CAVE FAUNA OF THE BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER

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The Buffalo National River (within Baxter, Marion, Newton, and Searcy counties, Arkansas) is completely underlain by karstic topography, and contains approximately 10% of the known caves in Arkansas. Biological inventory and assessment of 67 of the park’s subterranean habitats was performed from 1999 to 2006. These data were combined and analyzed with previous studies, creating a database of 2,068 total species occurrences, 301 animal taxa, and 143 total sites. Twenty species obligate to caves or ground water were found, including four new to science. The species composition was dominated by arthropods. Statistical analyses revealed that site species richness was directly proportional to cave passage length and correlated to habitat factors such as type of water resource and organics present, but not other factors, such as degree of public use or presence/absence of vandalism. Sites were ranked for overall biological significance using the metrics of passage length, total and obligate species richness. Fitton Cave ranked highest and is the most biologically rich cave in this National Park and second-most in all of Arkansas with 58 total and 11 obligate species. Recommendations include continuation of physical and biological inventories, increased protection of high-ranking sites, and increased public education/outreach.

INTRODUCTION

The Buffalo National River (BNR), located in northwest Arkansas within Marion, Newton, and Searcy counties, is a 387-km² (95,730-acre) park with extensive recreational and natural resources (Fig. 1). The BNR hosts a rich diversity of biota, including the animals endemic to this watershed, including the millipede *Auturus florus* (Causey, 1950, Robison and Allen, 1995) and the dipluran *Occasjapyx carltoni* (Allen, 1988). Two-thirds of the total BNR watershed (3,471 km² [857,607 acres]) consists of karst terrane (Scott and Hofer, 1995) (Fig. 2). There are approximately 350 caves on the BNR (defined as a naturally occurring void in the rock with a length and/or depth of at least 15 m (50 ft), with the length of passage greater than twice the width of the entrance whether or not the entrance is natural). With approximately 3,900 caves on USDI National Park Service (NPS) lands, the BNR contains 9% of all known caves on NPS lands (Steele, 2002). Yet, this National River lacked a comprehensive inventory of its cave resources, which hinders the protection of these resources from encroaching development, looting, and habitat degradation. The physical and biological inventory of the karst resources began in the 1970s with contracts to the Cave Research Foundation. This study expanded the biological component, and sought to describe the abundance and diversity of animal life in subterranean habitats of the BNR. Furthermore, this study explored the relationship of biodiversity metrics to habitat variables to discern any patterns in subterranean diversity within the BNR.

METHODS

Biological inventories of macrofauna were performed from November 1999 to December 2005. During this five-year study, at least 139 inventory events were performed and at least 67 caves and other karst features were inventoried (Fig. 3). Sites were georeferenced in Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates using the North America Datum 1983 with a global positioning system handheld unit (Garmin III Plus GPS), and the estimated position error was recorded (range of 1 – 20 m). At each site, the specific habitat variables were determined (Table 1).

Macrofauna were counted visually with helmet-mounted lights, using snorkeling gear and dive lights for deep pools. Bio-inventories were discontinued any time endangered bats of any species were encountered. Collections were limited to those fauna that were impossible to identify in the field and performed under the following permits: NPS Collecting permit PSN-101, Federal Fish and Wildlife Permits PRT-834518, TE834518-1, TE834518-2, and TE834518-1; and Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Educational Collecting Permits 1082 and 1476. Voucher specimens were collected primarily by hand, aspirator, and dipnet (and occasionally by bait trap), and preserved in 75–90% ethanol, and brought back to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville (UAH) for identification and cataloging. Specimens were identified at UAH by Graening and Slay, by J. Barnes (UAH Dept. of Entomology), or sent to taxonomic specialists, including the following: K. Christiansen (Grinnell College) and J. Battigelli (Earthworks Research Group) for collembolans; H. Hobbs III (Wittenburg University) for decapods; J. Holsinger (Old Dominion University) for amphipods; J. Lewis (Lewis and
Associates, LLC.) for isopods; W. Shear for diplopods; J. Battigelli for Acari; W. Muchmore (University of Rochester) for pseudoscorpions; H. Robison (Southern Arkansas University) for fishes; S. Peck (Carleton University) for coleopterans; J. Cockendolpher (Museum of Texas Tech University) and D. Ubick (California Academy of Sciences) for opilionids; L. Ferguson (Longwood College) and M. Muegge (Texas Cooperative Extension) for diplurans; A. Hampton (Castleton College) for planarians; T. Cohn (University of Michigan) for orthopterans; and G. Walsh for gastropods.

