

Floating Islands
A Global Bibliography
with an Edition
and Translation of G. C. Munz's
*Exercitatio academica
de insulis natantibus* (1711)

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The notation “(m)” indicates that there are multiple works by the author or authors cited, and that all of those works address the index topic.

Post-Classical Works Cited by Munz

Becmann, Boece, Cardano, Cluver, Dapper, Emmius, Feltmann, Francisci, Gassendi, Kircher (m), Lana Terzi, Muret (by way of Lipsius), Negri, Nieuhof’s “Schwimmende Dörfer,” Schotanus’s *De geschiedenissen kerckelyck ende*, Spon, Valvasor, Varenius, Wülfer

Works of Western Classical Literature That Mention Floating Islands

Capella, Claudianus, Dionysius of Halicarnassus, Hecataeus, Isigonus of Nicaea, Lucian (m), Macrobius, Mela, Nonnus, Ovid, Pliny the Elder, Pliny the Younger, Seneca (m), Statius, Theophrastus, Varro, Virgil

Formation of Floating Islands

Ariskina (m), Arnborg et al.’s 1965 report, Odén, and Pousette, Balogh’s “Az úszóláp-szukcesszió kérdései I,” Broun, Bryan, Cabeo, Chapman, Clark and Reddy (pp. 298–302), Cook and Gut, Dausque, Dávalos y Figueroa, Ellery et al., Erlingsson (m), Fisk, Gardner, Gaudet’s “Natural Drawdown,” Hada, Hynes, Junk and Piedade, Kaletskaya et al., Karofeld (m), Kusakabe et al., Lawson, Lindvall, McKay, Mets, Miki, G. Nichols, Nieuwland, Pagani, Perozzi, Pitt, Plot, Poschadel, Pousette, Ritchie, Sakaguchi et al., Sharma, Shaw (m), Suter, Tallis, Targioni-Tozzetti (m), Terry and Minto, Vorst (pp. 31–39), White, Wild, Willmitzer

Geographical Index to the Bibliography

This index excludes floating islands seen at sea; ice islands; floating nests; floating pumice, stones, and corals; the “mud islands” of Lake Victoria, Australia; non-indigenous artificial floating islands; and mythical floating islands that have no discernible basis in real floating islands. The notation “(m)” indicates that there are multiple works by the author or authors cited, and that all of those works address the index topic.

Works that Discuss Floating Islands in Several Regions

Böhme’s *Der Hautsee*, Böhme’s “Schwimmende Inseln,” Borca, Brodin, A. B. Cook, Dausque, Diupaedius, Fabricius, the article “Floating Islands” in *Harper’s Weekly*, the article “Floating Islands and Gardens,” Früh, Gams, Girgensohn, Hanusz, Happel (m), Hiarne, Letzmann, Lochner, Munz, Nakano (m), Öhler, Powers, Sigaut, Valvasor, Van Duzer’s “Floating Islands,” Van Duzer’s “Reflections”

North America

Canada—New Brunswick—Hog Lake impoundment: Hogg, Hogg and Wein (m), Krüsi, Krusi and Wein, Mallik (m)

Canada—New Brunswick—Stillwater Lake: Bishop and Bagnell

Canada—Ontario—Chemong Lake: Geer, Willcox

Canada—Ontario—Crowe River: Fisher, Proulx

Canada—Ontario—Experimental Lakes Area: Kelly et al., McKenzie et al., Poschadel, St. Louis et al., Scott et al.

Canada—Ontario—Island Falls Dam: W. R. Carr

Canada—Ontario—Lake Ontario—Kingston Harbor: Hutchinson

Canada—Ontario—Laurenson Lake: the article “Floating Island” in the *Gazette and Bulletin*; the article “Floating Muskeg”



Fig. 5. Cafer Orhan, photograph of the floating islands near Solhan in the province of Bingöl, Turkey, April, 2001



Fig. 6. Cafer Orhan, photograph of the floating islands near Solhan in the province of Bingöl, Turkey, taken a few moments later