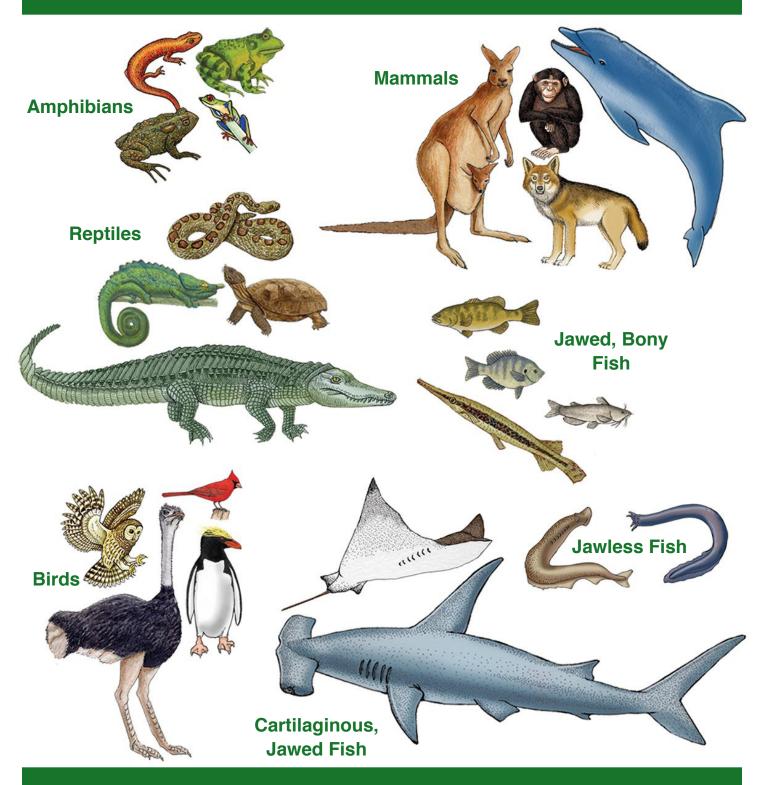
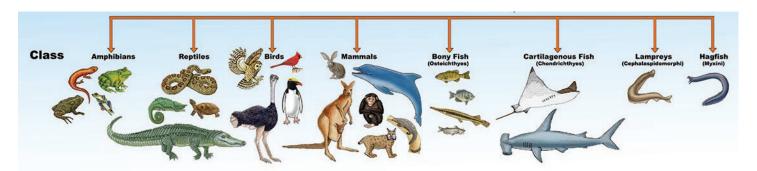
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#### **NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS**

#### **Disciplinary Core Ideas**

**LS1.A: Structure and Function** - All organisms have external parts. Different animals use their body parts in different ways to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves, move from place to place, and seek, find, and take in food, water and air. Plants also have different parts (roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits) that help them survive and grow. (1-LS1-1)

#### **Science and Engineering Practices**

#### **Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions**

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions.

• Use materials to design a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem.

#### Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information

Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information.

• Read grade-appropriate texts and use media to obtain scientific information to determine patterns in the natural world. (1-LS1-2)

#### **Crosscutting Concepts**

**Patterns** - Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-LS1-2)

**Structure and Function** - The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (1-LS1-1)

#### **Performance Expectations:** Students who demonstrate understanding can:

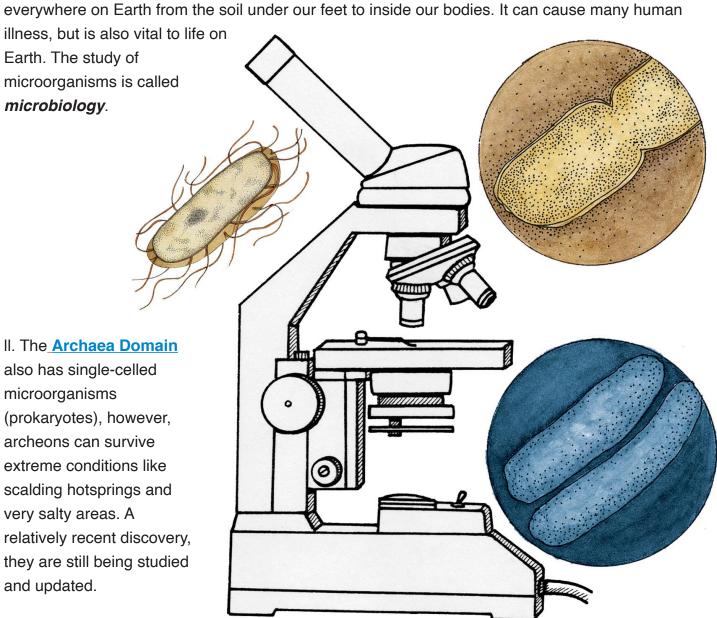
1-LS1-1. Use materials to design a solution to a human problem by mimicking how plants and/or animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human problems that can be solved by mimicking plant or animal solutions could include designing clothing or equipment to protect bicyclists by mimicking turtle shells, acorn shells, and animal scales; stabilizing structures by mimicking animal tails and roots on plants; keeping out intruders by mimicking thorns on branches and animal quills; and, detecting intruders by mimicking eyes and ears.]

#### **Classification of Living Things**

To help understand living things, scientists break them down into groups by their traits. This is called, *biological classification*. Presently, there are 8 levels of groups: **Domain**, **Kingdom**, **Phylum**, **Class**, **Order**, **Family**, **Genus**, **Species**.

New discoveries in genetics may cause some regrouping of organisms and their classification over time. The 3 **Domains** are the highest level of classification to date. They include all known living things on Earth. The 3 Domains are: **Archaea**, **Eubacteria** and **Eukaryota**.

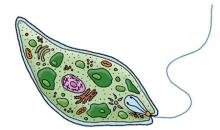
I. The <u>Eubacteria Domain</u> is made up of *bacteria* – single-celled living things – also called *microorganisms*. They have no cell nucleus or organelles so are *prokaryotes*. Bacteria is found everywhere on Earth from the soil under our feet to inside our bodies. It can cause many human

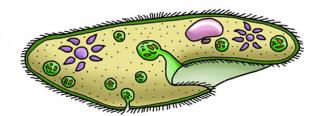


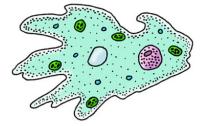
#### Classification of Living Things (continued)

III. The <u>Eukaryota Domain</u> has more complex organisms with cells that have a nucleus and organelles. They are *eukaryotes*. This domain is, at present, broken down into 4 **Kingdoms**: **Protista**, **Fungi**, **Plantae**, **Animalia**.

1. The **Protista Kingdom** is a diverse group,including plant-like **algae**, animal-like **protozoans** and fungi-like **slime molds**.







2. The Fungi Kingdom has mushrooms, yeasts, and molds. Important detrivores, they break down

dead organisms and recycle nutrients back into the environment.

They cause problems when they invade an organism as a fungal infection, like *athlete's foot*. Yet, they are extremely important to humans, as the source of penicillin, which kills bacteria, and yeast, which drives fermentation and rising bread.



3. The Plant Kingdom includes trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses, ferns, and mosses. This group is essential to all life on Earth, as they can make their own food, using sunlight through the process of photosynthesis.

This feeds all animal life, including us. Plants also absorb carbon dioxide and give off life-giving oxygen.

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#### Classification of Living Things (continued)

4. The Animalia Kingdom includes 9 groups or Phyla (plural of phylum):

Annelida - Segmented Worms

Nematoda - Round Worms

Platyhelminthes - Flat Worms

Arthropoda - Insects, Spiders, Scorpions, Lobsters, Crabs, Centipedes, etc.

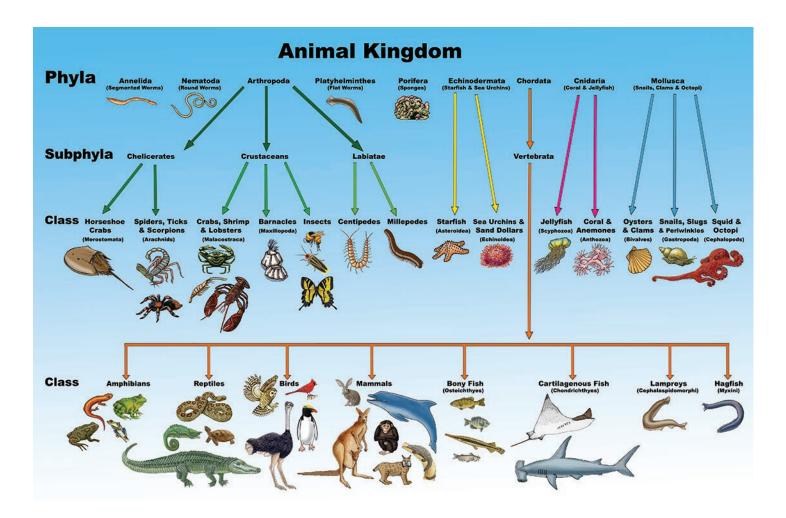
Porifera - Sponges

Cnidaria - Coral, Jellyfish, Anemones, etc.

