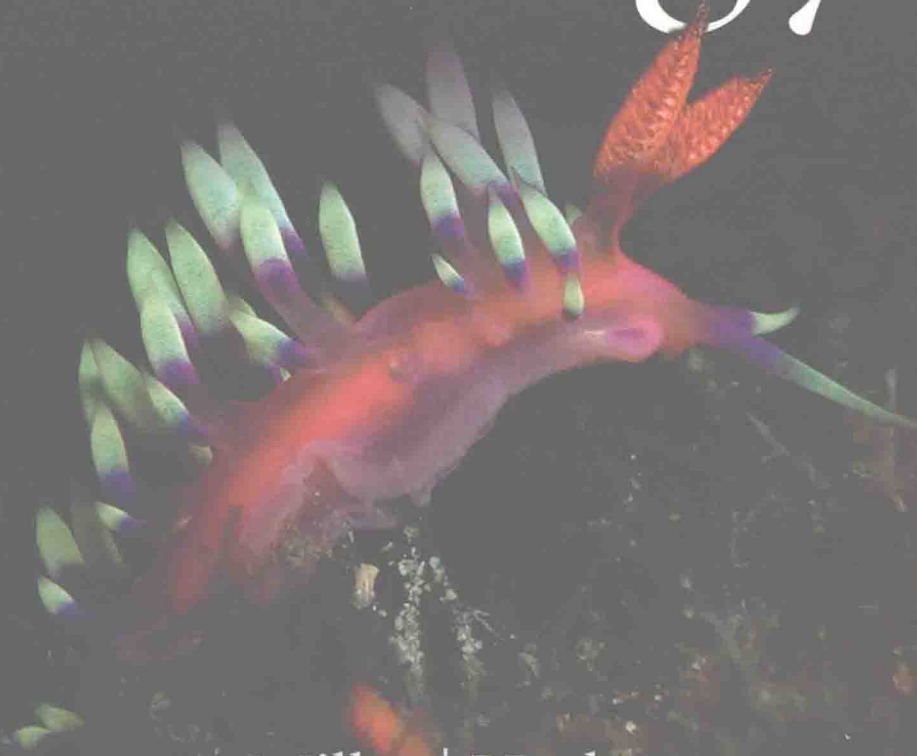


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P R E F A C E

As authors, we are honored to play a key role in the instruction of future generations of zoologists, ecologists, wildlife managers, and other life scientists. We undertook the revision for the sixth edition with this privilege, and the responsibility for content integrity, in mind.

The preparation of the sixth edition of *Zoology* involved careful evaluation of the previous editions and the features that contributed to the understanding of zoology as an exciting and dynamic scientific field. Our goal in preparing the sixth edition of *Zoology*, as in previous editions, was to prepare an introductory general zoology textbook that we believe is manageable in size and adaptable to a variety of course formats. We have retained the friendly, informative writing style that has attracted instructors and students to previous editions.

The shorter format of the fifth edition was well received by users as being less expensive and easily adapted to a one-semester course format. The sixth edition retains that format. The shorter format does mean that some general biological topics were eliminated from the book. These chapters are, however, still available, along with numerous other resources, in an electronic format on the book website and are free to adopters of the book. (Chapters found online only are indicated in the Table of Contents by an asterisk.)

CONTENT AND ORGANIZATION

We have maintained from the inception of this text that evolutionary and ecological perspectives captivate students and are fundamental to understanding the unifying principles of zoology. These perspectives are incorporated into *Zoology* in a number of ways. For example, animal structure and function are considered in the context of the environment, the animal phyla are described in the context of their roles in ecosystems, and most of the “Wildlife Alerts” that first appeared in the fourth edition, and were expanded in the fifth edition, have been retained. These boxed readings depict the plight of selected animal species or broader ecosystem issues relating to preserving various animal species.

