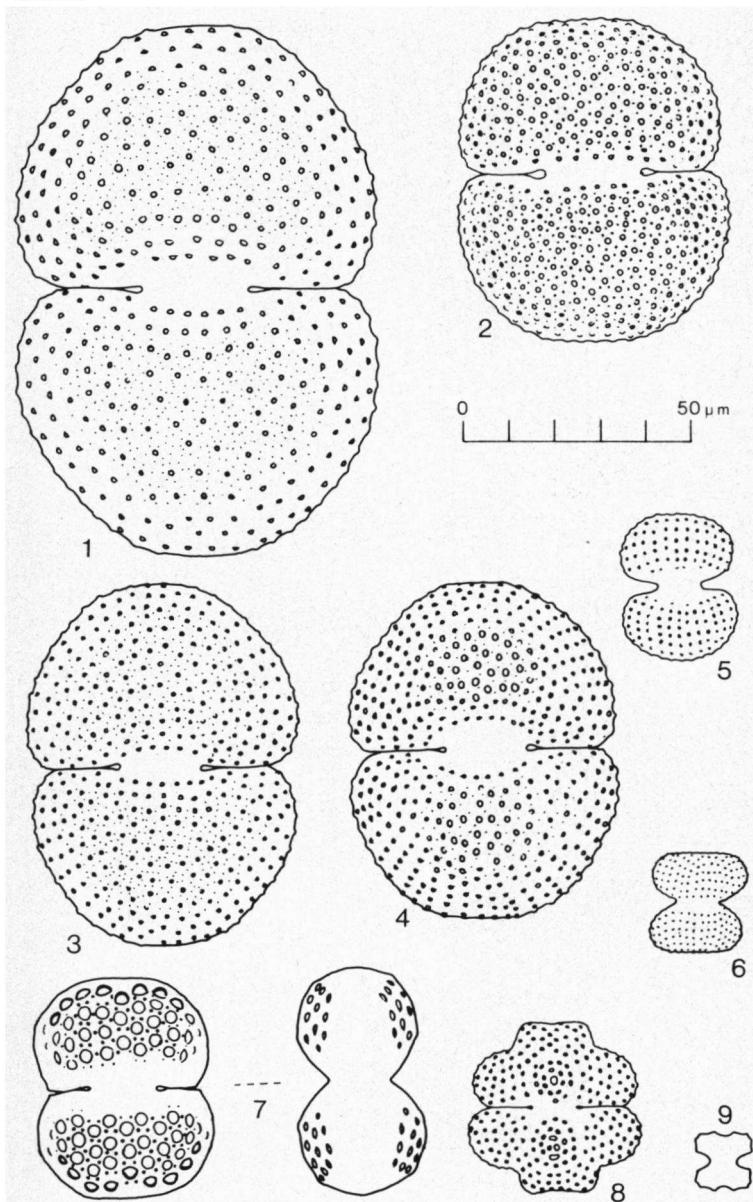
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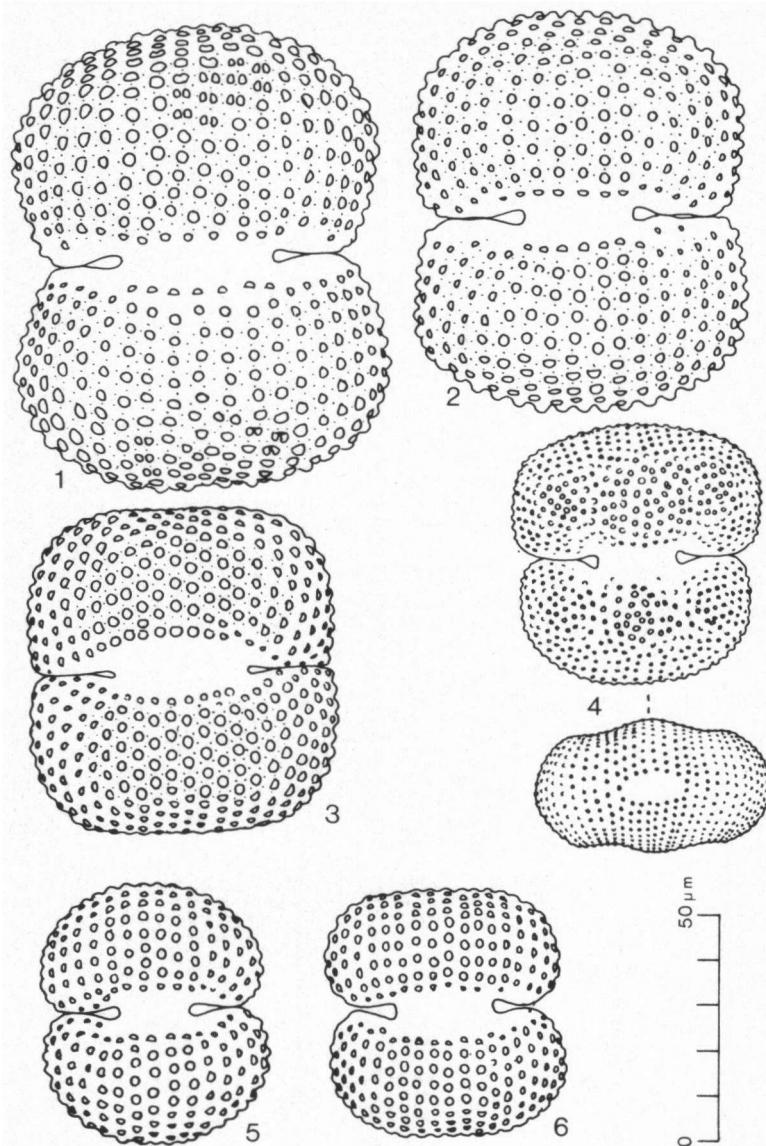
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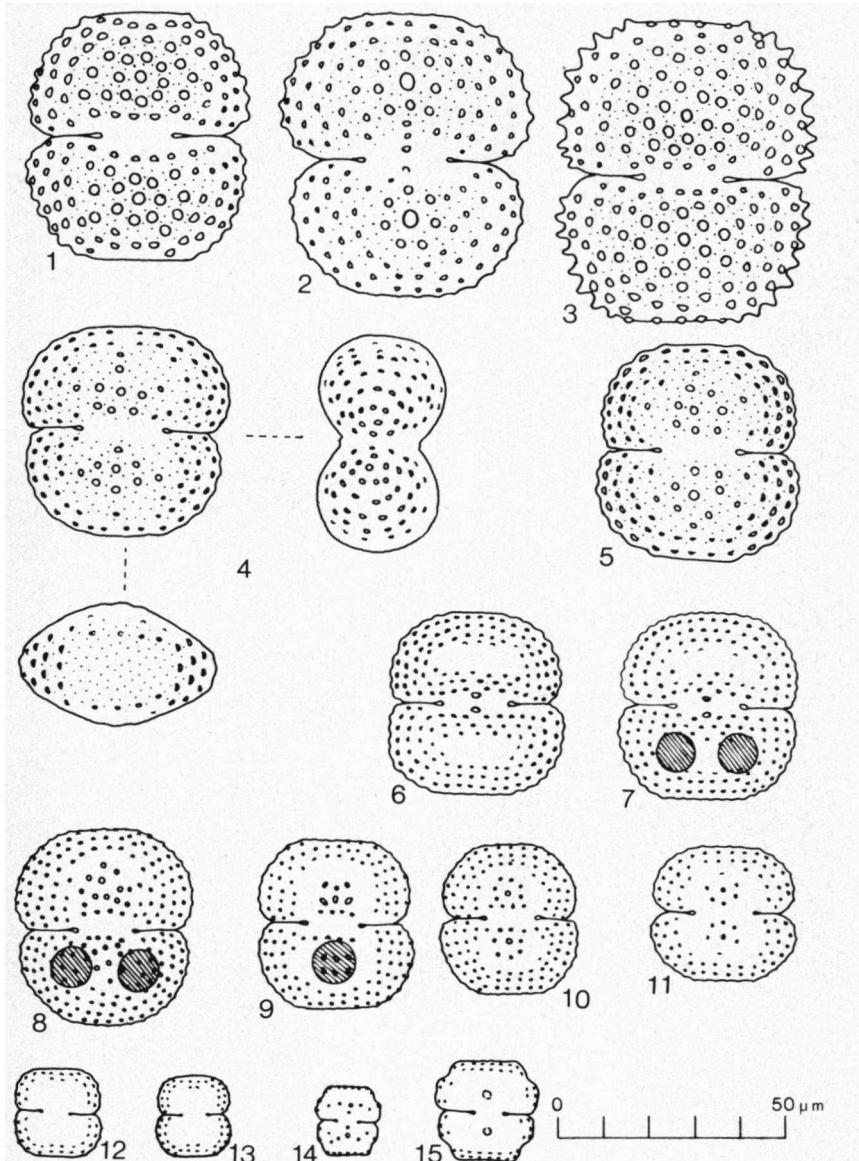
