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### Geographic Distribution and Life History Aspects of the Freshwater Shrimps, Macrobranchium ohione and Palaemonetes kadiakensis (Decapoda: Palaemonidae), in Arkansas

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#### Abstract

Two species of shrimps occur in Arkansas; they include the Ohio shrimp, Macrobrachium ohione (Smith) and the Mississippi grass shrimp. Palaemonetes kadiakensis Rathbun. The present survey is based on collections made between 1974 and 2008 with additional supplemental data from museum specimens to document the overall distribution of the 2 species. Our survey found a total of only 42 specimens of *M. ohione* from 6 localities (2 counties) in Arkansas, all taken from the Mississippi River. Specimens were seined over sandy substrates in 0.6-0.9 m of water without vegetation. A 1914 museum collection of 5 individual M. ohione is the only known occurrence of *M. ohione* from Phillips County. All other specimens were taken between 1974-1975 near the US 82 bridge (Chicot County). It appears that M. ohione is a relatively rare shrimp in Arkansas. Since specimens were documented from a single drainage system (Mississippi River) in only 2 counties, we recommend a "threatened" conservation status of M. ohione in Arkansas because of this restricted distributional range. However, P. kadiakensis is relatively abundant in Arkansas. This shrimp had previously been reported from 10 counties of the state. Over 3,400 specimens of P. kadiakensis were documented during this study from various sites in 49 counties and most were released upon capture. Grass shrimp were commonly found in sluggish backwater regions of streams especially preferring heavily vegetated lentic areas of pool regions. Mississippi grass shrimp have remained abundant and widespread in occurrence for the past 35 years. The Nature Conservancy lists populations of *P*. kadiakensis as secure (G5) in rounded global status. Indeed, Mississippi grass shrimp populations in Arkansas are also secure and in no need of special protection.

#### Introduction

Freshwater shrimp are conspicuous members of Arkansas' aquatic macroinvertebrate fauna, and yet, have received little attention. Of the few species that are endemic to or range into the north temperate regions of the Western Hemisphere, only 2 species are known from Arkansas (Bouchard and Robison 1980). These 2 freshwater caridean shrimps are represented by 2 genera in the family Palaemonidae of the crustacean Order Decapoda. In North America, the Palaemonidae includes 68 described species in 16 genera (Williams 1989) and is cosmopolitan in distribution. Caridean shrimps are distinguished from crayfish by possessing 2 pairs of chelipeds while crayfish have 3 pairs as well as major differences in body shape (Bauer 2004).

The Ohio shrimp, Macrobrachium ohione (Smith), is migratory, the larger (up to 110 mm total length [TL]) of the 2 species of Arkansas shrimps and was the basis of formerly more extensive food and bait fisheries in the Mississippi River drainage (Hedgpeth 1949). The smaller (up to 53 mm TL) shrimp species native to Arkansas is the Mississippi grass shrimp, Palaemonetes kadiakensis Rathbun. This shrimp is often used as fish bait and for fish forage in farm ponds. Because of its limited commercial value, the grass shrimp has been little studied across its range (Cheper 1988). Most published information is new distributional records or range extensions of the species (Cheper 1988, 1992, Taylor 1992, Conaway and Hrabik 1997, Pigg and Cheper 1998, Poly and Wetzel 2002, Cooper 2011).

The Ohio shrimp is endemic to coastal rivers in the central and southeastern U.S., and ranges from Alabama to Texas and is on the northern periphery of its range in Illinois and Ohio (Page 1985). It also occurs along the Atlantic Coast from Florida to Virginia (Page 1985, Taylor 1992). The Mississippi grass shrimp ranges from northeastern Mexico, north to the Great Lakes and east to Florida (Page 1985).

Little is known about the distributional limits of these shrimps in Arkansas and even less about their natural history, ecology, reproduction, habitat characteristics, and general biology. Limited previous collecting of these species is primarily responsible for this lack of knowledge. Surveys of aquatic macroinvertebrates of various parts of the state include collections of P. kadiakensis reported by Harp and Harp (1980) in Crittenden County, Cargill and Harp (1987) in Clay County, Cochran and Harp (1990) in Craighead, Greene, and Poinsett counties, Chordas et al. (1996) in Arkansas, Desha, Monroe and Phillips counties, and Harp and Robison (2006) in Lawrence County.

Specific objectives of our study were (1) to determine the relative abundance and precise distributional limits of the range of M. ohione and P. kadiakensis; (2) to gather data on life history aspects of these shrimp species including information on habitat, reproductive period, and any other biological data available; (3) to document data on ecological and habitat characteristics of these shrimp species; and (4) to assess the current conservation status of M. ohione and P. kadiakensis based on the collected distributional data.

#### **Materials and Methods**

This survey of the shrimps of Arkansas is based on collections that we made between 1974-2008. Collecting methods included the use of conventional seines  $(3.1 \times 1.8 \text{ m} \text{ with } 3.2 \text{ mm} \text{ mesh or } 6.1 \times 1.8 \text{ m} \text{ with } 3.2 \text{ mm} \text{ mesh}$  or  $6.1 \times 1.8 \text{ m} \text{ with } 3.2 \text{ mm} \text{ mesh}$  and standard aquatic dipnets. Most individuals were released unharmed at the collection site; however, representative voucher specimens were preserved in 70% isopropanol and deposited in the invertebrate collection at Southern Arkansas University (SAU), Magnolia. The number of specimens

(Appendix) is the number of specimens preserved or the total number found at an individual site.

In addition to our collections, supplemental museum specimens housed at the United States National Museum of Natural History (USNM 2009), Washington, D.C., Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, Illinois (INHS 2010), and the G. L. Harp Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Collection, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas (ASUMZ) were used to document the overall distribution of the 2 species in the state. Previous literature dealing with these shrimp species was also consulted. Both our survey data and historical county collection locales were plotted on maps (see Figs. 1-2).

#### **Results and Discussion**

Our survey found a total of only 42 specimens of *M. ohione* from 6 localities in 2 counties (Table 1) whereas 3,418 specimens of *P. kadiakensis* from 238 localities in 49 counties (Table 2; Appendix) were documented.

#### Macrobrachium ohione (Smith, 1874)

#### Taxonomic Remarks

(1952)Holthius revised the subfamily Palaemoninae from the Americas including all known U.S. species of Macrobrachium. There are 6 species of Macrobrachium in the U.S. (Bowles et al. 2000): however, only *M. ohione* inhabits the Mississippi River drainage in Arkansas. It is characterized by having the first pairs of legs chelate, the second pair of chelipeds (pereopods 2) longer and more robust than first chelipeds (pereopods 1), the carpus of the second leg not subdivided, a hepatic spine present, and the upper edge of the rostrum curved with 9-13 teeth and a toothless dagger-like tip.

Table 1. Records of 42 *M. ohione* from Arkansas.

| County   | Locality   | Date         | Number | Collector | Museum Collection |
|----------|--|--------------|--------|-----------|-------------------|
| Chicot   | Mississippi River at US 82 bridge                          | 17 Aug. 1974 | 3      | HWR       | SAU               |
|          | Mississippi River at US 82 bridge near boat landing        | 9 Jul. 1975  | 2      | HWR       | SAU               |
|          | Mississippi River, 11.3 km S US 82 bridge, Even Oaks Lodge | 10 Jul. 1975 | 2      | HWR       | SAU               |
|          | Mississippi River, sandbar across from Grand Lake          | 10 Jul. 1975 | 25     | HWR       | ASUMZ 071075A-1   |
|          | Mississippi River, 4.8 km N US 82 bridge                   | 11 Jul. 1975 | 5      | HWR       | SAU               |
| Phillips | Mississippi River at Helena                                | 1914         | 5      | unknown   | USNM 153841       |

#### **Relative** Abundance

It appears that *M. ohione* is a relatively rare shrimp in Arkansas with only 42 specimens from 2 counties (Fig. 1) documented during a collection period spanning nearly 100 years. Since our last collection in July 1975 (Table 1), we have not been able to locate vouchers of this shrimp in any museum collection or collect additional *M. ohione* in the state.