We believe that the sixth edition of *Zoology* presents evolution as an exciting and dynamic field of study—a field of study that is vital for understanding all of biology. In addition, the continuing and expanding pseudoscientific attacks on biology make it a necessity that evolutionary concepts be presented clearly and convincingly throughout the biology curricula. We have attempted to do just that. A special font highlights important evolutionary concepts. Animal survey chapters begin with an “Evolutionary Perspective” and end with “Further Phylogenetic Considerations.” These sections describe evolutionary relationships within each phylum and evolutionary connections to animals of previous

and following chapters. Updated cladograms are used to depict taxonomic relationships. Evolutionary connections and animal adaptations are stressed in the structure and function sections.

To further explain and support evolutionary concepts, this sixth edition has a second set of themed boxed readings (in addition to “Wildlife Alerts”) entitled “Evolutionary Insights.” These boxes provide detailed examples of principles covered in a chapter and provide insight into how evolutionary biology works. For example, chapter 4 includes a reading on big-cat biogeography that illustrates how a variety of sources of evidence are used to paint a picture of the history of one group of animals. Chapter 5 has a reading on the speciation of Darwin’s finches that illustrates how and why speciation occurs. Other readings describe ideas regarding animal origins and the debates that occur among taxonomists who try to sort out evolutionary relationships within animal groups.

Zoology is organized into three parts. Part One covers the common life processes, including cell and tissue structure and function, the genetic basis of evolution, and the evolutionary and ecological principles that unify all life.

Part Two is the survey of protists and animals, emphasizing evolutionary and ecological relationships, aspects of animal organization that unite major animal phyla, and animal adaptations. All of the chapters in Part Two have been updated. The presentation of taxonomic principles in chapter 7, and the taxonomic relationships in chapters 8 through 22, have been carefully revised and incorporate some of the flavor of the exciting changes occurring in the field of taxonomy. You will see some of these changes listed under “New to the Sixth Edition.” Cladograms have been updated and, as in previous editions, full-color artwork, photographs, and lists of phylum characteristics are used to highlight each phylum.

Part Three covers animal form and function using a comparative approach. This approach includes descriptions and full-color artwork that depict evolutionary changes in the structure and function of selected organ systems. Part Three includes an appropriate balance between invertebrate and vertebrate descriptions.

NEW TO THE SIXTH EDITION

Major additions to the sixth edition focus on evolutionary principles and taxonomy. Evolutionary concepts must be presented clearly and convincingly in biology courses. We believe that changes we have made will help instructors accomplish that goal by providing more evidence of evolution, more examples to illustrate evolutionary principles, and more detail on evolutionary mechanisms. Recent, fast-paced changes in animal taxonomy require constant reevaluation of the presentation of evolutionary

relationships between animal taxa. Because the taxonomy of many animal groups is unsettled, we have tried to take a conservative, yet up-to-date, position on taxonomic revisions. The following are major additions to this edition.

- “Evolutionary Insights” boxes appear in selected chapters. These readings present students with further information and examples of how evolutionary biology works.
- Chapter 4 is reorganized and presents new information on the distinction between microevolution and macroevolution. The coverage of the evidence for macroevolution includes an expanded discussion of paleontology, a reorganized and expanded discussion of homology and analogy from the perspectives of both comparative anatomy and molecular biology, and a new presentation of evidence from developmental biology. A new section on phylogeny and common descent caps this chapter.
- Chapter 5 begins with an expanded presentation of populations and gene pools. The sections on sources of variation and gene flow are enhanced with more information and new examples.
- Chapter 9 presents new information on the evolutionary relationships of the Porifera, Cnidaria, and Ctenophora.
- Chapter 13 provides an updated taxonomy of the Annelida, including the presentation of the oligochaetes and leeches as members of a single class Clitellata.
- Chapters 14 and 15 include an extensive update on arthropod taxonomy. Arthropods are presented as a monophyletic group, and recent thinking regarding crustacean ancestry for the phylum is discussed. There is expanded coverage of the hemocoel and insect nutrition and digestion.
- Chordate taxonomy in chapters 17 through 22 has been updated. Chapter 18 includes an expanded discussion of the evolution of jaws and paired appendages and the fish-to-amphibian transition. Chapter 19 introduces more coverage of the early evolution of the Stegocephalia and Tetrapoda. Chapter 21 has expanded coverage of bird evolution.

