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Abstract

Phoxinus minnows are small freshwater fish found throughout Eurasia. The taxonomy of this genus is still under investigation, and new species are regularly described. They are frequently introduced outside their native range due to their use as live bait for angling, and such fish introductions can have diverse impacts on the recipient areas. Before the rise in interest regarding the diversity of this genus in the past 15 years, studies carried out on their biology and ecology reported their findings for the Eurasian minnow *Phoxinus phoxinus* Linnaeus, 1758, which was then considered ubiquitous. A parasites checklist for *Phoxinus* minnows has yet to be published, and the recent progress on the taxonomy of this genus has enabled us to propose a reassignment of parasite records to their proper host. The most thoroughly studied potential species were the North European species *Phoxinus* sp. 7 sensu Palandačić et al. 2017, *Phoxinus isetensis*, and *P. phoxinus*. We were able to highlight a gap in knowledge for numerous species that have received little-to-no attention in terms of parasitology. Systematic molecular identification of *Phoxinus* minnows should be conducted when studying their parasites, as a reliable identification of the host is vital in parasitology research. Future research will certainly reveal a species-specific composition of the parasitofauna occurring in *Phoxinus*, especially among widespread parasites such as *Gyrodactylus* and *Diplostomum*. Such specificities could even become tools for assessing the introduction routes of *Phoxinus* species.

KEY WORDS

knowledge gap, parasites, *Phoxinus* complex, species introduction, species reassignment

1 | INTRODUCTION

Small freshwater minnows of the genus *Phoxinus* Rafinesque, 1820 (Teleostei: Leuciscidae) are cryophilic and rheophilic species spanning a wide range of habitats throughout Eurasia (Freyhof & Kottelat, 2007; Keith et al., 2020). The total number of *Phoxinus*

species is yet to be determined, as this genus' taxonomy is still being explored following advances in molecular tools (e.g., Bogutskaya et al., 2020, 2023; Denys et al., 2020; Palandačić et al., 2015, 2017; Turan et al., 2023). Several difficulties are encountered in the species delineation in this genus: (1) This genus is an example of cryptic diversity highlighted by molecular data (Bayçelebi et al., 2024; Bogutskaya

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et al., 2023; Corral-Lou et al., 2019; Denys et al., 2020; Kottelat, 2007; Palandačić et al., 2017; Vučić et al., 2018; Turan et al., 2023); (2) there is phenotypic diversity within the genetic lineages (Bianco & De Bonis, 2015; Bogutskaya et al., 2020; Collin & Fumagalli, 2015; Ramler et al., 2017); (3) in Europe, the distribution of lineages and species tends not to follow zoogeographical patterns and to cross drainage basin boundaries (Corral-Lou et al., 2019; Denys et al., 2020; De Santis et al., 2021; Garcia-Raventós et al., 2020; Palandačić et al., 2015, 2017, 2020, 2022), (4) different genetic lineages were shown to produce hybrids under natural conditions (Corral-Lou et al., 2019; Palandačić et al., 2015, 2017); and (5) the resulting management of minnows—if there is any—was further blurred by numerous anthropogenic introduction events. Introductions have been documented for several species and are reported to result from the use of *Phoxinus* minnows as live bait for trout angling (Corral-Lou et al., 2019; De Santis et al., 2021; Miró & Ventura, 2015; Palandačić et al., 2020, 2022), even if the study of the mosaic-like distribution created through translocations is still at its very beginning.

As interest in *Phoxinus* taxonomy has only arisen in the past 15 years (Bayçelebi et al., 2024; Bogutskaya et al., 2020, 2023; Corral-Lou et al., 2019; Denys et al., 2020; De Santis et al., 2021; Garcia-Raventós et al., 2020; Kottelat, 2007; Kusznierz et al., 2023; Palandačić et al., 2017, 2020, 2022; Turan et al., 2023), studies focusing on the biology and ecology of these fish mostly mention *Phoxinus phoxinus* Linnaeus, 1758. This species was thought to be ubiquitous, but it is known today to be native only to the Seine, Meuse, Thames, and Rhine drainage basins. As an example, parasite records were attributed to *P. phoxinus* from as far as Russia and Mongolia (Boutorina & Reznik, 2015; Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008; Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967; Lumme et al., 2017). As a result of these confusions, numerous parasite-host records for this genus outside of the four previously mentioned drainages basins, or in Ireland where it has been introduced, are most likely incorrectly attributed to a different species than the one actually studied.

The introduction of non-native fish species, such as those documented for *Phoxinus* minnows, impacts both native species and ecosystems, with effects ranging from interaction alterations (increased predation pressure, increased prey availability, competition for trophic resource) and habitat modifications to genetic impacts (via hybridization and introgression) (Cucherousset & Olden, 2011; Ellender & Weyl, 2014; Ribeiro & Leunda, 2012; Tadese & Wubie, 2021; Witkowski & Grabowska, 2012). An additional consequence is the possibility of co-introducing associated parasites and pathogens along with the introduced host species (Ellender & Weyl, 2014; Goedknegt et al., 2016; Ribeiro & Leunda, 2012; Tadese & Wubie, 2021; Taraschewski, 2006). Such co-introduction phenomena arise frequently and may have a severe impact on native host species, as a lack of co-evolution between non-native parasites and native hosts may lead to a lack of efficient immune response to the non-native pathogen (Gozlan, 2008; Lambert, 1997; Peeler et al., 2011; Prenter et al., 2004; Taraschewski, 2006). Such impacts can be difficult to assess when host species introductions go unnoticed, as can be the case with cryptic species such as *Phoxinus* minnows.

Another limitation is the lack of a baseline with which to compare recent findings. To date, a comprehensive checklist of the protozoan and metazoan parasites occurring in the genus *Phoxinus* has yet to be published. The most comprehensive lists are confined to specific countries (UK, Ireland, and Poland) or parasite taxa, and an up-to-date checklist of *Phoxinus* parasite fauna is lacking (Holland & Kennedy, 1997; Kennedy, 1974; Prost, 1974). The most complete and accessible list recorded a total of 32 parasite species in *P. phoxinus* in Great Britain and Ireland (Kennedy, 1974).

The aim of the present literature survey was to summarize the available data on the parasite fauna of minnows in an updated and comprehensive checklist that can serve as a baseline for future comparisons and analyses, to reassign parasite records incorrectly attributed to *P. phoxinus*, and to suggest research perspectives for the near future and how to approach them, taking into account the origin and genetic identity of *Phoxinus* hosts.

2 | MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 | *Phoxinus* species reassignment

To address the issue of *Phoxinus* taxonomy, host species were reassigned following the distribution range presented in Table 1 based on the most recent studies.

2.2 | Compilation of parasitological bibliographical records

The checklist was compiled from existing reports retrieved from the available literature. Considered articles were published in international journals indexed by Web of Science and Scopus. Only articles published in English were included. The search date range was not limited by a starting date and ran to March 13, 2022, the date on which the search was carried out. The keywords used were “*Phoxinus phoxinus*” AND Parasit*, with the “*” in search terms representing the wildcard symbol used to broaden the search for words starting with the same letters. The same search terms were used to retrieve any article that would have been focusing on other *Phoxinus* species (Table 1). Duplicates and inaccessible articles were excluded. Titles and abstracts of 121 articles were reviewed, and only articles and previous checklists focusing on parasites reported from *Phoxinus* were compiled. This selection resulted in the inclusion of 62 publications. The bibliography of selected articles was then carefully checked and relevant, and accessible references were added (25 additional documents out of 143 inspected publications) for a total of 87 retrieved publications (Figure 1). Additionally, five supplementary publications were analysed following the advice of two anonymous reviewers (Almeida et al., 2024; Esposito et al., 2024; Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013; Vainutis, 2020; Vainutis et al., 2021). Data were compiled to allow the checklist to provide a detailed overview of parasites reported to date, their localities, as well as, when available, the number of analysed

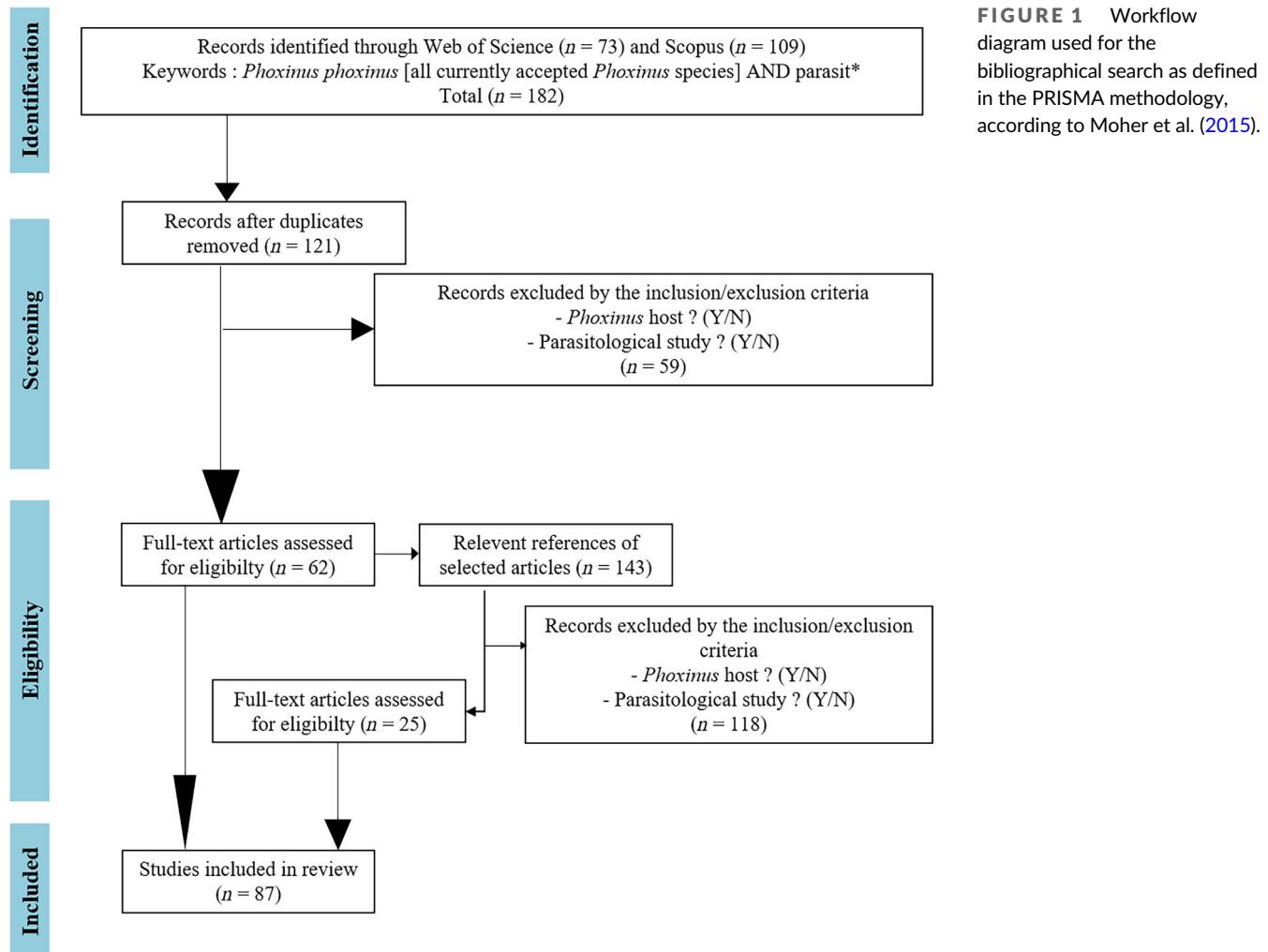
TABLE 1 List of *Phoxinus* species and lineages according to Palandačić et al. (2017) and their distribution areas summarized in Catalog of Fishes by Fricke et al. (2024).