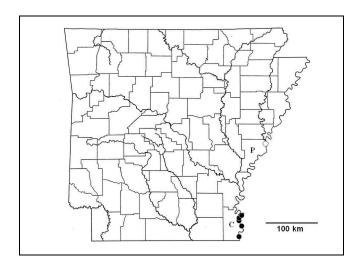


Figure 1. Arkansas counties with genuine vouchers of *M. ohione*. Open dot (previous USNM record); solid dots (new county record). Abbreviations: C (Chicot County); P (Phillips County).

#### Habitat

Barko and Hrabik (2004) found *M. ohione* occupied open side channels and main channel borders of the Mississippi River in Missouri. Conaway and Hrabik (1997) reported Ohio shrimp occupied low velocity waters; however, open side channels have flow during normal river elevations (Barko and Herzog 2003). They occur in the borders of the river channels, especially when the borders are flooded and plant and animal material are available for foraging (Truesdale and Mermilliod 1979). Hobbs (2001) reported this shrimp receives reproductive cues from spring floods and uses flooded terrestrial habitat for reproduction.

All specimens of *M. ohione* collected in Arkansas were taken from the Mississippi River. Specimens were seined over sandy substrates at depths of 0.6-0.9 m without vegetation. No appreciable current was detected in these areas 6-9 m offshore adjacent to sand bars.

#### Distribution

The Ohio shrimp was originally described from specimens collected from the Ohio River in Indiana (Smith 1874), and ranged up to the downstream end of Washington County, Ohio; however, there are

apparently no recent records, museum or otherwise from those areas. The species occurs in the Mississippi River basin, Gulf Coastal drainages, and also in some Atlantic coast drainages from Georgia north to Virginia (Hedgpeth 1949, Holthius 1952, Hobbs and Massman 1952, Cooper 2011). The Ohio shrimp declined in abundance drastically after the 1930's (Page 1985) especially in the northern areas of its former range (Simon 2001). Less than 10 specimens have been reported from the Ohio River since 1977 (Taylor 1992, Conaway and Hrabik 1997). The species was formerly abundant in the Mississippi River as far north as Chester, Illinois (and possibly St. Louis, Missouri) and in the Ohio River as far upstream as southeastern Ohio (Poly and Wetzel 2002). Thoma and Jezerinac (2000) speculated that M. ohione may have been extirpated from Ohio due to migration obstruction by dams, levees and wing dikes. However, M. ohione remains abundant in the lower Mississippi River system of southern Louisiana (Truesdale and Mermilliod 1977) and apparently around Jackson, Mississippi (RT Bauer pers. comm.).

The Ohio shrimp has been collected in portions of the Mississippi River along Missouri and Illinois as far north as Grand Tower, Jackson County, Illinois (Taylor 1992, Conaway and Hrabik 1997) indicating that the species was increasing in numbers, was recolonizing portions of its former range, and/or was overlooked earlier because sampling methods were ineffective (Poly and Wetzel 2002).

In Arkansas, M. ohione has reportedly been taken from the Arkansas, Mississippi, and Red rivers (Bauer 2011a, fig. 3); however, documentation during this survey indicated occurrence only in the Mississippi River and we know of no recent specimens from any other stream in the state. One collection of 5 individuals was located in the Smithsonian Institution (USNM 153841) from the Mississippi River at Helena, Phillips County, collected in 1914 (Karen Reed, pers. comm.). This represents the only known occurrence from Phillips County (Fig. 1). The other 37 specimens were taken in August 1974 and July 1975 by the first author (HWR) while seining fish in the Mississippi River at various sites in Chicot County (Appendix, Fig. 1). Despite a search of additional regional and national museum collections, no additional specimens of Macrobranchium from Arkansas were located. Furthermore, there are only a few specimens of M. ohione reported from 3 counties of the Mississippi River of Missouri in the INHS (INHS 2010).

#### Life History Aspects

All U.S. species of Macrobrachium have a life-

history pattern that is amphidromous, that is, they spawn in saltwater (optimally 10-15% salinity) and must migrate upstream to complete their life cycles (McDowall 1992, Bauer 2011a,b). Ortmann (1902) hypothesized that the genus *Macrobrachium* had probably only "recently" evolved migratory behavior into freshwater. However, recent estimates suggest radiation of their ancestors into freshwater during the Jurassic (see Bauer 2011a). Biological characteristics indicative of this relatively recent adaptation include high hemoglyph osmo-ionic concentrations, tolerance of high salinities, dependence on saline waters for larval development with many larval stages and migratory behavior (McNamara 1987).

The Ohio shrimp is the least colorful of the 6 species occurring in the U.S. The base color is pale gray to olivaceous with light blue spots and a blue telson and uropod (Hedgpeth 1949).

Ohio shrimp can reach a TL of over 100 mm, but average 60 mm TL (Hunter 1977, Taylor 1992). Males only reach about 70 mm TL (Hedgpeth 1949). The largest *M. ohione* found in our survey was a female measuring 68 mm TL. Females are larger than males with the former being as large as 110 mm TL, although ovigerous specimens as small as 35 mm TL are known (Bowles et al. 2000). To our knowledge, no ovigerous females have ever been collected in Arkansas.

#### Parasites

Several parasites have been reported from *M. ohione*, including the branchial bopyrid isopod, *Probopyrus pandalicola* Packard from the Atchafalaya and Mississippi rivers, Louisiana (Truesdale and Mermilliod 1977, Conner and Bauer 2010). We did not examine Arkansas *M. ohione* for any parasites.

#### **Conservation Status**

The Ohio shrimp has been collected sporadically and rarely over the past 40 years (Page 1985, Conaway and Hrabik 1997). Possible reasons for decline include overharvesting, river channelization, dredging, levee construction, water pollution, and habitat loss (Page 1985, Bowles et al. 2000). This shrimp must have a direct and/or unobstructed connection with estuarine areas (Bueno and Rodrigus 1995). In addition, larvae must be exposed to saline water in order to complete development (Bauer and Delahoussaye 2008, Rome et al. 2009).

The Nature Conservancy suggests that populations of the Ohio shrimp are apparently secure (G4) in rounded global status (NatureServe 2010) but there is no ranking for the species in Arkansas. Since a total of only 42 specimens were documented by seining from a single drainage system (Mississippi River) in only 2 counties of the state, we recommend a "threatened" conservation status for *M. ohione* in Arkansas because of its restricted distributional range. An intensive search for this species along the eastern tier of counties adjacent to the Mississippi River using additional collecting methods (trawling and trapping) is urged in the future, including possible rediscovery of *M. ohione* in Phillips County.

#### Palaemonetes kadiakensis Rathbun, 1902

#### Taxonomic Remarks

*Palaemonetes kadiakensis* is one of 3 members of the genus found in surface streams in the U.S. (Strenth 1976). Three additional species are known from subterranean waters of Florida and Texas. This shrimp can de differentiated from the Ohio shrimp by having the second pair of legs only slightly longer than the first pair, only 6-8 teeth occurring along the upper edge of the rostrum, and possessing a branchiostegal spine, without a hepatic spine.

#### **Relative** Abundance

The Mississippi grass shrimp is relatively abundant in Arkansas. A total of 3,415 specimens of *P. kadiakensis* were documented during this study, including 2,901 (85%) deposited in the ASUMZ, and most were released at their collection site.

The entire USNM dataset (31 specimens) comprised only 4 sites in 4 counties (Ashley, Stone, White, and Woodruff) of the state (Appendix). In addition to the USNM collections, INHS data yielded 14 collections (91 specimens) taken from 11 Arkansas counties by various collectors (Appendix).

#### Habitat

The Mississippi grass shrimp is common in the vegetation of lentic habitats and slower moving streams as well as in the sheltered areas of more rapidly flowing environs below the Fall Line zone in Arkansas (Bouchard and Robison 1980). It has also been found in a rapid flowing tributary of the Sabine River in Louisiana (Bouchard and Robison 1980). However, in Illinois, Page (1985) found that *P. kadiakensis* was common in sluggish freshwater habitats, including backwaters of the Mississippi River and in swamps and swamp-like streams. In addition, Simon and Thoma (2003) documented this shrimp in the Patoka River basin of Indiana in wetland ponds and stream areas adjacent to vernal ponds.

