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## A KEY TO THE GENERA OF FREE-LIVING NEMAS

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### PREFACE

This key, which was built up and used by N. A. Cobb as a card catalog during forty years of work in nematology, had been reorganized in rough manuscript form during the last two years of his life. As Miss Cooper and I had previously worked with him on this draft, it seemed best for us to carry it to completion. In essentials and in general form it is his key, but we are responsible both for correctness of detail (an appreciable amount of the detailed work was incomplete, in need of revision, or in need of change because of addition or omission of genera), and for such decisions as have to be made in getting such a work printed. Our aim has been to follow his ideas wherever they were known to us, or where we could infer them, and to make as few changes as possible in his outline. Nearly a hundred entries have been omitted, chiefly his own new genera which it has not been possible to publish in advance of publication of the key. In some cases genera have been dropped as not being free-living. Index, glossary and list of abbreviations have been added. The bibliography has been prepared by Mrs. Rowena R. LeHew of the Division of Nematology. The definitions in the glossary are not intended to settle the meaning of terms for other workers in the field, but merely to indicate the terminology used in this key.

A few details in the form of the key stand in need of special explanation. Parentheses have been used around generic names in the key in two ways; one, to indicate that the genus is better placed elsewhere in the key, and two, with an equality sign, to indicate a synonym for the accepted name of a genus. An example of this second use is given by the first genus entry in the key. The symbols ♀ for female, ♂ for male, and J for young or immature specimens are used throughout the key as a means of saving space; "♂ only," for instance, indicates that only the male form is known. The % sign is used to mean per-

cent of body length, or, distant from anterior end, measured in percent of body length.

In general the intention has been to include all synonyms, together with the corresponding accepted generic names. The case of *Di-chromadora* and *Trichromadora* Kreis, 1929, is an exception; these designations seemed to cut across the accepted classification in such a way as to make their inclusion impracticable.

Through the much appreciated courtesy of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, a part of the work on the key had been carried out at its Laboratories at Woods Hole, Mass. Needless to say, the work could not have been completed or completion even attempted by us without the resources and the expert advice of the Division of Nematology, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, within which the work has been done. Dr. G. Steiner and Dr. J. R. Christie have given never-failing aid. Dr. Maurice Hall and Dr. B. Chitwood of the Division of Zoölogy have also given generously of their time, their knowledge and their experience.

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#### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN KEY

abs, absent	lab, labial	0	absent, none
am'g, among	lat, lateral	+	or more, plus
alt, alternative	long, longitudinal	±	more or less, somewhat, about
amph, amphid	mand, mandibular	%	per cent of body length
ant, anterior	med, median	♂	male
card, cardiac	no, number	♂ only	only the male known
caud, caudal	nr, near	♀	female
ceph, cephalic	oes, oesophagus	♀'	ovaries 2, reflexed
cerv, cervical	oesoph, oesophagus	♀-	ovaries 2, outstretched
circ, circular	onch, onchium	♀'	ovary 1, anterior, reflexed
conspic, conspicuous	opp, opposite	♀	ovary 1, posterior, reflexed
constrict, constriction	papill, papillae, papilloid	♀-	ovary 1, anterior, outstretched
cutic, cuticular	phar, pharynx, pharyngeal	♀	ovary 1, posterior, outstretched
cylind, cylindroid	pharyng, pharyngeal		
dents, denticles	post, posterior	Bast, 'Bastian	
devel, developed	pres, present	Bütsch, Bütschli	
diam, diameter	prob, probably	Clap, Claparéde	
exc, except	prs, pairs	Dies, Diesing	
excret, excretory	reg, region	Ditlev, Ditlevsen	
ext, external	set, setae	Duf, Dufour	
gub, gubernaculum	stri, striae	Duj, Dujardin	
gubernac, gubernaculum	subceph, subcephalic	Ehrenb, Ehrenberg	
inconspic, inconspicuous	sublat, sublateral	Fil, Filipjev	
indef, indefinite	submed, submedian	Leuck, Leuckart	
intest, intestine	term, terminal	Linst, von Linstow	
irreg, irregular	undev, undeveloped	Metsch, Metschnikoff	
J, young, juvenile		Micol, Micoletzky	
junct, junction		Strass, zur Strassen	

## GLOSSARY

adhesion tubes, hollow tube-like setae by means of which some nemas "walk" along a surface  
 ambulatory setae, setae, sometimes hollow and tube-like, by means of which some nemas "walk" along a surface  
 amphid, a paired lateral sense organ the opening of which is often conspicuous, near the anterior end  
 amphidial opening, the pore (or larger aperture) through the cuticle at which amphid opens exteriorly  
 amphidial pocket, a chamber, outline often cup-shaped, sometimes present just behind external amphid  
 ampulla, widening in canal, forming a reservoir  
 annulated, having annules  
 annules, definite transverse rings of the cuticle  
 apophysate, having an apophysis  
 appendicule, a large single ventral pre-anal supplementary organ which is extensible  
 bursa, flap-like extensions of the lateral cuticle of the tail end of the male  
 calvarium, subcuticular cephalic framework  
 cardiac bulb, swelling of oesophageal wall, glandular or muscular, just anterior to beginning of intestine  
 cardiac valve, thickening or complication of oesophageal lining in cardiac bulb, functioning as a valve  
 caudal glands, 3 cells in or near tail, emptying by separate ducts into a common ampulla at spinneret  
 cephalated, having the head or anterior end set off in some way  
 cephalic setae, setae of the second or "outer" circlet around the mouth  
 cephaloboid, resembling (that of) the genus *Cephalobus*  
 cervical, on the neck  
 chromadoroid, resembling (that of) the genus *Chromadora*  
 cirri, elaborate cephalic appendages in front of the cephalic setae  
 cuirasse, a helmet-like appearance of cuticle of head  
 cyatholaimoid, resembling (that of) the genus *Cyatholaimus*  
 demanian system, gonenteric system of vessels connecting intestine and uteri with each other, and posteriorly  
     with the exterior  
 dentate, bearing teeth  
 denticles, minute teeth or "prickles," usually numerous  
 denticulate, bearing denticles  
 diplogastroid, resembling (that of) the genus *Diplogaster*  
 dorylaimoid, resembling (that of) the genus *Dorylaimus*  
 enchelid, male form such as has been classified in the genus *Enchelidium*, male of *Symplocostoma* group  
 eurystomoid, resembling (that of) the genus *Eurystomina*  
 excretory duct, canal leading from renette to ampulla near excretory pore  
 excretory pore, opening through cuticle (usually cervical or cephalic), at which the renette empties  
 external amphid, the cuticular manifestation of the amphid  
 glottoid apparatus, valvular structure at base of pharynx  
 gubernaculum, grooved cuticularized piece, sometimes paired, through which the spicula slide  
 head, portion of nema anterior to base of mouth cavity  
 jaws, cuticular framework around the mouth, for grasping and holding; fundamentally 3-parted  
 labial setae, setae of the "inner" circlet, on the lips or close to the mouth  
 male supplements, male organs, usually pre- or post-anal, usually a single ventral row, or paired, subventral  
 mandibles, hard, strong, biting or grasping organs around the mouth  
 mandibular, of the mandibles, resembling mandibles  
 median bulb, swelling of the oesophageal wall at or near the middle of its length  
 monospiral, spiral of one wind or not much more  
 monospire, spiral, or a spiral, of one wind or not much more  
 mucron, a knob-like ending, shaped like that on the end of a lemon  
 multispiral, spiral of two or more winds  
 multispiral, spiral, or a spiral, of two or more winds  
 neck, portion of nema anterior to base of oesophagus  
 odontium (odontia), labial tooth (teeth)  
 oesophagus, portion of alimentary tract between pharynx and intestine, sometimes surrounding pharynx  
 onchium (onchia), pharyngeal tooth (teeth)  
 "palps," special labial appendages, apparently for touching, grasping, or getting material to mouth  
 percent, percent of body length, or distant from anterior end measured in percent of body length  
 pharyngeal bulb, muscular swelling of the oesophageal wall around the pharynx  
 pharynx, the mouth cavity and its walls  
 phasmids, a pair of cuticular pores on the tail  
 plectoid, resembling (that of) the genus *Plectus*  
 posterior bulb, cardiac bulb, q.v.  
 probolae, prominent and elaborate specialized appendages encircling the mouth  
 pseudonch, structures in pharynx which from some points of view resemble onchia  
 renette, a cell or group of cells emptying through the excretory duct(s)  
 rhabditoid, resembling (that of) the genus *Rhabditis*  
 sensory papilla, a structure in the amphidial area in which apparently nerves terminate  
 setae, hair-like structures on the cuticle  
 sole, the region of attachment of the special ambulatory setae or adhesion tubes  
 somatic setae, setae general on the surface of the body (opposed to cephalic, caudal, etc. setae)  
 spear, a long, rather slender onchium, in adult usually axial  
 spicula, male intromittent organs, often paired each an elongate cuticularized framework, extrusible through anus  
 spinneret, outlet, usually terminal, of the caudal glands, enabling nema to attach itself  
 striae, fine transverse lines in the cuticle  
 striate(d), showing striae  
 styllet, a long slender spear  
 subcephalic setae, setae on the head but behind the cephalic circlet  
 supplementary organs, see male supplements  
 tooth, element of buccal armature,—onchium, odontium, spear etc.  
 tylenchoid, resembling (that of) the genus *Tylenchus*  
 uvette, rosette or group of cells between uterine afferent duct and efferent duct of demanian system  
 vestibule, entrance to the mouth cavity, sometimes a distinct chamber  
 wings, longitudinal structures in cuticle, or projecting from it, usually lateral, but sometimes numerous and  
     evenly spaced around the nema

## KEY

**PHARYNX ABSENT**, or so obscure as easily to escape notice (for alternative see page 8)

**Oesophagus** with median or posterior bulb or swelling, or both (for alternative see next page)

*Amphid not known* or obscure

Female known; wings 0

Ovary 1, anterior; ceph. set. 0; oesoph. with med. bulb; spinneret 0; bursa pres.; in soil. *Iotonchium* Cobb 1920  
(=*Hemicyclophora* de Man 1921)

Ovaries 2, reflexed

Spinneret none; amphid a pore at lips; ceph. set. 2, minute; in beetle larvae.... (*Neoplectana* Steiner 1929)

Spinneret present; oesoph. without median bulb; bursa none; marine

Cephalic setae 0; cuticle not annulated; spicula long, 18%, flexible..... *Molgolaimus* Ditlev. 1921

Cephalic setae numerous, in circlets of 4; cuticle annulated, exc. on head..... (*Stilbonema* Cobb 1920)

Female not known

Hemispherical cephalic cap suddenly wider than neck, edge set with dots..... *Mitraphorus* Linst. 1877

Hemispherical cephalic cap absent

Spinneret absent; cephalic setae 0; wings present; in soil; J..... *Litonema* Cobb 1920

Spinneret present (*Nuadella* ?); ceph. set. present; wings 0, striae uninterrupted; marine

Cuticle not annulated, striae none; cephalic setae small

Neck 8%; cardiac swelling slight, clavate..... (*Nuadella* Allgen 1927)

Neck under 4%; card. bulb broad; ceph. set. in 3 circlets of 4; amph. small, near lips. (*Catanema* Cobb 1920)

Cuticle annulated, exc. on head; amphid near lips

Setae on head, labial 6, ceph. 10; contour of nema ± serrate; pores lateral..... (*Leptonemella* Cobb 1920)

Setae on head in circlets of 4; contour of nema crenate; pores 0; nema 10 mm..... (*Lazonema* Cobb 1920)

*Amphid known*

External amphid not spiral, circular nor elliptical

Head a hemispherical cap, suddenly wider than neck, edge set with dots..... *Mitraphorus* Linst. 1877

Head not suddenly wider nor cap-like

Habitat soil about roots

Spinneret present; lips 6, long, revolute, flower-like; amph. semicircular; wings 2; '♀' *Anthonema* Cobb 1906

Spinneret absent; lips not long nor revolute; cephalic setae 0

Wings pres.; oesoph. ±cephaloboid; striae ±coarse; amph. transverse, } head-width; '♀' *Iotalaimus* Cobb 1920

Wings absent, striae not interrupted

Ceph. papill. 6, conspicuous; amph. crescentic, head-width back; tail 3%, rounded; ♂ only *Bolbinium* Cobb 1920

Ceph. papill. tiny; amph. inconspic., 2 head-widths back; tail 6-12%, slender, conoid *Alaimus* de Man 1880

Habitat marine; cephalic setae and spinneret present

Ambulatory & body setae absent; nema not crooked

Wings pres.; amph. shepherd's crook; annules under 300, of tile-like elements; '♀' *Ceramonema* Cobb 1920  
(cf. *Pselionema* Cobb 1933)

Wings 0; amph. a transverse slit, at lips; pores lateral; nema ±2 mm.; ♂ only... *Leptonemella* Cobb 1920

Ambulatory & body setae pres.; amph. crook-shape to spiral; nema ±S-shaped; '♀'

Oesoph. region hardly swollen; card. bulb faint; cerv. striae alike.... *Notochaetosoma* Irwin-Smith 1918

Oesoph. region swollen, ovoid; oesophageal bulbs 1 or 2; band of cervical

striae accentuated, exc. *Tristicochæta falcatum*

Ventral ambulatory adhesion tubes or setae in 3 or 4 rows..... *Tristicochæta* Panceri 1878

(= *Draconema* Cobb 1913)

Ventral ambulatory adhesion tubes or setae in 2 rows..... *Drepanonema* Cobb 1933

(= *Chaetosoma* Clap. 1863)

External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical

Female not known; J only, exc. *Bolbinium*

Annules ±90, prominent; subdorsal setae 9 pre.; amph. saccate; nema 10%+ wide *Eudemoscole* Steiner 1916

Annules 0 or not prominent; subdorsal setae 0; amphid not saccate; nema under 5% wide

Spinneret absent; cephalic setae 0; in soil

Cephalic papillae 6; conspicuous, each on circular base..... *Bolbinium* Cobb 1920

Cephalic papillae 0 or inconspicuous; wings double; oesophagus ±cephaloboid..... *Lionema* Cobb 1920

Spinneret present

Wings single, projecting; amphid almost neck width, barely longer than broad..... *Antomicron* Cobb 1920

Wings 0, striae not interrupted laterally

Pharynx with basal cuticularized ring; amphid monospire..... (*Cricolaimus* Southern 1914)

Pharynx without basal cuticularized ring; cephalic setae in circlets of 4

Amphid spiral, of 2 winds..... (*Alaimonema* Cobb 1920)

Amphid circular or elliptical

Head set off by constriction, spherical; cephalic setae 4; amphid on neck..... *Cinctonema* Cobb 1920

Head set off by lack of annules, if at all; ceph. set. many; amph. small, at lips; neck 2%

Cuticle without annules; head not set off; pharynx definite; nema 3-4 mm..... (*Catanema* Cobb 1920)

Cuticle with annules exc. on head; pharynx obscure; nema 10 mm..... *Lazonema* Cobb 1920

Female known

Ovary 1; spinneret none; wings 0; cephalic setae 0 or papilliod

Gonad ♀ posterior, reflexed; amphid ±obscure; cardiac swelling slight; in soil..... (*Alaimus* de Man 1880)

Gonad ♀ anterior, outstretched

Habitat marine; anterior oesophagus fusiform, cardiac bulb massive..... (*Solenolaimus* Cobb 1894)

Habitat soil; oesophagus with median bulb; bursa present..... *Iotonchium* Cobb 1920  
(= *Hemicyclophora* de Man 1921)

Ovaries 2

Gonads ♀ outstretched; cephalic setae present; marine (for alternative see next page)

Spinneret doubtful or absent; striae very fine or seen with difficulty

Cephalic setae 10, subcephalic 4; amphid multispiral..... (*Laimella* Cobb 1920)

Cephalic setae 4 or 8; amphid circular

Pharynx none; cardiac bulb broad, valvate; tail setaceous..... *Terschellingia* de Man 1888

Pharynx obovoid; cardiac bulb pyriform, sometimes valvate..... (*Cryptolaimus* Cobb 1933)

Spinneret present

Length of oval monospiral amphid twice its width, equaling head width..... *Disconema* Fil. 1918

Length of amphid not much greater than its width

Gland ducts cuticularized, pores ventrad, cerv. & pre-anal; striae coarse *Halaphanolaimus* Southern 1914

Gland ducts and pores 0; striae fine, usually plain



-  Oesophagus narrowed from middle; cephalic setae 4; amphid large; head narrowed *Cyartonema* Cobb 1920  
 Oesophagus not narrowed; cephalic setae present; wings 0  
 Setae on head 10, 4 short specialized at tip; cardiac swelling slight.....(*Linhomoella* Cobb 1920)  
 Setae on head 4-8, less than 1 head-width long, tip not specialized; amphid circular  
 Pharynx 0; nema small, tapered; card. bulb broad, valvate; tail setaceous. *Terschellingia* de Man 1888  
 Pharynx present though obscure  
 Ceph. set. 8-10; card. swelling none or clavate, non-valvate; nema not tapered *Linhomoeus* Bast. 1865  
 Ceph. set. 4; cardiac bulb pyriform, sometimes valvate; pharynx obconoid (*Cryptolaimus* Cobb 1933)  
 Gonads ♀ reflexed; amphid circular, oval or monospiral (for alternative see preceding page)  
 Spinneret none; amphid a pore at lips; ceph. set. 2, minute; in beetle larvae...*Neaplectana* Steiner 1929  
 Spinneret present; marine exc. Haliplectus  
 Ambulatory setae 0; nema not crooked; calvarium absent, or not truncate-conoid  
 Med. oes. bulb pres.; ceph. set. 0; pores in submed. rows; water & brackish soil..(*Haliplectus* Cobb 1913)  
 Med. oes. bulb absent; marine  
 Gland ducts cuticularized, pores cerv. & pre-anal; striae coarse...(*Halaphanolaimus* Southern 1914)  
 Gland ducts and pores none or not cuticularized  
 Head expanded opposite monospiral amphid; cephalic setae 4.....*Bolbonema* Cobb 1920  
 Head not expanded  
 Cephalic setae 0; wings 0; head narrowed from amphid forward.....*Aegialolaimus* de Man 1907  
 Cephalic setae present; often in coastal sand  
 Amphid oval, 1 head-width long; annules fine; wing single; ceph. set. 4..*Eutelolaimus* de Man 1922  
 Amphid  $\pm$  equidiametral, less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  corresponding neck width  
 Neck 21%; striae duplex; wings 2; ceph. setae 4; pharynx narrow, inconspicuous *Aplectus* Cobb 1914  
 Neck 7% or less; striae not duplex; wings 0  
 Cuticle annulated; amph. small, at lips; set. on head many, in circles of 4..(*Stilbonema* Cobb 1920)  
 Cuticle finely striated; amphid  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  head-width, often monospiral  
 Pharynx straight, closed, with pharyng swelling; nema 4-7 mm.; width 0.3-0.8% *Laxus* Cobb 1894  
 Pharynx conoid, often with small onchium; nema 2-4 mm.; width 1.5-3.5% *Spirina* Fil. 1918  
 (= *Spira* Bast. 1865)  
 Ambulatory set. forming a ventral sole, midbody or pre-anal; nema crooked; calvarium unstriated  
 Nema narrowest in cardiac region,  $\pm$  S-shaped; ambulatory setae hollow, pre-anal; annules finer  
 Oesop. region hardly swollen; card. bulb faint; cervical striae alike...*Notochaetosoma* Irwin-Smith 1918  
 Oesop. region swollen, ovoid; oesophageal bulbs 1 or 2; band of cervical  
 striae accentuated, exc. Tristicochæta falcatum  
 Ventral ambulatory adhesion tubes or setae in 3 or 4 rows.....*Tristicochæta* Panceri 1878  
 (= *Dreconema* Cobb 1913)  
 Ventral ambulatory adhesion tubes or setae in 2 rows.....*Drepanonema* Cobb 1933  
 (= *Chaetosoma* Clap. 1863)  
 Nema narrowest midway, epsilon-shaped; ambulatory setae not open at end; annules coarser  
 Sole apparently absent; amphid crescentic; annules 98.....*Epsilonella* Steiner 1930  
 Sole present; amphid circular or monospiral  
 Oesophagus with median and cardiac bulbs.....*Metepsilononema* Steiner 1927  
 Oesophagus with cardiac bulb only  
 Annules 80-112; ambulatory setae slender, falcate.....*Bathyepsilononema* Steiner 1927  
 Annules 144-192; ambulatory setae straight or slightly arcuate  
 Body cylindroid, if crooked faintly so.....*Archepsilononema* Steiner 1927  
 Body epsilon-like, i.e. body arches well developed  
 Cuticular annules homogeneous in structure.....*Prochaetosoma* Baylis & Daubney 1926  
 (= *Rhabdogaster* Metsch. 1867)  
 Cuticular annules not homogeneous in structure  
 "Axial" part of the cuticular annules hollow ("frame rings").....*Epsilononema* Steiner 1927  
 "Axial" part of the cuticular annules vacuolated, etc.....*Epsilonoides* Steiner 1931  

Oesophagus plain, i.e. without median or posterior bulb or swelling (for alternative see preceding page)

*Amphid not known or obscure* (for alternative see next page)

Female not known

Habitat freshwater marshes; setae 0; spinneret none; neck 15-25%; wings double *Macroposthonia* de Man 1880  
 Habitat marine

Neck 8%, cylindroid; cephalic setae 4(?); tail cylindroid.....*Nuadella* Allgen 1927  
 Neck 16-43%,  $\pm$  tapering; tail conoid

Spinneret absent; eyes 0; neck  $\pm$ 40%; cephalic setae 4 or 8.....(*Halalaimoides* Cobb 1933)  
 Spinneret present; eyes with lenses; neck 16-25%

Cephalic setae 4; head set off by cessation of very fine striaion.....*Nemella* Cobb 1920  
 Cephalic setae 10; striae none; amphid and setae very large; adult ♂ only.....*Enchelidium* Ehrenb. 1836  
 Cephalic setae 10; striae none; amphid and setae very large; adult ♂ only.....*Lastomitus* Marion 1870  
 (= *Parasymplacostoma* Schulz 1932)

Female known

Ovary 1, anterior exc. Antopus & Thalassoalaimus (for alternative see next page)

Gonad ♀ outstretched; setae 4, papillloid; amphid minute, open caudad; marine algae...(*Litotes* Cobb 1920)  
 Gonad ♀ reflexed; spinneret none, exc. Antopus & Thalassoalaimus

Cephalic setae 6; posterior ovary longer than anterior; marine

Pores in dorso-lateral rows.....*Antopus* Cobb 1933  
 Pores none.....*Thalassoalaimus* de Man 1893

Cephalic setae 0; vulva near anus; spicula 2; in and around insects

Spear none or vestigial

Uterus not evaginated

Nema serpentine; oesophagus and intestine persisting; in beetles and weevils...*Bradytinema* Strass. 1892  
 Nema saccate; organs degenerating exc. gonads.....*Allantonema* Leuck. 1884  
 (= *Tylenchomorphus* Fuchs 1914)

Uterus finally evaginated; oesophagus and intestine degenerating early

Evaginated uterus many times as large as nema.....*Sphaerularia* Duf. 1887  
 Evaginated uterus not much larger than nema.....*Aconema* Leuck. 1886  
 (= *Atractonema* Leuck. 1887)

Spear present, at least in larva or ♀; organs degenerating in adult

Base of spear  $\pm$ bulbed; oes. fusiform, glands abs. in ♂; bursa pre- and post-anal ..*Scatonema* Bovien 1932  
 Base of spear straight; spicula nearly straight

Vulva degenerating; ♀ free living; bursa pre-anal; in Passalus..*Chondronema* Christie & Chitwood 1931  
 (= *Uracanthus* Dies. 1861)

- Vulva** remaining functional; adult ♀ parasitic; gubernaculum small  
 Anus none or vestigial; in cucumber beetle, *Diabrotica* ..... *Howardula* Cobb 1921  
 Anus persisting; in frit-fly, *Oscinella* ..... (*Tylenchinema* Goodey 1930)  
**Ovaries** 2; spinneret present exc. *Micoletzkyia* (for alternative see preceding page)  
 Gonads ♀ parallel, posterior; wings 10-12, segmenting the annules ..... *Porocoma* Cobb 1920  
 Gonads ♀ opposed  
 The ovaries outstretched; marine  
 Annules few, very coarse; amphid saccate; cephalic setae 4; nema wide  
 Number of annules  $\pm 17$ , secreted annules prominent, separated; head small ..... *Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863  
 Number of annules 32-91, secreted annules absent; head concave-quadrata pyramidal. *Tricoma* Cobb 1894  
 (= *Quadriconema* Fil. 1922)  
 Annules and striae 0; amphid not saccate; cuticle thick ..... *Phanodermella* Kreis 1928  
 The ovaries reflexed  
 Habitat freshwater; lips 3, thick; pharynx narrow, deep; onchium minute, deepset (*Tripyla* Bast. 1865)  
 (= *Promononchus* Micol. 1923)  
 Habitat marine; pharynx and onchium absent  
 Annules  $\pm 17$ , secreted annules prominent; amphid saccate; ceph. set. 4; nema wide *Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863  
 Annules not few nor coarse; amphid not saccate; nema  $\pm$  slender  
 Odontia 6; lip region discord; ceph. set. 4; gland ducts oft piercing cuticle. *Stephanolaimus* Ditlev. 1918  
 Odontia 0; lip region not set off  
 Head set off by constrict.; ceph. set. 8; spicula long, slender; gub. complex *Micoletzkyia* Ditlev. 1926  
 Head not set off; cephalic setae 4 or 6  
 Setae on head 4; eyes with lenses; amphid transverse-oval, at lips; among algae. .... (*Ionema* Cobb 1920)  
 Setae on head 6; eyes none  
 Spicula short, 1 anal body-diam.; pores 0; longest cerv. set.  $\frac{1}{2}$  neck-width. *Parosystomina* Micol. 1924  
 Spicula long, several anal body-diameters  
 Cervical setae in 6 longitudinal rows; pores 0; ovaries equally long. .... (*Stenolaimus* Marion 1870)  
 Cervical setae 0; pores in dorso-sublat. rows; ovary post., anterior a rudiment. *Antopus* Cobb 1933
- Amphid known** (for alternative see preceding page)  
**External amphid** not spiral, circular nor elliptical (for alternative see next page)
- Female not known; marine  
 Neck  $\pm 40\%$ ; amph. narrow, several head-widths long; tail setaceous; spinneret oft 0 *Halalaimoides* Cobb 1933  
 Neck not over 25%; amphid not linear; spinneret present  
 Wings absent  
 Odontia 6; lip papill. 6; ceph. set. 10(?); subceph. 4, jointed; amph. oval, flat caudad *Apodontium* Cobb 1920  
 Odontia 0; mouth & phar. vestigial; eyes, amph. & set. very large; adult ♂ only *Enchelidium* Ehrenb. 1836  
 (= *Lasiomitus* Marion 1870)  
 = *Parasymplocostoma* Schulz 1932
- Wings conspicuous**  
 Head mitreform, set off by constriction; striae 0; cephalic setae small, 4 or 6. .... *Xennella* Cobb 1920  
 Head not mitreform, set off by lack of annulation; annules of "tiles"; amph. crook-shape  
 Annules over 700; ceph. set. conspicuous, 8, in 2 circles; onchia 0; nema 3 mm. + *Pristionema* Cobb 1933  
 Annules under 300; cephalic setae 4; onchium present (?); nema under 1 mm. .... *Pselionema* Cobb 1933  
 (= *Sleineria* Fil. 1922)  
 (cf. *Ceramonema* Cobb 1920)
- Female known  
**Ovary 1**  
 Gonad ♀ outstretched, anterior; ceph. papill. 4; amph. minute, open caudad; marine algae *Litotes* Cobb 1920  
 Gonad ♀ reflexed  
 Spinneret present; ovary posterior, anterior branch short; wings 0; marine *Thalassoalaimus* de Man 1893  
 Spinneret absent; ovary anterior; in soil about roots  
 Wings present, striae  $\pm$  coarse; cephalic papillae 4; amphid 1 head-width back. .... *Iotalaimus* Cobb 1920  
 Wings 0, striae 0; cephalic papillae minute; amphid 2 head-widths back. .... *Alaimus* de Man 1880
- Ovaries 2**  
 Gonads ♀ outstretched; spinneret present; marine  
 Annules  $\pm 17$ , secreted annules prominent; amphid saccate; ceph. setae 4; nema wide *Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863  
 Annules not few nor coarse; amphid not saccate; nema  $\pm$  slender  
 Mouth ventrad; amphid huge, bent, dorsal limb the longer ..... *Campylaimus* Cobb 1920  
 Mouth axial; amphid not huge  
 Amphid narrow, oft many head-widths long; eyes 0; cephalic setae 6, subceph. 4 *Halalaimus* de Man 1888  
 Amphid "folded," not over 1 head-width long; eyes 2, sometimes absent  
 Oesophagus and lumen widened between eyes and nerve ring; pharynx obvious (*Coinonema* Cobb 1920)  
 Oesophagus and lumen not widened; pharynx like oesoph. lining. .... *Arealaimoides* (de Man) Fil. 1918
- Gonads ♀ reflexed  
 Spinneret 0; tail 3%; ceph. set. 10, cervical long, 1 group at amphid; marine. .... *Platycopomopsis* Ditlev. 1926  
 (= *Dactylnema* Fil. 1927)
- Spinneret present  
 Habitat freshwater; lips 3, thick; pharynx narrow, deep; onchium minute, deepset (*Tripyla* Bast. 1865)  
 (= *Promononchus* Micol. 1923)
- Habitat marine; onchia absent exc. *Actinonema*  
 Amphid narrow, several head-widths long; head set off, with colorless cuticle  
 Cephalic & subceph. setae  $\pm 1$  head-width apart; cuticle thin (to  $\frac{1}{2}$  radius). .... *Halalaimus* de Man 1888  
 Cephalic & subceph. setae near together exc. *Nuada isaitshikovi*; cuticle thick,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  radius  
 The cuticle  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  radius in thickness. .... *Nuada* Southern 1914  
 The cuticle  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  radius in thickness. .... *Tynnodora* Cobb 1920
- Amphid not narrow nor very long  
 Shape of amphid a shepherd's crook; each annule of tile-like elements. .... *Ceramonema* Cobb 1920  
 (cf. *Pselionema* Cobb 1933)
- Shape of amphid not a shepherd's crook; annules not of tile-like elements  
 Annules  $\pm 17$ , secreted annules prominent; amph. saccate; ceph. set. 4; nema wide *Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863  
 Annules not few nor coarse; amphid not saccate; nema  $\pm$  slender  
 Cuticle  $\frac{1}{2}$  radius; striae coarse; amphid transverse,  $\frac{1}{2}$  head-width; setae 0. .... (*Actinonema* Cobb 1920)  
 Cuticle not thick; amphid not a transverse slit; eyes with lenses; cephalic setae 4  
 Amphidial gland large, conspicuous; cephalic setae 4,  $\frac{1}{2}$  head-width long. .... *Ionema* Cobb 1920  
 Amphidial gland not evident; external amph.  $\pm$  semicircular, internal elongate *Nemella* Cobb 1920

-  External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical (for alternative see preceding page)
- Female not known; spinneret present
- Habitat brackish earth; wings faint; ♂ supplements on neck, ventral, papillloid *Deontolaimus* de Man 1880
- Habitat marine
- Annules ±90, prominent; subdorsal setae 9 prs.; amph. saccate; nema 10% + wide *Eudesmoscolex* Steiner 1916
- Annules none or not prominent; subdorsal setae 0; amphid not saccate; nema under 5% wide
- Wing small, distinct; amphid almost neck width, joined dorsad.....(Antomicon Cobb 1920)
- Wings absent
- Mouth and digestive system vestigial; setae strongly developed
- Eyes absent.....*Barbonema* Fil. 1927
- Eyes and amphid strongly developed; adult ♂ only.....(Enchelidium Ehrenb. 1836)  
.....(Lasiomitus Marion 1870)  
.....(Parasymplacostoma Schulz 1932)
- Mouth and digestive system functional
- Odontia 6, minute; cephalic setae 10(?), subcephalic 4, jointed.....*Apodontium* Cobb 1920
- Odontia 0; cephalic setae 0 or rather small
- Annules rather coarse; setae minute; amphid transverse-oval.....(Zygonemella Cobb 1920)
- Annules and striae none; amphid with internal pocket
- Cephalic setae 0; amphid long-oval, internal pocket conspicuous.....*Schistodera* Cobb 1920
- Cephalic setae small, 10; cervical setae lateral; amphid small, round.....(Leptosomatides Fil. 1918)
- Female known
- Ovary 1; amphid not multispire
- Gonad ♀ outstretched
- The ovary posterior; spinneret present
- Amphid large, open caudad; spinneret sometimes doubtful; marine.....(Alaimella Cobb 1920)
- Amphid round; anterior ovary rudimentary; ceph. set. 12, in 2 circlets; in salt marsh *Litinum* Cobb 1920
- The ovary anterior; marine
- Pharynx absent; setae 4, papillloid; amph. small, open caudad; spinneret 0; among algae *Litotis* Cobb 1920
- Pharynx present, often minute; setae not papillloid; amphid larger, circular; spinneret sometimes 0
- Onchia 0; nema small.....*Monhystra* Bast. 1865  
.....(=Tachyhdites Bast. 1865)
- Onchium dorsal; nema often several millimetres long.....*Linhomoeus* Bast. 1865  
.....(=L. obtusicaudatus de Man 1907)
- Gonad ♀ reflexed
- Habitat soil or fresh water, or in insects; amphid circular
- The ovary posterior; spinneret absent; in marshy soil.....*Alaimus* de Man 1880
- The ovary anterior
- Spinneret present; in fresh water.....*Helalaimus* de Cillis 1917
- Spinneret absent; in beetle, *Passalus*.....*Chondronema* Christie & Chitwood 1931  
.....(=Uracanthus Dies. 1861)
- Habitat marine; ovary posterior; spinneret present (Alaimella ?)
- Cephalic setae 0
- Amphid monospire; in sand about algae.....*Nemanema* Cobb 1920
- Amphid long-oval, with posterior cuticularized pocket.....*Schistodera* Cobb 1920  
(cf. *Oxystomina* Fil. 1921)
- Cephalic setae present
- Setae on head 4, over 1 head-width long; striae coarse; amphid large, open caudad.....*Alaimella* Cobb 1920
- Setae 10 or 16, 4 being subcephalic; striae 0 or fine
- External amphid circular; cephalic setae 12, as long as head is wide.....*Litinum* Cobb 1920
- External amphid oval, pocket cuticularized; cephalic setae 6 (4?)
- Amphidial opening small transverse-oval, or circular.....*Nemanemella* Fil. 1927
- Amphidial opening large, long-oval.....*Oxystomina* Fil. 1921  
.....(=Oxystoma Bütsch. 1874)
- Ovaries 2
- Gonads ♀ outstretched; marine
- Spinneret absent
- Pharyngeal bulb definite; ceph. setae 6, stout, jointed; amphid circular; in sand (*Cytolaimum* Cobb 1920)
- Pharyngeal bulb absent
- Tail 3%, conoid; ceph. set. 10; cervical long, bunched; amphid transverse-oval.....*Platycoma* Cobb 1894
- Tail over 12%, conoid then cylindroid; ceph. set. minute, 18, in 3 circlets.....(Anticyathus Cobb 1920)
- Spinneret present
- Gland ducts cuticularized, pores cervical & pre-anal; striae coarse.....(Halaphanolaimus Southern 1914)
- Gland ducts and pores absent
- Annules few, very coarse; amphid saccate; cephalic setae 4; nema wide
- Number of annules ±17, secreted annules prominent, separated; head small...*Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863
- Number of annules 32–91, secreted annules none; head concave-quadrata pyramidal *Tricoma* Cobb 1894  
.....(=Quadrinema Fil. 1922)
- Annules if present not coarse; amphid not saccate
- Amphid multispire
- Cephalic setae 10, shorter 4 specialized at tips; multispire faint; neck 5%.....*Linhomoella* Cobb 1920
- Cephalic setae without specialized tips; multispire distinct; neck 9–16%
- Male ventral pre-anal supplementary organs papillloid.....*Parasabatieria* de Man 1907
- Male ventral pre-anal supplementary organs absent.....*Sabatieria* de Rouville 1903
- Amphid circular (Southern slightly irregular)
- Oesoph. & lumen with ellipsoid enlargement behind eyes; eyes sometimes 0 *Araeolaimus* de Man 1888
- Oesoph. without median enlargement; eyes 0
- Cephalic setae 4; amphid slightly irregular.....*Southernia* Allgen 1929
- Cephalic setae 6–10
- Lips distinct; pharyngeal bulb pres.; ceph. set. 6, stout, jointed; papillae 6..*Cytolaimum* Cobb 1920
- Lips 0 or confluent
- Setae on head 10, shorter 4 specialized at tips; multispire faint.....(Linhomoella Cobb 1920)
- Setae on head without specialized tips; amphid circular.....*Linhomoeus* Bast. 1865
- Gonads ♀ reflexed
- Spinneret absent; amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral; wings 0 (for alternative see next page)
- Habitat soil; internal amphid ±conspicuous.....(Bastiania de Man 1876)
- Habitat marine
- Tail 40%; vulva 33%; ceph. set. 6, subceph. 6; internal amphid ±conspicuous....*Trefusia* de Man 1893



