

CLASSIFICATION

All living things are **classified** into groups based on the **traits** they share. **Taxonomy** is the study of classification. The largest groups into which the scientists divide the groups are called **kingdoms**. The **five kingdoms** are the **monerans** (bacteria & virus), **protists** (amoebas), **fungi**, **plants**, and **animals**.

most

MONERANS

people

PROTISTS

find

FUNGI

plants

PLANTS

attractive

ANIMALS



COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

- 35 phyla of animals
- These phyla can be classified into two groups (vertebrates or invertebrates) based on external and internal physical characteristics.
- All animals share several common characteristics:
 1. Their bodies are multi-cellular
 2. They are heterotrophs
 3. Their major functions are to obtain food and oxygen (breathe) for energy, keep their internal conditions in balance, move, and reproduce.

VERTEBRATES

- Vertebrates comprise only one phylum of animals.
- Vertebrates share certain physical characteristics:
 - They have **backbones**, an internal skeleton (**endoskeleton**), and **muscles**.
 - They have **blood** that circulates through **blood vessels** and **lungs (or gills)** for breathing.
 - They have a **protective skin** covering.
 - Most have **legs, wings, or fins** for movement.
 - They have a **nervous system** with a **brain** that processes information from their environment through **sensory organs**.

FISH

Examples of vertebrates include:

Fish

- Are cold-blooded (ectothermic); obtain dissolved oxygen in water through gills; most lay eggs; have scales; have fins; and live in water.



FISH



Lamprey – Jawless Fish



Sea Ray - Chondrichthyes



Catfish - Osteichthyes



Whale Shark - Chondrichthyes

FISH



AMPHIBIANS

- Are cold-blooded (ectothermic); most can breathe in water with gills as young, and breathe on land with lungs as adults; go through metamorphosis; lay jelly-like eggs.
- The major groups of amphibians are frogs, toads, and salamanders.
- Frogs and salamanders have smooth, moist skin, through which they can breathe and live part of their life in water and part on land.
- Toads have thicker, bumpy skin and live on land.



AMPHIBIANS



Spotted Salamander



Poison Dart Frog



Fire Bellied Toad



Asian

REPTILES

- Are cold-blooded (ectothermic); breathe with lungs; most lay eggs, although in some the eggs hatch inside the female; and have scales or plates.



REPTILES



Coral Snake



Sea Turtle



Galapagos Tortoise



Tuatara

BIRDS

- Are warm-blooded (endothermic); breathe with lungs; lay eggs; have feathers; and have a beak, two wings, and two feet.



BIRDS



MAMMALS

- Are warm-blooded (endothermic); breathe with lungs; most have babies that are born live; have fur or hair; and produce milk to feed their young.



INVERTEBRATES

- They do not have backbones or internal skeletons.
- Some have external skeletons, called exoskeletons.

Examples of invertebrates include:

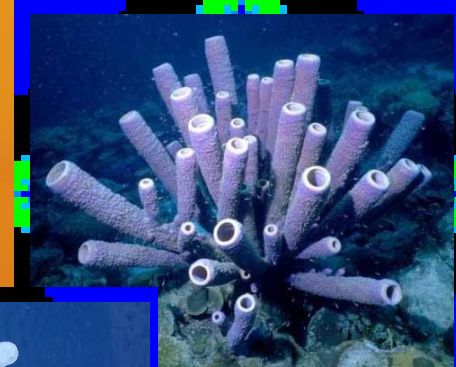
Sponges

Segmented Worms

Echinoderms

Mollusks

Arthropods



INVERTEBRATES

SPONGES

- Very simple animals that have many *pores* (holes) through which water flows.
- Water moves into a central cavity and out through a hole in the top.
- Sponges obtain their food and eliminate wastes through this passage of water.
- They have specialized cells for obtaining food and oxygen from the water.



