Introduction to Phylum Arthropoda

Table 1: Classes of Phylum Arthropoda

Phylum Arthropoda	Common name/ examples	Characteristics
Phylum Arthropoda jointed legs Class Arachnida Class Chilopoda Class Diplopoda Class Crustacea Epiclass Hexapoda Class Entognatha Class Insecta (Ectognatha)	spiders, mites, insects	 Segmented body. Paired segmented appendages. Bilateral symmetry. Chitinous exoskeleton. Tubular alimentary canal with mouth and anus. Open circulatory system, a tubular dorsal blood vessel. Body cavity or coelom. Nervous system of anterior ganglia and paired nerve cords. Striated muscles in skeletal system. Respiration by gills, tracheae, or spiracle.
Class Arachnida		
Order Araneae: spiders	Common families: wolf spiders, jumping spiders, crab spiders, trap door spiders, orb weaver spiders (pictured), funnel web spiders, cobweb weavers, ground spiders All spiders are beneficial, and most are harmless to humans. Potentially dangerous spiders include brown recluse spider and black widow spider, but bites are uncommon.	Book lungs; two body regions (cephalothorax, abdomen) and chelicerae or fangs with venom glands. Most make webs. Poor eyesight, so hairs compensate for it. Wolf spiders and jumping spiders have excellent eyesight.
Order Acari: ticks and mites	Common species: spruce spider mite, two spotted spider mite, honeylocust spider mite, European red mite, clover mite, cyclamen mite, broad mite, rust mite, eriophyid mite, etc.	Book lungs; mites have only one noticeable body region. Newly hatched larvae 3 pairs of legs; after first molt four pairs of legs. Instars are called nymphs. Many are microscopic or close to it.
Order Opiliones: daddy longlegs	Common species: daddy longlegs	Book lungs; very long legs; one apparent body region; abdomen and cephalothorax short; active at night; detritus feeders; some predators. Harmless; commonly encountered. Feed in leaf litter; feed on fruit such as blackberries, raspberries, and strawberries.

Order Scorpiones: scorpions	Common species: bark scorpions (pictured), desert hairy scorpions, vaejovid scorpions; most are harmless.	Book lungs; long tail ending in stinger; venomous; pedipalps modified as pinchers. Nocturnal predators of other small animals.				
Class Chilopoda: Centipedes						
	Common species: centipedes	Many body segments; 1 pair of legs per body segment; 1 pair of antennae; 1st pair of legs modified into venomous fangs; predators.				
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Class Diplopoda: Millipedes						
University of Sydney	Common species: millipedes	Many body segments; 2 pair of legs per body segment; 1 pair of antennae; detritivores.				
Class Crustacea: Crabs, Lobsters						
University of Sydney	Common species: crayfish, crabs, shrimp, isopods	Several body regions - head, thorax and abdomen; segments may be fused; varied number of legs; 2 pairs of antennae.				

Table 2: Classes of Epiclass Hexapoda

Epiclass Hexapoda

General Characteristics:

- 1. Three distinct head regions: head, thorax, abdomen
- 2. One pair antenna,
- 3. One pair of mandibles,
- 4. One pair of maxillae.
- 5. Three pairs of legs on thorax; tracheal respiratory system- composed of tubes, with holes (spiracles) through body that admit air.

Mouthparts	Metamorphosis	Order/Meaning	Common Name	Morphological Characteristic	Ecology/ Food		
Class Entognatha							
Apterygota/wingless Entognatha: mouthparts withdrawn in head	ametabolous/ no metamorphosis	Order Protura		no eyes; no antennae; very small; wingless adults; difference between nymphs and adults is size	detritivores		
Apterygota/wingless mouthparts withdrawn in head	ametabolous/ no metamorphosis	Order Collembola		furcula or fork-like springing structures; simple eyes; antennae; wingless adults; difference between nymphs and adults is size	detritivores		
Apterygota/wingless mouthparts withdrawn in head	ametabolous/ no metamorphosis	Order Diplura		two caudal filaments; compound eyes; antennae; wingless adults; difference between nymphs and adults is size	detritivores		