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Supplementary materials are available to assist instructors with their presentations and course management and to augment student learning. The usefulness of these supplements is now greatly enhanced with the availability of online, digital, and printed resources. A Digital Content Manager is available as a CD-ROM. It contains PowerPoint slides of most line art and photographs from the textbook, which can be used in customizing classroom presentations.

ONLINE LEARNING CENTER

As with the previous edition, chapters on cell chemistry, energy and enzymes, embryology, and animal behavior—along with numerous boxed readings and pedagogical elements—have been moved to the Online Learning Center. This content-rich website is located at www.mhhe.com/zoology—just click on this book’s

cover. Both instructors and students can take advantage of numerous teaching and learning aids within this book’s Online Learning Center.

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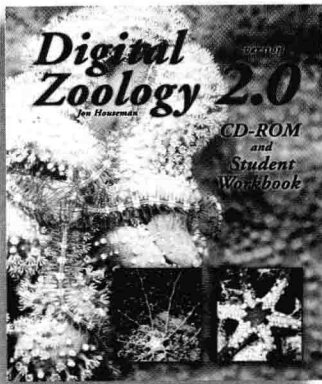
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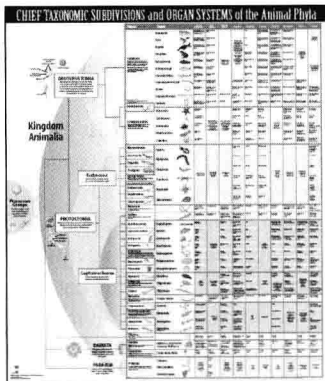
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- A **Zoology Test Item CD-ROM** is also available for instructors. This contains approximately 50 multiple-choice questions and the instructor’s manual for each chapter.
- **General Zoology Study Guide**, prepared by Jane Aloï and Gina Erickson, contains subject-by-subject summaries, questions, and learning activities.
- A set of 100 full-color acetate transparencies is available to supplement classroom lectures.
- **General Zoology Laboratory Manual**, Fifth Edition, by Stephen A. Miller, is an excellent corollary to the text and incorporates many learning aids. It includes illustrations and photographs, plus activities on scientific method, cladistics, ecological and evolutionary principles, and animal structure and function. A Laboratory Resource Guide, available within the Online Learning Center, provides information about materials and procedures and answers to worksheet questions that accompany the lab exercises.

