

Order **Ricinulei** Thorell, 1876 (2 suborders)^{1,2}
Suborder **Neoricinulei** Selden, 1992 (1 superfamily)
Superfamily **Ricinoidoidea** Ewing, 1929 (1 family)
Family **Ricinoididae** Ewing, 1929 (3 genera, 58 species)
†Suborder **Palaeoricinulei** Selden, 1992 (1 superfamily)
Superfamily **Curculioidea** Cockerell, 1916 (2 families)
Family **Curculioididae** Cockerell, 1916 (2 genera, 11 species)
Family **Poliocheridae** Scudder, 1884 (2 genera, 4 species)³

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1. **BY** Lorenzo Prendini (for full contact details, see **Author's address** after **References**). The title of this contribution should be cited as "Order Ricinulei Thorell, 1876. *In*: Zhang, Z.-Q. (Ed.) *Animal biodiversity: An outline of higher-level classification and survey of taxonomic richness*". Recent Ricinulei currently includes 1 family, 3 genera and 58 species, fossil taxa include 2 families, 4 genera and 15 species.
 2. The initial list of species was obtained from Harvey (2003) and updated using Hallan (2005) and Harvey (2011). Only valid species are included in the cited totals; *species inquirenda* and infraspecific taxa are excluded. Counts of fossil genera and species are preceded by †.
 3. *Poliochera pustulatus* Laurentiaux-Vieira & Laurentiaux, 1963 was excluded, as it may not be a ricinuleid (Selden, 1992).