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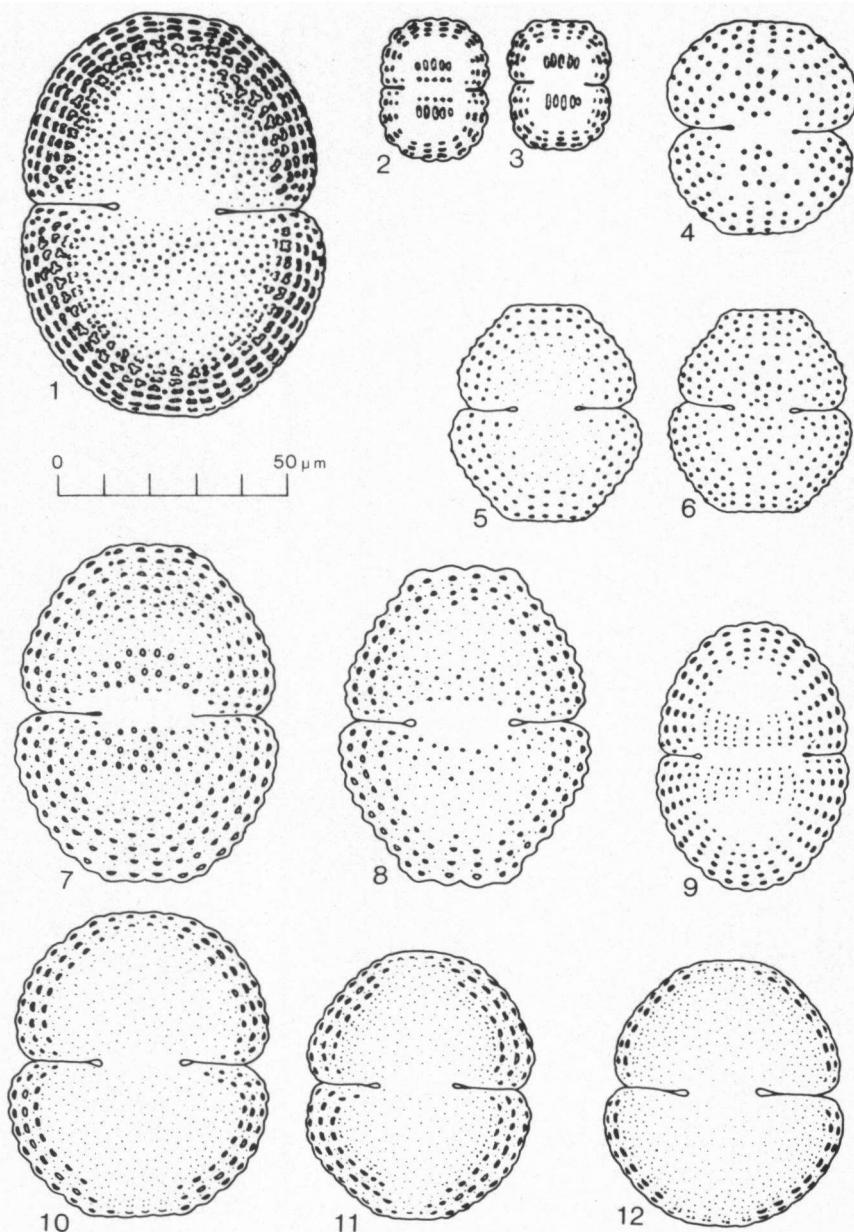
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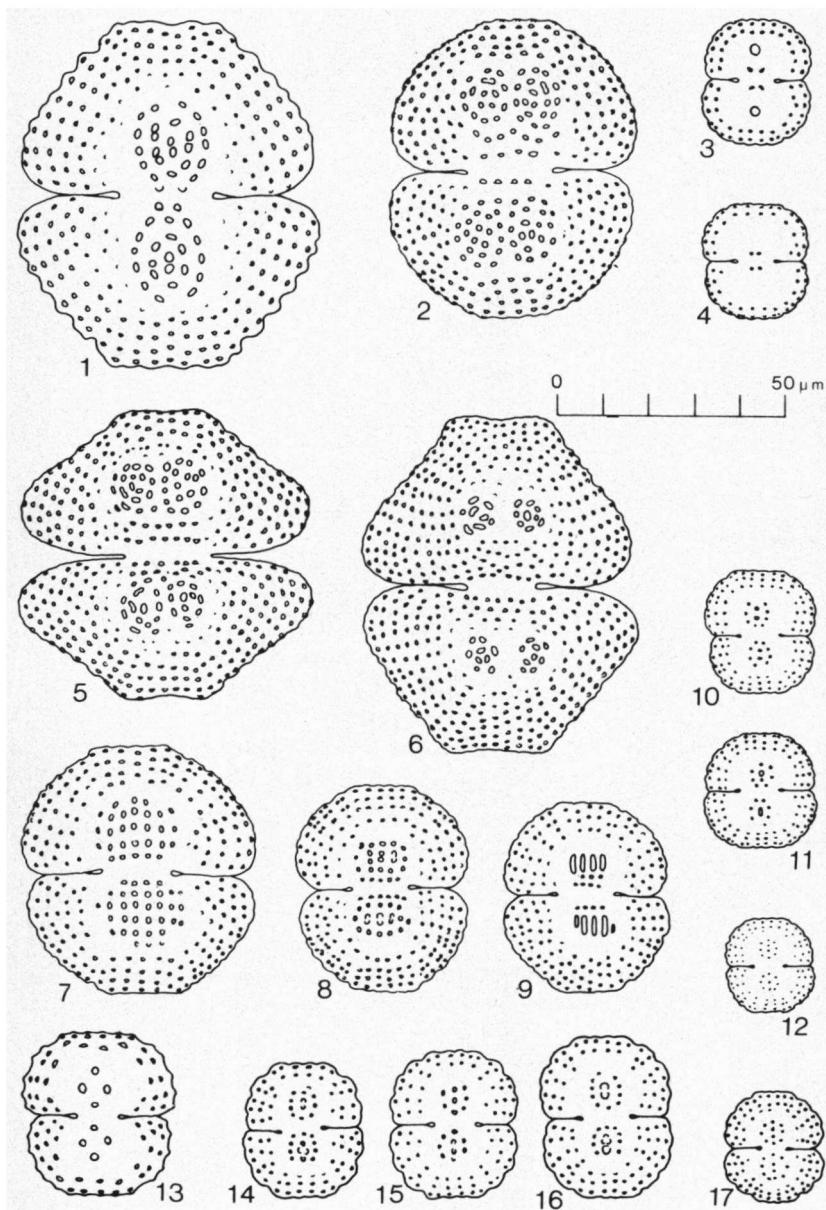
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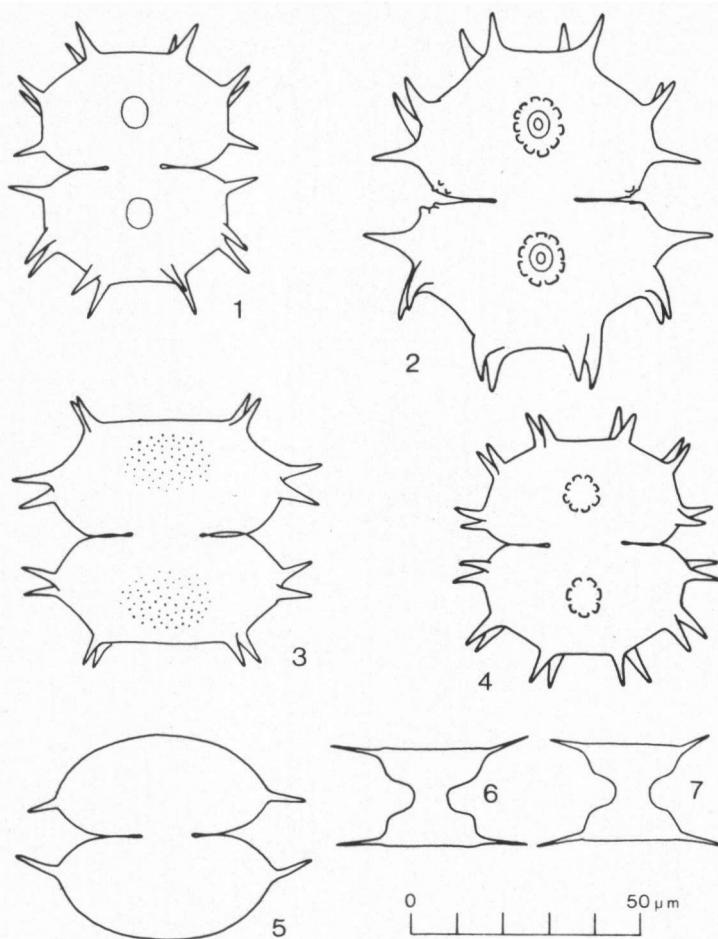