INVERTEBRATES

SEGMENTED WORMS

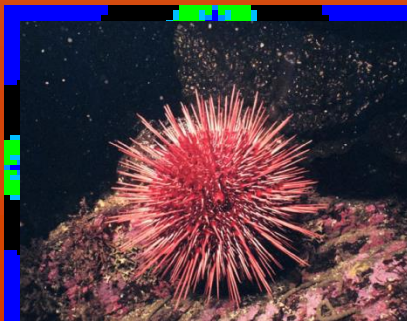
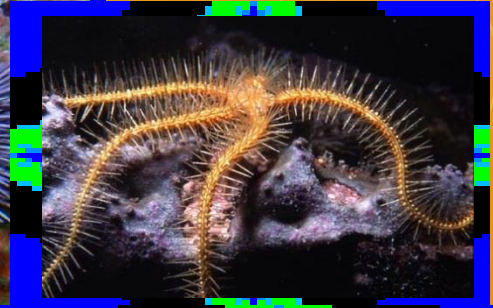
- Have long tube-like bodies that are divided into segments.
- They are the simplest organisms with a true nervous system and blood contained in vessels.
- A long digestive tube runs down the length of the worm's inner body.
- Worms take in dissolved oxygen from the water through their skin.
- Examples of segmented worms may be earthworms and leeches.



INVERTEBRATES

ECHINODERMS

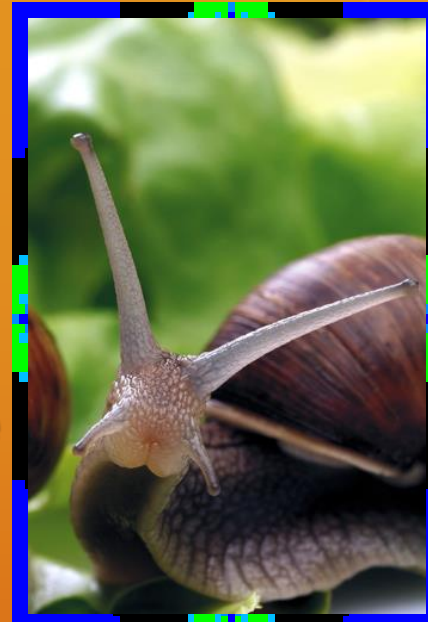
- Have *arms* that extend from the middle body outwards.
- They have tube feet that take in oxygen from the water and spines.
- Examples may be sea stars, brittle stars, sea cucumbers, or sea urchins.



INVERTEBRATES

MOLLUSKS

- Have soft bodies; most have a thick muscular foot for movement or to open and close their shells.
- They have more developed body systems than sponges or worms.
- They take in oxygen through gills or lungs, and some have shells.
- Examples may be slugs, snails, clams, and octopuses.



INVERTEBRATES

ARTHROPODS

- Have jointed legs, segmented bodies, and some have wings.
- They have hard outer coverings called *exoskeletons*.
- They obtain oxygen from the air through gills or air tubes.
- Examples may be insects, arachnids, and crustaceans.