<i>Phoxinus</i> species	Distribution area	Source
<i>Phoxinus abanticus</i> Turan, Bayçelebi, Özluğ, Gaygusuz & Aksu, 2023	Asia Minor: Lake Abant basin, Filyos River drainage basin (Turkey)	(Çiçek et al., 2023; Turan et al., 2023)
<i>Phoxinus biggeri</i> Kottelat, 2007	Southwestern Europe: Adour, Leyre, and Ebro basins (France and Spain); introduced in the Aude and Garonne river drainages basins (France), as well as in Galicia and Duero river basins (Spain)	(Corral-Lou et al., 2019; Denys et al., 2020; Kottelat, 2007)
<i>Phoxinus brachyurus</i> Berg, 1912	North Asia: Ili basin (Kazakhstan)	(Mitrofanov et al., 1987; Zhang & Zhao, 2016)
<i>Phoxinus chrysoprasius</i> (Pallas, 1814)	Southeast Europe: Salhir River drainage (Crimea)	(Bogutskaya et al., 2023; Dyldin et al., 2023)
<i>Phoxinus colchicus</i> Berg, 1910	Caucasian Black Sea basin (Georgia, Russia, and Turkey)	(Çiçek et al., 2023; Dyldin et al., 2023; Turan et al., 2023)
<i>Phoxinus csikii</i> Hankó, 1922	Europe: Danube River system: from the Balkans to Germany and the upper Rhine basin west to Swiss lakes; introduced in the lower and middle Rhine (Germany, Netherlands, France, and northern Italy)	(Alexander & Seehausen, 2021; Denys et al., 2020; De Santis et al., 2021; Palandačić et al., 2017, 2020, 2022)
<i>Phoxinus dragarum</i> Denys, Dettai, Persat, Daszkiewicz, Hautecoeur & Keith, 2020	Western Europe: Garonne River basin, France; introduced in Corsica (France), the Ebro and Guadalquivir drainage basin (Spain)	(Denys et al., 2020)
<i>Phoxinus fayollarum</i> Denys, Dettai, Persat, Daszkiewicz, Hautecoeur & Keith, 2020	Western Europe: Loire River basin and Sèvre Niortaise catchment (France); introduced in Garonne and Rhône river basins (France)	(Denys et al., 2020)
<i>Phoxinus grumi</i> Berg, 1907	East Asia: Turfan Lake, Xinjiang Province (China)	(Zhang & Zhao, 2016)
<i>Phoxinus isetensis</i> Georgi, 1775	North Asia: Arctic Ocean basin, from Murman coast to East Siberian Sea basin (Kolyma drainage); rivers of northern and western Sea of Okhotsk drainage (Ola and Uda rivers), rivers of Peter the Great Bay drainage, probably Amur River basin and northwestern Sakhalin Island (Russia)	(Dyldin et al., 2023)
<i>Phoxinus issykkulensis</i> Berg, 1912	Central Asia: Lake Issyk-Kul (Kyrgyzstan)	(Berg, 1949)
<i>Phoxinus karsticus</i> Bianco & De Bonis, 2015	Southeastern Europe: Skadar Lake drainage (Bosnia-Herzegovina)	(Bianco & De Bonis, 2015; Palandačić et al., 2017)
<i>Phoxinus krkae</i> Bogutskaya, Jelić, Vucić, Jelić, Diripasko, Stefanov & Klobučar, 2019	Southeastern Europe: upper Krka River drainage, Knin Valley (Croatia)	(Bogutskaya et al., 2020)
<i>Phoxinus lumaireul</i> (Schinz, 1840)	Southeastern Europe: North Adriatic Sea basin and middle Danube drainage (Italy, Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia, and Herzegovina)	(Čaleta et al., 2019; Kottelat, 2007; Lorenzoni et al., 2019; Palandačić et al., 2017)
<i>Phoxinus marsili</i> Heckel, 1836	Europe: middle and lower Danube drainage (Austria, Hungary, and Croatia)	(Čaleta et al., 2019; Palandačić et al., 2017)
<i>Phoxinus phoxinus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	Western Europe: Rhine, Meuse, and Seine river drainages, coastal catchments of Normandy and English Channel and Thames River drainage (France, Germany, and England). Introduced in Italy, Corsica, and Ireland.	(Denys et al., 2020; Palandačić et al., 2017, 2020, 2022)
<i>Phoxinus poljakowii</i> Kessler, 1879	Central Asia: Lake Balkhash (Kazakhstan)	(Mitrofanov et al., 1987)
<i>Phoxinus radeki</i> Bayçelebi, Aksu & Turan 2024	Asia Minor: Ergene River, Aegean Sea Basin (Turkey)	(Bayçelebi et al., 2024)
<i>Phoxinus septimaniae</i> Kottelat, 2007	Western Europe: Rhône River basin and the French coastal Mediterranean catchments (France); introduced in the Roya and Rhine river drainages (France, Germany, and Catalonia, Spain) and alpine lakes (Italy, Switzerland)	(Alexander & Seehausen, 2021; Corral-Lou et al., 2019; Denys et al., 2020; De Santis et al., 2021; Palandačić et al., 2017, 2022)
<i>Phoxinus strandjae</i> Drensky, 1926	Southeastern Europe: Black Sea watersheds, Bulgaria and Istanbul and Kirkclareli Provinces (Turkey)	(Çiçek et al., 2023; Palandačić et al., 2017)

(Continues)

TABLE 1 (Continued)

<i>Phoxinus</i> species	Distribution area	Source
<i>Phoxinus strymonicus</i> Kottelat, 2007	Southeastern Europe: Struma River basin (Macedonia, Greece, and probably Bulgaria)	(Barbieri et al., 2015; Freyhof & Kottelat, 2007; Palandačić et al., 2017)
<i>Phoxinus tchangi</i> Chen, 1988	East Asia: Weifen River (northern China)	(Chen, 1988)
<i>Phoxinus tumensis</i> Luo, 1996	East Asia: northern China	(Dyldin & Orlov, 2016; Zhang & Zhao, 2016)
<i>Phoxinus ujimonensis</i> Kaschenko, 1899	Central and east Asia: Mongolia, China, Kazakhstan and Russia	(Dyldin et al., 2023; Kottet al., 2006; Romanov et al., 2017)
<i>Phoxinus cf. morella</i> (Leske, 1774)	Central Europe: Elbe River drainage (Czech Republic and Germany)	(Palandačić et al., 2017, 2020, 2022)
<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 1	South Europe: Neretva and middle Danube drainage (Bosnia Herzegovina)	(Palandačić et al., 2017)
<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 2	South Europe: Plavsko Lake (Montenegro)	(Palandačić et al., 2017)
<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 3	South Europe: Drina River, middle Danube drainage (Bosnia Herzegovina)	(Palandačić et al., 2017)
<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 5	South Europe: Ohrid Lake basin (Macedonia)	(Palandačić et al., 2017)
<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	North Europe: North England, Baltic Sea basin, Caspian Sea basin	(Palandačić et al., 2017; Freyhof, personal communication)

**FIGURE 1** Workflow diagram used for the bibliographical search as defined in the PRISMA methodology, according to Moher et al. (2015).

individual hosts and the prevalence, abundance, and intensity of infection. The recorded parasites are arranged by phylum and, when appropriate, by class, family, and genus. Species within a genus are ordered alphabetically. Each species record is accompanied, when available in the source document, by the corresponding developmental stage, infected organs, habitat type, locality, and country. The recorded countries are listed alphabetically.

3 | RESULTS

The results of the present checklist should be interpreted in the light of the following limitation: the host species indicated in the checklist is the one reported in the source publication (Table 2). However, the taxonomy of the genus *Phoxinus* is still not thoroughly understood, and authors have reported parasites from minnows identified as *P. phoxinus* that are most likely other *Phoxinus* species. Among all *Phoxinus* species used to search bibliographical databases, only *P. phoxinus* allowed retrieval of a substantial number of publications, and only one publication dealing with the parasite fauna of *Phoxinus septimaniae* was retrieved, which had already been obtained with the previous search. Considering all records from *Phoxinus* spp., a total of 117 parasite species/taxa encompassing 8 phyla, 14 classes, and 39 families were recorded from 17 countries in Eurasia. The Protozoa parasites consist of the Ciliophora classes Oligohymenophorea (14 species) and Phyllopharyngea (1 species), and the Euglenozoa Kinetoplastida (2 species). The Metazoa parasites encompass the Acanthocephala Eoacanthocephala (1 species) and Palaearcanthocephala (2 species), the Arthropoda Copepoda (2 species) and Ichthyoscoptera (1 species), the Cnidaria Myxozoa (18 species), the Mollusca Bivalvia (3 species), the Nematoda Chromadorea (12 species) and Enopla (3 species), and the Platyhelminthes Cestoda (7 species), Monogenea (34 species), and Trematoda (17 species) (Figure 2). Among macroparasites, Monogenea, Trematoda, and Nematoda are the most species-rich taxa. *Philometra ovata* (Zeder, 1803) and *Raphidascaris acus* (Bloch, 1779) are the most widely distributed Nematoda, with their presence being reported in five countries each. The Monogenea *Gyrodactylus* is the most diversified genus to be reported from *Phoxinus* minnows in Eurasia, with 25 species. Several *Gyrodactylus* are reported from a relatively wide geographical range: *Gyrodactylus macronychus* Malmberg, 1957 (seven countries), *Gyrodactylus aphyae* Malmberg, 1957 (six countries), *Gyrodactylus laevis* Malmberg, 1957, *Gyrodactylus pannonicus* Molnár, 1968 and *Gyrodactylus phoxini* Malmberg, 1957 (five countries each), and *Gyrodactylus limneus* Malmberg, 1957 and *Gyrodactylus magnificus* Malmberg, 1957 (four countries each). The most abundant parasite compiled in the checklist are the metacercariae of *Diplostomum phoxini*, with the highest reported intensity of infection being 2265 individuals in the brain of a *Phoxinus* minnow from Lake Obersee in Switzerland (Müller, 1995). This species is also among the most prevalent, with the percentage of infected individuals often reaching 100%, and among the most widely distributed, with its presence reported from seven countries from northern, western, and southern Europe.

To resolve the issue of host taxonomy, *Phoxinus* species were reassigned based on their distribution areas. This allowed the assignment of parasite records to *Phoxinus* sp. 7 sensu Palandačić et al., 2017 in the Baltic and North Sea basins (excluding the North Sea southern coast), *Phoxinus isetensis* Georgi, 1775 in the Arctic Ocean basin, *Phoxinus marsili* Heckel, 1836 in the middle Danube drainage basin, *P. phoxinus* in the Rhine and North Sea basins, *P. septimaniae* in Mediterranean coastal streams, *Phoxinus csikii* in the Rhine drainage, *Phoxinus cf. morella* in the Elbe and Danube drainages, *Phoxinus lumaireul* in the North Adriatic Sea basin, *Phoxinus tumensis* Luo, 1996 in eastern Asia, and *Phoxinus ujmonensis* in Mongolia (Figure 3a,b). The results of this reassignment should, however, be analysed taking into account the presence of hybridization zones in, for example, Spain, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria as a limitation (Corral-Lou et al., 2019; Denys et al., 2020; De Santis et al., 2021; Knebelsberger et al., 2015; Palandačić et al., 2020). Based on the reassignment, the highest parasite diversity would be recorded for *Phoxinus* sp. 7 (36 parasite species), for *P. isetensis* (30 parasite species), and for *P. phoxinus* (31 parasite species) (Supplementary Data S1). Northern Europe shows the highest concentration (almost half) of parasite records for *Phoxinus* minnows, with numerous host-parasite associations reported from the UK, Finland, and Norway (Figure 4a). With approximately a third of total records, eastern Europe was also well studied. Southern and western Europe were comparatively understudied, as was Eastern Asia. Concerning *Phoxinus* hosts species, *Phoxinus* sp. 7 sensu Palandačić et al. (2017) would have attracted the most attention from parasitological research and had the highest number of records (Figure 4b), followed by *P. isetensis*, *P. phoxinus*, and *P. septimaniae*. *P. cf. morella*, *P. lumaireul*, and *P. marsili* would have attracted less attention among studied species. Numerous species (e.g., *Phoxinus fayollarum* Denys, Dettaï, Persat, Daszkiewicz, Haute-coeur & Keith, 2020, *Phoxinus grumi* Berg, 1907, and *Phoxinus poljakowii* Kessler, 1879) appeared to have never been the subject of parasitological studies and thus do not appear in Figure 4b.