The species' occurrence data and habitat characteristics were entered into a relational database (Access 2003, Microsoft, Inc.) and combined with historical data from 1935 to 1999, primarily the Cave Research Foundation project inventory of 98 sites in BNR (Lindsley and Welbourn, 1977; Welbourn and Lindsley 1979). Data were also used from the following previous studies: Black and Dellinger, 1938; Baker, 1949; Dearolf, 1953; Brandon and Black, 1970; Youngsteadt and Youngsteadt, 1978; Schram, 1980; Schram, 1982; Brown and Willis, 1984; Chaney, 1984;

Figure 1. Location of Buffalo National River (black polygon) in Arkansas with county boundaries shown in gray.

Figure 2. Surficial geology of Buffalo National River (park boundary in white), adapted from a digital map created by the Arkansas Geologic Commission.
Willis and Brown, 1985; Graening and Brown, 2000; Graening et al., 2001; Peck and Thayer, 2003; Shear, 2003; Barnes, 2004; and Graening et al., 2005. Unpublished data sources were also used: cave files of the Association for Arkansas Cave Studies (D. Taylor, data manager); Arkansas Natural Heritage Database (Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, C. Osborne, data manager); cave files of the Buffalo National River (NPS, C. Bitting, data manager); field notes of A. Brown, L. Willis, and S. Todd (all three with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville); taxonomic database of collembola of K. Christiansen (Grinnell College); annual status reports from 1981 to 2005 of endangered bat surveys of M. Harvey (Tennessee Technological University) and R. Redman (Arkansas Soil and Water Commission); cave database of J. Roth (Oregon Caves National Monument); and unpublished data from the M.S. thesis of Slay (University of Arkansas at Fayetteville).

Statistical analyses (using JMP 5 software, SAS Institute, Inc.) and geographical information system analyses (using ArcView 3.2 software, ESRI, Inc.) were performed to discern any relationships between the richness of cave fauna and habitat factors such as geologic setting and watershed, level of disturbance, etc. Statistics used included linear and logistic regression, t-test, and the chi-square test. One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA, or F-test) was used to determine if there was a statistical difference between the group mean values. To determine differences between groups, a post-hoc comparison was performed using the Tukey-Kramer Honestly Significant Difference Test.

RESULTS

BIOINVENTORY DATA

The bioinventory data generated during this study were pooled with historical data to produce a data set as follows: 143 sites (31 only partially inventoried); 443 inventory events: 139 in this study, 131 by the Cave Research Foundation, 169 by M. Harvey, and 4 by N. and J. Youngsteadt; 2,068 occurrence records; and 301 taxa. Appendix I summarizes the faunal list. Of 143 cave habitats with at least partial inventory data, the mean species per habitat (alpha diversity) was 11, with a maximum of 58 (Fitton-Fitton Spring Cave complex), a median of five, and a mode of one. The Fitton-Fitton Spring Cave complex was the richest with 58 taxa, and second was Square Cave with 51 taxa. Regional species richness (gamma diversity) was difficult to estimate, but at least 20 species obligate to ground water (stygobites) or caves (troglobites) and at least 280 other, non-cave-adapted taxa occurred on the BNR (Appendix). The Fitton Cave-Fitton Spring Cave complex had the most obligates per cave with a count of 11; other notable sites were Coon Cave with eight, Van Dyke Cave with seven, and John Eddings Cave with six. There were numerous anecdotal reports by recreational cavers of cavefish (Amblyopsidae) and cave crayfish (Cambaridae), but these reports could not be confirmed. The pooled faunal occurrences (n = 2,068) were examined for most abundantly occurring species, irrespective of habitat. Overall, arthropods dominated the cave habitats, especially crickets, mosquitoes, spiders, and springtails. The most common invertebrate taxon was cave crickets of the genus Ceuthophilus with 112 site occurrences, and second was cave orb weaver (Meta americana) with 27 occurrences. The most common vertebrates were eastern pipistrelle bat (Pipistrellus subflavus) with 60 occurrences and cave salamander (Eurycea lucifuga) with 53 occurrences. In aquatic habitats, crustaceans dominated (including 32 occurrences of the isopods of the genus Caecidotea).