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#### Table 2. ASUMZ records of 2,901 specimens of P. kadiakensis from Arkansas.

| County <sup>1</sup>     | Locality   | Date                         | Number | Collector    | ASUMZ Acc. No.              |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Arkansas <sup>1</sup>   | Roadside ditch, St. Hwy. 79, 3.2 km S of Stuttgart                             | 1 May 1978                   | 1      | B. Stephens  | BS092478A-1                 |
|                         | Crooked Creek off US 79, 11.3 km SW of Pine Bluff                              | 26 Jul. 1982                 | 4      | GR. Harp     | HP072682-3                  |
|                         | Big Island Chute, White River NWR  | 18 Nov. 1989                 | 24     | S. Chordas   | SC 111889-4                 |
|                         | E of Ethel, S entrance to White River NWR                                      | 18 Nov. 1989                 | 2      | S. Chordas   | SC 111889B-5                |
|                         | Little White Lake, White River NWR   | 18 Nov. 1989                 | 1      | S. Chordas   | SC 111889C-4                |
|                         | Lake Gut, White River NWR  | 16 Dec. 1989                 | 1      | S. Chordas   | SC 121689-5                 |
|                         | Burnt Lake, White River NWR  | 17 Dec. 1989                 | 1      | S. Chordas   | SC 121789-7                 |
|                         | Hurricane Pond, White River NWR  | 17 Dec. 1989                 | 18     | S. Chordas   | SC 121789C-5                |
|                         | Columbus Lake, White River NWR   | 20 Jan. 1990                 | 7      | S. Chordas   | SC 012090-5                 |
|                         | Prairie Bayou, White River NWR   | 20 Jan. 1990                 | 52     | S. Chordas   | SC 012090A-6                |
|                         | H-Lake, White River NWR  | 20 Jan. 1990                 | 5      | S. Chordas   | SC 012090B-6                |
|                         | Prairie Lake, White River NWR  | 20 Jan. 1990                 | 27     | S. Chordas   | SC 012090C-7                |
|                         | Wolf Lake, White River NWR   | 20 Jan. 1990                 | 16     | S. Chordas   | SC 012090D-4                |
|                         | Wolf Bayou, White River NWR  | 17 Feb. 1990                 | 2      | S. Chordas   | SC 021790-7                 |
|                         | Honey Locust Bayou, White River NWR  | 18 Feb. 1990                 | 4      | S. Chordas   | SC 021890A-6                |
|                         | Reservoir in SW 1/4, White River NWR   | 18 Feb. 1990                 | 45     | S. Chordas   | SC 021890B-3                |
|                         | H-Landing, White River NWR   | 22 Jul. 1990                 | 2      | S. Chordas   | SC 072290A-1                |
|                         | Wolf Bayou at flood gate, White River NWR                                      | 11 Aug. 1990                 | 19     | S. Chordas   | SC 081190-8                 |
|                         | Beaver Pond No. 1, White River NWR   | 11 Aug. 1990                 | 8      | S. Chordas   | SC 081190A-4                |
|                         | Big Horseshoe Lake, White River NWR  | 29 Sept. 1990                | 3      | S. Chordas   | SC 092990-2                 |
|                         | Escrogens Lake, White River NWR  | 30 Sept. 1990                | 75     | S. Chordas   | SC 093090A-8                |
|                         | Essex Bayou, White River NWR   | 30 Sept. 1990                | 42     | S. Chordas   | SC 093090-6                 |
| Ashley                  | Lake Georgia Pacific, 19.3 km NW of Crossett                                   | 13 Nov. 1988                 | 17     | G. Harp      | HP111388-4                  |
| Bradley                 | Warren Prairie NA  | 4 Mar. 1995                  | 1      | R. Smith     | RS030495-11                 |
| Clark                   | Hollywood Creek at bridge off St. Hwy. 26                                      | 20 Feb. 1997                 | 4      | C. Davidson  | CD022097B-5                 |
| Clay <sup>1</sup>       | Current River, vic. St. Hwy. 211, 0.3 km S state line                          | 18 Sept. 1976                | 5      | P. Harp      | PH091876A-3                 |
| ·                       | Lake Hubble, 3.2 km W, 1.6 km N of Peach Orchard                               | 14 Jul. 1984                 | 2      | G. Harp      | HP071484-1                  |
|                         | Sugar Creek off US 49S, Piggott  | 31 Aug. 1985                 | 1      | K. Cargill   | KC083185A03                 |
| Chicot                  | Macon Bayou off US 82  | 12 Nov. 1988                 | 20     | G. Harp      | HP111288B-2                 |
| Cleveland               | Saline River at US 79, S of Rison  | 27 Jun. 1976                 | 12     | M. Johnson   | MJ112776A-5                 |
|                         | Saline River, 1.6 km N, 4.8 km W of Rison                                      | 21 Aug. 1986                 | 12     | G. Harp      | HP083186-4                  |
| Columbia                | Lake Columbia, N side of bridge at boat ramp                                   | 25 Jan. 1991                 | 2      | J. Nichols   | JN012591B-1                 |
| Craighead <sup>1</sup>  | Big Creek, US 63B, Jonesboro   | 21 Nov. 1976                 | 2      | P. Harp      | PH112176-3                  |
| 0                       | 6.6 km S of St. Hwy 1  | 9 Feb. 1981                  | 1      | A. Berry     | AB020981-3                  |
|                         | 3.2 km S Jonesboro off St. Hwy 1, field ditch                                  | 2 Mar. 1981                  | 2      | A. Price     | AP030281D-2                 |
|                         | 7.2 km S Jonesboro off St. Hwy. 1, field ditch                                 | 2 Mar. 1981                  | 2      | A. Price     | AP030281C-2                 |
|                         | 8.9 km E of Cash, roadside pothole   | 5 Apr. 1981                  | 3      | A. Berry     | AB040581B-2                 |
|                         | Big Creek, 4.2 km W jct St. Hwy 141/US 63B                                     | 16 Åpr. 1981                 | 1      | R. Smith     | RS 041681-1                 |
|                         | 1.6 km S Sedgewick, roadside ditch   | 5 Mar. 1981                  | 5      | A. Price     | AP030581-5                  |
|                         | St. Francis River at Lake City   | 18 Apr. 1981                 | 3      | U. Moka      | UM041881-5                  |
|                         | Cooper's Pond off Airport Road, Jonesboro                                      | 3 Jan. 1983                  | 37     | L. Lee       | LL030183-3                  |
|                         | Stumpy Riverlake Oxbow, St. Francis SL   | 22 Aug. 1987                 | 104    | B. Cochran   | BC 082287C-10               |
|                         | Cane Donnick Chute, St. Francis SL   | 22 Aug. 1987                 | 213    | B. Cochran   | BC 082287D-10               |
|                         | Gum Island Sawmill, St. Francis SL   | 19 Sept. 1987                | 29     | B. Cochran   | BC 091987-4                 |
|                         | St. Francis River, Lake City Boat Ramp   | 19 Sept. 1987                | 27     | B. Cochran   | BC 091987B-6                |
|                         | Fletcher Landing, St. Francis River, SFSL                                      | 19 Sept. 1987                | 15     | B. Cochran   | BC 091287C-6                |
|                         | Jake Butler Landing, St. Francis SL  | 19 Sept. 1987                | 40     | B. Cochran   | BC 091287D-4                |
|                         | Cockle-Burr Ditch, St. Francis SL  | 19 Sept. 1987                | 9      | B. Cochran   | BC 091987E-4                |
|                         | Deep Landing, St. Francis SL   | 17 Oct. 1987                 | 29     | B. Cochran   | BC 101787-3                 |
|                         | Lake City boat ramp, St. Francis River, SFSL                                   | 23 Mar. 1988                 | 13     | B. Cochran   | BC032388A-8                 |
|                         | Turkey Island Slough, St. Francis SL   | 22 Jul. 1988                 | 37     | B. Cochran   | BC072288C-3                 |
|                         | St. Francis SL, 4.8 km E Lake City bridge                                      | 5 Feb. 1993                  | 2      | B. Richards  | BR 020593A-3                |
|                         | St. Francis SL, 4.6 km E Lake City bridge                                      | 5 Feb. 1993                  | 4      | B. Richards  | BR 020593A-5<br>BR 020593-4 |
|                         | Slough at intersection Washington Ave. and St. Hwy. 18                         | 13 Feb. 1993                 | 18     | B. Richards  | BR 020393-4<br>BR 021393-4  |
|                         | Jonesboro, jct. Washington Ave. and St. Hwy. 349                               | 15 Feb. 1993                 | 9      | J. May       | JM 021593-2                 |
|                         | St. Francis River at Lake City   |                              | 4      | S. Bearden   |                             |
|                         |  | 28 Jan. 1995<br>2 Apr. 1995  |        |              | SB012895-4<br>BP0402954-3   |
|                         | 1.0 km S Sedgewick, slough at US 63 bridge                                     | 2 Apr. 1995                  | 4      | B. Posey     | BP040295A-3                 |
| Cutton J 1              | ASU Pavilion Pond, Jonesboro   | 2 Apr. 1999                  | 1      | L. Morris    | LM040299-1                  |
| Crittenden <sup>1</sup> | Borrow pit, Wapanocca NWR  | 24 May 1977                  | 4      | P. & G. Harp | PH052477A-7                 |
|                         | NW corner Woody Pond 2, Wapanocca NWR  | 11 Aug. 1977                 | 6      | P. & G. Harp | PH081177B-6                 |
|                         | Levee borrow pit, Wapanocca NWR  | 29 Oct. 1977                 | 3      | P. & G. Harp | PH102977A-5                 |
|                         | NW corner Woody Pond 1, Wapanocca NWR  | 28 Jul. 1978                 | 4      | P. & G. Harp | PH072878-3                  |
|                         |  |                              | .,     | R. McDaniel  | N/IC 11/27778 1             |
|                         | Unnamed slough, 8.0 km E of Marion<br>Wapanooca Lake NWR, observation platform | 22 Oct. 1978<br>25 Mar. 1993 | 2<br>5 | B. Richards  | MC102278-1<br>BR 032593A-3  |

