

History of study and a brief survey of the araneofauna of the Left-Bank Ukraine (Araneae)

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Abstract: A brief history of the development of the Ukrainian arachnology from the 70s of the 18th century till recently is given, with a detailed analysis of spider study of the Left-Bank Ukraine. According to original and literature data, 716 spider species from 34 families have been registered in the area in question, 41 species need confirmation. The Linyphiidae is the richest in species family followed by Salticidae and Gnaphosidae. The zoogeographical analysis demonstrated that the main part of the fauna is represented by widespread species. The boundary of distribution of several Asiatic and Mediterranean species passes through the investigated area.

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