HABITAT CORRELATES

Surficial geology was determined for 91 solution caves, 16 mines, 13 bluff shelters, 10 pits, 9 sinkholes and 3 springs by site reconnaissance and by applying GIS analyses on the Arkansas Geologic Commission’s digital version of the 1976 Geologic

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**Figure 3. Location of sites (black triangles) in the BNR (gray polygon) bioinventoried in this study.**

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<th>Table 1. Habitat variables determined for the BNR biological macrofauna inventory.</th>
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<td>Presence of Bat Guano</td>
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a Primarily recreational caving.

b Defined as evidence of looting, presence of litter, campfire smoke residue, graffiti, animal injury, or damage of geologic resources.

c Defined as guano or other feces, leaf litter, woody debris, etc.
Map of Arkansas, scale 1:500,000 (Fig. 2). Sixty-two caves were formed in Mississippian-aged limestone of the Boone formation (including St. Joe member), four in Mississippian-aged limestone of the Pitkin Formation, eight in Ordovician-aged limestones / dolomites of the Fernvale, Plattin, and Joachim formations, 64 in Ordovician-aged limestone (Everton formation), and three in Silurian-aged limestone of the St. Clair Formation. Of the 143 inventoried sites, mean total passage length was 226 m (742 ft); the longest cave in the data set was the Fitton Cave – Fitton Spring Cave complex at over 13,411 m (43,999 ft) of combined, mapped passages, and the shortest were springs and shelters at 3 m (10 ft) (Table 2). Site passage length did not significantly differ by geologic category, according to a one-way ANOVA (n = 133, F ratio = 0.441, p = 0.780). Furthermore, a one-way ANOVA of surface geology categories with species richness as the response variable revealed no significant differences in species richness between geologic categories (n = 142, F ratio = 1.470, p = 0.215). However, linear regression revealed that species richness of a site was directly proportional to its passage length (m) (richness = 0.004 × length + 9.783, n = 133, $R^2 = 0.164$, $t = 9.77$, $p < 0.001$). According to this linear model, approximately one more taxon is added to the site’s richness for every additional 250 m of cave passage (Fig. 4).

Other habitat characteristics were compared to site richness. Most caves did not have appreciable organics (100 of 143) and most did not have bat guano (112 of 143), but species richness was significantly greater when organics were present (n = 143, $F = 31.171$, $p < 0.001$) and when bat guano was present (n = 143, $F = 22.731$, $p < 0.001$). Species richness was significantly different between habitat types (n = 143, $F = 2.847$, $p = 0.018$); Tukey-Kramer HSD determined that caves were significantly more rich than bluff shelters, but comparisons of other habitat types were not significantly different. The water resource type was relatively evenly distributed between categories, and species richness differed significantly between water resource types (n = 138, $F = 4.395$, $p = 0.006$). Tukey-Kramer HSD determined that sites with perennial streams were significantly richer than dry sites, but comparisons of other water resource types were not significantly different. Degree of public use for most sites was light (Table 1) (85 of 143), and site richness was significantly different between degree of use categories (n = 138, $F = 5.061$, $p = 0.001$), with sites with moderate use significantly more rich than sites with light use. Given the correlation between richness and passage length, this result was not totally unexpected, as disturbed sites (defined as the combined categories of heavy use and moderate use [Table 1]) were significantly...
longer than undisturbed sites (combined categories of light use and no use [Table 1]) (n = 134, t = 2.709, p = 0.008). Species richness was significantly greater when the site was gated (n = 143, F = 151.106, p < 0.001), but this may be another nested effect because all long caves on the BNR are gated, and we demonstrated earlier that longer caves have greater richness. Logistic regression revealed that gated caves were significantly longer than ungated caves (n = 133, X^2 = 12.015, p < 0.001). Most sites were not vandalized (111 of 143); however, those that were vandalized had greater richness (n = 143, F = 11.357, p < 0.001). Again, due to the correlation between richness and length, this result was not totally unexpected. Vandalized caves were significantly longer than caves not vandalized (n = 136, t = –2.700 p = 0.008). Contingency analysis of vandalism by degree of public use revealed a significant relationship (n = 143, Pearson X^2 = 49.570, p < 0.001). Most sites had light or no use with no vandalism, but those sites rated moderate and heavy use were more likely to be vandalized.

