

A NEW SPECIES OF *PLATESSA* LANGE-BERTALOT FROM THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

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A new species of *Platessa* is described from modern and subfossil lake sediments from the Northeastern United States. This species is placed in the genus *Platessa* based on biseriate striae and absence of terminal raphe fissures. The new species is easily distinguishable from other *Platessa* species by its valve shape and the presence of a depression in the central area of the rapheless valve. None of the other *Platessa* species reported so far have such a depression. The new species was found only in soft-water lakes.