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CURRENT CLASSIFICATION OF THE FAMILIES OF COLEOPTERA

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Several works on the order Coleoptera have appeared in recent years, some of them creating new superfamilies, others modifying the constitution of these or creating new families, finally others are general revisions of the order. The authors believe that the current classification of this order, incorporating these changes would prove useful. The following outline is based mainly on Crowson (1960, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1971, 1972, 1973) and Crowson and Viedma (1964). For characters used on classification see Viedma (1972) and for family synonyms Abdullah (1969). Major features of this conspectus are the rejection of the two sections of Adephaga (Geadephaga and Hydradephaga), based on Bell (1966) and the new sequence of Heteromera, based mainly on Crowson (1966), with adaptations.

Order COLEOPTERA

I. Suborder ARCHOSTEMATA

Superfamily CUPEDOIDEA

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| 1 Family Cupedidae | 2 Family Micromalthidae |
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II. Suborder ADEPHAGA

Superfamily CARABOIDEA

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 Family Rhysodidae | 9 Family Amphizoidae |
| 4 Family Paussidae | 10 Family Hygrobiidae |
| 5 Family Carabidae | 11 Family Noteridae |
| 6 Family Cicindelidae | 12 Family Dytiscidae |
| 7 Family Trachypachidae | 13 Family Gyrinidae |
| 8 Family Halplidae | |

III. Suborder MYXOPHAGA

Superfamily SPHAERIOIDEA

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 14 Family Lepiceridae | 16 Family Hydroscaphidae |
| 15 Family Sphaeriidae | 17 Family Torridincolidae |

IV. Suborder POLYPHAGA

Series STAPHYLINIFORMIA

Superfamily HYDROPHILOIDEA

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 18 Family Hydraenidae | 21 Family Georyssidae |
| 19 Family Hydrochidae | 22 Family Hydrophilidae |
| 20 Family Spercheidae | |

Superfamily HISTEROIDEA

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 23 Family Sphaeritidae | 25 Family Histeridae |
| 24 Family Syntelidae | |

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Superfamily STAPHYLINOIDEA

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 26 Family Ptiliidae | 31 Family Scydmaenidae |
| 27 Family Limulodidae | 32 Family Silphidae |
| 28 Family Dasyceridae | 33 Family Staphylinidae |
| 29 Family Leptinidae | 34 Family Pselaphidae |
| 30 Family Anisotomidae | |

Series SCARABAEIFORMIA

Superfamily SCARABAEOIDEA

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 35 Family Lucanidae | 39 Family Geotrupidae |
| 36 Family Passalidae | 40 Family Scarabaeidae |
| 37 Family Trogidae | 41 Family Glaphyridae |
| 38 Family Acanthoceridae | 42 Family Hybosoridae |

Superfamily EUCINETOIDEA

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 43 Family Clambidae | 45 Family Helodidae |
| 44 Family Eucinetidae | |

Superfamily DASCILLOIDEA

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 46 Family Dascillidae | 48 Family Rhipiceridae |
| 47 Family Karumiidae | |

Series ELATERIFORMIA

Superfamily BYRRHOIDEA

- 49 Family Byrrhidae

Superfamily DRYOPOIDEA

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 50 Family Psephenidae | 55 Family Heteroceridae |
| 51 Family Ptilodactylidae | 56 Family Limnichidae |
| 52 Family Eulichadidae | 57 Family Dryopidae |
| 53 Family Eurypogonidae | 58 Family Elmidae |
| 54 Family Chelonariidae | |

Superfamily BUPRESTOIDEA

- 59 Family Buprestidae

Superfamily ARTEMATOPOIDEA

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 60 Family Artematopidae | 62 Family Brachypsectridae |
| 61 Family Callirhipidae | |

Superfamily ELATEROIDEA

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 63 Family Cebrionidae | 66 Family Cerophytidae |
| 64 Family Elateridae | 67 Family Perothopidae |
| 65 Family Trixagidae | 68 Family Eucnemidae |