**DISCUSSION**

The BNR is one of the most biologically important karst areas of the Ozark Plateaus ecoregion. Several species with federal status under the Endangered Species Act rely upon subterranean habitats of the BNR: the endangered gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) and Indiana bat (*M. sodalis*) utilize caves for hibernation and reproduction, and the endangered Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*) has occasionally been reported in crevice and solution caves. At least 20 subterranean-obligate species exist on the BNR, including three new species of troglobitic diplurans and one troglobitic springtail that await taxonomic description (Table 3). However, this bioinventory effort is not complete, and much taxonomic work remains to be done. Continuation of biologic and geologic inventories is highly recommended in order to accurately assess and manage these karst resources.

The 143 sites analyzed in this study were ranked in order of biological importance to facilitate and focus management decisions. The richness of obligate species is often used to rank the importance of the world’s caves (e.g., Culver and Sket, 2000; Graening et al., 2004), so this criterion was used. Total cave passage length is one metric of habitat size, and passage length was significantly correlated to richness in this study and in other Arkansas caves (Graening et al., 2004). For this reason, length was used as another criterion for biological significance ranking. The third criterion was total species richness, which is a common measure of biological significance (i.e., alpha diversity). The caves that had been bioinventoried thoroughly (117 out of 143) were ranked according to these three criteria if they had a minimum of at least two obligate species, at least 60 m of cave passage, and at least 15 total taxa (Table 2). The Fitton Cave / Fitton Spring Cave complex ranked highest with 58 species, 11 of which were stygobites or troglobites. This cave complex is the second-most biologically rich cave in Arkansas - Blanchard Springs Caverns is first with 96 documented taxa (Graening et al., 2004).

The Buffalo River watershed is subject to several ecosystem stressors, primarily land conversion and water quality degradation. Conversion of forest to pasture is occurring at an average annual rate of approximately 15 km² per year (3,707 acres per year) (Scott and Hofer, 1995). Since the establishment of BNR in 1972, more watershed has been deforested than is protected within the boundaries of the National River. Scott and Hofer (1995) report that water quality and land use monitoring in the Buffalo River watershed demonstrates a correlation between deforestation and confined animal feeding operations activities and increased turbidity, nutrient and fecal bacterial concentrations in tributary streams. The Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology designated 11 kilometers of the Buffalo River as impaired by nonpoint source pollution. In response to concerns over degrading water quality, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service initiated a Watershed Protection Water Quality Enhancement Project and the NPS has developed a Water Resources Management Plan for the Buffalo River watershed. The BNR is afforded some protection through federal Wild and Scenic River designations and State of Arkansas Extraordinary National Resource Waters and Natural and Scenic Waterway designations.

Another potential stressor is recreational use of the subterranean resource which occurs from the nearly one million people who visit the BNR each year who take part in hiking, canoeing, caving, and other recreational activities. BNR’s longest

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**Table 2. Ranking of the top 20 most biologically significant caves on the BNR, with and without Fitton Cave and Fitton Spring Cave combined.**

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<th>Site Name</th>
<th>No. of Obligates</th>
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Sites were scored according to the following formula: (number of obligate species × 10) + (number of total species) + (square root of length in meters).

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cave is also its most popular, with approximately 100 permit trips issued per year. Our study demonstrated that the longest caves are also the most biologically rich, and this constitutes a significant management challenge because the longest caves are also the most attractive for recreational caving. A high degree of recreational use and vandalism was observed in the longest caves, making the potential impact of trespass, archaeological looting, and vandalism in caves of the BNR of special concern. For example, in 2005, a vandal shot approximately 200 hibernating endangered bats (*Myotis grisescens*) in Cave Mountain Cave, ranked 12th in biological significance (27 May 2005 edition of NPS’ The Morning Report).

