

Brief Historical Review and Checklist of Korean Earthworms

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The first Korean earthworm record was made by Kobayashi (1934). Altogether, he reported 51 species including 25 new species belonging to five genera (1934, 1936, 1937, 1938a and b). Song and Paik (1969, 1970a and b, 1971, and 1973) recorded nine additional species from Korea including six new species in the genus *Pheretima*.

In this present review on the earthworms from Korea, we recognize a total of 60 species from the three families, namely 3 of *Aporrectodea*, 2 of *Bimastos*, 1 of *Dendrodrilus*, 5 of *Eisenia*, 29 species of *Amyntas*, 7 of *Metaphire*, 6 of *Pheretima* and 1 of *Pithemera*, and 6 species of *Drawida*.