4 | DISCUSSION

At the Eurasian scale, 82 species of Metazoan macroparasites (i.e., excluding Myxosporea), including 76 helminths, were reported from *Phoxinus* minnows, most of which were attributed originally to *P. phoxinus*. Considering studies focusing on wild parasite communities in restricted areas, which are more likely to have examined a single host species, species richness ranges from 45 helminths reported from Frongoch Lake in the UK and a mountain water system in southern Norway (Ashworth & Bannerman, 1927; Bibby, 1972; Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997) to 14 helminth species in the River Pechora, Russia (Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008, 2009), and 14 parasite species, including helminths and Copepoda in the rivers Chulman and Ungra, Russia (Boutorina & Reznik, 2015). The low parasite diversity in the UK could be a result of its insular situation, whereas in the Norwegian water system, *Phoxinus* minnows were described as recently introduced.

TABLE 2 Checklist of Protozoa and Metazoa parasites of *Phoxinus minnows*.

Parasite species	Host according to original record	Reassigned host	Stage	Infection site	Natural/experimental infection	Locality	Country	Nb map	n	P (%)	M1	MA	Reference
Phylum Ciliophora													
Class Oligohymenophorea													
Family Epistyliidae													
<i>Apiosoma campanulatum</i> (Timofeev in Shulman, 1962) Lom, 1966	<i>Phoxinus phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus sp.</i> or <i>Rhynchoscypris percurvus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uhgra	Russia	1	117	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)	
<i>Apiosoma phoxini</i> Lom, 1966	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus sp.</i> or <i>R. percurvus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uhgra	Russia	1	117	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)	
<i>Apiosoma piscicolum</i> Blanchard, 1885	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus sp.</i> or <i>R. percurvus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uhgra	Russia	1	117	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)	
<i>Apiosoma</i> sp. Blanchard, 1885	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus sp.7</i>	-	-	Natural	-	Norway	2	-	-	-	(Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997)	
<i>Epistyliis phoxini</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus sp.</i> or <i>R. percurvus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uhgra	Russia	1	117	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)	
Family Ichthyophthiriidae													
<i>Ichthyophthirus multifiliis</i> Fouquet, 1876	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus sp.</i> or <i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	-	UK	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Kennedy, 1974)	
Family Trichodinidae													
<i>Paratrichodina incisa</i> , possible misspelling of <i>Paratrichodina incisa</i> (Lom, 1959) Lom, 1963	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus sp.</i> or <i>R. percurvus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uhgra	Russia	1	117	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)	
<i>P. incisa</i> (Lom, 1959) Lom, 1963	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Gills	Natural	-	-	-	-	-	-	(Lom & Haldar, 1977)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus sp.7</i>	-	-	Natural	-	Norway	2	-	-	-	-	(Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997)	
<i>Paratrichodina phoxini</i> Lom, 1963	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus marsili</i>	-	Renal tubules	Natural	Morávka water-supply reservoir	Czech Republic	3	-	-	-	(Rehulka et al., 2020)	
<i>Trichodina acuta</i> Lom, 1961	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus sp.7</i>	-	Skin or fins	Natural	River Chulman, River Uhgra	Russia	1	117	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)	
<i>Trichodina intermedia</i> Lom, 1960	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus sp.7</i>	-	Gills, skin	Natural	Castle Semple Water	UK	4	-	-	-	(Gaze & Wootten, 1998)	
						Lake Bala, Allt Loin, River Almond		4, 5, 6, 7	-	-	-	(Gaze & Wootten, 1998)	

TABLE 2 (Continued)

	Host according to original record	Reassigned host	Stage	Infection site	Natural/experimental infection	Locality	Country	Nb map	n	P (%)	MI	MA	Reference
Parasite species													
<i>Trichodina mica</i> Kaschkovsky, 1974	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R.</i> <i>percurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	(Boutourina & Reznik, 2015)	
<i>Trichodina reticulata</i> Hirschmann and Patsch, 1955	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	-	-	UK	-	-	-	-	(Kane, 1966) in (Kennedy, 1974)	
<i>Trichodina</i> sp. (possible misspelling for <i>Trichodina</i> sp.)	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> <i>isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)	
<i>Trichodina</i> sp. Ehrenberg, 1830	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Halmer	Russia	62	63	-	-	-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Llyn Padarn	UK	9	-	-	-	-	(Powell, 1966; Chubb, 1970) in (Kennedy, 1974)	
<i>Phoxinus</i> <i>septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.9–1.3	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
<i>P.</i> <i>septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	2.7–5.4	(Almeida et al., 2024)	
Family Ureolariidae													
<i>Tripartella copiosa</i> (Lom, 1959) Raabe, 1963	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R.</i> <i>percurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	(Boutourina & Reznik, 2015)	
Class Phyllopharyngea													
Family Trichophryidae													
<i>Capriniana</i> sp. Strand, 1928	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	-	Norway	2	-	-	-	(Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997)	
Phylum Euglenozoa													
Class Kinetoplastida													
Family Trypanosomatidae													
<i>Trypanosoma cobitis</i> Mitrophanow, 1883	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Blood	Natural	River Lee	UK	11	87	20	-	-	(Letch, 1979)
<i>Trypanosoma</i> sp. Gruby, 1843	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Blood	Natural	River Lee	UK	11	88	18	-	-	(Letch & Ball, 1979)
				-	-	Lake Windermere	UK	12	-	-	-	-	(Hawking, 1927) in (Kennedy, 1974)

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Phylum Acanthocephala													
Class Eoacanthocephala													
Family Neoechinorhynchidae													
<i>Neoechinorhynchus rutili</i> (Müller, 1780) Hamann in Stiles & Hassall, 1905	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Intestine	Natural	Brook Kuusaja, Brook Uuronpuro	Finland	13	-	-	-	(Kekäläinen et al., 2011)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	-	Brook Kuusaja, Brook Uuronpuro	Finland	13	-	-	-	(Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.07	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7-	-	0.07-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Natural	Frongoch Lake	UK	14	650	16.5	-	0.8	(Bibby, 1972)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	-	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Kennedy, 1974)	
<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.2-0.7	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
Class Palaeacanthocephala													
Family Echinorhynchidae													
<i>Echinorhynchus truttae</i> Schrank, 1788	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	-	Ireland	-	-	-	-	(Kane, 1966) in (Holland & Kennedy, 1997)	
Family Pomphorhynchidae													
<i>Pomphorhynchus laevis</i> (Zoëga in Müller, 1776) Porta, 1908	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Boyne catchment	Ireland	15	-	-	-	(Kane, 1966) in (Holland & Kennedy, 1997)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	-	Corrib catchment	Ireland	16	-	-	-	(Connelly & McCarthy, 1984) in (Holland & Kennedy, 1997)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. marsili</i>	-	-	Alimentary tract	Natural	Small Vihordat Lake	Slovakia	17	129	88.9	6.6 (1-29)	(Dudiňák & Špakulová, 2003)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	-	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Kennedy, 1974)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Culm	UK	18	-	-	-	-	(Kennedy, 1999)	

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Parasite species													
Phylum Arthropoda													
Class Copepoda													
Family Ergasilidae													
<i>Ergasilus briani</i> Markevich, 1933	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
<i>Ergasilus sieboldi</i> von Nordmann, 1832	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.2–0.9	(Cruz et al., 2022)
	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.2–4.2	(Almeida et al., 2024)
Class Ichthyostreptida													
Family Argulidae													
<i>Argulus foliaceus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.5	(Cruz et al., 2022)
Phylum Cnidaria													
Class Myxozoa													
Family Chloromyxidae													
<i>Chloromyxum carassii</i> Achmerov, 1960	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
<i>Chloromyxum phoxini</i> Quadri, 1962	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	Gall bladder	Natural	Gall bladder, spores	Lake Windermere	UK	12	15	6.7	-	-	(Qadri, 1962)
Family Myxidiidae													
<i>Myxidium macrocapsulare</i> Auerbach, 1910	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. istensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7	-	0.07	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
<i>Myxidium rhoel Léger,</i> 1905	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. istensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.07–1.33	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. istensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7–20	-	0.07–1.27	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Plasmoidia	Kidney	Plasmoidia	River Tyne	UK	19	1825	0.1	-	-	(Longshaw et al., 2005)

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Parasite species													
<i>Myxobolus bramae</i> Reuss 1906	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.2	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	20	-	0.27	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Plasmedia	Gills (intralamellar)	Natural	River Derwent, River Tees	UK	20,21	1825	0.2	-	-	(Longshaw et al., 2005)
<i>Myxobolus buckei</i> Longshaw and Feist, 2003 (uncertain)	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	-	UK	-	1798	-	-	-	(Longshaw et al., 2008)
<i>Myxobolus cyprinae</i> Mitenev, 1971	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7	-	0.13	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
<i>Myxobolus dogielii</i> Bykhovskaia-Pavlovskaya & Bykhovskii, 1940	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percarius</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
<i>Myxobolus ellipsoides</i> Thélohan, 1892	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percarius</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
<i>Myxobolus lami</i> Donets and Kulakovskaya in Shulman, 1962	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.13-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	20-	26.7	0.47-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Halmer	Russia	62	63	11.1	-	0.67	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percarius</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	0.1	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
<i>Myxobolus mongolicus</i> Pronin, 1973	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percarius</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
<i>Myxobolus muelleri</i> Bütschli, 1882	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	-	Norway	2	-	-	-	-	(Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percarius</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
<i>Myxobolus musculi</i> Keysseritz, 1908	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.13-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7-	-	0.33	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Sea-U, River Kara	Russia	62-63	63	6.7-	-	0.1-0.8	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)

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<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. perconurus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp.	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Plasmodia</i>	Skeletal musculature	Natural	River Aire, River Calder, River Dearne, River Derwent, River Don, River Nidd, River Ouse, River Swale, River Tees, River Tyne, River Ure, River Wear, River Wharfe	UK	19, 20, 21, 22	1825	35	-	-	-	(Longshaw et al., 2005)
<i>Myxobolus</i> sp.	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	Loch Leven	UK	23	-	-	-	-	(Campbell, 1974)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Llyn Fran Goch	UK	14	-	-	-	-	Personal communication in (Kennedy, 1974)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Kidney	Natural	-	UK	-	1825	-	-	-	-	(Longshaw et al., 2005)
Zschokkella nova Kloakaheva, 1914	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. perconurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
Extrasporegenic type 1	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Kidney tubule and urinary bladder epithelial cells (intracellular)	Natural	River Derwent, River SwaleTees	UK	22	1825	0.1	-	-	(Longshaw et al., 2005)
Plasmodial type 1	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Kidney tubule and urinary bladder lumen	Natural	River Aire, River Derwent, River Nidd, River Swale, River Ure, River Wharfe	UK	22	1825	0.5	-	-	(Longshaw et al., 2005)
Family Saccosporidae													
<i>Buddenbrockia</i> sp. Schröder, 1910	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> csikii	-	Kidney	Experimental	-	Austria	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	(Grabner & El-Matbouli, 2010)
Phylum Mollusca													
Class Bivalvia													
Family Unionidae													
<i>Anodonta anatina</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Glochidia	Gills	Experimental	-	Finland	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	(Kekäläinen, Pirhonen, & Taskinen, 2014)