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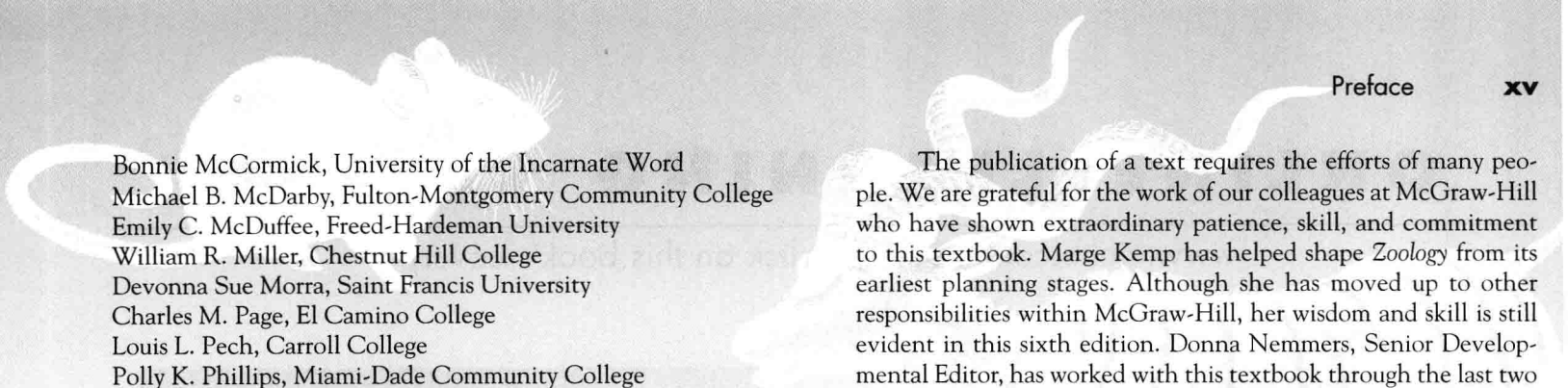
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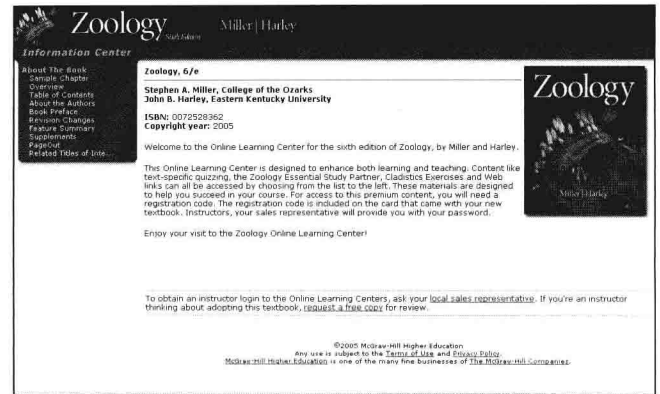
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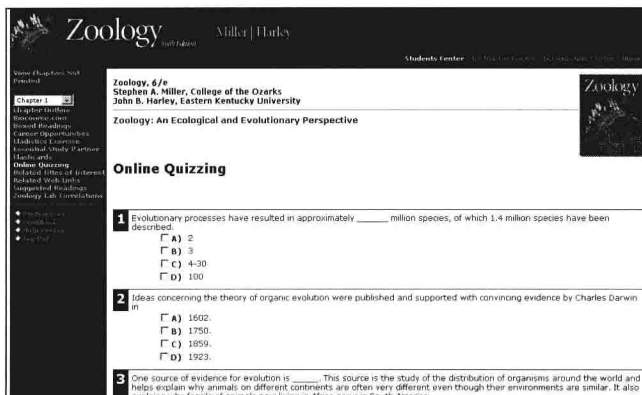
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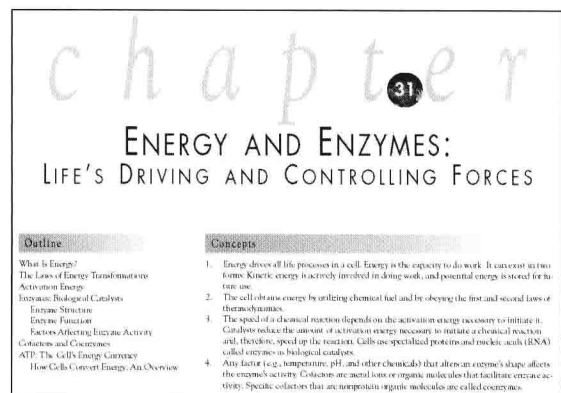
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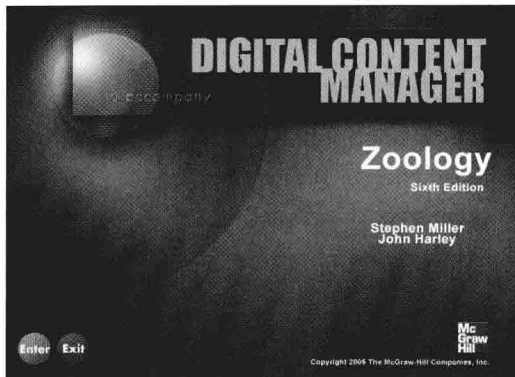