Table 2. continued. ASUMZ records of 2,901 specimens of P. kadiakensis from Arkansas.

| Cross                 | 4.0 km S Cherry Valley, roadside ditch off St. Hwy. 1   | 1 Mar. 1981                  | 1       | A. Berry                  | AB030181-2                   |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                       | NE corner of Village Creek SP   | 19 Mar. 1983                 | 4       | J. Reid                   | JR031983A-4                  |
| 1                     | 0.2 km S of Fair Oaks off US 49   | 10 Jan. 1987                 | 2       | M. Marks                  | MM011687-1                   |
| Desha <sup>1</sup>    | Slough at picnic area off US 65, McGehee  | 12 Nov. 1988                 | 1       | G. Harp                   | HP111288A-1                  |
|                       | Scrubgrass Bayou No. 1, White River NW  | 21 Apr. 1990                 | 2       | S. Chordas                | SC 042190-6                  |
|                       | Scrubgrass Bayou No. 2, White River NWR<br>East Moon Lake, White River NWR                            | 21 Apr. 1990<br>22 Apr. 1990 | 5<br>8  | S. Chordas<br>S. Chordas  | SC 042190A-3<br>SC 042290A-4 |
| Drew                  | Lake on UA-Monticello campus  | 11 May 1978                  | 6       | R. McDaniel               | MC051178-2                   |
| DICW                  | Seven Devils Swamp, E side, 4.8 km N of Collins   | 14 Apr. 1983                 | 6       | G. Harp                   | HP061483-2                   |
|                       | Seven Devils Swamp, W of dam, 2.6 km NW of Collins  | 14 Apr. 1983                 | 2       | G. Harp                   | HP061483A-2                  |
|                       | Saline River, Ozment Bluff Access, 2.4 km W St. Hwy. 8  | 14 Sept. 1993                | 1       | B. Richards               | BR 0901493E-1                |
| Faulkner              | East Fork Cadron Creek  | 7 Feb. 1981                  | 1       | J. Farris                 | JF020781-3                   |
|                       | Caney Creek, Conway   | 7 Feb. 1981                  | 6       | J. Farris                 | JF020781A-3                  |
| Greene <sup>1</sup>   | Lake at Crowley's Ridge State Park  | 14 Jun. 1976                 | 8       | P. Harp                   | PH061476                     |
|                       | St. Francis River bridge at AR/MO state line  | 21 Apr. 1981                 | 9       | J. Dunivan                | JD041281-2                   |
|                       | St. Hwy 69, roadside ditch along dirt road  | 20 Feb. 1983                 | 4       | L. Lee                    | LL022083-4                   |
|                       | Blue Hole Oxbow, SFSL   | 22 Aug. 1987                 | 74      | B. Cochran                | BC 082287A-6                 |
|                       | Blue Hole exit, SFSL<br>Lake Walcott, SE & E shoreline  | 22 Aug. 1987<br>10 Feb. 1991 | 27<br>1 | B. Cochran<br>P. Rust     | BC 082287B-9<br>PR 021091-1  |
|                       | Lake Frierson overflow  | 23 Apr. 1993                 | 1       | J. May                    | JM 042393-1                  |
| Independence          |   | 23 Feb. 1981                 | 12      | A. Carter                 | AC022381C-2                  |
| upenuence             | Caney Creek at US 167, S of Batesville  | 7 Mar. 1987                  | 2       | G. & P. Harp              | WN030787-2                   |
| Jackson               | Village Creek S of Alicia   | 9 Oct. 1976                  | 9       | T. Burnham                | TB100976B-3                  |
|                       | Village Creek off US 67, vic. Tuckerman   | 9 Oct. 1976                  | 7       | T. Burnham                | TB100976C-2                  |
|                       | Village Creek at St. Hwy 14   | 9 Oct. 1976                  | 315     | M. Johnson                | MJ 100976D-3                 |
|                       | Sewage lagoon, off St. Hwy. 18 in Grubbs  | 3 Jun. 1978                  | 2       | B. Stephens               | BS110378A-1                  |
|                       | Swifton, 0.2 km E US 67   | 30 Jan. 1983                 | 1       | J. Reid                   | JR013083A-4                  |
|                       | 4.8 km W Tuckerman off St. Hwy. 226, Hout Ditch   | 27 Feb. 1983                 | 4       | J. Reid                   | JR022783-4                   |
|                       | 1.6 km S St. Hwy. 226, ditch  | 7 Mar. 1983                  | 10      | J. Reid                   | JR030783-3                   |
|                       | Cache River at St. Hwy. 14  | 22 Apr. 1989                 | 3<br>2  | S. Sifford<br>A. Holt     | SS042289-1                   |
|                       | New Home Community, 7.2 km NW of Swifton<br>4.8 km NW Swifton off New Home Road                       | 31 Jan. 1991<br>2 Feb. 1991  | 3       | A. Holt                   | AH013191-2<br>AH020291-4     |
|                       | Tupelo Brake, 4.0 km N int. St. Hwy. 18/384   | 10 Mar. 1993                 | 10      | B. Richards               | BR 031093-2                  |
|                       | Cache River at St. Hwy. 18, E of Grubbs   | 7 Mar. 1993                  | 8       | J. May                    | JM 030793-4                  |
|                       | Black Roll Creek, vic. Swifton  | 10 Apr. 1995                 | 2       | R. Smith                  | RS041095A-1                  |
| Jefferson             | Bayou Bartholomew at US 79, S of Pine Bluff   | 27 Jun. 1976                 | 25      | M. Johnson                | MJ112776B-1                  |
| -                     | Borrow Pits N & S of US 79, jct. St. Hwy. 88  | 26 Jul. 1982                 | 2       | GR. Harp                  | HP072682A-3                  |
| Lawrence <sup>1</sup> | Village Creek, 1.6 km S Alicia off section road   | 23 Mar. 1974                 | 28      | G. Harp                   | GH-32374B-4                  |
|                       | Village Creek at St. Hwy. 37 bridge, Guffey Lake  | 23 Mar. 1974                 | 18      | G. Harp                   | GH032374C-4                  |
|                       | Village Creek at St. Hwy. 14 bridge   | 23 Mar. 1974                 | 2       | G. Harp                   | GH032374D-2                  |
|                       | Village Creek at Minturn  | 9 Oct. 1976                  | 1       | S. Bounds<br>S. Bounds    | SB100976-7                   |
|                       | Village Creek off St. Hwy. 37, E of Tuckerman<br>Portia Bay at US 63                                  | 9 Oct. 1976<br>19 Nov. 1976  | 1 2     | S. Bounds                 | SB100976C-1<br>SB111976-4    |
|                       | Hill Slough, Raney Brake WMA  | 3 Apr. 1981                  | 2       | U. Moka                   | UM040381-2                   |
|                       | Black River, Big Eddy, 9.7 km E of Lynn   | 3 Apr. 1981                  | 3       | J. Ferris                 | JF040381B-1                  |
|                       | Horseshoe Lake, Raney Brake WMA, SE of Lynn   | 3 Apr. 1981                  | 2       | J. Ferris                 | JF040381C-3                  |
|                       | Red Barn Creek, Raney Brake WMA   | 3 Apr. 1981                  | 1       | R. Smith                  | RS04031A-3                   |
|                       | Dry Creek, 2.4 km SE of Lynn, Raney Brake WMA   | 3 Apr. 1981                  | 2       | A. Price                  | AP040381-b                   |
|                       | Coon Creek at St. Hwy. 25, 1.1 km W of Walnut Ridge   | 26 Mar. 1983                 | 31      | G. Harp                   | HP032683D-2                  |
|                       | Strawberry River, 0.5 km N St. Hwy. 115   | 16 Jan. 1987                 | 1       | M. Marks                  | MM011687A-1                  |
|                       | Lake Charles at St. Hwy. 25   | 24 Jan. 1993                 | 11      | B. Richards               | BR 012493B-2                 |
|                       | Slough at Shirley Bay Raney Brake WMA   | 20 Feb. 1993                 | 6       | J. May                    | JM 022093B-5                 |
|                       | Black River at St. Hwy. 25, Powhatan Landing<br>Ditch N of Sedawick off US 63                         | 4 Feb. 1995                  | 1       | S. Bearden<br>M. Barfield | SB020495-2<br>MB022097A 1    |
| Lee                   | Ditch N of Sedgwick off US 63<br>Borrow pits near L'Anguille River at St. Hwy. 1                      | 20 Feb. 1997<br>25 Mar. 1989 | 6<br>14 | M. Barfield<br>M. Harvill | MB022097A-1<br>MH032589A-5   |
| 200                   | Bayou off US 79, 8.0 km W of Moro   | 18 Mar. 1989                 | 14      | S. Bearden                | SB031895-6                   |
| Lincoln               | Arkansas River backwater, Lock & Dam 3, USACE   | 1 Sept. 1986                 | 34      | G. Harp                   | HP090186-5                   |
|                       | Long Lake at St. Hwy. 11, 12.9 km N of Grady  | 1 Sept. 1986                 | 3       | G. Harp                   | HP090186A-2                  |
| Logan                 | Blue Mountain Lake, Hise Hill Use Area  | 2 Sept. 1984                 | 8       | G. Harp                   | HP090284-2                   |
| C                     | Petit Jean River at St. Hwy. 23, 1.6 km S of Booneville   | 2 Sept. 1984                 | 2       | G. Harp                   | HP090284A-2                  |
| Lonoke                | White Oak Branch (Sec. 26, T4N, R10W)   | 8 Feb. 1981                  | 8       | J. Farris                 | JF020881A-2                  |
|                       | Magness Creek off St. Hwy. 319, W edge of Ward  | 13 Aug. 1983                 | 6       | G. Harp                   | HP081383-2                   |
|                       | Prairie Creek at St. Hwy. 5   | 3 Mar. 1989                  | 1       | B. Justis                 | BJ030389-3                   |
| Mississippi           | Mississippi River channel at island, vic. Luxora  | 14 May 1977                  | 2       | N. Childers               | NC051477-1                   |
|                       | Big Lake, Big Lake WMA  | 2 Sept. 1978                 | 7       | J. Rettig                 | JR090278-1                   |
|                       | Butterfly Hole, Mississippi River levee, 3.2 km N of Tomato   |                              | 2       | A. Carter                 | AC012781A-4                  |
|                       | Lee's Pond, Mississippi River levee, 0.4 km E of Tomato<br>Big Lake WMA, below bridge off St. Hwy. 18 | 27 Jan. 1981<br>5 Feb. 1993  | 8<br>7  | A. Carter<br>B. Richards  | AC012781B-1<br>BR 020593B-5  |
|                       | DIS LUKE WININ, DEIOW DITUZE OII St. HWY. 10  | 5100.1775                    | 1       | B. Menards                | DR 020373B-3                 |

