Invertebrates

Animals without backbones centipede earthworm sea anemone freshwater sponge planarian crab spider sea gooseberry sea urchin whelk crawfish

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Invertebrates:

- Are animals without backbones
- Represent 95% of the animal kingdom



Animal Diversity



Morphological vs. Molecular Character Phylogeny?



A tree is a hypothesis supported or not supported by evidence. Groupings change as new evidence become available.

Sponges - Porifera



Natural Bath Sponges – over-collected, now uncommon



Sponges

- Perhaps oldest animal phylum (Ctenphora possibly older)
- may represent several old phyla, some now extinct



Sponges - Porifera

- Mostly marine
- Sessile animals
- Lack true tissues;
- Have only a few cell types, cells kind of independent
- Most have no symmetry
- Body resembles a sac perforated with holes, system of canals.
- Strengthened by fibers of spongin, spicules



Sponges have a variety of shapes



Sponges





Sponges - Porifera

- Sessile filter feeder
- No mouth
- Sac-like body, perforated by pores.
- Interior lined by flagellated cells (choanocytes).
 Flagellated collar cells generate a current, draw water through the walls of the sponge where food is collected.
- Amoeboid cells move around in the mesophyll and distribute food.

Sponges - Porifera



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Sponge Reproduction

Asexual reproduction

- Fragmentation or by budding.
- Sponges are capable of regeneration, growth of a whole from a small part.

Sexual reproduction

- Hermaphrodites, produce both eggs and sperm
- Eggs and sperm released into the central cavity
- Produces a flagellated larva that swims to a new location.

Reaggregation – can be ground up, rebuilds itself

YouTube Timelapse of Sponge Aggregation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvtDMo7fjAc



Sponges Sexual Reproduction



Sponge Larva



Sponge Classification

900 species

- Groups based on spicules 3 major groups
- Glass Sponges spicules composed of silicates
- Calcareous Sponges spicules composed of calcium carbonate
- Spongin sponges





Freshwater Sponge in Missouri - Spongilla



Photo by Greg Stoner, taken at the Lake of the Ozarks

About 30 species in North America

Insect larva of the spongilla fly (Order Neuroptera), lives only in freshwater sponges

Radiates - Cnidarians (Jellyfish) and Ctenophora (Comb Jellies)

- Radially symmetric
- Consist of two or three layers of cells organized around a central chamber
- Cells in tissues
- Mouth and digestive cavity



Ctenophora and Cnidaria

DNA evidence suggests Ctenophores might be older than sponges?



Phylum Ctenophora

- The Comb jellies
- Resemble Jellyfish medusas.
- Sticky cells on tentacles
- Use cilia for locomotion.





Comb Jellies - Ctenophora

- Solitary, free-swimming marine
- Small, transparent, sometimes bioluminescent.
 - Bioluminescent organisms can produce their own light.
- Body composed of mesoglea, a jellylike substance.
- DNA sequences suggest possibly more ancient than sponges.
 - Comb jellies may have been the first organisms to evolve, or evolved separately from the Protists.
- Largest animals propelled by beating of cilia.
- Capture prey with colloblasts, sticky cells on tentacles.

Ctenophora

- Hermaphrodites
- Solitary, do not form colonies
- Lack stinging cell
- Capture prey by sticky colloblast cells on tentacles





Cnidarians Jellyfish, Anemones, Coral, Hydras

- Radial symmetry
- 2 distinct tissues

Outer layer – Protective epidermis Inner layer – Gastrovascular cavity

- Mesoglea noncellular matrix between layers, makes up bulk of animal.
- Diffuse nervous system
- Gastrovascular cavity
- Incomplete digestive system
- Stinging cells cnidocytes
- Polyp and medusa forms



Cnidarian Diversity



a. Sea anemone, Condylactis



b. Cup coral, Tubastrea





c. Portuguese man-of-war, *Physalia* a: © Comstock Images/PictureQuest RF; b: © Ron Taylor/Bruce Coleman/Photoshot; c: © Islands in the Sea 2002, NOAA/OER; d: © Amos Nachoum/Corbis

Cnidarian Diversity



Polyp and medusa body forms.

The polyp mouth is directed upward, while the mouth of a jellyfish or medusa is directed downward





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Obelia Life Cycle – alternates between polyp and medusa stages

Cnidarian Diversity



True jellyfish (Box jellies)

- Medusa is primary stage and polyp remains small
- Stinging tentacles
- Feed on invertebrates and are food for marine animals.
- Spend most of their time floating near surface
- Equator to poles.
- Largest to 2 m diameter



Purple striped jelly, Pelagia panopyra



Hydrozoans

- Most marine, colonial
- Hydra a freshwater Cnidarian
- Small tubular poly body about one-quarter inch in length
- Gastrovascular cavity is central
- Tentacles can respond to stimuli.
- Can reproduce sexually and asexually
- Nerve net Interconnected nerve cells, can contract and extend





Hydra – polyp dominates



Cut off its "head" and it sprouts a new one Freshwater





Hydra "walking" →

Portuguese man o' war - Physalia physalis Actually a colony of Hydra-like polyps, not a medusa


Sea anemones

- Sessile polyps that live attached to a substrate
- Have upward-turned oral disk containing mouth surrounded by tentacles containing nematocysts



Sea Anemones



Sea Amenone – Clownfish - Mutualism



Corals

- Like sea anemones, encased in calcium carbonate
- Live in colonies and build coral reefs
- Form Great Barrier Reef along Australia's coast
- Symbiosis with dinoflagellate "zooanthellae"
- Subject to bleaching and dieoff





Corals form extensive reefs



Where are corals found?