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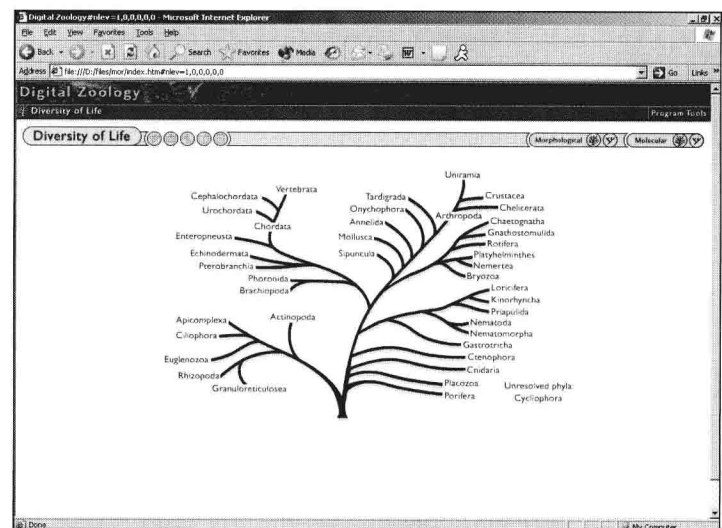


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- Updated taxonomy of the animal phyla that allows for easy comparison of the differences between traditional morphological phylogenies and those created with molecular data.
- Image galleries available for many of the major phyla, providing photos that detail diversity within the phyla.
- An accompanying student workbook with self-tests, crossword puzzles, and a website to provide additional study tips, exercises, and phyla characteristics.

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Vertebrata

Subphylum: Vertebrata

The subphylum Vertebrata is probably one of the most studied animal groups, in part because it includes us. Organisms in the subphylum add an axial skeleton consisting of vertebrae and a cranium to the initial chordate body plan that included pharyngeal gill slits, a notochord, a dorsal hollow nerve cord, and a tail. Internally, an endoskeleton provides support, and a closed circulatory system with a well-developed heart circulates blood throughout the body. Beyond that it is difficult to make any generalizations about the vertebrates because of the tremendous diversity in their form and the habitats where they are found. The group includes fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals in an array of body plans that have allowed them to survive in water, on land, and even in air.

The first vertebrates were jawless, and it was not until the cartilaginous fishes, with their cartilaginous skeleton, that we see the first jawed vertebrates. In addition to the jaws, the pectoral and pelvic fins that first appear in the cartilaginous fishes will be modified in the bony fishes to be much more effective in locomotion and allow for increased agility. Another innovation in the bony fishes was gaseous gills that pumped water across the respiratory surface without moving the whole body. But a problem for all aquatic animals is how to maintain neutral buoyancy. The swim bladder in the bony fish solves this.

Amphibians begin the transition to land, and pectoral and pelvic fins become the tetrapod stance.

GUIDED TOUR

The organization and features of this book have been planned with students' learning and comprehension in mind.

CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS

Students can synthesize the chapter information by applying it to the Critical Thinking Questions in each chapter.

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SUMMARY

1. The kingdom Protista is a polyphyletic group that arose about 1.5 billion years ago from the Archaea. The evolutionary pathways leading to modern protozoa are uncertain.
2. Protozoa are both single cells and entire organisms. Organisms specialized for the unicellular lifestyle carry out many protozoan functions.
3. Many protozoa live in symbiotic relationships with other organisms, often in a host-parasite relationship.
4. Members of the phylum Sarcodistophora possess pseudopodia and/or one or more flagella.
5. Members of the class Phytomastigophorea are photosynthetic and include the genera *Euglena* and *Volvox*. Members of the class Zoomastigophorea are heterotrophic and include *Trypanosoma*, which causes sleeping sickness.
6. Amoebae use pseudopodia for feeding and locomotion.
7. Members of the subphylum Sarcodina include the freshwater genera *Amoeba*, *Acanthamoeba*, and *Dictyostelium*, and the parasitic genus *Entamoeba*. Foraminiferans and radiolarians are common marine amoebae.
8. Members of the phylum Apicomplexa are all parasites. The phylum includes *Plasmodium* and *Toxoplasma*, which cause malaria and toxoplasmosis, respectively. Many apicomplexans have a three-part life cycle involving schizogony, gametogony, and sporogony.
9. The phylum Microspora consists of small protozoa that are intracellular parasites of every major animal group. They are transmitted from one host to the next as a spore, the form from which the group obtains its name.
10. The phylum Acetabularia contains protozoa that produce spores lacking polar capsules. These protozoa are primarily parasitic in molluscs.
11. The phylum Myxozoa consists entirely of parasitic species, usually found in fishes. One to six polar filaments characterize the spore.
12. The phylum Ciliophora contains some of the most complex of all protozoa. Its members possess cilia, a macronucleus, and one or more micronuclei. Mechanical coupling of cilia coordinates their movements, and cilia can be specialized for different kinds of locomotion. Ciliates reproduce sexually by conjugation. Diploid ciliates undergo meiosis of the micronucleus to produce haploid pronuclei that two conjugants can exchange.
13. Precise evolutionary relationships are difficult to determine for the protozoa. The fossil record is sparse, and what does exist is not particularly helpful in deducing relationships. However, ribosomal RNA sequence comparisons indicate that each of the seven protozoan phyla probably had separate origins.