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Table 2. continued ASUMZ records of 2,901 specimens of P. kadiakensis from Arkansas.

| Monroe <sup>1</sup>  | Waters Bayou at White River NWR  | 13 Oct. 1989  | 1                                     | S. Chordas   | SC 101389-2   |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
|  | Swan Lake, White River NWR   | 14 Oct. 1989  | 21                                    | S. Chordas   | SC 101489-2   |
|  | Buck Lake, White River NWR   | 14 Oct. 1989  | 25                                    | S. Chordas   | SC 101489A-1  |
|  | Little Moon Lake, White River NWR  | 14 Oct. 1989  | 4                                     | S. Chordas   | SC 101489B-4  |
|  | Indian Bayou at St. Hwy. 1 bridge, White River NWR   | 14 Oct. 1989  | 15                                    | S. Chordas   | SC 101489C-4  |
|  | Indian Bay boat ramp, White River NWR  | 18 Nov. 1989  | 2                                     | S. Chordas   | SC 111889A-1  |
| Nevada   | St. Hwy. 24 and Caney Creek  | 25 Feb. 1995  | 6                                     | P. Daniel  | PD022595E-2   |
| Duachita   | Freeo Creek at St. Hwy. 7  | 25 Jun. 1976  | 4                                     | M. Johnson   | MJ112576B-3   |
|  | Berg Lake, N side St. Hwy. 4B, W edge of Camden  | 27 Jul. 1982  | 2                                     | GR. Harp   | HP072782A-2   |
|  | Tates Bluff bridge, Ouachita River, off St. Hwy. 24  | 24 Feb. 1995  | 3                                     | P. Daniel  | PD022495B-4   |
| Phillips <sup>1</sup>  | Storm Creek Lake overflow  | 2 Apr. 1993   | 2                                     | B. Richards  | BR 040293-3   |
|  | Storm Creek, below Storm Creek Lake  | 2 Apr. 1993   | 1                                     | J. May   | JM 040293A-5  |
|  | Borrow Pit at refuge levee mile 36, White River NWR  | 22 Apr. 1990  | 6                                     | S. Chordas   | SC 042290B-5  |
|  | Borrow Pit No. 2, White River NWR  | 15 Sept. 1990   | 1                                     | S. Chordas   | SC091590A-5   |
| Poinsett <sup>1</sup>  | St. Francis River at ditch 23, 2.4 km E of Trumann   | 16 Jan. 1981  | 2                                     | U. Moka  | UM 011681-6   |
|  | Greenfield, off St. Hwy. 1, roadside ditch   | 20 Feb. 1983  | 17                                    | L. Lee   | LL022083B-3   |
|  | County Line Public Access, St. Francis River, SFSL   | 17 Oct. 1987  | 251                                   | B. Cochran   | BC 101787A-11a  |
|  | Steven's Landing, St. Francis River, SFSL  | 10 Oct. 1987  | 42                                    | B. Cochran   | BC 101787B-20   |
|  | Snoden's Field Bridge, St. Francis River, SFSL   | 10 Oct. 1987  | 123                                   | B. Cochran   | BC 101787C-13   |
|  | Oak Donnick Gage, St. Francis River, SFSL  | 21 Oct. 1987  | 20                                    | B. Cochran   | BC112187-6  |
|  | Railroad trestle at jct. 2 main channels, SFSL   | 21 Nov. 1987  | 4                                     | B. Cochran   | BC112187A-2   |
|  | Ditch 61, SFSL   | 21 Nov. 1987  | 8                                     | B. Cochran   | BC112187B-2   |
|  | Siphon Access, St. Francis River, SFSL   | 21 Nov. 1987  | 2                                     | B. Cochran   | BC112187C-2   |
|  | E end Ditch 10, SFSL   | 21 Nov. 1987  | 97                                    | B. Cochran   | BC112187D-4   |
|  | Main channel St. Francis River, E of Steven's Landing  | 23 Dec. 1987  | 5                                     | B. Cochran   | BC1222387-5   |
|  | St. Francis Lake, SFSL   | 23 Dec. 1987  | 12                                    | B. Cochran   | BC122387B-8   |
|  | Temporary stream, W of Snoden's Bridge, SFSL   | 26 Apr. 1988  | 3                                     | B. Cochran   | BC042688A-12  |
|  | Old River bank, St. Francis River, SFSL  | 20 Jun. 1988  | 17                                    | B. Cochran   | BC062088-10   |
|  | Oxbow, SFSL  | 20 Jun. 1988  | 2                                     | B. Cochran   | BC062099A-10  |
|  | Oak Donnick Chute, SFSL  | 22 Jun. 1988  | 11                                    | B. Cochran   | BC062288B-6   |
|  | Levee Milepost #50/51, SFSL  | 18 Jul. 1988  | 16                                    | B. Cochran   | BC071888-5  |
|  | Landing Strip N, SFSL  | 22 Jul. 1988  | 138                                   | B. Cochran   | BC072288A-10  |
|  | Pumping station, St. Francis River, SFSL   | 22 Jul. 1988  | 2                                     | B. Cochran   | BC072288B-1   |
|  | S shore of Lake Poinsett near boat ramp  | 20 Jan. 1991  | 2                                     | P. Rust  | PR012091-3  |
|  | Lake Poinsett overflow pool, below dam   | 21 Jan. 1993  | 2                                     | B. Richards  | BR 013193B-2  |
|  | 0.8 km W Wiener, rice field pond   | 27 Feb. 1995  | 2                                     | P. Daniel  | PD022795A-2   |
| Prairie  | Cache River, 8.0 km S of Little Dixie  | 30 Aug. 1993  | 2                                     | B. Richards  | BR 083093C-1  |
| Pulaski  | Faulkner Lake, 1.6 km E of Protho Jct  | 23 Apr. 1981  | 1                                     | A. Carter  | AC042381-5  |
|  | Pinnacle Mountain SP   | 11 Feb. 1995  | 1                                     | S. Clem  | SC021195-2  |
|  | Bringle Creek downstream of St. Hwy. 10 bridge   | 30 Jan. 1997  | 2                                     | C. Davidson  | CD013097A-3   |
