



## A taxonomic revision of the genus *Drassodex* Murphy, 2007 (Araneae: Gnaphosidae)

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### Abstract

The worldwide ground-spider genus *Drassodes* is among the most diverse in the family Gnaphosidae, but it currently includes many species which do not show characters typical of *Drassodes sensu stricto*. The species belonging to the *hypocrita*-group of Simon, recently transferred to the genus *Drassodex*, are revised and redescribed: *Drassodex hispanus*, *D. heeri*, *D. hypocrita*, *D. fritillifer*, *D. cervinus* and *D. validior*. Lectotypes are here designated for *D. cervinus* and *D. validior*. The subspecies *D. hispanus lesserti* is also included and elevated to species rank. Three new species are described, *D. granja* **sp. nov.** from Spain, *D. drescoi* **sp. nov.** and *D. simoni* **sp. nov.** from the western part of the Alps. Representatives of *Drassodex* mainly occur in mountain systems in western Europe.

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