Echinodermata - Starfish, Sea Urchins, Sand Dollars, etc.

Mollusca - Snails, Slugs, Clams, Mussels, Squid, Octopuses, etc.

Chordata - Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Fish, Amphibians, Shark, Rays, etc.



#### **Animals of the Class Chordata**

**Vertebrates (with Backbones)** 

The Class Chordata includes 8 groups or Phyla (plural of phylum):

Agnatha - Jawless Fish: Lampreys and Hagfish

Amphibia - Amphibians: Frogs, Toads, Salamanders, etc.

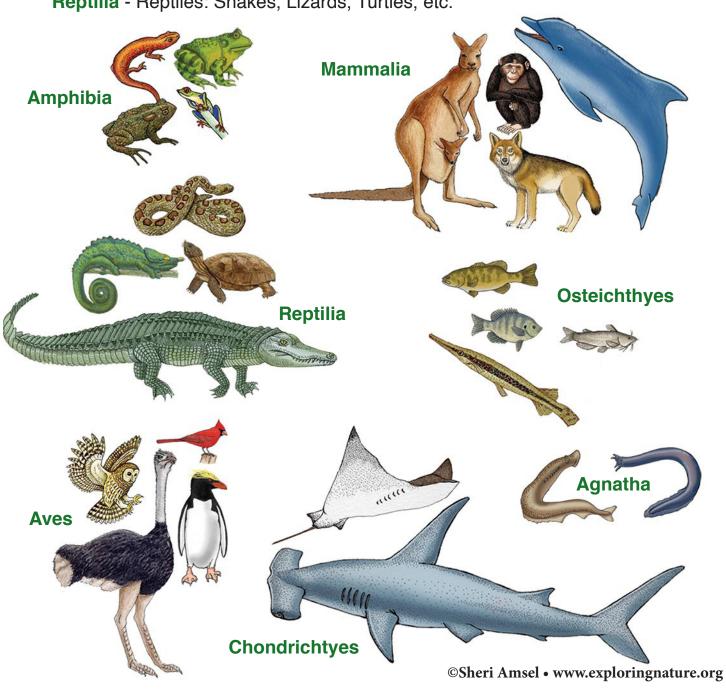
Aves - Birds

Chondrichtyes - Cartilagenous Fishes: Sharks, Skates, and Rays

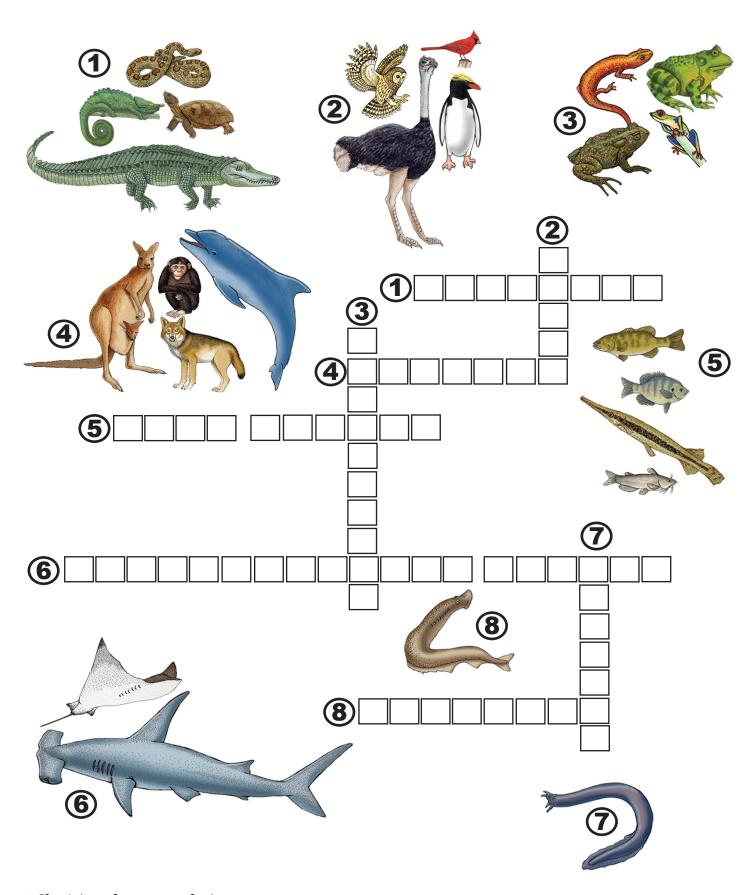
Mammalia - Mammals

Osteichthyes - Boney Fishes

Reptilia - Reptiles: Snakes, Lizards, Turtles, etc.

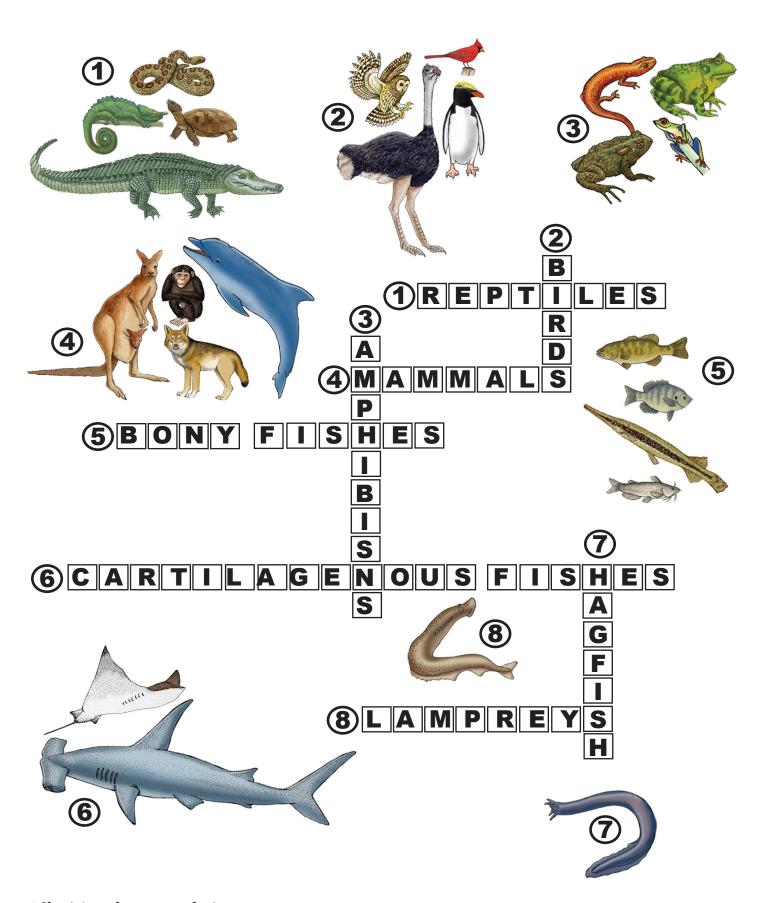


# Animal Classes in the Phylum Chordata (Vertebrates = with Backbones) Write in the names of these eight "Classes" of animals with backbones.



#### **Animal Classes in the Phylum Chordata Key**

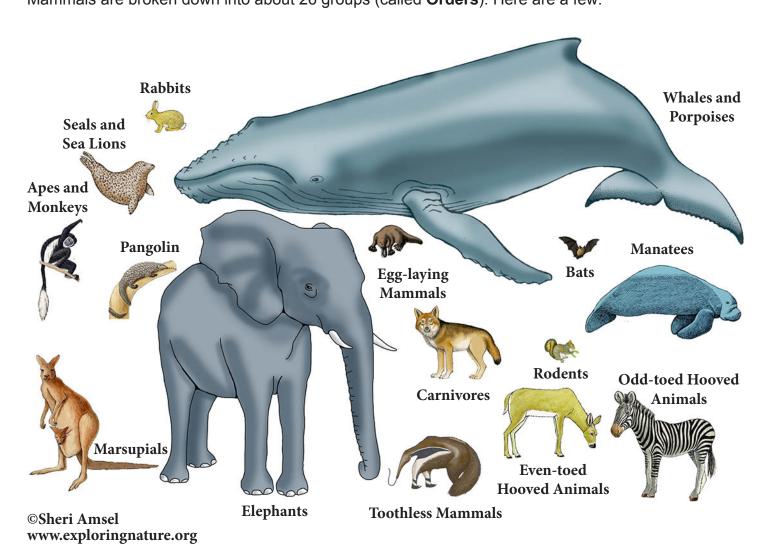
Write in the names of these eight "Classes" of animals with backbones.



#### **Mammals**

Mammals are one group (Class) of animals. They share some important traits.

