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A working checklist of
Nottinghamshire Spiders
Incorporating Harvestmen and False Scorpions



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Introduction

An unnecessary phobia of spiders, instilled by a succession of parents into countless generations of children, is without doubt the reason why spiders have always been (and to a large degree) still are, a much understudied aspect of Nottinghamshire's invertebrate fauna. Spiders have never been studied or recorded in the same way as some of the other, more 'public friendly' invertebrate orders, but they are as equally important to any site's biodiversity. Only now is their importance becoming better recognised.

Its largely a matter of public image and spiders suffer more than most other invertebrates, with endless 'I've been bitten by a False Widow' stories in the media every year. Virtually all of these claimants (if any) had never been bitten by what they claimed had bit them in the first place. But maybe UK arachnology has for years, been deprived of these sudden experts in spider identification, as they were apparently able to identify their alleged attacker when squashed underfoot, or (usually) when not even seen at all! Even for experienced arachnologists, spider identification is not always easy, and a hand lens or microscope is often required to correctly identify most small species. Difficulties in identification and perhaps the need for dissection, does put people off studying the less popular orders, as few spiders can be reliably identified from photographs. This has in itself become something of a modern problem, as we seem to be entering an age when many people believe everything can be answered simply by asking Google!

In Nottinghamshire, spider study has largely concentrated on the county's nature reserves and among the more well studied sites is the Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve. In particular, the Sherwood Forest Country Park and Buck Gates areas have received the greatest attention of the two sites of special scientific interest (SSSI) which help make up the NNR itself. The Country Park and Buck Gates areas (forming the Birklands and Bilhaugh SSSI), were surveyed by Crocker in 1977 and 1978, then by Denton, Green, Hemingway, Legg, Nellist, and Sharp in 2002. The same area was surveyed again by Williams, Faulds and Harris from the British Arachnological Society between 2003 and 2007, while Sherwood Heath was being surveyed by Godfrey in 2003, 2004 and 2006.

Many of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's reserves were visited over a number of years by the former county Arachnida recorder Howard Williams, who contributed both a large number of records and species to the county list. It has to be said that without Howard's records, we believe that the following county species list would be considerably less and shows the value of persistent recording over a number of years.

About the species list

Nottinghamshire's Arachnida list comprises of approximately 336 species of spider, 21 Harvestmen (Opiliones) and 13 False Scorpions (Pseudoscorpiones). Among the species list are several non-native species not naturally occurring in the county, but which have been recorded here as accidental imports via the pet or horticultural trade. In some instances, successful colonisation has been possible and several species are doing well, usually within the confines of heated garden centre buildings.

The commonest import is *Uloborus plumipes* (Lucas, 1846) sometimes referred to as the Garden Centre Spider and which it can safely be said, is probably present in every garden centre in the county now. Another import is *Parasteatoda tepidariorum* (C.L. Koch, 1841) which is a large Theridiid which we know from the Dukeries Garden Centre, the tropical house at Woodthorpe Grange and from the more surprising location of King's Mill Hospital at Sutton-in-Ashfield.

The green coloured *Micrommata virescens* (Clerck, 1757) and the extremely impressive Wasp Spider *Argiope bruennichi* Scopoli, 1772, are only known from Nottinghamshire on the basis of accidental importation via plant consignments delivered to a plant nursery at Upper Broughton. A small *bruennichi* population became established in one of the nursery's polytunnels (Brown R.) and it also turned up at an Oxton garden centre in 2018 (Heeney, W.). *Thanatus vulgaris* Simon, 1870 is another import to turn up recently, typically found in a tub of Locusts purchased as reptile food.

Probably as a direct result of climatic changes, some spiders are now increasing their known UK range. *Nigma walckenaeri* (Roewer, 1951) was found new to Nottinghamshire at Worksop Priory in 2013 and *Steatoda nobilis* (Thorell, 1875) turned up in 2016. Other species will undoubtedly follow.

