

STATISTICS

This section contains some raw statistics without comment. A list of the species group names proposed by decade is listed in the table below followed by a graph of the numbers. Allowance must be made in interpreting the graph for the truncated decades at the beginning and end of the graph. The tables on the following page are a break down of numbers of species and names by family. Despite claims in volume 1 that the Staphylinidae are the largest family of North American insects, the Ichneumonidae are now the clear winner in the numbers department with approximately 4700 currently recognized valid species.

Species group names (valid and synonymous) described by decade.

1758-1759	64
1760-1769	25
1770-1779	71
1780-1789	70
1790-1799	131
1800-1809	140
1810-1819	92
1820-1829	396
1830-1839	872
1840-1849	503
1850-1859	617
1860-1869	1646
1870-1879	2011
1880-1889	2239
1890-1899	3638
1900-1909	3721
1910-1919	3593
1920-1929	2556
1930-1939	1721
1940-1949	1247
1950-1959	1546
1960-1969	2575
1970-1979	1751
1980-1989	1692
1990-1994	491