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<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>P. cskii</i> or <i>P. phoxinus</i> cf. <i>morella</i>	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Experimental	-	Germany	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	(Beggel & Geist, 2015)
<i>Unio crassus</i> Philipsson, 1788	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>P. cskii</i> or <i>P. cf. morella</i>	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Experimental	-	Germany	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	(Denic et al., 2015)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i> or <i>P. marsili</i>	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Experimental	-	Czech Republic	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	(Douda et al., 2012)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i> or <i>P. marsili</i>	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Experimental	-	Czech Republic	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	(Douda, 2015)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cskii</i> and <i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Natural	River Aire, River Brénon, River Ech, River Halbnuehlbach, River Longeau, River Mazeley, River Ornain, River Sormonne	France	24, 25, 26, 27	121	100,0	15,0–100,0	1–7,8	0,31–7,8	(Lamand et al., 2016)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>P. cskii</i> or <i>P. cf. morella</i>	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Experimental	-	Germany	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	(Taubert, Gumm, & Geist, 2012)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>P. cskii</i> or <i>P. cf. morella</i>	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Experimental	-	Germany	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	(Taubert, Martinez, et al., 2012)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>P. cskii</i> or <i>P. cf. morella</i>	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Experimental	-	Germany	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	(Taubert et al., 2014)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Experimental	-	Sweden	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	(Schneider et al., 2017)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Natural	River Tommarsån	Sweden	28	140	-	-	-	-	(Schneider et al., 2019)
Unionidae sp.	<i>Phoxinus dragarum</i>	<i>Glochidia</i>	Gills	Natural	River Tavigano	France	64	120	-	-	-	-	(Esposito et al., 2024)
	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	-	-	(Cruz et al., 2022)
Phylum Nematoda													
Class Chromadorea													
Family Camallanidae													
<i>Camallanus lacustris</i> (Zoega in Müller, 1776) Railliet & Henry, 1915	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	-	0,3	(Cruz et al., 2022)

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Parasite species													
	<i>P. septimaniæ</i>	<i>P. septimaniæ</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.3–0.5	(Almeida et al., 2024)
Family Actinidae													
<i>Streptocara crassicauda</i> (Crepelin, 1829) Skryabin, 1916	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Larvae	Stomach wall, intestine wall, liver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Moravec, 1994)
Family Anisakidae													
<i>Contracaecum rudolphii</i> Hartwich, 1964	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i> or <i>P. marsili</i>	Third-stage larvae	Intestine	Experimental	-	Czech Republic	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	(Moravec, 2009)
Family Philometridae													
<i>Philometra ovata</i> (<i>Philometra abdominalis</i>) (Zeder, 1803) Skryabin, 1923	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i>	Gravid female	-	Natural	River Rokytká	Czech Republic	29	-	-	-	-	(Moravec, 1977)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Body cavity	Natural	Brook Kuusoja, Brook Uuronpuro	Finland	13	-	-	-	-	(Kekäläinen et al., 2011)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Adult female	Body cavity	Natural	Brook Kuusoja	Finland	13	734	5.6–13.6	-	-	(Lai et al., 2012)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Larvae	Swim bladder	Natural	Brook Kuusoja	Finland	13	1027	20–70	± 1.5	-	(Lai et al., 2015)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Adult female	Body cavity	Natural	Brook Kuusoja	Finland	13	1027	<14	2.0 ± 1.5	-	(Lai et al., 2015)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Adult	Body cavity	Natural	Brook Kuusoja, Brook Uuronpuro	Finland	13	-	-	-	-	(Lai et al., 2016a)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Body cavity	Natural	Brook Kuusoja, Brook Uuronpuro	Finland	13	87	<15	-	-	(Lai et al., 2016b)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. marsili</i>	Adult	Abdominal cavity	Natural	-	Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	(Molnár, 1967) in (Moravec, 1994)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	20–40	-	0.07	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Body cavity	Natural	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	(Barber & Huntingford, 1996)
Family Quimperiidae													
<i>Paraquimperia tenerima</i> (von Linstow, 1878) Baylis, 1934	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	L3 Larvae	Swim bladder	Natural	River Otter, River Clyst	UK	18	53	15.6–38.1	-	-	(Shears & Kennedy, 2005)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	L3 Larvae	Swim bladder	Experimental	-	UK	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	(Shears & Kennedy, 2005)

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Family Raphidascaridae													
<i>Hysterothylacium aduncum</i> (Rudolphi, 1802) Deardorff & Overstreet, 1981	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Adult	Oesophagus, stomach, intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Moravec, 1994)
<i>Raphidascaris acus</i> (Raphidascaris cristata) (Bloch, 1779) Railliet & Henry, 1915	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus lumaireul</i>	Larvae	Natural	Province of Padua	Italy	30	48	37.5	20 ± 3 (2–46)	-	(Dezfuli et al., 2000)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. lumaireul</i>	Encysted larvae	Liver, pancreas	Natural	River Brenta	Italy	30	25	-	6.8 ± 4.7 (1–15)	-	(Dezfuli et al., 2009)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. lumaireul</i>	Encysted larvae	Liver	Natural	River Brenta	Italy	30	25	44	5.27 ± 2.28 (1–8)	-	(Dezfuli et al., 2015)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.2–2.07	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	20–86.7	-	0.47–4.33	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Sea-U, River Halmér, River Kara	Russia	62, 63	63	5.6–25	-	0.1–2.2	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percarinus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uogra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. marsili</i>	Larvae	Stomach, intestine	Natural	-	Slovakia	-	-	-	-	-	(Žitňan, 1973)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Llyn Padarn	UK	9	-	-	-	-	(Powell, 1966; Chubb, 1970) in (Kennedy, 1974)
	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.6–1.1	(Cruz et al., 2022)
	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.1	(Almeida et al., 2024)
<i>Raphidascaris</i> sp. Railliet & Henry, 1915	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percarinus</i>	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uogra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)	
Family Rhabdochonidae													
<i>Rhabdochona denudata</i> (Dujardin, 1845) Railliet, 1916	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Lake Windermere	UK	12	-	-	-	-	(Rawson, 1952) in (Kennedy, 1974)

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Parasite species													
Rhabdochona phoxini	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. marsili</i>	Adult	Intestine	Natural	-	Czech Republic, Ukraine, Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Moravec, 1994)
Moravec, 1968													
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	Intestine	Natural	Kola Peninsula	Russia	31	-	-	-	-	-	(Kazakov, 1973) in (Moravec, 1994)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	-	0.07	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)
Family Cystidicolidae													
<i>Cystidicoloides</i> sp. Skinker, 1931	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Lake Windermere	UK	12	-	-	-	-	-	(Rawson, 1952) in (Kennedy, 1974)
<i>Salmonella ephemeridarum</i> (<i>Cystidicoloides ephemeridarum</i>) (von Linstow, 1872) Moravec, Santos & Brasil-Sato, 2008	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Larvae	Stomach, intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Moravec, 1994)
Class Enoplea													
Family Capillariidae													
<i>Pseudocapillaria tomentosa</i> (Dujardin, 1843) Lomakin & Trofimenko, 1982	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Adult	Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Moravec, 1994)
<i>Schulmanella petrushevskii</i> (Schulman, 1948) Ivashkin, 1964	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Adult	Liver parenchyma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Moravec, 1994)
Family Dioctophymatidae													
<i>Eustrongylides excisus</i> Jägerskiöld, 1909	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Larvae	Abdominal cavity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Moravec, 1994)
Phylum Platyhelminthes													
Class Cestoda													
Family Diphyllobothriidae													
<i>Ligula intestinalis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) Gmelin, 1790	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Natural	Øvre Heimdalsvatn	Norway	2	3500	-	-	-	-	(Lien, 1981)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Natural	Lake Negaardsjøen	Norway	2	-	-	-	-	-	(Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Pterocercoid	Abdominal cavity	Edinburgh Region, Loch Lubnaig Stream	UK	32,33	-	-	-	-	-	(Museth, 2001)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Abdominal cavity	Frongoch Lake	UK	14	650	1.7	(1-4)	-	-	(Ashworth & Bannerman, 1927)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Coelom									(Bibby, 1972)

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Parasite species													
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in Kennedy, 1974
	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.9	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Natural	UK	-	-	-	-	-	-	(Olson et al., 2002)	
Family <i>Lycocestidae</i>													
	<i>Caryophylloides fennica</i> (Schneider, 1902) Nybelin, 1922	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	River Roding	UK	11	-	-	-	-	(Shillcock, 1972) in Kennedy, 1974
Family <i>Proteocephalidae</i>													
	<i>Proteocephalus longicollis</i> (Zeder, 1800) Benedict, 1900	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. istensis</i>	-	Natural	Lake Krivoë	Russia	61	63	15	-	0.3	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)
	<i>Proteocephalus torulosus</i> (Batsch, 1786) Nufer, 1905	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. perconurus</i>	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uhgra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
	<i>Proteocephalus exigua</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.6–0.8	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
		<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.2–0.8	(Almeida et al., 2024)	
Family <i>Triaenophoridae</i>													
	<i>Tridenophorus nodulosus</i> (Pallas, 1781) Rudolphi, 1793	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cskii</i>	Pterocercoid	Liver	Natural	Königssee	Germany	34	108	1.9–2.8	(Hoffmann et al., 1986)	
Class Monogenea													
Family <i>Ancyrocephalidae</i>													
	<i>Cleidodiscus brachus</i> Mueller, 1938	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. perconurus</i>	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uhgra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
Family <i>Dactylogyridae</i>													
	<i>Dactylogyrus auricularius</i> (von Nordmann, 1832) Diesing, 1850	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Gills	Natural	UK	-	-	-	-	-	(Nicol, 1924)
	<i>Dactylogyrus borealis</i> Nybelin, 1937	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Natural	Köyhänoja Stream	Finland	35	10	50	-	0.6 ± 0.7 (?-2)	(Blazek et al., 2008)
		<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Gills	Natural	River Tul, Lake Dodtsagan	Mongolia	36, 37	-	-	-	(Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967)

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<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	-	Norway	2	-	-	-	-	-	(Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	-	0.07-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7-	-	-	0.07-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	Lake Krivoe, River Sea-U, River Halmer	Russia	61, 62, 63	63	53.3	-	-	0.1-0.2	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)
<i>Dactylogyrus phoxini</i> Malevitskaya, 1949	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	River Roding	UK	11	-	-	-	-	-	(Shillcock, 1972) in (Kennedy, 1974)
<i>P. septimaniæ</i>	<i>P. septimaniæ</i>	Adult	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	-	1.6-1.8	(Cruz et al., 2022)
<i>P. septimaniæ</i>	<i>P. septimaniæ</i>	Adult	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	-	5.1-7.2	(Almeida et al., 2024)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Llyn Padarn	UK	9	-	-	-	-	-	(Powell, 1966) in (Kennedy, 1974)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Gills	Natural	Nasal cavities, gill cavity, gills, skin	Edinburgh Region, Loch Lubnaig Stream	UK	32	-	-	-	-	-	(Ashworth & Bannerman, 1927)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. ujmonensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Tul	Mongolia	36	-	-	-	-	-	(Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967)
<i>Pellucidhaptor merus</i> (Dactylogyrus merus) Zaika, 1950	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Natural	Köyhänoja Stream	Finland	35	10	10	-	0.1 ± 0.3	(Blazek et al., 2008)	
<i>Pellucidhaptor merus</i> (Dactylogyrus merus) Zaika, 1961 Chien & Rogers, 1970	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.13	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)	
Family Diplozoidae													
<i>Diplozoon paradoxum</i> von Nordmann, 1832	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Gills	Natural	UK	-	-	-	-	-	-	(Nicol, 1924)
<i>Paradiplozoon homoiotum</i> (Bychowsky & Nagibina, 1959)	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Kennedy, 1974)
<i>P. septimaniæ</i>	<i>P. septimaniæ</i>	Adult	-	Natural	Köyhänoja Stream	Finland	35	10	20	-	0.2 ± 0.4	(Blazek et al., 2008)	
<i>P. septimaniæ</i>	<i>P. septimaniæ</i>	Adult	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.7-0.8	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
				Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.6-1.3	(Almeida et al., 2024)	