Class Insecta (Ectognatha)						
Apterygota/wingless	ametabolous/ no	Order Thysanura s.	silverfish	three tail like appendages	detritivores	
Ectognatha: protruding	metamorphosis	str. (Zygentoma)		body flattened and covered		
mouthparts				with scales; wingless		
Ametabolous/ no				adults; difference between		
metamorphosis				nymphs and adults is size		
Pterygota means winged	hemimetabolous/	Order	mayflies	wings at rest held over	herbivores	
Paleoptera: Members of	incomplete	Ephemeroptera		body; 2-3 caudal filaments;		
paleopterous insects	metamorphosis	live for a day		winged adults; nymphs and		
cannot fold their wings				adults in different habitat;		
back over their abdomens.				nymphs and adults		
protruding mouthparts				different in appearance		
hemimetabolous/						
incomplete						
metamorphosis						
Pterygota	hemimetabolous/	Order Odonata	dragonflies	winged adults; nymphs and	predators	
Paleoptera	incomplete	toothed mandibles	and	adults in different habitat;		
protruding mouthparts	metamorphosis		damselflies	nymphs and adults		
				different in appearance		
Pterygota means winged	hemimetabolous/	Order Plecoptera	stoneflies	winged adults; nymphs and	herbivores	
Neoptera: Neopterous	incomplete	folded wings		adults in same habitat;	detritivores	
insects	metamorphosis				predators	

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can fold wings with structures at the base of wings protruding mouthparts				nymphs and adults different in appearance	
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts Incomplete metamorphosis: Egg, nymph, adult	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Phasmatodea phantom	walking sticks	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; nymphs and adults similar in appearance	herbivores
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Orthoptera straight wings	grasshoppers, crickets, katydids	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; nymphs and adults similar in appearance	herbivores
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Mantodea soothsayer	mantids	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; nymphs and adults similar in appearance	predators
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Blattaria	cockroaches	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; nymphs and adults similar in appearance	detritivores
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Isoptera equal wings	termites	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; nymphs and adults similar in appearance	wood feeders
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Dermaptera skin-like front wings	earwigs	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; nymphs and adults similar in appearance	detritivores
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Zoaptera pure wingless	zoapterans	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat and similar appearance	detritivores
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Psocoptera rubbing or gnawing	psocids	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat and similar appearance	detritivores
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Phthiraptera without wings Mallophaga, chewing lice; Anoplura, sucking lice	lice	nymphs and adults in same habitat and similar appearance	parasites
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Hemiptera/ suborder Heteroptera half wings; basal portion usually thickened and distal membranous	bugs	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat and similar appearance	herbivores predators parasites
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Hemiptera/ suborders Auchenorhyncha Sternorrhyncha	cicadas, tree hoppers, plant hoppers, psyllids,	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat and similar appearance	herbivores

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		front wings uniform in texture	whiteflies, aphids, scales		
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	paurometabolous/ gradual/ incomplete metamorphosis	Order Thysanoptera fringed wings	thrips	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat and similar appearance	herbivores
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts Complete metamorphosis: Egg, larva, pupa protruding mouthparts	holometabolous/ complete metamorphosis	Order Neuroptera nerve winged	lacewings, antlions owlflies	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; not in similar appearance	predators
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	holometabolous/ complete metamorphosis	Order Coleoptera sheath or covered wing; elytra	beetles	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; not similar appearance	herbivores predators detritivores
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	holometabolous/ complete metamorphosis	Order Mecoptera long wings	scorpionflies	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; not similar appearance	predators
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	holometabolous/ complete metamorphosis	Order Siphonoptera tube and wingless	fleas	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; not similar appearance	parasites
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	holometabolous/ complete metamorphosis	Order Diptera two wings, 2nd pair of wings halteres	flies	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; not similar appearance	herbivores predators detritivores parasites parasitoids
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	holometabolous/ complete metamorphosis	Order Trichoptera hair wings	caddisflies	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; not similar appearance	predators
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	holometabolous/ complete metamorphosis	Order Lepidoptera scale wings	moth and butterflies	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; not similar appearance	herbivores
Pterygota Neoptera protruding mouthparts	holometabolous/ complete metamorphosis	Order Hymenoptera union front back wings by hamuli (on hind wings)	sawflies, parasitic, wasps, ants, bees	winged adults; nymphs and adults in same habitat; not similar appearance	herbivores predators parasitoids

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