

## **Review of Tasmanian Earthworms updated from Blakemore (2000)**

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### **Summary**

This checklist follows Blakemore's ([2000](#)) revision and update of Spencer's (1895) treatment of Tasmanian earthworms one century earlier, which described 19 species. Total taxa now known from Tasmania number 229 species in 38 genera belonging to 4 families comprising: 202 natives (in 24 genera), 1 neo-endemic species (from Subantarctic Macquarie Island), 23 exotics and 3 translocated mainland species. Exotics represent only about 11.8%, perhaps the lowest proportion known. Comparable totals are approximately 48 species from Britain and Ireland, 78 from Japan, 160 species from North America, 198 from New Zealand, and ca. 511 from mainland Australia (including ca. 65 exotics).

Tasmania is an island state of 6,850,000 ha to the south-east of continental Australia, approximately the same size as Ireland, Hispaniola, Sri Lanka or Hokkaido, but with a much lower human population leaving much of the central plateau and west coast uninhabited and pristine. And, while the diversity in Tasmania is unprecedented and remarkable for its small size, there is still considerable work to build a complete inventory, and phylogeny, of the earthworm fauna as numerous other new native species were recognized but were not formally described during these most recent studies. No endemic Acanthodrilidae nor Octochaetidae occur in Tasmania as are found on both the North and South Islands of New Zealand and in northern Australia. Tasmania's earthworms all belong in the Megascolecidae s. strict.

An [appendix](#) checklists records from the Tasmanian Wilderness WHA.

## Checklist of Tasmanian taxa

Syn. - synonyms; ? - some doubt about occurrence or name; # - denotes non-Tasmanian alien species, translocated natives from mainland Australia, or neoendemic (see Blakemore, 1999; 2000; 2002 for details).

MEGASCOLECIDAE sensu Blakemore, 2000

*Pontodrilus* Perrier, 1874.

*Pontodrilus primoris* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Graliophilus* Jamieson, 1971.

(Syns. ?*Hiatidrilus* Jamieson, 1994 [this genus erected by Jamieson (1994) matched one proposed but unpublished in a Qld University PhD thesis by Blakemore (10th March, 1994: 478-480) and was suggested a junior synonym by Blakemore (2000c: 193)]; *Kangaridrilus* Jamieson, 2000).

*Graliophilus adsiduus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Graliophilus ? bassanus* (Spencer, 1895).

*Graliophilus benlomondi* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Graliophilus cooperi* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Graliophilus ellisii* (Spencer, 1895).

*Graliophilus praestringor* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Graliophilus tripapillatus* (Jamieson, 1974).

*Vesiculodrilus* Jamieson, 1973

(Syn. *Perionychella* (*Vesiculodrilus*) (part.): Jamieson, 1973; *Pinguidrilus* Jamieson, 1974; *Diporochoeta* (part.): Jamieson, 1976; *Diporochoeta* (*Vesiculodrilus*) (part.): Jamieson, 2000).

*Vesiculodrilus albus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus ansoni* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus apris* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus bithecatus* (Jamieson, 1974).

*Vesiculodrilus borealis* Blakemore, 2000a.

*Vesiculodrilus bronte* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus brunyi* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus bufalus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus canaliculatus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus culminis* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus cuneatus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus cygnus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus decathecus* (Michaelsen, 1910) [**New comb.** *Species inquirendum*.  
[Describing it as "*Diporochaeta (Vesiculodrilus) decatheca*", Jamieson (2000: 538) claims to have rediscovered the Michaelsen's Hamburg museum type (HM V3560); however, his redescription (2000: fig. 10.72) shows (erroneously?) only 4 pairs of spermathecae in 5/6/7/8/9. Nevertheless, it now seems most likely that it is a junior synonym of the *V. mortoni* species complex, as suggested by Blakemore (2000: 63)].

*Vesiculodrilus dendrophagus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus duodecithecatus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus emu* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus fictilis* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus fingal* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus fonsager* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus glandiferus glandiferus* (Jamieson, 1974).