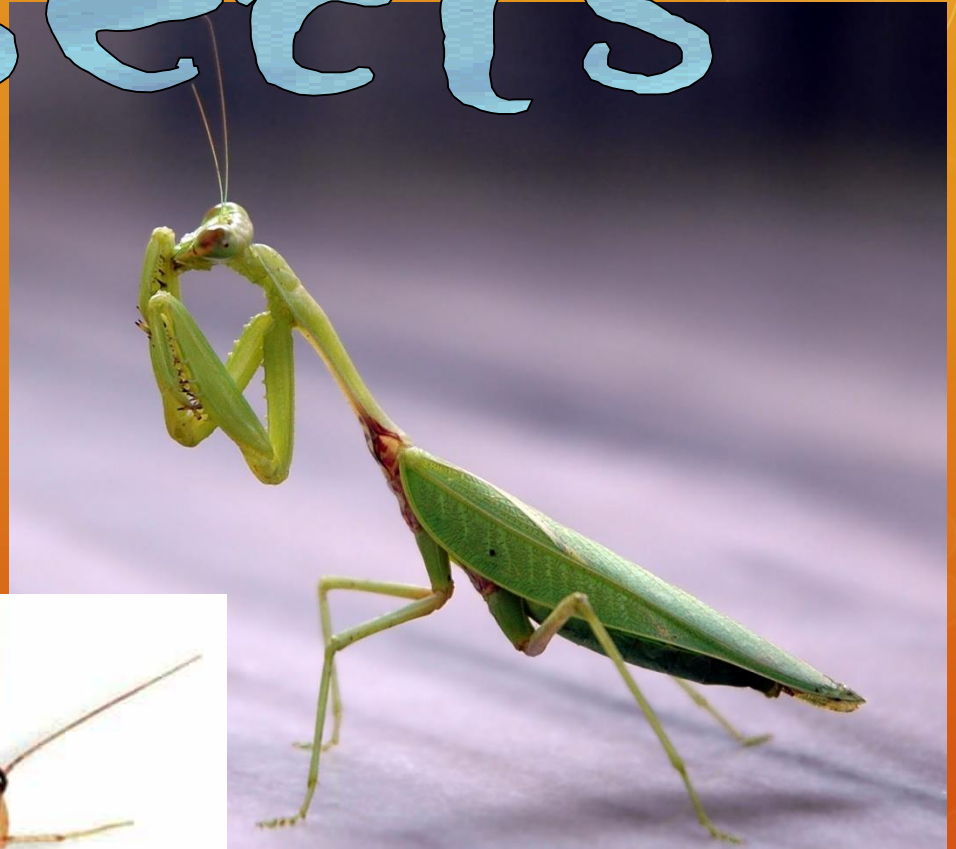
Arthropod Descriptions

Insects	Arachnids	Crustaceans
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•3 body segments•3 pairs of legs•1 pair of antennae•Live on land	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•2 body segments•4 pairs of legs•No antennae•Most live on land	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Most have 2 body segments•Most have 5 pairs of legs•2 pair of antennae•Most live in water
<p><u>Examples:</u> Beetles, bees, wasps, ants & butterflies</p>	<p><u>Examples:</u> spiders, mites, scorpions, & ticks</p>	<p><u>Examples:</u> Shrimp, crab, lobster, barnacles, pill bugs</p>

