

GUIDE TO THE  
GENERA AND CLASSIFICATION  
OF NORTH AMERICAN ORTHOPTERA.

ALL the seven families of Orthoptera are found in the United States, but only the saltatorial families in any considerable variety, unless we may except the Blattidae. In the subfamilies however the case is different, for less than half of them occur within our boundaries at all and a number that do occur are represented only by a single (often introduced) species. The following list will show the proportion that occur in the different families.

Forficulidae	1 subfamily represented out of	1 recognized.		
Blattidae	6 subfamilies	"	"	11 "
Mantidae	2	"	"	6 "
Phasmidae	3	"	"	12 "
Acridiidae	4	"	"	9 "
Locustidae	6	"	"	15 "
Gryllidae	6	"	"	6 "
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	28	"	"	" 60 "

It will be seen that even in the saltatorial families scarcely more than half of the subfamilies occur, notwithstanding that all the subfamilies of Gryllidae have representatives. The representation is shown also to be very unequally distributed.

The families of Orthoptera may be distinguished by the table given on the next three pages.