Superfamily CANTHAROIDEA

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 69 Family Cneoglossidae | 74 Family Phengodidae |
| 70 Family Plastoceridae | 75 Family Telegeusidae |
| 71 Family Homalisidae | 76 Family Lampyridae |
| 72 Family Lycidae | 77 Family Omethidae |
| 73 Family Drilidae | 78 Family Cantharidae |

Series BOSTRYCHIFORMIA

Superfamily DERMESTOIDEA

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 79 Family Derodontidae | 82 Family Thoricidae |
| 80 Family Nosodendridae | 83 Family Sarothriidae |
| 81 Family Dermestidae | |

Superfamily BOSTRYCHOIDEA

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 84 Family Anobiidae | 86 Family Bostrychidae |
| 85 Family Ptinidae | 87 Family Lyctidae |

Series CUCUJIFORMIA

Superfamily CLEROIDEA

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 88 Family Phloiophilidae | 92 Family Cleridae |
| 89 Family Peltidae | 93 Family Phycosecidae |
| 90 Family Trogossitidae | 94 Family Melyridae |
| 91 Family Chaetosomatidae | |

Superfamily LYMEXYLOIDEA

- 95 Family Lymexylidae

Superfamily STYLOPOIDEA

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| 96 Family Mengeidae | 97 Family Stylopidae |
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Superfamily CUCUJOIDEA

Section CLAVICORNIA

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 98 Family Nitidulidae | 110 Family Cryptophagidae |
| 99 Family Smicripidae | 111 Family Languriidae |
| 100 Family Rhizophagidae | 112 Family Erotylidae |
| 101 Family Protocucujidae | 113 Family Phalacridae |
| 102 Family Sphindidae | 114 Family Cerylonidae |
| 103 Family Boganiidae | 115 Family Corylophidae |
| 104 Family Hypocopridae | 116 Family Coccinellidae |
| 105 Family Passandridae | 117 Family Endomychidae |
| 106 Family Cucujidae | 118 Family Discolomidae |
| 107 Family Silvanidae | 119 Family Merophysidae |
| 108 Family Helotidae | 120 Family Lathridiidae |
| 109 Family Propalticidae | |

Section HETEROMERA

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| 121 Family Tetratomidae | 134 Family Nilionidae |
| 122 Family Mycetophagidae | 135 Family Tenebrionidae |
| 123 Family Pterogeniidae | 136 Family Lagriidae |
| 124 Family Cisidae | 137 Family Alleculidae |
| 125 Family Biphylidae | 138 Family Melandryidae |
| 126 Family Byturidae | 139 Family Mordellidae |
| 127 Family Synchronidae | 140 Family Rhipiphoridae |
| 128 Family Zopheridae | 141 Family Scaptiidae |
| 129 Family Cephaloidae | 142 Family Pythidae |
| 130 Family Perimylopidae | 143 Family Trictenotomidae |
| 131 Family Merycidae | 144 Family Pyrochroidae |
| 132 Family Monommidae | 145 Family Salpingidae |
| 133 Family Colydiidae | 146 Family Elacatidae |

Section HETEROMERA (Continued)

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 147 Family Cononotidae | 151 Family Anthicidae |
| 148 Family Mycteridae | 152 Family Meloidae |
| 149 Family Boridae | 153 Family Aderidae |
| 150 Family Inopeplidae | |

Incertae sedis

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 154 Family Prostomidae | 157 Family Tretothoracidae |
| 155 Family Oedemeridae | 158 Family Aculognathidae |
| 156 Family Petriidae | |

Superfamily CHRYSOMELOIDEA

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 159 Family Cerambycidae | 161 Family Chrysomelidae |
| 160 Family Bruchidae | |

Superfamily CURCULIONOIDEA

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 162 Family Nemonychidae | 167 Family Attelabidae |
| 163 Family Anthribidae | 168 Family Brentidae |
| 164 Family Belidae | 169 Family Apionidae |
| 165 Family Oxycorynidae | 170 Family Curculionidae |
| 166 Family Proterhinidae | |

Uncertain superfamily position

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| 171 Family Phaenoccephalidae |
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