Spiders

Order: Araneae

Family: Scytodidae

Scytodes thoracica (Latreille, 1802)

Family: Pholcidae

Pholcus phalangioides (Fuesslin, 1775)

Psilochorus simoni (Berland, 1911)

Family: Segestriidae

Segestria senoculata (Linnaeus, 1758)

Family: Dysderidae

Dysdera crocota (C.L. Koch, 1838)

Harpactea hombergi (Scopoli, 1763)

Family: Oonopidae

Oonops domesticus (de Dalmas, 1916)

Oonops pulcher (Templeton, 1835)

Family: Mimetidae

Ero aphana (Walckenaer, 1802)

Ero cambridgei Kulczynski, 1911

Ero furcata (Villers, 1789)

Family: Uloboridae

Hyptiotes paradoxus (C.L. Koch, 1834)

Uloborus plumipes (Lucas, 1846)

Family: Nesticidae

Nesticus cellulanus (Clerck, 1757)

Family: Theridiidae

Anelosimus vittatus (C.L. Koch, 1836)

Crustulina guttata (Wider, 1834)

Crustulina sticta (O.P.-Cambridge, 1861)

Cryptachaea riparia (Blackwall, 1834)

Enoplognatha latimana (Hippa & Oksala, 1982)

Enoplognatha ovata (Clerck, 1757)

Enoplognatha thoracica (Hahn, 1833)

Episinus angulatus (Blackwall, 1836)

Euryopis flavomaculata (C.L.Koch, 1836)

Evansia merens O.P.-Cambridge, 1900

Neottiura bimaculata (Linnaeus, 1767)

Paidiscura pallens (Blackwall, 1834)

Parasteatoda lunata (Clerck, 1757)

Parasteatoda simulans (Thorell, 1875)

Parasteatoda tepidariorum (C.L. Koch, 1841)

Pholcomma gibbum (Westring, 1851)

Phylloneta impressa (L. Koch, 1881)

Phylloneta sisyphia (Clerck, 1757)

Platnickina tincta (Walckenaer, 1802)

Robertus lividus (Blackwall, 1836)

Rugathodes instabilis (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)

Sardinidion blackwalli (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)

Simitidion simile (C.L.Koch, 1836)
Steatoda bipunctata (Linnaeus, 1758)
Steatoda nobilis (Thorell, 1875)
Steatoda phalerata (Panzer, 1801)
Steatoda triangulosa (Walckenaer, 1802)
Theonoe minutissima (O.P.-Cambridge, 1879)
Theridion hemerobium Simon, 1914
Theridion melanurum (Hahn, 1831)
Theridion mystaceum (L Koch, 1870)
Theridion pictum (Walckenaer, 1802)
Theridion varians (Hahn, 1833)

Family: Linyphiidae

Agyneta conigera (O.P.-Cambridge, 1863)
Agyneta decora (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Agyneta ramosa Jackson, 1912
Agyneta subtilis (O.P.-Cambridge, 1863)
Allomengea vidua (L.Koch, 1879)
Aphileta misera (O.P.-Cambridge, 1882)
Araeoncus humilis (Blackwall, 1841)
Baryphyma pratense (Blackwall, 1861)
Bathyphantes approximates (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Bathyphantes gracilis (Blackwall, 1841)
Bathyphantes nigrinus (Westring, 1851)
Bathyphantes parvulus (Westring, 1851)
Bathyphantes setiger F.O.P.-Cambridge, 1894
Bolyphantes alticeps (Sundevall, 1833)
Bolyphantes luteolus (Blackwall, 1833)
Centromerita bicolor (Blackwall, 1833)
Centromerita concinna (Thorell, 1875)
Centromerus dilutus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1875)
Centromerus prudens (O.P.-Cambridge, 1873)
Centromerus sylvaticus (Blackwall, 1841)
Ceratinella brevipes (Westring, 1851)
Ceratinella brevis (Wider, 1834)
Ceratinella scabrosa (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Cnephalocotes obscurus (Blackwall, 1834)
Dicymbium brevisetosum Locket, 1962
Dicymbium nigrum (Blackwall, 1834)
Dicymbium tibiale (Blackwall, 1836)
Diplocephalus cristatus (Blackwall, 1833)
Diplocephalus latifrons (O.P.-Cambridge, 1863)
Diplocephalus permixtus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Diplocephalus picinus (Blackwall, 1841)
Diplostyla concolor (Wider, 1834)
Dismodicus bifrons (Blackwall, 1841)
Drapetisca socialis (Sundevall, 1833)
Entelecara acuminata (Wider, 1834)
Entelecara congenera (O.P.-Cambridge, 1879)
Entelecara erythropus (Westring, 1851)
Erigone arctica (White, 1852)
Erigone atra (Blackwall, 1833)
Erigone dentipalpis (Wider, 1834)
Erigone longipalpis (Sundevall, 1830)
Erigone promiscua (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)
Erigonella hiemalis (Blackwall, 1841)
Floronia bucculenta (Clerck, 1757)
Gnathonarium dentatum (Wider, 1834)
Gonatium rubella (Blackwall, 1841)
Gonatium rubens (Blackwall, 1833)