- 1) Mammals have body hair (except for marine mammals, such as dolphins and whales).
- 2) A mammal's hair is important for **keeping warm** and **protection from the sun**.
- 3) A mammal's hair can be adapted as a protective tool, such as the quills on a porcupine or the shield on an armadillo.
- 4)A mammal's hair can act as camouflage to blend into the habitat.
- 5) Female mammals make milk to feed their young.
- 6) Mammals protect their young from predators.
- 7) Mammals provide a **safe home for their newborn young**.
- 8) Mammals are warm blooded.
- 9) Mammals have a backbone, which helps them move quickly and easily.
- 10) Mammals have **specialized teeth** with some for cutting or grabbing and some for tearing or crushing and some for grinding.
- 11) Mammals have **three middle ear bones that greatly improves hearing**. Mammals are broken down into about 26 groups (called **Orders**). Here are a few:



#### **Mammals**

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All mammals share some traits.

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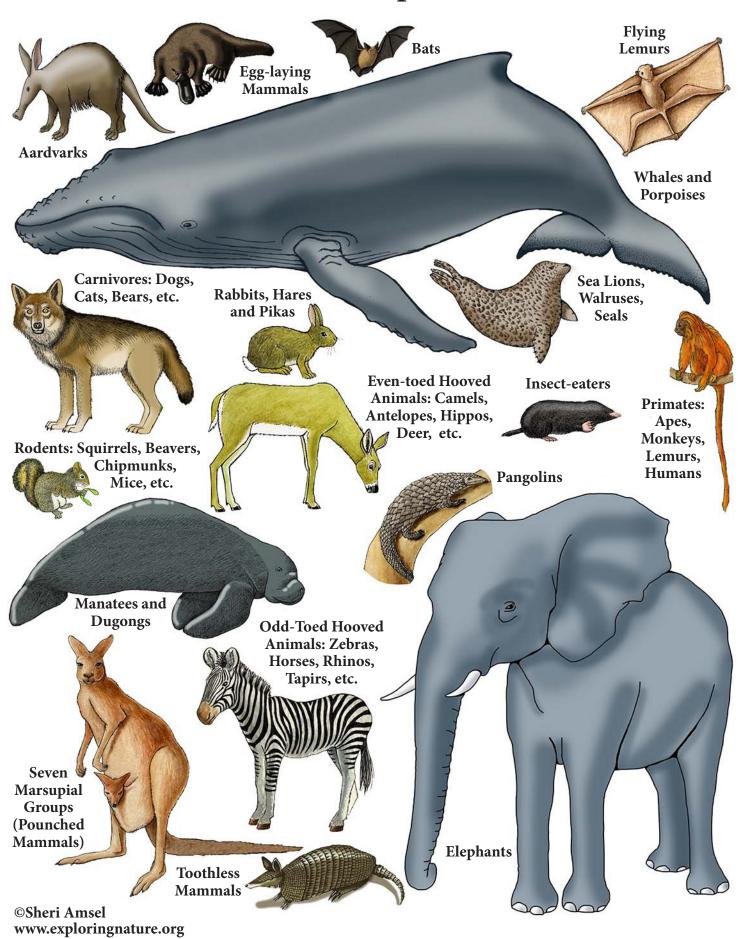
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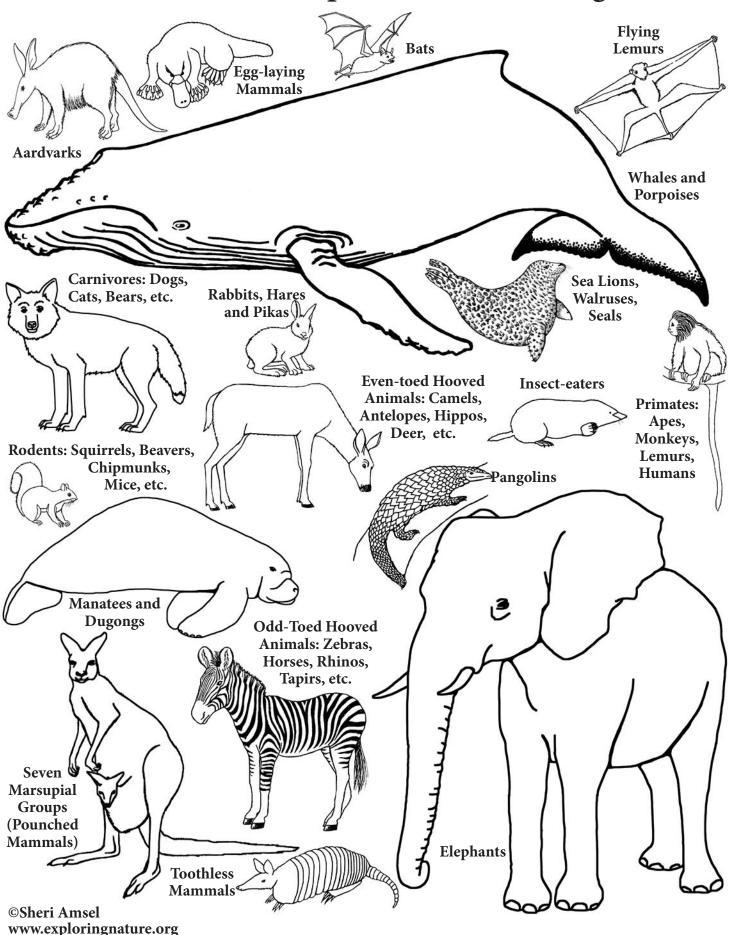


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### Mammal Groups (Orders)



### **Mammal Groups (Orders) Coloring**



### **Mammals Short Answer Quiz**

#### **Vocabulary Bank:**

backbone body hair camouflage ear home teeth milk warm protect warm

ear food quills sun

#### **Mammals Short Answer Quiz KEY**

- 1) Mammals have **BODY HAIR** (except for marine mammals, such as dolphins and whales).
- 2) A mammal's hair is important for keeping **WARM** in cold climates.
- 3) A mammal's hair can give protection from the **SUN**.
- 4) A mammal's hair can be adapted as a protective tool, such as the **QUILLS** on a porcupine or the shield on an armadillo.
- 5) A mammal's hair can also act as **CAMOUFLAGE** to help them blend into the habitat.
- 6) Female mammals make **MILK** to feed their young.
- 7) Mammals **PROTECT** their young from predators.
- 8) They make a safe **HOME** for their newborn young.
- 9) Mammals may teach their growing young how to find **FOOD**.
- 10) Mammals are **WARM** blooded.
- 11) Mammals also have a **BACKBONE** which helps them move quickly and easily.
- 12) Mammals have specialized **TEETH** with some for cutting, some for grabbing and tearing and some for crushing and grinding.
- 13) Mammals have three middle **EAR** bones that greatly improves hearing.

food

Vocabulary Bank:
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backbone home teeth body hair milk warm camouflage protect warm ear quills

sun

#### **Mammal Word Search**

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BAT MONKEY WHALE

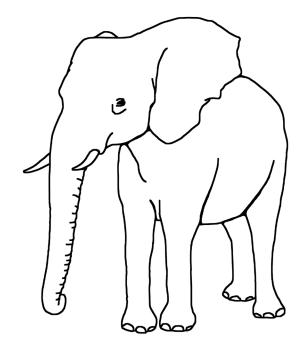
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DEER PANDA YOU

ELEPHANT RABBIT

GIRAFFE SQUIRREL

LION TIGER



#### **Mammal Word Search KEY**

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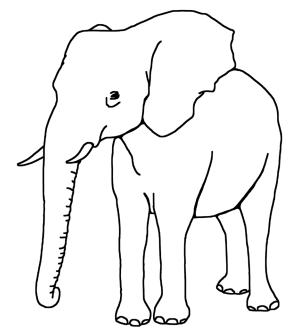
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Na	.me:		Class:
1	Which of the following animals is a mammal?  A duck B rabbit C frog D fish E shark	5	Why do mammals have fur/hair?  A To stay warm. B To protect them from sunburn. C To protect them from scratches. D To help them blend in. E All of the above.
2	Which of the following mammals is not covered with fur/hair?  A whale B horse C mouse D monkey E squirrel	6	Which of the following mammals has hairs adapted for defending against predators?  A horse B fur seal C mouse D porcupine
3	Female mammals feed their newborn young:  A grass. B insects. C meat. D milk. E all of the above.	7	Mammals have all the following traits, EXCEPT:  A warm blooded. B backbone. C hair or fur. D scales.
4	Mammals:  A protect their young. B provide a safe home for young. C feed their young. D all of the above.	8	Which of the following is not a mammal?  A person B ape C elephant D duck E armadillo

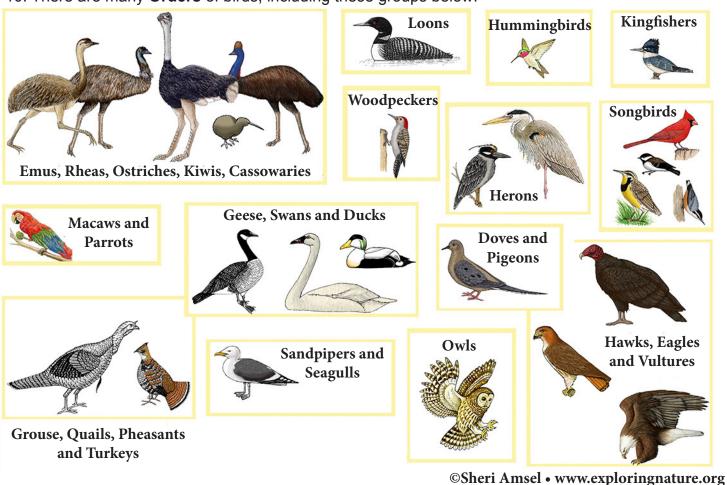
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#### **Birds**

Birds are in one group or *Class* of animals. They share some common traits.