The Arkansas Cave Resources Protection Act of 1989 affords limited protection to caves, and subterranean fauna are protected by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Regulation No.1817 – Wildlife Pet Restrictions and the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. The Federal Cave Resources Protection Act covers caves designated as significant on federal lands by allowing federal land managers to keep cave locations and names confidential and assign a penalty of up to $10,000 for abuses. All caves on NPS lands have been designated significant. Access to certain caves is restricted through a permitting system, while access to other caves is unrestricted. Permits to enter the restricted caves may be acquired from BNR headquarters. Approximately 100 recreational caving permits per year and five scientific study permits per year are issued. Over 1,000 recreational caving trips per year are undertaken in caves that do not require a permit (C. Bitting, NPS, unpublished data).

The NPS has invested approximately $0.6 million in protection of karst resources on the BNR, including the following expenditures: endangered bat species monitoring and research at approximately $20,000 per year for at least four years; 27 cave gates at approximately $9,000 each; and monitoring, research, and educational products at approximately $13,000 per year for the last 20 years. The NPS has also developed a park-wide cave resources management plan and a plan specifically for Fitton Cave. We recommend increasing protection of sites that ranked high in this analysis, and the improvement of public outreach regarding wise use of subterranean resources.

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**Table 3. Cave-obligate Animals of BNR.** At least 20 species are known to be limited to, or adapted to, groundwater habitats (stygobites) or caves (troglobites) on the BNR.

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Note: Also shown are the global and state (or subnational) heritage status ranks assigned by The Nature Conservancy and NatureServe: 1 – critically imperiled; 2 – imperiled; 3 – vulnerable; 4 – apparently secure; 5 – demonstrably secure; GU – unranked; and NR – not rankable (NatureServe, 2006).
REFERENCES


APPENDIX 1. TAXONOMIC LIST OF ALL KNOWN FAUNA FROM SUBTERRANEAN HABITATS WITHIN THE BNR.