SELECTED KEY TERMS

ectoplasm (p. 112) multiple fission (schizogony) (p. 113)
endoplasm (p. 112) pellicle (p. 112)
host (p. 113) protozoa (p. 112)
macronucleus (p. 123) protozoologists (p. 114)
micronuclei (p. 123) trichocysts (p. 123)

CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS

1. If knowing for certain the evolutionary pathways that gave rise to protozoa and animal phyla is impossible, is it worth constructing hypotheses about those relationships? Why or why not?
2. In what ways are protozoa similar to animal cells? In what ways are they different?
3. If sexual reproduction is unknown in *Euglena*, how do you think this lineage of organisms has survived through evolutionary time? (Recall that sexual reproduction provides the genetic variability that allows species to adapt to environmental changes.)
4. The use of DDT has been greatly curtailed for ecological reasons. In the past, it has proved to be an effective malaria deterrent. Many organizations would like to see this form of mosquito control resumed. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your reasoning.
5. If you were traveling out of the country and were concerned about contracting amoebic dysentery, what steps could you take to avoid contracting the disease? How would the precautions differ if you were going to a country where malaria is a problem?


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- Exercise 8 Animal-like Protists

CHAPTER CONCEPTS

The concepts most important to the understanding of each chapter are highlighted on the first page of each chapter.



CHAPTER 24

COMMUNICATION I: NERVOUS AND SENSORY SYSTEMS

Outline

Neurons: The Basic Functional Units of the Nervous System
Neuron Structure: The Key to Function
Neuron Communication
Resting Membrane Potential
Mechanism of Neuron Action
Transmission of the Action Potential Between Cells
Invertebrate Nervous Systems
Vertebrate Nervous Systems
The Spinal Cord
The Brain
Cranial Nerves
The Autonomic Nervous System
Sensory Reception
Invertebrate Sensory Receptors
Baroreceptors
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Georeceptors
Hydrotropes
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Proprioceptors
Tactile Receptors
Thermoreceptors
Vertebrate Sensory Receptors
Lateral-Line System and Electrical Sensing
Lateral-Line System and Mechanoreception
Hearing and Equilibrium in Air
Hearing and Equilibrium in Water
Skin Sensors of Damaging Stimuli
Skin Sensors of Heat and Cold
Skin Sensors of Mechanical Stimuli
Smell
Taste
Vision