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<i>Paradiplozoon homalon</i> gracie (Diplozoon gracile) (Reichenbach-Klinke, 1961)	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	Gills	Natural	River Hérault	France	40	-	-	-	-	(Le Brun et al., 1983)
Family Gyrodactylidae													
<i>Gyrodactylus albolaevatus</i> Lumme et al., 2017	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. ujmonensis</i>	Adult	Skin or fins	Natural	River Tuul	Mongolia	36	-	-	-	-	(Lumme et al., 2017)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	Skin or fins	Natural	River Strel'na	Russia	31, 42	-	-	-	-	-	(Lumme et al., 2017)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Adult	Skin or fins	Natural	River Vidlitsa, River Bol'shaya Uya	Russia	41	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>G. albolaevatus</i> × <i>Gyrodactylus botnicus</i> hybrid	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	Skin or fins	Natural	Hangaspuro, River Oulankajoki	Finland	43	-	-	-	-	(Lumme et al., 2017)
<i>Gyrodactylus aplyae</i> Malmberg, 1957	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i>	-	-	Natural	Prague Region	Czech Republic	29	-	-	-	-	(Ergens, 1976)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i>	-	Fins	Natural	River Rokytká	Czech Republic	29	100	50–100	3.41–16.10 (1–57)	-	(Matějusová et al., 2000)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i>	-	-	Natural	River Dyje, River Morava, River Vlára	Czech Republic	44, 45, 46	-	-	-	-	-	(Matějusová et al., 2001)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	Bothnian Bay	Finland	47	-	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2002)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	Bothnian Bay	Finland	47	-	-	-	-	-	(Zietara et al., 2008)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. ujmonensis</i>	-	Gills, fins	Natural	River Tuul, Lake Dodtsagan, Lake Tirkhin	Mongolia	36, 37, 38	-	-	-	-	-	(Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Merenaja, River Oulankajoki	Finland	43	-	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2002)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Oulankajoki	Finland	43	-	-	-	-	-	(Zietara et al., 2008)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Adult	Caudal fin	Natural	River Lykaser, River Drammen, River Glomma, River Trysil, River Sørli, River Alta, River Tana, River Hallingdal, River Begna, River Vinstra, River Sjøa, River Otta, River Tovdal	Norway	2, 48, 49, 50, 51	1278	3.0–100.0	-	-	-	(Pettersen et al., 2016)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Salmica	Russia	31	-	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2002)

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<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	-	0.07–9.20	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Salnica, River Bolshe, River Viditsa	Russia	31	-	-	-	-	-	(Zietara et al., 2008)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7?	-	-	0.13–35.67	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	Lake Krivoe, River Sea-U, River Halmer	Russia	61, 62, 63	63	5?	-	-	0.1–1.9	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Llyn Padarn	UK	9	-	-	-	-	-	(Chubb, 1964; Powell, 1966) in (Kennedy, 1974)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Rother	UK	52	-	-	-	-	-	(Harris, 1985)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	River Endrick	UK	4	9	-	-	-	-	(Grano-Maldonado et al., 2011)
G. botriticus Lumme et al., 2017	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Adult	Skin or fins	Natural	Gulf of Bothnia, River Kliminkijoki	Finland	47	-	-	-	-	(Lumme et al., 2017)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	Skin or fins	Natural	River Oulankajoki	Finland	43	-	-	-	-	-	(Lumme et al., 2017)
<i>Gyrodactylus carassii</i> Malmberg, 1957	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(Harris et al., 2004)
<i>Gyrodactylus danastriae</i> Lumme et al., 2017	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. marsili</i>	Adult	Skin or fins	Natural	River Strwiąż	Poland	53	-	-	-	-	(Lumme et al., 2017)
<i>Gyrodactylus elegans</i> von Nordmann, 1832	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Gills	Natural	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	(Nicol, 1924)
<i>Gyrodactylus jussii</i> Zietara & Lumme, 2003	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	-	Lake District	UK	12	-	-	-	-	Personal communication in (Kennedy, 1974) (Harris et al., 2004)
<i>Gyrodactylus konovalovi</i> Ergens, 1976	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. perconurus</i>	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uogra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
<i>Gyrodactylus laevis</i> Malmberg, 1957	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i>	-	Fins	Natural	River Rojtyka	Czech Republic	29	100	0–41.1 (0–64)	-	-	(Matějusová et al., 2000)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Gills	Natural	Köyhänoja Stream	Finland	35	10	30	-	0.5 ± 0.9 (?-3)	(Blazek et al., 2008)
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Gills	Natural	River Merenoja, River Oulankajoki	Finland	43	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2004)

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<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.07-0.33	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7-?	-	0.07-0.13	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	Lake Krivoe, River Halmmer	Russia	61, 62	63	25-?	-	0.1-0.4	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percnurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uogra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutourina & Reznik, 2015)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. ujmonensis</i>	-	Gills	Natural	River Tul	Mongolia	36	-	-	-	-	(Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Llyn Padarn	UK	9	-	-	-	-	(Powell, 1966) in (Kennedy, 1974)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Rother	UK	52	-	-	-	-	(Harris, 1985)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Fins	Natural	River Rokytká	Czech Republic	29	100	59.1-86.4	2.38-4.53 (1-28)	-	(Matějusová et al., 2000)	
<i>Gyrodactylus limneus</i> Malmberg, 1964	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Fins	Natural	Köyhänoja Stream	Finland	35	10	90	-	12.5 ± 14.9 (7-50)	(Blazek et al., 2003)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.13-1.40	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.13-1.73	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percnurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uogra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutourina & Reznik, 2015)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Llyn Padarn	UK	9	-	-	-	-	(Powell, 1966) in (Kennedy, 1974)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Natural	River Rother	UK	52	-	-	-	-	-	(Harris, 1985)	
<i>Gyrodactylus llewellyni</i> Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967	<i>P. ujmonensis</i>	-	Nasal cavities, fins	Natural	River Tul, Lake Dod tsagan	Mongolia	36, 37	-	-	-	-	(Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967)	
<i>Gyrodactylus macronychus</i> Malmberg, 1957	<i>P. cf. morella</i>	-	-	Natural	Prague Region	Czech Republic	29	-	-	-	-	(Ergens, 1976)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i>	-	Fins	Natural	River Rokytká	Czech Republic	29	100	68.2-96	5.07-12.11 (1-83)	-	(Matějusová et al., 2000)	

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<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i>	-	-	Natural	River Dyje, River Morava, River Vlára	Czech Republic	44, 45, 46	-	-	-	-	-	(Matejusová et al., 2001)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	Bothrian Bay	Finland	47	-	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2003)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Skin	Natural	Köyhänoja Stream	Finland	35	10	100	-	8.6 ± 4.5	-	-	(Blazek et al., 2008)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	Merenjä Brook, River Oulankajoki	Finland	43	-	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2003)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. uimonensis</i>	-	-	Nasal cavities, fins	River Tul, River Selhe, Lake Dod Tsagan, Lake Tirkhın	Mongolia	36, 37, 38	-	-	-	-	-	(Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Adult	Caudal fin	Natural	River Lykaser, River Glomma, River Trysil, River Sørli, River Tana, River Hallingdal, River Vinstra, River Sjøa	Norway	48, 49, 51	1278	3.3- 25.0	-	-	-	(Petersen et al., 2016)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	-	0.13- 2.80	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7-?	-	-	0.07- 7.13	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	Lake Krivoe	Russia	61	63	5	-	0.1	-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percarinus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Llyn Padarn	UK	9	-	-	-	-	-	(Powell, 1966) in (Kennedy, 1974)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Rother	UK	52	-	-	-	-	-	(Harris, 1985)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	River Endrick	UK	4	9	-	-	-	-	(Grano-Maldonado et al., 2011)
<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	Adult	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	6.4-8.9	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	Adult	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.2-3.4	(Almeida et al., 2024)	
<i>Gyrodactylus magnificus</i> Malmberg, 1957	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	Fins	Natural	River Oulankajoki	Finland	43	-	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2004)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Fins	Natural	Köyhänoja Stream	Finland	35	10	10	-	0.1 ± 0.3	(Blazek et al., 2008)	

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<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. ujmonensis</i>	-	Natural	River Tui, River Kherlen, Lake Dod Tsagan, Lake Tirkhii	Mongolia	36, 37, 38, 39	-	-	-	-	-	(Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Adult	Caudal fin	Natural	River Lykaser, River Giomma, River Trysil, River Sønli, River Hallingdal, River Vinstra, River Sjoa	Norway	48, 49, 51	1278	1.6- 100.0	-	-	(Pettersen et al., 2016)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.2	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	2.4	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Sea-U	Russia	63	63	6.7	-	0.1	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percnurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uogra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)	
<i>Gyrodactylus malmbergensis</i> Prost, 1974	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(Harris et al., 2004)	
<i>Gyrodactylus medius</i> Kathariner, 1895	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Fins, skin	Natural	Edinburgh Region, Loch Lubnaig Stream	UK	32, 33	-	-	-	(Ashworth & Bannerman, 1927)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	-	-	Lake Windermere, Edinburgh	UK	12, 32	-	-	-	(Baylis, 1928; Rawson, 1952) in (Kennedy, 1974)	
<i>Gyrodactylus minimus</i> Malmberg, 1957	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. ujmonensis</i>	-	Gills	Natural	River Tui, Lake Dod Tsagan	Mongolia	36, 37	-	-	-	(Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967)	
<i>Gyrodactylus montanus</i> Bychowsky, 1957	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Rother	UK	52	-	-	-	(Harris, 1985)	
<i>Gyrodactylus pannonicus</i> Molnár, 1968	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cf. morella</i>	-	Fins	Natural	River Rokytká	Czech Republic	29	100	4- 86.4	1.00- 4.89 (1- 27)	(Matějusová et al., 2000)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	Bothnian Bay, River Kliminkjoki	Finland	47	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2002)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Fins	Natural	Köyhänoja Stream	Finland	35	10	60	-	4.5 ± 6.4	(Blazek et al., 2003)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Adult	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.13	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)	

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<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.13–0.27	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Halmer	Russia	62	63	-	-	0.1	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. marsiili</i>	Adult	Skin or fins	Natural	River Top'la, River Ondava	Slovakia	54	-	-	-	-	(Lumme et al., 2017)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	River Endrick	UK	4	9	-	-	-	(Grano-Maldonado et al., 2011)	
<i>Gyrodactylus phoxini</i> Malmberg, 1957	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Fins	Natural	Gulf of Bothnia	Finland	47	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2004)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	Fins	Natural	River Merenaja, River Oulankajoki	Finland	43	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2004)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. ujmonensis</i>	-	Gills	Natural	River Tul, Lake Dodtsagan	Mongolia	36,37	-	-	-	-	(Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Adult	Caudal fin	Natural	River Alta, River Hallingdal	Norway	2,48,50	1278	3.3–38.1	-	-	(Pettersen et al., 2016)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	Fins	Natural	River Pisiem, River Titovka	Russia	55	-	-	-	-	(Zietara & Lumme, 2004)	
<i>P.</i> <i>P. septimaniae</i> <i>septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	Adult	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	2.8–3.3	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i> <i>septimaniae</i>	Adult	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.1–4.0	(Almeida et al., 2024)	
<i>Gyrodactylus prostae</i> Ergens, 1963	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Gills	Natural	River Tul	Mongolia	36	-	-	-	-	(Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967)	
<i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> Malmberg, 1957	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Experimental	-	Norway	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	(Harris et al., 2004)
<i>Gyrodactylus somnaensis</i> Ergens & Yukhimenko, 1990	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	River Main	Ireland	16	-	-	-	-	-	(Kane, 1966) in (Holland & Kennedy, 1997)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	-	Norway	2	-	-	-	-	-	(Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Fins	Natural	Loch Leven	UK	23	-	Not applicable	-	-	-	(Campbell, 1974)
<i>Gyrodactylus turnbulli</i> Harris, 1986	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Experimental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(King & Cable, 2007)