- Tail under 10%; vulva  $\pm$  60%; ceph. set.  $\pm$  1 head-width long; internal amphid not conspicuous  
 Ceph. set 10, cervical long, bunched, in ♂ 2 flat ones at amphid; tail 3%, conoid. *Platycoma* Cobb 1894  
 Ceph. set. 4 (6?), other setae 0; nema cephalated by contraction; tail slender, 9%... *Acoma* Steiner 1916  
 Spinneret present (for alternative see preceding page)  
 Habitat not marine (*Aphanolaimus* ?); contour often crenate  
 Amphid obscure small; pharynx narrow; onch. deepest; ceph. set. 6-10, oft papillloid... (*Tripyla* Bast. 1885)  
 (= *Promononchus* Micol. 1923)  
 Amphid distinct, circular or spiral; pharynx none or closed; ceph. set. 6, rarely 4 or 0  
 Position of amphid  $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 head-widths back..... *Aphanolaimus* de Man 1880  
 Position of amphid 3-4 head-widths back..... *Bastiania* de Man 1876  
 Habitat marine  
 Ambulatory tubes hollow; body setose, annulated  
 The amphid not saccate; ambulatory tubes ventral; setae not dense.. *Notochaelosoma* Irwin-Smith 1918  
 The amphid saccate; annules coarse, 17-91; nema broad  
 Body setae not dense; secondary annules secreted, prominent..... (*Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863)  
 Body setae dense, set along annules; junction oesoph. & intestine indefinite... (*Greeffella* Cobb 1922)  
 (= *Trichodecta* Greeff 1869)  
 Ambulatory tubes absent; body not densely setose; not annulated exc. *Stephanolaimus*  
 Wings  $\pm$  50;nema broad,  $\pm$  16%; neck "collared"; amphid spiral; pharynx small... *Richtersia* Steiner 1916  
 Wings if present not numerous; nema slender, under 5%  
 Odontia 6; ceph. set. 4, long; lip reg. discoid; gland ducts oft projecting.. *Stephanolaimus* Ditlev. 1918  
 Odontia 0; cephalic setae not longer than head is wide  
 Gland ducts cuticularized, pores cervical & pre-anal; striae coarse .. *Halaphanolaimus* Southern 1914  
 Gland ducts and pores none, or not cuticularized  
 The amphid multispiral; cephalic setae 16,  $\pm$  1 head-width long; in sand .. *Nannolaimus* Cobb 1920  
 The amphid not multispiral  
 Amphid at lips, transverse-oval, with large gland; eyes with lenses..... *Ionema* Cobb 1920  
 Amphid not at lips; eyes none exc. *Leptosomatum*  
 Anterior part of oesoph. the wider; cervical setae 0; amphid  $\pm$  irregular... *Southernia* Allgen 1929  
 Anterior part of oesoph. not wider; amphid with internal pocket  
 Oesophagus crenate posteriorly  
 Calvarium none; labial tubercles none..... *Stenolaimus* Marion 1870  
 Calvarium in front of ceph. set., margin irregular; labial tubercles 3..... *Klugea* Fil. 1927  
 (= *Phanodermopsis* Ditlev. 1926, in part)  
 Oesophagus not crenate posteriorly  
 Cephalic setae 0; pores on anterior half of neck; tail rounded..... *Leptosomatum* Bast. 1865  
 Cephalic setae present; pores on neck absent  
 Setae on neck none; cephalic setae 10,  $\pm$  1 head-width long..... *Leptosomella* Fil. 1927  
 Setae on neck in lateral series; amphid small  
 Gubernaculum present; ♂ pre-anal ventral supplement tubular..... *Anticomia* Bast. 1865  
 Gubernaculum none; ♂ pre-anal ventral supplement papillloid... (*Anticomopsis* Micol. 1930)

#### PHARYNX PRESENT (for alternative see page 4)

- Wall of the Pharynx armed (for alternative see page 20)  
*Armature spear-like* or apparently so (for alternative see page 11)  
 Spear bulbous; cephalic setae usually 0; amph. oft obscure; spinneret 0; not marine exc. *Siphonolaimus* (pg. 10)  
 Spear blunt; cephalic setae 0; amph. oft obscure; spinneret 0; not marine exc. *Siphonolaimus* (pg. 10)  
 Oesophagus plain, i.e. without median or posterior bulb or swelling; cephalic setae 0  
 Female not known; spear with retrorse points midway, base 3-lobed; bursa lobed.. *Ecphyadophora* de Man 1921  
 Female known; ovary 1  
 Gonad ♀ reflexed  
 Habit free-living; spear (dorso-ventral view) arrow-headed; ovary posterior.. *Pharetrolaimus* de Man 1921  
 Habit parasitic in beetles, etc.; ovary anterior  
 Nema saccate; mouth none, organs degenerated; vulva terminal..... (*Allantonema* Leuck. 1884)  
 (= *Tylenchomorphus* Fuchs 1914)  
 Nema not saccate; anus none or vestigial  
 Spear none; parasitic in beetles, weevils, etc..... (*Bradytrema* Strass. 1892)  
 Spear present in young ♀ only; in cucumber beetle, *Diabrotica*..... *Howardula* Cobb 1921  
 Gonad ♀ outstretched; mostly parasitic  
 Anus none or vestigial; spear  $\pm$  vestigial; in cucumber beetle, *Diabrotica* ..... (*Howardula* Cobb 1921)  
 Anus present; spear present, in *Aphelenchulus* reduced; traces median bulb sometimes present  
 Junction oesoph. & intest. definite; anterior oes. fusiform, isthmus at nerve ring; in or about plants  
 Habitat crop plants; head of 8 sectors; terminus of tail straight..... *Neotylenchus* Steiner 1931  
 Habitat bladders of *Fucus*, or among marine algae; head of 8 sectors; tail hooked.. *Halenchus* Cobb 1933  
 Junction oesophagus and intestine indefinite  
 Spear with 6 basal lobes; oesoph. isthmus at nerve ring; in decaying vegetation.. *Hexatylus* Goodey 1926  
 Spear with tripartite base; renette  $\pm$  body length; parasitic in insects..... *Aphelenchulus* Cobb 1920  
 Oesophagus with median or posterior bulb or swelling, or both  
 Female not known; spear tripartite at base  
 Cephalic setae 4,  $\pm$  1 head-width long; oesoph. swellings med. & card.; bursa striate.. *Eutylenchus* Cobb 1913  
 Cephalic setae 0 or papillloid  
 Spear with retrorse points midway, 3-lobed at base; bursa small, lobed..... *Ecphyadophora* de Man 1921  
 Spear without retrorse points midway; oesophagus without median bulb  
 Pharyngeal bulb 0, cardiac  $\pm$  neck length; ceph. set. 0; nema 5% wide; bursa 0.. *Tylencholaimellus* Cobb 1915  
 Pharyngeal bulb pres.; ceph. set. 6, papillloid; nema 9% wide; tail short, rounded.. *Brachynemella* Cobb 1933  
 (= *Brachynema* Cobb 1893)  
 Female known  
 Ovaries 2; cephalic setae 0; spear with tripartite base (for alternative see next page)  
 Gonads ♀ outstretched (for alternative see next page)  
 Median oesophageal bulb absent; spear 3-pronged at base; in sandy soil... (*Tyloolaimophorus* de Man 1880)  
 Median oesophageal bulb present; spear 3-lobed at base  
 Junction oesoph. & intestine indefinite; annules plain; tail rounded, with bursa.. *Hoplolaimus* Daday 1905  
 Junction oesoph. & intestine definite, exc. sometimes Tylenchus  
 Spear-guide wide as head, forming cuirasse or helmet; bursa none; testes 2.. *Nemonchus* Cobb 1913

- Spear-guide smaller, slighter, not forming cuirasse; bursa present  
 Nema cephalated by constriction, head  $\pm$ discoid; spear long; bursa lobate....*Dolichodorus* Cobb 1914  
 Nema cephalated by contraction or not at all; bursa not lobate  
 Anterior end extensible, narrow & beak-like, inner framework cuticular...*Tylenchorhynchus* Cobb 1913  
 Anterior end never narrowed & beak-like, without cuticular framework.....*Tylenchus* Bast. 1865
- Gonads ♀ reflexed (for alternative see preceding page)
- Structure of pharynx obscure; oesophagus with cardiac swelling only  
 "Spear" 3 rods, ant., hinged to 2 U-shaped pieces, post. 2 stalked swellings...(*Tylopharynx* de Man 1876)  
 "Spear" rods 2-3, base heavy, irreg.; setae 0 or papill.; ovary obscure....*Diphtherophora* de Man 1880  
 (= *Chaoalaimus* Cobb 1893  
 = *Archionchus* Cobb 1913)
- Structure of pharynx obvious  
 Oesophagus without median bulb, cardiac bulb present  
 Cardiac swelling cylindroid (i.e. oesophagus dorylaimoid)  
 Oral spear large, over 5%, base 3-bulbed but not trifurcate.....*Xiphinema* Cobb 1913  
 Oral spear smaller, under 5%, base trifurcate.....(*Tylencholaimus* de Man 1876)  
 Cardiac swelling pyriform to clavate  
 Spear 3-bulbed at base,  $\pm$ stout; amphid protusile, tube cuticularized....*Triplonchium* Cobb 1920  
 Spear 3-pronged; amph.  $\frac{1}{2}$  head-width, transverse-oval; labial papillae 6 *Tylocladophorus* de Man 1880  
 Oesophagus with median bulb, often with cardiac swelling also  
 Body  $\pm$ thick, not serpentine; ♀ and larval forms.....*Heterodera* Schmidt 1871  
 (= *Meloidogyne* Göldi 1887  
 = *Caenomera* Cobb 1924)
- Body  $\pm$ serpentine  
 Junction oesoph. & intestine indef.; annules plain; tail rounded, with bursa.. (*Hoplolaimus* Daday 1905)  
 Junction oesoph. & intestine definite; bursa none; ♂ and larval forms  
 Spear really the apophyses of 3 movable onchia at base anterior pharynx....*Tylenchodon* Fuchs 1930  
 Spear tylenchoid.....*Heterodera* Schmidt 1871  
 (= *Meloidogyne* Göldi 1887  
 = *Caenomera* Cobb 1924)
- Ovary 1 (for alternative see preceding page)
- Gonad ♀ reflexed; setae 0  
 Spear trifurcate half its length, base swollen; oesoph. with cardiac bulb only..*Dorylillum* Cobb 1920  
 Spear furcate at base only; bulbs usually 3  
 Body thick, inert; parasitic ♀ forms  
 Nema body swollen, head and neck narrow; vulva 90%; in citrus roots .....*Tylenchulus* Cobb 1913  
 Nema sausage-shaped; organs degenerated exc. gonads; vulva term.; in insects *Allantonema* Leuck. 1884  
 (= *Tylenchomorphus* Fuchs 1914)
- Body  $\pm$ slender or serpentine  
 Oral spear  $\pm$ vestigial; median bulb  $\pm$ reduced; ♂ and larval forms  
 Habitat in citrus roots and soil.....*Tylenchulus* Cobb 1913  
 Habitat in and around wood-boring beetles.....*Allantonema* Leuck. 1884  
 (= *Tylenchomorphus* Fuchs 1914)
- Oral spear well developed  
 Median oesophageal bulb elongate; vulva over 70%, ovary anterior; bursa none  
 Spear 3-4%; annules 0; median bulb  $\pm$ reduced; anus not functional.....*Tylenchulus* Cobb 1913  
 Spear 8-23%; annules under 150, retrorse; median bulb oft valvate; vulva 70-95%....*Ogma* Southern 1914  
 (= *Iota* Cobb 1913)
- Median oesophageal bulb absent  
 "Spear" rods 2-3, base heavy, irreg.; setae 0 or papilloid; vulva 50%...*Diphtherophora* de Man 1880  
 (= *Chaoalaimus* Cobb 1893  
 = *Archionchus* Cobb 1913)
- "Spear" of usual structure, shaft distinct, base tripartite  
 Tip of spear tapering, posterior prongs little swollen; vulva 33-72%...*Tylencholaimus* de Man 1876  
 Tip of spear (doro-ventral view) arrow-headed; vulva 25%, ovary post. *Pharetrolaimus* de Man 1921
- Gonad ♀ outstretched  
 Habitat marine; "spear" an evertible pharyng.lining; amph.round; neck 4% *Siphonolaimus* de Man 1893  
 Habitat not marine; median oesophageal bulb present (*Neotylenchus* ?)  
 Cephalic setae 4,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  head-widths long; longitudinal striae 10; in cranberry bog..*Atylenchus* Cobb 1913  
 Cephalic setae 0  
 Dorsal oes.gland emptying at med.bulb;junct.oes.&intest.indef.;bursa 0 *Aphelenchoïdes* Fischer 1894  
 (= *Seinwra* Fuchs 1931  
 = *Parasitaphelenchus* Fuchs 1930  
 = *Pathoaphelenchus* (Cobb) Steiner 1931)
- Dorsal oes. gland emptying at base of spear; genera tylenchoid  
 Spear under 5%; junction oesoph. & intest. usually definite; nema under 5% wide; bursa present  
 Anterior oesoph. with median bulb; head of 6 sectors; tail without mucron....*Tylenchus* Bast. 1865  
 Anterior oesoph. fusiform to isthmus; median bulb not definite; in or about plants  
 Habitat crop plants; head of 8 sectors; terminus of tail straight.....*Neotylenchus* Steiner 1931  
 Habitat bladders of *Fucus*, & among marine algae; head of 6 sectors; tail hooked *Halenchus* Cobb 1933  
 Spear 8-24%; oesoph. lining flexible, looping; nema 5%+ wider; bursa 0; vulva 72-94%  
 Base of spear bulbous, not fluked; annules over 100, not retrorse; junct. oes. & intest. definite  
 Oral area not raised; annulation fine.....*Paratylenchus* Micol. 1922  
 Oral area raised, surrounded by "fossa"; annulation rather coarse.....*Procriconema* Micol. 1925  
 Base of spear anchor-shaped (fluked); annules under 150, retrorse; junct. oes. & intest. indef.  
 Scales, prickles and fringes absent from annules ..*Criconema* Hofmänner & Menzel 1914  
 Scales, prickles or fringes ornamenting the ann. es.....*Ogma* Southern 1914  
 (= *Iota* Cobb 1913)

-  Spear plain, i.e. not bulbed at base (for alternative see page 8)  
**Oesophagus plain, i.e. without median or posterior bulb or swelling**
- Amphid known**
- External amph. reniform; dorsal onch. small, at spear base; ovary ant.; not marine *Enoplocheilus* Kreis 1932
  - External amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral
  - Spinneret absent; anus reduced; parasitic in beetles
  - Pharyng. bulb strong, head swollen; spear 1.5%; junct. oesoph. & intest. indef.; -♀ (*Rhabdonchus* Cobb 1933)
  - Pharyng. bulb none; spear vestigial; in beetles, *Passalus*; -♀ *Chondronema* Christie & Chitwood 1931 (= *Uracanthus* Dies. 1861)
  - Spinneret present; marine
  - Annules coarse exc. on head; onch. spear-like, axial; body set. in long. rows; -♀ *Aculeonchus* Kreis 1928
  - Annules none or fine; head not expanded; cephalic setae 4
  - Striae of dots, larger laterally; amph. multispiral; spicula 2-jointed; -♀ .. *Dorylaimopsis* Ditlev. 1918 (= *Xinema* Cobb 1920)
  - Striae 0; amph. monospire; spicula entire; junct. oes. & intest. obscured by glands; eyes present
  - Spear 0.3%, a thickening of dorsal pharyngeal wall; ovaries 1 or 2, reflexed .... (*Onchium* Cobb 1920)
  - Spear more obvious, 1.5%; -♀ ..... *Onchulella* Cobb 1920
  - Amphid unknown or obscure**
  - Female not known; spear a small prod at lips; marine ..... *Rhinonema* Allgen 1927
  - Female known
  - Spinneret present; ovaries 2; marine
  - Calvarium subcuticular; spear long, slender; set. on head long; nema 6 mm. *Thoracostomopsis* Ditlev. 1918
  - Calvarium none; head not suddenly narrowed; spear short; ovaries reflexed .... (*Onchulella* Cobb 1920)
  - Spinneret absent; ovary 1; not marine
  - The female saccate, sausage-shaped; vulva terminal, ovary reflexed; in beetles *Allantonema* Leuck. 1884 (= *Tylenchomorpha* Fuchs 1914)
  - The female ± elongate, usually not slender; vulva posterior, ovary anterior
  - Ovary outstretched; anus present; spear a mere prod, reduced in ♂; wings 0... *Iotonchium* Cobb 1920
  - Ovary reflexed exc. *Rhabdonchus*; anus none or reduced; parasitic in insects
  - Spear long, slender, in muscular bulb, head swollen; junct. oes. & intest. indef. .... *Rhabdonchus* Cobb 1933
  - Spear vestigial, minute or none; pharyngeal bulb absent
  - Mouth and spear absent; in beetles, weevils, etc. .... (*Bradyinema* Strass. 1892)
  - Mouth and spear present in young ♀ only; in beetles, frit fly, etc.
  - Vulva degenerating; ♀ free-living; bursa pre-anal; in *Passalus* *Chondronema* Christie & Chitwood 1931 (= *Uracanthus* Dies. 1861)
  - Vulva remaining functional; adult ♀ parasitic; gubernaculum small
  - Anus none or vestigial; in cucumber beetle, *Diabrotica* ..... *Howardula* Cobb 1921
  - Anus persisting; in frit-fly, *Oscinella* ..... (*Tylenchinema* Goodey 1930)
  - Oesophagus with median or posterior bulb or swelling, or both**
  - Amphid not known or obscure
  - Spinneret present; cardiac swelling slight; spear a small prod at lips; J..... (*Rhinonema* Allgen 1927)
  - Spinneret absent; cephalic setae 0
  - Nema parasitic, saccate female; vulva terminal; in beetles, etc.; '♀ ..... (*Allantonema* Leuck. 1884) (= *Tylenchomorpha* Fuchs 1914)
  - Nema free-living
  - Armature a minute labial prod; expanding head suddenly truncate; vulva 88%; -♀ *Iotonchium* Cobb 1920
  - Armature an obvious spear
  - Spear closed, bent dorsad at tip when extruded; '♀ ..... (*Campydora* Cobb 1920)
  - Spear open, a hollow passage; not bent at tip
  - Lips petaloid, lip reg. expanded, discoid; oesoph. dorylaimoid; spear small; '♀ *Antholaimus* Cobb 1913
  - Lips 0; median bulb valvate, with outlets of 3 glands; junction oesoph. & intestine indefinite; -♀
  - Gubernaculum and bursa present ..... *Aphelenchus* Bast. 1865 (= *Isonchus* Cobb 1913)
  - Gubernaculum and bursa absent ..... *Aphelenchoidea* Fischer 1894 (= *Seinura* Fuchs 1931) (= *Parasitaphelenchus* Fuchs 1930) (= *Pathoaphelenchus* (Cobb) Steiner 1931)
  - Amphid known**
  - External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical (for alternative see next page)
  - Spinneret present; amphid labial, ± spiral; "spear" filling posterior pharynx; marine
  - Width of nema 3.5%; pharyngeal bulb definite; '♀ ..... *Onyx* Cobb 1891
  - Width of nema 7%; pharyngeal bulb faint; J..... *Ostolaimus* Ditlev. 1921 (cf. *Onyx* Cobb 1891)
  - Spinneret absent; amphid circular or elliptical
  - Anus none; setae 0; pharyng. bulb strong; junct. oes. & intest. indef.; in beetles; -♀ *Rhabdonchus* Cobb 1933
  - Anus present; nema free-living
  - Cephalic setae 10, *Siphonolaimus* sometimes 0; amphid circular
  - Habitat marine; "spear" eversible phar. lining; nema 5-10 mm.; neck 4%; -♀ *Siphonolaimus* de Man 1893
  - Habitat moist soil; spear tooth-like; nema 0.85 mm.; neck 16% ..... *Odontolaimus* de Man 1880 (= *Neonchus* Cobb 1893)
  - Cephalic setae 0
  - Spear bent dorsad at tip when extruded; amphid small, oval, at lips; '♀ ..... *Campydora* Cobb 1920
  - Spear not bent at tip
  - Med. oes. bulb 0; nema ± dorylaimoid; lab. papillae 6, ceph. 6; ovaries 2 (*Tyloclimophorus* de Man 1880)
  - Med. oes. bulb valvate; nema ± tylenchoid; papillae 0; amphid oval, near lips
  - Junction of oesophagus and intestine ± definite
  - Gubernaculum and bursa absent; tail often with mucron; -♀ ..... *Paraphelenchus* Micol. 1925
  - Gubernaculum small; bursa without ribs; tail slender, long-conoid; -♀ *Psilenchus* de Man 1921
  - Junction oesoph. & intestine indefinite; oes. gland outlets at med. bulb; tail short; -♀
  - Bursa and gubernaculum present ..... *Aphelenchus* Bast. 1865 (= *Isonchus* Cobb 1913)
  - Bursa and gubernaculum absent ..... *Aphelenchoidea* Fischer 1894 (= *Seinura* Fuchs 1931) (= *Parasitaphelenchus* Fuchs 1930) (= *Pathoaphelenchus* (Cobb) Steiner 1931)

- External amphid a transverse slit, oft at lip reg.; ceph. set. 0; fresh water or soil (from preceding page)
- Ovary 1, reflexed; spinneret 0 (*Onchus* ?)
- Spear a closed cutting or pricking organ, ± tooth-like; vulva 55–60%, ovary anterior
- Spinneret (?) present; spear straight ..... *Onchus* Cobb 1913
  - Spinneret absent; tip of spear bent dorsad when extruded; amphid elliptical ..... *Campydora* Cobb 1920
  - Spear open at end, a hollow passage, tip not bent; oesophagus dorylaimoid
    - Anterior  $\frac{3}{4}$  of oesophagus narrow; cardiac swelling set off by constriction ..... (*Dorylillum* Cobb 1920)
    - Anterior  $\frac{4}{5}$  of oesophagus narrow; both parts cylindroid
      - Narrow part of oesophagus set off behind by constriction ..... *Azonchium* Cobb 1920
      - Narrow part of oesophagus ± confluent with wider posterior part; ♀ ..... (*Dorylaimus* Duj. 1845)
- Ovaries 2, reflexed; oesophagus ± dorylaimoid
- Spear a closed cutting or pricking organ, ± tooth-like
- The spear long, slender, flexible; cardiac swelling slight, basal, ± clavate
  - Guide rings for spear absent; spear 30–40% of neck length ..... *Trichodorus* Cobb 1913
  - Guide rings for spear present; spear ± 20% of neck length ..... *Leptonchus* Cobb 1920
  - The spear shorter, less slender, less flexible; cardiac swelling cylindroid,  $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{2}{3}$  oesophagus
    - Tip of ventral spear oblique, ventrad when extruded; nema 6–10 mm ..... *Sectonema* Thorne 1930
    - Tip of submedian spear straight; nema under 4.5 mm ..... *Nygelaimus* Cobb 1913
- Spear open at end, a hollow passage
- Pharynx with cup-shaped anterior portion
- Cup-shaped portion with 6 ribs; spear with guiding ring ..... *Actinolaimus* Cobb 1913
  - Cup-shaped portion without ribs; spear without guide ring; lip region discoid ..... *Antholaimus* Cobb 1913
- Pharynx without cup-shaped anterior portion
- Oesophagus with fusiform "bulb" behind spear ..... *Dorylaimellus* Cobb 1913
- Oesophagus without swelling behind spear
- Lip region discoid, much expanded ..... *Discolaimus* Cobb 1913
  - Lip region usually not discoid, expanded little or not at all
    - Labial papillae 0, cephalic 6; circumoral ridge present; vulva 34% ..... *Chrysonema* Thorne 1929
    - Labial papillae 6, cephalic 6; circumoral ridge absent ..... *Dorylaimus* Duj. 1845
- Armature of one or more teeth (odontia or onchia) (for alternative see page 8)**
- Tooth (onchium) 1 (for alternative see page 15)
- Oesophagus plain, i.e. without median or posterior bulb or swelling; amphid occasionally obscure (pg. 13)
- External amphid not spiral, circular nor elliptical (for alternative see next page)
- Female not known
- Habitat soil; spinneret 0; phar. 4 neck-length; onch. outward-acting; oes. dorylaimoid. .... *Nanonema* Cobb 1905  
 (= *Cephalonema* Cobb 1893)
- Habitat marine
- Annules coarse, elements tile-like; amphid crook-shape; ceph. set. 4; nema 0.7 mm. .... *Pselionema* Cobb 1933  
 (= *Steineria* Fil. 1922)
- Annules not coarse; amphid not crook-shape
- Onchium small, a labial prod; cephalic setae 6 ..... *Rhinonema* Allgen 1927
- Onchium pharyngeal
- Labial set. 6, cephalic 10; onchium dorsal; nema 0.5% wide; amphid transverse ..... *Trileptium* Cobb 1933  
 (= *Trilepta* Cobb 1920)
  - Labial set. 0, cephalic 6; onchium ventral; nema over 4% wide ..... *Doryonchus* Kreis 1932  
 (cf. *Symplocostoma* Bast. 1865)
- Female known
- Ovary 1; habitat not marine
- Median onchium spear-like, dorsal onchium minute, basal ..... *Enoplocheilus* Kreis 1932
- Median spear-like onchium absent; ovary reflexed; *Enopliidae*
- Pharynx tubular, depth 10 times width; tooth basal; cephalic setae 0 ..... *Cryptonchus* Cobb 1913  
 (= *Dilevsenia* Micol. 1925)
- Pharynx conoid when open, depth not over 3 times width
- Tooth minute, basal, deep-set; denticles 0; spinneret terminal ..... *Trischistoma* Cobb 1913
  - Tooth large, subventral; denticles present; other onchia 2; spinneret ventrad (*Mononchulus* Cobb 1918)
- Ovaries 2
- Gonads ♀ outstretched; spinneret present; striae plain; marine ..... *Mononcholaimus* Kreis 1924
- Gonads ♀ reflexed
- Spinneret absent; amphidial opening oval or a transverse slit
- Base of tooth without "fukes"; cephalic setae 6; onchium large, acute; in soil. .... *Onchulus* Cobb 1920
  - Base of tooth anchor-shaped, "fukes" dorsad and ventrad ..... *Diphtherophora* de Man 1880  
 (= *Chaolaimus* Cobb 1893  
 = *Archionchus* Cobb 1913)
- Spinneret present, exc. sometimes Eurystominae
- Habitat not marine; Trilobinae
- Pharynx closed; lips 3; onchium minute, basal, deepset ..... *Tripyla* Bast. 1865  
 (= *Promononchus* Micol. 1923)
- Pharynx open, domed, larger; lips 6; onchia often more than 1 ..... *Trilobus* Bast. 1865
- Habitat marine
- Striae conspicuous, resolvable into dots or rod-like elements; Chromadoridae
- Amphid at lips, lenticular, oft obscure; cuticle of "basket-work" on neck ..... *Euchromadora* de Man 1886  
 (= *Graphonema* Cobb 1898)
  - Amphid not at lips, of ± even width, conspicuous, reaching nearly across head
    - Cephalic setae 0; annules of obscure rod-like elements; spicula entire ..... *Actinonema* Cobb 1920
    - Cephalic setae 10; annules on neck of "basket-work"
      - Spicula entire; amphid a wide transverse oval ..... *Pareuchromadora* Stekhoven & Adams 1931
      - Spicula of 2 sections; amphid a narrow slit of even width ..... *Rhips* Cobb 1920
- Striae 0, or plain and very fine
- External amph. bent or crook-shaped, plate oval, 1 head-width; "tooth" minute ..... *Diplopeltis* Cobb 1906  
 (= *Dipeltis* Cobb 1891  
 = *Discophora* Villot 1875)
- External amphid not crook-shaped, plate absent; Enopliidae
- Head with elaborate, ornate calvarium ..... *Deontostoma* Fil. 1916
- Head without calvarium
- Pharynx of single chamber; cephalic setae 10



- Mouth cavity  $\pm$ quadrate; onchium minute, close against wall; eyes 0 *Anoncholaimus* Cobb 1920  
 Mouth cavity twice as deep as wide; dorsal onch. bent in over pharynx *Asymmetrella* Cobb 1920  
 Pharynx of more than 1 chamber; large onchium subventral  
 Onchium conoid to base of short stylet; phar.  $\pm$ quadrate; ♂ supplements eurystomoid  
 Bulbs of oesophagus 5-8, serial, contiguous.....*Bolbella* Cobb 1920  
 Bulbs of oesophagus none  
 Cervical setae long, about 30; ♂ supplements weakly developed.....*Ledontia* Fil. 1927  
 Cervical setae 0 or minute; ♂ supplements well developed.....*Eurytomina* Fil. 1921  
 (= *Eurystoma* Marion 1870  
 = *Marionella* Cobb 1922)  
 Onchium a long stylet; phar. much deeper than broad; ♂ an enchelid  
 Anterior oesophagus (pharynx ?) narrower, lumen wide.....*Calyptronema* Marion 1870  
 (= *Catalaimus* Cobb 1920)  
 Anterior oesophagus not differentiated  
 Vestibule set off by row of "comma" markings; pharyng. rings 3 *Symplocostomella* Micol. 1930  
 Vestibule not set off by a ring or rows of denticles or markings..*Symplocostoma* Bast. 1865  
 External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical (for alternative see preceding page)  
 Female not known; marine  
 Amphid multispiral, big; phar. ribbed, complex; onch. 3; ♂ supplements chromadoroid *Pomponema* Cobb 1917  
 Amphid circular or oval (*Rhinonema*, *Doryonchus*)  
 Annules of dots & rods, altered laterally; amph. transverse-oval *Pareuchromadora* Stekhoven & Adams 1931  
 Annules none or not ornamented; cephalic cuticle not thickened  
 Cephalic setae 6  
 Onchium a minute labial prod.....*Rhinonema* Allgen 1927  
 Onchium ventral, pharyngeal, slender, lance-like.....*Doryonchus* Kreis 1932  
 (cf. *Symplocostoma* Bast. 1865)  
 Cephalic setae 8 or 10  
 Oesophagus surrounding phar.; onch. opposed by denticles; amph. long-oval *Anazonchium* Cobb 1920  
 Oesophagus ceasing at base of pharynx; denticles 0; amphid smaller, circular; Enopliidae  
 Pharynx of 1 chamber; onchium digitate.....*Cophonchus* Cobb 1920  
 Pharynx of 2 chambers; onchium a slender, subventral stylet.....*Isonemella* Cobb 1920  
 Female known  
 Ovary 1, anterior; onchium dorsal  
 Striae of dots; pharynx cyatholaimoid; ♀.....*Dentatonema* Kreis 1928  
 Striae none or plain; pharynx not cyatholaimoid  
 Pharynx large, open; onchium large, apex far forward; amphid with pocket *Pseudodilaimus* Kreis 1928  
 Pharynx small or closed, onchium basal or deepset, small  
 Gonad ♀ reflexed; striae 0; spinneret small; vulva 80%; in soil.....*Trischistoma* Cobb 1913  
 Gonad ♀ outstretched; onchium dorsal; amphid circular  
 The pharynx very small; oesophagus strongly developed.....*Prosphaerolaimus* Fil. 1918  
 The pharynx  $\frac{1}{2}$  head-width, as deep as wide; onch. central; in warm salt springs...*Anticyclus* Cobb 1920  
 Ovaries 2  
 Gonads ♀ outstretched; spinneret present; marine  
 Amphid not known; striae plain.....*Mononcholaimus* Kreis 1924  
 Amphid multispiral; striae of dots  
 Head setose; striae not altered laterally; spicula long; apophysis absent.....*Comesoma* Bast. 1865  
 Head less setose; spicula short; gubernaculum with apophysis  
 Male ventral pre-anal supplementary organs small, papillloid.....*Parasabatieria* de Man 1907  
 Male supplementary organs absent.....*Sabatieria* de Rouville 1903  
 Gonads ♀ reflexed  
 Habitat soil or fresh water; cuticle without pores; wings 0  
 Amphid multispiral; pharynx conoid; spinneret present; ♂ supplements none *Nannonchus* Cobb 1913  
 Amphid elliptical, with internal pocket; pharynx not conoid  
 Cephalic setae 0; labial papillae in 2 circles; spinneret usually present.....*Mononchus* Bast. 1865  
 Cephalic set. 6, jointed; labial papillae 1 circlet; spinneret 0; about roots....*Cyathonchus* Cobb 1933  
 Habitat marine and brackish waters  
 Nema broad, 16%; wings  $\pm$ 50; neck region "collared"; pharynx narrow.....(*Richtersia* Steiner 1916)  
 Nema slender, not over 5%; wings 0 exc. *Rhinema* 12  
 Amphid multispiral; striae of dots; cuticular pores pres.; vestibule with 12 (6 double ?) ribs  
 Large ♂ supplement tubular, anterior to small supplements; nema viviparous *Acanthonchus* Cobb 1920  
 (= *Seuratiella* Ditlev. 1918  
 = *Seuratiella* Ditlev. 1922)  
 Large ♂ supplement absent, others if tubular small; nema usually oviparous  
 Phar. tubular behind onch.; gubernacula not serrate; ♂ papill. setose *Paracyatholaimus* Micol. 1922  
 Phar. cyathiform; gubernacula serrate distally; ♂ setose papillae none  
 Dorsal onchium large, acute, projecting; striae altered laterally.....*Paracanthonchus* Micol. 1924  
 Dorsal onchium 0 or not projecting; pharyngeal ribs extending to base  
 Tail setaceous; onchium small; ♂ papillae present or not.....*Longicyatholaimus* Micol. 1924  
 Tail not setaceous  
 Dots larger laterally; ♂ supplements tubular; gubernac. oft joined *Praeacanthonchus* Micol. 1920  
 Dots not larger laterally; ♂ tubular supplements 0; gubernacula joined *Cyatholaimus* Bast. 1865  
 (= *Necticonema* Marion 1870)  
 Amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral  
 Wings 12, markings V-shaped; pharyng. bulb stronger dorsad; amphid circular....*Rhinema* Cobb 1920  
 Wings 0; striae plain  
 Dorsal pharyng. wall thick, tooth-like; amph. monospiral at lips; ceph. set. 4; renette far back  
 Oesoph. glands obscuring junct.intest.; dorsal phar. element  $\pm$ uniform, slighter *Onchium* Cobb 1920  
 Oesoph. glands not prominent; dorsal pharyng. element not uniformly thick, but heavy  
 Tooth-like thickening parallel to axis.....*Camacolaimus* de Man 1889  
 (= *Digitonchus* Cobb 1920  
 = *Acontiolaimus* Fil. 1918)  
 Tooth-like thickening bent outward from beginning of vestibule  
 Point of "onchium" single.....*Acmaeolaimus* Fil. 1918  
 Point of Y-shaped "onchium" duplex.....*Ypsilon* Cobb 1920