*Vesiculodrilus glandiferus pyengana* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus gracilis* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus gryps* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus hobartensis* (Spencer, 1895).

*Vesiculodrilus inornatus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus insularis* (Spencer, 1895) [non *insularis* Rosa, 1891 (= *Pontodrilus litoralis*)].

*Vesiculodrilus lateralis* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus lepidus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus lilliputensis* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus marian* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus maritimus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus mathinna* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus melaleuteus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus mesibovi* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus metandris* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus mortoni montis* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus mortoni mortoni* (Spencer, 1895).

*Vesiculodrilus narcissus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus octothecatus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus oeconomicus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus parattah* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Vesiculodrilus pennyae* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Vesiculodrilus pollex* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Vesiculodrilus prospectus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Vesiculodrilus pulchellus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Vesiculodrilus quadruparus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Vesiculodrilus recessus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Vesiculodrilus santaclairis* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Vesiculodrilus symmetricus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Vesiculodrilus tasmanianus* (Fletcher, 1887) [sometimes misspelt "tasmanicus"].  
*Vesiculodrilus tunnackensis* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Vesiculodrilus ventralis* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Vesiculodrilus zeehan* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Amphimiximus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Amphimiximus delicans* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Amphimiximus stumpyi* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Diporochaeta* Beddard, 1890  
(Syn. *Aporochaeta* (laps. cal.) Beddard, 1890; *Perionyx* (part.): Michaelsen; 1916;  
subgen. *Diporochaeta* (part.): Michaelsen, 1923: 229; *Perionychella* (part.):  
Jamieson, 1974; *Diporochaeta* (part.): Jamieson, 1976; *Terriswalkerius*: (part,  
see *Perionychella*) Jamieson , 1994].  
*Diporochaeta ateramnis* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Diporochaeta coccyx* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Diporochaeta diadema* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Diporochaeta gordonii* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Diporochaeta hellyeri* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Diporochaeta iseo* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Diporochaeta kershawi* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Diporochaeta lacustris* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Diporochaeta monogyna* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Diporochaeta montisarthuri* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Diporochaeta moroea* (Spencer, 1895).  
*Diporochaeta pulvilla* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Diporochaeta rubertumula* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Diporochaeta setosa* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Diporochaeta soccoli* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Diporochaeta stronach* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Diporochaeta sucta* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Provescus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Provescus crottyi* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides* M'Coy

(Syns. *Dinephrus* Spencer, 1900: 33; *Austrohoplochaetella* Jamieson, 1971; *Pseudocryptodrilus* Jamieson, 1972). [Note: under ICZN (1999: Art. 12), the genus-group name *Dinephrus* proposed by Spencer (1900) with type-species *Megascolides diaphanus* Spencer, 1900 is deemed to be available; therefore, Jamieson's *Pseudocryptodrilus* with the same designated type-species is a Junior Objective Synonym of this genus, which is itself in the synonymy of *Megascolides*].

*Megascolides cataractus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides catenastagnis* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides croesus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides fontis* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides improbus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides intestinalis* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides jotaylorae* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides laffani* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides maestus* Blakemore, 1997.

*Megascolides oppidanus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides orthostichon* (Schmarda, 1861).

*Megascolides salmo* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides sanctorum* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides tener* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides tortuosus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides umbonis* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Megascolides xanthus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Zacharius* Blakemore, 1997.

*Zacharius evansi* (Jamieson, 1974).

*Zacharius weldboroughi* (Jamieson, 1974).

*Woodwardiella* Stephenson, 1925

(Syn. *Woodwardia* Michaelsen, 1907 (Nom. preocc.); *Woodwardiella* Stephenson, 1925 (nom. nov. pro *Woodwardia*); *Pseudoperichaeta* Jamieson, 1970).