Gongylidiellum latebricola (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Gongylidiellum vivum (O.P.-Cambridge, 1875)
Gongyliidium rufipes (Linnaeus, 1758)
Halorates distinctus (Simon, 1884)
Helophora insignis (Blackwall, 1841)
Hilaira excisa (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Hylyphantes graminicola (Sundevall, 1830)
Hypomma bituberculatum (Wider, 1834)
Hypomma cornutum (Blackwall, 1833)
Hypselistes jacksoni (O.P.-Cambridge, 1902)
Kaestneria dorsalis (Wider, 1834)
Kaestneria pullata (O.P.-Cambridge, 1863)
Labulla thoracica (Wider, 1834)
Lepthyphantes leprosus (Ohlert, 1865)
Lepthyphantes minutus (Blackwall, 1833)
Leptorhoptrum robustum (Westring, 1851)
Lessorertia dentichelis (Simon, 1884)
Linyphia hortensis (Sundevall, 1830)
Linyphia triangularis (Clerck, 1757)
Lophomma punctatum (Blackwall, 1841)
Macrargus rufus (Wider, 1834)
Maso sandevalli (Westring, 1851)
Megalephyphantes nebulosus (Sundevall, 1830)
Meioneta beata (O.P.-Cambridge, 1906)
Meioneta innotabilis (O.P.-Cambridge, 1863)
Meioneta rurestris (C.L. Koch, 1836)
Meioneta saxatilis (Blackwall, 1844)
Metopobactrus prominulus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)
Micrargus apertus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Micrargus herbigradus (Blackwall, 1854)
Micrargus laudatus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1881)
Micrargus subaequalis (Westring, 1851)
Microlinyphia impigra (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Microlinyphia pusilla (Sundevall, 1830)
Microneta viaria (Blackwall, 1841)
Midia midas (Simon, 1884)
Milleriana inerrans (O.P.-Cambridge, 1885)
Moebelia penicillata (Westring, 1851)
Monocephalus fuscipes (Blackwall, 1836)
Neriene clathrata (Sundevall, 1830)
Neriene montana (Clerck, 1757)
Neriene peltata (Wider, 1834)
Obscuriphantes obscurus (Blackwall, 1841)
Oedothorax agrestis (Blackwall, 1853)
Oedothorax apicatus (Blackwall, 1850)
Oedothorax fuscus (Blackwall, 1834)
Oedothorax gibbosus (Blackwall, 1841)
Oedothorax retusus (Westring, 1851)
Ostearius melanopyggius (O.P.-Cambridge, 1879)
Palliduphantes ericaeus (Blackwall, 1853)
Palliduphantes pallidus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Panamomops sulcifrons (Wider, 1834)
Pelecopsis mergei (Simon, 1884)
Pelecopsis parallela (Wider, 1834)
Peponocranium ludicrous (O.P.-Cambridge, 1861)
Pocadicnemis juncea Locket & Millidge, 1953
Pocadicnemis pumila (Blackwall, 1841)
Poeciloneta variegata (Blackwall, 1841)
Porrhomma errans (Blackwall, 1841)
Porrhomma microphthalmum (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Porrhomma pallidum Jackson, 1913
Porrhomma pygmaeum (Blackwall, 1834)