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Parasite species													
Gyrodactylus spp. von Nordmann, 1832	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	-	Lough Neagh	Ireland	56	-	-	-	2.4 ± 2.9 (7-9)	(Blazek et al., 2008)
Gyrodactylus vimbí Shulman, 1954	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	Adult	Skin, fins	Natural	Köyhänoja Stream	Finland	35	10	60	-	-	(Vickers, 1951) in (Holland & Kennedy, 1997)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	Adult	Skin, fins	Natural	River Asco, River Casaluna, River Fium'Alto, River Golo, River Tartagine, River Tavignano	France	64	84	53.6 ± 68.0	29.9 ± 51.7	16.0 ± 51.7	(Esposito et al., 2024)
<i>P. cskii</i>	<i>P. cskii</i>	Adult	Skin, fins	Natural	River Casaluna	France	64	7	57.1 ± 1.9	2.3 ± 1.8	1.3 ± 1.8	(Esposito et al., 2024)	
<i>P. drageatum</i>	<i>P. drageatum</i>	Adult	Skin, fins	Natural	River Abatesco, River Corsigliese, River Fium'Orbo, River Tavignano, River Vecchio	France	64	120	54.2 ± 17.2	8.1 ± 13.3	4.4 ± 13.3	(Esposito et al., 2024)	
<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	Adult	Skin, fins	Natural	River Corsigliese, River Tavignano	France	64	12	33.3 ± 2.6	3.5 ± 2.6	1.2 ± 2.2	(Esposito et al., 2024)	
Class Trematoda (Subclass Digenae)													
Family Allocreadiidae													
Allocreadium carparum (Macrocoleithus papillifer) Odining, 1959	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cskii</i>	Adult	Gut	Natural	Obersee	Switzerland	57	80	44	-	1.40 ± 0.25 (0-11)	(Müller & Ward, 1995)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cskii</i>	-	Gut	Natural	Obersee	Switzerland	57	327	37.5-59.5	-	1.04-2.68	(Müller, 1995)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	-	Loch Achray, Lake Windermere	UK	4,12	-	-	-	-	Personal communication in (Kennedy, 1974) (Rees, 1968)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Stomach, intestine	Natural	Fron Goch Lake	UK	14	-	0.9-100	-	-	(Bibby, 1972)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Stomach, intestine	Natural	Frongoch Lake	UK	14	650	32	-	-	(Nicol, 1924)	
Allocreadium isoporum (Looss, 1894) Looss, 1902	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Intestine	Natural	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	(Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	-	Norway	2	-	-	-	-	-	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)
<i>P. istensis</i>	-	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.2	-	-

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<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7	-	0.07	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Sea-U, River Halmer	Russia	62, 63	63	6.7-11.1	-	0.1-0.2	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Llyn Padarn	UK	9	-	-	-	-	-	(Chubb, 1964), in (Kennedy, 1974)	
<i>Allotocadum transversale</i> (Rudolphi, 1802) Odhner, 1901	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	Natural	Lake Krivoe	Russia	61	63	5	-	0.1	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)	
<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.3-0.4	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.3-0.8	(Almeida et al., 2024)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus tomentum</i>	Adult	Intestine	Natural	River Nezhinka	Russia	65	2	-	-	-	(Vainutis 2020)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. tomentum</i>	-	-	Natural	River Nezhinka	Russia	65	-	-	-	-	(Vainutis et al., 2021)	
<i>Bunodera luciopercae</i> (Müller, 1776) Lüne, 1909	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. perconurus</i>	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uhgra	Russia	1	117	-	-	-	(Boutourina & Reznik, 2015)	
Family Bucephalidae													
<i>Rhipidocotyle campanula</i> (Rhipidocotyle illense) (Dujardin, 1845) Dolitius, 1968	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	River Roding	UK	11	-	-	-	-	(Shillcock, 1972), in (Kennedy, 1974)	
<i>Diplostomidae</i>													
<i>Diplostomum communitatum</i> (Diesing, 1850) Dubois, 1937	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.7	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
<i>Diplostomum phoxini</i> possible misspelling of <i>Diplostomum phoxini</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Cysts	Natural	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	(Nicoll, 1924)	
<i>D. phoxini</i> (<i>Diplostomulum pelmatoides</i> , <i>Tetracotyle phoxini</i>) (Faust, 1919) Arvy & Buttner, 1954	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Brain	Natural	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	(Nicoll, 1924)	

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<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	River Main	Ireland	16	-	-	-	-	(Vickers, 1951) in (Holland & Kennedy, 1997)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	Brain	Experimental	-	UK	Not applicable	-	-	-	(Rees, 1968)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Royal Canal	Ireland	15	-	-	-	-	(Kane, 1966) in (Holland & Kennedy, 1997)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Experimental	-	Finland	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	(Kekäläinen, Lai, et al., 2014)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	River Kuusjoja	Finland	13	-	100	171.2 ± 182.7	171.2 (24-922)	(Kortet et al., 2015)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	River Utsjoki	Finland	58	60	100	4.1 (3-17)	-	(Lebedeva et al., 2021)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cskii</i> or <i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	River Ruhr	Germany	59	15	-	-	-	(Schwelm et al., 2021)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	-	Norway	2	-	-	-	-	(Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	14.27-93.4	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	100	-	74.76-399.93	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	-	Natural	Lake Krivoje, River Sea-U, River Halmér, River Kara	Russia	61, 62, 63	63	100	-	11.3-74.7	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Uogra	Russia	1	117	100	2.0-68.0	2.0-68.0	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	River Uksa	Russia	41	60	93	8.3 (1-36)	-	(Lebedeva et al., 2021)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	River Várzuga	Russia	31	60	100	51 (8-97)	-	(Lebedeva et al., 2021)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cskii</i> or <i>P. septimaniae</i> or <i>P. lumaireul</i>	-	-	Experimental	-	Switzerland	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	(Ballabenzi & Ward, 1993)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cskii</i>	-	-	Natural	Sealpsee, Obersee	Switzerland	57	-	100	-	-	(Ballabenzi, 1994)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Experimental	-	Switzerland	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	(Ballabenzi, 1994)	

TABLE 2 (Continued)

Parasite species	Host according to original record	Reassigned host	Stage	Infection site	Natural/experimental infection	Locality	Country	Nb map	n	P (%)	MI	MA	Reference
	<i>P. cskii</i> or <i>P. septimaniae</i> or <i>P. lumaireul</i>												
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cskii</i>			Brain	Natural	Obersee	Switzerland	57	80	100	431.72 ± 35.36 (102–2000)	431.72 ± 35.36 (102–2000)	(Müller & Ward, 1995)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cskii</i>	-	-	Brain	Natural	Obersee	Switzerland	57	327	100	231–448 (5–2265)	231–448 (5–2265)	(Müller, 1995)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. cskii</i>	-	-		Natural	Giesse Stream	Switzerland	60	-	-	-	-	(Hobey et al., 2022)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-		-	Edinburgh, Loch Lubnaig, Perth, Frongoch Lake, Loch Leven, Loch Lomond, Royal Canal, River Main, River Roding	UK	11, 15, 16, 23, 32, 33	-	-	-	-	(Baylis, 1928; Vickers, 1951; Bell & Hopkins, 1956; Copland, 1957; Kane, 1966; Shillcock, 1972) in (Kennedy, 1974)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Brain	Natural	Edinburgh Region, Loch Lubnaig Stream	UK	32, 33	-	-	-	-	(Ashworth & Bannerman, 1927)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain, spinal cord, eyes	Natural	Fron Goch Pool	UK	14	-	-	-	-	-	(Rees, 1955)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	River Endrick, River Clyde, Loch Eck	UK	4	-	-	-	-	-	(Berrie, 1960)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	Windermere Lake, Grasmere Lake	UK	12	-	-	-	-	-	(Erasmus, 1962)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	Fron Goch Lake	UK	14	-	-	-	-	-	(Bibby & Rees, 1971)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	Frongoch Lake	UK	14	650	100	81 (62–106)	81 (62–106)	(Bibby, 1972)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Natural	Loch Leven	UK	23	-	-	-	-	-	(Campbell, 1974)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	Frongoch Pool	UK	14	17	-	-	-	-	(Ali, 1982)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	Experimental	-	Not applicable	UK	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	(Ali, 1984)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	River Endrick, Loch Maragan	UK	4	7	-	21–220	-	-	(Barber & Crompton, 1997b)
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>Metacercariae</i>	Brain	Natural	River Endrick, Loch Maragan	UK	4	195	96.2–100 (1–477)	6.0–245.0	-	-	(Barber & Crompton, 1997a)

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Parasite species	Host according to original record	Reassigned host	Stage	Infection site	Natural/experimental infection	Locality	Country	Nb map	n	P (%)	M	MA	Reference
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Metacercariae	Brain	Natural	River Endrick	UK	4	34	50	-	13.7 ± 2.6	(Dezfuli, Capuano, et al., 2007)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Metacercariae	Brain	Natural	River Endrick	UK	4	34	50	13.7 ± 2.6 (1–38)	(Dezfuli, Gjai, & Shinn, 2007)		
<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.4	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
Diplostomum sp. von Nordmann, 1832	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. ujmonensis</i>	Metacercariae	Brain	Natural	River Tuul	Mongolia	36	60	93 (1–58)	-	(Lebedeva et al., 2021)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> sp. or <i>R. percurus</i>	-	-	Natural	River Chulman, River Ungra	Russia	1	117	-	-	(Boutorina & Reznik, 2015)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Brain	Natural	Edinburgh Region, Loch Lubnaig Stream	UK	32, 33	-	-	-	-	(Ashworth & Bannerman, 1927)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>P. phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Kennedy, 1974)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>P. phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	-	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	Several references in (Kennedy, 1974)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>P. phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Eye	Natural	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	(Nicol, 1924)	
	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	1.0–4.9	(Almeida et al., 2024)	
Hysteronorpha triloba (Rudolphi, 1819) Lutz, 1931	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.4–1.2	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> sp. septimaniae	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.7–0.8	(Almeida et al., 2024)	
Posthodiplostomum cuticola (Diplostomum cuticola) (von Nordmann, 1832) Dubois, 1936	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>P. phoxinus</i> sp. 7	Subcutaneous cysts	Natural	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	(Nicol, 1924)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	River Avon	UK	14	-	-	-	-	(Hockley, 1935) in (Kennedy, 1974)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	Metacercariae	Skin, fins	Natural	River Asco, River Casaluna, River Tartagine	France	64	84	19 ± 60.3	4.0 ± 27.0	(Esposito et al., 2024)	
	<i>P. cskii</i>	<i>P. cskii</i>	Metacercariae	Skin, fins	Natural	River Casaluna	France	64	7	14.3 ± 0.4	1	(Esposito et al., 2024)	