| Randolph   | Little Ditch off US 67, between Pocahontas/Fourche Creek   | 28 Feb. 1976  | 2                                     | S. Bounds  | SB022876-2  |
| _  | Fourche River at US 67   | 17 Sept. 1976   | 8                                     | M. Johnson   | MJ091776-3  |
|  | Mill Creek, Pocahontas   | 5 Jun. 1977   | 1                                     | N. Childers  | NC110577B-3   |
|  | 1804 Decker Street, pond   | 3 Mar. 1981   | 7                                     | A. Price   | AP030381-3  |
|  | Village Creek near St. Hwy. 90 bridge  | 6 May 1988  | 29                                    | R. Looney  | RL100688-1  |
|  | Fourche River, near St. Hwy. 328 bridge  | 27 Jan. 1991  | 5                                     | P. Rust  | PR012791-3  |
|  | Fourche Creek at St. Hwy. 115 bridge   | 27 Mar. 1993  | 5                                     | B. Richards  | BR 0327980-3  |
|  | Black River at Old Davidsonville SP  | 8 Feb. 1999   | 2                                     | D. Feldman   | DF020899-1  |
|  | Saline River off US 67, Benton   | 24 Sept. 1978   | 6                                     | K. Paige   | KP092478-4  |
| aline  |  | 24 Sant 1079  | 10                                    | L. Dorman  | LD092478-2  |
| aline  | Borrow pits near Saline River off I-30   | 24 Sept. 1978   |                                       |  |   |
|  | Borrow pits near Saline River off I-30<br>Martin Creek off St. Hwy. 63   | 24 Sept. 1978<br>11 Mar. 1983   | 1                                     | L. Lee   | LL031183B-4   |
| harp   |  |   |                                       | L. Lee<br>B. Richards  |   |
| harp<br>t. Francis   | Martin Creek off St. Hwy. 63   | 11 Mar. 1983  | 1                                     |  | LL031183B-4   |
| harp<br>t. Francis<br>Jnion                                  | Martin Creek off St. Hwy. 63<br>County road bridge, 1.6 km S end St. Hwy. 261  | 11 Mar. 1983<br>2 Apr. 1993   | 1<br>2                                | B. Richards  | LL031183B-4<br>BR 053093C-1   |
| harp<br>t. Francis<br>Inion                                  | Martin Creek off St. Hwy. 63<br>County road bridge, 1.6 km S end St. Hwy. 261<br>Sandy Creek bridge between St. Hwys. 160 & 172  | 11 Mar. 1983<br>2 Apr. 1993<br>25 Mar. 1995   | 1<br>2<br>7                           | B. Richards<br>P. Daniel   | LL031183B-4<br>BR 053093C-1<br>PD032595C-5  |
| Sharp<br>St. Francis<br>Jnion                                | Martin Creek off St. Hwy. 63<br>County road bridge, 1.6 km S end St. Hwy. 261<br>Sandy Creek bridge between St. Hwys. 160 & 172<br>Little Mingo Creek at US 64, 4.8 km E of Bald Knob<br>Big Creek near Letona   | 11 Mar. 1983<br>2 Apr. 1993<br>25 Mar. 1995<br>12 Apr. 1983   | 1<br>2<br>7<br>4                      | B. Richards<br>P. Daniel<br>A. Price   | LL031183B-4<br>BR 053093C-1<br>PD032595C-5<br>AP041283A-3   |
| Sharp<br>St. Francis<br>Jnion                                | Martin Creek off St. Hwy. 63<br>County road bridge, 1.6 km S end St. Hwy. 261<br>Sandy Creek bridge between St. Hwys. 160 & 172<br>Little Mingo Creek at US 64, 4.8 km E of Bald Knob  | 11 Mar. 1983<br>2 Apr. 1993<br>25 Mar. 1995<br>12 Apr. 1983<br>14 Feb. 1987<br>12 Mar. 1993                                 | 1<br>2<br>7<br>4<br>16                | B. Richards<br>P. Daniel<br>A. Price<br>P. McLarty   | LL031183B-4<br>BR 053093C-1<br>PD032595C-5<br>AP041283A-3<br>PM021487-4<br>BR 031293-4                              |
| Sharp<br>St. Francis<br>Jnion                                | Martin Creek off St. Hwy. 63<br>County road bridge, 1.6 km S end St. Hwy. 261<br>Sandy Creek bridge between St. Hwys. 160 & 172<br>Little Mingo Creek at US 64, 4.8 km E of Bald Knob<br>Big Creek near Letona<br>Unknown stream entering Little Lake, N of Russell  | 11 Mar. 1983<br>2 Apr. 1993<br>25 Mar. 1995<br>12 Apr. 1983<br>14 Feb. 1987<br>12 Mar. 1993<br>12 Mar. 1993                 | 1<br>2<br>7<br>4<br>16<br>6           | B. Richards<br>P. Daniel<br>A. Price<br>P. McLarty<br>B. Richards                          | LL031183B-4<br>BR 053093C-1<br>PD032595C-5<br>AP041283A-3<br>PM021487-4   |
| Sharp<br>St. Francis<br>Jnion<br>White                       | Martin Creek off St. Hwy. 63<br>County road bridge, 1.6 km S end St. Hwy. 261<br>Sandy Creek bridge between St. Hwys. 160 & 172<br>Little Mingo Creek at US 64, 4.8 km E of Bald Knob<br>Big Creek near Letona<br>Unknown stream entering Little Lake, N of Russell<br>Mile marker 62, off US 67<br>Hurricane Lake WMA | 11 Mar. 1983<br>2 Apr. 1993<br>25 Mar. 1995<br>12 Apr. 1983<br>14 Feb. 1987<br>12 Mar. 1993<br>12 Mar. 1993<br>29 Feb. 1997 | 1<br>2<br>7<br>4<br>16<br>6<br>6<br>1 | B. Richards<br>P. Daniel<br>A. Price<br>P. McLarty<br>B. Richards<br>J. May                | LL031183B-4<br>BR 053093C-1<br>PD032595C-5<br>AP041283A-3<br>PM021487-4<br>BR 031293-4<br>JM 031393-4<br>RM022997-1 |
| Saline<br>Sharp<br>St. Francis<br>Jnion<br>White<br>Woodruff | Martin Creek off St. Hwy. 63<br>County road bridge, 1.6 km S end St. Hwy. 261<br>Sandy Creek bridge between St. Hwys. 160 & 172<br>Little Mingo Creek at US 64, 4.8 km E of Bald Knob<br>Big Creek near Letona<br>Unknown stream entering Little Lake, N of Russell<br>Mile marker 62, off US 67                       | 11 Mar. 1983<br>2 Apr. 1993<br>25 Mar. 1995<br>12 Apr. 1983<br>14 Feb. 1987<br>12 Mar. 1993<br>12 Mar. 1993                 | 1<br>2<br>7<br>4<br>16<br>6<br>6      | B. Richards<br>P. Daniel<br>A. Price<br>P. McLarty<br>B. Richards<br>J. May<br>R. Mitchell | LL031183B-4<br>BR 053093C-1<br>PD032595C-5<br>AP041283A-3<br>PM021487-4<br>BR 031293-4<br>JM 031393-4               |