Site names were assigned the following code numbers, alphabetically: 1 = Attic Cave; 2 = Baby Toad Cave; 3 = Back o’ Beyond Cave; 4 = Bat Cave; 5 = Bear Pit; 6 = Bear Wallow Tube Cave; 7 = Beaver Den Shelter; 8 = Beechwood Mine; 9 = Bennett Mines; 10 = Big Bluff; 11 = Blowing Bear Cave; 12 = Blue Bluff Cave; 13 = Boat Creek Mine; 14 = Bolin Cave; 15 = Bonanza Mine; 16 = Broken Ladder Pit; 17 = Broken Stallactite Cave; 18 = Cave Mountain Cave; 19 = Chert Cave; 20 = Chuck’s Forest Trail Cave; 21 = Cob Cave; 22 = Cold Spring; 23 = Coon Cave; 24 = Copperhead Cave; 25 = Corkscrew Cave; 26 = Crane Cave; 27 = Debbie’s Delight; 28 = Den Cave; 29 = Dirt Cave; 30 = Dixie Girl Mine; 31 = Dogman Cave; 32 = Dome Room Shelter; 33 = Eagle Aerie Cave; 34 = Earl’s Cave; 35 = Eden Falls Cave; 36 = Elephant Cave; 37 = Fallout Cave; 38 = Fire Place Cave; 39 = Fitton Cave; 40 = Fitton Spring Cave; 41 = Flat Cave; 42 = Flea Cave; 43 = Flowstone Façade Cave; 44 = Fool’s Crawl; 45 = Forest Trail Pit; 46 = Forest Trail Ridge Cave; 47 = Fox Den Mine; 48 = Friday the 13th Cave; 49 = Gaddy Cave; 50 = Greasy Fissure Cave; 51 = Greenbriar Cave; 52 = High Water Shelter; 53 = Huffington’s Waterfall Cave; 54 = Icebox Cave; 55 = Indian Creek Cave; 56 = Indian Rockhouse Cave; 57 = Indian Rockhouse Sink Cave; 58 = In-D-Pendants Cave; 59 = John Eddings Cave; 60 = Keeton Sinkhole; 61 = Keyhole Cave; 62 = Kneebacker Cave; 63 = Ladder Cave # 2; 64 = Leatherwood Sink Cave; 65 = Len House Cave; 66 = Little Den Cave; 67 = Long Ear Mine; 68 = Magic Bean Cave; 69 = Mickey Mouse Pit; 70 = Middle Creek Spring Cave; 71 = Mike’s Maze; 72 = Milk Cow Cave; 73 = Morning Star Mine # 05; 74 = Morning Star Mine # 06; 75 = Morning Star Mine # 07; 76 = Morning Star Mine # 15; 77 = Mr. Clean Cave; 78 = Natural Bridge Cave; 79 = Novack Spring Cave; 80 = Novak’s Shed Cave; 81 = One Note Pit; 82 = Oven Bird Cave; 83 = Overlooked Cave; 84 = Pa Pa Shelter Cave; 85 = Pack Rat Shelter; 86 = Pam’s Blower Cave; 87 = Panther Cave; 88 = Paul’s Paradise; 89 = Perry Cave; 90 = Peter Cave; 91 = Plum Field Pit; 92 = Prelunch Pit Stop; 93 = Pretty Clean Cave; 94 = Pretty Junkyard Spring Cave; 95 = Rat’s Nest Cave; 96 = Rattlesnake Cave; 97 = Red Roof Shelter; 98 = Reddell Bluff Grotto; 99 = Rodact Solution Hole; 100 = Rush Landing Spring Cave; 101 = Rush Spring; 102 = Saltwater Cave; 103 = Sandstone Cave; 104 = Seashell Dome Cave; 105 = Shack Cave; 106 = Silver Hill Cave; 107 = Silver Hill Pit; 108 = Sinkhole Icebox; 109 = Six Shooter Cave; 110 = Sixteen Mine; 111 = Skull Pit; 112 = Small Arch Cave; 113 = Small Cave; 114 = Sneeds Creek Cave; 115 = Spider Cave; 116 = Springhouse at Steel Creek Ranger Cabin; 117 = Square Cave; 118 = Squirrel Pit; 119 = Steel Creek Campground Cave; 120 = Steeve’s Mine; 121 = Stockman Cave; 122 = Stovepipe Cave; 123 = Summer Cave; 124 = Switchback Cave; 125 = Sycamore Cave; 126 = Toga Toga Cave; 127 = Tom Barnes Cave; 128 = Tom Watson’s Bear Cave; 129 = Toney Bend Mine # 2; 130 = Toney Bend Mine # 3; 131 = Triangle Cave; 132 = Turtle Crack; 133 = Unnamed Mine at T17N R15W S12; 134 = Van Dyke Spring Cave; 135 = Villines Spring Cave; 136 = Walnut Cave; 137 = Waterfall Pit # 1; 138 = Waterfall Shelter; 139 = Wild Goose Cave; 140 = Willis Cave; 141 = Winding Staircase # 1; 142 = Winding Staircase # 2; and 143 = Wishbone Spring.
PHYLUM ANNEILD
CLASS CLITELLATA
ORDER HAPOLOXIDA
Family Lumbricidae

ORDER Undet.

PHYLUM ARTHROPODA
CLASS ARACHNIDA
ORDER ACARINA
Family Cheyletidae
Family Ereynetidae
Family Histiomidae
Histiostoma sapromyzarum, mite. Newton: 5.
Family Ixodidae
Genus undet., tick. Searcy: 117.
Family Laelapidae
Family Nanorchestidae
Family Oribatulidae
Oribatula tibialis, mite. Newton: 118.
Family Parasitidae
Family Podocinidae
Family Pygmephoridae
Family Rhagidiidae
Rhagidia sp., mite. Marion: 23.
Family Trombiculidae

ORDER ARANEAE
Family Araneidae
Family Dictynidae (funnel-weaving spider)
Cicurina sp. Marion: 23.
Family Linyphiidae
Centromerus latidens. Marion: 45.
Meioneta sp. Marion: 23.
Newton: 25, 65.
Family Lycosidae
Family Nesticidae
Family Pisauridae
Family Symphytognathidae
Family Theridiidae
Genus undet., spider. Searcy: 3.

ORDER OPILIONES
Family Phalangiiidae
Family Phalangididae
Family Sabaconidae
Sabacon cavicolens, harvestman. Marion: 77, 93.
Family Sclerosomatidae
Leiobunum flavum, harvestman. Searcy: 3.