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Parasite species	Host according to original record	Reassigned host	Stage	Infection site	Natural/experimental infection	Locality	Country	Nb map	n	P (%)	M1	MA	Reference
<i>P. dracogarum</i>	<i>P. dracogarum</i>	<i>P. dracogarum</i>	Metacercaiae	Skin, fins	Natural	River Abatesco, River Flum'Orbo, River Tavignano, River Vecchio	France	64	120	9.2	4.3 ± 4.9	0.4 ± 1.9	(Esposito et al., 2024)
<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	2.8–3.9	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	1.0–7.3	(Almeida et al., 2024)	
<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	Eye	Natural	-	UK	-	-	-	-	-	(Nicol, 1924)	
<i>Tylodelphys clavata</i> (von Nordmann, 1832) Diesing, 1850	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.6	(Cruz et al., 2022)	
<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.4–1.4	(Almeida et al., 2024)	
Family Gorgoderidae													
<i>Phyllodistomum folium</i> (Olfers, 1816) Braun, 1899	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.13	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	6.7–26.7	-	0.13–0.4	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2009)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	-	Natural	Lake Krivoje	Russia	61	63	5	-	0.1	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2013)	
	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	Llyn Padarn	UK	9	-	-	-	-	(Chubb, 1964, 1970) in (Kennedy, 1974)	
Family Opeocellidae													
<i>Plagioporus angusticolle</i> (<i>Allocreadium angusticolle</i>) (Hausmann, 1896)	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Liver, stomach	Natural	Edinburgh Region, Loch Lubnaig Stream	UK	32, 33	-	-	-	(Ashworth & Bannerman, 1927)	
Dobrovolsky, 1939	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i> or <i>Phoxinus</i> sp. 7	-	Intestine	Natural	-	UK	-	-	-	-	(Nicol, 1924)	
<i>Sphaerostoma bramae</i> (Müller, 1776) Lüne, 1909	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	-	-	River Roding	UK	11	-	-	-	-	(Shillcock, 1972) in (Kennedy, 1974)	
Family Strigeidae													
<i>Apotemnon</i> sp. Saidat, 1928	<i>P. phoxinus</i>	<i>P. isetensis</i>	Larvae	-	Natural	River Pechora	Russia	8	105	-	-	0.13–1.1	(Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008)

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Parasite species	Host according to original record	Reassigned host	Stage	Infection site	Natural/experimental infection	Locality	Country	Nb map	n	P (%)	MI	MA	Reference
<i>Ichthyocotylurus platycephalus</i> (Crepelin, 1825) Odening, 1969	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.7–1.6	(Cruz et al., 2022)
	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	<i>P. septimaniae</i>	-	-	Natural	Tordera Stream	Spain	10	204	-	-	0.1–0.6	(Almeida et al., 2024)

Note: Parasites are ordered by phylum, class, and family. Species within families are arranged alphabetically. Each record is listed when available, along with its developmental stage, infection site, the natural or experimental status of the infection, the locality, country, number of examined hosts (n), prevalence (P), mean intensity (MI), and mean abundance (MA) ranges. The reference is listed for each record. The parasite and host species listed are the currently accepted names of the species indicated in the reference documents, according to the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS) database. When a synonym was used in the source reference, it is indicated between parentheses, after the currently accepted name. Dashes “-” indicate data unavailable from source publications. The numbers provided in the column “Nb Map” are the sites reported in Figure 3.

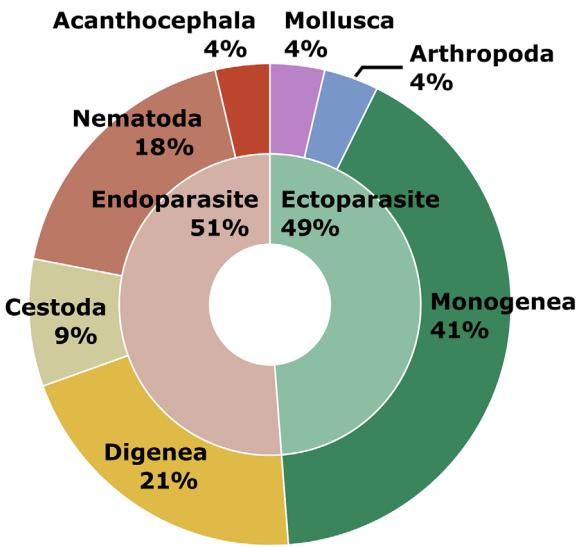


FIGURE 2 Taxonomic composition of Metazoa macroparasites reported from *Phoxinus* minnow.

The high apparent diversity of *P. phoxinus* parasites is the result of the simultaneous consideration of several host species. The host species reassignment allowed discrepancies to be highlighted in the parasitological research effort toward the various *Phoxinus* species. The most thoroughly studied species were *Phoxinus* sp. 7 sensu Palandačić et al., 2017, *P. isetensis*, and *P. phoxinus* (Supplementary Data S1) (e.g. Blazek et al., 2008; Holland & Kennedy, 1997; Kekäläinen et al., 2011; Kennedy, 1974; Lai et al., 2012, 2015, 2016a). For *P. septimaniae* and *P. ujmonensis*, a noteworthy part of parasite diversity is known despite the few studies focused on these hosts: 24 parasites recorded with only 4 studies for *P. septimaniae* and 12 parasites with 3 studies for *P. ujmonensis* (Cruz et al., 2022; Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967; Le Brun et al., 1988; Lebedeva et al., 2021; Lumme et al., 2017). For several species, for example, *P. marsili*, *P. csikii*, *P. cf. morella*, and *P. lumaireul*, only a few parasites were recorded, and for other recently confirmed species, for example, *Phoxinus bigerri* (Bay of Biscay, Ugarna drainage), *Phoxinus colchicus* (Black Sea basin, Nata-nebi drainage), and *Phoxinus karsticus* (Adriatic Sea basin, Skadar Lake drainage), no parasitological records could be found in the present survey. The host species reassignment thus enabled us to evidence gaps in the current knowledge of parasite diversity of *Phoxinus* minnows throughout their distribution range: most parasitological studies were conducted in northern Europe where *P. phoxinus*, *P. isetensis*, and *Phoxinus* sp. 7 occur, whereas southern Europe is comparatively understudied. This gap in the knowledge of *Phoxinus* minnow parasites in southern Europe is all the more regrettable, as this is where the specific diversity of this genus is the highest and thus a high parasite diversity might be expected. Further parasitological survey effort should be directed at poorly known species, alongside the work of taxonomists currently reassessing *Phoxinus* host taxonomy. In addition, fish parasites are also undergoing molecular revisions, allowing improved understanding of

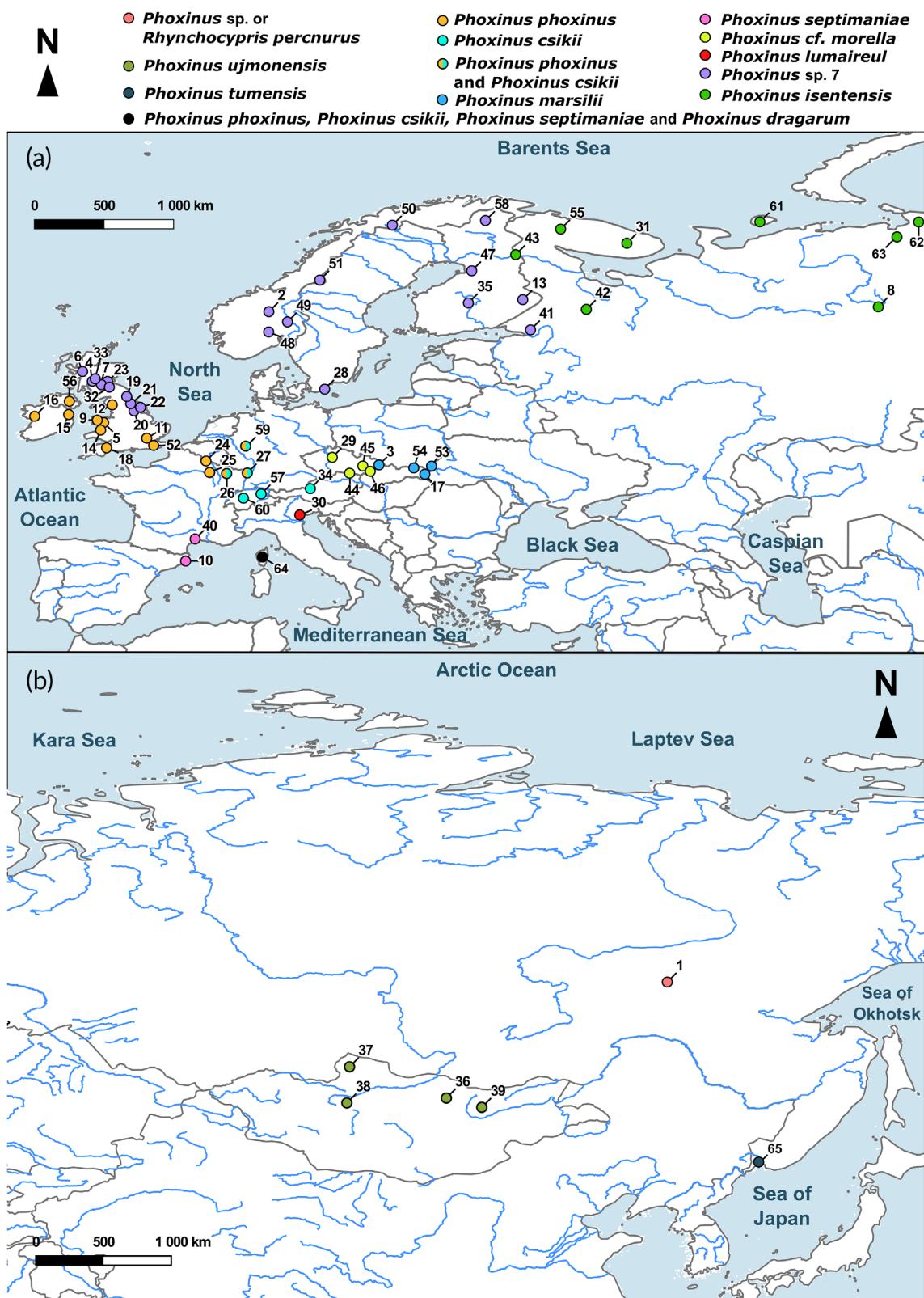


FIGURE 3 Geographical distribution of parasitological records for *Phoxinus* minnows in (a) Europe and (b) Asia, integrating host species reassignment. Numbers correspond to the numbers reported in the parasite checklist table (Table 2, column Nb Map).

cryptic diversity, parasite evolutionary history, life cycles, and biogeographical distribution (Scholz & Kuchta, 2022). Because of the presence of cryptic species in both *Phoxinus* minnows and their

parasites, the approach for studying these organisms should include molecular determination of species for both the hosts and parasites.

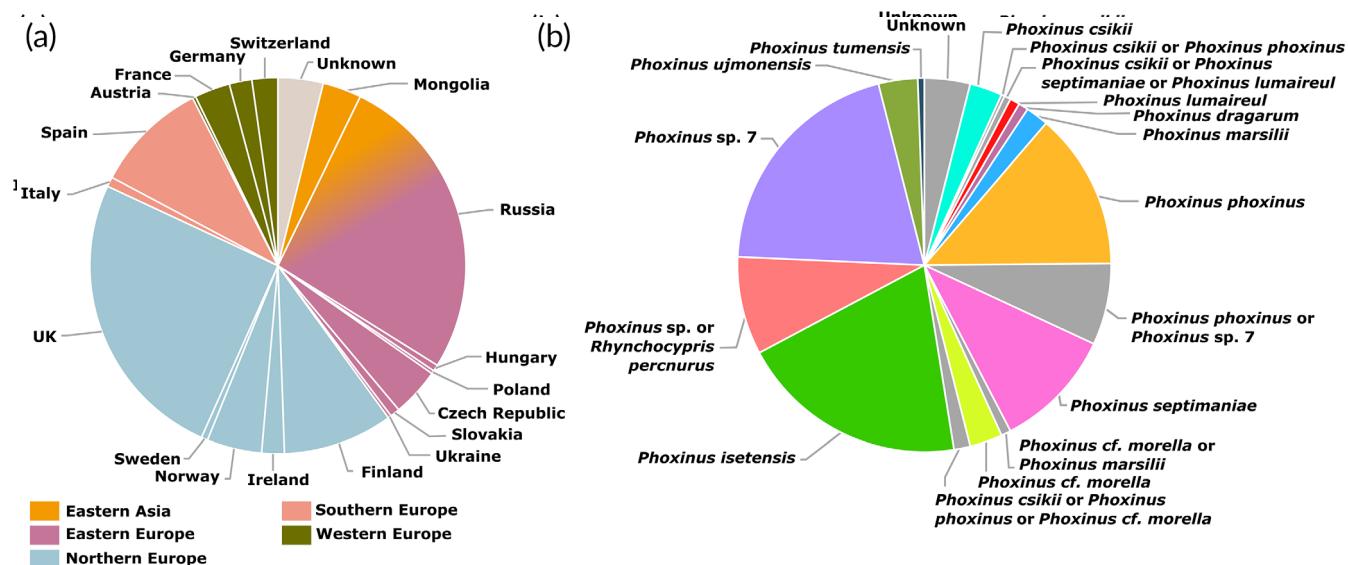


FIGURE 4 Distribution of parasitological records based on the (a) geographical range and (b) *Phoxinus* host identity.

