

THE MICRO-FAUNA OF THE NANAFALIA

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(Abstract)

The Nanafalia Formation (basal Wilcox) strikes east-west across the south central part of Alabama in a band approximately seven miles in width. The samples which were studied in preparing this paper were taken from Nanafalia Landing on Tombigbee River and from a road cut thirteen miles south of Linden, Alabama.

Numerous long range forms recovered include:

Lenticulina midwayensis (Plummer) - Midway to Claiborne; Nodosaria vertebralis (Batsch) - Cretaceous to Recent; Nodosaria affinis D'Orbigny - Cretaceous to Recent; Nonion umbilicatula (Cushman) - Wilcox to Oligocene; Nonion micrum Cole - Wilcox to Jackson; Cythere cf. oliveri Cushman - Wilcox to Claiborne; Siphoning prima Plummer - Midway to Wilcox;

Forms which correlate with the Sabinetown of Texas and the Marthaville of Louisiana, as described by H. V. Howe, in Louisiana Geological Bulletin No. 4 are:

Cythere alabamensis (Howe) and Orthonotocythere n. sp. Index fossils of the Nanafalia include:

Buliminella cf. angusta Cushman; Bolivinita n. sp.; Ceratobulimina n. sp.; Eponides lotus Cushman; Planulina n. sp.; Cytheridea pendletonensis (Howe); Cythere alabamensis (Howe); Cythere s prestwichiana Jones and Sherborn; and Orthonotocythere n. sp.