- Dorsal pharyngeal wall not thickened; onchium a distinct projection (from preceding page)
- Cephalic setae 20-30; cardiac glands conspicuous  
Male supplementary organs complex; copulatory muscles conspicuous .... *Xanthodora* Cobb 1920
- Male supplements simple, papillloid; copulatory muscles not conspic. *Acanthopharynx* Marion 1870
- Cephalic setae not over 10  
Head with elaborately ornate calvarium; striae 0; spinneret present ..... *Deontostoma* Fil. 1916
- Head without calvarium; cuticular pores absent  
Plate round, with "bent" amph.; phar.small; ceph.set.4,cerv.oft long,many *Diplopeltis* Cobb 1905  
    (= *Dipeltis* Cobb 1891  
    = *Discophora* Villot 1875)
- Plate absent; pharynx large, complex, of more than 1 chamber; onchium large, sharp  
Onchium conoid to base of short stylet; pharynx ±quadrat; ♂ supplements eurytomoid  
    Long cervical setae ±30; ♂ supplements weakly developed ..... *Ledonilia* Fil. 1927
- Long cervical setae 0  
Tail rounded; spinneret oft present; ♂ supplements well developed... *Eurystomina* Fil. 1921  
    (= *Eurystoma* Marion 1870  
    = *Marionella* Cobb 1922)
- Tail spicate; spinneret 0; ♂ supplements weakly developed ..... *Pareurystomina* Micol. 1930
- Onchium a long stylet; phar. much deeper than wide; ♂ an enechid  
Oesophageal bulbs 5-8, serial, contiguous ..... *Polygastrophora* de Man 1922
- Oesophageal bulbs 0  
Anterior oesophagus (pharynx ?) narrower, lumen wide..... *Calyprionema* Marion 1870  
    (= *Catalaimus* Cobb 1920)
- Anterior oesophagus not differentiated  
Vestibule set off by row of "commas," pharyng. rings 3; eyes 0 *Symplocostomella* Micol. 1930
- Vestibule set off by rows of denticles or markings, or by a ring  
Pharyngeal chambers behind vestibule more than 2 ..... *Symplocostoma* Bast. 1865
- Pharyngeal chambers behind vestibule 2; eyes 2 ..... *Dilaimus* Fil. 1927  
    (= *Amphistenus* Marion 1870)
- Oesophagus with median or posterior bulb or swelling, or both (for alternative see page 11)
- Amphid not known or obscure (for alternative see next page)
- Female not known  
Habitat soil; phar.tubular, ± neck; onch.outward-acting; es.dorylaimoid; spinneret 0 *Naninema* Cobb 1905  
    (= *Cephalonema* Cobb 1893)
- Habitat marine; pharynx not over ½ neck-length; spinneret present (Rhinonema?)  
Pharyngeal bulb stronger dorsad; onchium pharyngeal; cephalic setae small or 0 ..... *Iotadorus* Cobb 1920
- Pharyngeal bulb absent; onchium a mere prod at lips; cephalic setae 6 ..... (Rhinonema Allgen 1927)
- Female known  
Ovary 1  
Gonad ♀ outstretched; spinneret pres.; wings 10, marks V-shaped; ceph.set.4; marine (*Nudora* Cobb 1920)
- Gonad ♀ reflexed; spinneret absent; not marine  
Onchium (spear) bent dorsad at tip; amphid small, oval, at lips; in soil ..... (*Campydora* Cobb 1920)
- Onchium not bent obliquely at tip  
Cardiac bulb not valvate; median bulb strong  
Tooth recurved outward; long striae present; ♂ supplements papillloid .. *Diplogaster* M. Schultze 1857
- Tooth forward-pointing, deepest; long striae none; ♂ supplements setose .... *Acrostichus* Rahm 1928
- Cardiac bulb valvate; median bulb absent, oesophagus cephaloboid  
Posterior pharynx muscular, lumen closed; vulva ±75%; tail ±blunt ..... *Plectonchus* Fuchs 1930
- Posterior pharynx ±open; vulva 53-65%; tail conoid, usually slender  
Vagina directed inward, not heavily muscular; not viviparous ..... *Macrolaimus* Maupas 1900
- Vagina directed forward, heavily muscular; viviparous or ovoviviparous ..... *Turbatrix* Peters 1927  
    (= *Anguillula* auctores)
- Ovaries 2  
Gonads ♀ outstretched; pharyngeal bulb ±globular ..... (*Bolbolaimus* Cobb 1920)  
    (= *Bulbopharyngiella* Allgen 1929)
- Gonads ♀ reflexed, exc. perhaps *Demaniella*  
Spinneret absent; oesophagus with muscular median bulb, usually valvate  
Cardiac bulb valvate  
Lip region not set off; odontia absent ..... *Poikilolaimus* Fuchs 1930
- Lip region set off by constriction; curved odontia 2 or 4 ..... *Rhabditis* Duj. 1845  
    (= *Diploscaptoidea* Rahm 1928)
- Cardiac swelling not valvate, oesophagus diplogastrid  
Onchium small, anterior; median bulb wide as long, wider than oesophagus *Neodiplogaster* Cobb 1924
- Onchia larger, basal; "prod" at lips; median bulb not wider than oesophagus *Demaniella* Steiner 1914  
    (= *Demania* Steiner 1914)
- Spinneret present; oesophagus without median bulb; wings often present; marine exc. *Punctodora*  
Lip reg. protrusile; ceph. set. 4; retene long; excretory pore opp. pharynx. *Ptycholaimellus* Cobb 1920
- Lip region not protrusile  
Pharyngeal swelling stronger dorsad; ♂ supplements chromadoroid exc. *Odontonema*  
Striae altered laterally; onchium large, dorsal, apex ventral ..... *Hypodontolaimus* de Man 1886
- Striae not altered laterally  
Onchium solid, inward-pointing ..... *Prochromadora* Fil. 1922
- Onchium with internal cavity, forward-pointing  
Tooth small ..... *Chromadorita* Fil. 1922
- Tooth very large, apex ventral; ♂ supplements papillloid ..... *Odontonema* Fil. 1930
- Pharyngeal swelling not stronger dorsad  
Cardiac bulb long, 2- or 3-parted; striae altered laterally; tooth large, forward-pointing  
The bulb with dilated lumen ..... *Spilophorella* Fil. 1918
- The bulb with lumen not dilated; ♂ supplements chromadoroid ..... *Chromadorissa* Fil. 1917
- Cardiac bulb short, not divided  
Striae altered laterally, several rows of dots larger ..... *Chromadora* Bast. 1865
- Striae not altered laterally  
Onchium solid, inward-pointing; ♂ supplements chromadoroid ..... *Prochromadora* Fil. 1922
- Onchium with internal cavity, forward-pointing  
Tooth small, sharp; ♂ supplements chromadoroid ..... *Chromadorita* Fil. 1922
- Tooth large, irregularly rectangular; cardiac bulb very large, simple ..... *Punctodora* Fil. 1930



- Amphid known (for alternative see preceding page)
- External amphid not spiral, circular nor elliptical, but a transverse slit
- Female not known; amphid large
- Pharyngeal bulb not stronger dorsad; ceph. set. 10; cutic. "basket-work" on neck *Nygmatonchus* Cobb 1933
- Pharyngeal bulb stronger dorsad; striae of dots
- Denticles in pharynx numerous; cephalic setae 4; in humus near sea coast.....*Denticulella* Cobb 1933
- Denticles 0; cephalic setae if present almost invisible; marine.....*Iotadorus* Cobb 1920
- Female known
- Ovary 1, reflexed; habitat soil about roots
- Tooth short, closed, not bent at tip; ovary anterior, vulva 57%; spinneret(?) present *Oionchus* Cobb 1913
- Tooth (spear) bent obliquely dorsad at tip when extruded; spinneret absent .....*Campydora* Cobb 1920
- Ovaries 2, reflexed; spinneret present
- Oesophageal bulbs 5-8, contiguous; amphid with pocket; ♂ supplements eurystomoid *Bolbella* Cobb 1920
- Oesophageal bulb not more than 2, not contiguous
- Tooth small, near lips; setae 0; pharynx long, tubular; in fresh water.....*Rhabdolaimus* de Man 1880
- Tooth not small; pharynx ± head-width deep; amphid usually at lips
- Onchium curved, solid, apparently mobile radially.....*Prochromadora* Fil. 1922
- Onchium forward-pointing or ±rectangular, motion apparently ±parallel to axis
- Lip reg. protrusile; ceph. set. 4; renette long; excretory pore opp. pharynx. *Ptycholaimellus* Cobb 1920
- Lip region not protrusile
- Neck with cuticular "basket-work"; 4 sublat. scales opp. phar.; spicula 2 sections *Rhips* Cobb 1920
- Neck without "basket-work," or laterally only; scales 0; spicula entire
- Striae of rod-like elements, exc. towards extremities, changing to large dots laterally
- Cardiac bulb broad, well set off, valvate.....*Punctodora* Fil. 1930
- Cardiac bulb not very broad, confluent, non-valvate.....*Neochromadora* Micol. 1924
- Striae of dots, altered laterally
- Pharyngeal bulb stronger dorsad; onch. large; card. bulb 2-3-zoned ..*Hypodontolaimus* de Man 1886
- Pharyngeal bulb if present not stronger dorsad; cardiac bulb not zoned....*Chromadora* Bast. 1865
- External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical
- Female not known; marine or salt marsh (exc. *Amphispira* ?); wings none
- Habitat soil (possibly marine); amphid spiral; cephalic setae 0; spinneret present *Amphispira* Cobb 1920
- Habitat marine or salt marsh
- Amphid multispiral, large, on front curvature of head
- Striae altered laterally.....*Neotonchus* Cobb 1933
- Striae not altered laterally.....*Amphispira* Cobb 1920
- Amphid not multispiral
- Onchium spear-like, free at tip.....*Oistolaimus* Ditlev. 1921  
(cf. *Onyx* Cobb 1891)
- Onchium not spear-like
- Cephalic setae minute; pharyng. bulb stronger dorsad; amphid narrow, transverse *Iotadorus* Cobb 1920
- Cephalic setae 0; amphid circular or monospiral
- Tooth ventral.....*Crassolaimus* Kreis 1929
- Tooth dorsal; nema cephalated by expansion and by cessation of striae.....*Micromicron* Cobb 1920
- Female known
- Gonad ♀ outstretched; amphid circular; cephalic setae 4; spinneret present; marine
- Wings 10, of V-shaped marks; phar. bulb long, set off by constriction; lab. papill. setose *Nudora* Cobb 1920
- Wings 0; phar. bulb very slight; labial papillae 0; renette large, of ±6 cells.....*Synonema* Cobb 1920
- Gonad ♀ reflexed
- Habitat marine; amphid round; spinneret pres.; wings 6-20, marks V-shaped *Monoposthia* de Man 1889
- Habitat not marine; amphid round or oval; spinneret none exc. *Udonchus*
- Median oesophageal bulb present, usually valvate; tail conoid, then setaceous; bursa none
- Pharynx narrow, post. part 6 times width; ceph. set. 0; onch. small, basal *Diplogasteroides* de Man 1912
- Pharynx not more than twice as deep as wide; cephalic setae usually present
- Onchium anterior, recurved, outward-acting.....*Diplogaster* M. Schultze 1857
- Onchium deepset, forward-pointing.....*Acrostichus* Rahm 1928
- Median oesophageal bulb absent; striae fine, plain
- Pharynx occupying  $\frac{1}{2}$  neck-length; habitat decaying bulbs.....(*Odontopharynx* de Man 1912)
- Pharynx occupying  $\frac{1}{2}$  neck-length or less
- Tooth (spear) bent obliquely dorsad at lips when extruded; soil near roots.. (*Campydora* Cobb 1920)
- Tooth not bent
- Spinneret present; external amphid oval; pharyng. bulb absent; in fresh water *Udonchus* Cobb 1913
- Spinneret absent; amphid circular
- Pharyngeal swelling absent; cardiac bulb valvate.....*Macrolaimus* Maupas 1900
- Pharyngeal swelling clavate; in moist soil.....*Odontolaimus* de Man 1880  
(= *Neonchus* Cobb 1893)
- Ovaries 2
- Gonads ♀ outstretched; spinneret present; habitat marine or brackish soil
- Amphid not multispiral; onchia several, often minute
- Pharyngeal bulb none, or slight, confluent; ceph. setae 4; labial papillae 6. *Microlaimus* de Man 1880
- Pharyngeal bulb almost globular; cephalic setae 6; labial setae 6.....(*Bolbolaimus* Cobb 1920)  
(= *Bulbopharyngiella* Allgen 1929)
- Amphid multispiral; striae finely dotted; pharyngeal bulb absent
- Head setose; striae not altered laterally; spicula long; apophysis none.....*Comesoma* Bast. 1865
- Head less setose; spicula short; gubernaculum with apophysis
- Male ventral pre-anal supplementary organs small, papilloid.....(*Parasabatieria* de Man 1907)
- Male supplementary organs absent.....(*Sabatieria* de Rouville 1903)
- Gonads ♀ reflexed
- Spinneret absent (for alternative see next page)
- Habitat marine; cephalic setae 4; pharyngeal bulb absent, pharynx small.....*Spirina* Fil. 1918  
(= *Spira* Bast. 1865)
- Habitat not marine; tail ±setaceous exc. *Neodiplogaster*
- Cardiac bulb valvate.....*Poikilolaimus* Fuchs 1930
- Cardiac bulb not valvate
- Pharyngeal bulb clavate,  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{3}$  neck-length; median bulb none; ceph. set. 10 *Odontolaimus* de Man 1880
- Pharyngeal bulb none or short, not tapering; oesoph. diplogastroid; onchium a projection

- Median oesophageal bulb not swollen; ceph. set. 0; striae plain....** (*Odontopharynx* de Man 1912)
- Median oesophageal bulb swollen; cardiac swelling non-valvate  
Pharynx  $\frac{1}{2}$  wide as deep; ce.ph. set. present; tail setaceous; bursa 0..... *Diplogaster* M. Schultze 1857
- Pharynx narrow, posterior tubular portion not over  $\frac{1}{2}$  as wide as deep; ceph. set. 0  
Onchium basal; tail conoid then setaceous; bursa none..... *Diplogasteroides* de Man 1912
- Onchium anterior; striae of dots; tail conoid; bursa rhabditoid..... *Neodiplogaster* Cobb 1924
- Spinneret present, exc. sometimes *Spirina* (for alternative see preceding page)
- Oesophageal bulbs 5-8, serial, contiguous; ♂ an enchelid; marine..... *Polygastrophora* de Man 1922
- Oesophageal bulb 1  
Anterior oesophagus narrow, lumen wide; marine..... *Calyptronema* Marion 1870  
(=*Catalaimus* Cobb 1920)
- Anterior oesophagus not differentiated
- Wings present  
Pharyngeal bulb set off by constriction; wings 12, bristles retrorse; marine... *Rhinema* Cobb 1920
- Pharyngeal bulb none or confluent
- Nema cephalized by cuticular change &  $\pm$  by expansion; cardiac bulb short, not divided  
Head "punctate"; wings 12-18; ceph. set. 6; denticles pres.; amph. spiral *Desmodorella* Cobb 1933
- Head plain; wing 1; ceph. set. 0; denticles 0; amph. round; caud. gl. nds pre-anal *Xenonema* Cobb 1920
- Nema not cephalized; cardiac bulb long, 2- or 3-zoned; amphid spiral  
Striae of dots; wings scalariform; ♂ supplements 0..... *Spilophorium* Cobb 1933  
(=*Spilophora* Bast. 1865)
- Striae plain  
Cephalic setae many, jointed; ♂ pre-anal cuticle thickened..... *Neonyx* Cobb 1933
- Cephalic setae 4, short; wing 1; ♂ supplements post-anal..... *Metachromadora* Fil. 1918  
(=*Chromadoropsis* Fil. 1918)
- Wings 0; striae not altered laterally, exc. sometimes *Desmodora*
- Habitat freshwater; minute subordinate onchia usually present  
Pharynx behind onchia  $\pm$  parallel-sided; pharyngeal bulb definite..... *Ethmolaimus* de Man 1880
- Pharynx behind onchia  $\pm$  conoid; pharyngeal bulb absent  
Amphid spiral; cephalic setae usually 10; pharynx open, irregular..... *Achromadora* Cobb 1913
- Amphid circular; cephalic setae 4; pharynx often obscure..... *Prodesmodora* Micol. 1923
- Habitat marine
- Dorsal pharyngeal wall thickened, onchium-like; amphid monospire  
at lips; cephalic setae 4; retene far back
- Oesoph. glands obscuring junction of intest.; dorsal phar. element  $\pm$  uniform *Onchium* Cobb 1920
- Oesoph. glands not prominent; dorsal pharyng. element not uniformly thick, but heavy  
Tooth-like thickening parallel to axis..... *Camacolaimus* de Man 1889  
(=*Digitonchus* Cobb 1920  
= *Acontiolaimus* Fil. 1918)
- Tooth-like thickening bent outward from beginning of vestibule  
Point of "onchium" single..... *Acmaeolaimus* Fil. 1918
- Point of Y-shaped "onchium" duplex..... *Pyilon* Cobb 1920
- Dorsal pharyngeal wall not thickened; onchium a distinct projection
- Cephalic setae 12-26; cardia bulb elongate; amphid spiral  
Striae of dots, on head also; labial papillae setose; ceph. set. 12..... *Bradylaimus* Stekhoven 1931
- Striae plain, absent on head; cephalic setae 24-26; amphid monospire  
Pharynx denticulate; onch. sigmoid ventrally; ♂ supplements sigmoid *Sigmophora* Cobb 1933
- Pharynx not denticulate; onch. not sigmoid; ♂ supplements papilloid *Xanthodora* Cobb 1920
- Cephalic setae 4  
Striae of dots  
Dorsal onchium large, basal; pharyngeal bulb stronger dorsad..... *Odontonema* Fil. 1930
- Dorsal onchium anterior; pharyngeal bulb  $\pm$  symmetrical..... *Chromadorina* Fil. 1918
- Striae plain
- Head set off by lack of striae; pharynx & onchium inconspic.; marine.. *Desmodora* de Man 1889
- Head not set off; striae extending to lips  
Pharyngeal bulb 0; cardiac bulb short; onchium minute; neck 6-7%..... *Spirina* Fil. 1918  
(=*Spira* Bast. 1865)
- Pharyngeal bulb present; cardiac bulb long, massive, 2- or 3-zoned; neck over 12%  
Onchium spear-like; head rounded..... *Onyx* Cobb 1891
- Onchium not spear-like; head truncate..... *Metachromadora* Fil. 1918  
(=*Chromadoropsis* Fil. 1918)
- Teeth (onchia or odontia) 2 or more (for alternative see page 11)
- Oesophagus with median or posterior bulb or swelling, or both (for alternative see page 17)
- The teeth  $\pm$  equal in size, usually mobile radially (for alternative see next page)
- Stroke of teeth outward; amphid often obscure (for alternative see next page)
- Spinneret absent; ♀ or ♂  
Cardiac bulb valvate; cuticle without longitudinal striae..... *Diploscapter* Cobb 1913
- Cardiac bulb not valvate, median bulb valvate; cuticle with longitudinal striae  
Posterior pharyngeal chamber behind onchia; lips with radiate framework..... *Mononchoides* Rahm 1928
- Posterior pharyngeal chamber absent; lips without radiate framework..... *Diplogaster* M. Schultze 1857  
(=*Pristionchus* Kreis 1932)
- Spinneret present; median oesophageal bulb absent  
Pharynx tubular, 4-6% of body length  
Amphid long, reaching base of pharynx or mid-body; odontia 6, minute; -♀-..... *Pseudolella* Cobb 1920
- Amphid small, at lips, with pocket; odontia 3, massive; tail oft striate; '♀'..... *Syringolaimus* de Man 1888
- Pharynx conoid, not over 2% of body length
- Striae plain  
Odontia 0; onch. 3, at base shallow phar.; amph. round; card. swelling obvious; -♀- *Aponchium* Cobb 1920
- Odontia 6 or 12; onch. 0; amph. bent or crook-shape; card. bulb 0 or weak; -♀- *Odontophora* Bütsch. 1874  
(=*Trigonolaimus* Ditlev. 1918  
= *Conolaimus* Fil. 1918)
- Striae of dots; cardiac swelling obvious  
Amphid spiral; onch. 3, curved; ♂ supplements 0 or papilloid; gubernac. 0; ♂ only.. *Statenia* Allgen 1930
- Amphid a transverse slit, near lips; ♀  
Lateral fields marked by longitudinal rows of larger dots..... *Chromadorella* Fil. 1918
- Lateral fields without longitudinal rows of larger dots..... *Prochromadorella* Micol. 1924



- Stroke of teeth inward; amphid occasionally obscure (for alternative see preceding page)  
 Spinneret 0; phasmids present; odontia 6; oesophagus cephaloboid; ovaries reflexed  
 Nema usually cephalated; cirri 0; amphid round; soil & fresh water; '♀'.....(*Teratocephalus* de Man 1876)  
 Nema not cephalated; cirri 6; amphid oval; tail hooked; in bark, etc.; '♀'.....(*Chambersiella* Cobb 1920)  
 (=*Diastolaimus* Rahm 1928)
- Spinneret present  
 Mandibular jaws 2 or 3; pharyngeal and cardiac bulbs strong; marine  
 Jaws 3; amphid not known; ♂ only.....*Fusionema* Kreis 1928  
 Jaws 2, lateral, dentate; amphid multispiral.....*Cheironchus* Cobb 1917  
 (=*Dignathonema* Fil. 1918)
- Mandibular jaws absent  
 Amphid multispiral; lips flat, confluent; pharynx rather narrow; marine  
 Striae very fine; wings 0; labial papillae not seen; ♂ only.....*(Alaimonema* Cobb 1920)  
 Striae ± coarse, of dots; wings pres.; labial papillae 12; -♀-, or reflexed at tip (*Mesonchium* Cobb 1920)  
 (=*Pepsonema* Cobb 1920)
- Amphid not multispiral  
 Habitat soil; amph. monospire to crook-shape; phar. 6%; nema small, 0.2 mm.; J (*Pycnolaimus* Cobb 1920)  
 Habitat marine; pharynx under 2%, not tubular; ovaries not reflexed  
 Vulva 15%; odontia 12, minute; amphid "folded"; ♀-.....*Synodontium* Cobb 1920  
 Vulva 81%; odontia 0; onchia 3; pharyngeal swelling slight; -♀.....(*Aponchium* Cobb 1920)
- The teeth ± unequal in size, usually not mobile radially; amph. usually not obscure (from preceding page)  
 External amphid not spiral, circular nor elliptical; ovaries 2; spinneret present  
 Gonads ♀ outstretched; amph. long, reaching sometimes to mid-body; odontia 6; -♀- *Pseudolella* Cobb 1920  
 Gonads ♀ reflexed; amphid a transverse slit  
 Striae fine, plain; onchia dorsal and ventral.....*(Deltanema* Kreis 1929  
 (cf. *Metalinhomoeus* de Man 1907)
- Striae resolvable into elements; dorsal onchium usually the largest  
 Spicula of 2 joints; striae forming "basket-work" on neck; amphid opp. base pharynx *Rhips* Cobb 1920  
 Spicula entire; striae of dots; amphid near lips.....*Chromadora* Bast. 1865
- External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical  
 Female not known; spinneret present; marine  
 Amphid multispiral; head conoid; onch. minute; ceph. & subceph. setae in sets of 4 *Alaimonema* Cobb 1920  
 Amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral  
 Pharynx surrounded at base by cuticularized ring.....*Cricolaimus* Southern 1914  
 Pharynx not surrounded by cuticularized ring  
 Striae of dots, interrupted laterally; pharynx cyatholaimoid, onchium large.....*Endolaimus* Fil. 1922  
 Striae unaltered laterally; pharynx small; ♂ supplements tubular, post-anal.....*Catanema* Cobb 1920
- Female known  
 Ovary 1  
 Gonad ♀ outstretched; spinneret pres.; ♂ supplements numerous, complex; marine *Aponchium* Cobb 1920  
 Gonad ♀ reflexed; amphid small, circular, obscure; spinneret 0; not marine  
 Cardiac bulb valvate, median bulb absent; bursa small, ribs stout.....*Myolaimus* Cobb 1920  
 Cardiac bulb not valvate; oesophagus ±diplogastrid  
 Oesophagus without (or with non-valvate, clavate) median swelling.....*Odontopharynx* de Man 1912  
 Oesophagus with median valvate bulb.....*Diplogaster* M. Schultze 1857  
 (=*Pristionchus* Kreis 1932)
- Ovaries 2  
 Gonads ♀ outstretched, Mesonchium reflexed at tips; marine  
 Amphid spiral; dots larger laterally; onchia ±equal; spinneret present.....(*Mesonchium* Cobb 1920)  
 (=*Pepsonema* Cobb 1920)
- Amphid circular; striae when present not altered laterally; onchia unequal  
 Striae desmodoroïd, coarse, plain; amph. behind pharynx, open caudad *Paracothonolaimus* Schulz 1932  
 Striae none, or not desmodoroïd  
 Pharyngeal bulb ±globular, set off by constriction; spinneret present.....*Bolbolaimus* Cobb 1920  
 (=*Bulbopharyngiella* Allgen 1929)
- Pharyngeal swelling slight, confluent; base of pharynx denticulate.....*Linhomoeus* Bast. 1865  
 (i.e. subg. *Eulinhomoeus* de Man 1907)
- Gonads ♀ reflexed (*Mesonchium* at tips only)  
 Habitat marine; spinneret present; amphid spiral  
 Striae of dots; amphid opposite pharynx, of few winds  
 Subventral onchium small, dorsal acting out; dots unaltered laterally.....*Chromadorina* Fil. 1918  
 Subventral & dorsal onchia ±equal, apices axial; dots larger laterally.....*Mesonchium* Cobb 1920  
 (=*Pepsonema* Cobb 1920)
- Striae none or plain  
 Head set off by cessation of coarse annulation; amphid usually multispiral... *Desmodora* de Man 1889  
 Head not set off; striae none or very fine  
 Male ventral pre-anal supplements tubular, sigmoid, in 2 rows.....*Polysigma* Cobb 1920  
 Male ventral pre-anal supplements simple, in 1 row.....*Chromaspirina* Fil. 1918  
 (=*Mesodoros* Cobb 1920)
- Habitat not marine  
 Spinneret present; amphid spiral, behind pharynx; in fresh water.....*Achromadora* Cobb 1913  
 Spinneret absent; phasmids present; amphid circular; usually in soil  
 Cardiac bulb valvate, oesophagus cephaloboid; onchia 4.....*Seleneella* Rahm 1932  
 Cardiac bulb not valvate; oesophagus diplogastrid  
 Anterior oesophagus (corpus) without (or with clavate, non-valvate) swelling  
 Cephalic setae 6 or 10; dorsal onch. opposed by ventral onchium or ridge... *Butlerius* Goodey 1929  
 Cephalic setae 6; dorsal onchium opposed by denticles.....*Odontopharynx* de Man 1912
- Anterior oesophagus (corpus) ending in ±valvate median bulb  
 Lips with radiate framework; post. pharyngeal chamber behind onchia... *Mononchoides* Rahm 1928  
 Lips without radiate framework; post. pharyngeal chamber none....*Diplogaster* M. Schultze 1857  
 (=*Pristionchus* Kreis 1932)

-  Oesophagus plain, i.e. without median or posterior bulb or swelling (for alternative see page 15)  
 The teeth  $\pm$  equal in size, usually mobile radially (for alternative see next page)
- Stroke of teeth outward; amphid usually not obscure  
 External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical; spinneret present (*Eleutherolaimus* ?)  
 Armature of 2 teeth; ceph. set. 4; amph. monospire, in front of setae; ♂ only *Diodontolaimus* Southern 1914
- Armature of 6 or 12 odontia  
*Odontia* 3-jointed, heavy; phar. cylind.; onch. dorsal; amph. round-multipspire; -♀ *Scaptrella* Cobb 1917  
*Odontia* not jointed  
 Amphid "folded" or shepherd's crook; -♀-.....*Odontophora* Bütsch. 1874  
 (= *Trigonolaimus* Ditlev. 1918  
 = *Conolaimus* Fil. 1918)
- Amphid circular or elliptical, sometimes obscure; cephalic setae 4  
 Pharynx obscure; odontia small; lab. set. 6, setae long; striae coarse; -♀ *Stephanolaimus* Ditlev. 1918  
 Pharynx obvious; odontia larger; labial and subcephalic setae 0; ♂ only  
 Striae of dots; amphid transverse, open caudad.....*Apodontium* Cobb 1920  
 Striae plain; amphid circular.....*Eleutherolaimus* Fil. 1922
- External amphid not spiral, circular nor elliptical; spinneret pres. exc. *Ironus* and *Parironus*  
 Cardiac bulb slight; striae of dots; amphid a transverse slit near lips; -♀  
 Dots of striae larger laterally, in longitudinal rows.....*Chromadorella* Fil. 1918  
 Dots of striae not altered laterally.....*Prochromadorella* Micol. 1924
- Cardiac bulb none; striae none, or plain and very fine  
*Odontia* 6, sometimes dentate; amphid  $\pm$  "folded" or crook-shaped; -♀-  
 Amphid opposite basal portion of pharynx; odontia less developed.....*Axonolaimus* de Man 1889  
 Amphid opposite anterior portion of pharynx; odontia more developed.....*Odontophora* Bütsch. 1874  
 (= *Trigonolaimus* Ditlev. 1918  
 = *Conolaimus* Fil. 1918)
- Odontia or onchia 3; amphid transverse, with internal pocket; ovaries reflexed  
 Armature 3 awl-shaped onchia, protrusile forward; pharynx 0.5%; -♀ .....*(Fimbrilla* Cobb 1905)  
 (= *Fimbria* Cobb 1894)
- Armature 3 heavy odontia; pharynx tubular, 1-4%; Ironiniae  
 Lips expanded, denticulate, 6; tail 2%; spinneret ventrad; -♀'.....*Trissonchulus* Cobb 1920  
 Lips not expanded; tail 5% or more; spinneret not ventrad; -♀'  
 Spinneret none; pharynx 2-4%; dorsal tooth duplex; in fresh water and soil.....*Ironus* Bast. 1865  
 Spinneret present (in *Parironus* rudimentary or none); marine  
 Cephalic setae 0 or papillloid; odontia not duplex; pharyngeal swelling slight  
 Pharyngeal wall thin; pharynx 3%; nema 3 mm.....*Dolicholaimus* de Man 1888  
 Pharyngeal wall thick; pharynx 1.1%; nema 2-7 mm.....*Thalassironus* de Man 1889
- Cephalic setae present  
*Odontia* duplex; phar. 2.7%, bulb set off by constriction; ceph. set. 6, subceph. 4. *Ironella* Cobb 1920  
*Odontia* not duplex; pharynx 1-1.6%, swelling slight; cephalic setae 10.....*Parironus* Micol. 1930
- Stroke of teeth inward; amphid known, in *Enoplidae* with internal pocket and often obscure  
 External amphid not spiral, circular nor elliptical; ovaries reflexed  
 Ovary 1, post.; phar. bulb strong; "palps" labial; onch. 3, at summit of apophyses *Gammanema* Cobb 1920  
 Ovaries 2; wings absent; amphid with internal pocket; *Enoplidae*  
 Calvarium a band with undulating margins; glands lateral; odontia large.....*Ficra* Southern 1914  
 Calvarium absent  
 Onchia 3, awl-like, protrusile forward, like bristles around open mouth.....*(Fimbrilla* Cobb 1905  
 (= *Fimbria* Cobb 1894)
- Onchia not awl-like  
 Lips confluent, bearing 6 (or 3 duplex) odontia  
 Pharynx narrow; onchia 0; odontia probably 6.....*Tubolaimella* Cobb 1933  
 Pharynx conoid; onch. 3, midway, alternating paired odontia. *Rhabdodemania* Baylis & Daubney 1926  
 (= *Demania* Southern 1914)
- Lips distinct, 3; armature heavy  
 The lips large, conoid, as high as broad; jaws 3  
 Mandibles 2-clawed; lips radially striate; spicula long, striate.....*Enoploides* Saveljev 1912  
 Mandibles absent; lips not striate; tooth midway on onchial framework.....*Enoplolaimus* de Man 1893
- The lips not conoid, nor as high as broad  
 Armature 3 short flattish acute onchia, doming the  $\pm$  small pharynx....*Triodontolaimus* de Man 1893  
 Armature of 3 jaws within the pharynx, anteriorly 2-pointed.....*Enoplus* Duj. 1845  
 (= *Enoplostoma* Marion 1870)
- External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical  
 Female not known  
 Amphid monospire, transverse; lips 4; cephalic setae 4; ♂ supplements 8-12, tubular  
 Striae very fine; pharynx conoid; onchia 3; labial papillae 2.....*Dagda* Southern 1914  
 Striae coarse; phar. cylind.; onch. 2, lateral or subventral; lab. papill. 4 *Diodontolaimus* Southern 1914
- Amphid multipspire; ♂ supplements  $\pm$  chromadoroid  
 Pharynx unarmed; lips 6, grasping organs, with longitudinal cuticular ribs.....*Dispira* Cobb 1933  
 Pharynx armed; bulb strong; often nemativorous; ♂ supplements chromadoroid  
 Mandibles 3, split exc. at tips, distal hooks 3, subordinates 2; phar. 1 chamber.....*Synonchium* Cobb 1920  
 Mandibles 0; phar. 2 chambers; onchia 3, midway, with backward apophyses..*Trogolaimus* Cobb 1920
- Female known  
 Ovary 1; amphid circular or monospiral (for alternative see next page)  
 Gonad ♀ post.; onch. 3, on apophyses; phar. bulb strong; spinneret pres.; marine *Gammanema* Cobb 1920  
 Gonad ♀ anterior  
 Spinneret none; wings none; labial "palps" 6, small; marine; -♀  
 Amphid large, raised centrally; tail with thorn-like setae.....*(Zanema* Cobb 1920)  
 Amphid small, not projecting; tail without setae.....*(Crystallonema* Cobb 1920)
- Spinneret present  
 Cephalic setae usually 0 or papillloid; ovoviparous or viviparous; in gills of land crabs  
 Pharynx small, of 2 chambers; cephalic setae 10, often papillloid.....*(Monhystrum* Cobb 1920)  
 Pharynx large, open, of 1 chamber; cephalic setae 0; wings none.....*Tripylum* Cobb 1920
- Cephalic setae present; ovary outstretched; marine  
 Lips thick, with 3 projecting finger-like "odontia"; wings up to 32 on head.....*(Xyala* Cobb 1920)  
 Lips 6, very thin, each with 3 parallel-sided cuticularized ribs.....*(Daptonema* Cobb 1920)  
 (cf. *Theristus* Bast. 1865)



