



Nematode Taxonomy and Biodiversity

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Nematodes are the most common, abundant, and diversified metazoans present in soils and aquatic sediments. To date approximately 27,000 nematode species have been identified. Although our knowledge of their diversity, morphology, and systematics has grown over the last fifty years, by all estimates the vast majority of species remain undescribed and their current classification system is not satisfactory. Hypothesis-driven research with nematodes, particularly in fields such as soil ecology, depends upon efficient precise identification. For instance, their utility as bio-indicators of soil health is hampered by a lack of systematic knowledge. Therefore, it is very important and useful to improve the knowledge on nematode taxonomy and biodiversity.

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