- 1. Birds are the only animal group that has **feathers** as their body covering.
- 2. Birds have a **beak** or **bill** instead of teeth. Instead of biting and chewing their food, they tear off pieces with the beak or **talons** (clawed feet) and swallow it whole. The food is stored in the **crop** to slow digestion, then passed into the stomach to mix with digestive juices. From there it passes into a muscular **gizzard** that grinds it down for digestion.
- 3. Birds have **wings** instead of front feet or arms. Many have large, well developed **chest muscles** for **flight**. They also have **hollow bones** to make their skeleton lighter.
- 4. Birds are warm blooded.
- 5. Birds do not have live young, like mammals, but lay eggs.
- 6. Most birds **build some kind of nest** and **take care of their young**, feeding them until they are old enough to find their own food.
- 7. Many birds **fly south** to warmer climates in winter (**migrate**) and return north in summer to feed and nest.
- 8. Most birds can **fly**, so have **large chest muscles** for wing power and **hollow bones** to make them lighter.
- 9. Some birds are **flightless**, such as the ostrich, emu. kiwi, or penguin. They have other ways to protect themselves, than flight. Some run fast, or swim, or have a powerful kick.
- 10. There are many **Orders** of birds, including these groups below:



#### **Birds**

There are many groups (Classes) of animals.

Birds are in one group. All birds share some traits.

They lay eggs.

They take care of their young.

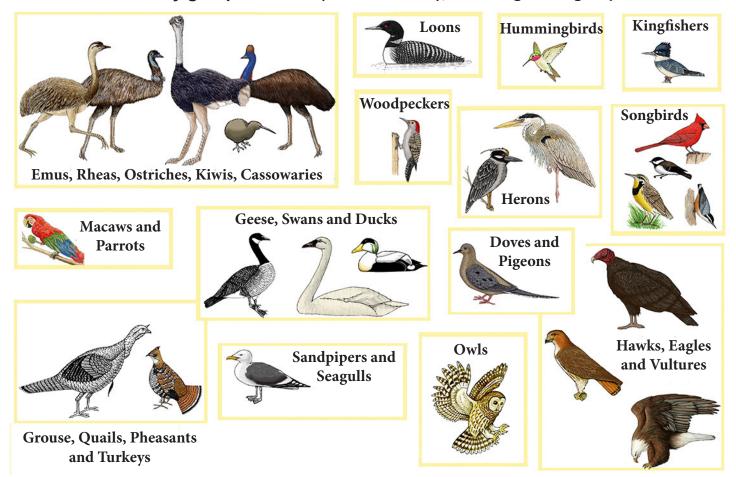
They are warm blooded.

They have beaks instead of teeth.

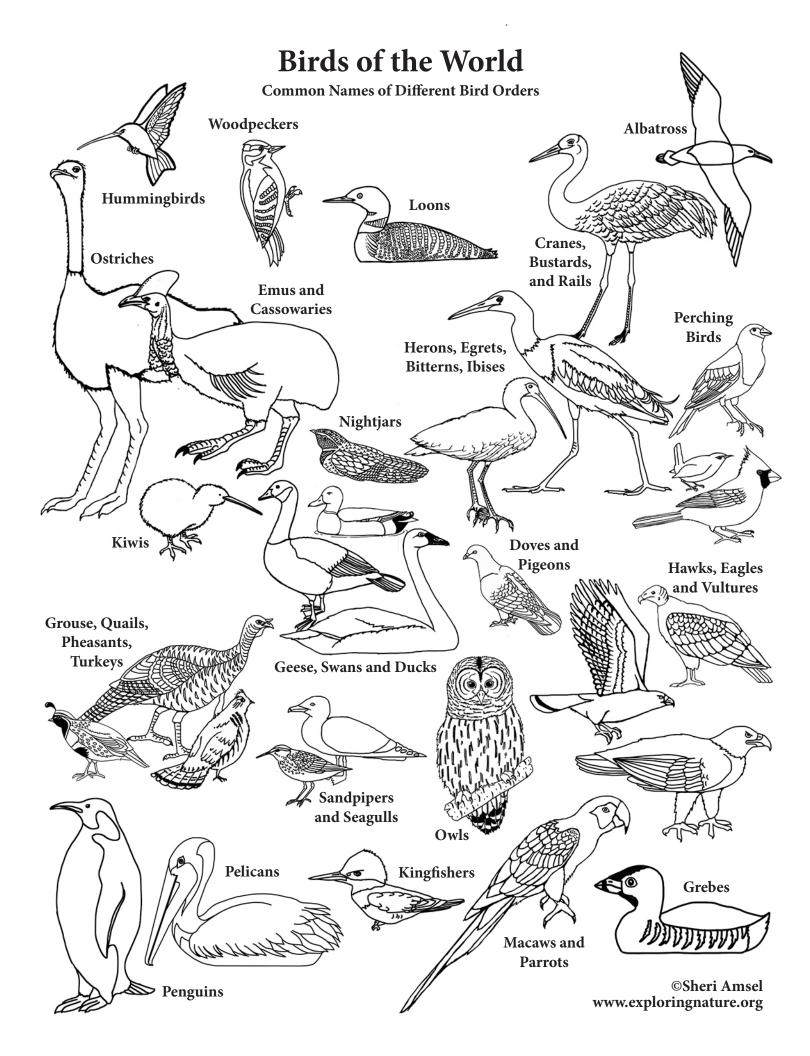
They have feathers.

They have wings.

There are many groups of birds (called Orders), including these groups below:







### **Birds Short Answer Quiz**

1) Birds have	ir	stead of hair or fur.				
2) Birds have a			instead of teeth.			
3) Instead of biting their food, they tear	3) Instead of biting their food, they tear off pieces with the beak or					
(clawed feet) and swallow it whole.						
4) The food is stored in the		_ to slow digestion	, then passed into			
the stomach to mix with digestive juices	S.					
5) From the stomach, food passes into	a muscular					
that grinds it down for digestion.						
6) Birds have		instead o	of front feet or arms.			
7) Many have large, well developed che	est muscles for _					
8) They also have		_ bones to make th	neir skeleton lighter.			
9) Birds are	blooded.					
10) Birds do not have live young, like m	nammals, but					
11) Most birds build some kind of						
12) Most birds take care of their						
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penguin.						
15) Birds that cannot fly may protect the	emselves by		,			
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©Sheri Amsel	flightless	nest	young			

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#### **Birds Short Answer Quiz KEY**

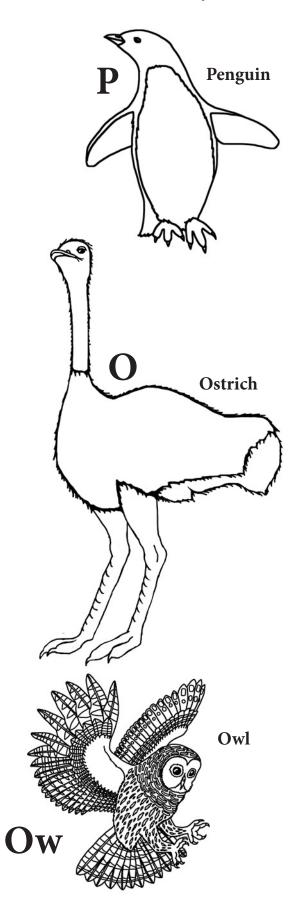
- 1) Birds have **FEATHERS** instead of hair or fur.
- 2) Birds have a **BEAK OR BILL** instead of teeth.
- 3) Instead of biting their food, they tear off pieces with the beak or **TALONS** (clawed feet) and swallow it whole.
- 4) The food is stored in the **CROP** to slow digestion, then passed into the stomach to mix with digestive juices.
- 5) From the stomach, food passes into a muscular **GIZZARD** that grinds it down for digestion.
- 6) Birds have **WINGS** instead of front feet or arms.
- 7) Many have large, well developed chest muscles for **FLIGHT**.
- 8) They also have **HOLLOW** bones to make their skeleton lighter.
- 9) Birds are **WARM** blooded.
- 10) Birds do not have live young, like mammals, but **LAY EGGS**.
- 11) Most birds build some kind of NEST.
- 12) Most birds take care of their **YOUNG**.
- 13) Many birds fly south to warmer climates in winter. They **MIGRATE** south and return north in summer to feed and nest.
- 14) Some birds are **FLIGHTLESS**, such as the ostrich or penguin.
- 15) Birds that cannot fly may protect themselves by **RUNNING**, swimming or kicking.