*Woodwardiella tessellatus* (Spencer, 1895) [Syn. *Plutellus tessellatus* : Michaelsen, 1900 (incorrect subsequent spelling of *tesselatus*)].

***Woodwardiella tiki*** Blakemore, 2000b.

***Woodwardiella vandiemensis*** Blakemore, 2000b.

***Perionychella*** Michaelsen, 1907

(Syn. *Perionyx* (part.): Michaelsen, 1900; *Perionychella* (part.): Jamieson, 1974; *Diporochoaeta* (part.) Jamieson, 1976; *Terrisswalkeris* Jamieson, 1994: 158 (part. including type). *Perionychella* is restored, after being variously “supressed” (sic - Jamieson, 1974; 1976, although ‘Suppression’ is in fact an act of the ICZN), and Jamieson (2000: 952) incorrectly includes his own *Pseudoperichaeta* in synonym although this is more correctly placed under *Woodwardiella* by Blakemore (2000: 282), as mooted by Blakemore (1994; 2000: 200)].).

***Perionychella dilwynnia*** (Spencer, 1895) [Syn. *obliquae* (part?) Jamieson, 1974].

***Perionychella eruca*** Blakemore, 2000b.

***Perionychella irregularis*** (Spencer, 1895: 53) [non *Perichaeta irregularis* Goto & Hatai, 1899 (= part of *Metaphire hilgendorfi* / *Amyntas tokioensis* species-complex sensu Blakemore, 2003)].

***Perionychella lacustris*** (Stephenson, 1924).

***Perionychella myrtea*** Blakemore, 2000b.

***Perionychella richea*** (Spencer, 1895) [Syn. *Perichaeta richae* (sic lapsus): Jamieson, 1974; *Perionychella* (*Perionychella*) *hickmani* Jamieson, 1974; *Perionychella* (*Vesiculodrilus*) *obliquae* Jamieson, 1974].

***Perionychella strzeleckii*** Blakemore, 2000b.

***Perionychella variegata*** Blakemore, 2000a.

***Tassiedrilus*** Blakemore, 2000b.

***Tassiedrilus griffithae*** Blakemore, 2000b.

***Hypolimnus*** Blakemore, 2000a.

(The genus *Hypolimnas* Hubner, 1816 (Nymphalidae : Lepidoptera) differs by one letter and is not a homonym although is is sometimes misspelt "*Hypolimnus*"; type species is *Perionychella* (*Vesiculodrilus*) *pedderensis*, later changed to *Diporochoaeta pedderensis*).

***Hypolimnus pedderensis*** (Jamieson, 1974) - EXTINCT!; see Blakemore (2000a: 18).

***Notoscolex*** Fletcher, 1886.

(Syn. *Tokea* Benham, 1904; *Pseudonotoscolex* Jamieson, 1971; *Pseudocryptodrilus* : Jamieson, 1974, 2000 (part. not type); *Oreoscolex* Jamieson, 1973; *Araucaridrilus*, Jamieson, 2000; *Plutelloides* Jamieson, 2000).