ORDER PSEUDOSCORPIONES
Family Chernetidae
Hesperochernes occidentalis, cave false scorpion, G4G5. Marion: 23, 45, 123.
Family Chthoniidae
Apochthonius sp., cave false scorpion. Marion: 4, 23.
Newton: 18, 34, 40, 134, 136.

CLASS CHILOPODA
ORDER LITHOBiomORPHA
Family Lithobiidae (centipede)

CLASS DIPOLODA
ORDER CHORDEUmatida
Family Paradoxosomatidae
Family Trichopetalidae

ORDER POLYDESMIDA
Family Paradoxosomatidae
Family Polydesmidae
Pseudopolydesmus sp. Marion: 94.

CLASS INSECTA
ORDER ARCHAEOGNATHA
Family Machilidae (jumping bristletail)

ORDER COLEOPTERA
Family Cantharidae (soldier beetle)
Genus undet. Marion: 130.
Family Carabidae (ground beetle)
Brachinus americanus. Newton: 118.
Family Chrysomelidae (leaf beetle)
Family Coccinellidae (lady beetle)
Family Cryptophagidae
Family Curculionidae (weevil)
Genus undet. Marion: 130.
Family Dytiscidae (predaceous diving beetle)
Agabus sp. Marion: 43, 135.
**Hydaticus** sp. Newton: 43

**Family Elateridae** (click beetle)
Genus undet. Marion: 46

**Family Histeridae** (hister beetle)
Genus undet. Searcy: 117.

**Family Leiodidae** (round fungus beetle)
*Ptomaphagus cavernicola.* Marion: 23, 45, 123. Newton: 18, 24, 34, 39, 65, 78
*Ptomaphagus shapardi.* Newton: 39

**FamilyScarabaeidae** (scarab beetle)
Genus undet. Searcy: 117.

**Family Staphylinidae** (rove beetle)
*Atheta troglophila*, Rove Beetle, GI. Newton: 18
*Athetini sp.* Newton: 59
*Binusius cephalotes* group. Marion: 123
*Quedius erythrogastrus.* Newton: 25

**ORDER COLLEMBOLA** (springtails)
**Family Entomobryidae**
*Pseudosinella aero.* Marion: 4.
*Pseudosinella collina.* Marion: 4.
*Pseudosinella fosomi.* Newton: 18, 59.

**Family Onychiuridae**
*Tomocerus flavescens*, golden springtail, G5? Marion: 23, 45, 123
*Tomocerus sp.* Marion: 23.
*Pseudosinella sp. nov., undescribed cave dipluran.* Marion: 31.

**Family Sminthuridae**
*Onychiurus pseudofimetarius.* Newton: 49, 58, 117.

**Family Tipulidae** (crane fly)

**ORDER DIPTERA**
**Family Calliphoridae**

**Family Cecidomyiidae**
*Peromyia* sp. Newton: 5.

**Family Chironomidae** (bloodworm)

**Family Culicidae** (mosquito)

**Family Drosophilidae** (pomace fly)

**Family Empididae** (balloon fly)

**Family Heleomyzidae** (fly)
*Aecothea specus.* Marion: 23, 94.
*Helomyza brachypierna.* Newton: 25.

**Family Mycetophilidae** (fungus gnat)
Genus undet. Marion: 20, 23, 67, 74, 75, 102, 130.

**Family Phoridae** (humpbacked fly)

**Family Psychodidae** (moth fly)

**Family Scarabaeidae** (scarab beetle)

**ORDER EPHEMEROPTERA**
**Family Leptophlebiidae** (mayfly)
*Paraleptophlebia* sp. Newton: 59.

**Family Reduviidae** (tread-legged bug)
*Telomerina flavipes.* Newton: 59.

**Family Tipulidae** (crane fly)
*Pedicia* sp. Newton: 131

**ORDER HEMIPTERA**
**Family Reduviidae** (tread-legged bug)

**Family Sciaridae** (dark-winged fungus gnat)
*Calliphora* sp. Newton: 59.

**Family Sphaeroceridae** (small dung fly)
*Telomerina flavipes.* Newton: 59.

**Family Tipulidae** (crane fly)
*Pedicia* sp. Newton: 131

**ORDER HOMOPTERA**
**Family Ciecidomyiidae** (mayfly)
Genus undet. Marion: 23, 45.

**ORDER HYMENOPTERA**
**Family Braconidae**

**Family Cicadellidae** (leafhopper)

**Family Hymenoptera**
**Family Braconidae**

**Family Formicidae**
*Camponotus americanus.* Newton: 136

**Family Heteroptera**
**Family Leptophlebiidae** (mayfly)
*Paraleptophlebia* sp. Newton: 59.
Family Sphecidae (mud dauber)
Genus undet. Searcy: 3

Family Vespidae (wasp)

ORDER LEPIDOPTERA
Family Pyralidae (moth)

Family Undet.