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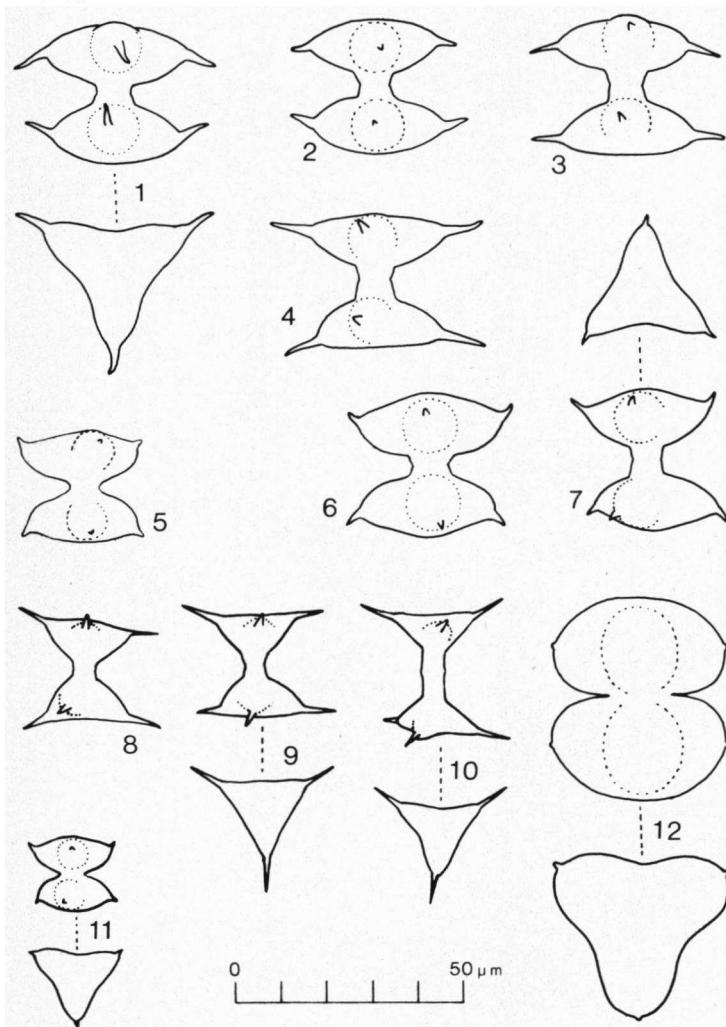
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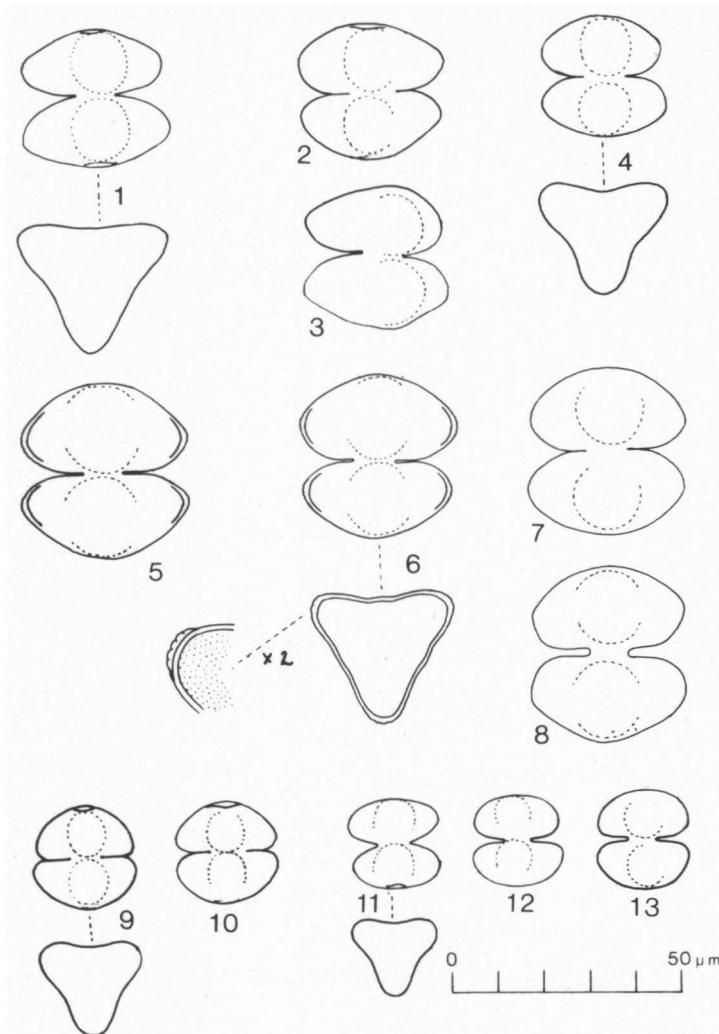
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