Concepts

1. The nervous system helps to communicate, integrate, and coordinate the functions of the various organs and organ systems in the animal body.
2. Information flow through the nervous system has three main steps: (1) the collection of information from outside and inside the body (sensory activities), (2) the processing of this information in the nervous system, and (3) the initiation of appropriate responses.
3. Information is transmitted between neurons directly (electrically) or by means of chemicals called neurotransmitters.
4. The evolution of the nervous system in invertebrates has led to the elaboration of organized nerve cords and the centralization of responses in the anterior portion of the animal.
5. The vertebrate nervous system consists of the central nervous system, made up of the brain and spinal cord, and the peripheral nervous system, composed of the nerves in the rest of the body.
6. Nervous systems evolved through the gradual layering of additional nervous tissue over reflex pathways of more ancient origin.
7. Sensory receptors or organs permit an animal to detect changes in its body, as well as in objects and events in the world around it. Sensory receptors collect information that is then passed to the nervous system, which determines, evaluates, and initiates an appropriate response.
8. Sensory receptors initiate nerve impulses by opening channels in sensory neuron plasma membranes, depolarizing the membranes, and causing a generator potential. Receptors differ in the nature of the environmental stimulus that triggers an eventual nerve impulse.
9. Many kinds of receptors have evolved among invertebrates and vertebrates, and each receptor is sensitive to a specific type of stimulus.
10. The nature of its sensory receptors gives each animal species a unique perception of its body and environment.

The two forms of communication in an animal that integrate body functions to maintain homeostasis are: (1) neurons, which transmit electrical signals that report information or initiate a quick response in a specific tissue; and (2) hormones, which are slower, chemical signals that initiate a widespread, prolonged response, often in a variety of tissues. This chapter focuses on the function of the neuron, the anatomical organization of the nervous system in animals, and the ways in which the senses collect information and transmit it along nerves to the central nervous system. To conclude the study of communication, chapter 25 examines how hormones affect long-term changes in an animal's body.

This chapter contains evolutionary concepts, which are set off in this font.

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KEY TERMS

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WILDLIFE ALERT BOXES

These boxes feature issues related to endangered and threatened species of animals.

WILDLIFE ALERT

Coral Reefs

Coral reefs are among the most threatened marine habitats. Along with tropical rain forests, they are among the most diverse ecosystems on the earth. They are home to thousands of species of fish, and nearly 100,000 species of reef invertebrates have been described to date (box figure 9.1). This diversity gives coral reefs tremendous intrinsic and economic value. Their highly productive waters yield four to eight million tons of fish for commercial fisheries. This is one-tenth of the world's total fish harvest, from an area that represents only 0.17% of the ocean surface (box figure 9.2). Coral reefs attract billions of dollars' worth of tourist trade each year. The ecological, aesthetic, and economic reasons for preserving coral reefs are overwhelming.

Disturbances of coral reefs can be devastating, because reefs grow very slowly. Normally a coral reef is alive with color. A disturbed reef turns white as a result of the death of anthozoan polyps, zooxanthellae (dinoflagellate protists that live in a mutualistic relationship with the anthozoans), and coralline algae (box figure 9.3). This bleaching reaction of a coral reef, if it results from a local disturbance, can be reversed rather quickly. Large-scale disturbances, however, can result in the death of large expanses of coral reef, which requires thousands of years to recover. In recent years, massive bleaching has been reported in tropical waters of the Atlantic, Caribbean, Pacific, and Indian Oceans.

Reefs require clean, constantly warm, shallow water to support the growth of zooxanthellae, which sustain coral anthozoans. Changing water levels, water temperature, and turbidity can adversely affect reef growth. Sedimentation from mining, dredging, and logging, or clearing mangrove swamps that trap sediment from coastal runoff, can block sunlight and result in the death of zooxanthellae. Some island communities mine coral reefs to extract limestone for concrete. Coastal development results in sewage and industrial pollution, which have damaged coral



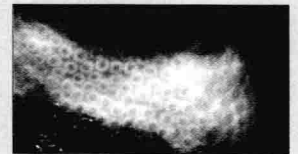
BOX FIGURE 9.2 Coral Reefs. Coral reefs are found throughout the tropical and subtropical regions of the world between 30°N and 30°S latitudes.

reefs. Oil spills are toxic to coral organisms. Ships that run aground damage large sections of coral reefs. Altered ecological relationships have resulted in the proliferation of the crown-of-thorns sea star (*Acanthaster planci*), which feeds on coral polyps and devastates reef communities of the South Pacific. Snorkelers and scuba divers who walk across reef surfaces, break off pieces of reef, or anchor their boats on reefs similarly threaten reef life. Recently, global warming (see chapter 6) has been implicated in reef bleaching. The results of global warming—changing water temperature, changing water levels, and increased frequency of tropical storms—have the potential to damage coral reefs by altering environmental conditions favorable for reef survival and growth.