Corals can be found throughout the oceans, from deep, cold waters to shallow, tropical waters











Zooanthellae – algal partners

Coral Bleaching – normal symbiosis between corals and singlecelled algae which live inside their bodies starts to break down, loss of zooanthellae, death of coral. Warming temperatures is blamed.



In 1998, 16% of the hard corals in the world died. That's right, almost a fifth of all the coral in the world knocked out in a single year, and most people have never even heard about it.

Lophotrochozoa Group

Diverse group of protostomes



Lophotrochozoa

- Clade Lophotrochozoa was identified by molecular data
- Some develop a *lophophore* for feeding, others pass through a *trochophore larval stage*, and a few have neither feature
- Lophotrochozoa includes the flatworms, rotifers, ectoprocts, brachiopods, molluscs, and annelids
- 3 germ layers
- Well developed organs
- True coelom



Lophophorans

Aquatic Lophophore feeding structure Traditionally considered protostomes 3 closely related groups

- Bryozoans
- Brachiopods
- Phoronids

Lophophore – mouth surrounded by ciliated tentacles



Trochozoans

Free-swimming planktonic marine larva with several bands of cilia.

Group Includes:

- Flatworms
- Rotifers
- Annelids
- Molluscs





Animal Phylogeny Based on Mostly Molecular Data



Flatworms – Phylum Platyhelminthes The simplest bilateral animals. Acoelomate – no cavity Includes forms that are: -Free-living in marine, freshwater, or damp habitats Some parasites -Gastrovascular cavity - no anus -Highly branched -Provides an extensive surface area for absorption of nutrients. -Food is digested within the cavity, and waste exits the pharynx Gas exchange takes place across the surface



Flatworms are divided into four classes:

- -Turbellaria (mostly free-living flatworms)
- Monogenea (monogeneans)
- -Trematoda (trematodes, or flukes)
- Cestoda (tapeworms)



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Turbellarians = Planarians

- Nearly all free-living and mostly marine
- The best-known turbellarians are commonly called planarians





Planaria Regeneration



Regeneration in Planaria

1cm

Flukes - Monogeneans and Trematodes

- Parasites in or on other animals
- Lost cephalization, don't hunt
- Complex life cycles with alternating sexual and asexual stages
- Trematodes that parasitize humans spend part of their lives in snail hosts. *Schistosoma*
- Monogeneans are external parasites of fish



Clonorchis sinensis causes liver disease & jaundice, it is endemic to SE Asia.

Fluke Morphology





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Schistosoma – a blood fluke







- Larvae mature in liver and blood vessels of small intestine
- Itching, anemia, inflamation of bladder, lymph node enlargement, enlarged liver or spleen, blood disorders etc.



Tapeworms - Cestoda



Tapeworms (Cestoda)

- Parasites of vertebrates, lack a digestive system
- Absorb nutrients from the host's intestine
- Fertilized eggs, produced by sexual reproduction, leave the host's body in feces. Eaten by cow, cysts in meat.





Rotifers

- Tiny animals that inhabit fresh water, the ocean, and damp soil
- Smaller than many protists but are truly multicellular and have specialized organ systems



Rotifers

- Ciliated corona, used for swimming and eating
- Muscular pharynx
- Have an **alimentary canal**, with separate mouth and anus
- Foot with toes
- Reproduce by parthenogenesis, females produce offspring from unfertilized eggs
- Some lack males entirely
- Can survive very harsh conditions



Roundworms - Phylum Nematoda

- Found in most aquatic habitats, soil, moist tissues of plants and animals
- Very successful well adapted to every ecosystem; 500,000? species
- Many are parasites





Roundworm Diversity







(a) A free-living roundworm



(b) Parasitic roundworms in pork



(c) Canine heart Infected with parasitic roundworms

Roundworms - Phylum Nematoda

- Bilateral symmetry; round, no segments
- Tough outer cuticle, muscular layer
- Primitive body cavity
- Complete digestive tract, gut and anus
- No circulatory system
- Nervous system
- Reproduction sexual, by internal fertilization









Some species of nematodes are important parasites of plants and animals



Ascaris, roundworm

Trichinella

Filariasis Elephantiasis

Pinworms - Enterobium vermicularis

- Contagious intestinal parasite infestation that occurs commonly in children
- Spends its entire life in the large intestine of a human host.
- Adult female migrates to the anus to deposit eggs on the perianal skin.



Trichinosis - Trichinella spiralis

- Caused by eating raw or undercooked pork and wild game infected with the cysts of a parasitic worm.
- Larvae released and grow in intestines.
- Worms can pass through the intestinal tract to invade other tissues, such as muscle, where they persist.
- Inflammatory response results in edema, muscle pain, fever, and weakness




Guinea Worm - Dranunculus medinensis



- Worm spends life feeding under skin
- Female lays eggs, juveniles emerge.
- Juveniles infect Copepod (water shrimp)
- Passed back to people in drinking water, grow, move to pelvic region to mate.
- Controlled by filtering out Copepods in drinking water

Filariasis – Elephantiasis Wuchereria bancrofti and other filarial worms

- Adult worms release microfilarieae
- Passed by blood-sucking mosquitos and flies, which are also the second host
- Worms cause damage as they burrow through tissues, scar tissue develops
- Elephantiasis swelling caused by blocking lymph nodes
- River Blindness worms infect eyes





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