Vocabulary Bank:					
beak or bill	gizzard	running			
crop	hollow	talons			
feathers	lay eggs	warm			
flight	migrate	wings			
flightless	nest	young			

### **Birds Matching Traits**

Add the letters **P, O, OW** for **Penguin**, **Ostrich** or **Owl** to each trait that they have.

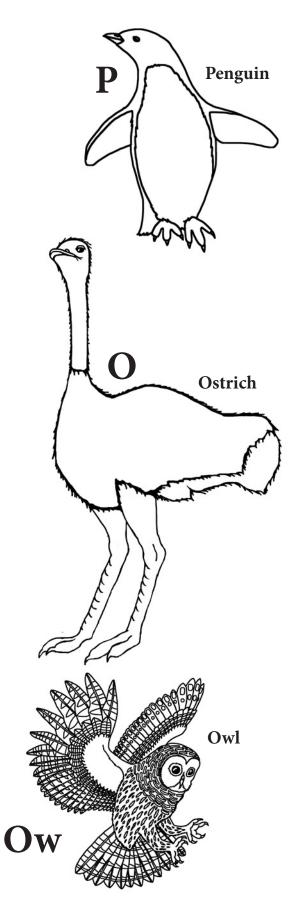
Has feathers
Has a beak or bill
Uses talons to tear food
• Has wings
• Can fly
• Is flightless
• Can run fast
Can swim in the ocean
• Is warm blooded
Takes care of young



### **Birds Matching Traits KEY**

Add the letters **P**, **O**, **OW** for **Penguin**, **Ostrich** or **Owl** to each trait that they have.

- · Has feathers P, O, Ow
- Has a beak or bill P, O, Ow
- Uses talons to tear food \_\_\_\_Ow
- · Has wings P, O, Ow
- Can fly \_\_\_Ow
- Is flightless PO
- Can run fast \_\_\_\_O
- Can swim in the ocean \_\_\_\_\_P
- Is warm blooded P, O, Ow
- Takes care of young P, O, Ow



### **Bird Word Search**

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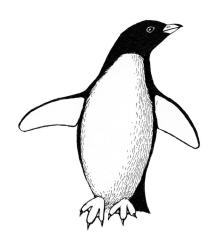
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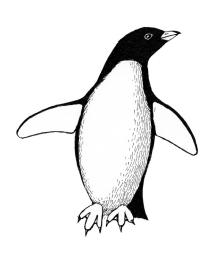
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MALLARD	ROBIN
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OWL	VULTURE
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**PUFFIN** 

**HAWK** 



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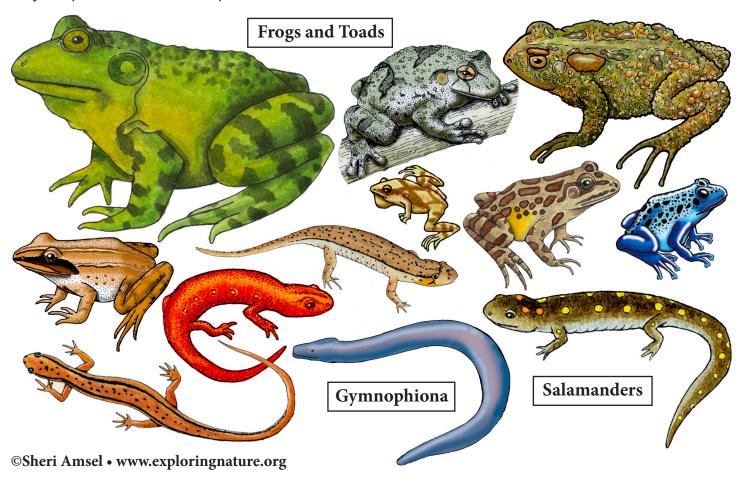
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2	Birds and mammals have the following trait in common:  A They both lay eggs. B They both are warm blooded. C They both have feathers. D They both have teeth.	6	Sometimes birds to attract a mate.  A dance B sing C build nests D show their colors E All of the above
3	All the following traits help birds fly, EXCEPT:  A They have wings. B They have hollow bones. C They have large chest muscles. D They have feathers. E They have a beak.	7	The following bird has a beak shaped for collecting nectar:  A eagle B hummingbird C sparrow D loon
4	Birds flying south for the winter is called:  A migration. B hibernation. C extinction. D molting.	8	Which bird is the largest?  A duck B ostrich C eagle D wild turkey

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Amphibians are in one animal group (or *Class*) called **Amphibia** that includes frogs, toads, salamanders, and newts. They have several **traits** in common:

- 1) They lay their eggs in water.
- 2) When they first hatch from their eggs in water, they breathe through gills.
- 3) As they grow into adults, they develop and breathe through lungs, instead of gills.
- 4) Thet live in or near water; ponds, lakes, rivers, streams or wetlands.
- 5) Amphibian bodies change as they mature. This change is called *metamorphosis*. Frogs hatch as tadpoles and over time grow front and back legs and lose their long tail. As adult, they can live on land. Salamanders have legs that are all about the same size. Frogs have much bigger back legs.
- 6) Though adult amphibians spend time on land, they **come back to the water to mate** and lay eggs.
- 7) Amphibians are **cold blooded**. They are not active in cold weather. Those in northern regions, spend the winter months sleeping (in *torpor*), buried in mud or under leaf litter.
- 8) The Amphibian Class is broken down into smaller groups or *Orders*.
- Caudata (Urodela) Salamanders
- Anura (Salientia) Frogs and Toads
- Gymnophiona wormlike amphibian



There are many groups (called Classes) of animals. Amphibians are in one group. All amphibians share some traits.

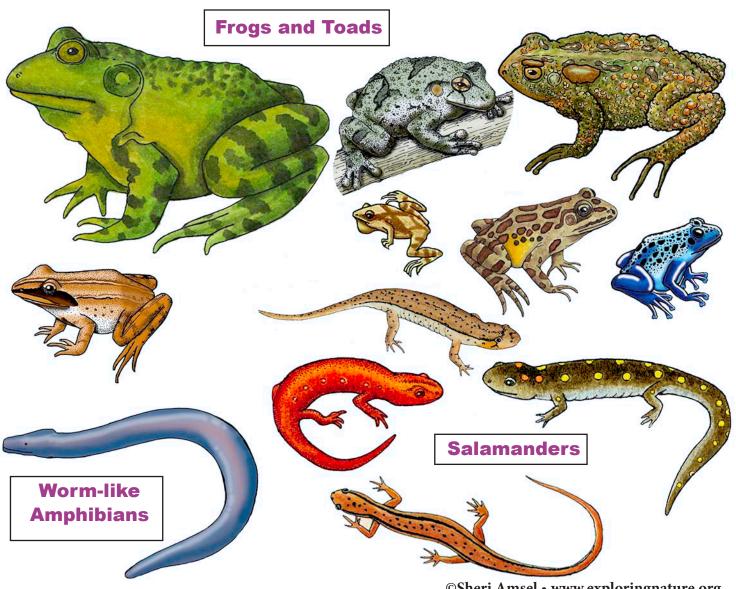
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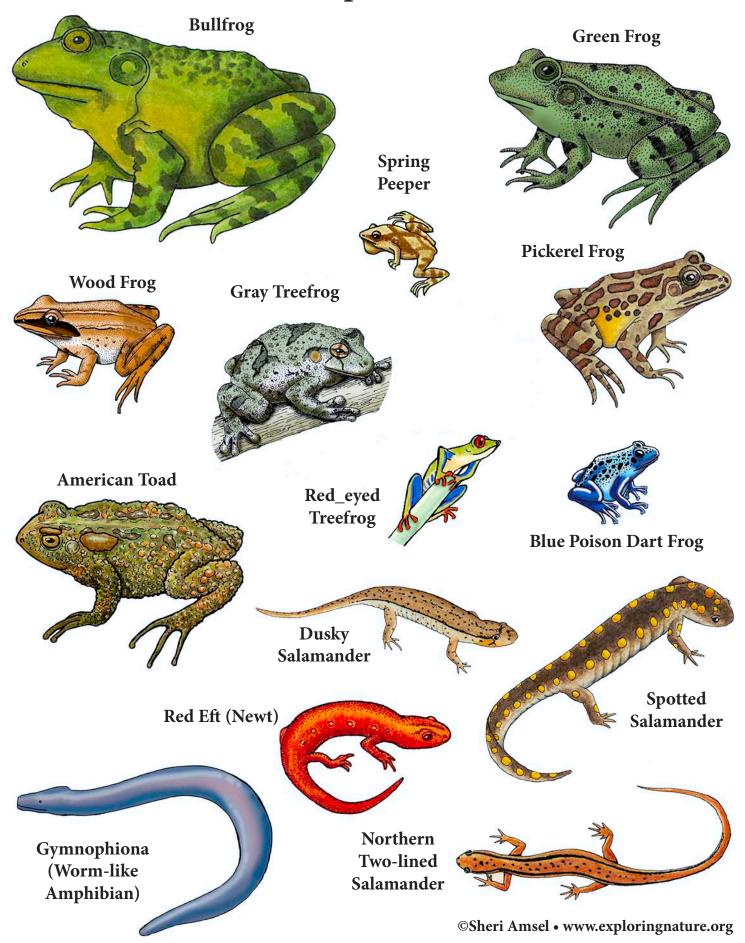
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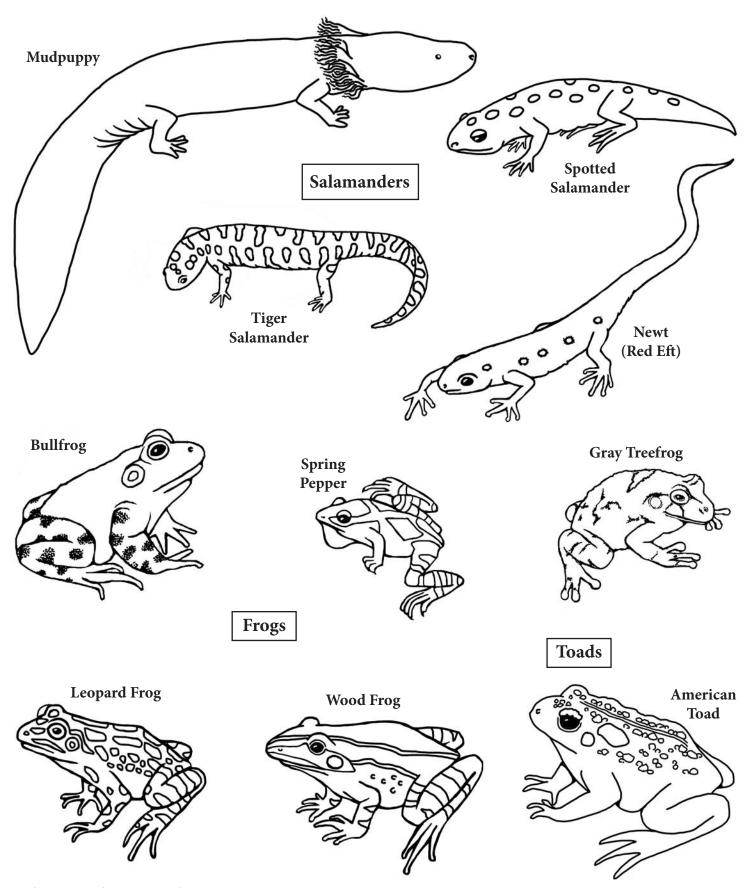
They breathe with gills when young and develop lungs over time.

