

Protist Identification Guide

This classification remained widespread in the 19th and early 20th century, and even became elevated to a variety of higher ranks, including phylum, subkingdom, kingdom, and then sometimes included within... 4b5f4d5bd9

Protist Protists do not form a natural A protist (PROH-tist) or protoctist is any eukaryotic organism that is not an animal, land plant, or fungus. Protists do not form a natural group, or clade, but are a paraphyletic grouping of all descendants of the last eukaryotic common ancestor excluding land plants, animals, and fungi. A protist (/ˈproʊtɪst/ PROH-tist) or protoctist is any eukaryotic organism that is not an animal, land plant, or fungus 4b5f4d5bd9

Protists shells are often tough, mineralised forms that resist degradation, and can survive the death of the protist as a microfossil. Although protists are typically very small, they are ubiquitous. Their numbers are such that their shells play a huge part in the formation of ocean sediments and in the global cycling of elements and nutrients. 4b5f4d5bd9 The species *Euglena gracilis* has been used extensively in the laboratory as a model organism. 4b5f4d5bd9

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Most species of *Euglena* have photosynthesizing chloroplasts within the body of the cell, which enable them to feed by autotrophy, like plants. However, they can also take nourishment heterotrophically, like animals. Since *Euglena* have features of both animals and plants... 4b5f4d5bd9

Protist shell They are typically microscopic unicellular organisms that live in water or moist environments. Protists are a diverse group of eukaryote organisms that are not plants, animals, or fungi. support, protist shells also serve scientists as a means of identification. By examining the characteristics of the shells, different species of protists can Many protists have protective shells or tests, usually made from silica (glass) or calcium carbonate (chalk) 4b5f4d5bd9

Protists were historically regarded as a separate taxonomic kingdom known as Protista or Protoctista. With the advent of phylogenetic analysis and electron microscopy studies, the use of Protista as a formal taxon was gradually abandoned. In modern classifications, protists are spread across several eukaryotic clades called supergroups, such as Archaeplastida (photoautotrophs that includes land plants), SAR, Opisthokonta (which includes fungi and animals), Amoebozoa and "Excavata". 4b5f4d5bd9 When first introduced by Georg Goldfuss, in 1818, the taxon Protozoa was erected as a class within the Animalia, with the word 'protozoa' meaning "first animals", because they often possess animal-like behaviours, such as motility and predation, and lack a cell wall, as found in plants and many algae. 4b5f4d5bd9 The box

C/D element is a subset of the six short sequence elements found in all U3 snoRNAs, namely boxes A, A', B, C, C', and D. 4b5f4d5bd9

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Euglena They are often abundant in quiet inland waters where they may bloom in numbers sufficient to color the surface of ponds and ditches green (E. Linnaeus: the Kingdom Protista. Species of Euglena are found in fresh water and salt water. sanguinea). It is the best-known and most widely studied member of the class Euglenoidea, a diverse group containing some 54 genera and at least 200 species. Species of Euglena were among the first protists to be seen under the microscope. In 1674, in a letter to the Royal Society Euglena is a genus of single-celled, flagellate eukaryotes. viridis) or red (E 4b5f4d5bd9

Arcellinid testate amoebae are commonly found in soils, leaf litter, peat bogs and near/in fresh water. They use their pseudopodia, a temporary cell extension, for moving and taking in food. Like most amoebae, they are generally believed to reproduce asexually via binary fission. However a recent review suggests that sexual recombination may be the rule rather than the exception in amoeboid protists in general, including the Arcellinid testate amoebae. 4b5f4d5bd9 Rather, U3 is thought to guide site-specific cleavage of ribosomal RNA (rRNA) during pre-rRNA processing. 4b5f4d5bd9

Protist locomotion Other protists are not motile, and consequently have no built-in movement mechanism. Protists are the eukaryotes that cannot be classified as plants, fungi or animals. They are mostly unicellular and microscopic. Cells which use flagella for movement are usually referred to as flagellates, cells which use cilia are usually referred to as ciliates, and cells which use pseudopods are usually referred to as amoeba or amoeboids. They are mostly unicellular and microscopic. Many unicellular protists, particularly protozoans, are motile and can generate movement using flagella, cilia or pseudopods. Many unicellular protists Protists are the eukaryotes that cannot be classified as plants, fungi or animals 4b5f4d5bd9

The role of protist shells depends on the type of protist. Protists such as diatoms and radiolaria have intricate, glass-like shells made of silica that are... 4b5f4d5bd9

Small nucleolar RNA U3 Like yeast and human, protozoan protist *Entamoeba histolytica* : a primitive eukaryote adopted the same conserved In molecular biology, U3 snoRNA is a non-coding RNA found predominantly in the nucleolus. structure model has also been proposed 4b5f4d5bd9

Outline of fungi beneath the Eukaryota domain; other kingdoms include plants, animals, protists, and bacteria. One difference that places fungi in a different kingdom The following outline is provided as an overview of and topical guide to fungi and mycology: 4b5f4d5bd9

Fungi - "Fungi" is plural for "fungus". A fungus is any member of the group of eukaryotic organisms that includes unicellular microorganisms such as yeasts and molds, as well as multicellular fungi that produce familiar fruiting forms known as mushrooms. Biologists

classify these organisms as a kingdom, Fungi, the second highest taxonomic rank of living organism beneath the Eukaryota domain; other kingdoms include plants, animals, protists, and bacteria. One difference that places fungi in a different kingdom is that their cell walls contain chitin, unlike the cell walls of plants, bacteria and some protists. Similar to animals, fungi are heterotrophs, that is, they acquire their food by absorbing dissolved... 4b5f4d5bd9 Protists represent an extremely... 4b5f4d5bd9 U3 has C/D box motifs that technically make it a member of the box C/D class of snoRNAs; however, unlike other C/D box snoRNAs, it has not been shown to direct 2'-O-methylation of other RNAs. 4b5f4d5bd9

Protozoa "Character of the protist Individualities. : protozoan or protozoon; alternative plural: protozoans) are a polyphyletic group of single-celled eukaryotes, either free-living or parasitic, that feed on organic matter such as other microorganisms or organic debris. Ba. character of the kingdom of protists. The essential tectological character of protists lies in the very incomplete Protozoa (sg. Historically, protozoans were regarded as "one-celled animals" 4b5f4d5bd9

Algae DNA barcoding The 18S gene region has been widely used as a marker in other protist groups and Jahn et al. successfully used for diatoms identification with NGS. Algae form a phylogenetically heterogeneous group, meaning that the application of a single universal barcode/marker for species delimitation is unfeasible, thus different markers/barcodes are applied for this aim in different algal groups. were DNA barcoding of algae is commonly used for species identification and phylogenetic studies 4b5f4d5bd9

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