- Ovaries 2 (for alternative see preceding page)
- Gonads ♀ outstretched; spinneret present; marine
- Amphid "folded" or crook-shaped; pharynx conoid; striae plain..... (*Axonolaimus* de Man 1889)
  - Amphid multispire; striae of dots, altered on lateral fields
  - Spicula 2-jointed; nema 2% wide..... *Dorylaimopsis* Ditlev. 1918  
("=*Xinema* Cobb 1920)
  - Spicula entire; nema 4% wide..... *Mesonchium* Cobb 1920  
("=*Pepsonema* Cobb 1920)
- Gonads ♀ reflexed; spinneret present
- Amphid large, multispire; striae resolvable into elements; often nemativorous
  - Pharynx 2 chambers; mid-pharynx denticulate, apophyses forward & backward; striae of dots
  - Circular muscles about anterior pharynx; phar. small; denticles irregular. *Cobbiinema* Fil. 1922
  - Circular muscles none; pharynx capacious; denticles regularly placed *Halichoanolaimus* de Man 1886  
("=*Smalsundia* Aligen 1929)
- Pharynx not of 2 chambers; denticles absent (Demonema ?)
- Mandibles none
  - Dots of striae not larger laterally; jaws with many horny teeth anteriorly... *Demonema* Cobb 1894
  - Dots of striae larger laterally; onchia equal, apices axial..... *Mesonchium* Cobb 1920  
("=*Pepsonema* Cobb 1920)
- Mandibles 2 or 3; Selachineminae
- Dorsal mandible a mere rod, developed mandibles 2..... *Selachinema* Cobb 1915
  - Dorsal mandible developed, making 3, ±split; subordinate hooks pres.; cutic. pores pres.
  - Central mandibular prong 1, no. hooks odd; striae of dots; ♂ supplements 2 *Synonchium* Cobb 1920
  - Central mand. prongs 2, no. hooks even; striae, dashes; ♂ supplements 20 *Synonchiella* Cobb 1933
- Amphid small, opening circular, obscure; lips 3, large; Enoplinae
- Lips not conoid, nor high as broad; labial papillae seldom setose; jaws 2-pointed.. *Enoplus* Duj. 1845  
("=*Enoplostoma* Marion 1870)
- Lips large, conoid, often as high as broad; labial papillae 6, setose
- Mandibles 2-clawed; lips radially striate; spicula long, striate..... *Enoploides* Saveljev 1912
- Mandibles absent; lips not striate
- Basal onchia large, reaching lips
  - Framework of jaws absent..... *Saveljevia* Fil. 1927
  - Framework of jaws present..... *Filipjevia* Kreis 1928
  - Basal onchia absent; "jaws" 3, without hooks
  - Jaw framework bearing 3 equal mid-pharyngeal teeth..... *Enoplolaimus* de Man 1893
  - Jaw framework without teeth..... *Parenoplus* Fil. 1927
- The teeth ±unequal in size, usually not mobile radially; amph., in Enopliidae, oft obscure (from pg. 17)
- Female not known
- Cephalic setae 0; spiculum 1, gubernaculum absent..... *Dioncholaimus* Kreis 1932
  - Cephalic setae pres.; spicula 2, gubernac. pres. (*Hyptolaimus* Cacolaimus, Convexolaimus, J only)
  - Amphid multispire, ±head width; striae of dots, wings 2; labial "palps" 12, jointed *Pomponema* Cobb 1917
- Amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral
- Pharynx with denticles, or many subordinate onchia; labial papill. 6, setose; amph. round or oval
  - Labial "palps" 12, tips large; onch. dorsal, denticles not basal; wing scalariform *Anazonchium* Cobb 1920
  - Labial "palps" 0; base of pharynx filled with subordinate onchia..... *Polydonthus* Schulz 1932
- Pharynx without denticles or numerous subordinate onchia
- Bulb around pharynx set off by sudden constriction..... *Hyptolaimus* Cobb 1930
  - Bulb around pharynx none or not set off by constriction
  - Striae coarse; onchia 2, lateral or subventral; labial papillae 4..... *Didontolaimus* Southern 1914
  - Striae none or very fine; onchia 3
  - Lips 4, 2 of them bearing papillae; cephalic setae 4; ♂ supplements tubular... *Dagda* Southern 1914
  - Lips 6, papillae 6, setose; cephalic setae 10, short; J
  - Head set off by thicker cuticle; wall of pharynx thin..... *Cacolaimus* Kreis 1932
  - Head not set off, its cuticle thin; wall of pharynx distinct..... *Convexolaimus* Kreis 1928
- Female known
- Ovary 1, anterior (*Pseudoncholaimus* ?)
- Median onchium spear-like, dorsal onchium minute, basal..... *Enoplocheilus* Kreis 1932
  - Median spear-like onchium absent
  - Gonad ♀ outstretched; amphid circular or monospiral
  - Onchia 2, like vertical plates, subventral; amphid monospire, longer than wide.. *Goniochus* Cobb 1920
  - Onchia not plate-like, basal, outlets of oesoph. glands; amph. round; tail ±setaceous *Cobbia* de Man 1907
- Gonad ♀ reflexed
- Spinneret absent; phasmids present
  - Cardiac bulb ±glandular, not valvate; median swelling often present (*Odontopharynx* de Man 1912)
  - Card. bulb valvate, oes. cephaloboid; vagina directed forward, muscles heavy *Turbatrix* Peters 1927  
("=*Anguillula auctores*)
- Spinneret present; phasmids absent; amphid with internal pocket, usually small
- Cephalic setae 0; papillae in 2 circlets; in soil and fresh water
  - Pharynx large, open, ±parallel-sided; spinneret terminal..... *Mononchus* Bast. 1865
  - Pharynx narrow, ±conoid; spinneret ventrad..... *Mononchulus* Cobb 1918
- Cephalic setae present; papillae 1 circlet; marine or in brackish waters; Oncholaiminae
- Demanian system absent
  - Ovary posterior; vulva 73-77%; gubernaculum none..... *Pseudoncholaimus* Kreis 1932
  - Ovary ant.; vulva 70-75%; gubernaculum pres.; spicula ±tail length.. *Prooncholaimus* Micol. 1924
- Demanian system present
- Uvette and exit pores present..... *Metoncholaimus* Fil. 1918
  - Uvette ampulla-like, exit pores absent
  - Male with pre-anal appendicule..... *Oncholaimum* Cobb 1930
  - Male without pre-anal appendicule..... *Oncholaimus* Duj. 1845
- Ovaries 2
- Gonads ♀ outstretched; striae of rods, exc. laterally; amph. a slit.... *Dicriconema* Steiner & Hoeppli 1926
  - Gonads ♀ reflexed
  - Habitat soil and fresh water (for alternative see next page)
  - Spinneret 0; anterior oesoph. (corpus) with or without non-valvate med. bulb; amph. round or oval
  - "Spear" none; dorsal onch. opposed by ventral tooth or ridge; ceph. set. 6-10... *Butlerius* Goodey 1929



- "Spear" a minute prod between lips; cephalic setae 0.....*Demanella* Steiner 1914  
 (= *Demania* Steiner 1914)
- Spinneret present, exc. sometimes in *Mononchus*
- Amphid spiral; pharynx ±conoid.....*Nannonchus* Cobb 1913
  - Amphid circular or oval, often small, with internal pocket  
 Pharynx irregularly conoid; onchia small.....*Trilobus* Bast. 1865
  - Pharynx not conoid; one or more onchia large  
 Lips thick; papillae 12, in 2 circlets; renette not known.....*Mononchus* Bast. 1865
  - Lips thin; papillae 6, ceph. set. 10; renette pres., ampulla conspicuous.....*Adoncholaimus* Fil. 1908
- Habitat marine; spinneret usually present (for alternative see preceding page)
- Cuticle annulated
- Annules not resolvable into dots or rod-like elements
  - Head truncate; annules interrupted; ceph. set. 4; phar. ribs long., serrate. ....*Rhabdotoderma* Marion 1870
  - Head rounded; annules plain; setae many, short, ±irregular on calvarium.....*Croconema* Cobb 1920
  - Annules of rod-like marks; pharynx cyatholaimoid, vestibule ribbed; amphid a transverse slit
  - Ceph. set. 4, labial papillae setose; annules plain laterally.....*Dicriconema* Steiner & Hoepli 1926
  - Ceph. set. 10; annules with V-shaped marks laterally, "basket-work" on neck.....*Rhips* Cobb 1920
- Cuticle not annulated; striae if present very fine
- Head with subcircular calvarium; amphid with internal pocket; Enopidae
  - Calvarium complex, ornate, long-conoid.....*Thoracostoma* Marion 1870
  - Calvarium relatively simple, a band with undulating margins; glands lateral
  - Pharynx wide; lips with denticles; odontia present(?); nema 20-34 mm.....*Cylicolaimus* de Man 1889
  - Pharynx narrow, ±filled by onchia, dorsal largest; cervical setae many; nema 8-17 mm.
  - Odontia present; cephalic setae long.....*Ficra* Southern 1914
  - Odontia absent; cephalic setae short or medium.....*Synonchus* Cobb 1894  
 (= *Jägerskiöldia* Fil. 1916)
- Head without calvarium
- Amphid spiral; pharynx small, irregularly conoid, vestibule ribbed.....*Chromospirina* Fil. 1918  
 (= *Mesodorus* Cobb 1920)
  - Amphid with internal pocket; pharynx large, open, squarish, ribbed vestibule absent
  - Pharynx not divided, walls ±thick; amph. small; excretory pore oft at lips; *Oncolaiminae*
  - Demanian system present, with exit pores and developed uvette.....*Adoncholaimus* Fil. 1918
  - Demanian system absent, or gonenteric duct only
  - Subventral onchia equal in size; amphidial opening longer than wide
  - Tail 33%, filiform, spinneret none; gubernaculum none.....*Filoncholaimus* Fil. 1927  
 (= *Pseudoparoncholaimus* Kreis 1932)
  - Tail short, rounded; gubernaculum present.....*Pontonema* Leidy 1855  
 (= *Paroncholaimus* Fil. 1916)
- Subventral onchia unequal in size; pharynx depth twice its width or more
- Cuticle not viscous; phar. bulb clavate; lip reg. set off by constriction. ....*Steinerella* Allgen 1932  
 (= *Steineria* Ditlev. 1928)
  - Cuticle viscous; pharyngeal bulb none; nema under 3 mm.; tail 6-10%
  - Pharynx very deep, ±filled by subventral onch.; bursa present *Oncolaimellus* de Man 1890
  - Pharynx not over twice as deep as wide, not filled by onchium; bursa none
  - Dorsal wall of pharynx well developed.....*Viscosia* (de Man) Fil. 1918
  - Dorsal wall of pharynx rudimentary, an extension of dorsal tooth.....*Meroviscosia* Kreis 1932
- Pharynx 2-5 chambers, wall thin; amph. large; excretory pore oft at lips; large onch. subventral
- Oesophageal bulbs 5-8, serial, contiguous
  - Amphidial opening transverse, slit-like; ♂ supplements eurystomoid.....*Bolbella* Cobb 1920
  - Amphidial opening ±circular; ♂ an enchelid, supplements simple..*Polygastrophora* de Man 1922
  - Oesophageal bulbs none
  - External amphid transverse, slit-like; pharynx usually ±square; caudal glands before anus
  - Denticles forming a broad mid-pharyngeal band; ♂ supplements simple. ....*Thoönchus* Cobb 1920
  - Denticles in 1-3 rows; ♂ supplements complex, "fluked".....*Eurytoma* Marion 1870  
 (= *Marionella* Cobb 1922)
- External amphid round; pharynx deep; onch. spear-like, exc. Ditlevensenella; ♂ oft an enchelid
- Anterior oesophagus narrower, lumen wide.....*Calytronema* Marion 1870  
 (= *Catalaimus* Cobb 1920)
- Anterior oesophagus not differentiated
- Large onchia 3.....*Fenestrolaimus* Fil. 1927
  - Large onchium 1, other onchia 2
  - The large onchium conoid; nema 4-6 mm.....*Ditlevensenella* Fil. 1927
  - The large onchium long, slender, spear-like
  - Pharyngeal chambers behind vestibule 2; eyes 2.....*Dilaimus* Fil. 1927  
 (= *Amphistenus* Marion 1870)
- Pharyngeal chambers behind vestibule more than 2
- Chambers separated by 2-4 rings or by dots or denticles.....*Symplocostoma* Bast. 1865
  - Chambers (first 2) separated by "commas"; rings 3; eyes 0.....*Symplocostomella* Micol. 1930

 Wall of the Pharynx unarmed (for alternative see page 8)

Cavity not cylindroid nor prismoid, i.e. cavity conoid or irregular in long. section (for alt. see page 24)  
Oesophagus with median or posterior bulb or swelling, or both (for alternative see next page)

Amphid not known or obscure

Female not known; spinneret present; cephalic setae present; nema 1% wide; marine

Cuticle with distinct, anastomosing annules; amphid a transverse slit.....(Leptonemella Cobb 1920)

Cuticle without annules; amphid minute, at lips.....(Catanema Cobb 1920)

Female known; spinneret none, exc. Dasylaimus

Ovaries 2, reflexed; wings present

Spinneret pres.; phar. denticulate; oes. without med. bulb; post. ovary undev.; marine Dasylaimus Cobb 1933

Spinneret 0; post. pharynx concave-cylind.; oes. with med. bulb; in sheep dung Rhabditoides Goodey 1929

Ovary 1

Gonad ♀ outstretched, anterior; cephalic setae 4.....Walcherenia de Man 1921

Gonad ♀ reflexed; cephalic setae 0 or minute

Spinneret present; pharynx denticulate; striae of dots; post. ovary undev.; marine Dasylaimus Cobb 1933

Spinneret 0; pharynx not denticulate; oesophagus cephaloboid; not marine

Probolae present; amphid at lips; in soil

Cephalic appendages in 2 circlets.....Acroboles Linst. 1877

Cephalic appendages in 1 circlet.....Cephalobus Bast. 1865

(=Acroboletes (Cobb) Steiner & Bührer 1933)

Probolae absent; cephalic appendages none or in 1 circlet

Pharyngeal wall a long. series of elements; onch. 0; vagina directed inward..Panagrolaimus Fuchs 1930

Pharyngeal wall not of serial elements; onch. oft pres.; vagina directed ±forward; Turbatricinae

Posterior pharynx closed; vulva ±75%; vagina less muscular; tail ±blunt....Plectonchus Fuchs 1930

Posterior pharynx ±open; vulva ±65%; vagina muscular; tail slender.....Turbatrix Peters 1927

(=Anguillula auctores)

Amphid known

External amphid not spiral, circular nor elliptical

Habitat not marine

Spinneret present; cephalic setae 4; in fresh water; ♀.....Chronogaster Cobb 1913

Spinneret none; ovaries 2

Tail setaceous, 19%; amph. semicirc.; oesoph. with med. bulb; vulva 21%; ♀' (Aulolaimoides Micol. 1915)

Tail not setaceous, 9-15%; amphid inconspicuous, small or slit-like

Med. oesoph. bulb confluent in front; post. phar. closed; in decaying matter; ♀'....(Cheilobus Cobb 1924)

(=Rhabdilophanes Fuchs 1930)

Med. oesoph. bulb none; pharynx ovoid; wings 0; amphid a slit; in soil; -♀-...Monhyphera Bast. 1865

(=M. dintheriana de Man 1885)

Habitat marine; cephalic setae present; spinneret present

Ambulatory tubes forming ventral pre-anal sole; nema ±S-shape, narrowed in card. reg.; marine; ♀'

Oesoph. region hardly swollen; card. bulb faint; cerv. striae all alike..Notochaetosoma Irwin-Smith 1918

Oesoph. region swollen, ovoid; oesophageal bulbs 1 or 2; band of cervical

striae accentuated, exc. Tristicochaeta falcatum

Central ambulatory adhesion tubes or setae in 2 rows.....Drepanonema Cobb 1933

(=Chaetosoma Clap. 1863)

Ventral ambulatory adhesion tubes or setae in 3 or 4 rows.....Tristicochaeta Panceri 1878

(=Dracinema Cobb 1913)

Ambulatory tubes absent; nema not crooked, not narrowed in cardiac region

Amphid transverse; pharynx minute; annules plain; ceph. set. 10, jointed; c' only Leptonemella Cobb 1920

Amphid large, folded or shepherd's crook; pharynx obvious; ovaries outstretched

Pharynx 4-5%, heavy, tubular; amphid 4-50% body; ceph. set. 4, subceph. 12; -♀- (Pseudolella Cobb 1920)

Pharynx under 2%, conoid, not heavy; cephalic setae large, long; odontia 6 or 12

Ovary 1, posterior; cephalic setae 6; odontia 12; vulva 15%.....(Synodontium Cobb 1920)

Ovaries 2; cephalic setae 4; odontia 6; vulva 45-67%

Tail clavate; nema shorter, stouter; amphid larger.....Azonolaimus de Man 1889

Tail conoid; nema long, slender; amphid smaller.....Ascolaimus Ditlev. 1919

(=Bathylaimus Ditlev. 1918)

External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical

Female not known

Habitat soil (possibly marine); spinneret present; amphid spiral; ceph. set. 0....(Amphispira Cobb 1920)

Habitat marine

Amphid multispiral; wings 0; annules very fine

Pharyngeal bulb none; lip region not set off; head truncate-conoid; onch. 3, small Alaimonema Cobb 1920

Pharyngeal bulb present

Head cylindroid; lip region discoid, set off by constriction.....(Choniolaimus Ditlev. 1918)

Head hemispherical; lip region not discoid.....(Amphispira Cobb 1920)

Amphid circular or monospire; spinneret present

Nema cephalated, striae ceasing at constriction

Pharynx none; head ±spherical; amphid behind head; nema slender, 1.4%....Cinctonema Cobb 1920

Pharynx definite; head ±hemispherical; amphid on head; nema wider, 3.8% (Micromicron Cobb 1920)

Nema not cephalated

Annules strong, each of 8 tile-like elements; oesophagus compound.....Dasyinemella Cobb 1933

(=Dasyinema Cobb 1920)

Annules none; oesophagus not compound

Cephalic setae 8 or more; onchium minute; amphid minute, at lips.....Catanema Cobb 1920

Cephalic setae 4; onchia 0; amphid large, not at lips

Wing single; amphids on head, large, double, circular, joined dorsally.....Antomicron Cobb 1920

Wings 0; amphids behind head, not joined

Base pharynx faintly cuticularized, without ring; amphid circular.....Monhysteriella Kreis 1929

Base pharynx with cuticular ring, prongs 2, vertical; amphid monospire..Cricolaimus Southern 1914

Female known

Ovary 1 (for alternative see next page)

Gonad ♀ outstretched, anterior; amphid circular; striae 0, or fine and plain; wings 0

Pharynx ±quadrat; neck under 5%; crystalline bodies lateral; marine.....(Crystallonema Cobb 1920)

Pharynx long-conoid; neck 17%; spinneret present; in fresh water.....(Monhystera Bast. 1866)

(i.e. subg. Monhystrella Cobb 1918)

Gonad ♀ reflexed; cephalic setae 0 or minute



- Spinneret present; striae of dots; phar. denticulate; post. ovary undev.; marine *Dasylaimus* Cobb 1933
- Spinneret absent; pharynx not denticulate; not marine  
Head with 6 biting odontia; amphid round; nema cephalated exc.  
*Teratocephalus palustris* ..... *Teratocephalus* de Man 1876
- Head with entire or 3-parted lip region; amphid small, at lips; nema not cephalated, exc. *Acroboles insubricus*
- Panagrolaimus* Fuchs 1930
- Probolae absent; cephalic appendages 0 or in 1 circlet ..... *Panagrolaimus* Fuchs 1930
- Probolae present; in soil  
Cephalic appendages in 2 circlets ..... *Acroboles* Linst. 1877  
Cephalic appendages in 1 circlet ..... *Cephalobius* Bast. 1865  
(= *Acobeloides* (Cobb) Steiner & Bührer 1933)
- Ovaries 2 (for alternative see preceding page)
- Gonads ♀ outstretched  
Amphid multispiral; striae fine; pharynx small, cup-shaped  
Male ventral pre-anal supplementary organs small ..... (*Parasabatieria* de Man 1907)  
Male supplementary organs none ..... (*Sabatieria* de Rouville 1903)
- Amphid circular  
Pharynx obconoid, cutic. rings 1 or more; spinneret pres.; brackish soil ..... (*Desmolaimus* de Man 1880)
- Pharynx without transverse cuticularized rings; spinneret present or not  
Habitat not marine; cephalic setae 0  
Spinneret present; head with 4 circular "warts"; in fresh water ..... *Pseudochromadora* Daday 1901
- Spinneret absent; head without "warts"; bursa present; in moss ..... *Himatidiophila* Rahm 1925
- Habitat marine; striae fine; cephalic setae present  
The pharynx obconoid, with cylindroid vestibule  
Base pharynx cuticularized; head ± cylindroid; cardiac bulb valvate ..... *Metalinhomoeus* de Man 1907  
(cf. *Deltanema* Kreis 1929)
- Base pharynx not cuticularized; head ± conoid; lips if everted knob-like *Cryptolaimus* Cobb 1933
- The pharynx minute or none  
Cardiac swelling not strongly developed; ceph. set. 8-10; nema not tapering *Linhomoeus* Bast. 1865
- Cardiac bulb broad, valvate; ceph. set. 4; nema tapering, tail setaceous *Terschellingia* de Man 1888
- Gonads ♀ reflexed  
Habit parasitic, in insects; oesophagus without median bulb ..... *Neoaplectana* Steiner 1929
- Habit free-living  
Spinneret absent; cephalic setae 0; in soil and fresh water  
Nema cephalated, exc. T. palustris; lip reg. lobed, with 6 biting odontia ..... *Teratocephalus* de Man 1876
- Nema not cephalated; lip region not lobate; bursa present ..... *Himatidiophila* Rahm 1925
- Spinneret present  
Cephalic setae 0; head with 4 circular "warts"; in fresh water ..... *Pseudochromadora* Daday 1901
- Cephalic setae present; head without "warts"  
Habitat fresh water or soil; amphid circular to monospiral ..... *Plectus* Bast. 1865
- Habitat marine  
Lips 2, mouth a dorso-ventral slit; "pseudonuchs" dorso-ventral ridges ..... (*Pseudonchus* Cobb 1920)
- Lips more than 2, mouth not a slit; "pseudonuchs" absent  
Amphid multispiral  
Pharynx irregular, with tooth-like projections ..... *Zalonema* Cobb 1920
- Pharynx simple conoid, regular, without tooth-like projections  
Head set off by absence of striae ..... *Heterodesmodora* Micol. 1924
- Head not set off; striae extending to lips; neck 6-7%; onchium minute ..... *Spirina* Fil. 1918  
(= *Spira* Bast. 1865)
- Amphid circular or monospiral  
The pharynx denticulate; post. ovary undev.; striae of dots; wings pres. .... (*Dasylaimus* Cobb 1933)
- The pharynx not denticulate; both ovaries developed  
Dorsal pharyngeal wall not thickened; amphid not at lips  
Neck 14-21%; wings present; amphid long-oval; head set off by groove at 4 cephalic setae  
Length of neck 14-16%; amphid large, ± head-width back ..... *Eutelolaimus* de Man 1922
- Length of neck 21%; amphid 2 head-widths back ..... *Aplectus* Cobb 1914
- Neck under 7%; wings 0; amphid spiral  
Nema 4-7 mm.; width 0.3-1%; phar. straight, closed, with pharyng. swelling *Laxus* Cobb 1894
- Nema 2-4 mm.; width 1.5-4%; pharynx conoid, oft with small onchium ..... *Spirina* Fil. 1918  
(= *Spira* Bast. 1865)
- Dorsal pharyng. wall thick, tooth-like; amph. monospirre at lips; ceph. set. 4; renette far back  
Oesoph. glands obscuring junct. of intest.; dorsal phar. element ± uniform *Onchium* Cobb 1920
- Oesoph. glands not prominent; dorsal pharyng. element not uniformly thick, but heavy  
Tooth-like thickening parallel to axis ..... *Camacolaimus* de Man 1889  
(= *Diglonchus* Cobb 1920  
= *Acontiolaimus* Fil. 1918)
- Tooth-like thickening bent outward from beginning of vestibule  
Point of "onchium" single ..... *Acmaeolaimus* Fil. 1918
- Point of Y-shaped "onchium" duplex ..... *Ypsilon* Cobb 1920
- Oesophagus plain, i.e. without median or posterior bulb or swelling (for alternative see preceding page)
- Amphid not known or obscure (for alternative see next page)
- Female not known  
Habitat marine; lip region discoid; odontia 6; ceph. set. 4; amphid small ..... (*Stephanolaimus* Ditlev. 1918)
- Habitat fresh water, marsh or sand  
Hemispherical "cap" wider than neck, edge setose; phar. conoid; spinneret pres. *Diplolaimus* Linst. 1876
- Hemispherical cap none; setae 0; spinneret 0; wings double; bursa striate ..... *Macroposthonia* de Man 1880
- Female known; spinneret present  
Ovary 1; marine  
Gonad ♀ reflexed; ceph. set. 0, pharynx denticulate; post. ovary undev.; wings pres. *Dasylaimus* Cobb 1933
- Gonad ♀ outstretched; cephalic setae 4  
The ovary anterior; nema 3 mm.; neck 12%; vulva 75% ..... *Krampia* Ditlev. 1922
- The ovary posterior; nema 1 mm.; neck 19%; vulva 35% ..... *Asymmetrica* Kreis 1929
- Ovaries 2, reflexed  
Habitat fresh water (for alternative see next page)
- Lips 3, rounded; pharynx small, closed; onchium minute, deepset ..... (*Tripyla* Bast. 1865)  
(= *Promononchus* Micol. 1923)



- Lips 6, thin; pharynx larger, domed; onchia in posterior chamber ..... (*Trilobus* Bast. 1865)
- Habitat marine (for alternative see preceding page)
- Wings conspic.; striae of dots; ceph. set. 0; pharynx denticulate; post. ovary undev. .... *Dasylaimus* Cobb 1933
- Wings 0; striae plain, not altered laterally; cephalic setae present; Enopliidae
- Calvarium elaborate, ornate; onchia often present ..... *Deontostoma* Fil. 1916
- Calvarium not elaborate, sometimes absent
- Oesophagus crenate towards base; calvarium simple or reduced
- Eyes 0; neck  $\pm$ tapering; calvarium reduced; cervical setae in several rows .... *Stenolaimus* Marion 1870
- Eyes with lenses
- Pharynx simple; calvarium reduced; neck tapering ..... *Nasinema* Fil. 1927
- Pharynx with tooth-like processes; calvarium simple; neck  $\pm$ cylindroid ..... *Phanoderma* Bast. 1865  
(= *Heterocephalus* Marion 1870)
- Oesophagus not crenate; calvarium absent
- Jaws 3, without mandibles or onchia ..... (*Parenoplus* Fil. 1927)
- Jaws absent
- The pharynx tapering into oesophagus; cephalic setae 6, cervical small. .... *Paroxystomina* Micol. 1924
- The pharynx broad, thin-walled, base truncate with mound; amph. with pocket *Pelagonema* Cobb 1894  
(cf. *Vasculonema* Kreis 1928)
- Amphid known (for alternative see preceding page)
- External amphid not spiral, circular nor elliptical; female known
- Ovary 1; amphid not linear
- Gonad ♀ outstretched; lips 6, thin, each with 3 parallel-sided cutic. ribs; marine *Daptoneema* Cobb 1920  
(cf. *Theristus* Bast. 1865)
- Gonad ♀ reflexed
- The ovary posterior; spinneret absent; marine ..... (*Rhabdocoma* Cobb 1920)
- The ovary anterior, vulva 80%; spinneret present; soil about sugar cane ..... *Trischistoma* Cobb 1913
- Ovaries 2
- Gonads ♀ outstretched; marine exc. Monhystera
- Habitat soil among roots; amphid a transverse slit; pharynx ovoid ..... *Monhystera* Bast. 1865  
(= *M. dintheriana* de Man 1885)
- Habitat marine
- Amphid large, long-oval, on triangular plate,  $\pm$ as wide as head; spinneret none ..... *Didelta* Cobb 1920
- Amphid not on special plate
- Mouth ventrad of axis; amphid large, long, "folded" ..... *Campylaimus* Cobb 1920
- Mouth axial; amphid shorter
- Odontia absent; amphid flattened, more or less reniform ..... *Margonema* Cobb 1920
- Odontia, if present, 6 or 12; amphid crook-shaped or "folded"
- Tail clavate; body less slender; amphid larger ..... *Axonolaimus* de Man 1889  
..... *Ascolaimus* Ditlev. 1919  
(= *Bathyolaimus* Ditlev. 1918)
- Gonads ♀ reflexed
- Habitat freshwater
- Pharynx larger, domed; lips 6, thin; onchia small, in posterior pharynx ..... (*Trilobus* Bast. 1865)
- Pharynx small, closed; lips 3, rounded; onchium minute, deepset ..... (*Tripyla* Bast. 1865)  
(= *Promononchus* Micol. 1923)
- Habitat marine
- Wings present; amphid a transverse slit almost as wide as head ..... *Actinonema* Cobb 1920
- Wings absent; amphid with internal pocket (*Rhabdocoma* ?); Enopliidae (*Rhabdocoma* ?)
- Oesophagus crenate towards base
- Pharynx without tooth-like processes; cervical setae in longitudinal rows .... *Stenolaimus* Marion 1870
- Pharynx with 2-3 forward-pointing tooth-like processes; calvarium pres. .... (*Phanoderma* Bast. 1865)  
(= *Heterocephalus* Marion 1870)
- Oesophagus not crenate
- Calvarium present; onchia often 1-3
- The calvarium elaborate, ornate, relatively short ..... *Deontostoma* Fil. 1916
- The calvarium a mere band, margin wavy; external amphid transverse-oval *Cylicolaimus* de Man 1889
- Calvarium absent
- Lateral series of setae on neck absent; spinneret absent ..... (*Rhabdocoma* Cobb 1920)
- Lateral series of setae on neck of few members
- Excretory pore on projection; pharynx definite,  $\pm$ quadrata; testis 1 .... *Paranticoma* Micol. 1930
- Excretory pore not raised; pharynx  $\pm$ conoid, often obscure; testes 2
- Gubernaculum present; ♂ pre-anal ventral supplementary organ tubular *Anticomopsis* Bast. 1865  
Gubernaculum none; ♂ ventral pre-anal supplementary organ papilloid *Anticomopsis* Micol. 1930
- External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical
- Female not known; marine exc. *Dintheria* (for alternative see next page)
- Spinneret none; ceph. set. 4, long; amph. transverse-oval,  $\pm$  head-width, open caudad *Dintheria* de Man 1921
- Spinneret present (*Neurella*, *Bogenia* ?)
- Nems broad, tapering from head to tail; wings 12-24; amphid spiral ..... *Pteronemum* Cobb 1933
- Nems slender, not widest at head; wings none or few
- Amphid multispiral
- Wing single; cephalic setae 4; amphid broad, of few winds; spinneret(?) ..... *Neurella* Cobb 1920
- Wings absent; striae not altered laterally
- Onchia 3, at tops apophyses; ceph. set. papillloid; pharynx complex, bulb strong *Trogolaimus* Cobb 1920
- Onchia 0; cephalic setae longer; lips flap-like, at least distally
- Lip supports thickened; phar. cyathiform; ♂ supplements many, chromadoroid *Dispira* Cobb 1933
- Lip supports none; pharynx spheroid, on front of head; ♂ supplements 0. .... *Dispirella* Cobb 1933
- Amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral
- Wings strong; amphid circular or monospiral
- Oesoph. compound, wide anteriorly, card. bulb faint; amph. spiral; annules wide *Dasyneumella* Cobb 1933  
(= *Dasyneuma* Cobb 1920)
- Oesoph. not compound; amphid circular
- The wings 12, of spine-like markings ..... *Xenolaimus* Cobb 1920
- The wing single, with subordinate lines; amphids joined dorsally ..... (*Antomicron* Cobb 1920)
- Wings 0; striae not altered laterally
- Onchium  $\pm$ spear-like; cephalic setae 10; cephalic cuticle thickened; eyes 2 (*Cophonchus* Cobb 1920)
- Onchium none (*Nudolaimus* ?)