<sup>1</sup>Records for these counties previously published (Harp and Harp 1980, Cargill and Harp 1987, Cochran and Harp 1990, Chordas et al. 1996, Harp and Robison 2006.)

Creaser (1932) reported high abundance of *P. kadiakensis* in pools with low fish abundance. Grass shrimp like high visibility and low water velocity (Barko and Hrabik 2004). In large rivers *P. kadiakensis* can be found associated with low velocity waters (Hobbs and Jass 1988). In an Oklahoma study, Pigg and Cheper (1998) found *P. kadiakensis* inhabiting large rivers, large turbid impoundments, and small turbid ponds filled with aquatic vegetation in the flood plains of large rivers or new pools and bar ditches filled by recent floodwaters.

In the present study, grass shrimp were commonly found in sluggish backwater regions of Coastal Plain streams especially in heavily vegetated lentic areas of pool regions. They appear to have an association with American lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*), swamp smartweed (*Polygonum hydropiperoides* var. *opelosanum*), water milfoil (*Myriopyllium* sp.) and marsh mermaidweed (*Proserpinacea palustris*), abundant aquatic plants of lowland streams. Page (1985) also found *P. kadiakensis* almost always associated with living aquatic vegetation. Occasionally, they were found in backwater reaches of larger rivers of the state, but generally occurred in smaller stream systems.

#### Distribution

Palaemonetes kadiakensis is commonly found below the Fall Line zone in the Gulf Coastal Plain (GCP) physiographic province of Arkansas, but ascends the Arkansas River Valley continuing west along the Arkansas River into eastern Oklahoma to LeFlore and Sequoyah counties and beyond (Cheper 1988, Pigg and Cheper 1998). By far, the 2,901 specimens of *P. kadiakensis* from the 193 individual collection sites of 39 counties housed in the ASUMZ (Table 2) added many new localities to the overall geographic distribution of *P. kadiakensis* in the state (Fig. 2).

During our study, 45 new collections of the Mississippi grass shrimp were documented (see Appendix). Of the total Mississippi shrimp collections, *P. kadiakensis* was found at 238 localities (Table 2; Appendix) in 49 of 75 counties (65% of Arkansas counties). While numerous new localities for *P. kadiakensis* were documented, most were located where they might be expected in the GCP of Arkansas; however, this shrimp was noticeably absent in most counties of the Ouachita and Ozark plateaus (Fig. 2).

Interestingly, a collection in 1972 of 15 specimens (USNM 237816) was made by an individual signified only by "jH" in North Sylamore Creek near Fifty-six, Stone County, Arkansas. This represents the farthest range penetration of *P. kadiakensis* into the Interior Highlands (Ozark Mountains) within the state (Fig. 2). The farthest upstream collections in the Arkansas Valley physiographic province are in Crawford and Sebastian counties (Fig. 2; Appendix).

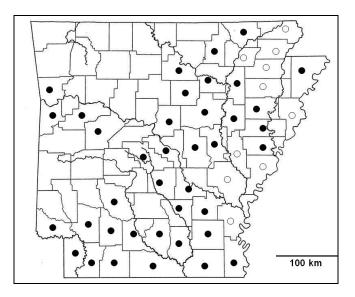


Figure 2. Arkansas counties with genuine vouchers of *P. kadiakensis*. Open circles (10 previous records); closed circles (39 new county records).

#### Life History Aspects

Life history of P. kadiakensis has been studied in Louisiana by Meehan (1936), in Missouri by Nielsen and Reynolds (1977) and in Wisconsin by Hobbs and These studies indicated that shrimp Jass (1988). reproduction occurs from May through August with a peak in mid-June. In Illinois, reproduction occurs from April-August. In Louisiana, reproductive period extends from February-October (Meehan 1936, White 1949), while in Missouri it is from May-August (Nielsen and Reynolds 1977). In Arkansas, our studies indicate reproduction occurs from April through July. The post-reproductive individuals die, and the larvae grow rapidly, obtaining 50% of their ultimate length in the first 3 months of life (Nielsen and Reynolds 1977). Mississippi grass shrimp populations in Arkansas seem to be made up of individuals that hatch in the summer, grow during the autumn months, survive the winter, and then reproduce and die in the late spring to early fall, thus having only a 1-yr life cycle, similar to that reported by Cheper (1992) in Oklahoma.

Living specimens are transparent with green eyes, red brown antennae, and many very small red-brown specks on the body. Often, a bright green vegetationfilled intestine is apparent (Page 1985). Mississippi grass shrimp are reported to reach a TL of 53 mm in Louisiana (Meehan 1936), whereas Cheper (1988) reported a 46 mm TL specimen from Oklahoma. In our study, the smallest specimen was 13 mm TL and the largest 32 mm TL. Females were generally slightly larger than males while gravid females were much larger. Sex ratio of *P. kadiakensis* collected in our survey was  $13^{\circ}:1.9$ . Ovigerous females were collected in April through July and eggs (embryos) on 12 females ranged from 38-141 (mean = 67.7). Also see Anderson (1985) for additional reproductive information.

#### Parasites

Unfortunately, we did not survey Arkansas *P. kadiakensis* for parasites. However, the digene *Alloglossidium renale* Font and Corkum has been reported from the antennary gland of *P. kadiakensis* from the Mississippi River of Louisiana (Carney and Brooks 1991) and Pike County, Alabama (Landers and Jones 2009). In addition, a ciliophoran (*Lagenophrys verecunda*) was described from the gill lamellae of *P. kadiakensis* from Lake Jackson, Florida (Felgenhauer 1982) and aquatic fungi (*Saprolegnia parasitica* and *Achlya flagellata*) infected laboratory-reared larval *P. kadiakensis* (Hubschman and Schmidt 1969).

#### **Conservation Status**

Page (1985) attributed the reduction in distribution and abundance of *P. kadiakensis* in Illinois to increased turbidity and sedimentation and the resultant loss of vegetation. In Arkansas, however, Mississippi grass shrimp have remained abundant and widespread in occurrence for the past 35 years. The Nature Conservancy lists populations of *P. kadiakensis* as secure (G5) in rounded global status. Indeed, Mississippi grass shrimp populations in Arkansas appear secure and in no need of special protection.

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**APPENDIX.** Locations of 514 specimens of *Palaemonetes kadiakensis* collected in Arkansas during this survey (locality [township, section and range or latitude/longitude in decimal degrees when available, as estimated from collection locations], date of collection, collector [all by HWR unless otherwise noted], museum collection, and number of specimens in parentheses, if known).

#### ARKANSAS (514 specimens)

#### ASHLEY COUNTY (12 specimens)

1. Hank's Creek, 0.6 km W of jct. of US 82 & St. Hwy. 52 on St. Hwy. 52. 1 May 1992. B. Burr. USNM 260374 (3).

2. Thompson Creek, 11.3 km NW of Crossett (Sec. 11, T18S, R9W). 23 Sept. 1994. SAU (9).

- **BRADLEY COUNTY** (50 specimens)
- 1. Moro Creek at Moro Bay State Park (Sec. 21, T16S, R12W). 17 Oct. 1998. SAU (17).