Crustaceans



Insects



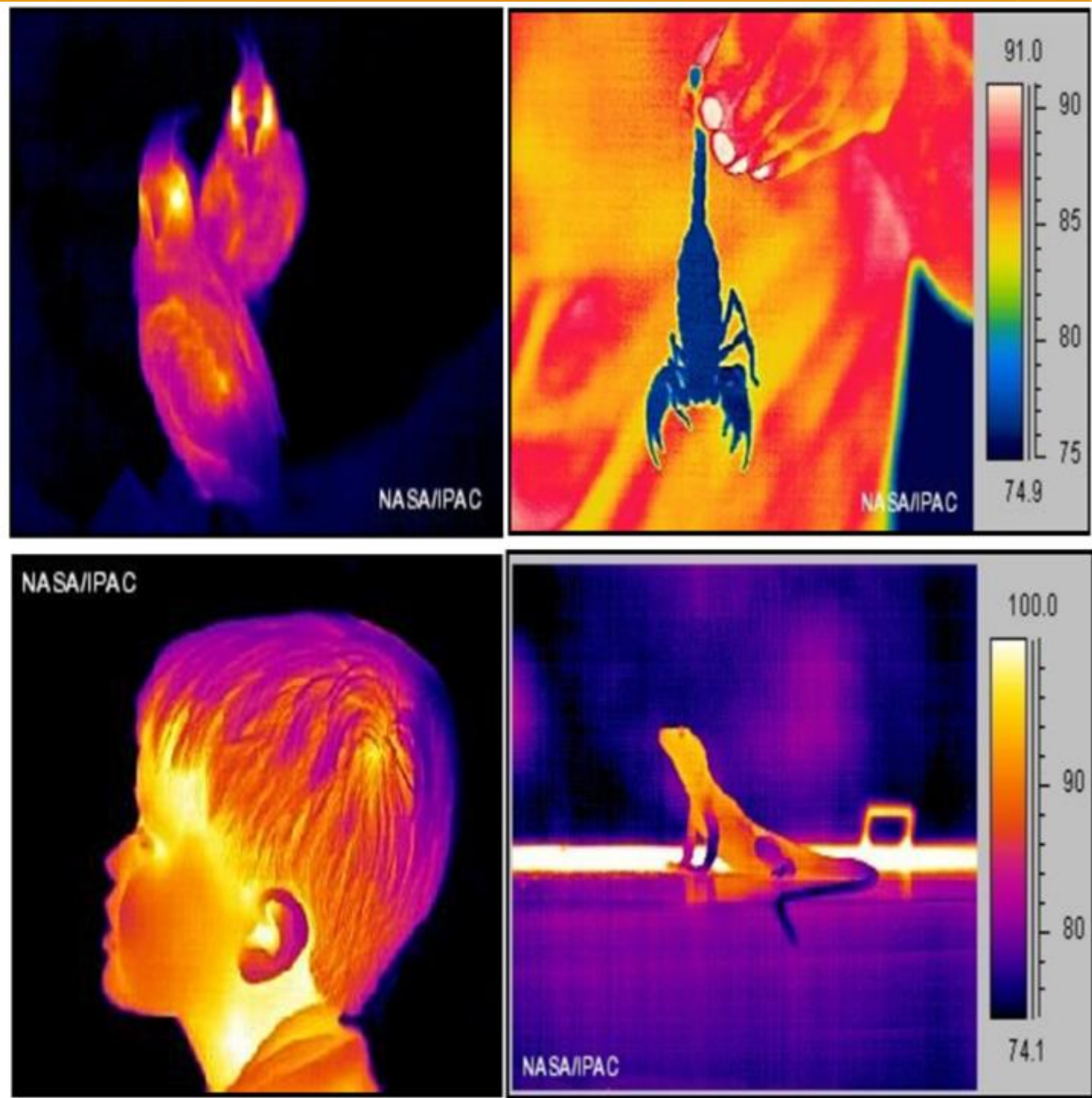
Arachnids



ENDOTHERMIC/ ECTOTHERMIC

- Vertebrates differ in the way that they control their body temperature.
- In some (fishes, amphibians, and reptiles), their body temperature is close to that of their environment. They are considered **cold-blooded, or ectothermic.**
- In others (birds and mammals), their body temperature stays constant regardless of the temperature of the environment. They are called **warm-blooded, or endothermic.**

Thermal Image Comparison



ENDOTHERMIC/ECTOTHERMIC

Warm-blooded (endothermic) animals-

- birds and mammals maintain a nearly constant internal temperature in any environment.
- When hot outside an endothermic animal can cool off by sweating, panting, changing position, or changing location.
- Sweating/panting generate heat loss through evaporating water.
- Endothermic animals eat more often than ectothermic animals since it takes energy to maintain a constant body temperature.
- Example: lions eat its weight in food every 7-10 days

ENDOTHERMIC/ECTOTHERMIC

Cold-blooded (ectothermic) animals-

- fish, amphibians, and reptiles have an internal body temperature that changes with environment.
- They must gain heat to perform activities like digestion.
- If it is cold outside, ectothermic animals move very slow. Some animals bask in the sun (lizards, snakes) or move to a warmer area (fish) before they can move about to hunt for food.
- If it is too hot outside, ectothermic animals will burrow in the ground to keep its body cool.
- Since cold blooded animals take on the temperature of their surroundings, they don't have to use food energy to keep warm. So, they don't have to eat as often.