They change for life on land - Metamorphosis.

They return to the water to mate and lay eggs.







### **Amphibians Short Answer Quiz**

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legs

back mate tails cold metamorphosis toads gills sleeping water lay eggs tadpoles

tail

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- 2. When amphibians first hatch from eggs in the water, they breathe through **GILLS**.
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- 4. Frogs hatch out of their eggs as **TADPOLES**.
- 5. As a frog grows up, it grows front and back **LEGS**.
- 6. As a frog grows up, it loses its **TAIL**.
- 7. This change is called **METAMORPHOSIS**.
- 8. Though adult amphibians may spend time on land, they always come back to the water to **MATE**.
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#### **Vocabulary Bank for Amphibians:**

back mate tails
cold metamorphosis toads
gills sleeping water

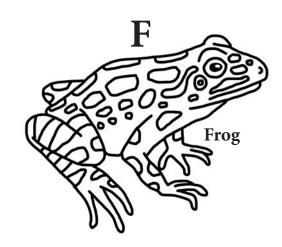
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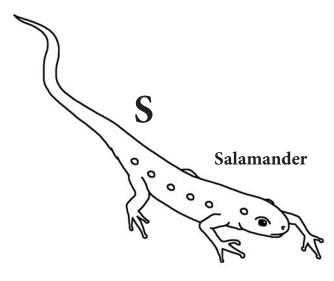
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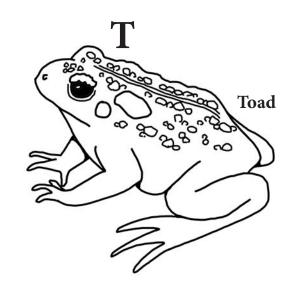
#### **Amphibians Matching Traits**

Add the letters F, S, T (for Frog, Salamander or Toad) to each trait they have, listed on left.

- Adults can jump \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Adults have 4 same-sized legs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
- Adults have a tail \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Adults have bigger back legs \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Adults lose their tail \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Born with a tail \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Born with gills \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Eggs laid in water \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Cold blooded \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Mate in the water \_\_\_\_\_\_



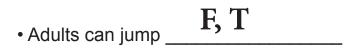




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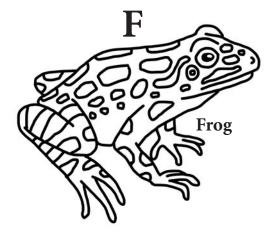
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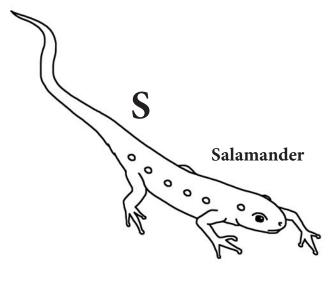
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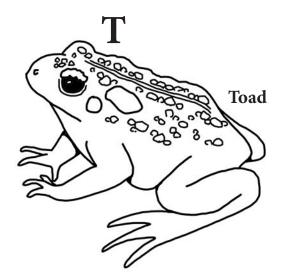
• Eggs laid in water \_\_\_\_\_\_F, S, T

• Cold blooded \_\_\_\_\_\_F, S, T

• Mate in the water \_\_\_\_\_F, S, T







### **Amphibian Word Search**

G	W	L	G	T	R	$\mathbf{E}$	$\mathbf{E}$	$\mathbf{F}$	R	0	G	$\mathbf{W}$	$\mathbf{F}$	Z
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BULLFROG EFT

**ENSATINA** 

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**FROG** 

**MUDPUPPY** 

**NEWT** 

**PEEPER** 

**SALAMANDER** 

**SPADEFOOT** 

**TOAD** 

**TREEFROG** 

WATERDOG

**WOODFROG** 



### **Amphibian Word Search**

G	W	L	G	T	R	E	E	F	R	0	G	W	$\mathbf{F}$	Z
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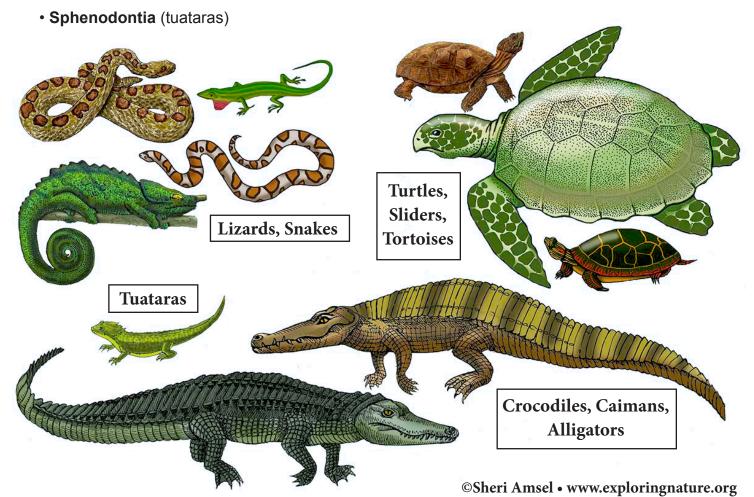
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#### **Reptiles**

Reptiles are one group (or Class) of animals. They share some important traits.

