

Order **Scorpiones** C.L. Koch, 1850 (2 suborders)^{1,2,3}

- †Suborder **Branchioscorpionina** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (4 infraorders)
 - †Infraorder **Bilobosternina** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 superfamily)
 - †Superfamily **Branchioscorpionoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (2 families)
 - †Family **Branchioscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Family **Dolichophonidae** Petrunkevitch, 1953 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Infraorder **Holosternina** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (10 superfamilies)
 - †Superfamily **Acanthoscorpionoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (2 families)
 - †Family **Acanthoscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Family **Stenoscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 2 species)
 - †Superfamily **Allopalaeophonoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 family)
 - †Family **Allopalaeophonidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Superfamily **Archaeoctonoidea** Petrunkevitch, 1949 (1 family)
 - †Family **Archaeoctonidae** Petrunkevitch, 1949 (2 genera, 2 species)
 - †Superfamily **Eoctonoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (5 families)
 - †Family **Allobuthiscorpiidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (2 genera, 2 species)
 - †Family **Anthracoscorpionidae** Fritsch, 1904 (4 genera, 6 species)
 - †Family **Buthiscorpiidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 2 species)
 - †Family **Eoctonidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Family **Garnettiidae** Dubinin, 1962 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Superfamily **Gigantoscopionoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 family)
 - †Family **Gigantoscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (2 genera, 2 species)
 - †Superfamily **Mesophonoidea** Wills, 1910 (6 families)
 - †Family **Centromachidae** Petrunkevitch, 1953 (5 genera, 5 species)
 - †Family **Heloscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Family **Liassoscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Family **Mazoniidae** Petrunkevitch, 1913 (1 genus, 2 species)
 - †Family **Mesophonidae** Wills, 1910 (1 genus, 2 species)
 - †Family **Willsiscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Superfamily **Palaeoscorpionoidea** Lehmann, 1944 (2 families)
 - †Family **Hydroscorpiidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Family **Palaeoscorpiidae** Lehmann, 1944 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Superfamily **Proscorpioidea** Scudder, 1885 (3 families)
 - †Family **Proscorpiidae** Scudder, 1885 (2 genera, 2 species)
 - †Family **Labriscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Family **Waeringoscorpionidae** Størmer, 1970 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Superfamily **Spongiophonoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (2 families)
 - †Family **Praearcturidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Family **Spongiophonidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Superfamily **Stoermeroscorpionoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 family)
 - †Family **Stoermeroscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †*Incertae sedis* (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Infraorder **Lobosternina** Pocock, 1911 (5 superfamilies)
 - †Superfamily **Isobuthoidea** Petrunkevitch, 1913 (5 families)
 - †Family **Eobuthidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 3 species)
 - †Family **Eoscorpiidae** Scudder, 1884 (3 genera, 8 species)
 - †Family **Isobuthidae** Petrunkevitch, 1913 (4 genera, 5 species)

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2. Higher classification follows Fet et al. (2000) for fossil taxa (1758–1998) and Prendini & Wheeler (2005) for Recent taxa. Generic composition of families is identical in each case, except where noted (post-1998 for fossil taxa and post-2005 for Recent taxa).
3. The initial list of species was obtained from Fet et al. (2000) and updated using Hallan (2005) and Rein (2011). Only valid species are included in the cited totals; *species inquirenda* and infraspecific taxa are excluded. Counts of fossil genera and species are preceded by †.

- †Family **Kronoscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
- †Family **Pareobuthidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
- †Superfamily **Loboarchaeoctonoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 family)
 - †Family **Loboarchaeoctonidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
- †Superfamily **Palaeophonoidea** Thorell & Lindström, 1885 (1 family)
 - †Family **Palaeophonidae** Thorell & Lindström, 1885 (1 genus, 2 species)
- †Superfamily **Paraisobuthoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (3 families)
 - †Family **Paraisobuthidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (2 genera, 5 species)
 - †Family **Scoloposcorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (2 genera, 2 species)
 - †Family **Telmatoscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
- †Superfamily **Pseudobuthiscorpioidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (2 families)
 - †Family **Pseudobuthiscorpiidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Family **Waterstoniidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
- †Infraorder **Meristosternina** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (3 superfamilies)
 - †Superfamily **Cyclophthalmoidea** Thorell & Lindström, 1885 (2 families)
 - †Family **Cyclophthalmidae** Thorell & Lindström, 1885 (1 genus, 3 species)
 - †Family **Microlabidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Superfamily **Palaeobuthoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 family)
 - †Family **Palaeobuthidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
 - †Superfamily **Tiphoscorpionoidea** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 family)⁴
 - †Family **Tiphoscorpionidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (1 genus, 1 species)
- †*Incertae sedis* (6 genera, 6 species)
- Suborder **Neoscorpionina** Thorell & Lindström, 1885 (1 infraorder)
 - Infraorder **Orthosternina** Pocock, 1911 (23 families)
 - †Family **Akravidae** Levy, 2007 (1 genus, 1 species)⁵
 - †Family **Archaeobuthidae** Lourenço, 2001 (1 genus, 1 species)⁶
 - Family **Bothriuridae** Simon, 1880 (15 genera, 138 species)
 - Family **Buthidae** C.L. Koch, 1837 (56/†6 genera, 938/†17 species)⁷
 - Family **Chactidae** Pocock, 1893 (11/†1 genera, 178/†2 species)⁸
 - Family **Chaerilidae** Pocock, 1893 (1/†1 genera, 36/†1 species)⁹
 - †Family **Chaerilobuthidae** Lourenço, 2011 (1 genus, 1 species)¹⁰
 - Family **Diplocentridae** Karsch, 1880 (8 genera, 113 species)
 - Family **Euscorpiidae** Laurie, 1896 (4 genera, 25 species)
 - Family **Hemiscorpiidae** Pocock, 1893 (1 genus, 13 species)¹¹
 - Family **Heteroscorpionidae** Kraepelin, 1905 (1 genus, 6 species)
 - Family **Hormuridae** Laurie, 1896 (9/†1 genera, 69/†1 species)¹²
 - Family **Iuridae** Thorell, 1876 (6 genera, 36 species)
 - †Family **Palaeoeuscorpiidae** Lourenço, 2003 (1 genus, 1 species)¹³
 - †Family **Palaeopisthacanthidae** Kjellesvig-Waering, 1986 (3 genera, 4 species)