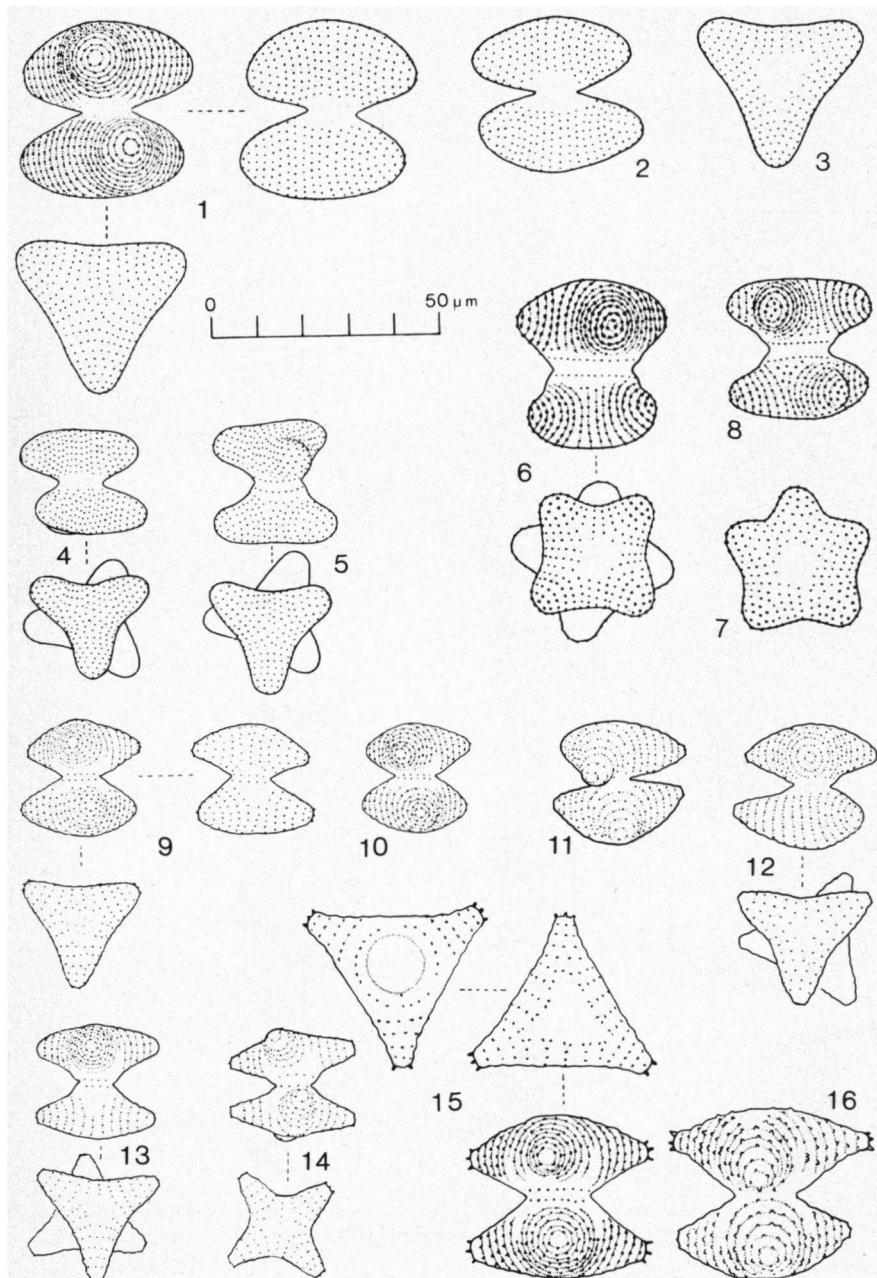
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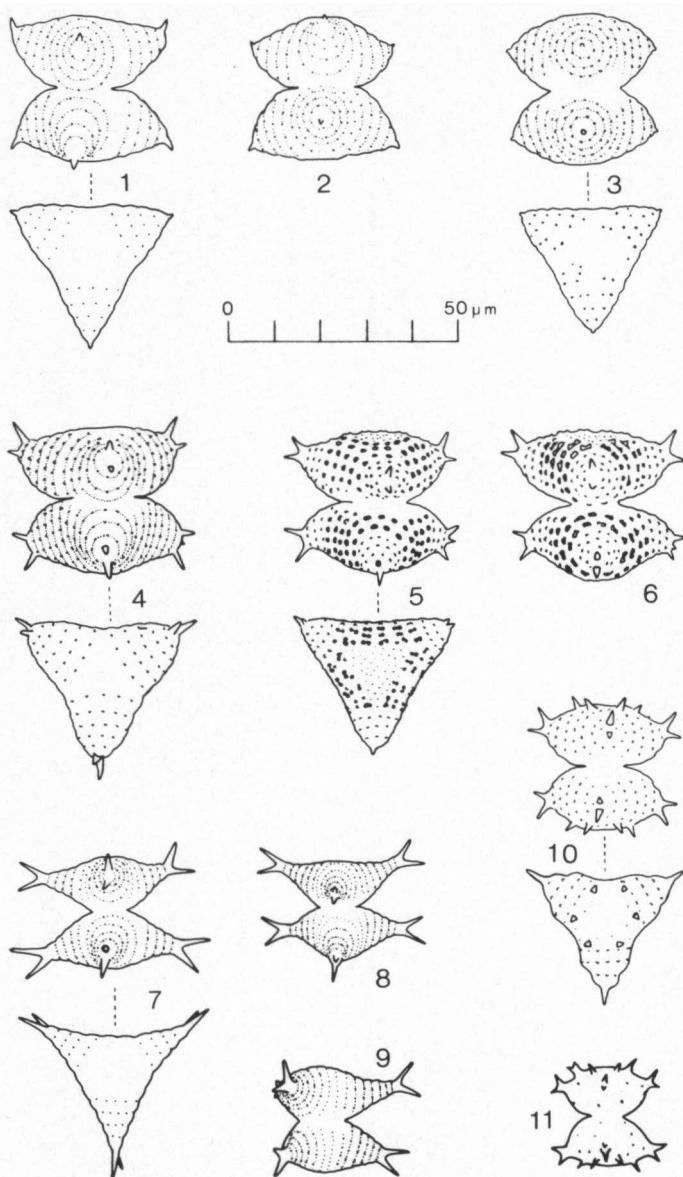
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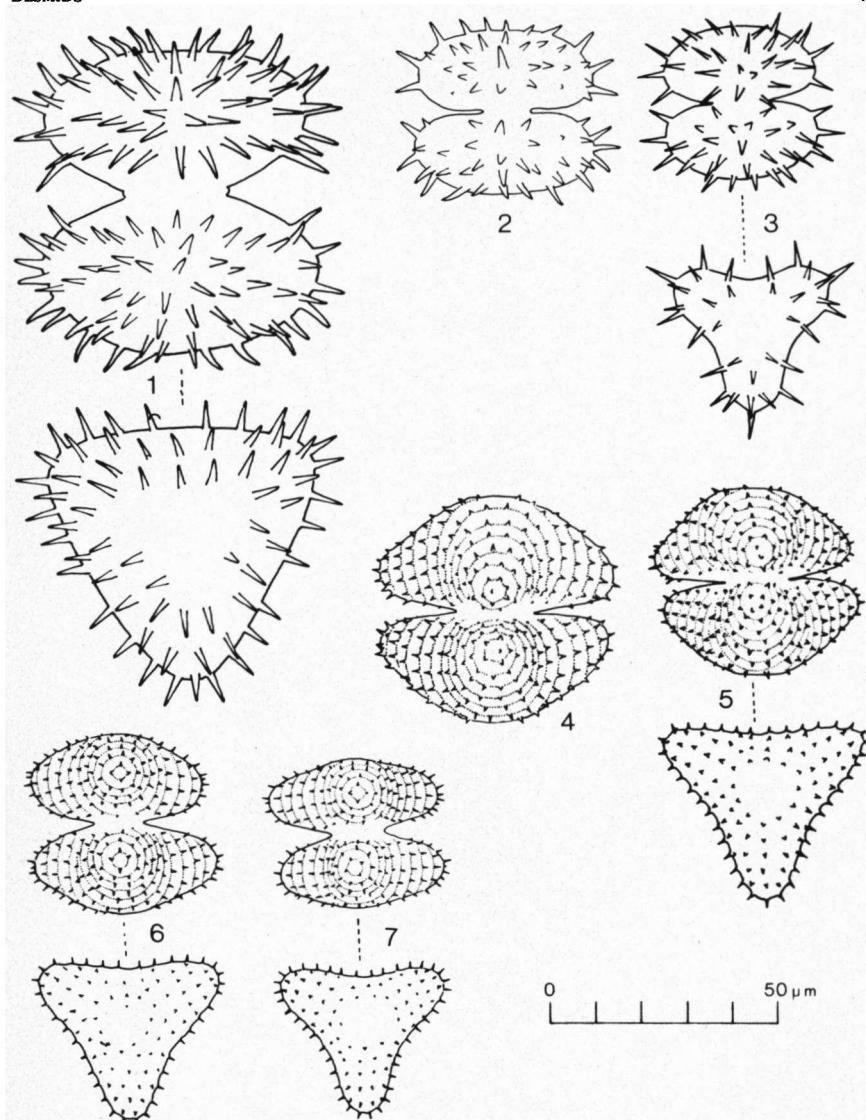