Prinerigone vagans (Audouin, 1826)
Saaristoa abnormis (Blackwall, 1841)
Saloca diceros (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Savignia frontata Blackwall, 1833
Silometopus reussi (Thorell, 1871)
Sintula corniger (Blackwall, 1856)
Stemoniphantes lineatus (Linnaeus, 1758)
Tallusia experta (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Tapinocyba insecta (L.Koch, 1869)
Tapinocyba pallens (O.P.-Cambridge, 1872)
Tapinocyba praecox (O.P.-Cambridge, 1873)
Tapinopa longidens (Wider, 1834)
Taranucnus setosus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1863)
Tenuiphantes alacris (Blackwall, 1853)
Tenuiphantes flavipes (Blackwall, 1854)
Tenuiphantes mengei Kulczynski, 1887
Tenuiphantes tenebricola (Wider, 1834)
Tenuiphantes tenuis (Blackwall, 1852)
Tenuiphantes zimmermanni (Bertkau, 1890)
Thyreosthenius biovatus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1875)
Thyreosthenius parasiticus (Westring, 1851)
Tiso vagans (Blackwall, 1834)
Tmeticus affinis (Blackwall, 1855)
Trichopternoides thorelli (Westring, 1861)
Troxochrus scabriculus (Westring, 1851)
Walckenaeria acuminata Blackwall, 1833
Walckenaeria antica (Wider, 1834)
Walckenaeria atrotibialis (O.P.-Cambridge, 1878)
Walckenaeria cucullata (C.L.Koch, 1836)
Walckenaeria cuspidata Blackwall, 1833
Walckenaeria dysderoides (Wider, 1834)
Walckenaeria furcillata (Menge, 1869)
Walckenaeria incisa (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Walckenaeria nudipalpis (Westring, 1851)
Walckenaeria obtusa Blackwall, 1836
Walckenaeria unicornis (O.P.-Cambridge, 1861)
Walckenaeria vigilax (Blackwall, 1853)

Family: Tetragnathidae

Meta bourneti (Simon, 1922)
Meta menardi (Latreille, 1804)
Metellina mengei (Blackwall, 1869)
Metellina merianae (Scopoli, 1763)
Metellina segmentata (Clerck, 1757)
Pachygnatha clercki (Sundevall, 1823)
Pachygnatha degeeri (Sundevall, 1830)
Pachygnatha listeri Sundevall, 1830
Tetragnatha extensa (Linnaeus, 1758)
Tetragnatha montana (Simon, 1874)
Tetragnatha nigrita (Lendl, 1886)
Tetragnatha obtusa (C.L. Koch, 1837)
Tetragnatha pinicola L.Koch, 1870
Tetragnatha striata L.Koch, 1862

Family: Araneidae

Araneus diadematus (Clerck, 1757)
Araneus marmoreus (Clerck, 1757)
Araneus quadratus (Clerck, 1757)
Araniella cucurbitina (Clerck, 1757)
Araniella opistographa (Kulczynski, 1905)
Araneus sturmi (Hahn, 1831)

Argiope bruennichi (Scopoli, 1772)
Cercidia prominens (Westring, 1851)
Cyclosa conica (Pallas, 1772)
Gibbaranea gibbosa (Walckenaer, 1802)
Hypsosinga albovittata (Westring, 1851)
Hypsosinga pygmaea (Sundevall, 1831)
Hypsosinga sanguinea (C.L.Koch, 1844)
Larinoides cornutus (Clerck, 1757)
Larinoides patagiatus (Clerck, 1757)
Larinoides sericatus (Clerck, 1757)
Nuctenea umbratica (Clerck, 1757)
Zilla diodia (Walckenaer, 1802)
Zygiella atrica (C.L. Koch, 1845)
Zygiella x-notata (Clerck, 1757)