- 2. Snake Creek at Broad (Sec. 30, T16S, R9W). 17 Jun. 2002. SAU (5).
- 3. L'Aigle Creek at co. rd., 14.5 km S of Hermitage (Sec. 18, T16S, R10W). 10 Jul. 2005. SAU (28).
- COLUMBIA COUNTY (80 specimens)
- 1. Dorcheat Bayou at co. rd., 4.8 km SW of Philadelphia (Sec. 16, T18S, R22W). 4 Sept. 1993. SAU (23).
- 2. Big Creek at St. Hwy. 98, 6.4 km S of Village (Sec. 3, T18S, R19W). 5 Nov. 1993. SAU (13).
- 3. Sloan Creek at St. Hwy. 57 (Sec. 11, T16S, R19W). 5 Nov. 1993. SAU (29).
- 4. Horsehead Creek at US 19, 12.9 km SW of Magnolia (Sec. 32, T18S, R21W). 21 Nov. 2001. SAU (4).
- 5. Dorcheat Bayou at St. Hwy. 160, 6.4 km E of Taylor (Sec. 9, T19S, R22W). 19 May 2004. SAU (11).

#### CALHOUN COUNTY (6 specimens)

1. 1.0 km W of Locust Bayou. 8 Apr. 1982. L. Page, M. Retzer, R. Mayden, & D. Swofford. INHS 51 (6). CHICOT COUNTY (3 specimens)

- 1. Crooked Bayou at St. Hwy. 82 (Sec. 22, T17S, R3W). 10 Sept. 1976. SAU (3)
- CLARK COUNTY (14 specimens)
- 1. Tupelo Creek at St. Hwy. 7 bridge (Sec. 35, T7S, R19W). 20 Oct. 1978. SAU (14).
- CLEBURNE COUNTY (6 specimens)
- 1. Tributary of Little River, 9.0 km W of Hiram on Cooter Neck Rd. (35.47417°N, 91.96686°W). 29 Oct. 2008. B. Wagner & S. Sanders. INHS 11089 (6).
- **CLEVELAND COUNTY** (2 specimens)
- 1. Panther Creek at US 79, 1.6 km NE of Kingsland (Sec. 6, T10S, R11W). 13 Oct. 1977. SAU (2).
- CRAWFORD COUNTY (7 specimens)
- Crooked Slough, 2.6 km SE of Dyer (35.47335°N, 94.11531°W). 5 Dec. 2007. B. Wagner & S. Sanders. INHS 11028 (7).
- DREW COUNTY (20 specimens)
- 1. Bayou Bartholomew, 3.2 km W of Winchester at St. Hwy. 138. 8 Apr. 1988. B. Burr & D. Fletcher. INHS 8499 (8).
- 2. Cut-Off Creek at St. Hwy. 35, 1.1 km E of Collins (Sec. 31, T13S, R4W). 13 Apr. 1993. SAU (12).
- GRANT COUNTY (6 specimens)
- Cane Creek, 16.9 km NNE of Sheridan on co. rd. 58 (34.4458°N, 92.3205°W). 21 Sept. 2001. B. Wagner & M. Miller. INHS 9266 (6).
- HEMPSTEAD COUNTY (30 specimens)

1. Bois d'Arc Creek, 3.2 km SW of jct. St. Hwys. 73/195 (Sec. 13, T12S, R26W). 26 Nov. 1995. SAU (30).

- **INDEPENDENCE COUNTY** (12 specimens)
- Mud Creek S of Newark at Neark Energy Plant (35.68015°N, 91.42883°W). 29 Nov. 2006. B. Wagner & M. Kottmyer. INHS 10795 (12).
- JEFFERSON COUNTY (24 specimens)
- 1. Drainage from Yellow Lake at Pine Bluff Arsenal (Sec. 35, T4S, R10W). 9 Oct. 1999. SAU (24).
- LAFAYETTE COUNTY (69 specimens)
- 1. Bayou Bodcau, 1.6 km N of Lewisville (Sec. 7, T15S, R23W). 5 Jul. 1992. SAU (18).
- 2. Bayou Bodcau off US 82 (Sec. 7, T16S, R23W). 11 Oct. 1995. SAU (31).
- Bayou Dorcheat, 1.3 km E of Buckner off US 82 bridge (35.35907°N, 93.41778°W). 25 Oct. 1993. J. Rader. INHS 10999 (20).
- LINCOLN COUNTY (6 specimens)

1. Bayou Bartholomew at St. Hwy. 293, 12.9 km E of Star City (Sec. 15, T9S, R6W). 7 Nov. 1974. SAU (6).

- LITTLE RIVER COUNTY (14 specimens)
- 1. Cypress Creek at St. Hwy. 234 in Winthrop (Sec. 7, T11S, R31W). 6 Jun. 1989. SAU (5).
- 2. Little River backwater at US 71, 3.2 km N of Wilton (Sec. 24, T11S, R29W). 5 Oct. 2001. SAU (9).
- MILLER COUNTY (15 specimens)

1. Roadside ditch at Boggy Creek off US 71, 3.2 km S of Fouke (Sec. 33, T17S, R27W). 23 Sept. 1976. SAU (15). **NEVADA COUNTY** (47 specimens)

- 1. Terre Rouge Creek, 11.3 km SE of Prescott on St. Hwy. 24 (Sec. 3, T12S, R22W). 20 Oct. 1983. SAU (22).
- 2. Middle Creek, 14.5 km N of Prescott on St. Hwy. 19 (Sec. 27, T9S, R23W). 21 Oct. 1983. SAU (9).
- 3. Caney Creek, 4.8 km N of Bluff City on St. Hwy. 24 (Sec. 22, T11S, R20W). 21 Oct. 1983. SAU (16).

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**OUACHITA COUNTY** (7 specimens)

1. Flooded roadside ditch, 1.7 km N of Amy (Sec. 35, T11S, R17W). 9 Oct. 1978. SAU (7).

PULASKI COUNTY (2 specimens)

1. Fourche Creek, 3.2 km W of Mabelvale (34.6561°N, 91.4234°W). 18 Oct. 2002. B. Wagner et al. INHS 9287 (2). SALINE COUNTY (5 specimens)

- Otter Creek, 6.0 km WSW of Mabelvale on Alexander Rd. (34.6408°N, 92.4122°W). 18 Oct. 2002. B. Wagner & F. Leone. INHS 10931 (4).
- Lorance Creek, 4.8 km. WSW of Iron Springs on Chicot Rd. (34.5805°N, 92.3666°W). 23 Oct. 2003. B. Wagner. INHS 9362 (1).
- SEBASTIAN COUNTY (4 specimens)
- 1. 11.3 km N Greenwood, tributary of Grayson Creek (35.31623°N, 94.27109°W). 28 Nov. 2007. B. Wagner & F. Leone. INHS 10931 (4).

**STONE COUNTY** (15 specimens)

1. North Sylamore Creek at Fifty-six. 6 Sept. 1972. "Jh." USNM 237816 (15).

**UNION COUNTY** (35 specimens)

- 1. Smackover Creek at co. rd. 68, 3.2 km N of Norphlet (Sec. 3, T16S, R15W). 20 Sept. 1992. SAU (9).
- 2. Grand Marais Lake at Felsenthal (Sec. 16, T19S, R10W). 18 Sept. 1996. SAU (12).

3. Ouachita River backwater at US 167 (Sec. 10, T16S, R14W). 26 May 1997. SAU (14).

WHITE COUNTY (15 specimens)

- 1. Tributary of Overflow Creek, 2.3 km SE of Bald Knob (35.29253°N, 91.55329°W). 1 Oct. 2008. B. Wagner & S. Sanders. INHS 11076 (6).
- Little Mingo Creek, 6.0 km ESE of Bald Knob at US 64 bridge (35.29654°N, 91.50343°W). 21 Oct. 2008. B. Wagner & S. Sanders. INHS 11091 (4).
- Pumpkin Branch, 13.4 km NW of Bald Knob off St. Hwy. 157 (35.39145°N, 91.67546°W). 18 Nov. 2008. B. Wagner. INHS 11082 (5).

WOODRUFF COUNTY (8 specimens)

1. Fair Oaks off US 64, 3.2 km W of St. Hwy. 39. 14 Apr. 1973. H. H. Hobbs, Jr. USNM 149827 (8).