4.1 | Gyrodactylus in *Phoxinus* minnows: Overestimated or underestimated diversity?

Members of the genus *Gyrodactylus* (Platyhelminthes: Monogenea) are extremely diverse, viviparous ectoparasites recovered from the fins, gills, and skin of a wide range of fish (Bakke et al., 2007). *P. phoxinus* was reported to host the greatest diversity of *Gyrodactylus* described in any fish species in the Palearctic (Bakke et al., 2007; Harris et al., 2004; Lumme et al., 2017). In the present bibliographical study, reports concerning 25 *Gyrodactylus* species were compiled. However, the reassignment of host species showed that this tremendous diversity is the result of taking into account several species of *Phoxinus* at once.

Some species of *Gyrodactylus* were only reported from few sampling sites and a few reassigned *Phoxinus* species, for example, *Gyrodactylus albolacustris* Lumme et al., 2017 from Russia (reassigned to *Phoxinus* sp. 7 and *P. isetensis*) and Mongolia (*P. ujmonensis*), *Gyrodactylus botnicus* Lumme et al., 2017 from Finland (*Phoxinus* sp. 7 and *P. isetensis*), *Gyrodactylus danastriae* Lumme et al., 2017 from Poland (*P. marsili*) (Lumme et al., 2017), *Gyrodactylus konovalovi* Ergens, 1976 from Russia (either *Phoxinus* sp. or *Rhynchoscypris percnurus*) (Boutorina & Reznik, 2015) or *Gyrodactylus llewellyni* Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967 from Mongolia (*P. ujmonensis*) (Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967). Molecular delineation for both *Gyrodactylus* and their *Phoxinus* host would help to determine these parasites' host ranges.

Several species have been reported to be more widely distributed, such as *G. macronychus* on *P. phoxinus* in the UK, *P. cf. morella* in Czech Republic, *Phoxinus* sp. 7 in Finland, Norway, and the UK, *P. ujmonensis* in Mongolia, *P. isetensis* in Russia, and *P. septimaniae* in Spain (Cruz et al., 2022; Ergens, 1976; Ergens & Dulmaa, 1967; Dorovskikh & Stepanov, 2008; Grano-Maldonado et al., 2011; Matějusová et al., 2000; Pettersen et al., 2016; Zižtara &

Lumme, 2003). Such wide ranges of distribution may be the result of (1) cross-countries transfer of hosts and parasite species, (2) a wide host spectrum of these parasites, or (3) undetected cryptic diversity of these parasites on *Phoxinus* minnows arising from the exclusive use of morphological criteria before the advent of molecular methods. The highest diversity of *Gyrodactylus* has so far been recorded from *Phoxinus* sp. 7, with 13 known species from *P. isetensis* (10 species), *P. ujmonensis* (9 species), and *P. phoxinus* (7 species). No *Gyrodactylus* were reported from *P. csikii* and *P. lumaireul*, which more likely results from *Gyrodactylus* not being the focus of studies concerning these *Phoxinus* species than from an absence of *Gyrodactylus*. Compiled studies regarding *P. lumaireul* addressed the immunological and cellular response to the infection by the Nematoda *Raphidascaris acus* (Bloch, 1779) and studies conducted on *P. csikii* focused on several Platyhelminthes species, mostly *D. phoxini*. The diversity of *Gyrodactylus* was thus likely overestimated in *P. phoxinus* but is most probably underestimated in the genus *Phoxinus* at the Eurasian scale.

Co-speciation studies would be of interest to explore the common evolutionary history of *Gyrodactylus* and their *Phoxinus* hosts and may allow the detection of host-switching or hybridization events. The identification of *Gyrodactylus* species and haplotypes combined with host-specific determination could furthermore be a useful tool in retracing their hosts' dispersion routes, whether natural or anthropogenic. Parasites, and especially Monogenea, have already been used successfully to gain insights on the historical distribution and routes and vectors of introduction of their host: the origin of *Limnothrissa miodon* (Boulenger, 1906) (Clupeidae) in Lake Kariba, Zimbabwe, was clarified by examining its *Kapentagyridae* (Dactylogyridae) (Kmentová et al., 2019); contemporary contacts among North American Leuciscidae and historical contact with their European counterparts were revealed through the use of their host-specific Dactylogyridae (Šimková et al., 2022); and the lack of *Gyrodactylus* on the round goby

Neogobius melanostomus (Pallas, 1814) allowed Huyse et al. (2015) to suggest an introduction via ballast water for this fish in Belgium.

4.2 | *Diplostomum* spp.: Implications for animal health

Several Diplostomidae are recorded on *Phoxinus* minnows: *Diplostomum commutatum* (Diesing, 1850) and *Hysteromorpha triloba* (Rudolphi, 1819) were found on *P. septimaniae* in Spain, and *Posthodiplostomum cuticola* and *Tylodelphys clavata* (von Nordmann, 1832) were found on *P. phoxinus* in the UK and *P. septimaniae* in Spain (Cruz et al., 2022; Hockley, 1935; Kennedy, 1974; Nicoll, 1924). One of the most widespread parasites of *Phoxinus* minnows, *D. phoxini* (reported under this name and synonyms in the literature, Table 1), a Diplostomidae (Platyhelminthes: Digenea), whose metacercariae parasitize the brain of *Phoxinus* minnows, is reported from *P. phoxinus* in Ireland and the UK, *Phoxinus* sp. 7 in Finland, Norway, the UK, and Russia, *P. csikii* in Switzerland, and *P. septimaniae* in Spain (Ballabeni, 1994; Cruz et al., 2022; Kekäläinen, Lai, et al., 2014; Kortet et al., 2015; Kristoffersen & Teigland, 1997; Lebedeva et al., 2021; Rees, 1955; Schwelm et al., 2021). However, Lebedeva et al. (2021) showed that Fennoscandian and Mongolian *Phoxinus* minnows were hosts to different *Diplostomum* species, with a correlation of each line of brain Diplostomidae with a specific *Phoxinus* lineage, thus supporting the conclusion of a high specificity of brain *Diplostomum* toward their host. This conclusion is in agreement with the cross-infection experiment conducted by Ballabeni and Ward (1993), which showed that *D. phoxini* originating from two close Swiss lakes were more infective to their sympatric hosts than to allopatric hosts. Moreover, analysis conducted in North America revealed a wide and previously undetected diversity of Diplostomoidea using barcoding and showed that parasites of this group occurring outside of the eyes are highly host specific (Locke et al., 2010). These elements suggest cryptic diversity among the brain flukes reported as *D. phoxini* with potentially several host-specific species parasitizing the numerous *Phoxinus* species. Gathering data about this parasite may be of veterinary importance as it caused fatal enteritis in chicks of the vulnerable *Fratercula arctica* (Linnaeus, 1758) kept in captivity (Hoby et al., 2022). Moreover, members of the genus *Diplostomum* are pathogenic to their intermediate fish host. *D. phoxini* disrupts brain tissue integrity and necrosis of the layer surrounding the larvae (Dezfuli, Capuano, et al., 2007).

4.3 | *Phoxinus* as valuable hosts for conservation biology of the endangered freshwater mussel *Unio crassus*

A systematic molecular identification of *Phoxinus* minnows in parasitological studies may also be of interest from a conservation biology perspective. *Unio crassus* is an endangered freshwater mussel (Gastropoda: Bivalvia), with conservation status assessments ranging from “extinct in the wild” (Lithuania and the Netherlands) to “least

concern” (Kazakhstan and Russia) (Bolotov et al., 2020; Lopes-Lima et al., 2017; Soroka et al., 2021). Unionidae mussels have the particularity of having an obligatory parasitic glochidium stage living attached to gills of freshwater fish. Glochidia larvae of freshwater mussel were recovered in the wild only from France (*P. phoxinus* and *P. csikii*) and Sweden (*Phoxinus* sp. 7) for *U. crassus* Philipsson, 1788 and from Spain (*P. septimaniae*) for an unidentified Unionidae (Cruz et al., 2022; Lamand et al., 2016; Schneider et al., 2019), and experimental infections were successful also for *Anodonta anatina* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Beggel & Geist, 2015; Kekäläinen, Pirhonen, & Taskinen, 2014). According to the literature, *P. phoxinus* has been found to be a primary host for *U. crassus*. However, except in France, where this parasite was found in the wild on this host in the Seine and Rhine river basins, the experimental infestations were conducted in Czech Republic and Germany, where the host species’ reassignment is uncertain (*P. phoxinus*, *P. csikii*, *P. cf. morella*, *P. cf. morella*, or *P. marsili* depending on the origin) (Douda et al., 2012; Douda, 2015; Lamand et al., 2016; Schneider et al., 2017; Taeubert, Gum et al., 2012; Taeubert, Martinez et al., 2012). Molecular identification of the *Phoxinus* hosts would be of interest to gain a better understanding of these organisms’ host range and specificity. It is known that compatibility between mussel strains and fish hosts is essential in the parasite–host interaction, and thus for the conservation and management of *U. crassus* (Schneider et al., 2017). *U. crassus* has a wide distribution range in Eurasia, but records of its glochidia on *Phoxinus* minnows are comparatively relatively few. There could thus be preferences of the glochidia toward one or several *Phoxinus* species, which would be difficult to assess without molecular identification of the host. For this reason, a reliable identification of *Phoxinus* hosts could provide valuable information for the conservation and management of endangered freshwater mussels.

5 | CONCLUSION

Phoxinus minnows are hosts to a wide variety of Protozoa and Metazoa parasites, which, until recently, was attributed to *P. phoxinus* as a result of this genus’ unresolved taxonomy and cryptic diversity. *Phoxinus* taxonomy is undergoing an urgently needed clarification, with great progress made, especially in western Europe (Corral-Lou et al., 2019; Denys et al., 2020; De Santis et al., 2021; Kottelat, 2007; Palandačić et al., 2015, 2020, 2022), and also in southern and eastern Europe (Bogutskaya et al., 2020, 2023) and Asia (Cheng et al., 2022). This progress has allowed the reassignment of parasite records gathered in the present survey to their *Phoxinus* host species. Barcoding of *Phoxinus* minnows should be conducted when studying their parasites, as a reliable identification of the host is vital in parasitology research. Increasing the parasitological research effort toward the so-far neglected *Phoxinus* species, such as, *P. lumaireul*, *P. colchicus*, *P. bigerri*, *P. karsticus*, or *Phoxinus krkae*, will most likely increase the parasite diversity known for the genus *Phoxinus*. There is little doubt that in the upcoming years, molecular methods should help unravel previously unknown host specificities for parasites of *Phoxinus*.

minnows. Studying these parasites could be important regarding the elucidation of introduced *Phoxinus*' origin, the health of fish populations, and the conservation of endangered species such as *U. crassus*.

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