Family: Lycosidae

Alopecosa barbipes (Sundevall, 1833)
Alopecosa pulverulenta (Clerck, 1757)
Arctosa perita (Latreille, 1799)
Hygrolycosa rubrofasciata (Ohlert, 1865)
Pardosa agrestis (Westring, 1861)
Pardosa amentata (Clerck, 1757)
Pardosa monticola (Clerck, 1757)
Pardosa nigriceps (Thorell, 1856)
Pardosa palustris (Linnaeus, 1758)
Pardosa prativaga (L.Koch, 1870)
Pardosa pullata (Clerck, 1757)
Pardosa saltans (Töpfer-Hofmann, 2000)
Pirata hygrophilus (Thorell, 1872)
Pirata latitans (Blackwall, 1841)
Pirata piraticus (Clerck, 1757)
Pirata uliginosus (Thorell, 1856)
Trochosa ruricola (De Geer, 1778)
Trochosa spinipalpis (F.O.P.-Cambridge, 1895)
Trochosa terricola (Thorell, 1856)

Family: Pisauridae

Pisaura mirabilis (Clerck, 1757)

Family: Agelenidae

Agelena labyrinthica (Clerck, 1757)
Tegenaria agrestis (Walckenaer, 1802)
Tegenaria domestica (Clerck, 1757)
Tegenaria gigantea (Chamberlain & Ivie, 1935)
Tegenaria saeva Blackwall, 1844
Tegenaria silvestris L.Koch, 1872
Textrix denticulata (Olivier, 1789)

Family: Cybaeidae

Argyroneta aquatica (Clerck, 1757)

Family: Hahniidae

Antistea elegans (Blackwall, 1841)
Hahnia helveola Simon, 1875
Hahnia montana (Blackwall, 1841)
Hahnia nava (Blackwall, 1841)

Family: Dictynidae

Cicurina cicur (Fabricius, 1793)

Cryphoeca silvicola (C.L.Koch, 1834)
Dictyna arundinacea (Linnaeus, 1758)
Dictyna latens (Fabricius, 1775)
Dictyna uncinata (Thorell, 1856)
Lathys humilis (Blackwall, 1855)
Mastigusa macrophtalma (Kulczynski, 1897)
Nigma puella (Simon, 1870)
Nigma walckenaeri (Roewer, 1951)

Family: Amaurobiidae

Amaurobius fenestralis (Stroem, 1768)
Amaurobius ferox (Walckenaer, 1830)
Amaurobius similis (Blackwall, 1861)
Coelotes atropos (Walckenaer, 1830)

Family: Anyphaenidae

Anyphaena accentuata (Walckenaer, 1802)

Family: Liocranidae

Agroeca brunnea (Blackwall, 1833)
Agroeca proxima (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Phrurolithus festivus (C.L. Koch, 1835)
Scotina celans (Blackwall, 1841)

Family: Clubionidae

Cheiracanthium erraticum (Walckenaer, 1802)
Cheiracanthium virescens (Sundevall, 1833)
Clubiona brevipes (Blackwall, 1841)
Clubiona comta (C.L.Koch, 1839)
Clubiona corticalis (Walckenaer, 1802)
Clubiona diversa O.P.-Cambridge, 1862
Clubiona lutescens (Westring, 1851)
Clubiona neglecta sens. str. O.P.-Cambridge, 1862
Clubiona pallidula (Clerck, 1757)
Clubiona phragmitis (C.L. Koch, 1843)
Clubiona reclusa O.P.-Cambridge, 1863
Clubiona stagnatilis Kulczynski, 1897
Clubiona terrestris (Westring, 1851)
Clubiona trivialis C.L.Koch, 1843

Family: Zodariidae

Zodarion fuscum (Simon, 1870)

Family: Gnaphosidae

Drassodes cupreus (Blackwall, 1834)
Drassodes lapidosus (Walckenaer, 1802)
Drassodes pubescens (Thorell, 1856)
Drassyllus pusillus (C.L.Koch, 1833)
Haplodrassus signifer (C.L.Koch, 1839)
Micaria pulicaria (Sundevall, 1831)
Scotophaeus blackwalli (Thorell, 1871)
Zelotes apricorum (L.Koch, 1876)
Zelotes latreillei (Simon, 1878)

Family: Zoridae

Zora nemoralis (Blackwall, 1861)
Zora silvestris (Kulczynski, 1897)
Zora spinimana (Sundevall, 1833)