- 1) Most reptiles lay eggs (oviparous), though some can give birth to live young.
- 2) Their eggs are laid on land in loose soil or sand.
- 3) Their eggs have a leathery shell to protect them from drying out.
- 4) Reptiles are **covered with tough**, **dry skin** and protective scales or plates.
- 5) Reptiles are **cold-blooded**. This means that their body temperature is regulated by the air temperature. If the air is not warm enough, they seek out direct sunlight. They spend the winter months (in colder climates) in a kind of hibernation called **torpor**, buried in mud or leaf litter. In very hot climates, they may also hibernate when it's too hot. This is called **estivation**.
- 5) Unlike mammals, reptile teeth are usually the same shape and size throughout their mouth.
- 6) Unlike mammals, reptiles can **take care of themselves very soon after hatching**. Some species of reptiles, like the American alligator will watch over newly hatched young for a time.
- 7) Some reptiles have a venomous bite.
- 8) The study of reptiles is called *herpetology*.
- 9) Reptiles are broken down into 4 groups (**Orders**) living today.
  - Crocodilia (crocodiles, caimans, alligators, gharials)
  - **Testudines** (turtles, terrapins, sliders, tortoises)
  - Squamata is broken down into 2 suborders: Lacertila or Sauria (lizards) and Serpentes (snakes)



#### **Reptiles**

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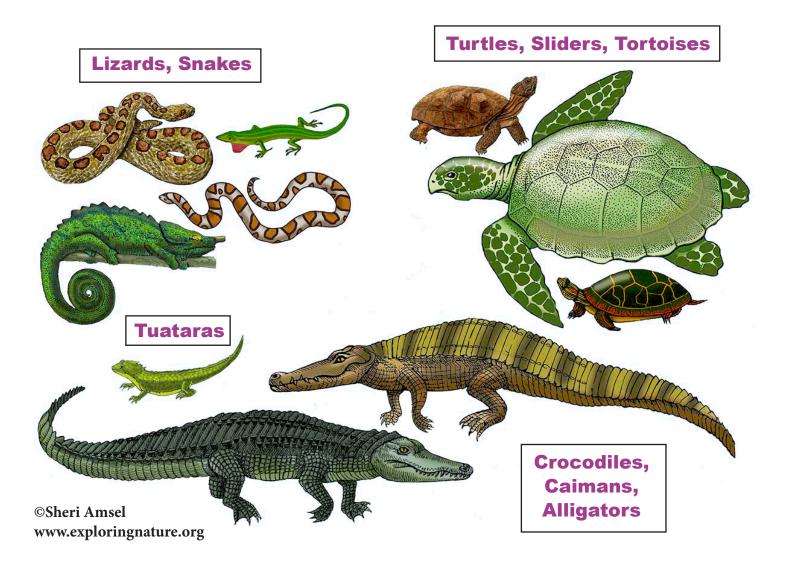
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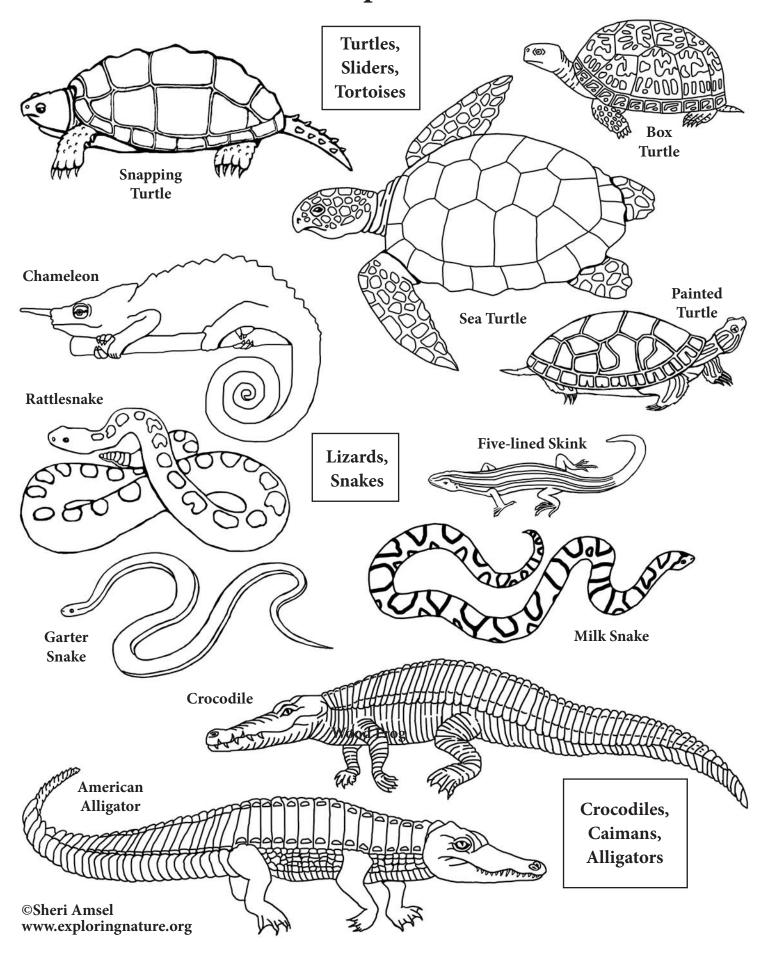
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Reptiles Rattlesnake Skink Chameleon Milk Snake Anole Gecko Anaconda Iguana **Garter Snake** Gila **Green Sea Turtle** Monster **Box Turtle Painted Turtle** Loggerhead Sea Turtle **Desert Tortoise** Leatherback Sea Turtle **Tuataras** American Aligator American ©Sheri Amsel • www.exploringnature.org Aligator

### Reptiles



### **Reptiles Short Answer Quiz**

1. Most reptiles lay	, but some give birth to live young.
2. Reptiles lay their eggs on dry	·
3. Reptile eggs have a	shell.
4. This protect them from	·
5. Reptiles may dig a hole in loose	in which to lay their eggs.
6. Reptiles can take care of themselves soon after	er
7. Reptiles are covered in tough, dry skin and pro	otective
or <b>plates</b> .	
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cold

eggs

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#### **Vocabulary Bank:** alligators hatching shell sleeping land drying out leathery snakes turtles

venomous

sand

scales

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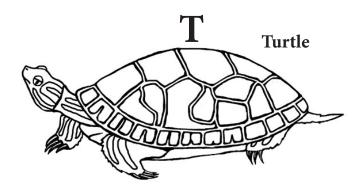
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alligators	hatching	shell
cold drying out	land leathery	sleeping snakes
eggs	sand	turtles
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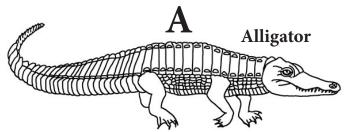
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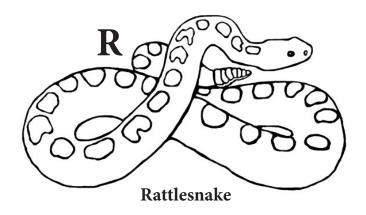
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- Have a venomous bite \_\_\_\_\_\_
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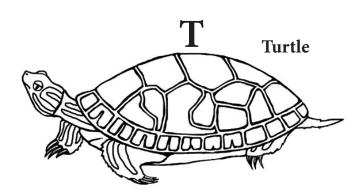


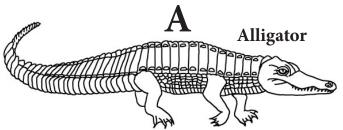


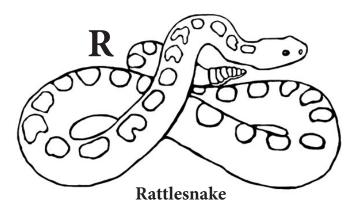
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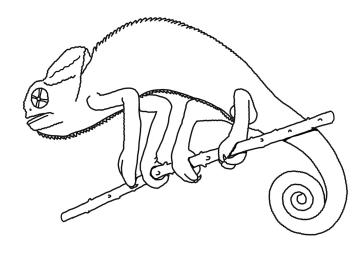
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ALLIGATOR

ANACONDA

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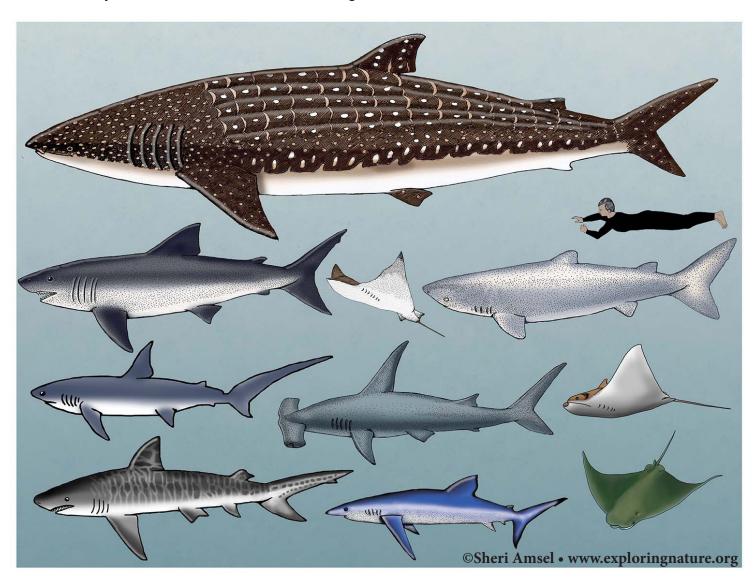
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Sharks, rays, and skates are in one animal group or *Class* called **Cartilaginous Fishes** (Chondrichthyes). They have several body traits in common:

- 1) They are **cold-blooded** vertebrates (they have a backbone).
- 2) Their **skeleton is made of cartilage** instead of bone. Cartilage is softer than bone (in humans, cartilage makes up the bendable part of the outer ear and tip of the nose).
- 3) They breathe through gills.
- 4) Their **teeth are very hard.** When they lose teeth biting into tough prey, they replace them within days. Many chondrichthyes, including sharks, make new teeth their whole lives as they need them.
- 5) They have **two pairs of fins**. One pair is in the front (pectoral fins) and one pair is in back.
- 6) Sharks are also famous for their **large dorsal fin** seen above the water as they swim along the surface. Rays do not have the dorsal fin, but have wide "wings" that they flap to swim. Chondrichthyes have remained almost unchanged since the time of the dinosaurs.