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- Nema 9-10 mm.; striae 0; pharyngeal walls heavily cuticularized; amphid small  
Amphid labial, spiral; phar. large, processes basal; ceph. set. 4; eyes 0...*(Nudolaimus Allgen 1929)*  
Amphid 1 head-width back, oval; phar. small; ceph. set. 10; eyes 2...*Leptosomatides Fil. 1918*  
Nema under 3 mm.; cephalic setae 4-6  
Cephalic setae at least 2 head-widths long  
Lip region discoid, set off; odontia 6; amphid small, oval.....*Stephanolaimus Ditlev. 1918*  
Lip region not discoid; odontia none; amphid large, circular.....*Cenolaimus Cobb 1933*  
Cephalic setae not over 1 head-width long; lip region not discoid; odontia 0  
Pharynx a wide tube; head strongly conoid; width of nema 6%.....*Tubolaimus Allgen 1929*  
Pharynx shallow; head not strongly conoid  
Cuticle annulated; amphid oval, near lips; lips 3, massive, low.....*Zygonemella Cobb 1920*  
Cuticle with fine striae or none; amph. circular,  $\pm$  1 head-width back; lips  $\pm$  confluent  
Ribs of pharynx 6, cuticularized, parallel to axis.....*Rhadinema Cobb 1920*  
Ribs of pharynx none; pharynx conoid.....*Bognenia Allgen 1932*
- Female known (for alternative see preceding page)
- Ovary 1; amphid not multispiral  
Gonad ♀ reflexed; amphid circular or elliptical  
The ovary posterior; marine  
Spinneret none; cephalic setae 4; tail usually about 40%.....*Rhabdocoma Cobb 1920*  
Spinneret present; cephalic setae 0; tail about 3%.....*Nemanema Cobb 1920*  
The ovary anterior; cephalic setae present (in Monhystrium sometimes papilloid)  
Habitat not marine; spinneret present  
Pharynx deep; onch. small, basal; lips massive, with flaps; vulva 80%; soil (*Trichistoma Cobb 1913*)  
Pharynx less deep, vestibule definite; onchia 0; in gills of land crabs.....(*Monhystrum Cobb 1920*)  
Habitat marine  
Spinneret 0; ceph. set. 10; caudal setae thorn-like; amphid large, center raised (*Zanema Cobb 1920*)  
Spinneret pres.; ceph. set. 4, small; thorn-like setae 0; phar.  $\pm$  cylind.. (*Conolaimella Allgen 1930*)  
Gonad ♀ outstretched, anterior; usually marine  
Spinneret none; wings 0; amphid circular; marine  
Amphid large, with central mound; caudal setae thorn-like; nema 0.9% wide..(*Zanema Cobb 1920*)  
Amphid not raised centrally; caudal setae if present not thorn-like  
Labial palps 6; pharynx  $\pm$  quadrata; tail conoid, 4%.....*Crystallonema Cobb 1920*  
Labial palps 0; pharynx conoid then spheroid; tail long, filiform....(*Diplolaimella Allgen 1929*)  
Spinneret present; marine exc. Monhystrium, and sometimes Monhystera and Theristus  
Lips 3, each with finger-like odontium; striae coarse; wings 32, fewer towards tail *Xyla Cobb 1920*  
Lips without finger-like processes; wings 0 or few  
Mouth cavity large, complex, of several chambers, the first of radial elements; carnivorous  
Base pharynx unsymmetrical, meeting oesoph., middle chamber denticulate *Sphaerolaimus Bast. 1865*  
Base pharynx symmetrical, oesoph. surrounding 2 chambers; dents. 0 *Parasphaerolaimus Ditlev. 1918*  
Mouth cavity smaller, of 1 or 2 chambers, walls relatively simple  
Lips 6, conoid, twice as high as broad, with hook-shaped set.; amph. monospire *Dactylaimus Cobb 1920*  
Lips not as high as broad, without hook-shaped setae; mostly Monhystrinae  
Caudal glands pre-anal, reaching vulva; excret. pore nr. phar.; ceph. set. 4 *Conolaimella Allgen 1930*  
Caudal glands post-anal; excret. pore nr. nerve ring, when seen; ceph. set. oft many  
Labial ribs 18, cuticularized, parallel-sided; testes 2.....*Daptonema Cobb 1920*  
(cf. *Theristus Bast. 1865*)  
Labial ribs absent or (Monhystrium) reduced; genera resembling Monhystera, exc. Sphaerocephalum  
Margin of transverse-oval amphidial area not definite, sensory papilla at posterior margin  
Intestine narrow,  $\frac{1}{2}$  body-width; gubernaculum tubular.....*Leptogastrella Cobb 1920*  
Intestine wider(?); gubernaculum not tubular(?). ....*Paramonhystera (Steiner) Fil. 1918*  
Margin of amphidial area definite, sensory papilla not obvious  
Habitat gills of land crabs; cephalic setae 10, sometimes papilloid.....*Monhystrum Cobb 1920*  
Habitat aquatic; marine exc. sometimes Monhystera and Theristus  
Pharynx conoid, then spheroid; striae fine or 0; eyes oft present. *Diplolaimella Allgen 1929*  
Pharynx without spheroid chamber; amphid circular exc. Sphaerocephalum  
Amphid monospire; neck 5-9%; spinneret wide, plug striated...*Sphaerocephalum Fil. 1918*  
Amphid circular; neck 10-27%; spinneret without striated plug  
Oesophagus wide in post. half; spicula hamate distally; gubernaculum 0 *Austronema Cobb 1914*  
Oesophagus not wider posteriorly; gubernaculum present  
Setae on head 8-fold; somatic set. oft long. *Steineria (Micol.) Stekhoven & de Coninck 1933*  
Setae on head not 8-fold; long paired somatic setae absent  
Gubernaculum tubular, barbed, apophysis none.....*Penzancia (de Man) Fil. 1918*  
Gubernaculum not tubular  
Spicula not much bent; gubernac. apophysate; mostly freshwater. ....*Monhystera Bast. 1865*  
(= *Tachyhdites Bast. 1865*)  
Spicula much bent or sickle-shape; gubernac. plate-like, dorsad.....*Theristus Bast. 1865*  
(= *Allomonhystera Micol. 1923*)  
(cf. *Daptonema Cobb 1920*)
- Ovaries 2
- Gonads ♀ outstretched; marine (for alternative see next page)
- Nema 12-16% wide; neck "collared"; amphid spiral; wings many; spinneret present  
Wings over 50; pharynx narrow; spicula 2, equal.....*Richtersia Steiner 1916*  
Wings 16-20, in pairs; pharynx capacious, open; spicula unequal, or but 1....(*Richtersiella Kreis 1929*)  
Nema under 3% wide; neck not "collared"; wings if present not numerous  
Spinneret absent; amphid circular exc. Didelta  
Setae none; amphid  $\pm$  half as wide as head.....*Metalaimus Kreis 1928*  
Setae present; amphid small exc. Didelta  
Amphid very large, long-oval, on triangular plate; cephalic setae 4.....*Didelta Cobb 1920*  
Amphid small, not on plate; cephalic setae 6 or more  
Pharyngeal bulb distinct; cephalic setae 6, stout, jointed.....*Cytolaimum Cobb 1920*  
Pharyngeal bulb none; setae on head 18, small; amph. with faint multispire.. *Anticyathus Cobb 1920*  
Spinneret present; cephalic setae present exc. Margonema  
External amphid multispiral  
Male ventral pre-anal supplementary organs papilloid.....*Parasabatieria de Man 1907*  
Male supplementary organs none.....*Sabatieria de Rouville 1903*  
External amphid not multispiral (*Linhomoeolla faintly so*)



- Amphid wider than long, ±reniform; lips 3, double, with papillae.....*Margonema* Cobb 1920  
 Amphid circular or monospiral  
 Lips distinct, with distal flaps; ceph. set. 6, stout, jointed; papillae 6.....*Cytolaimium* Cobb 1920  
 Lips absent or confluent  
 Oesoph. & lumen with oval enlargement behind eyes; eyes sometimes none *Araeolaimus* de Man 1888  
 Oesoph. without median enlargement; eyes 0; cephalic setae 6-10  
 Setae on head 10, shorter 4 specialized at tip; amph. faint multispiral. (*Linhomoella* Cobb 1920)  
 Setae on head 6-8, without specialized tips; amphid circular.....*Linhomoeus* Bast. 1865  
 Gonads 9 reflexed (for alternative see preceding page)  
 Habitat not marine exc. sometimes *Aphanolaimus*  
 Spinneret absent; amphid multispiral; setae 0; striae of dots; in sand dunes..*Choanolaimus* de Man 1880  
 Spinneret present  
 Wings present; contour crenate; glands lateral, serial; amphid monospiral. *Aphanolaimus* de Man 1880  
 Wings 0, striae not altered laterally; contour not crenate; amphid circular or oval  
 Lips, papillae & setae 0; amphid round; pharynx small, conoid, unarmed *Diplohystera* de Cillis 1917  
 Lips, papillae & small setae pres.; amph small, oval; phar. closed; onch. basal *Tripyla* Bast. 1865  
 (= *Promononchus* Micol. 1923)
- Habitat marine  
 Amphid spiral; spinneret present  
 Pharynx with apophyses forward and backward from mid-region  
 Mid-pharyngeal region not denticulate; wings numerous, markings V-shaped....*Nunema* Cobb 1923  
 Mid-pharyngeal region denticulate.....*Halichoanolaimus* de Man 1886  
 (= *Smalsundia* Allgen 1929)
- Pharynx without forward apophyses; mid-pharyngeal region not denticulate  
 Wings numerous; neck region "collared"; nema 12-16% wide  
 Spicula 2; wings over 50; pharynx narrow.....*Richtersia* Steiner 1916  
 Spicula unequal, or 1 only; wings 16-32; pharynx capacious, open.....( *Richtersiella* Kreis 1929)  
 Wings absent, striae if present not altered laterally  
 Jaws 3, with backward apophyses and numerous horny teeth anteriorly....*Demonema* Cobb 1894  
 Jaws absent, pharynx without apophyses  
 Pharynx 2 chambers; ceph. set. 10, oft jointed, tips specialized; striae fine *Tripyloides* de Man 1886  
 Pharynx 1 chamber; tips setae unspecialized; striae less fine; eyes present  
 Cuticular pores none; pharynx with definite bulb.....*Nannolaimus* Cobb 1920  
 Cuticular pores present; pharynx without definite bulb.....*Cyatholaimus* Bast. 1865  
 (= *Necticonema* Marion 1870)
- Amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral  
 Spinneret absent; cephalic setae 4, stout; tail usually ±40%.....*Rhabdocoma* Cobb 1920  
 Spinneret present  
 Oesophagus crenate towards base; calvarium reduced  
 Cervical setae in long. rows; pharynx ±none; ext. amph. ±semi-circular. (*Stenolaimus* Marion 1870)  
 Cervical setae 0.....*Phanodermopsis* Ditlev. 1926  
 (= *Galeonema* Fil. 1927)
- Oesophagus not crenate  
 Calvarium present; onchia often 1-3  
 The calvarium elaborate, ornate.....*Deontostoma* Fil. 1916  
 The calvarium a wavy band; often denticles at lips; amphid transverse..*Cylcolaimus* de Man 1889  
 Calvarium absent  
 Jaws 3, with simple supporting framework.....*Parenoplus* Fil. 1927  
 Jaws absent  
 Pharynx of 2 chambers  
 Chambers of pharynx ±equal, small; cephalic setae 0.....*Pseudopelagolaima* Kreis 1932  
 Chambers of pharynx unequal, anterior large; setae 10, often jointed, tips specialized  
 Both chambers ±conoid or irregular in shape.....*Tripyloides* de Man 1886  
 Both chambers ±parallel-sided.....*Bathyolaimus* Cobb 1894  
 (= *Macrolaimus* Ditlev. 1918)  
 (= *Cothonolaimus* Ditlev. 1919)
- Pharynx of 1 chamber; setae without specialized tips  
 Dorsal pharyng. wall thick, tooth-like; amph. monospire at lips; ceph. set. 4; retette far back  
 Oesoph. glands obscuring junct. of intest.; dorsal phar. element ±uniform *Onchium* Cobb 1920  
 Oesoph. glands not prominent; dorsal pharyng. element not uniformly thick, but heavy  
 Tooth-like thickening parallel to axis.....*Camacolaimus* de Man 1889  
 (= *Digitonchus* Cobb 1920)  
 (= *Acontiolaimus* Fil. 1918)
- Tooth-like thickening bent outward from beginning of vestibule  
 Point of "onchium" single.....*Acmaelolaimus* Fil. 1918  
 Point of Y-shaped "onchium" duplex.....*Ypsilonolaimus* Cobb 1920
- Dorsal pharyngeal wall not thickened; amphid not at lips; Enopidae, exc. *Aphanolaimus*  
 The pharynx open, capacious, walls usually heavily cuticularized; amphid with pocket  
 External amphid circular; wall of pharynx irregularly thick.....(*Pandolaimus* Allgen 1929)  
 External amphid small, transverse; pharyng. wall thin, base with mounds *Pelagolaimus* Cobb 1894  
 (cf. *Vasculonema* Kreis 1928)
- The pharynx small or very narrow  
 Cervical setae absent; cephalic setae 4, in front of amphid.....*Aphanolaimus* de Man 1880  
 Cervical setae lateral, in short longitudinal series; amphid with pocket  
 Gubernaculum present; ♂ supplementary organ tubular.....*Anticompa* Bast. 1865  
 Gubernaculum none; ♂ supplementary organ papillloid.....*Anticomopsis* Micol. 1930
- Caruity more or less cylindroid or prismoid*, i.e. parallel-sided in long. section (for alt. see page 20)  
 Oesophagus with median or posterior bulb or swelling, or both (for alternative see page 27)  
 Amphid not known or obscure (for alternative see next page)  
 Female not known  
 Spinneret none; ceph. set. 0; phar. closed; oesoph. cephaloboid; neck over 20%; in swamp *Litonema* Cobb 1920  
 Spinneret present; setae on head numerous; neck under 5%; amphid small, near lips; marine  
 Pharyngeal bulb present; striae none; length 3-4 mm.; onchia(?) 6, minute.....( *Catanema* Cobb 1920)  
 Pharyngeal bulb none; striae annulating the cuticle; length 10 mm.....( *Laxonema* Cobb 1920)  
 Female known; spinneret none exc. *Rhabdolaimus*; not marine; plasmids usually present



- Ovary 1, anterior; cephalic setae 0 or minute  
Gonad ♀ outstretched  
Pharynx long, tubular, base halfway to nerve ring; spear none; median bulb 0... *Gymnolaimus* Cobb 1913  
Pharynx base ± distance to nerve ring; spear reduced; oes. bulb strong (*Aphelenchooides* Fischer 1894)  
(= *Seinura* Fuchs 1931)  
= *Parasitaphelenchus* Fuchs 1930  
= *Pathoaphelenchus* (Cobb) Steiner 1931)
- Gonad ♀ reflexed  
Median oesophageal bulb present  
Pharynx wide as long; cardiac bulb not valvate, median valvate; bursa none. *Lycolaimus* Rahm 1928  
Pharynx much longer than wide; cardiac bulb valvate; bursa present..... *Rhabditis* Duj. 1845  
(= *Diploseapteroides* Rahm 1928  
= *Pseudorhabditis* Kreis 1929)
- Median oesophageal bulb absent; in soil and fresh water  
Cardiac swelling long, non-valvate; pharyng. rods heavily cuticular.... *Diphtherophora* de Man 1880  
(= *Chaolaimus* Cobb 1893  
= *Archionchus* Cobb 1913)
- Cardiac bulb valvate, preceded by isthmus, i.e. oesoph. cephaloboid; pharyng. rods none  
Head end lobed by 6 large biting lips or odontia; carnivorous..... (*Teratocephalus* de Man 1876)  
Head end not lobed, exc. in *Acrobeles insubricus*  
Pharynx wall simple, forming 2 chambers; onchium oft present; ceph.set.0-4 *Macrolaimus* Maupas 1900  
Pharynx wall of a longitudinal series of elements, i.e. cephaloboid  
Probolae on head none..... *Panagrolaimus* Fuchs 1930  
Probolae on head in 1 or 2 circlets  
Circlets of probolae 2, elements often elaborate..... *Acrobeles* Linst. 1877  
Circlet of probolae single..... *Cephalobus* Bast. 1865  
(= *Acrobeldoides* (Cobb) Steiner & Bührer 1933)
- Ovaries 2; cephalic setae 0, exc. in *Teratocephalus* minute  
Gonads ♀ outstretched; ceph. set. 0; phar. tubular, reaching oesoph. bulb; in soil *Aulolaimus* de Man 1880  
Gonads ♀ reflexed  
Spinneret present; wings absent; in fresh water and moist soil..... *Rhabdolaimus* de Man 1880  
Spinneret absent  
Cuticle with prominent tubercles; lip reg. set off by constrict.; ceph. set. with saccate bases  
Tubercles encrusting dorsal surface; wings broad, thin; in moss..... *Craspedonema* Richters 1908  
Tubercles in longitudinal row(s), right lateral; oesophagus rhabditoid.... *Bunonema* Jägerskiöld 1905  
(= *Rhodolaimus* Fuchs 1930)
- Cuticle without tubercles  
Pharynx a long straight tube,  $\frac{1}{2}$  neck length or more  
Oesoph. short, a muscular bulb only; ♂ supplements few, ventral, pre-anal *Aulolaimus* de Man 1880  
Oesoph. long, of 2 parts; ♂ supplements paired, post-anal, i.e. diplogastroid  
Male papillae 9 pairs; gubernaculum sigmoid; labial papillae 16..... *Myctolaimus* Cobb 1920  
Male papillae 10 pairs; gubernaculum straight; bursal membrane narrow.. *Cylindrogaster* Goodey 1927  
Pharynx not a simple tube, much shorter  
Oesophagus without median bulb  
Cuticularized rods supporting pharynx; shed cuticle surrounding nema *Diphtherophora* de Man 1880  
(= *Chaolaimus* Cobb 1893  
= *Archionchus* Cobb 1913)
- Cuticularized pharyngeal rods none  
Head end lobed by 6 large biting lips or odontia; carnivorous..... (*Teratocephalus* de Man 1876)  
Head end not lobed; bursa present..... *Rhabditis* Duj. 1845
- Oesophagus with median and cardiac bulbs  
Cardiac bulb valvate; median bulb well set off; glottoid apparatus present  
Wall of pharynx cylindroid; bursa present; ♂ tail rhabditoid..... *Rhabditis* Duj. 1845  
Wall of pharynx convex inward; bursa much reduced; ♂ tail long, spicate *Rhabditoides* Goodey 1929  
(= *Rhabditella* (Cobb) Chitwood 1933)
- Cardiac bulb without valve; median bulb valvate; ♂ tail setaceous, diplogastroid  
Pharyng. rods 3, basal bulb 2, stalked; tail 25-41%; long. striae fine..... *Tylopharynx* de Man 1876  
Pharyng. bulbed supporting-rods none; Diplogasterinae  
Nema with evident longitudinal striation..... *Diplogaster* M. Schultze 1857
- Nema without longitudinal striation  
Pharynx wide as deep, wall of several elements; ♂ papillae 0(?).... *Peronilaimus* Rahm 1928  
Pharynx tubular, wall entire; ♂ papillae usually 5 pairs..... *Rhabditoides* Rahm 1928
- Amphid known (for alternative see preceding page)  
External amphid not spiral, circular nor elliptical (for alternative see next page)
- Habitat marine; cephalic setae and spinneret present; amphid crook-shaped, sometimes ±spiral  
Ambulatory & somatic set. 0; nema not crooked, not narrowed in card. reg.; ventral arm amph. prolonged  
Phar. wide, heavy, 4-5%; amphid long, 4-50% body; ceph.setae 4, subceph. 12; ♀-... *Pseudolella* Cobb 1920  
Phar. narrow, inconspic.; amph. under 2%; ceph.set. 6, subceph. 4; annules tiled; ♀ '... *Ceramonema* Cobb 1920  
(cf. *Pselionema* Cobb 1933)
- Ambulatory set. forming ventral pre-anal sole; nema ±S-shape, narrowed in card. reg.; marine; ♀'  
Oesoph. region hardly swollen; card, bulb faint; cerv. striae all alike. *Notochaetosoma* Irwin-Smith 1918  
Oesoph. region swollen, ovoid; oesophageal bulbs 1 or 2; band of cervical striae  
accentuated, exc. *Tristicochæta* falcatum  
Ventral ambulatory adhesion tubes or setae in 2 rows..... *Drepanonema* Cobb 1933  
(= *Chaelosoma* Clap. 1863)
- Ventral ambulatory adhesion tubes or setae in 3 or 4 rows..... *Tristicochæta* Panceri 1878  
(= *Draconema* Cobb 1913)
- Habitat not marine  
Spinneret present; ♀, exc. *Chronogaster*  
Lips 6, distinct, revolute; pharynx 9%; amphid semicircular; soil about cane roots *Anthonema* Cobb 1906  
Lips not revolute; in fresh water  
Cephalic setae 4; pharynx wider, under 1.5%; ♀..... *Chronogaster* Cobb 1913  
Cephalic setae 0; pharynx long-tubular; tail 25-30%..... *Rhabdolaimus* de Man 1880
- Spinneret absent; cephalic setae 0 or papillloid  
Tail setaceous, 19%; oesoph. with 2 bulbs; amph. semicircular; vulva 21%; ♀ '... *Aulolaimoides* Micol. 1915  
Tail not setaceous, under 15%; oesophagus without median bulb, exc. *Cheilobus*



- Amphid transverse, curved, wide as head; phar. 7.6%; tail 2%; fresh water; ♂ only *Colpurella* Cobb 1920
- Amphid inconspicuous, small or slit-like; tail over 9%; in soil or decaying material  
Median oesoph. swelling before isthmus; cardiac bulb valvate; wings single; ♀.. *Cheilobus* Cobb 1924  
(=*Rhabditophanes* Fuchs 1930)
- Median oesoph. bulb absent  
Pharynx closed; amphid a pore, with internal cuticularized tube; wings 2; J.... *Litonema* Cobb 1920
- Pharynx open, or with anterior open chamber; wings 0; ♂ only  
Tail 15%, terminus setaceous; pharynx without cuticularized rods..... (*Monhystera* Bast. 1865)  
(=*M. dintheriana* de Man 1885)
- Tail 8%, conoid; cuticularized rods in pharynx; shed cuticle retained.... *Diphtherophora* de Man 1880  
(=*Chaolaimus* Cobb 1893  
= *Archionchus* Cobb 1913)
- External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical (for alternative see preceding page)**
- Female not known; spinneret present  
Habitat soil; ceph. set. 0; ceph. cuticle thick, flaps doming vestibule; amph. spiral *Pycnolaimus* Cobb 1920
- Habitat marine; cephalic setae present  
Amphid multispiral; annules not coarse; wings absent  
Head cylindroid; lip reg. set off by constriction; pharyng. bulb present.. (*Choniolaimus* Ditlev. 1918)
- Head truncate-conoid; lip reg. not set off; pharyngeal bulb none; onch. 3. minute *Alaimonema* Cobb 1920
- Amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral  
Wings 8; annules coarse; oesoph. to isthmus wide, muscular; card. swelling slight *Dasyneumella* Cobb 1933  
(=*Dasyneuma* Cobb 1920)
- Wings 0  
Cuticularized pharyng. ring basal; ceph. set. 4; ♂ supplements tubular, 14.... *Cricolaimus* Southern 1914
- Cuticularized pharyngeal ring none  
Spiculum 1, gubernaculum absent; cephalic setae 10; amphid large, oval.. *Pelagomella* Kreis 1932
- Spicula 2, gubernaculum present (*Chloronemella* ?); cephalic setae in circlets of 4  
Striae coarse; amphid minute; length 10 mm.; width 0.8%..... *Lazonema* Cobb 1920
- Striae fine; length under 4 mm.  
Pharyngeal bulb present; amphid at lips; onchia 6, minute..... *Catanema* Cobb 1920
- Pharyngeal bulb none; amphid behind pharynx; onchia 0..... *Chloronemella* Allgen 1929
- Female known**
- Ovary 1  
Gonad ♀ outstretched, anterior; amphid circular; wings absent  
Spinneret present; pharynx long-conoid; neck 17%; in fresh water..... *Monhystera* Bast. 1865  
(i.e. subg. *Monhystrella* Cobb 1918)
- Spinneret absent; neck not over 5%; marine  
Pharynx wide as deep; cardiac swelling faint, elongate; intestine not dark.. *Crystallonema* Cobb 1920
- Pharynx tubular; posterior 1/4 oesoph. a massive bulb; intestine dark colored (*Solenolaimus* ?)
- Cephalic setae minute; neck 1.4%; anterior oesoph. fusiform; tail rounded.. *Solenolaimus* Cobb 1894
- Cephalic setae often as long as microform head is wide; neck 2-5%  
Anterior oesoph. not fusiform; pharynx not evertible; ♂ supplements 0.... *Chromagaster* Cobb 1894
- Anterior oesoph. fusiform; phar "spear" eversible; ♂ supplements pres. *Siphonolaimus* de Man 1893
- Gonad ♀ reflexed; wings often present; not marine exc. rarely *Rhabditis*  
The ovary posterior, vulva 21%; med. bulb not valvate; phar. semicirc.; mud. *Aulolaimoides* Micol. 1915
- The ovary anterior  
Spinneret pres.; ceph. set. 4; card. bulb 0 or faint; amph. monospire; freshwater (*Anonchus* Cobb 1913)
- Spinneret none; setae none, cephalic papillae sometimes setose  
Oesophageal bulb median and cardiac; pharynx simple; setae 0
- Cardiac bulb valvate; amphid at lips, obscure; wings & bursa pres.; ubiquitous *Rhabditis* Duj. 1845
- Cardiac bulb not valvate, median valvate; amph. transverse-oval, not at lips; phar. cylindroid
- Dorsal onch. none; bursa present; ectoparasitic on beetle borer..... *Rhabditolaimus* Fuchs 1915
- Dorsal onch. small, deepest; bursa 0; in exudate chestnut blight. (*Diplogasteroides* de Man 1912)
- Oesophageal bulb cardiac only, preceded by isthmus; phar. of serial plates; bursa 0 or reduced  
Head with 6 large odontia; amphid not obscure, often large  
Nema mostly cephalated; cirri 0; amphid circular; soil & fresh water. *Teratocephalus* de Man 1876
- Nema not cephalated; cirri 6; amph. transverse-oval; tail hooked; in bark *Chambersiella* Cobb 1920  
(=*Diastolaimus* Rahm 1928)
- Head entire or 3-parted at lips; nema not cephalated, exc. *Acrobeloides insubricus*; amph. small  
Probolae absent; onchium 0, or 1 inward-pointing..... *Macrolaimus* Maupas 1900
- Probolae on head in 1 or 2 circlets  
Circlets of probolae 2, labial and cephalic; amphid a pore near lips.... (*Acrobeloides* Linst. 1877)
- Circlet of probolae single; amphid often obscure..... *Cephalobus* Bast. 1865  
(=*Acrobeloides* (Cobb) Steiner & Bührer 1933)
- Ovaries 2**
- Gonads ♀ outstretched; cephalic setae present; marine or in brackish soil  
Amphid multispiral; cephalic setae 10, unequal
- Cardiac bulb ellipsoid; 6 of ceph. set. short; subcephalic setae 4; tail 30%, fine.. *Laimella* Cobb 1920
- Cardiac bulb slight; 4 of ceph. set. short, tips specialized; tail 7%..... (*Linhomoella* Cobb 1920)
- Amphid circular or monospiral; tail not over 18%, not setaceous  
Gland ducts cuticularized, piercing cuticle, ventrad, cerv. & pre-anal.. *Halaphanolaimus* Southern 1914
- Gland ducts and pores absent; pharynx minute or none  
Pharynx ±none; ceph. set. 10, 4 short, tips specialized; tail 7%..... (*Linhomoella* Cobb 1920)
- Pharynx obconoid, when open 1/4 as wide as head; spinneret sometimes present  
Cuticularized rings in pharynx 1-3; neck 8-14%; marine & brackish soil (*Desmolaimus* de Man 1880)
- Cuticularized pharyngeal rings absent; ventriculus present; marine  
Base pharynx not cuticularized; cardiac bulb oft valvate; head ±conoid *Cryptolaimus* Cobb 1933
- Base pharynx cuticularized; cardiac bulb valvate; head ±cylindroid *Metalinhomoecus* de Man 1907  
(cf. *Deltanema* Kreis 1929)
- Gonads ♀ reflexed  
Habitat not marine, exc. rarely *Rhabditis* and *Haliplectus* (for alternative see next page)
- Oesophageal bulbs median and cardiac; cephalic setae 0; pharynx ±tubular (for alt. see next page)  
Vulva 21%; anus 81%; amph. semicirc., 1/2 head-width; wings & bursa none (*Aulolaimoides* Micol. 1915)
- Vulva 40-94%; in soil etc., in fresh water, and marine  
Spinneret pres.; amph. monospire, protruding; wings & bursa 0; pores lateral.. *Haliplectus* Cobb 1913



- Spinneret none; cardiac bulb valvate; amphid obscure; wings and bursa present *Rhabditis* Duj. 1845  
 Oesophageal bulb cardiac only (for alternative see preceding page)
- Spinneret absent; amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral  
 Head without odontia; nema not cephalated; setae 0; spear minute; in soil (*Triplonchium* Cobb 1920)  
 Head with 6 large odontia; bursa none or much reduced  
 Nema mostly cephalated; cirri 0; amph. circular; in soil & fresh water ... *Teratocephalus* de Man 1876  
 Nema not cephalated; cirri 6; amphid transverse-oval; tail hooked; in bark *Chambersiella* Cobb 1920  
 (= *Diastolaimus* Rahm 1928)
- Spinneret present  
 Pharynx simple; oesophagus not plectoid; neck 15-20%  
 Cephalic setae 0; wings 0; pharynx long; amphid with pocket; tail 27% (*Rhabdolaimus* de Man 1880)  
 Cephalic setae 4; pharynx short; tail 15%  
 Wings present; amphid monospire ..... *Paraphanolaimus* Micol. 1923  
 Wings absent; amphid circular; onchium minute, not at lips ..... *Prodesmodora* Micol. 1923  
 Pharynx compound-elongate; oes. oft with isthmus to card. bulb (plectoid); wings pres.  
 Labial region not expanded; cephalic setae usually 4, sometimes 0 or 6; neck 12-30%  
 Cardiac bulb not valvate; pharynx long; neck 14-15%; in fresh water & mud *Paraplectus* Fil. 1930  
 Cardiac bulb valvate; amphid circular or transverse-oval ..... *Plectus* Bast. 1865
- Lips 6, distinct, revolute; striae fine; amphid semicircular; pharynx 9% (*Anthonema* Cobb 1906)  
 Lips not revolute; head with dorso-ventral bladders; striae coarse; amph. round; phar. 3-6%  
 Cephalic appendages elaborately palmate ..... *Wilsonema* Cobb 1913  
 Cephalic appendages forming a closed, striated dome or cupola. *Bitholinema* de Coninck 1931
- Habitat marine or brackish (for alternative see preceding page)
- Ambulatory set, forming a ventral sole, midbody to pre-anal; nema crooked; calvarium unstriated  
 Nema narrowest in card. reg., ±S-shaped; ambulatory set. hollow, pre-anal; annules finer  
 Oesoph. region hardly swollen; card. bulb faint; cerv. striae alike *Notochaetosoma* Irwin-Smith 1918  
 Oesoph. region swollen, ovoid; oesophageal bulbs 1 or 2; band of cervical  
 striae accentuated, exc. *Tristicochaeta* falcatum
- Ventral ambulatory adhesion tubes or setae in 2 rows ..... *Drepanonema* Cobb 1933  
 (= *Chaetosoma* Clap. 1863)  
 Ventral ambulatory adhesion tubes or setae in 3 or 4 rows ..... *Tristicochaeta* Panceri 1878  
 (= *Draconema* Cobb 1913)
- Nema narrowest midway, epsilon-shaped; ambulatory setae not open at end; annules coarser  
 Sole apparently absent; amphid crescentic; annules 98 ..... *Epsilonolena* Steiner 1930  
 Sole present; amphid circular or monospiral  
 Oesophagus with median and cardiac bulbs ..... *Metepsilonolena* Steiner 1927  
 Oesophagus with cardiac bulb only  
 Annules 80-112; ambulatory setae slender, falcate ..... *Bathyepsilonolena* Steiner 1927  
 Annules 144-192; ambulatory setae straight or slightly arcuate  
 Body cylindroid, if crooked faintly so ..... *Archeepsilonolena* Steiner 1927  
 Body epsilon-like, i.e. body arches well developed  
 Cuticular annules homogeneous in structure ..... *Prochaetosoma* Baylis & Daubney 1926  
 (= *Rhabdogaster* Motsch. 1867)
- Cuticular annules not homogeneous in structure  
 "Axial" part of the cuticular annules hollow ("frame rings") ..... *Epsilonolena* Steiner 1927  
 "Axial" part of the cuticular annules vacuolated, etc. ..... *Epsilonoloides* Steiner 1931
- Ambulatory setae 0; nema not crooked; calvarium absent, or not truncate-conoid  
 Lips 2, mouth a slit; amph. faint multispire; "pseudonuchs" dorso-ventral ridges *Pseudonchus* Cobb 1920  
 Lips not 2, mouth not a slit; "pseudonuchs" absent
- Amphid multispiral; neck 9-13%  
 Pharynx deeper than head width, wall irregular, with projections; striae plain *Zalonema* Cobb 1920  
 Pharynx tubular, less deep, wall straight; striae of dots ..... *Kreisia* Allgen 1929
- Amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral; neck 14-25%, exc. *Bolbonema* 8%  
 Gland ducts cuticularized, piercing cuticle, cerv. and pre-anal. .... *Halaphanolaimus* Southern 1914  
 Gland ducts & pores 0; pharynx of several long chambers; amphid round *Polyolaimium* Cobb 1920
- Wings absent  
 Median bulb present; ceph. set. 0; amph. protruding; neck 12%; pores lateral *Haliplectus* Cobb 1913  
 Median bulb absent; pores none; marine  
 Nema cephalated by expansion opposite large monospiral amphid; neck 8% *Bolbonema* Cobb 1920
- Nema not cephalated by expansion  
 Setae on head 6-10, long, flexible; neck under 5%: pharyngeal bulb present. (*Lazus* Cobb 1894)  
 Setae on head 0-4; neck 6% or over; pharyngeal bulb absent  
 Head constricted at cephalic setae, not at amphid; amphid 2 head-widths back  
 Chambers of pharynx several, long; neck 10-11%; cephalic setae 0 (?) *Polyolaimium* Cobb 1920  
 Chamber of pharynx single; neck 19%; head conoid; cephalic set. 4 *Dermatolaimus* Steiner 1916
- Head not constricted at setae; amphid near lips or not over 1 head-width back  
 Ceph.set.0; phar. a tube reaching card.bulb; amphid conspicuous .. *Aegialolaimus* de Man 1907  
 Ceph. set 4; pharynx shorter  
 Amphid small, monospiral, at lips; neck 19%; dorsal phar. wall thickened (*Onchium* Cobb 1920)  
 Amphid conspicuous, round, not at lips; neck 6%; phar. wall not thick. *Linolaimus* Cobb 1933
- Oesophagus plain, i.e. without median or posterior bulb or swelling (for alternative see page 24)
- Amphid not known or obscure (for alternative see next page)
- Female not known; marine (for alternative see next page)
- Neck over 40%; amphid a long, slit; ceph. setae 4 or 8, fine; spinneret oft none. (*Halolaimoides* Cobb 1933)  
 Neck 10-30%; amphid not longitudinal; spinneret present (*Trileptium*, *Fimbriella*?)  
 Cephalic setae 0; onchia 3, awl-shaped, almost parallel to axis ..... (*Fimbrella* Cobb 1905)  
 (= *Fimbrilla* Cobb 1894)
- Cephalic setae 8 or more  
 Onchium dorsal, anterior, inward-pointing; neck 12%; nema 0.5% wide; amph. a slit (*Trileptium* Cobb 1923)  
 (= *Trilepta* Cobb 1920)
- Onchium none; neck 22-30%; nema 2-3% wide; cephalic setae usually 8, in 2 circlets



- Calvarium present; setae 8, near base of pharynx; eyes present.....*Gullmarnia* Allgen 1929  
 Calvarium absent; setae minute, around mouth; eyes 0; pharynx small, tubular..*Fimbriella* Allgen 1929
- Female known (for alternative see preceding page)
- Ovary 1, anterior  
 Ceph. set. 4; pharynx large, open; spinneret present; spicula 2-jointed(?); marine..*Filipjeva* Ditlev. 1928  
 Ceph. set. 0 or papillloid; pharynx none or narrow; spinneret usually none; ~? *Gymnolaimus* Cobb 1913  
 Pharynx a tube reaching halfway to nerve ring; in soil.....*Gymnolaimus* Cobb 1913  
 Pharynx closed, or marked by reduced spear, not over  $\frac{1}{2}$  distance to nerve ring  
 Nema free-living, marine; spinneret doubtful; pharynx none or closed.....*Litotes* Cobb 1920  
 Nema parasitic in insects; spinneret 0; adult spear reduced, base 3-parted ..*(Aphelenchulus)* Cobb 1920
- Ovaries 2  
 Gonads ♀, outstretched; spinneret present; marine  
 The ovaries extending backward; wings 10-12; vulva 45%.....*Porocoma* Cobb 1920  
 The ovaries opposed; wings 0  
 Annules none or not coarse; amphid not saccate, far back; nema not wide....*Anoplostoma* Bütsch. 1874  
 Annules coarse; amphid saccate; nema wide; cephalic setae 4  
 Number annules  $\pm 17$ , secreted annules prominent, separated; head small..*Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863  
 Number annules 32-91, secreted annules 0; head concave-quadrata pyramidal..*Tricoma* Cobb 1894  
 (= *Quadrinema* Fil. 1922)
- Gonads ♀ reflexed  
 Spinneret none; wings 0; pharynx 2.5-3%, tubular; tail rounded, under 2%; in soil..*Isolaimum* Cobb 1920  
 Spinneret present  
 Habitat freshwater; lips thick; pharynx closed; amphid small; onch. small, deepset (*Tripyla* Bast. 1865)  
 (= *Promononchus* Micol. 1923)
- Habitat marine  
 Annules  $\pm 17$ , secreted annules prominent; amphid saccate; nema wide; ceph. set. 4 ..*Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863  
 Annules none; amphid not saccate; nema less than 5% wide  
 Dorsal pharyngeal wall bent inward at lips, onchium-like; ceph. setae 10 ..*(Asymmetrella)* Cobb 1920  
 Dorsal pharyngeal wall not onchium-like; cephalic setae 0.....*Angustinema* Cobb 1933
- Amphid known (for alternative see preceding page)
- External amphid not spiral, circular nor elliptical (for alternative see next page)
- Female not known; Enopliidae (Trileptum ?)
- Head mitreform, set off by constriction; wings 6-8; spinneret doubtful; marine....*Xennella* Cobb 1920  
 Head not mitreform; spinneret often absent
- Ceph. set. 0; ext. amph. wide, curved; phar. tubular, halfway to nerve ring; freshwater *Colpurella* Cobb 1920
- Ceph. set. present; amphid small, or long and narrow; marine
- Amphid narrow, many head-widths long; neck  $\pm 40\%$ ; ceph. set. 4-8; tail setaceous *Halalaimoides* Cobb 1933
- Amphid small, transverse-oval; neck 25% or less  
 Neck 25%; onchium none; ceph. setae 6, small, inconspicuous; spinneret present..*Vasculonema* Kreis 1928  
 (cf. *Pelagonema* Cobb 1894)
- Neck 12%; onchium dorsal; cephalic setae 10, conspicuous; labial setae 6...*Trileptum* Cobb 1933  
 (= *Trilepta* Cobb 1920)
- Female known
- Ovary 1, anterior  
 Gonad ♀, outstretched; pharynx closed; ceph. set. papillloid; spinneret doubtful; marine..*Litotes* Cobb 1920  
 Gonad ♀ reflexed; spinneret present; external amphid a transverse slit, not at lips; not marine  
 Onchia 0; amphid far behind the  $\pm$  quadrata pharynx; in fresh water.....*Prismatolaimus* de Man 1880  
 Onchium minute, deepset; amphid opposite pharynx; in soil about roots  
 Pharynx conoid when open; amphid opposite base of pharynx.....*(Trichistoma)* Cobb 1913  
 Pharynx a long tube, amphid opposite its anterior end, with pocket.....*Cryptonchus* Cobb 1913  
 (= *Dillevensia* Micol. 1925)
- Ovaries 2; marine exc. Monhystera
- Gonads ♀, outstretched  
 Spinneret absent  
 Habitat marine; amphid long-oval, on large triangular plate.....*Didelta* Cobb 1920  
 Habitat not marine; amphid a transverse slit; in soil about roots.....*Monhystera* Bast. 1865  
 (= *M. dintheriana* de Man 1885)
- Spinneret present  
 Mouth opening  $\pm$  ventrad; wing duplex; amph. big, bent, dorsal arm the longer (*Campylaimus* Cobb 1920)  
 Mouth opening axial, terminal; wings none exc. sometimes Pseudolella  
 Annules coarse; amphid saccate; nema wide; cephalic setae 4  
 Number of annules  $\pm 17$ , secreted annules prominent, separated; head small..*Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863  
 Number of annules 32-91, secreted annules 0; head concave-quadrata pyramidal..*Tricoma* Cobb 1894  
 (= *Quadrinema* Fil. 1922)
- Annules none, striae fine; amphid not saccate; nema slender  
 Amphid small, opening transverse with internal pocket, far back.....(*Anoplostoma* Bütsch. 1874)  
 Amphid shepherd's crook, dorsal arm the longer  
 Length of amphid extreme, sometimes exceeding neck; eyes 0.....*(Pseudolella)* Cobb 1920  
 Length of amphid not over 1 head-width, loop-shaped; eyes 2, sometimes none  
 Oesophagus & lumen widened between eyes and nerve ring; pharynx obvious *Coinonema* Cobb 1920  
 Oesophagus & lumen not widened; pharynx like oesophagus...*Araelaimoides* (de Man) Fil. 1918
- Gonads ♀ reflexed
- Spinneret absent; amphid with internal pocket  
 Cephalic setae 0; pharynx 2-3%, tubular; tail rounded, under 2%; in soil.....*Isolaimum* Cobb 1920  
 Cephalic setae 10, subcephalic many; marine.....*Platycomopsis* Ditlev. 1926  
 (= *Dactyloinema* Fil. 1927)
- Spinneret present  
 Habitat freshwater; amphid usually small or inconspicuous  
 Pharynx wide, domed by thin lips; onch. 0; amph. transverse slit, far back..*Prismatolaimus* de Man 1880  
 Pharynx closed, lips thick; onch. minute, deepset; external amphid round or oval..*(Tripyla)* Bast. 1865  
 (= *Promononchus* Micol. 1923)
- Habitat marine
- Cephalic setae none or papillloid; external amphid narrow, transverse (for alt. see next page)  
 Amphid  $\neq$  head-width; cuticle  $\neq$  radius, annules coarse, markings rod-like..(*Actinonema* Cobb 1920)  
 Amphid  $\neq$  head-width or less, with internal pocket; cuticle less thick; phar. with lumen; Enopliidae  
 Eyes 2; protrusile pharyngeal ribs none.....*Illium* Cobb 1920