4. Tiphoscorpionoidea and its component taxa were omitted by Fet et al. (2000).

5. This monotypic family was added after 2005.

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7. Microcharmidae Lourenço, 1996 was synonymized with Buthidae and its component genera transferred to the latter (Volschenk et al., 2008). Ten genera were added to Buthidae after 2005: *Afghanobuthus* Lourenço, 2005; *Ananteroides* Borelli, 1911 (reinstated from synonymy); *Cicileiurus* Teruel, 2007; *Femtobuthus* Lowe, 2010; *Mauritanobuthus* Qi & Lourenço, 2007; *Pantobuthus* Lourenço & Duhem, 2009; *Physoctonus* Mello-Leitão, 1934 (reinstated from synonymy); *Picobuthus* Lowe, 2010; *Riftobuthus* Lourenço et al., 2010; *Saharobuthus* Lourenço & Duhem, 2009. Four buthid genera were synonymized after 2005: *Ankaranocharmus* Lourenço, 2004; *Microanarteris* Lourenço, 2003; *Paraorthochirus* Lourenço & Vachon, 1997; *Simonoides* Vachon & Farzanpay, 1987.

8. A monotypic genus, *Araripescorpius* Bouret Campos, 1986 was transferred to Chactidae (Menon, 2007). The validity and taxonomic composition of several genera in this family continues to be disputed.

9. A monotypic genus, *Electochaerilus* Santiago-Blay et al., 2000, was added to Chaerilidae after 1998.

10. This monotypic family was added after 2005.

11. One hemiscorpiid genus, *Habibiella* Vachon, 1974, was synonymized after 2005 (Monod & Lourenço, 2005).

12. The older name, Hormuridae, is used instead of Liochelidae Fet & Bechly, 2001 (1879). Protoischnuridae Carvalho & Lourenço, 2001 was synonymized with Hormuridae (as Hemiscorpiidae), and *Protoischnurus* Carvalho & Lourenço, 2001 transferred to it (Menon, 2007). Another monotypic genus, *Tibetiomachus* Lourenço & Qi, 2006, was added to Hormuridae after 2005.

13. This monotypic family was added after 1998.

Family **Pseudochactidae** Gromov, 1998 (3 genera, 3 species)¹⁴
 Family **Scorpionidae** Latreille, 1802 (5 genera, 128 species)¹⁵
 Family **Scorpiopidae** Kraepelin, 1905 (5 genera, 48 species)
 Family **Superstitioniidae** Stahnke, 1940 (1 genus, 1 species)¹⁶
 Family **Troglotayosicidae** Lourenço, 1998 (2 genera, 3 species)
 Family **Typhlochactidae** Mitchell, 1971 (4 genera, 10 species)
 Family **Urodacidae** Pocock, 1893 (2 genera, 21 species)¹⁷
 Family **Vaejovidae** Thorell, 1876 (17 genera, 181 species)¹⁸
 †*Incertae sedis* (4 genera, 5 species)

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14. Two monotypic genera were added to Pseudochactidae after 2005: *Troglokhammouanus* Lourenço, 2007; *Vietbocap* Lourenço & Pham, 2010.
15. A monotypic genus, *Rugodentus* Bastawade et al., 2005, was added to Scorpionidae after 2005.
16. Vignoli & Prendini (2009) elevated Typhlochactinae Mitchell, 1971 to family, removing its component genera from Superstitioniidae.
17. A monotypic genus, *Aops* Volschenk & Prendini, 2008, was added to Urodacidae after 2005.
18. Six genera, some of dubious validity, were added to Vaejovidae after 2005: *Gertschius* Graham & Soleglad, 2007; *Hoffmannius* Soleglad & Fet, 2008; *Kochius* Soleglad & Fet, 2008; *Kuarapu* Francke & Ponce-Saavedra, 2010; *Stahnkeus* Soleglad & Fet, 2006; *Wernerius* Soleglad & Fet, 2008.