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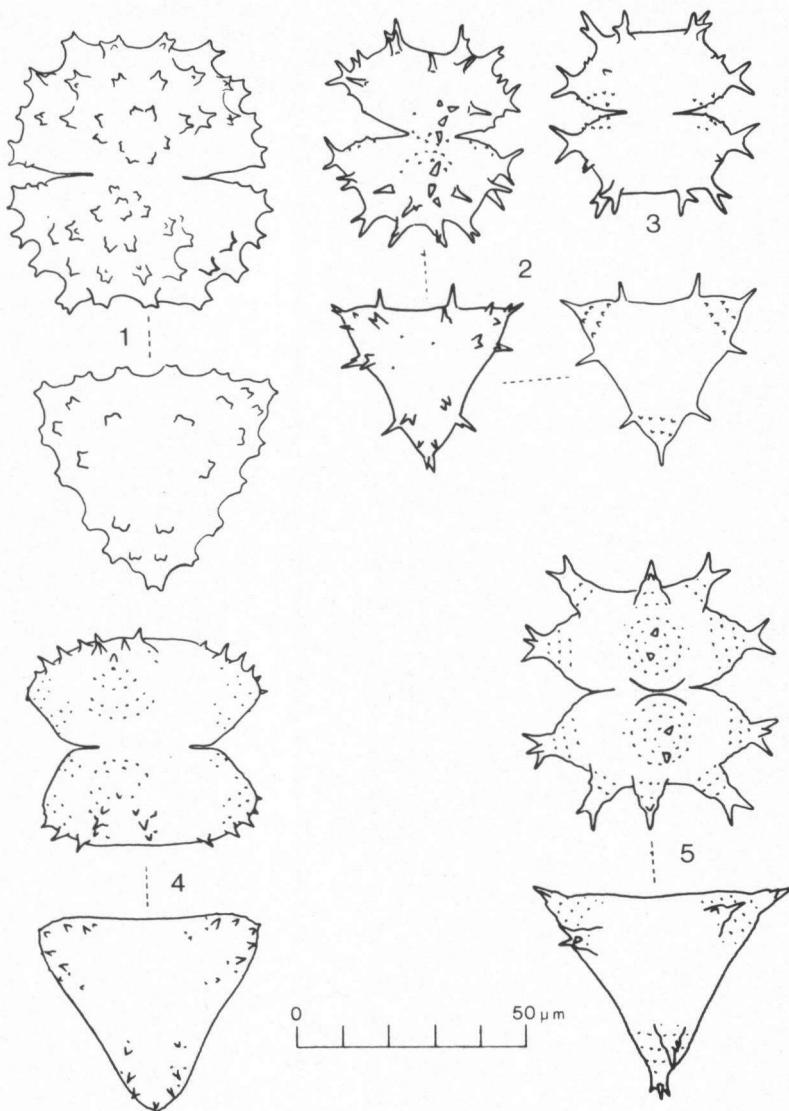
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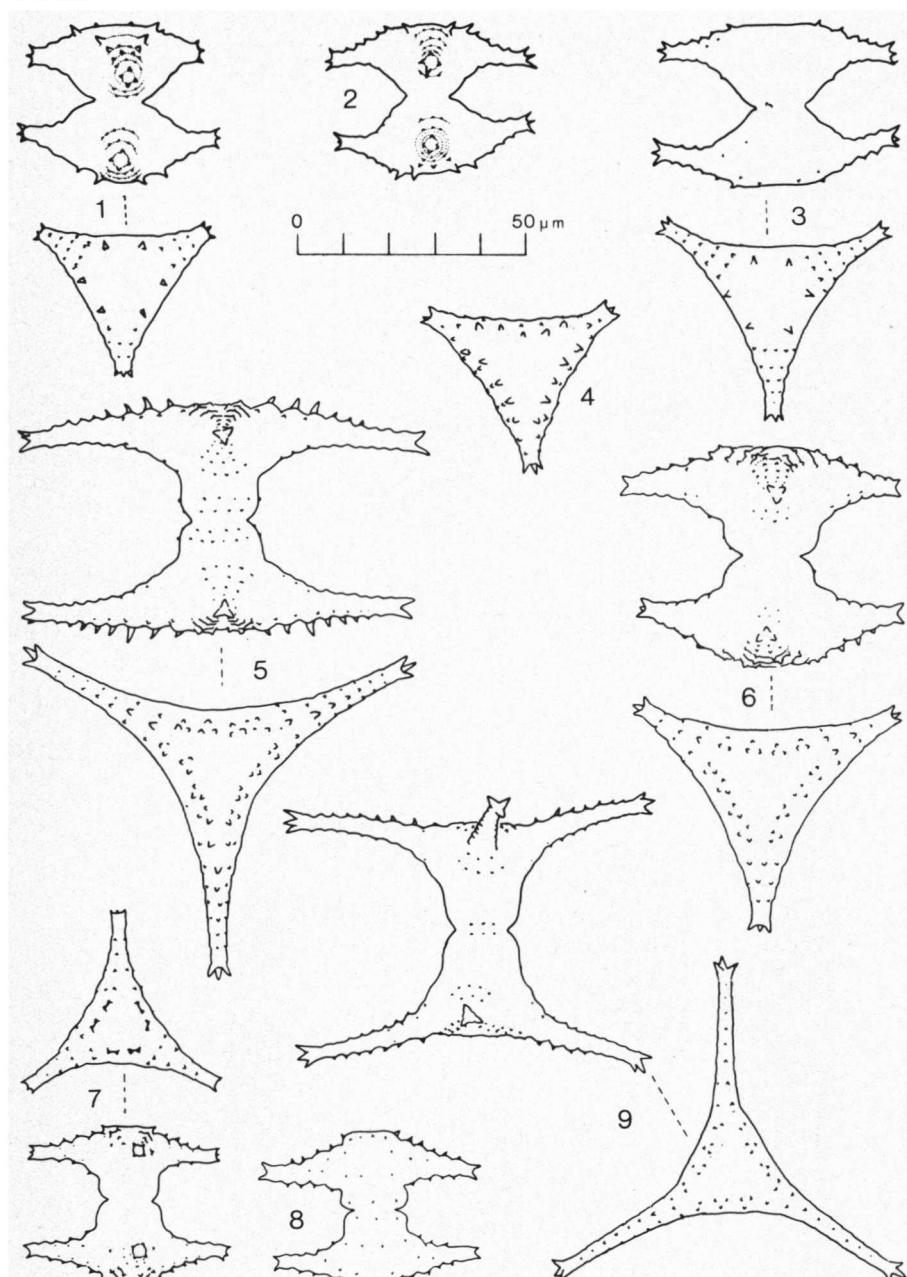
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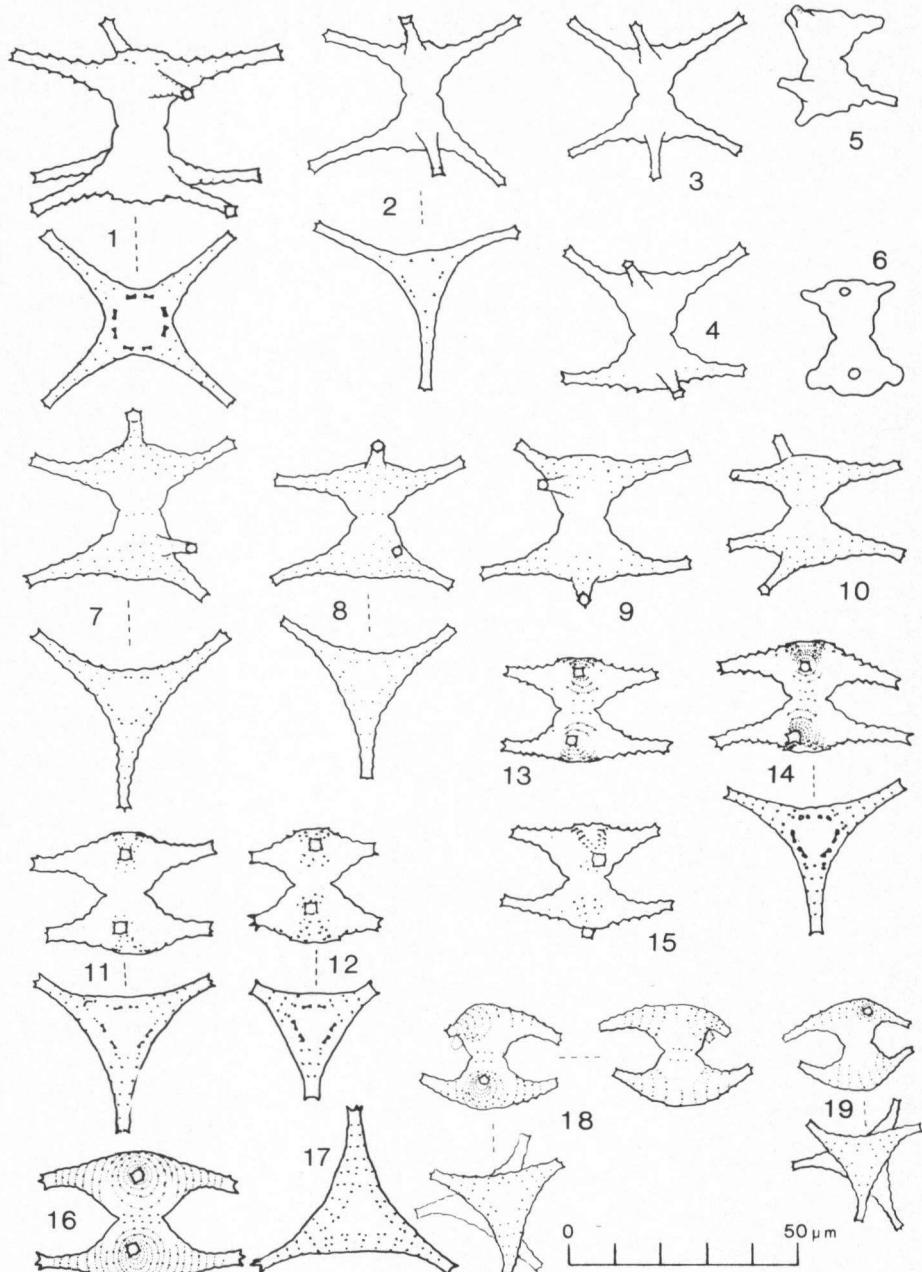