- Eyes 0; protrusile pharyngeal ribs 3, straight.....*Fimbrilla* Cobb 1905  
 (= *Fimbria* Cobb 1894)
-  Cephalic setae present, not papillloid (for alternative see preceding page)  
 Amphid shepherd's crook  
 Annules not of tile-like elements.....*Parachromagaster* Allgen 1929  
 Annules coarse, each of 8 tile-like elements.....*Ceramonema* Cobb 1920  
 (cf. *Pselionema* Cobb 1933)
- Amphid not shepherd's crook  
 Nema wide; annules  $\pm$  17, secreted annules obvious; amph. saccate; ceph. set. 4.. *Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863  
 Nema slender, under 5%; amphid not saccate; annules 0, striae fine or 0; Enopliidae  
 Onchium dorsal; labial setae 0; cephalic setae 10, near lips  
 Tooth vestigial, on wall; external amphid a small slit; eyes 0.....(*Anoncholaimus* Cobb 1920)  
 Tooth a bending inward of dorsal pharynx wall; amphid larger, faint. (*Asymmetrella* Cobb 1920)  
 Onchia none; labial setae 6, obvious; cephalic setae 10 or more, length 1-5 times head width  
 Pharynx narrow, closed; odontia (?) minute; ceph. set. 3 times head width (*Tubolaimella* Cobb 1933)  
 Pharynx wide, open; odontia none  
 Lips 3, deep-cleft, with framework; ceph. set. 2-5 times head width.....*Chaetolema* Fil. 1927  
 Lips without framework; ceph. set. 1 head-width; excret. pore raised. (*Paranticoma* Micol. 1930)
- External amphid spiral, circular or elliptical (for alternative see preceding page)
- Female not known; spinneret present; marine  
 Nema wide, 14-32% widest at lip region, tapering to terminus; wings numerous.. *Pleronium* Cobb 1933  
 Nema slender, not over 5% wide, widest near middle  
 Amphid multispiral; wings 0; cephalic & labial setae 18; labial framework present....*Dispira* Cobb 1933  
 Amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral  
 Odontia 2, large, lateral or subventral.....(*Diodontolaimus* Southern 1914)  
 Odontia absent (in *Stephanolaimus* 6 minute?)  
 Onchium ventral; cephalic setae 10; amph.  $\frac{1}{2}$  head-width, with internal pocket... (*Isonemella* Cobb 1920)  
 Onchium absent (*Nudolaimus*?)  
 Calvarium reduced to submed. plates; phar. large, wall strong, "onchia" basal.. *Nudolaimus* Allgen 1929  
 Calvarium absent; cephalic setae present  
 Wings present; cephalic setae 6 or 10  
 Ceph. set. 6; wings 8; annules coarse, elements tile-like; oesoph. compound. (*Dasyinemella* Cobb 1933  
 (= *Dasyrema* Cobb 1920))  
 Ceph. set. 10; wings 2; oesophagus simple; pharynx  $\pm$  quadrate.....*Pulchranelema* Cobb 1933  
 Wings absent; cephalic setae 4-8  
 Lip region discoid, set off by constriction; odontia(?) 6.....*Stephanolaimus* Ditlev. 1918  
 Lip region not discoid; cephalic setae 4 or 6  
 Pharyng. vestibule with rod-like supports; head  $\pm$  cylindroid; striae 0; ceph. set. 4  
 Rods 6, straight, parallel to body axis; cephalic setae 4, jointed.....*Rhadinema* Cobb 1920  
 Rods more than 6, curved, meeting axially.....*Eleutherolaimus* Fil. 1922  
 Pharyng. vestibule without supports; striae pres. exc. *Vasculonema* & *Bathylaimella*  
 Amphid transverse-oval, near lips; head slightly conoid; setae small  
 Setae labial, cephalic and subcephalic, minute.....*Zygonemella* Cobb 1920  
 Setae cephalic only, 6, small, inconspicuous.....*Vasculonema* Kreis 1928  
 (cf. *Pelagonema* Cobb 1894)  
 Amphid circular, near base of wide-tubular pharynx  
 Head cylindroid; setae on head 16, longest 4 times head width.....*Cenolaimus* Cobb 1933  
 Head conoid, narrowing 50% from base; setae on head 4, short  
 Cuticle striated; width (compressed ?) 6%.....*Tubolaimus* Allgen 1929  
 Cuticle not striated; width 3%.....*Bathylaimella* Allgen 1930
-  Female known  
 Ovary 1 (for alternative see next page)  
 Gonad ♀ reflexed  
 Amphid multispiral; ovary posterior; pharynx linear; spinneret doubtful; marine *Alaimella* Cobb 1920  
 Amphid not multispiral; ovary anterior  
 Spinneret none; amph. round, with central mound; caudal setae thorn-like, 2 rows (*Zanema* Cobb 1920)  
 Spinneret present; tail without thorn-like setae  
 Habitat marine; pharynx tubular; cephalic setae 4; nema  $\pm$  2% wide.....(*Conolaimella* Allgen 1930)  
 Habitat not marine; pharynx open, not small nor narrow; nema 2-5% wide  
 Cephalic setae 4; pharynx with supporting pieces; amph. monospire; fresh-water *Anonchus* Cobb 1913  
 Cephalic setae 6 or 10, papillloid in *Tripylum*  
 Amphid monospire; in gills of land crabs.....(*Tripylum* Cobb 1920)  
 Amphid small, circular, transverse-oval or slit-like  
 Onchium 0; pharynx  $\pm$  quadrate; amphid far back; in fresh water.... *Prismatolaimus* de Man 1880  
 Onchium minute, deepset; pharynx conoid; amphid opp. pharynx; in soil (*Trichistoma* Cobb 1920)
- Gonad ♀ outstretched  
 Habitat not marine  
 Spear minute; spinneret none; bursa present; parasitic in beetle.....(*Aphelenchulus* Cobb 1920),  
 Spear absent; bursa absent; in fresh water.....*Cylindrolaimus* de Man 1886  
 Habitat marine  
 The ovary posterior  
 External amphid multispiral; pharynx linear; tail  $\pm$  10%; spinneret doubtful (*Alaimella* Cobb 1920);  
 External amphid circular, pocket elongate; tail 34%; spinneret none.....*Halanonchus* Cobb 1920  
 The ovary anterior  
 Cephalic setae 4, papilloid; pharynx obscure, linear; amphid faint, open caudad....*Litotes* Cobb 1920  
 Cephalic setae not papillloid  
 Spinneret absent; labial appendages ("palps") present; amphid circular  
 Tail with 2 rows of thorn-like setae; amphid with distinct central mound.....*Zanema* Cobb 1920  
 Tail without thorn-like setae; amphid without mound; cardiac bulb faint *Crystallonema* Cobb 1920  
 Spinneret present; amphid circular or monospire  
 Pharynx 7%, tubular,  $\pm$  halfway to nerve ring; head narrow; amphid far back *Rhynconema* Cobb 1920  
 Pharynx less than 2%, not a long tube  
 Depth of pharynx much greater than width, pharynx small  
 Oesophagus almost surrounding conoid pharynx.....*Conolaimella* Allgen 1930  
 Oesophagus meeting base of obconoid pharynx.....*Sphaerocephalum* Fil. 1918  
 Depth of pharynx not much greater than width, pharynx large, open



- Amphid  $\pm 1$  head-width; vulva 59%; caudal set. stiff, 8 prs.; post. ovary small *Halinema* Cobb 1920  
 Amphid  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  head-width; vulva 80–85%; caudal set. 0; lips 6, conoid, separate  
   Labial setae 6, hook-shaped, on tips of lips; amphid spiral; in mud.....(*Dactyloaimus* Cobb 1920)  
   Labial setae 6, not hook-shaped nor at tips; amphid round; ceph. set. 18. *Omicronema* Cobb 1920
- Ovaries 2 (for alternative see preceding page)  
 Gonads ♀ outstretched; usually marine  
 Spinneret absent; marine exc. *Pseudoaulolaimus*  
 Habitat mud, rice fields; wings 16–32, fusing to 4 on 4-pronged tail....*Pseudoaulolaimus* Imamura 1931  
 Habitat marine  
   Amphid long oval, on wide triangular plate, almost as long as head is wide.....*Didelta* Cobb 1920  
   Amphid smaller, not on triangular plate  
   Cervical setae bunched; 2 flat setae in front of transverse-oval amphid.....(*Platycoma* Cobb 1894)  
   Cervical setae if present not bunched; amphid  $\pm$ circular  
     Pharynx long, simple, tubular; cephalic setae 6.....*Southerniella* Allgen 1932  
     Pharynx minute; ceph. set. 18, minute, in 2 circles; amphid faint multispiral *Anticyathus* Cobb 1920
- Spinneret present; marine exc. *Cylindrolaimus*  
 Habitat freshwater; ceph. set. 4; ovaries usually unequal; pharynx tubular *Cylindrolaimus* de Man 1880  
 Habitat marine  
   Annules few, coarse; amphid saccate; cephalic setae 4; nema wide  
   Number annules  $\pm 17$ , secreted annules prominent, separated; head small.. *Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863  
   Number annules 32–91, secreted annules none; head concave-quadrade pyramidal *Tricoma* Cobb 1894  
     (= *Quadrinema* Fil. 1922)
- Annules if present not few nor coarse; amphid not saccate  
 Gland ducts cuticularized, pores cervical & pre-anal; striae coarse.....*Halaphanolaimus* Southern 1914  
 Gland ducts and pores absent  
 Cephalic setae 10 or more  
   Pharynx with transverse cuticularized ring  
     Cavity of pharynx simple, capacious,  $\pm$ cylindrical,  $\frac{1}{2}$  head-width....*Eumorpholaimus* Schulz 1932  
     Cavity of pharynx small, cup-shaped, rings sometimes 2 or more.....(*Linhomoeus* Bast. 1865)  
       (i.e. subg. *Paralinhomoeus* de Man 1907  
       = *Paradesmolaimus* Schulz 1932)
- Pharynx without transverse cuticularized rings  
 Longest ceph. set. 4, total 16, tips simple; phar. quadrata; amph.  $\pm$  neck-width *Halinema* Cobb 1920  
 Longest ceph. set. 6, 4 short specialized at tip; phar. 0(?); multispiral faint *Linhomoella* Cobb 1920
- Cephalic setae 4  
 Nema wide, 10–16%; wings numerous; neck region "collared"; amphid spiral; Richtersiinae  
 Wings  $\pm 50$ ; pharynx narrow; spicula 2, equal.....*Richtersia* Steiner 1916  
 Wings 16–32; pharynx capacious, open; spicula unequal, or 1 only.....*Richtersiella* Kreis 1929
- Nema slender, under 5%; wings if present not numerous  
 Eyes absent; amphid circular; pharynx truncate at base.....*Bathylaimella* Allgen 1930  
 Eyes often present; setae behind head usually long, numerous, conspicuous  
 Oesophagus lumen not enlarged; amphid loop-shaped.....(*Araeolaimoides* (de Man) Fil. 1918)  
 Oesophagus and lumen widened between eyes and nerve ring; pharynx obvius  
   Shape of amphid loop-like ("folded").....*(Coronema* Cobb 1920)  
   Shape of amphid circular or monospiral; eyes sometimes absent(?).....*Araeolaimus* de Man 1888
- Gonads ♀ reflexed  
 Spinneret absent; amphid circular, elliptical or monospiral  
 Habitat not marine; pharynx long, tubular,  $\pm$  half as long as oesophagus  
 Wings 16–32, conspic., fusing to 4 on 4-pronged tail; in rice fields....*Pseudoaulolaimus* Imamura 1931  
 Wings 0; end of tail not 4-parted; in soil.....*Isolaimus* Cobb 1920
- Habitat marine; pharynx short  
 Pharynx narrow; amphid  $\pm$  flattened, preceded by 2 flat setae.....*Platycoma* Cobb 1894  
 Pharynx 0 or linear; amphid transverse-oval, with pocket, 4 set. posterior....*Platycomopsis* Ditlev. 1926  
     (= *Dactyloaima* Fil. 1927)
- Spinneret present  
 Habitat freshwater  
 Mouth cavity absent or obscure, closed  
   Amphid monopore; gland cells lateral; ♂ supplements protrusile tubes.. *Aphanolaimus* de Man 1880  
   Amphid circular or elliptical; ♂ supplements not protrusile.....*Tripyla* Bast. 1865  
     (= *Promononchus* Micol. 1923)
- Mouth cavity definite, open, obvious  
 Pharynx narrow, compound; amphid monopore,  $\frac{1}{2}$  head-width; cephalic setae 4 *Paraplectus* Fil. 1930  
 Pharynx simple, i.e. of 1 chamber  
   The amphid small, transverse-oval or a slit; cephalic setae 6 or 10...*Prismatolaimus* de Man 1880  
   The amphid monopore, opp. pharynx; ceph. setae 4; gland cells lateral *Paraphanolaimus* Micol. 1923
- Habitat marine  
 Nema wide, over 10%  
   Annules few, coarse; amphid saccate  
   Body setae not dense; secreted annules prominent, separate; head small.. *Desmoscolex* Clap. 1863  
   Body setae dense, set along annules; junct. oesoph. & intestine indefinite.. *Greeffella* Cobb 1922  
     (= *Trichoderma* Greeff 1869)
- Annules if present many; longitudinal ridges or wings 16–50; neck "collared"; Richtersiinae  
   Wings  $\pm 50$ ; pharynx narrow; spicula 2, equal.....*Richtersia* Steiner 1916  
   Wings 16–32; pharynx wide, capacious; spicula unequal, or 1 only.....*Richtersiella* Kreis 1929
- Nema slender, not over 5%  
 Calvarium present as a band or plates  
   Oesophagus not crenate; calvarium of plates; gland cells lateral.....*Cylicolaimus* de Man 1889  
   Oesophagus crenate; calvarium a band.....*(Phanodermopsis* Ditlev. 1926)  
     (= *Galeonema* Fil. 1927)
- Calvarium absent  
 Gland ducts cuticularized, pores cervical & pre-anal; striae coarse.. (*Halaphanolaimus* Southern 1914)  
 Gland ducts and pores none, or not cuticularized  
   Denticles mid-phar., apophyses forward & back; amph. multispiral (*Halichoanolaimus* de Man 1886)  
     (= *Smalsundia* Allgen 1929)
- Denticles none: amphid not multispiral





- Pharynx open, wide,  $\pm$ capacious  
 Amphid round; anterior pharyng. chamber large, posterior small; setae 10 *Bathylaimus* Cobb 1894  
 (= *Macrolaimus* Ditlev. 1918  
 = *Cothonolaimus* Ditlev. 1919)
- Amphid small, with internal pocket (Pandolaimus ?); pharynx of 1 chamber  
 Depth pharynx  $\pm$ equaling width; dorsal onch. small, ant., appressed *Anoncholaimus* Cobb 1920  
 Depth pharynx nearly twice width  
 Wall of pharynx irregularly thick; amphid apparently circular..... *Pandolaimus* Allgen 1929  
 Wall of pharynx thin; amphid small, transverse-oval, with pocket.... *Felagomema* Cobb 1894  
 (cf. *Vasculonema* Kreis 1928)
- Pharynx narrow, often tubular or with closed lumen  
 The amphid behind level of cephalic setae  
 Cephalic setae 0; pharynx  $\frac{1}{2}$  head-width, with 3 refractive elements... *Angustinema* Cobb 1933  
 Cephalic setae present  
 Nema over 3 mm. long..... *Cynura* Cobb 1920  
 Nema 0.6 mm. long..... *Aplectus* Cobb 1914
- The amphid in front of level of cephalic setae; cephalic setae 4  
 Dorsal pharyng. wall not thicker; amphidial glands large, conspic.; eyes 2 ... *Ionema* Cobb 1920  
 Dorsal pharyng. wall thick, tooth-like; amph. monospire at lips; retinette far back  
 Oesoph. glands obscuring junct. of intest. ; dorsal phar. element uniform... *Onchium* Cobb 1920  
 Oesoph. glands not prominent; dorsal pharyng. element not uniformly thick, but heavy  
 Tooth-like thickening parallel to axis..... *Camacolaimus* de Man 1889  
 (= *Digitonchus* Cobb 1920  
 = *Acontiolaimus* Fil. 1918)
- Tooth-like thickening bent outward from beginning of vestibule  
 Point of "onchium" single..... *Acmaeolaimus* Fil. 1918  
 Point of Y-shaped "onchium" duplex..... *Ypsilon* Cobb 1920

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**Opuscula miscellanea nematologica, I.** G. STEINER, U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry.

There will be published under this heading a series of observations on various nematodes and nematological problems resulting mostly from service work or observations of a more casual nature.

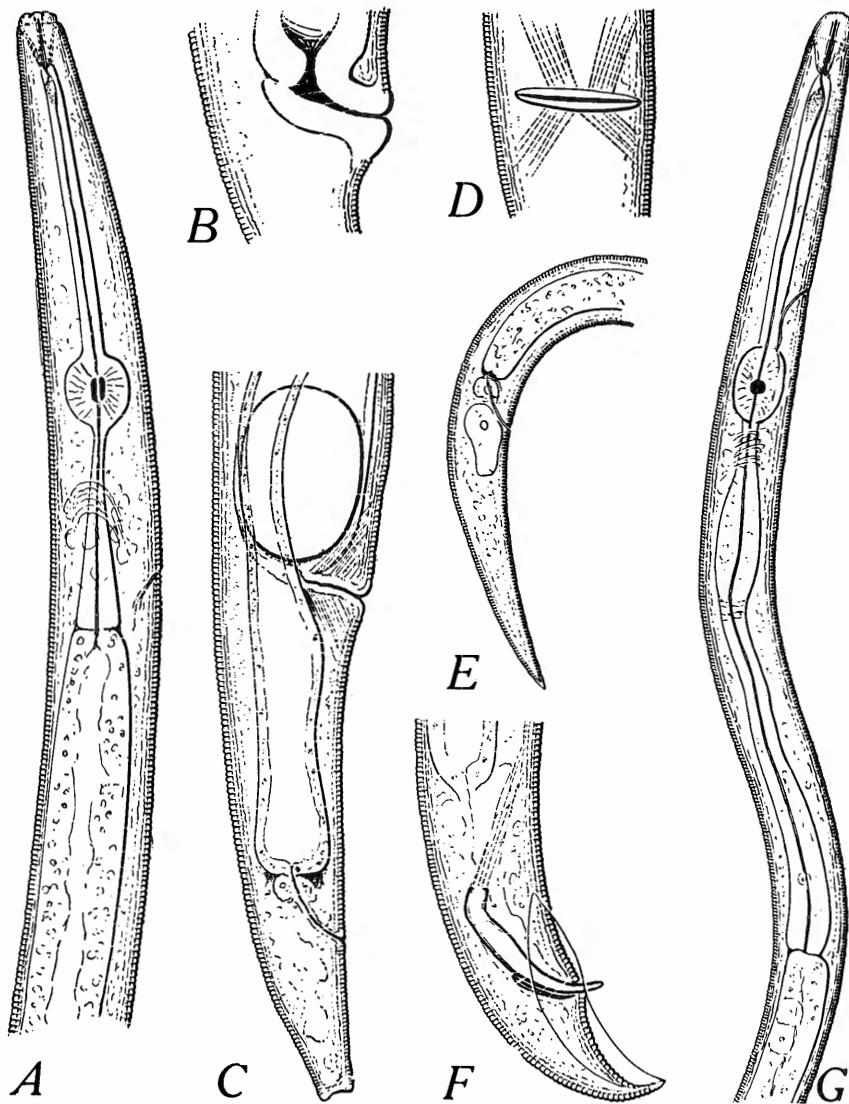


FIG. 1. *Anguillulina gallica*, n. sp.

A—Anterior end; about X 920. B—Vulva, vagina and portion of uterus; about X 1030. C—Posterior end of female with truncate terminus; about X 920. D—Face view of vulva, with dilatatores vaginae; about X 920. E—Tail end of second-stage larva; about X 1030. F—Tail end of male; about X 1030. G—Anterior end of second-stage larva; about X 1030.

(1) ANGUILLULINA GALLICA, N. SP. (FIG. 1) LIVING IN BURLS OF AN ELM  
(*ULMUS* SP.) FROM FRANCE.

*Remarks.*—This new species of *Anguillulina* is very close to *Anguillulina major* (Fuchs, 1915) amend. The elm burls in which the present species was observed exhibited no mines or other traces of insect activities. The nemas were found throughout the wood, which also harbored a fungus. Larval specimens were most numerous and would immediately swarm into the water when a piece of wood was immersed. This was not true of the adults, which had to be dissected out of the wood. It is thought that this species feeds on fungi.

*Anguillulina major*, according to Fuchs, is an associate of the bark beetle, *Ips typographus* L., in the mines of which it was observed. Larval specimens are carried under the wing covers of this beetle and apparently distributed to new trees. It is thought that in the present case a bark or woodboring beetle may also be involved as carrier, although apparently the nema migrates by itself through a tree to which it initially may have been transported by a beetle. It is not yet known if it merely follows the fungus in this migration through a tree, or if it is an agent in the spread of the fungus.

*Description.—Larva:* The difference in shape between the larval and adult tails, as observed by Fuchs in *A. major*, is also seen in the present species, where the larva has a pointed (fig. 1, E), the female an obtuse, and the male a bursate, tail end. In addition, the larva has an oesophagus of much greater length in relation to the total body length than the adult. The excretory pore of the larva lies in front of the middle oesophageal bulb, whereas in the adult it is located ventrad of the terminal oesophageal bulb. The posterior portion of the oesophagus of these larvae is of special interest because of its extraordinary length and form (fig. 1, G). The portion following the nerve ring is somewhat swollen and set off posteriorly from the end portion by a faint constriction. It is in this end portion that a large nucleus may be seen, which seemingly belongs to the dorsal oesophageal gland. *Adults:* Cuticle annulated. Two lateral membranes border a lateral field about 1/3 as wide as body. No cervical papillae nor phasmids seen. Tail of female short-conical, with broad-obtuse or even truncate terminus (fig. 1, C). Male tail short-conical; terminus pointed, curved ventrad, surrounded by bursa (fig. 1, F). Head differing from that of *A. major* by being distinctly set off, about half as long as wide, not annulated; lips distinct. Buccal stylet not very strong, with distinct yet very small basal knobs. Middle oesophageal bulb very prominent, with short valves and rather strong muscle fibers. Terminus of oesophagus indistinct, hardly set off from intestine; wall of latter consisting of double series of large cells. Vulva (fig. 1, B,C,D) a long transverse slit, occupying almost 3/4 of body diameter, with 4 dilatator muscles, as shown in figure 1, D. Vagina leads inward and forward; its walls thick. Uterus without a postvulvar branch. Eggs slightly oblong, almost spherical. Male bursa without ribs, surrounding tail end; spicula longer than tail, slightly curved, proximal end not capitate; gubernaculum lineate, slightly curved, about 1/3 as long as spicula.

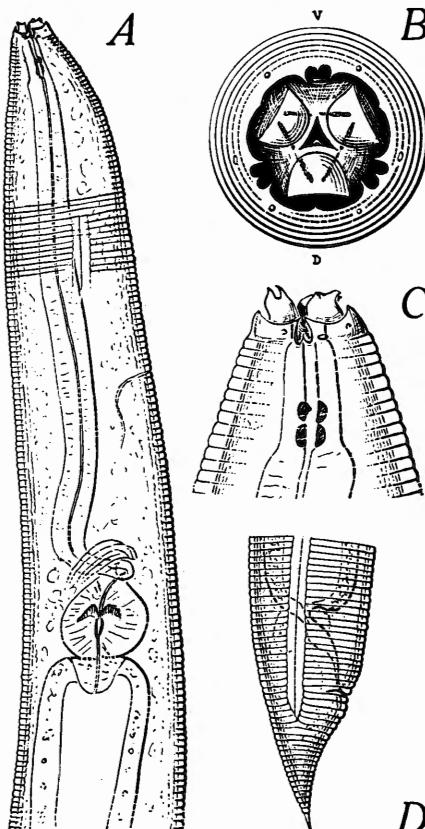
*Measurements.*—♀: total length = 1. to 1.1 mm;  $\alpha = 34.8$ ;  $\beta = 14.2$ ;  $\gamma = 43.2$ ;  $v = 91.7\%$ ; ♂: total length, 0.63 to 0.97 mm;  $\alpha = 39-41$ ;  $\beta = 11.8-12.2$ ;  $\gamma = 37.2-38.8$ .

*Diagnosis.*—*Anguillulina* resembling *A. major*, but differing in the following respects: Head distinctly set off; double lateral membrane; tail of female obtusely rounded or truncate, only 1/3 to 1/2 as long as distance from vulva to anus; uterus without postvulvar branch; spicula longer than male tail.

## (2) ACROBELES GLAPHYRUS, N. SP. (FIG. 2).

*Remarks.*—A single adult female of this apparently new species was found in a diseased tuber of *Polyanthus tuberosa*, the tuberose, which originated in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, and was intercepted by Foreign Plant Quarantine officials at Nogales, Arizona (November 1934). The species resembles very closely *Acrobeles punctatus* Thorne, 1925. The intestine was filled from beginning to end with a brownish mass in which no particles could be distinguished, the whole rather suggesting jellied plant material as food of this species.

*Description.*—Body almost cylindrical, tapering less anteriorly, more rapidly posteriorly to a short concave conoid, sharply pointed tail. Annulation of cuticle very distinct, interrupted on the sides by three lateral membranes separating two non-annulated longitudinal fields, except on a portion of anterior end and on extremity of tail where annulation encompasses the body. Width of annules about  $2\mu$ . Width of entire lateral field about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 times width of an annule. Figure 2, A shows mode of ending of lateral field anteriorly and figure 2, D mode of ending posteriorly. In the region of the lateral fields especially on the tail, but also here and there on the annules, small points are seen in a subcuticular layer, irregularly arranged, not in 4 transverse series. Cervical papillae and phasmids not seen. Labial probolae with 2 outward curved prongs; cephalic probolae separated by deep incision, with short basal prong, flanked on each side by a larger inward curved prong. Cephalic papillae and amphids apparently on these cephalic probolae anterior to the annules, the papillae (only submedial ones were distinctly seen) forming low, rounded elevations, the amphidial opening apparently a curved transverse slit. Buccal armature as follows: cheilorhabdion short, thin; prorhabdions rather long, thin; only dorsal mesorhabdion present, thin, hardly separated from prorhabdion; metarhabdion short, thick, the dorsal with sharply pointed denticle; telorhabdion short, thick. Corpus and middle bulb of oesophagus hardly differentiated, thin, slender; terminal bulb relatively large, almost spherical, with well developed valvular apparatus. Excretory pore situated well cephalad, in the region of the corpus, far in front of nerve ring. Lips of vulva small. No details about female apparatus available.

FIG. 2. *Acrobeles glaphyrus*, n. sp.

A—Anterior end; mode of formation and place of beginning of lateral membranes and lateral field are shown; about X 450. B—Front view of head (ventral side up); about X 1800. C—Head end, lateral view; about X 1800. D—Tail end of female; about X 450.

<i>Measurements.</i> —♀	5.1	23.	29.	14	32		
	4.7	6.7	7.2	7.2	3.6		
$a = 13.8$ ; $\beta = 3.4$ ; $\gamma = 18.5$ .						.71 mm	

*Diagnosis.*—*Acrobeles* closely related to *A. punctatus* but different because of absence of dots on surface of annules; annules much smaller, in the region of the buccal cavity 9 instead of 5 as in *A. punctatus*; labial probolae with outward arching prongs; unannulated lateral fields with a central and 2 bordering membranes; excretory pore far in front of nerve ring.

*Type locality.*—Mexico (Sonora).

*Type association.*—Diseased tuberose bulb.

(3) *CEPHALOBUS MAXIMUS* (THORNE, 1925) AMEND. (FIG. 3).

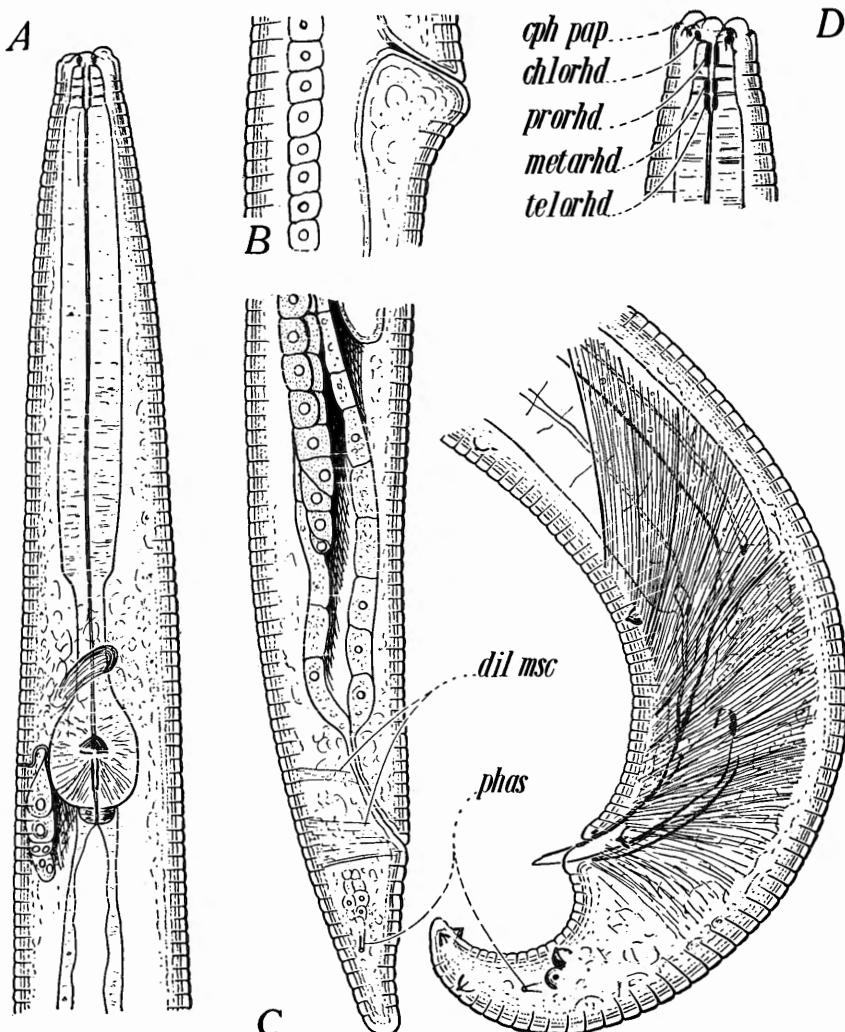


FIG. 3. *Cephalobus maximus* (Thorne) amend.

A—Anterior end; about X 640. B—Vulvar region; about X 640. C—Tail end of female; *dil msc*, dilator muscle of rectum and anus; *phas*, phasmid; about X 640. D—Head end; *cph pap*, cephalic papilla; *chlorhd*, cheilorhabdion; *prorhd*, prorhabdion; *mtarhd*, metarhabdion; *telorhd*, telorhabdion; about X 824. E—Male tail; *phas*, phasmid; about X 824.

*Remarks.*—Only the female of this large *Cephalobus* species has been known. Specimens (including a male) of what appeared to be this form were found in a bulb of *Iris xiphioides* from San Diego, California (April 1933). Associated with them were *Anguillulina dipsaci* (Kühn, 1857) Gerv. and v. Ben. 1859, *Aphelenchoides parietinus* (Bastian, 1865) Steiner, 1932, and *Acrobeles complexus* Thorne, 1915. Thorne's description of the female of *C. maximus* fits the present specimens fairly well. Most outstanding is the apparent absence of a pronounced middle bulbous swelling of the oesophagus. However, it is not thought that this is enough difference to warrant systematic separation of the present specimens from *C. maximus*. It is not our intention to furnish here a new description of this species, but a few additional characters will be mentioned. There are seemingly 2 submedial and 1 lateral cephalic papillae each. Amphids of the type characteristic of this genus were also seen. Of the buccal armature chelio-, pro-, meta- and mesorhabdions are present (fig. 3, D). It is interesting to note that the excretory apparatus is composed of 4 cells, 2 larger and 2 smaller ones (fig. 3, A). The dilatator ani is divided into a smaller anterior muscle located about halfway on the rectum and a larger one placed just at the anal opening (fig. 3, C). The uterus of the female still has a posterior branch (fig. 3, B, C).

*Description of the male.*—Tail similar to that of female, but ventrally bent (fig. 3, E). Copulatory papillae as follows: One ventrosubmedial, a short distance in front of the spicula; 1 ventrosubmedial in latitude of anus; a pair in front of phasmid less than halfway down the tail (1 lateral and 1 ventrosubmedial); 1 dorsosubmedial at about the beginning of the last fourth of the tail, a lateral one and a ventral one close to terminus of tail. Copulatory muscles well developed, extending forward from anus almost 2½ body widths. Spicula slightly curved, distally pointed, widening proximad, but inner end again narrow, not capitate. Gubernaculum about ¾ as long as spicula; distal half slightly swollen, proximal half linear. Testis reflexed.

*Measurements.*—♂: total length = 0.9 mm;  $\alpha$  = 27;  $\beta$  = 7.2;  $\gamma$  = 18.

(4) ON THE SYNONYMY OF *ANGUILLULINA COSTATA* (DE MAN, 1921) GOODEY, 1932, AND *ANGUILLULINA CANCELLATA* (COBB, 1925) GOODEY, 1932.

Goodey (1932, J. Helminth. 10: 156) expressed the opinion that these 2 nemic species mentioned above were probably synonyms. The writer recently obtained a female specimen of what he considered to be *A. costata*. It was found on diseased rutabagas (*Brassica campestris*) and was associated with numerous specimens of *Anguillulina pratensis* (de Man, 1880) Goffart, 1929. The host plants came from Arlington Farm, Va., where the specimens originally described by Cobb as *A. cancellata* also were obtained. A careful study of our specimen and a detailed comparison of the description of *A. costata* as well as *A. cancellata* convince us that *A. cancellata* is the synonym of *A. costata*. It may be well to record that the length of the oesophagus as given in Cobb's measurement formula, i. e. 30% of the total length, is a misprint. As may be seen from the figure, this length is actually only 20% of the total length. Our specimen has the following dimensions:

	2.6	12.	18.	36-64.	84.	
♀	2.5	3.7	4.2	4.3	2.	.47 mm or $\alpha$ = 23.2; $\beta$ = 5.4; $\gamma$ = 6.4.