ORDER MEGALOPTERA
Family Corydalidae (hellgrammite)

Family Myrmeliontidae (ant lion)

ORDER NEUROPTERA
Family Chrysopidae (lacewing)

ORDER ORTHOPTERA
Family Acrididae (grasshopper)

Family Raphidophoridae (cave cricket)

Ceuthophilus silvestris, woodland camel cricket. Marion: 45. Newton: 25


ORDER DECAPODA
Family Cambaridae

ORDER ISOPODA
Family Armadillididae (sowbug)

ORDER NECROPODIA
Family Eriopyidae (sowbug)
Ligidium sp. Marion: 13.

ORDER PHYLUM CHORDATA
CLASS ACTINOPTERYGII
ORDER CYPRINIFORMES
Family Cyprinidae

ORDER PERCIFORMES
Family Centrarchidae

ORDER SCORPAENIFORMES
Family Cottidae

CLASS AMPHIBIA
ORDER ANURA
Family Bufonidae
Bufo americanus, American toad, G5S5. Newton: 2

Family Hylidae
Hyla sp., tree frog. Searcy: 91

Pseudacris crucifer crucifer, Northern spring peeper, G5T5S5. Newton: 118


Family Ranidae

Rana sphenoecephala, Southern leopard frog, G5S5. Newton: 93


Stygobromus ozarkensis, Ozark cave amphipod, G3G4S1. Marion: 13.


Family Gammaridae

ORDER DECAPOD
Family Cyprinidae

ORDER SYMPHYLA
ORDER CYPRINIDAE

ORDER OSCARACOD
ORDER PSEUDOCENTIPEDE

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ORDER CAUDATA
Family Ambystomatidae

Family Plethodontidae

Family Salamandridae

CLASS AVES
ORDER GALLIFORMES
Family Cathartidae

ORDER PASSERIFORMES
Family Tyrannidae

ORDER CARNIVORA
Family Ursidae

ORDER CHIROPTERA
Family Vespertilionidae
Myotis leibii, Eastern small-footed bat, G3S1. Marion: 18.
Myotis sp. Newton: 55, 93. Searcy: 26

ORDER RODENTIA
Family Castoridae

Family Muridae

ORDER XENARTHRA
Family Dasyproidae

CLASS REPTILIA
ORDER SQUAMATA
Family Colubridae
Family Viperidae

ORDER TESTUDINES
Family Emydidae

PHYLUM MOLLUSCA
CLASS GASTROPODA
ORDER BASOMMATOPHORA
Family Carychiidae

PHYLUM ECHINODERMATA
ORDER ECHINOIDEA
Family Echinoidae
Enactinaria sp., gaster. Searcy: 91.

ORDER STYLOMATOPHORA
Family Cephalaspidea

PHYLUM CHORDATA
ORDER CICHLIFORMES
Family Chilodontidae

ORDER CYPRINIFORMES
Family Cyprinidae
Leuciscus ida, minnow. Newton: 140.

ORDER PERCIFORMES
Family Percidae
Esox americanus, North American pike. Newton: 126, 128

ORDER CARANGIFORMES
Family Carangidae
Caranx caranx, Atlantic scomber. Newton: 126, 128

ORDER TRICLASTIDA
CLASS TURBELLARIA
Dendrocoelidae

PHYLUM NEMATOMORPHA
CLASS GASTROTRICHTHEA
ORDER Oligostraca
Family Oligostracidae

PHYLUM ASCHERINGIA
CLASS TURBELLARIA
ORDER Planariida
Family Planariidae

PHYLUM ECHINODERMATA
ORDER CRANIOIDEA
Family Echiniconulidae

ORDER PINNIPEDIA
Family Otariidae
Otarus flavescens, northern fur seal. Newton: 141.