The threats to coral reefs seem almost overwhelming. Fortunately, biologists are finding that coral reefs are resilient ecosystems. If water quality is good, coral reefs can recover from local disturbances. National and international policies are needed that will prevent disturbances,



FIGURE 9.1 A Coral Reef Ecosystem.



BOX FIGURE 9.3 Coral Bleaching. The bleached portion of the coral is shown in the lower portion of this photograph. The polyps in the upper portion of the photograph are still alive.

EVOLUTIONARY INSIGHTS

Speciation of Darwin's Finches

When Charles Darwin visited the Galápagos Islands in 1835, he observed the dark-bodied finches whose adaptive radiation has become a classic example of speciation (box figure 5.1). Studies of these finches have provided insight into some of the ways in which speciation can occur. Peter R. and B. Rosemary Grant have been studying these finches for more than 30 years. They have directly observed microevolutionary change reflected in bill morphology in response to change in rainfall and food availability. Other molecular studies have also contributed to our knowledge of the adaptive radiation of this group of birds.

Molecular studies have identified the most likely South American relatives of Darwin's finches, members of the grassquit genus *Tiaris*. Comparisons of the mitochondrial DNA of this group with Darwin's finches suggest that the latter colonized some of the Galápagos Islands not more than 3 million years ago. A very rapid adaptive radiation occurred, with the number of finch species doubling approximately every 750,000 years. No other group of birds studied has undergone a more rapid evolutionary diversification (see figure 4.4). Darwin's finches have served as a model to answer questions of how and why species diverge.

The traditional explanation of speciation within Darwin's finches is based on the allopatric model discussed in this chapter. This explanation is based upon differences in food resources, and the observations of the Grants have provided support for this model. Geographic isolation

of populations of finches on different islands promoted speciation as these populations were influenced by natural selection and genetic drift. Each population adapted to the food resources available in their habitat (see figure 4.6). Most of these adaptations are reflected in bill morphology.

The Grants have discovered, however, that the allopatric model is not the entire explanation for finch adaptive radiation. Three million years ago, the Galápagos Islands were much simpler than they are today. In fact, there were fewer islands when they were first colonized by finches. Apparently the number of finch species increased as the number of islands increased as a result of volcanic activity. The increasing number of islands and oscillations in temperature and precipitation naturally affected vegetation. Habitats available for finches became more diverse and complex. The original warm, wet islands favored long, narrow bills that were used in gathering nectar and insects. The islands' moisture now fluctuates and the climate is more seasonal. The increasing diversity in habitats and food supply over 3 million years apparently promoted very rapid speciation among the finch populations.

The Grants have also discovered that sympatric forces probably have also promoted speciation. Different species of finches that live on the same island rarely hybridize. Lack of hybridization promotes isolation and speciation. Genetic incompatibility of gametes is apparently not the factor that discourages hybridization. Courtship behaviors of different species are similar, so courtship differences are not responsible.



BOX FIGURE 5.1 Speciation of Darwin's Finches. Speciation and adaptive radiation of Darwin's finches has been used as a classic example of allopatric speciation. Isolation of finches on different islands, selected for morphological differences in finch bills. For example, (a) the warbler finch (*Certhidea olivacea*) has a bill that is adapted for probing for insects, and (b) the large ground finch (*Geospiza magnirostris*) has a bill that is adapted for crushing seeds. Recent studies show that increasing numbers of islands over the last 3 million years and changes in temperature and precipitation resulted in very rapid speciation. In addition, sympatric influences regarding the role of the males' song and bill shape probably also promoted speciation.

EVOLUTIONARY INSIGHTS

These new boxes provide detailed examples of principles covered in a chapter and provide insight into how evolutionary biology works.

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