Our specimen did not exhibit striae in the head cuticle. The number of longitudinal ridges on the cuticle was 18; they were all equidistant.

**The nematode *Neotylenchus abulbosus* Steinser (Anguillulinidae) as a parasite of sugar-beets. GERALD THORNE and CHARLES PRICE, U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry (Salt Lake City, Utah).**

Sugar-beets collected at Chino, California, July 16, 1934, were infested with *Neotylenchus abulbosus* Steinser, 1931. Injury consisted of variable-sized lesions covering considerable portions of the beets (fig. 4). In some instances the lesions extended practically through the root; at a depth of 3 inches the root of one beet had been completely severed. The nemas were found invading the living tissues while the dead portions were rapidly decaying and contained large numbers of the saprophytic nema, *Aphelenchus avenae* Bastian, 1865. The infested area covered several square rods and in it the beets were almost completely destroyed (fig. 5). Judging from the severity of the injury in this instance the nema may become an exceedingly destructive parasite if widely disseminated.



FIG. 4  
Sugar-beet infested with *Neotylenchus abulbosus*. Cortex peeled off to give the lesions greater contrast.



FIG. 5  
Sugar-beet field infested with *Neotylenchus abulbosus*. (Photograph by Charles Price, April 14, 1934.)

**Notes on free-living and plant-parasitic nematodes, I. GERALD THORNE, U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry (Salt Lake City, Utah).**

(1) *The occurrence of Diphtherophora perplexans Cobb, syn. *Archionchus perplexans* Cobb.*—In August 1923, a single specimen of *Diphtherophora perplexans* Cobb was collected near Provo, Utah. During the following 10 years dozens of soil samples from Utah fields were examined without the appearance

of another specimen. However in 1934 large numbers of this species appeared in several collections from widely separated points. In the fields at Salem and Lewiston, where mononch studies have been carried on for 10 years, many specimens of *D. perplexans* were present, the first seen from these fields. There is no apparent reason for this sudden increase in numbers when the population of many nemic species has been greatly reduced by a series of 6 years deficient in rainfall, of which 1934 was the driest. One other collection was made in 1930 in soil from a date garden, Indio, California.

(2) *The effect on nematodes of copper sulphate used in snail control.*—East Canyon Creek near Park City, Wasatch County, Utah, was treated with copper sulphate by Dr. L. E. Swanson, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry. A concentration of 1:500,000 for 24 hours was used. Bank and bottom material was collected before and after treatment at 2 points about 150 feet and 2 miles respectively below the mixing station. At neither point was there any apparent effect on the nemic population. Species present were: *Dorylaimus stagnalis*, *D. consobrinus*, *Monhystera paludicola* (?), *Aphanolaimus aquaticus*, *Plectus cirratus*, *Trilobus pellucidus* and *Mononchus macrostoma*.

(3) *The taxonomic status of the nematode Tylenchorhynchus cylindricus Cobb, 1913.*—A reexamination of Cobb's original balsam mounts of *Tylenchorhynchus cylindricus* reveals the fact that this species actually is *Anguillulina dubia* (Bütschli, 1873) Goodey, 1932. Cobb's specimens differ only slightly from those described by Bütschli and deMan as *A. dubia*. Apparently such distinguishing characters as are mentioned in Cobb's description and figures were due to fixation distortion. For our present information *Tylenchorhynchus* is best considered a synonym of *Anguillulina* since it exhibits no separating characters.

#### A review of the fossil nematodes. A. L. TAYLOR.

Three short papers about fossil nematodes have been found in the literature. Two of these papers, both dealing with nematodes in amber, seem to have escaped the attention of most workers in helminthology.

The best known fossil nematode is *Mermis antiqua* reported by v. Heydon (1862, *Paleontographica* 10:62-82, pl. 10). It was found projecting from the anus of a beetle (*Hesthesia immortua* Heydon) from the Rhine lignite. The single specimen was about 25 mm long and is shown in v. Heydon's drawing in a much coiled position (fig. 6, A). Later writers have agreed that this is a nematode and not a gordiid, but it is impossible to be sure that it belongs to the genus *Mermis*. In view of this a new collective fossil genus *Heydonius* is proposed for it and other fossil mermithids. The name of this species becomes *Heydonius antiquus* (v. Heydon, 1862). The Rhine lignite was formed in the Eocene, the lowest division of the Tertiary.

Specimens in a better state of preservation have been reported from amber. As one report comes from Königsberg and the other from Danzig, both cities near the Baltic Sea, it is probable that the amber is from this vicinity and dates from the Lower Oligocene, the next to lowest division of the Tertiary.

H. v. Duisburg (1862, *Schr. Königlichen Phys.-Okonom. Gesell.* 3:31-36, pl. 1) reported 3 specimens. One of these, *Auguillula succini*, was found in a small piece of amber which also contained pollen grains similar to those of *Pinus sylvestris* L. Its description is as follows: Length 855 $\mu$ , width 16 $\mu$  at widest part (about 1/5 of length from head). Body width diminishes gradually from this point to the knob-like head and pointed tail. Body annulated, annules 2 $\mu$  wide. Tail ventrally curved. A strand 1/3 to 1/4 the body width runs from head to a point shortly in front of tail—presumably remains of oesophagus and intestine. From the body shape, and other characters, it seems probable that this species belongs to the Plectidae, and the new collective fossil genus *Oligoplectus* is proposed to contain it and other fossil Plectidae. The name becomes *Oligoplectus succini* (v. Duisburg, 1862) (fig. 6, F).

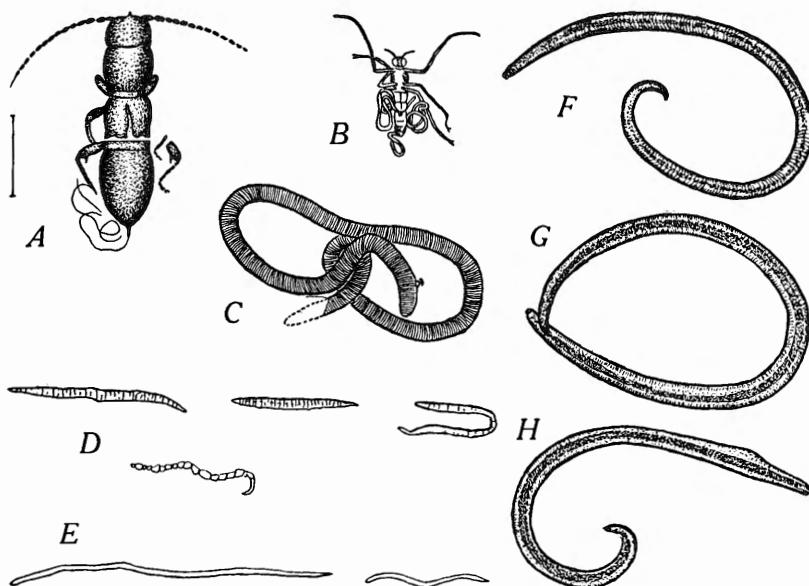


FIG. 6. Fossil nematodes.

A—*Heydonius antiquus* (v. Heydon, 1862). B-C—*Heydonius matutinus* (Menge, 1866). D—*Vetus pristinus* (Menge, 1866). E—*Vetus capillaceus* (Menge, 1866). F—*Oligoplectus succini* (v. Duisburg, 1862). G-H—*Vetus duisburgi*, n.g., n.sp. (A, redrawn from v. Heydon; B, C, D and E, redrawn from Menge; F, G and H, redrawn from v. Duisburg.)

Two other specimens were also included by v. Duisburg under the name *Anguillula succini*. They were found in a small piece of amber which contained the cast off cuticle of an unidentifiable insect but there is no evidence to show that this association is anything but accidental. As they are not congeneric with the previous specimen, the genus *Vetus* is proposed as a new collective genus to contain these and other fossil free living species which cannot be identified to family. This species becomes *Vetus duisburgi* n.g., n. sp. The two specimens are described as follows: Lengths  $850\mu$  and  $650\mu$ . Body widths  $18\mu$  and  $17\mu$  respectively. Body fusiform, head rounded, tail bluntly pointed. Anterior portion of the smaller specimen evidently crushed and measures  $23\mu$  at widest part. Annules about  $1\mu$  wide on both specimens (figs. 6, G, H).

A. Menge (1866, Schr. Naturf. Gesell. Danzig v. 1, pt. 3-4) reported a number of specimens, also in amber from the Baltic. His first species, *Mermis matutina* Menge, 1866, is represented by 3 specimens associated with a chironomid (Diptera) (fig. 6, B). One of these is reported to have its head end between 2 segments of the abdomen of the insect, while the other 2 were coiled around and near it. Description: Length 3.5 mm, width 0.1 mm. Body cylindrical, bluntly pointed at head and tail. Color yellowish white, in life probably white or reddish white. Annules about 300. The only sign of internal organs is a cylindrical canal which does not run to the end of the body. The specimen which had its "head end" between the segments of the insect also had a protuberance near the other end from which 2 "spicules" projected. It seems probable that the worms were just leaving the host. If this assumption is correct, the "spicules" noted by Menge were on the wrong end of the worm, for mermithids leave the host head first. If we assume that the objects really were spicules and not some accidental bit of trash, the specimens would be excluded from the genus *Mermis* as we know it today, for *Mermis* has only 1 spicule. The annules observed by Menge were explained as postmortem changes due to the contraction of the longitudinal muscles. It seems quite possible that this could be the case.

As these specimens are probably mermithids, but not members of the genus *Mermis*, it is proposed that they be placed in the genus *Heydonius* to be known as *H. matutinus* (Menge, 1866).

Under the name *Anguillula pristina* Menge includes over 30 specimens of small, evidently free-living nematodes, contained in another piece of amber. The length is given as  $139\mu$  and the width as  $3\mu$ , but his drawings (fig. 6, D) show the specimens to be much thicker than these dimensions would indicate. Body fusiform, annulated and widest in front of the middle. Head rounded, tail pointed. Some specimens show remains of intestine. Some variation in size and annulation between individuals. Not enough description is given to determine the systematic position. It is proposed that these be included in the genus *Vetus* as *V. pristinus* (Menge, 1866).

The same author also describes about 50 nematodes in a third piece of amber under the name *Anguillula capillacea*. These vary in length from 0.7 to 2.0 mm and are 0.1 mm wide. Body cylindrical, head rounded, tail pointed. (Head and tail seem to be confused in the original description of both this and the other free-living species.) There is no trace of annulation. Here, also, not enough description is given to place the specimens in their proper systematic position, so it is proposed that these specimens be placed in the genus *Vetus* to be known as *V. capillaceus* (Menge, 1866) (fig. 6, E).

Thanks are due to Dr. R. S. Bassler, of the U. S. National Museum, for geological information and to Dr. B. G. Chitwood for help and the use of the drawing of *Heydonius antiquus*.

**A new nematode, *Camacolaimus prytherchi*, n. sp. (Camacolaimidae).**  
B. G. CHITWOOD, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

During the past summer the writer made numerous collections of marine nematodes while at the Bureau of Fisheries Laboratory, Beaufort, N. C. Representatives of most of the groups of marine nematodes were collected and are being used for anatomic study. Some of these appear to be new and are being described. The histology of the species described here will be published later.

*Camacolaimus prytherchi*, n. sp.

**Description.**—Oral opening subtriangular. Cephalic papillae consisting of 6 small papillae of internal circle and 4 setae of external circle (dorsodorsals and ventroventrals). Dorsal tooth short, bluntly truncate. Cuticle striated; lateral alae present; sublateral somatic setae present. Excretory cell situated about  $2/3$  to 1 esophageal length from anterior end of body. Male 1.31 mm long;  $\alpha = 43$ ,  $\beta = 5.9$ ,  $\gamma = 13.1$ . Testis extending to about 40 percent of body length from anterior extremity. Female 1.69 mm long;  $\alpha = 52$ ,  $\beta = 8.45$ ,  $\gamma = 19$ . Vulva dividing body in proportions 52:48. Anterior ovary extending  $280\mu$  anteriad, reflexed; posterior ovary extending  $180\mu$  posteriad, reflexed. Mature eggs (in 1- to 2-cell stage)  $87\mu$  long by  $25\mu$  wide; 1 to 2 present.

**Habitat.**—Beach sand, just below low tide mark.

**Locality.**—United States (Beaufort, N. C.).

**Specimens.**—U. S. N. M. Helm. Coll. No. 40501 (cotypes).

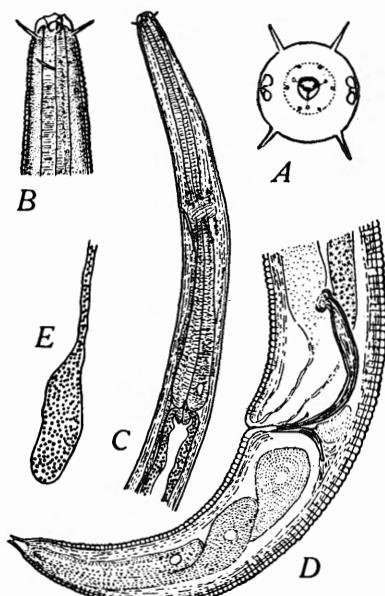


FIG. 7. *Camacolaimus prytherchi*.

A—Head, *en face* view. B—Head, lateral view. C—Esophageal region, lateral view. D—Tail of male, lateral view. E—Excretory cell.

*Camacolaimus prytherchi* appears to be more closely related to *C. zostericola* (Filipjev, 1918) than to any of the other species of this genus, and differs from it in the dorsal tooth which is conical in *C. zostericola* and bluntly truncate in *C. prytherchi*.

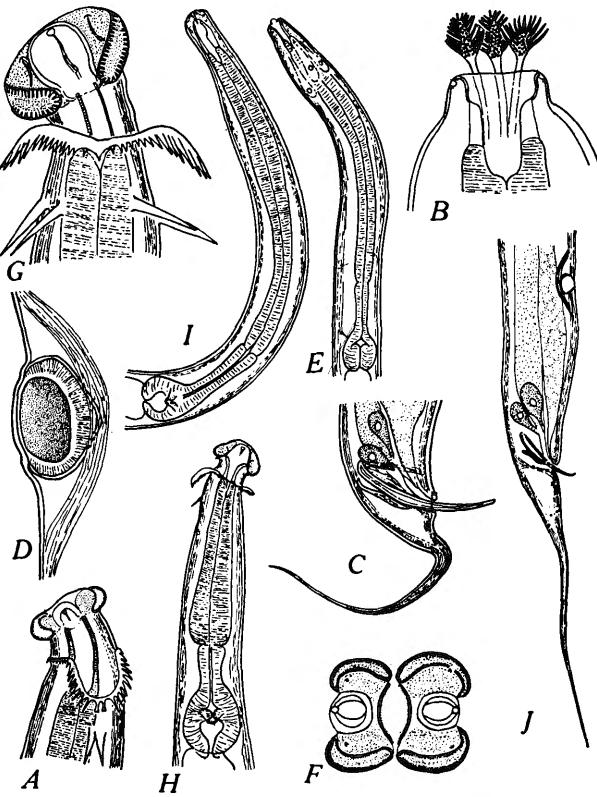
**Two new nematodes of the genus *Heth* Cobb, 1898 (Atractidae). M. B. CHITWOOD.**

Two species of the genus *Heth* were found in a collection of nematodes from preserved specimens of millipedes in the U. S. National Museum. These appear to be new species, one being very similar to *Heth juli* Cobb, 1898 (Agric. Gaz. N. S. Wales 9:249, figs. 10, I-IV), the other similar to *Heth spinosum* Artigas, 1929 (? 1930, Systematica dos nemoatoideos dos arthropodes, These, São Paulo, pp. 81-83, pl. 32, fig. 1; pl. 33, fig. 1). Sexual dimorphism is so extreme in this group that it is difficult to be certain which males and females belong to the same species. Fortunately the males were found in the same collections as the females on several occasions and only one species of each in a collection. The new species are separated from previously described species by means of a key following the descriptions.

*Heth dimorphum*, n. sp.

**Description.**—*Male* 2.03 to 2.04 mm long by  $90\mu$  wide. Oral opening surrounded by an internal circle of 6 papillae and an external circle of 4 papillae; 3 feather-like structures projecting from stoma. Cuticular ornate absent. Esophagus 610 to  $660\mu$  long. Excretory pore not observed. Anus  $260\mu$  from posterior extremity; tail attenuated. Genital papillae consisting of at least 1 pair of preanal and at least 4 pairs of postanal papillae. Spicules 140 to  $150\mu$  long; nearly completely fused. Preanal organ vesiculate in lateral view, sucker-like in oblique view (fig. 8, D).

*Female* 2.28 to 4.22 mm long by 110 to  $263\mu$  wide. Head in form of 2 lateral lobes, each bearing 2 papillae of external circle and an amphid. Subcephalic collar laterally shield-like; 2 pairs (in tandem) of double postcephalic lateral spines. Esophagus 400 to  $454\mu$  long. Excretory pore not observed. Anus 45



*Heth dimorphum*, n. sp. A—Head of female. B—Head of male. C—Tail of male. D—Preanal organ, slightly oblique view. E—Esophageal region of male. F—Head of female, *en face* view. *Heth hexaspinosum*, n. sp. G—Head of female. H—Esophageal region of female. I—Esophageal region of male. J—Tail of male. (All lateral views except as noted.)

to  $67\mu$  from posterior extremity; tail attenuated. Vulva 18 to  $22\mu$  anterior to anus; vagina directed anteriad; uteri parallel. Eggs 130 to  $170\mu$  long by 53 to  $72\mu$  wide.

*Host*.—*Spirostreptus* sp. (milleped).

*Location*.—Intestine.

*Localities*.—Sumatra (Kepahiang) (type locality); Philippine Islands (Mt. Makiling, Luzon).

*Specimens*.—U. S. N. M. Helm. Coll. Nos. 31636 (type) and 31640 (paratypes).

*Heth hexaspinosum*, n. sp.

*Description*.—*Male* 1.45 to 1.52 mm long by 82 to  $91\mu$  wide. Oral opening surrounded by internal circle of 6 papillae and an external circle of 4 papillae. Labial structures apparently absent, ornamentations absent. Esophagus 410 to  $490\mu$  long. Excretory pore  $210\mu$  from anterior extremity. Anus 298 to  $306\mu$  from posterior extremity; tail attenuated. Genital papillae consisting of 1 pair of adanal and 6 pairs of postanal papillae; phasmids lateral. Spicules 68 to  $70\mu$  long, nearly completely fused. Preanal organ vesiculate (fig. 8, J).

*Female* 1.82 to 2.07 mm long by 91 to  $109\mu$  wide. Head in form of 2 lateral lobes (fig. 8, G), each bearing 2 papillae of external circle and an amphid. Subcephalic collar not shield-like; 2 median and 4 submedian postcephalic spines. Esophagus 327 to  $363\mu$  long. Excretory pore  $160\mu$  from anterior extremity. Anus 500 to  $545\mu$  from posterior extremity; tail attenuated. Vulva 89 to  $109\mu$  anterior to anus; vagina directed anteriad, uteri parallel. Eggs 94 to  $100\mu$  long by 36 to  $40\mu$  wide.

*Host*.—*Spirobolus* sp. (milleped).

*Location*.—Intestine.

*Type locality*.—Panama (Upper Pequena River).

*Specimens*.—U. S. N. M. Helm. Coll. Nos. 31631 (type) and 31630 (paratypes).

*Key to the species of the genus Heth*

1. Subcephalic collar of female shield-like.....	2
Subcephalic collar of female not shield-like.....	3
2. Female bearing 2 pairs (tandem) of lateral spines.....	<i>H. dimorphum</i> , n. sp.
Female bearing 2 pairs (tandem) of lateral, distally bifid scales	
	<i>H. juli</i> Cobb, 1898
3. Female bearing 1 group of postcephalic spines (2 median, 4 submedian)	
	<i>H. hexaspinosum</i> , n. sp.
Female bearing 3 groups (tandem) of postcephalic spines (2 in each group) .....	4
4. Postcephalic spines lateral.....	<i>H. duvidosum</i> Artigas, 1929
Postcephalic spines median.....	<i>H. spinosum</i> Artigas, 1929

**Nomenclatorial notes, I.** B. G. CHITWOOD, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

In the process of revising the classification of nematodes several cases have been found in which nomenclatorial corrections appear to be necessary. These corrections fall in 4 groups, as follows: (1) A case of priority involving the status of *Anguina* Scopoli, 1777, *Anguillulina* Gervais & Beneden, 1859, and *Tylenchus* Bastian, 1865; (2) renaming of homonyms; (3) emendation of supergeneric names; and (4) designation of type species. These subjects will be covered under separate headings.

(1) THE STATUS OF ANGUINA SCOPOLI, 1777

It appears that *Anguina* invalidates *Anguillulina* and *Tylenchus* as generic names for the wheat eelworm. The oldest generic name for this important nematode appears to be *Anguina* Scopoli, 1777, a name which Baylis and Daubney (1926, *Synopsis fam. & gen. Nematoda*, p. 65) have placed as a synonym of *Anguillulina* Gervais & Beneden, 1859 (= *Tylenchus* Bastian, 1865). Goodey (1932, *J. Helminth.* 10:76) does not appear to regard this worm as congeneric with that described by Steinbuch (1799, *Der Naturforscher* 28:256) as *Vibrio tritici* (= *Anguillulina tritici*, = *Tylenchus tritici*).

Study of Scopoli's paper (1777, *Introductio ad Historiam naturalem sistens genera Lapidum, Plantarum, et Animalium, Prague*, pp. 373, 374) shows that he clearly stated that he was making a new genus; he gave host, location, an attempted description, and referred to Linnaeus.

(Quoted from Scopoli, p. 373)

Sequor hic doctissimum Virum *Othonem Friericum Müllerivm*, qui mira industria in hac Tribu ea præstitit, quæ nemo alias. Nova tamen & a Mullerianis diversa Genera ANGVINAE, & ROTARIAE, nec non FVRIAM Ill. LINN. adiungere visum est, de cuius tamen existentia dubitant etiamnum multi.

(Quoted from Scopoli, p. 374)

\*5 ANGVINA. SCOP. Corpus filiforme.

Habitat in Galla inter glumas & folliculos cerealium, directionem medullæ ita sæpe mutans, ut plura germina prodeant.

*Mas.* brevior, pene porrecto.

*Fem.* longior, vivipara & ovipara.

*Neutrum* mediocre, pene & vulva destitutum, FONTANA.

Tritici grana abbreviata & rotundata LINN.  
in not. ad CHAOS.

The Linnean reference (1767, *Systema Naturae*, p. 1326) also gave host, location and an attempted description.

(Quoted from Linnaeus, p. 1326)

1326 VERMES. ZOOPHYTA. Chaos.

354. CHAOS. *Corpus* liberum, uniforme, redivivum: *Artibus sensusque organis externis nullis.*

Ustilago. 4. C. fructificationis vegetabilis, pulveraceum. Munchausv. I. p. 149.

*Habitat in destructis granis Hordei, Tritici, Graminumque aliorum, inque Flosculis Tragopogonis, Scorzonerae, forma nigri pulveris. Hic pulvis aliquot dies in aqua tepente maceratus transit in Animalcula oblonga, hyalina, piscium instar ludentia, armato oculo videnda.* Munch. confer. *Dissert. nost. de Mundo invisibili.*

TRITICI Grana abbreviata illa & rotundata, exsiccata etiam post annos, in aqua tepidiuscula intra horulam egerminant in ascaridiformem quasi vermiculum; animatum vix dixerunt.

Scopoli and Linnaeus undoubtedly referred to the same species. There is no doubt as to what species this is because the form now known as *Tylenchus tritici* = *Anguillulina tritici* is the only species found in grains of wheat causing the formation of galls (rounded) instead of grains (oblong).

The wheat eelworm was given a specific name, *Vibrio tritici*, by Steinbuch (1799, loc. cit.), basing his species on forms described by Roffredi (1775, Obs. Mem. Phys. Nat. 5 (1):1-19).

The international rules of zoological nomenclature do not invalidate old genera which have been described without a specific name being mentioned. The genera *Anguillulina* Gervais & Beneden, 1859 (type *A. tritici* (Steinbuch, 1799) Gervais & Beneden, 1859), and *Tylenchus* Bastian, 1865 (type *T. davaainii* Bastian, 1865) are both congeneric with the form described under *Anguina*. The former has an identical species as type, hence *Anguina* is monotypic even though no specific name was mentioned. The type can only be *Tylenchus tritici* (Steinbuch, 1799). Since *Anguillulina* Gervais & Beneden, 1859, and *Tylenchus* Bastian, 1865, are clearly antedated by *Anguina* Scopoli, 1777, according to the rules of priority they must be considered synonyms of *Anguina*.

It is difficult to understand why Baylis & Daubney (1926, loc. cit.) and Goodey (1932, loc. cit.) failed to recognize priority in this case. Either *Anguina* should be used on the basis of priority or the rules of priority should be suspended and *Tylenchus* recognized, since the latter name is best known and most widely used. A request that *Tylenchus* be placed on the official list of genera has been sent to Dr. C. W. Stiles, Secretary of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, and it is hoped that an agreement can be reached to this effect.

#### (2) RENAMING OF HOMONYMS

*Asconema* Leuckart, 1886 (type *A. gibbosum* Leuckart, 1886), is a homonym of *Asconema* Schmidt, 1880, sponge, and *Atractonema* Leuckart, 1887 = *Asconema* renamed (type *A. gibbosum* (Leuckart, 1886) Leuckart, 1887) is a homonym of *Atractonema* Stein, 1878, protozoan; the new generic name *Tripius* is proposed for *Asconema* (type *Tripius gibbosus* (Leuckart, 1886) n. comb.).

*Leptodera* Dujardin, 1845 (type *L. flexilis* Dujardin, 1845), is a homonym of *Leptodera* Audinet-Serville, 1839, orthopteran, and *Leptoderes* Dujardin, 1845 (= *Leptodera* renamed), is a homonym of *Leptoderes* Audinet-Serville, 1839, orthopteran; the new generic name *Agfa* is proposed for *Leptodera* (type *Agfa flexilis* (Dujardin, 1845) n. comb.).

#### (3) EMENDATION OF SUPERGENERIC NAMES

The original name is given first, the emended form second.

Bunoneminae Mic., 1922	Bunonematinae Mic., 1922, emend.
Angiostominae Wülker, 1923	Angiostomatinae Wülker, 1923, emend.
Ransomneminae Travassos, 1929	Ransomnematinae, Trav., 1929, emend.
Rhigonemidae Artigas, 1930	Rhigonematidae Artigas, 1930, emend.
Rhigoneminae Artigas, 1930	Rhigonematinae Artigas, 1930, emend.
Steinerineminae Filipjev, 1934	Steinerinematinae Filip., 1934, emend.
Drilonemidae Pierantoni, 1916	Drilonematidae, Pieran., 1916, emend.
Allantoneminae Pereira, 1932	Allantonematinae Periera, 1932, emend.
Avioserpentinae Wehr & Chit., 1934	Avioserpentinae, W. & C., 1934, emend.
Oxystominae Micoletzky, 1934	Oxystomininae, Mic., 1924, emend.
Eurystominae ?Filipjev, 1934	Eurystomininae ?Filipjev, 1934, emend.

#### (4) DESIGNATION OF TYPE SPECIES

The type designated is enclosed in parenthesis.

<i>Poikilolaimus</i> Fuchs, 1930. ( <i>P. micoletzkyi</i> Fuchs, 1930).
<i>Rhodolaimus</i> Fuchs, 1930. ( <i>R. pusillus</i> Fuchs, 1930).
<i>Panagrolaimus</i> Fuchs, 1930. ( <i>P. detritophagus</i> Fuchs, 1930).
<i>Rhabdotalaimus</i> Fuchs, 1931. ( <i>R. corinthiacus</i> Fuchs, 1931).
<i>Rhabditophanes</i> Fuchs, 1930. ( <i>R. brassicae</i> Fuchs, 1930).
<i>Mesonema</i> Pierantoni, 1916. ( <i>M. acuminatum</i> Pierantoni, 1916).
<i>Opistonema</i> Pierantoni, 1916. ( <i>O. minutum</i> Pierantoni, 1916).
<i>Parasitaphelenchus</i> Fuchs, 1930. ( <i>P. conjunctus</i> Fuchs, 1930).
<i>Chitinoaphelenchus</i> Micoletzky, 1922. ( <i>Aphelenchus (C.) ormerodis</i> (Ritzema Bos, 1891) Micoletzky, 1922 = <i>Aphelenchoides parietinus</i> (Bastian, 1865)).
Subgenus, s. o. <i>Aphelenchoides</i> . Originally included species type of older genus.

- Parasitylenchus* Micoletzky, 1922. (*P. dispar* (Fuchs, 1914) Mic., 1922.)  
*Bathymermis* Daday, 1911. (*B. fuhrmanni* Daday, 1911).  
*Limnomeris* Daday, 1911. (*L. bathybria* Daday, 1911).  
*Mesomeris* Daday, 1911. (*M. zschokkei* Daday, 1911).  
*Dichromadora* Kreis, 1929. (*D. cephalata* (Steiner, 1916) Kreis, 1929).  
*Trichromadora* Kreis, 1929. (*T. longicaudata* Kreis, 1929).  
*Paraeuchromadora* Stekhoven & Adams, 1931. (*P. amphidiscata* Stekhoven & Adams, 1931).  
*Epsilononema* Steiner, 1927. (*E. steineri* n.n.=*Rhabdogaster cygnoides* Metschn. of Steiner, 1916 and 1927; type not *E. cyrtum* Steiner, 1931 (not an originally included species).  
*Brachydesmodora*, Allgen, 1932. (*Desmodora* (*B.*) *similis* Allgen, 1932) [subgenus].

**Survival of horse strongyle eggs under anerobic conditions.** JOHN T. LUCKER,  
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The object of the experiments reported in this paper was to determine the survival time of horse strongyle eggs under the anerobic conditions existing in a dilute mixture of feces and water. The data supplied by these experiments have some practical application because the conditions under which the experiments were performed are comparable to those obtaining in tanks employed for the storage of stable manure mixed with water. Peterson (1927, Hoard's Dairyman 72:888) reports that stable manure is frequently stored in liquid form by European farmers. He states that the usual period of storage is from a month to 6 weeks.

In the writer's experiments, a liquid suspension of horse feces was prepared by macerating fresh stable manure in small amounts of water. The mixture was screened to remove coarse particles, further diluted with water, and finally placed in one of the receptacles described later, where it remained unagitated. Portions of the sludge containing strongyle eggs were removed at certain intervals through a valve-controlled outlet at the bottom of the container. Eggs were isolated from a part of the sludge sample for immediate examination and for culturing in water, and the remaining sludge was mixed with charcoal and cultured in Petri dishes.

In the first experiment, the depth of liquid in the small metal tank which was used as a container for the mixture was about 24 inches. The tank was 17½ inches in diameter and the volume of the liquid mixture was 5,760 cubic inches. Sludge was withdrawn 7, 12, 15, 19, and 41 days after the tank was filled and, following each withdrawal of sludge, cultures were prepared and the eggs were immediately examined. In no case was there any progress in the development of viable eggs, and attempts to isolate larvae from freshly drawn sludge gave negative results. In all cases some eggs appeared to have been killed and failed to develop subsequently in water cultures, the proportion of non-viable eggs increasing with the duration of the anerobic exposure. However, despite submergence in the liquid mixture for 41 days, the majority of the eggs cultured in water hatched in the course of a day or two. Many infective larvae were recovered from a sludge and charcoal culture prepared 19 days after the container was filled. Infective larvae were recovered also from the culture prepared from sludge removed after storage for 41 days. However, the number of larvae recovered from this culture was considerably lower than that recovered from the earlier culture.

In the second experiment, the depth of the liquid in a glazed tile receptacle was 105 inches and the volume of the mixture was 8,245 cubic inches at the beginning of the experiment; the depth was reduced to about 65 inches and the volume to 5,000 cubic inches at the conclusion of the experiment, due to the withdrawal of sludge from time to time. Sludge was withdrawn after 18, 31, 45, 53 and 63 days. The results obtained in cultures are given below in tabular form:

TABLE 1.—*Effect of exposure to anaerobic conditions on horse strongyle eggs in experiment 2.*

Duration of exposure Days	Results in cultures of eggs in water	Results in sludge and charcoal cultures
18	About 85 percent of the eggs hatched	Many infective larvae recovered
31	About 75 percent of the eggs hatched	Several infective larvae recovered
45	About 2.5 percent of the eggs hatched	7 infective larvae recovered
53	Of several hundred eggs present, 4 hatched	5 infective larvae recovered
63	Of 24,600 eggs present, 4 hatched	No infective larvae recovered

An examination of the data given in table 1 shows that horse strongyle eggs submerged for 63 days in a dilute mixture of feces and water at depths varying from about 5½ to 8 feet failed to yield infective larvae when cultured in a medium of charcoal and feces, although 0.016 percent of the eggs isolated from another portion of the same sludge sample hatched subsequently in water culture. Two of the four eggs which hatched in the latter medium yielded infective larvae. A few infective larvae were found in solid cultures prepared from eggs submerged at these depths for 45 and 53 days, respectively. Following submergence for 41 days at a depth of 24 inches, the proportion of eggs which hatched in a water culture and the number of larvae found in a solid culture medium were significantly greater than in the case involving submergence of the eggs for 45 days at greater depths. After submergence for 1 month (experiment 2) a majority of eggs were still viable and considerable numbers of larvae were recovered in a solid culture medium.

Both experiments reported in this paper and the somewhat similar experiments reported by Gackstatter (1932, *Ztschr. Veterinärk.*, 44: 334-339) indicate that horse strongyle eggs are completely arrested in their development when they are submerged in a dilute mixture of feces and water. However, the progressive destruction of the vitality of submerged eggs, shown particularly by the writer's second experiment, is not in agreement with Gackstatter's statement to the effect that all of the originally viable strongyle eggs in partially or completely submerged mule feces retained the capability of further development despite maintenance under these conditions for from 4 to 5 weeks. The greater depths to which eggs were submerged in the writer's experiments may account for this difference in results. It is interesting to note that Zavadovskii (1916, *Compt. rend. Soc. Biol.* 79: 595-598) found that eggs of *Ascaris equorum* were unaffected by maintenance under anaerobic conditions for from 4 to 5 months.

In the experiments described in this paper, eggs were subjected to anaerobic conditions, to the influences of products of the putrefaction and decomposition of the medium, and to other influences possibly unfavorable to survival and development. While no attempt was made to determine the individual effects of these various factors on the eggs, the writer assumes that the lack of oxygen in the dilute fecal mixture was largely responsible for the failure of the eggs to develop while in this medium and for the ultimate destruction of their vitality. This assumption is supported by data published by Looss in 1896 (*Centbl. Bakt. [etc.]*, I Abt. 20: 865-870) and 1911 (*Rec. School Med., Min. Ed., Egypt* 4: 163-613), by Lambinet in 1903 (*Bull. Acad. Roy. Méd. Belg.* 4. s. 17: 534-544), by Bruns in 1904 (*Klin. Jahrb.* 12: 1-28), by Zavadovskii in 1916 (*Compt. rend. Soc. Biol.* 79: 798-802) and 1927 (*Arch. Entwicklmechl. Organ.* 109: 14-23), by Zavadovskii and Orloff in 1927 (*Arch. Entwicklmechl. Organ.* 109: 750-769), by Minagawa in 1920 (*Mitt. Med. Fakult. Kais. Univ. Tokyo* 23: 149-170; *ibidem.* 23: 171-187), by Kosmin in 1928 (*Tr. Lab. Exp. Biol. Zoopark Moscow* 4: 207-218), by McCoy in 1930 (*Am. J. Hyg.* 11: 413-448), and by Nolf in 1932 (*Am. J. Hyg.* 16: 288-322).

