Order **Blattodea** Brunner von Wattenwyl, 1882 ^{1 2} (3 superfamilies)

Superfamily Corydioidea Saussure, 1864³ (2 families)

Family Nocticolidae Bolívar, 1892 (9 genera, 32 species)

Family Corydidae Saussure, 1864⁴ (39 genera, 215 species)

Superfamily **Blaberoidea** Saussure, 1864 (2 families)

Family Ectobiidae Brunner von Wattenwyl, 1865 ⁵ (223 genera, 2381 species)

Family Blaberidae Saussure, 1864 (165 genera, 1198 species)

Superfamily **Blattoidea** Latreille, 1810 ⁶ (3 epifamilies)

Epifamily Blattoidae Latreille, 1810 (3 families)

Family **Blattidae** Latreille, 1810 (41 genera, 594 species)

Family Lamproblattidae McKittrick, 1964 (3 genera, 10 species)

Family **Tryonicidae** McKittrick & Mackerras, 1965 (10 genera, 47 species)

Epifamily **Cryptocercoidae** Handlirsch, 1925 (1 family)

Family Cryptocercidae Handlirsch, 1925 (1 genus, 12 species)

Epifamily **Termitoidae** Latreille, 1802 (9 families)

Family Mastotermitidae Desneux, 1904 (1 genus, 1 species)

Family Hodotermitidae Desneux, 1904 (3 genera, 15 species)

Family Archotermopsidae Engel, Grimaldi & Krishna, 2009 (3 genera, 11 species)

Family Stolotermitidae Holmgren, 1910 (2 genera, 10 species)

Family **Kalotermitidae** Froggatt, 1897 (21 genera, 420 species)

Family **Stylotermitidae** Holmgren & Holmgren, 1917 (1 genus, 34 species)

Family **Rhinotermitidae** Froggatt, 1897 (12 genera, 280 species)

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Family **Termitidae** Latreille, 1802 (202 genera, 1915 species)

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^{2.} Blattodea are the cockroaches and termites. This classification excludes fossil taxa, since the taxonomic placement of many of these is uncertain. There are 7314 extant named species of Blattodea, of which 4622 are cockroaches and 2692 are termites. 133 valid cockroach species are not currently placed into a superfamily. Note that the Code of the International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature has no rules for the construction of the names of orders and several names are currently in use for this group, in particular the name Blattaria. Blattodea is the author's preference because it is widely used and because the name ends with the suffix "-odea", which is the same ending used for the name of its sister group, the Mantodea.

^{3.} Polyphagoidea Saussure, 1864 is a junior subjective synonym of Corydioidea based on the First Reviser Principle of the ICZN Code (see below).

^{4.} Polyphagidae Saussure, 1864 is a junior subjective synonym of Corydiidae. Brunner von Wattenwyl (1865) as First Reviser chose to use Corydiidae (based on Corydiens Saussure, 1864) as the name for the group rather than Polyphagidae (this name was first used in this form by Walker, 1868). Corydiidae was in common usage until Princis incorrectly synonymised it in 1950 (for details see Kevan (1977)).

^{5.} An ICZN Ruling (Melville, 1982) states that the name Ectobiidae is to be given precedence over Blattellidae Karny, 1908 (the replacement name for Phyllodromiidae Brunner von Wattenwyl, 1865) whenever these names are used within a single superfamily.

Although Blattoidea Latreille, 1810 is a junior subjective synonym of Termitoidea Latreille, 1802 (which is the oldest family-group name for this group), Blattoidea is in prevailing usage as the name for this superfamily and it has therefore been retained in accordance with Article 35.5 of the ICZN Code.

^{7.} These are the termites, which were formerly classified as order Isoptera (see Inward, Beccaloni & Eggleton (2007) and Eggleton, Beccaloni & Inward (2007)). The families listed here are those recognised by Engel, Grimaldi & Krishna (2009) (also see Engel & Krishna (2004)).

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