

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. We will only comment that the peak between 1890 and 1926 is largely attributable to Thomas Casey. The tables on the following page are a break down of numbers of species by family. The family Staphylinidae is the largest family of Coleoptera in North America and apparently the largest North American family of insects. Its two closest competitors are the Ichneumonidae (Hymenoptera) with approximately 3700 species and the Noctuidae (Lepidoptera) with close to 3000 species.

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

1758-1759	142
1760-1769	80
1770-1779	281
1780-1789	198
1790-1799	484
1800-1809	593
1810-1819	142
1820-1829	1360
1830-1839	1739
1840-1849	2230
1850-1859	3303
1860-1869	2108
1870-1879	2352
1880-1889	2255
1890-1899	2811
1900-1909	3025
1910-1919	5084
1920-1929	3242
1930-1939	1861
1940-1949	1220
1950-1959	1472
1960-1969	1222
1970-1979	1574
1980-1989	748
1990-1994	326