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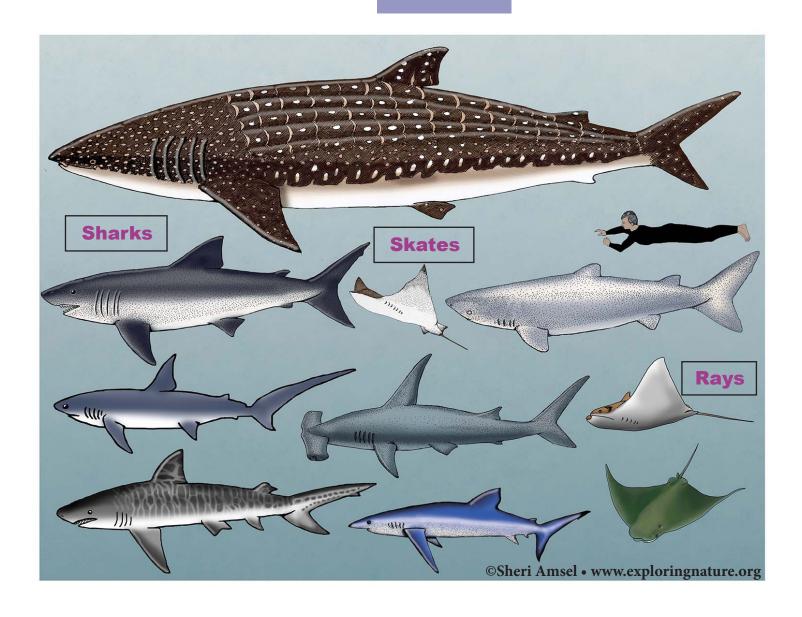
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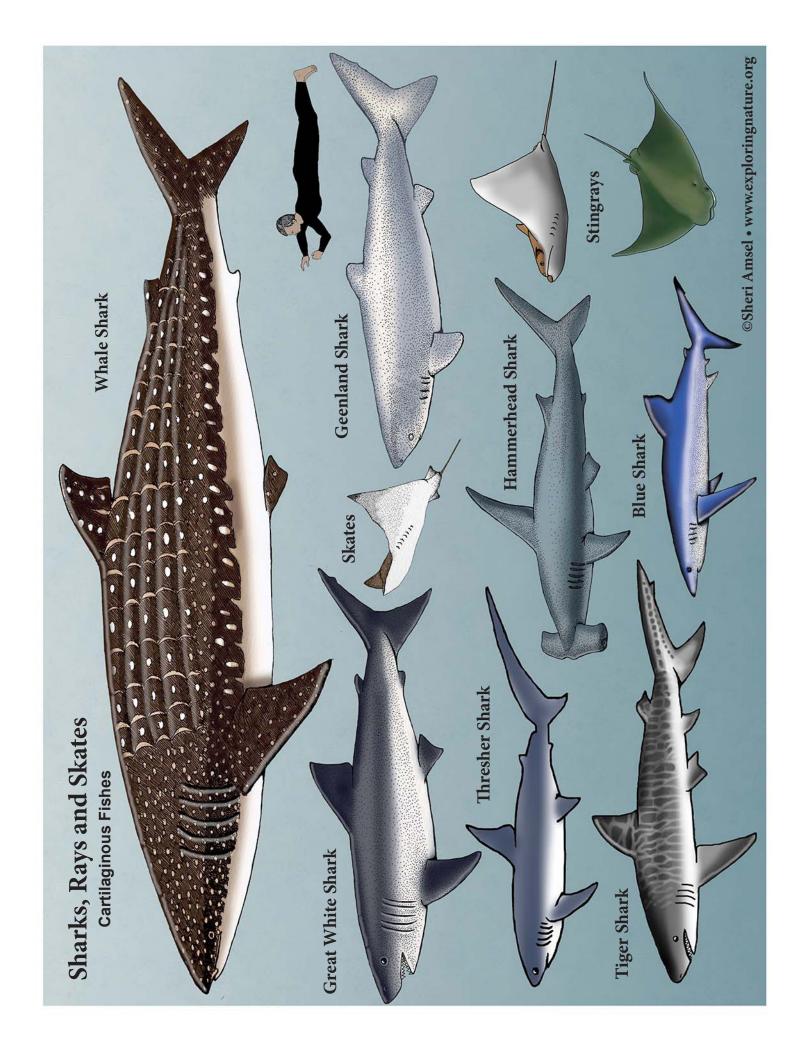
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#### **Sharks and Rays**

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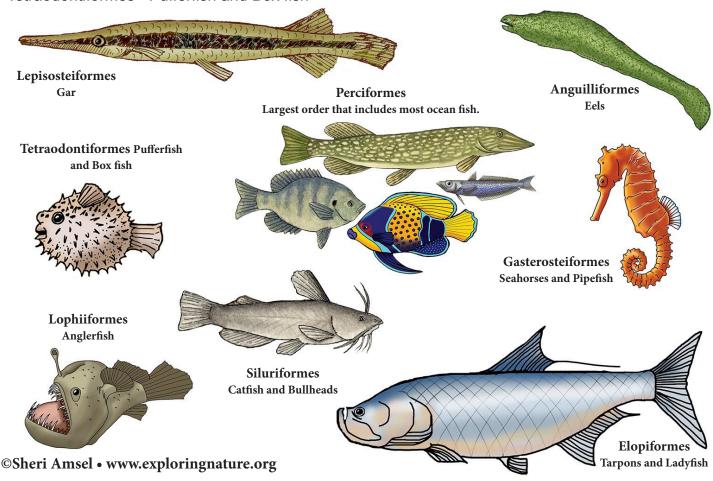
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- 2) They breathe through gills.
- 3) They are covered with tough, protective scales.
- 4) They have pairs of fins for swimming.
- 5) Most are flattened from side to side.
- 6) They have an organ called a **swim bladder** that helps keep them afloat.
- 7) There are 12 groups (**Orders**) of Bony Fish:
- Amiiformes Bowfin Fish
- Anguilliformes Eels
- Batrachoidiformes Toadfish
- Clupeiformes Sardines and Anchovies
- Elopiformes Tarpons and Ladyfish
- Gasterosteiformes Seahorses and Pipefish
- Lepisosteiformes Gar
- Lophiiformes Anglerfish (deep ocean fish)
- Perciformes largest order that includes most ocean fish (both dorsal and anal fins)
- Scorpaeniformes Lionfish and Scorpionfish
- Siluriformes Catfish and Bullheads
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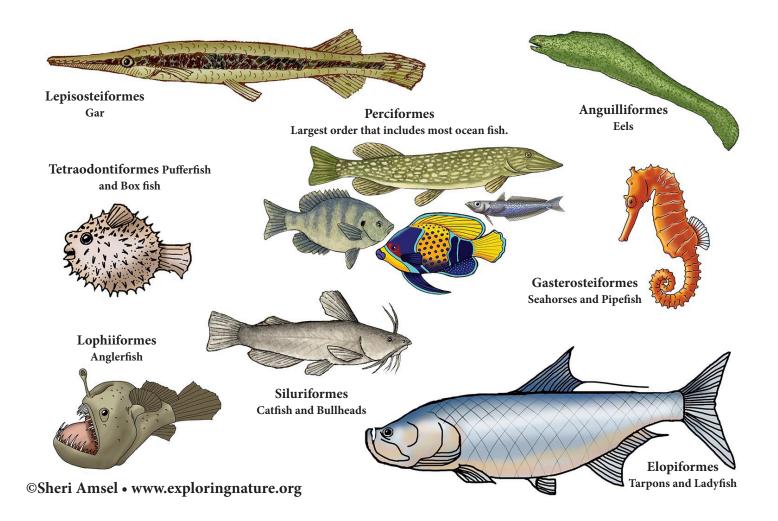
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# Tarpons and Ladyfish Elopiformes Seahorses and Pipefish Gasterosteiformes Anguilliformes Eels Orders of Bony Fish (Class Osteichthyes) Largest order that includes most ocean fish. Perciformes Catfish and Bullheads Siluriformes ©Sheri Amsel • www.exploringnature.org Tetraodontiformes Pufferfish and Box fish Lepisosteiformes Lophiiformes Gar Anglerfish