***Notoscolex acanthodriloides*** (Jamieson, 1974).

*Notoscolex bidiverticulatus* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Notoscolex campestris* (Spencer, 1895).  
*Notoscolex dorazioi* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex duplex* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex geevestoni* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex gogensis* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex huoni* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex index* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex irregularis* (Spencer, 1895: 34) [non *Perichaeta irregularis* Spencer, 1895:  
53 (= *Perionychella irregularis*)].  
*Notoscolex leai* Michaelsen, 1910.  
*Notoscolex liffeyi* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex longus* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Notoscolex officeri* (Spencer, 1895) (Syn. *Oreoscolex sexthecatus* Jamieson, 1974).  
*Notoscolex pardus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex peculiaris* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Notoscolex penguini* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex pilus* Blakemore, 1997 (Syn. *Notoscolex dinephrus* Blakemore, 2000a).  
*Notoscolex salutigerulus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex simsoni* (Spencer, 1895).  
*Notoscolex triplex* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Notoscolex wellingtonensis* (Spencer, 1895).  
*Nexogaster* Blakemore, 1997.  
*Nexogaster quaterni* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Nexogaster sexies* Blakemore, 1997.  
*Cryptodrilus* Fletcher, 1886.  
(Syn. *Trinephrus* Beddard, 1895).  
*Cryptodrilus polynephricus* Spencer, 1895.  
*Cryptodrilus ramosus copiafluvis* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Cryptodrilus ramosus monsagris* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Cryptodrilus spenceri* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Aporodrilus* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Aporodrilus ? albertisii* (Cognetti, 1910) (Syn. "*albertsi*" [sic lapsus ]: Jamieson, 1971).  
*Aporodrilus avesiculatus* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Aporodrilus brunyensis* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Aporodrilus dombrovskisi* Blakemore, 2000a.

*Aporodrilus doveri* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Aporodrilus enteronephricus* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Aporodrilus fuscus fuscus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Aporodrilus fuscus violaceus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Aporodrilus hartzii* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Aporodrilus melaleucus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Aporodrilus monogynus* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Aporodrilus nubigenus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Aporodrilus olympus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Aporodrilus rubicundus* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Aporodrilus semisilvus* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Aporodrilus urethrae* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Aporodrilus warrari* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Gastrodrilus* Blakemore, 2000a.

*Gastrodrilus dartnalli* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Gastrodrilus driesseni* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Gastrodrilus iosem* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Gastrodrilus kingi* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Caecadrilus* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Caecadrilus flindersi* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Caecadrilus strzelecki* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Caecadrilus walkersi* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Anisochaeta* Beddard, 1890.

(Syn. *Trichaeta* Spencer, 1900 [non Swinhoe, 1892]; *Spenceriella* Michaelsen, 1907 (part?); *Gemascolex* Edmonds and Jamieson, 1973; *Pericryptodrilus* Jamieson 1977; *Spenceriella* (*Austroscolex*) Jamieson, 1977; *Prophetima* Jamieson, 1975; *Arthuridrilus* Jamieson, 2000; *Bursadrilus* Jamieson, 2000; *Occicryptodrilus* Jamieson, 2000]. [Note: Revival by Jamieson (2000) of the genus *Trichaeta* seems trivial, unwarranted (see Michaelsen, 1907, Blakemore, 1997; 2000), and invalid as there is an objective senior homonym in the Australian (sub-)genus: *Trichaeta* Swinhoe, 1892 (Lepidoptera : Arctiidae or Syntomidae). Moreover, an informal Caribidae group called "Anisochaeta" by Jeannel (1941) (Dr David Morrison, University of Arizona, pers. comm. to RJB April, 2005) does not affect validity of *Anisochaeta* Beddard, 1890.

*Anisochaeta alba* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta andrea* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Anisochaeta brevis* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta burniensis* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Anisochaeta cethana* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta clavi* Blakemore, 2000a.  
*Anisochata corinna* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta floris* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta greeni* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta isla* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta magna* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta martha* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta mawbanna* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta metandris* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta montisarthuri* (Jamieson, 1974).  
*Anisochaeta portusarturi* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta proandris* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta scottsdalei* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta simpsonorum* Blakemore, 1997.  
*Anisochaeta stumpysinensis* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta tamara* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta tasmanica* (Spencer, 1895).  
*Anisochaeta vincula* Blakemore, 2000b.  
*Anisochaeta zeehan* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Aceeca* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Aceeca dee* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Scolecoida* Blakemore, 2000b.

(Syn. *Scolecidrilus* Jamieson, 2000. This genus erected by Jamieson (2000) has same type-species as that established by in manuscript by Blakemore earlier in 1995 after reinspection of MOV types plus new material, and formally published by Blakemore (2000). However, Jamieson has mistaken the meroic nephridia as "holonephric" and the tubuloracemose prostates as "racemose"

*Scolecoida scolecoida* (Spencer, 1895).

