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Araneae of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada

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We have found a combined total of 680 species (23 families, 195 genera) of spiders in the Canadian Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The individual totals were 526 species (22 families) for Alberta and 564 species (23 families) for Saskatchewan. Of the combined total, 17% were found only in Alberta and 23% only in Saskatchewan. The dominant families were Erigonidae (25.9%), Linyphiidae (12.9%), Salticidae (9.0%), Gnaphosidae (8.4%), Lycosidae (7.4%), and Theridiidae (6.5%). For northwestern North America, these totals compare with 297 species in Yukon Territory, 484 in Manitoba, 567 in British Columbia, and 760 in Washington State.

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