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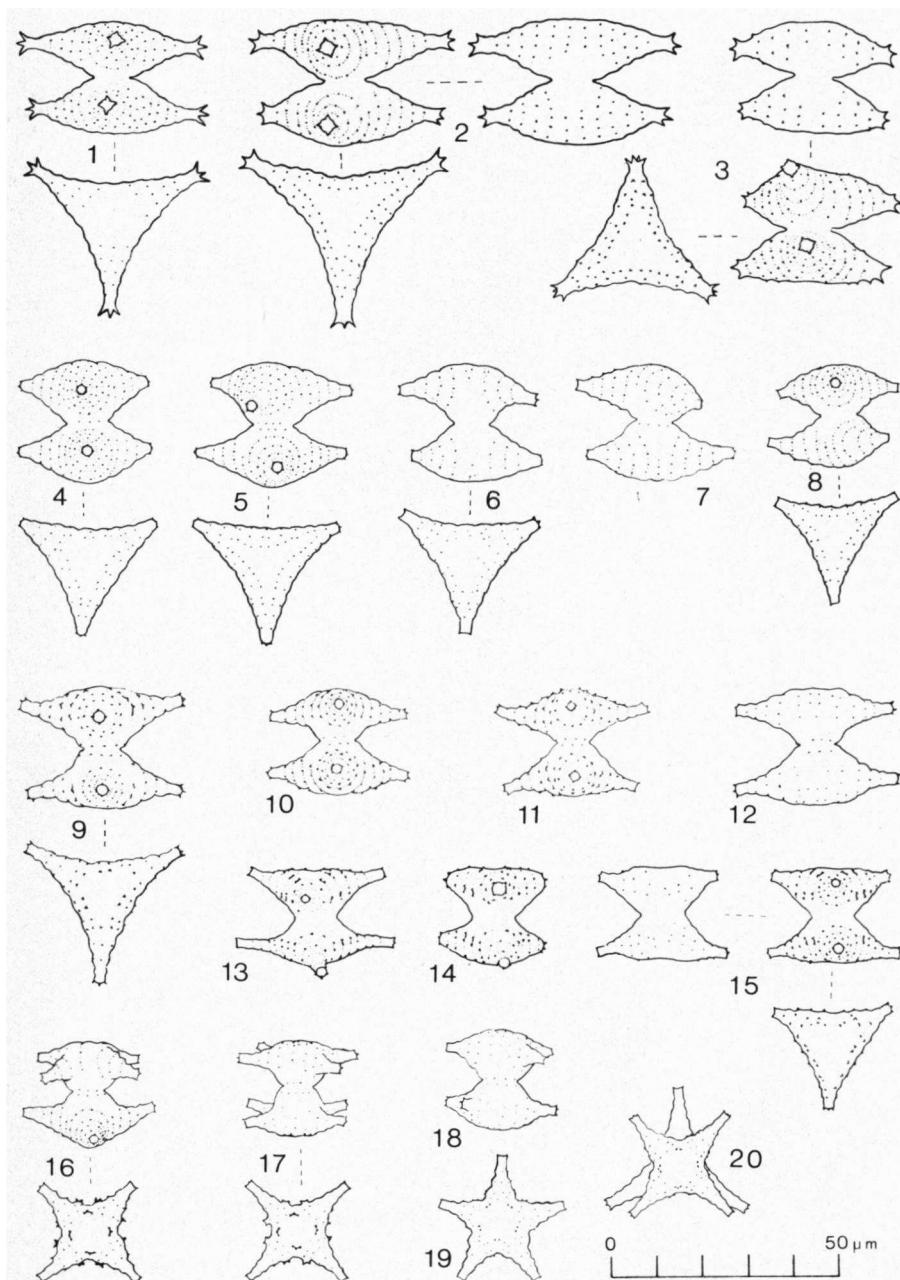
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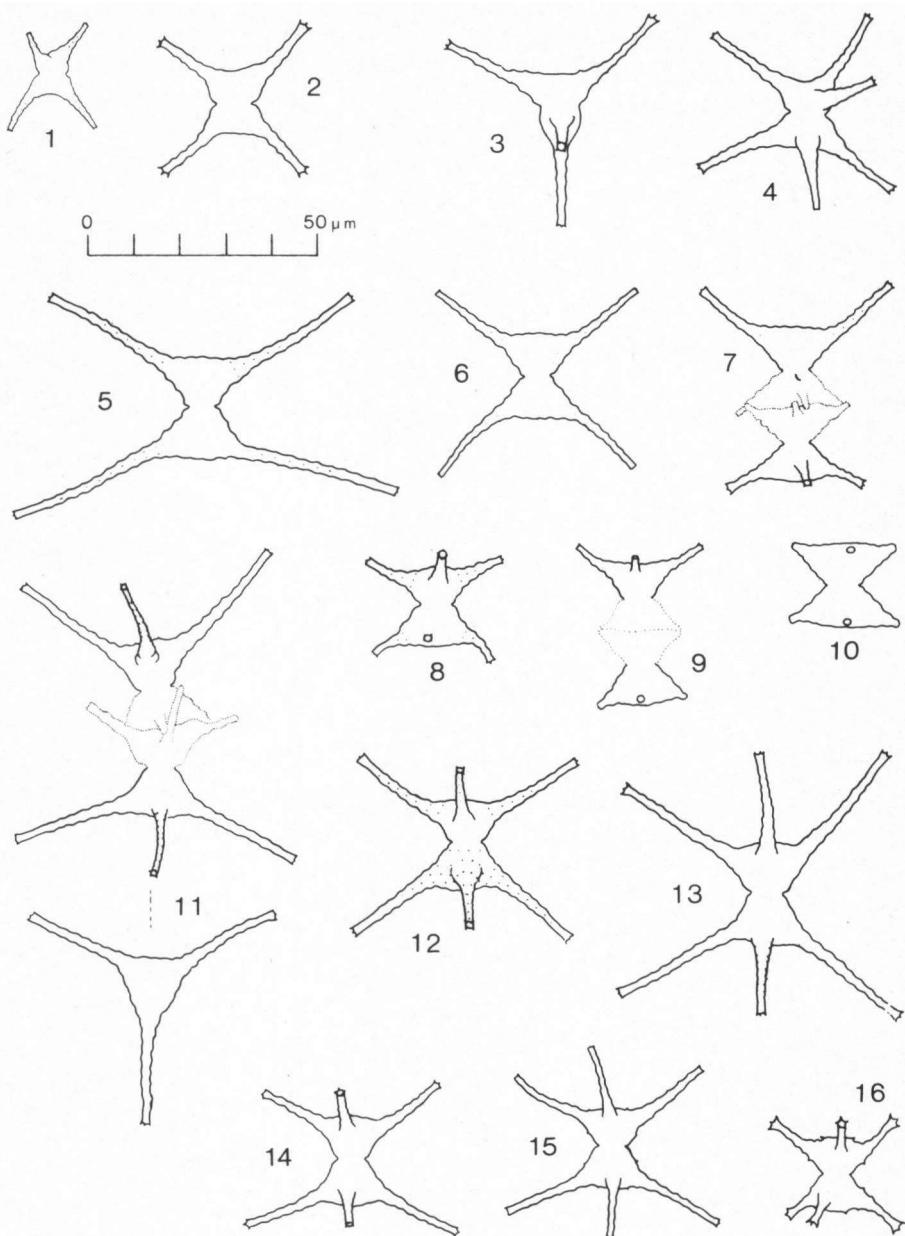
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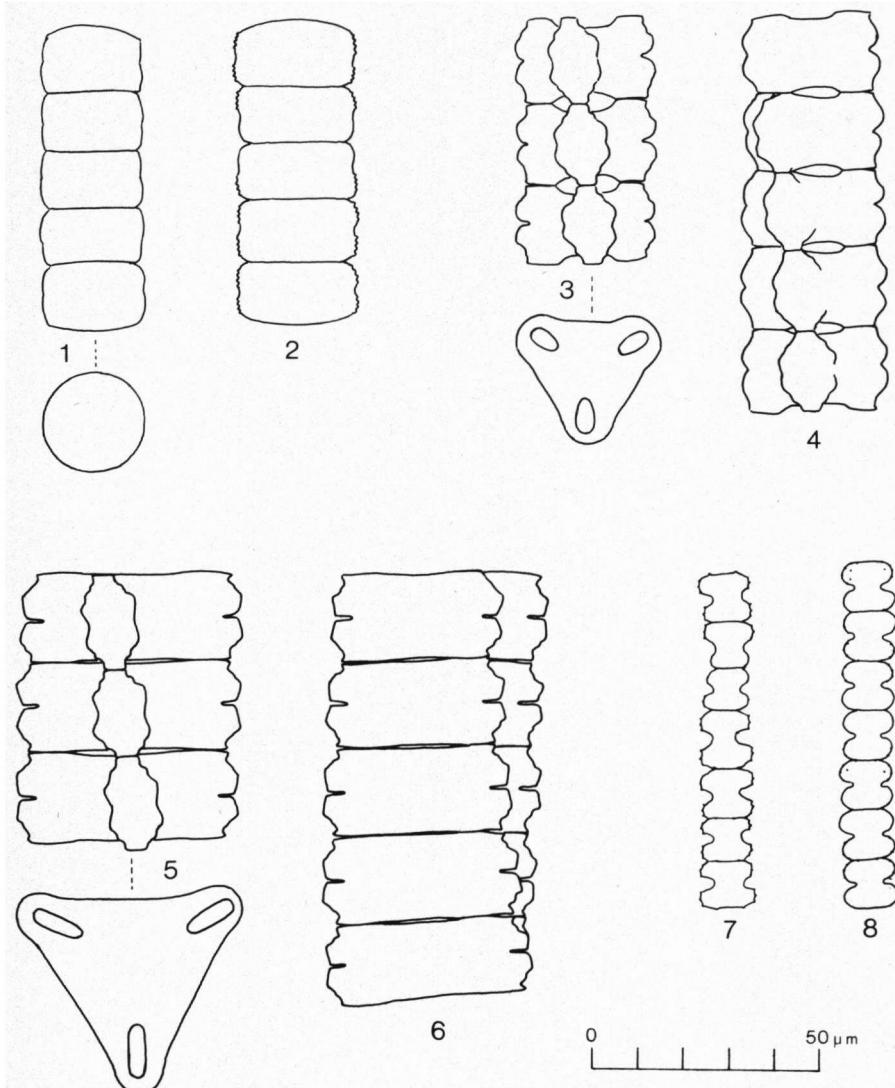
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Tab. 30. – 1–3. ? *Staurastrum polymorphum*; 4–8. ? *S. hexacerum*; 9–12. *S. boreale* var. *boreale*; 13–15. ? *S. boreale* var. *boreale*, forma; 16–20. *S. boreale* var. *quadriradiatum*.



Tab. 31. — 1–2. *Staurastrum tetracerum* var. *tetracerum*; 3–4. *S. tetracerum* var. *cameloides*; 5–15. *S. chaetoceras* (8–10: aberrant forms); 16. *S. micron*.



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