Family: Sparassidae

Micrommata virescens (Clerck, 1757)

Family: Philodromidae

Philodromus albidus Kulczynski, 1911
Philodromus aureolus (Clerck, 1757)
Philodromus cespitum (Walckenaer, 1802)
Philodromus collinus (C.L.Koch, 1835)
Philodromus dispar (Walckenaer, 1826)
Philodromus praedatus (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)
Thanatus formicinus (Clerck, 1757)
Thanatus striatus C.L.Koch, 1845
Thanatus vulgaris Simon, 1870
Tibellus oblongus (Walckenaer, 1802)

Family: Thomasidae

Diae dorsata (Fabricius, 1777)
Ozyptila atomaria (Panzer, 1801)
Ozyptila praticola (C.L. Koch, 1837)
Ozyptila trux (Blackwall, 1846)
Xysticus audax (Schrank, 1803)
Xysticus cristatus (Clerck, 1757)
Xysticus erraticus (Blackwall, 1834)
Xysticus kochi Thorell, 1872
Xysticus lanio C.L.Koch, 1835
Xysticus ulmi (Hahn, 1831)

Family: Salticidae

Euophrys frontalis (Walckenaer, 1802)
Evarcha falcata (Clerck, 1757)
Heliophanus cupreus (Walckenaer, 1802)
Heliophanus flavipes (Hahn, 1832)
Neon reticulatus (Blackwall, 1853)
Pseudeuophrys lanigera (Simon, 1871)
Salticus cingulatus (Panzer, 1797)
Salticus scenicus (Clerck, 1757)
Sitticus pubescens (Fabricius, 1775)
Synageles venator (Lucas, 1836)
Talavera aequipes (O.P.-Cambridge, 1871)

Harvestmen

Order: Opiliones

Family: Nemastomatidae Fabricius, 1775

Mitostoma chrysomelas (Fabricius, 1775)

Nemastoma bimaculatum (Hermann, 1804)

Family: Phalangiidae

Lacinius ephippiatus (C.L. Koch, 1835)

Lophopilio palpalis (Herbst, 1799)

Megabunus diadema (Fabricius, 1779)

Mitopus morio (Fabricius, 1779)

Odiellus spinosus (Bosc, 1792)

Oligolophus hansenii (Kraepelin, 1896)

Oligolophus tridens (C.L. Koch, 1836)

Opilio canestrinii (Thorell, 1876)

Opilio parietinus (De Geer, 1778)

Opilio saxatilis (C.L. Koch, 1839)

Paroligolophus agrestis (Meade, 1855)

Paroligolophus meadii (O.P.-Cambridge, 1890)

Phalangium opilio (Linnaeus, 1758)

Platybunus triangularis (Herbst, 1799)

Family: Leiobunidae

Dicranopalpus ramosus (Simon, 1909)

Leiobunum blackwalli (Meade, 1861)

Leiobunum rotundum (Latreille, 1798)

Leiobunum sp. A (Schönhöfer & Hillen 2008, Toss 2009, Wijnhoven et al. 2007)

Nelima gothica (Lohmander, 1945)

False Scorpions

Order: Pseudoscorpiones Latreille, 1825

Family: Cheiridiidae Chamberlin, 1931

Cheiridium museorum (Leach, 1817)

Family: Chernetidae Menge, 1855

Allochernes wideri (C.L. Koch, 1843)

Chernes cimicoides (Fabricius, 1793)

Dendrochernes cyrneus (L. Koch, 1873)

Lamprochernes chyzeri (Tömövary, 1882)

Lamprochernes nodosus (Schränk, 1803)

Lamprochernes savignyi (Simon, 1879)

Pselaphochernes dubius (O.P.-Cambridge, 1892)

Family: Chthoniidae Daday, 1889

Chthonius ischnocheles (Hermann, 1804)

Chthonius kewi (Gabbott, 1966)

Chthonius tetrachelatus (Preyssler, 1790)

Family: Neobisiidae Chamberlin, 1931

Neobisium carcinoides (Herman, 1804)

Roncus lubricus (L. Koch, 1873)

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