*Hickmaniella* Jamieson, 1974.

*Hickmaniella classica* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Hickmaniella faba* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Hickmaniella gogi* Blakemore, 1997.

*Hickmaniella noda* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Hickmaniella opisthogaster* Jamieson, 1974.

*Retrovescus* Blakemore, 1998.

*Retrovescus capensis* (Jamieson, 1974).

*Retrovescus mesibovi* Blakemore, 1998.

*Retrovescus plomleyi* Blakemore, 1998.

*Retrovescus simplex* Blakemore, 1998.

*Anisogaster* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Anisogaster quini* Blakemore, 2000b.

*Anisogaster remora* Blakemore, 2000b.

## LUMBRICIDAE

#*Allolobophora chlorotica* (Savigny, 1826).

#*Aporrectodea caliginosa* (Savigny, 1826) (Syn. *turgida* Eisen, 1874).

#*Aporrectodea longa* (Ude, 1885).

#*Aporrectodea trapezoides* (Dugès, 1828).

?#*Dendrobaena attemsi* (Michaelsen, 1902).

#*Dendrodrilus rubidus rubidus* (Savigny, 1826).

?#*Dendrodrilus rubidus subrubicundus* (Eisen, 1874).

#*Dendrodrilus rubidus tenuis* (Eisen, 1874).

#*Eisenia fetida* (Savigny, 1826) (Syn. ?*andrei* Bouché, 1972; ?*nordenskioldi* Eisen, 1879; see Blakemore, 2002).

#*Eisenia hortensis* (Michaelsen, 1890).

#*Eisenia rosea* (Savigny, 1826) (Syn. see Gates, 1974; Easton, 1983: 477).

#*Eiseniella tetraedra* (Savigny, 1826).

#*Lumbricus castaneus* (Savigny, 1826).

#*Lumbricus eiseni* Levinsen, 1884.

#*Lumbricus rubellus* Hoffmeister, 1843.

#*Lumbricus terrestris* Linnaeus, 1758 (Syn. *herculeum* Savigny, 1826; *agricola* Hoffmeister; *infelix* Kinberg, 1867; *americanus* Perrier, 1872; *Lumbricus studeri* Ribaucourt).

#*Octolasion cyaneum* (Savigny, 1826).

## OCNERODRILIDAE

#*Ocnerodrilus occidentalis* Eisen, 1878.

?#*Eukerria saltensis* (Beddard, 1895).

## ACANTHODRILIDAE sensu Blakemore, 2000

#*Microscolex dubius* (Fletcher, 1887).

#*Microcolex macquariensis* (Beddard, 1896).  
#*Microcolex phosphoreus* (Dugès, 1837).  
#*Rhododrilus kermadecensis* Benham, 1905 (Syn. *littoralis* Jamieson, 1974).  
MEGASCOLECIDAE sensu Blakemore, 2000  
#*Perionyx excavatus* Perrier, 1872.  
#*Amyntas corticis* (Kinberg, 1867) (Syns. numerous - see Blakemore, 2002).  
#*Anisochaeta dorsalis* (Fletcher, 1887).  
#*Anisochaeta gracilis* (Fletcher, 1886) (syn. *Megascolex crateroides* Boardman, 1943);  
an Australian Museum specimen (W 20797) labeled from Denison Gorge (Tas).  
#*Anisochaeta sebastiana* (Blakemore, 1997).

A new genus name was unintentionally listed on website:  
<http://www.anbg.gov.au/asbs/conferences/1997-adelaide/asbs-agm-1997-abstracts-systematics.html> [May, 2005] as *Atlantodrilus* gen. nov. and attributed to Blakemore (1997); as this was not a valid publication, this name has no status and can be ignored. [Two other new genera were also cited on this website but both were formally published subsequently].

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