**Observations on the life history of *Toxascaris leonina* (Nematoda: Ascaridae).** WILLARD H. WRIGHT, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

The prevailing conception that the life history of *Toxascaris leonina* is identical with that of *Ascaris lumbricoides* and *Toxocara canis* is apparently based on the observations of Fülleborn. Actually, Fülleborn (1922, Arch. Schiffs- u. Tropen-Hyg. 26: 59-60) expressed considerable doubt concerning this point and stated that in his opinion it was entirely possible that *T. leonina* had another mode of development. Feeding experiments carried out by the writer with albino rats, mice, guinea-pigs and dogs indicate that the larvae of *T. leonina* do not regularly migrate throughout the body of the host.

There are 4 larval stages in the life history of this parasite. Ova of *T. leonina*, maintained at a temperature of 30° C. in an atmosphere saturated with moisture, contain vermiciform embryos, or 1st-stage larvae, on the 2nd day of incubation, and ensheathed, infective embryos, or 2nd-stage larvae, on the 3rd day of incubation. Unlike the ova of *T. canis*, ova of *T. leonina* are able to develop to infective, 2nd-stage larvae, at a temperature of 37° C., in an atmosphere saturated with moisture.

Evidence indicates that when ova containing 2nd-stage larvae are ingested by the host, the ova usually hatch in the duodenum. The first ecdysis occurs at the time of hatching or shortly thereafter. The liberated larvae then penetrate into the wall of the small intestine, particularly that of the lower part of the duodenum, and come to rest in the crypts of Lieberkühn, in the sub-mucosa and in the circular muscle of the wall. The larvae undergo considerable growth while in the intestinal wall and begin to emerge about the 9th or 10th day after infection. It is probable that the 2nd ecdysis occurs on emergence or shortly before emergence of the larvae, as we have recovered exsheathed 3rd-stage larvae from the mucosa of the duodenum on the 10th day after infection. The genital primordium of 3rd-stage larvae recovered from the lumen of the intestine of a dog 10 days after infection contained 8 cells, indicating that the larvae were in the early 3rd-stage. Larvae at this stage were 0.669 to 0.795 mm long. Later 3rd-stage larvae were recovered from the lumen of the small intestine of a dog killed 14 days after infection. These larvae were 0.794 to 0.890 mm in length, and the genital primordium contained 16 cells. Following their reentrance into the lumen of the small intestine, the larvae grow rapidly and by the 18th day after infection some of them have undergone the 3rd ecdysis. The 4th-stage larva later molts to become an adult.

Occasionally, particularly in very heavy infestations, some larvae will penetrate the wall of the small intestine and develop in the abdominal cavity, or reach such organs as the mesenteric lymph nodes, pancreas, liver and lungs. Larvae in these locations are capable of developing into 3rd-stage larvae, as larvae recovered from these organs have been in the same stage of development as those recovered from the lumen of the small intestine in the same length of time after infection. Larvae which reach the lungs are capable of finding their way into the trachea, where they are carried upward, are swallowed and again reach the small intestine, and such larvae probably develop to maturity.

**A note on the identity of *Nematodirus tarandi* Hadwen, 1922, and *Nematodirus skrjabini* Mitzkewitsch, 1929 (Nematoda: Trichostrongylidae).** G. DIKMANS, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

On comparing the published figures of *Nematodirus skrjabini* described as a new species by Mitzkewitsch in 1929 from the reindeer with specimens of *Nematodirus tarandi* Hadwen, 1922, in the National Museum Helminthological Collection, I find that these 2 nematodes are identical. *Nematodirus skrjabini* Mitzkewitsch, 1929, therefore, becomes a synonym of *Nematodirus tarandi* Hadwen, 1922.

**An unidentified nematode from the eye of the moose, *Alces americana*.**  
G. DIKMANS and E. E. WEHR, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

A short time ago Dr. C. P. Fitch, Chief of the Veterinary Division, College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, sent to the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry 2 nematodes, collected by Dr. Fenstermacher from the eyes of moose in northern Minnesota. The worms submitted for examination were immature females, about 40 mm long and threadlike. The head is without buccal capsule or circumoral elevation, and the genital opening is in close proximity to the anal opening in the posterior part of the body.

As far as we are able to ascertain only 2 genera of nematodes have been reported as parasites of the eye of ruminants, viz., *Setaria* and *Thelazia*. The worms from the eye of the moose do not belong in either of these genera because in *Setaria* the mouth is surrounded by a chitinous peribuccal ring, and in *Thelazia* there is a small buccal capsule, and in both *Setaria* and *Thelazia* the vulva is located in the esophageal region. The structure of the head of the nematode collected from the eye of the moose resembles that of members of the Metastromyidae, and the appearance of the tail end is similar to that of members of the Protostrongylinae. There is one genus in this subfamily, viz., *Elaphostrongylus* which appears to be a tissue parasite. This genus has now 2 species, *Elaphostrongylus cervi*, reported by Cameron from the connective tissues between the latissimus dorsi and the external intercostal muscles of the Scottish red deer, *Cervus elaphus*; and *Elaphostrongylus odocoilei* reported by the Hobmaiers from the connective tissues of the black-tailed deer, *Odocoileus columbianus*. Since these worms are tissue parasites they probably do considerable wandering before reaching their final destination. It is possible that the worms recovered from the eye of the moose belong in this genus. An interesting point in connection with *Elaphostrongylus odocoilei* is that this nematode is described as a lungworm, the authors claiming that eggs and larvae were found in nodules in the lungs, and adults were embedded in the connective tissues of the vessels beneath the spine and their nearby branches, in the muscles surrounding the body cavity and along the vessels of the upper part of the hind legs. The authors further state that ordinarily the worms were coiled up in the lymphatic spaces in the connective tissues and that some specimens were found penetrating the walls of larger veins of the hind legs. Accumulations of eggs were found in these places and in lymphatic vessels.

**Nematode parasites of the Saiga antelope, *Saiga tatarica*.** G. DIKMANS, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

The following nematodes have been collected from the viscera of a Saiga antelope submitted to the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry for examination on November 20, 1934: *Camelostrongylus mentulatus* (*Ostertagia mentulata*), *Haemonchus contortus*, *Trichostrongylus axei*, *Trichostrongylus colubriformis*, *Nematodirus* sp., and *Trichuris* sp. The host catalogue of the Zoological Division contains no record of any nematodes having been collected from this animal. According to authorities of the National Museum, the Saiga antelope is becoming a rare animal. It formerly ranged the eastern part of Russia and the western part of Siberia; its present range appears to be much smaller. The animal from which the above mentioned nematodes were obtained was 1 of a shipment of 3 imported from Russia for the National Zoological Park. According to a letter received from the importers, these antelopes had been caught in the Kalmuck Steppe in South Russia, shipped to the Zoological Park in Moscow, and then transferred to a Zoological Park in Hannover, Germany. They remained in Hannover 3 months. The nematode infection may, therefore, have been acquired, at least in part, since their capture in Russia.

**A note on *Nematodirella* (Nematoda: Trichostrongylidae) from three different hosts.** G. DIKMANS, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

The genus *Nematodirella* Yorke and Mapleson, 1926, was first reported from the reindeer, *Rangifer tarandus*, by Romanovitch (1915) under the name of *Microcephalus longissime spiculatus*. It has since been collected from the moose, *Alces americana*, and from the antelope, *Antilocapra americana*. It is a trichostrongylid characterized by the presence of very long, filiform spicules in the male, and by the atrophy of the anterior portion of the genital apparatus in the female. The figure on page 144 of Mitzkewitsch's paper on the trichostrongylid fauna of the reindeer, purporting to illustrate the ovejectors of *Nematodirella longispiculata*, is undoubtedly an error. This figure shows anterior and posterior ovejectors both functioning normally, whereas in *Nematodirella* the anterior ovarian complex is always sterile. It is probable that the ovejectors of *Nematodirus tarandi* Hadwen, 1922 (Syn. *Nematodirus skrjabini* Mitzkewitsch, 1929), were unintentionally substituted for those of *Nematodirella longispiculata*.

Some time ago Dr. W. E. Swales of the Institute of Parasitology, MacDonald College, McGill University, Quebec, Canada, called my attention to the difference in length of the spicules in specimens of *Nematodirella* collected from the moose and from the prong-horned antelope. I have, therefore, compared specimens of *Nematodirella* collected from 3 different hosts, viz., reindeer, moose and prong-horned antelope, as to the length of spicules, length of body of male, length of bursa and length of posterior ovejector in female with the following results:

TABLE 1.—Size variations in *Nematodirella longispiculata* from different hosts.

Host	Length of male	Length of spicules	Length of bursa	Length of posterior ovejector
<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>	13.5-18 mm	8.5-10.5 mm	200-225 $\mu$	6-8 mm
<i>Alces americana</i>	10-16.5 mm	6.25-8 mm	140-150 $\mu$	4-6 mm
<i>Antilocapra americana</i>	13-16 mm	4-5 mm	140-150 $\mu$	3-4 mm

While the measurements here given, with the exception of those of the spicules, may not be entirely accurate, because not all the material was fixed in the same manner, and the material available for examination from both the moose and the antelope was in a very poor state of preservation, except for a few specimens collected from the moose by Dr. Swales, yet I believe them sufficiently accurate for the purpose of comparison.

On the basis of spicule length, specimens of *Nematodirella* from these 3 different hosts appear to fall in 3 groups, with the maximum length of the spicules of those from antelope approaching the minimum length of spicules of those from moose, and the maximum length of spicules of those from moose approaching the minimum length of spicules of those from reindeer. The bursa of the specimens collected from

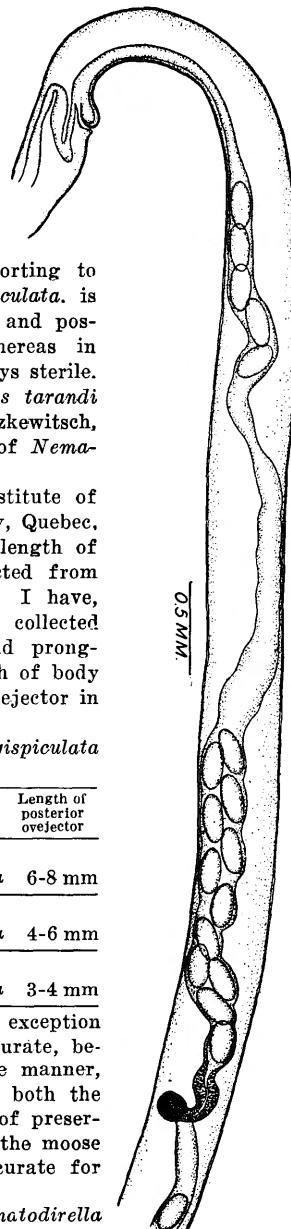


FIG. 9. *Nematodirella longispiculata*, Posterior ovejector.

the reindeer is somewhat larger than the bursa of the specimens collected from the moose and antelope, which are alike. As far as the length of the posterior, functional ovejector is concerned, we have a situation similar to that obtaining for the spicules. Morphologically there appears to be no difference in the structures mentioned except for size. I am, therefore, not inclined to give these nematodes different specific names but I do believe that the differences obtaining among them should be recognized by the addition of subspecific names as follows: For the form from the reindeer, *Nematodirella longispiculata longispiculata*; for the form from the moose, *Nematodirella longispiculata alcidis*; for the form from the antelope, *Nematodirella longispiculata antilocaprae*.

**Lungworms collected from deer, *Odocoileus virginianus*, in Michigan.** G. DIKMANS, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

A little over a year ago the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry began to receive correspondence from the Conservation Department of Michigan concerning the prevalence and identity of lungworms infesting deer in the upper peninsula of Michigan. At first only material containing eggs and larvae was received for examination. The larvae resembled the larvae of members of the Protostrongylinae, but it was, of course, impossible to make a specific determination on the basis of these larvae. Later, the posterior portion of a male and an entire female were received for study. These were identified as a species of *Protostrongylus*. Shortly thereafter additional specimens were received and identified as *Dictyocaulus filaria*. Next 3 sets of lungs from deer were received and examined. From these lungs was collected a nematode which has been placed in the genus *Pneumostrostrongylus*. Later the Zoological Division received from the University of Michigan through the Biological Survey some nematodes collected from the lungs of deer and these were identified as *Dictyocaulus viviparus*. Therefore, at the present time, there have been collected from the lungs of deer in Michigan 4 nematodes representing 3 genera, viz., *Protostrongylus*, *Dictyocaulus* and *Pneumostrostrongylus*.

**New avian and insect hosts for *Gongylonema ingluvicola* (Nematoda: Spiruridae).** ELOISE B. CRAM, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

In the undilated esophagus of a captive mountain quail (*Oreortyx picta*), which died soon after it had been shipped from Oregon to Frederick, Md., there were found 2 female and 1 male specimens of *Gongylonema ingluvicola*. Embryonated eggs from the uteri of the worms were fed to 2 laboratory-reared cockroaches (*Blattella germanica*); 34 days later the cockroaches were killed and contained larvae tightly coiled in cysts in the body cavity. The cysts were slightly oval, measuring about 670 by 545 $\mu$ , opaque, thick-walled; the coil of the body showed no reversal of direction, during its course, as with some other avian spirurids. The 3rd-stage larvae of *G. ingluvicola* recovered from the cysts measured 1.67 mm long by 75 $\mu$  in greatest width; 2 very flat lateral lips gave appearance of an annular thickening around mouth, followed by shallow vestibule about 6 $\mu$  deep. Total length of pharynx and esophagus, 1.17 mm, thus somewhat over two-thirds total body length; excretory pore, 175 $\mu$  from head end. Tail short and blunt, anus 88 $\mu$  from end; 2 or 3 inconspicuous conical papillae at tip of tail. These measurements show only moderate variations from those of *G. scutatum*, after development of the larvae for 7 weeks in the cockroach, as given by Ransom and Hall, as follows: Cysts 0.5 mm in diameter; larvae 1.9 mm long by 60 $\mu$  wide; total length of pharynx and esophagus 1.235 mm; excretory pore 210 $\mu$  from head end; anus 90 $\mu$  from tail end. Five larvae of *G. ingluvicola* were fed to a chicken but without subsequent development, no worms being found when the chicken was killed 79 days later.

**Additional notes on two bat parasites, *Dicrocoelium lasiuri* McIntosh, 1933 (Trematoda: Dicrocoeliidae) and *Litomosa americana* McIntosh, 1932 (Nematoda: Filariidae).** ALLEN MCINTOSH, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry and GERTRUDE E. MCINTOSH.

Two parasites previously reported only in abstract form (McIntosh, 1933, J. Parasitol. 20: 137-138; 1932, J. Parasitol. 19: 170), are described here in greater detail.

*Dicrocoelium lasiuri* McIntosh, 1933

**Description.**—Body lancet-shaped, 2.47 mm long by  $650\mu$  wide, anterior sucker  $160\mu$  and acetabulum  $170\mu$  in diameter, respectively, the latter about  $570\mu$  from anterior end. Pharynx 62 by  $60\mu$ , apparently preceded by short prepharynx and followed by slightly longer esophagus. Ceca slightly undulating, extending about  $2/3$  length of body; lemon yellow cuboidal crystals of some substance noted in ceca of living specimens, which did not dissolve in processes of fixation and mounting. Excretory bladder Y-shaped, with a very long stem extending from level of cecal tips to excretory pore. Testes 140 to  $190\mu$  in diameter, subtriangular, lobed or irregular in outline, situated somewhat obliquely. Vasa efferentia uniting near level of anterior margin of acetabulum, forming short vas deferens and passing immediately into cirrus sac; each vas efferens slightly expanded near its middle and filled with spermatozoa. Cirrus sac 210 by  $125\mu$ , between acetabulum and intestinal fork, containing coiled seminal vesicle. Genital pore at fork of intestine,  $340\mu$  from anterior end of body. Ovary 200 to  $210\mu$  in diameter, somewhat irregular in outline, immediately caudal to posterior testis. Laurer's canal and Mehlis' gland present. Vitellaria in zone occupied by postovarian portion of ceca, arranged in 2 lateral groups of approximately 20 follicles each. Uterus filling posterior portion of body and extending anteriorly in median field to genital pore. Metraterm to right of cirrus sac. Eggs 38 by  $22\mu$ .

**Type specimen.**—U.S.N.M. Helm. Coll. No. 40241; paratypes No. 40242.

**Habitat.**—Gall bladder and biliary tubules of liver of *Lasiurus borealis*, Washington, D. C.

**Remarks.**—This parasite was described from 15 specimens collected September 15, 1933, from a bat found at the base of the Washington Monument. Only one bat of several specimens, representing three species, was infected. *Dicrocoelium lasiuri* differs from *D. rileyi* Macy, 1931, a closely related form, taken from specimens of a western bat captured in Oklahoma and Kansas, in that the ovary of *D. lasiuri* is as large as, or larger than, the testes, while the ovary of *D. rileyi* is much smaller than the testes; *D. lasiuri* has twice as many vitelline follicles as *D. rileyi*. In Macy's key (1931, J. Parasitol. 18: 28-33), *D. lasiuri* will key out with *D. panduriforme* Railliet, 1900. The latter, however, is a bird parasite having a huge acetabulum. In addition to comparing our material with Macy's type specimen, several individuals of *D. rileyi*, collected in Texas and in Dr. P. D. Harwood's collection, were also examined. The differences between *D. rileyi* and *D. lasiuri* noted above were fairly constant in all specimens examined.

In addition to *Dicrocoelium rileyi* and *D. lasiuri*, two other species belong-

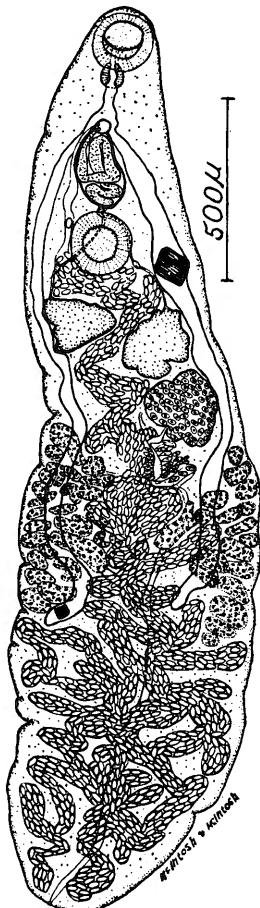


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*Dicrocoelium lasiuri* McIntosh, 1933, ventral aspect.

ing to the family Dicrocoeliidae have been reported from chiropterans, *Platynosomum philippinorum* Tubangui, 1928 (Philippine J. Sci. 36: 367-368), from a Philippine bat, and *Dicrocoelium hospes* Looss, 1907, of Northup, 1928 (J. Burma Research Soc. 18: 80-97), from two species of bats in Burma. From the few words of description given by Northup it is evident that the species is not *D. hospes*, but her description is too inadequate to distinguish it from the other species described from bats.

*Litomosa americana* McIntosh, 1932

**Description.**—*Male* 12 mm long by 110 $\mu$  wide, attenuated posteriorly. Head bluntly rounded; oral opening oval, laterally elongated, bounded by an oral membrane; buccal cavity 28 $\mu$  long by 20 $\mu$  in diameter, conical, with apex directed posteriorly. Cephalic papillae of external circle consisting of medium-sized dome-shaped laterodorsals and lateroventrals, and of small dorsodorsals and ventroventrals; internal circle represented by 2 small internolaterals. Amphids lateral, slightly more posterior than laterodorsals and lateroventrals. Esophagus cylindrical, 300 to 350 $\mu$  long by 40 to 50 $\mu$  wide; nerve ring and excretory pore in region of 2nd fourth of esophagus. Spicules unequal; left 260 $\mu$  long by 8 $\mu$  wide, ending distally in a long lash, right 90 $\mu$  long by 7 $\mu$  wide, terminating in short bipartite process. Posterior part of body with 2 to 3 spiral coils; anus 95 $\mu$  from tip of tail; tail tapering gradually, rounded at tip. *Female* head, buccal cavity, and tail similar to those of male. Vulva near level of nerve ring, 150 $\mu$  from anterior extremity; ovejector long. Sheathed microfilariae in blood, 80 to 90 $\mu$  long by 5 to 7.5 $\mu$  wide.

**Type specimen.**—U. S. N. M. Helm. Coll. No. 34160 (male); paratype No. 40243 (2 males and 1 female).

**Habitat.**—Abdominal cavity of *Nycticeius humeralis*, Washington, D. C.

**Remarks.**—The above filariid was described from 4 males and 1 female collected by the writers from 2 specimens of bats, *Nycticeius humeralis*, taken September 28, 1932, at the base of the Washington Monument. The female

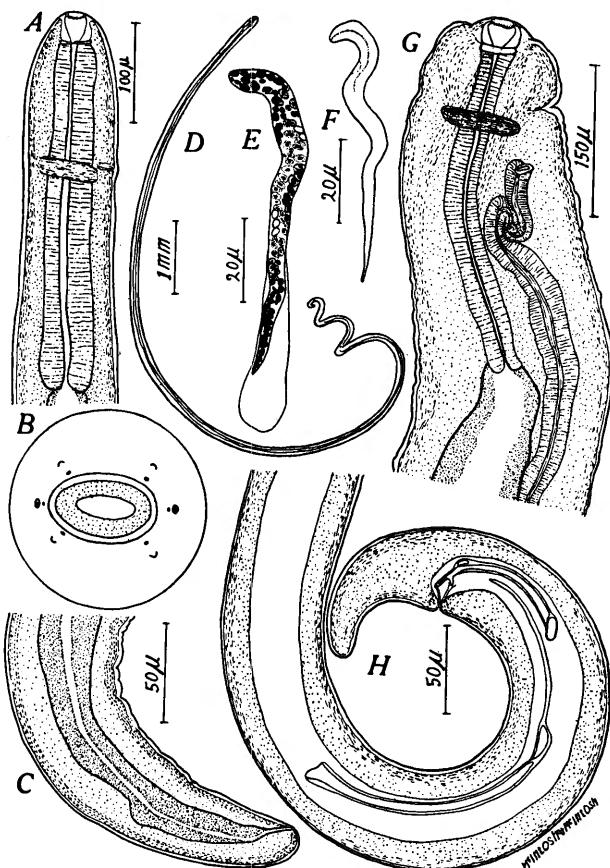


FIG. 11. *Litomosa americana* McIntosh, 1932.

A—Male, esophageal region. B—Head, *en face* view showing oral membrane, cephalic papillae and amphids. C—Female tail. D—Male, complete worm. E—Microfilaria, sheathed, from blood of bat. F—Microfilaria, from uterus of female worm. G—Female, esophageal region showing position of vulva and ovejector. H—Male, tail showing spicules.

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and a male were somewhat mutilated on opening the abdominal cavity of the host, and because of the damage to the female it was impossible to make as thorough a study of this sex as might be desired. The host is apparently a rare visitor to the District of Columbia, since in more than 2 years of collecting no additional specimens of *Nycticeius humeralis* have been captured. Mr. Gerrit S. Miller, Jr., of the U. S. National Museum, who kindly identified the hosts for the 2 parasites reported in this paper, stated at the time of identification that very few specimens of *Nycticeius humeralis* had been received from the District of Columbia. Two other species of bats, *Lasiurus borealis* and *Eptesicus fuscus*, taken from the same location did not harbor filariids.

Genus *Litomosa* Yorke and Maplestone, 1926

The type species of this genus is *Litomosa filaria* (v. Beneden, 1873) Yorke and Maplestone, 1926, which was described from a European species of bat. A second species, *L. chiropterorum* Ortlepp, 1932, was described from South African bats captured in caves in Pretoria. *L. americana* McIntosh, 1932, was the third species to be placed in the genus *Litomosa*. A fourth species, *L. witei* Krepkogorskaja, 1933, emend. (= *L. witei* Krepk., 1933) was described from a rodent from Kasakstan.

The four species may be separated with the aid of the following key:

1. Buccal capsule flask-shaped; male tail without terminal spikes; female tail with only 2 terminal processes..... *L. chiropterorum*  
Not with above combination of characters ..... 2
2. Buccal cavity conical with apex directed posteriorly; tails of male and female without terminal processes..... *L. americana*  
Buccal cavity infundibuliform with apex directed anteriorly; tail with terminal spikes or processes..... 3
3. Vulva at level of posterior end of esophagus; female tail with 1 pair of small divergent terminal processes between which are 2 minute spines; male tail with subterminal spike..... *L. filaria*  
Vulva 140 to 180 $\mu$  posterior to level of posterior end of esophagus; female tail terminating in 2 lateral processes between which is a somewhat larger dorsal process, the intervening space between the processes covered with a number of fine tubercles; male unknown..... *L. witei*

**Tropical rat mite attacking man in St. Louis area.** ALLEN MCINTOSH, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

Several mites were received December 10, 1934, from Dr. C. F. Payne, inspector in the Meat Inspection Division of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry, with the following note:

"These parasites were obtained from employees in the office of the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission Company, National Stock Yards, Illinois, from clothing and from arms and legs. Employees of this firm have been complaining for the past month of a condition somewhat resembling harvest or chigger mite bites. The employees' arms and legs appear as if they had been subjected to severe chigger or mosquito bites. Similar conditions are being reported from dressing rooms in the public stock yards and around scale houses. One case was reported from the \_\_\_\_\_ Packing Company, where a watchman was complaining of a similar condition to the employees in the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission Company's office.

"The employees in the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission Company state that they find parasites in the desk drawers, on their clothing, arms and legs, and in linen closet. The ones forwarded in the bottle were obtained from the linen closet and it appears as if they have been engorged with blood from a host other than human beings, possibly rats.

"As the season of the year appears past for the prevalence of the chigger mite, and with the possibility that these parasites may be the carrier of some diseased condition, it is thought that the existence of these parasites here might be of interest to the public health service."

The mites were identified by the writer as *Liponyssus bacoti* Hirst, 1914. This mite has recently been shown experimentally by Dove and Shelmire (1932,

J. Parasitol. 18: 159-168) to transmit endemic typus. In the above reference Dove and Shelmire pointed out that from their reports this mite probably occurs in St. Louis, Missouri. This note is given here to establish definitely the fact that the tropical rat mite does occur in the St. Louis area.

**A new trematode, *Lyperosomum monenteron*, n. sp. (Dicrocoeliidae), from a robin.** E. W. PRICE and ALLEN MCINTOSH, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

About three years ago, Mr. Alex. D. Baker, MacDonald College, Quebec, forwarded to the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry a number of trematodes for identification. Among these were several specimens from a robin, *Turdus migratorius*, which appeared to represent a new species belonging to the genus *Lyperosomum* Looss. Subsequently 3 additional lots of specimens have been secured, one from Mr. L. M. Dickerson collected from a robin at Charlottesville, Va., another collected by one of us (A. M.) from the same host at Washington, D. C., and a third from a bluebird found dead at Falls Church, Va.

*Lyperosomum monenteron*, n. sp.

**Description.**—Body lanceate, 1.9 to 5.2 mm long by 630 to 670 $\mu$  wide at level of acetabulum, narrowing more or less abruptly in preacetabular region, and with short, lip-like projection dorsal to oral sucker; cuticula smooth. Oral sucker subterminal, 120 to 170 $\mu$  long by 123 to 150 $\mu$  wide; acetabulum 170 to 320 $\mu$  long by 200 to 320 $\mu$  wide, about 1/5 of body length from anterior end. Pharynx subglobular, 42 to 60 $\mu$  long by 50 to 70 $\mu$  wide, its anterior end in contact with oral sucker; esophagus slender; intestine single, extending between testes and between posterior testis and ovary, then continuing in more or less wide undulations (undulations wider, as a rule, than shown in illustration) and terminating blindly about 1/3 of body length from posterior end. Excretory aperture terminal; excretory vesicle tubular, extending anteriad to about level of anterior limits of vitellaria, then bifurcating and forming short lateral limbs; remainder of excretory system not observed. Genital aperture median, about midway between anterior margin of acetabulum and tip of body, its position varying somewhat, depending on amount of extension or contraction of preacetabular portion of body. Cirrus pouch elongate piriform to pestle-shaped, 160 to 320 $\mu$  long by 65 to 100 $\mu$  wide, containing a relatively long, folded seminal vesicle, a small pars prostatica, and cirrus. Testes transversely oval, 140 to 260 $\mu$  long by 250 to 460 $\mu$  wide, one diagonally in front of other in posterior part of anterior third of body. Ovary transversely oval, 90 to 125 $\mu$  long by 100 to 220 $\mu$  wide, posttesticular and to right of median line. Seminal receptacle globular or piriform, median, at level of posterior margin of ovary; Mehlis' gland moderately developed, postovarial; Laurer's canal long and slender, opening dorsal to ovary. Vitellaria in equatorial zone, consisting of relatively large follicles tending to meet anteriorly in median line. Uterus with greatly convoluted descending and ascending limbs, filling greater part of postovarial portion of body. Eggs 32 $\mu$  long by 16 $\mu$  wide.

**Host.**—*Turdus migratorius* and *Sialia sialis*.

**Location.**—Gall bladder and bile duets.

**Distribution.**—United States and Canada.

**Specimens.**—U. S. N. M. Helm. Coll. Nos. 40237 (type), 40238 (paratypes), 40239, 40240 and 34337.

This species differs from other species of the genus in having a single intestinal cecum. It is not improbable that some of the other species that have been assigned to the

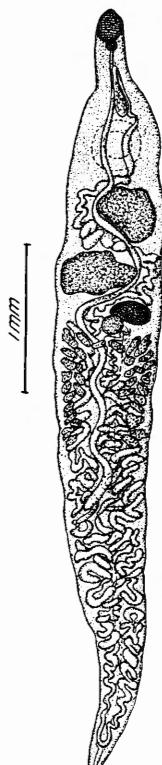


FIG. 12. *Lyperosomum monenteron*, n. sp., dorsal view.

genus *Hyperosomum* by various workers may show this feature, but it appears not to have been mentioned. Some of the descriptions and illustrations of species indicate that the specimens studied were in such poor condition that it was possible to make out only the more obvious characters. Such descriptions and figures make it virtually impossible to determine the validity of many of the species.

***Mesocoelium danforthi*, n. sp. (Dicrocoeliidae), from a lizard, *Celestus pleii*, in Puerto Rico.** W. A. HOFFMAN, School of Tropical Medicine, San Juan, P. R.

This work was done in the laboratory of the Zoological Division of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C. The writer is indebted to Dr. E. W. Price for aid and counsel rendered during the course of this study.

*Mesocoelium danforthi*, n. sp.

**Description.**—Body elongate oval, 1.31 to 1.65 mm long by 0.54 to 0.58 mm wide, posterior end slightly more rounded than anterior; cuticula apparently without spines. Oral sucker subterminal, slightly longer than wide, 0.296 to 0.300 mm wide by 0.328 to 0.336 mm long, covered by a membrane with a longitudinal median slit. Acetabulum nearly circular, 0.148 to 0.172 mm in diameter; longitudinal diameter about half that of oral sucker, its anterior margin situated near junction of anterior and median thirds of body length. Prepharynx present, indistinct; pharynx semiglobular, about 0.110 by 0.088 mm. In all specimens examined the esophagus is so short as to appear nonexistent. Intestinal ceca extending horizontally, curving at an angle of almost 90 degrees, and then running parallel to lateral margins, barely attaining posterior third of body. Only posterior portion of excretory vesicle visible. Genital pore at level of base of pharynx; cirrus pouch narrowly piriform, about 0.146 mm long, its base beneath anterior margin of acetabulum. Testes broadly ovoid, 0.104 to 0.108 by 0.072 to 0.076 mm, situated obliquely on either side of acetabulum, one slightly anterior and the other somewhat posterior to it. Ovary subspherical, 0.100 to 0.136 mm by 0.08 to 0.096 mm, immediately behind and sometimes contiguous with right testis. Vitellaria extending from level of oral sucker into proximal portion of posterior third of body, terminating just beyond ceca. Seminal receptacle, yolk reservoir and transverse vitelline ducts not discernible, obscured by the numerous ova filling posterior half of body.

**Habitat.**—Intestine of a lizard, *Celestus pleii*, collected by Dr. S. T. Danforth at El Yunque, a mountain in the Luquillo National Forest, Puerto Rico, March 29, 1934; captured at altitude of 2000 ft.

**Specimen.**—U. S. N. M. Helm. Coll. Nos. 39570 (type) and 39571 (paratypes).

*Mesocoelium danforthi* is closely allied to *M. sociale* (Lühe, 1901), *microon* Nicoll, 1914, *americanum* Harwood, 1932, *meggitti* Bhalero, 1927, and *monodi* Dollfus, 1929. From all these, *danforthi* differs in having the longitudinal diameter of the oral sucker approximately twice that of the acetabulum, in the small size of its eggs, and with possible exception of *americanum*, in its ovary being larger than either testis. The cirrus pouch of *americanum* does not extend to the acetabulum, as it does in the case of *danforthi*.

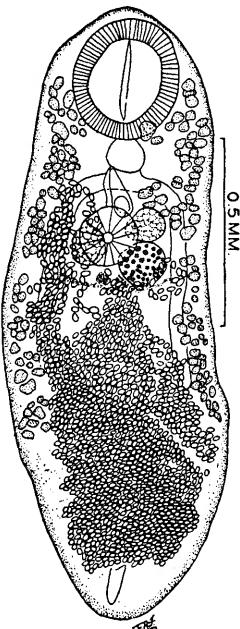


FIG. 13. *Mesocoelium danforthi*, n. sp., ventral view.

**A note on the life history of *Telorchis robustus* Goldb. (Trematoda: Telorchiidae).** WENDELL H. KRULL, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

Experiments have been conducted to determine the life history of *Telorchis robustus*, a trematode parasite of the common land turtle, *Terrapene carolina*. The turtle from which the material used in these experiments was obtained was collected and the flukes determined by Mr. Allen McIntosh of the Zoological Division.

Eggs of the parasite were obtained from mature specimens of the fluke and fed to laboratory-raised snails, *Pseudosuccinea columella*. The snails became infected and cercariae were shed by the first snail 28 days after exposure to infection, and all snails were shedding cercariae 4 days later.

The cercaria, a xiphidiocercaria, is spined anteriorly, and has 4 penetration glands on one side and 5 on the other. The excretory bladder is Y-shaped, the main excretory tubes entering the cornua near their posterior ends. A pocket or vestibule is present at the posterior end of the body, which contains the excretory pore and in which the simple tail is fastened. The cuticula of the 2 dorsolateral portions of the cavity is greatly thickened, and each thickened area is provided with about 50 long spines which project into the cavity.

Laboratory-raised *Pseudosuccinea columella*, *Helisoma trivolvis* and *Lymnaea traskii* were exposed to the cercariae and became infested, the cercariae penetrating the exposed portions of the snails. Encysted metacercariae were subsequently found in almost any soft part of the snail; they were never abundant, even though the snails had been exposed repeatedly to thousands of cercariae.

The experiments demonstrated that *Pseudosuccinea columella* may serve as first and second intermediate hosts, and *Helisoma trivolvis* and *Lymnaea traskii* as second intermediate hosts for this fluke. Further details of the life history and complete descriptions of the larval stages will be given later.

#### Minutes.

##### *One hundred sixty-fifth to one hundred sixty-seventh meetings.*

The 165th meeting was held on October 20, 1934, at Beltsville, Md., on the occasion of the dedication of the new Zoological Division laboratory. Officers were elected as follows: President, L. A. Spindler; Vice President, E. E. Wehr; Recording Secretary, G. Dikmans; Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Edna M. Buhrer. No program was presented at this meeting.

The 166th meeting was held at the School of Hygiene, Baltimore, Md., on November 17, 1934. A paper was presented by Dr. Cram. Informal notes were presented by Miss Wolfson and by Messrs. Alicata, Bartsch, Andrews, Atchley, Otto, and Spindler. Dr. Cram's paper appears in this issue.

The 167th meeting was held on December 15, 1934. Papers were presented by Mrs. Chitwood and Mrs. Cobb and by Messrs. Chitwood, Dikmans, Krull, Lucke, McIntosh, Price, Steiner, and Taylor. (See this issue.) The financial report was presented by Mr. E. E. Wehr. Dr. Christie called attention to the fact that "A key to the genera of free-living nemas" which appears in this issue, is the 27th and concluding number of "Contributions to a science of nematology" by N. A. Cobb. Any one wishing to purchase a complete set of this series should communicate with Miss Margaret V. Cobb, Tilton, N. H.

G. DIKMANS, *Secretary.*

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