

Oviparous Animals:

Oviparous [oh-vip-er-uhs]: animals lay eggs. There are many kinds of animals that lay eggs.

Sea turtles are oviparous animals.

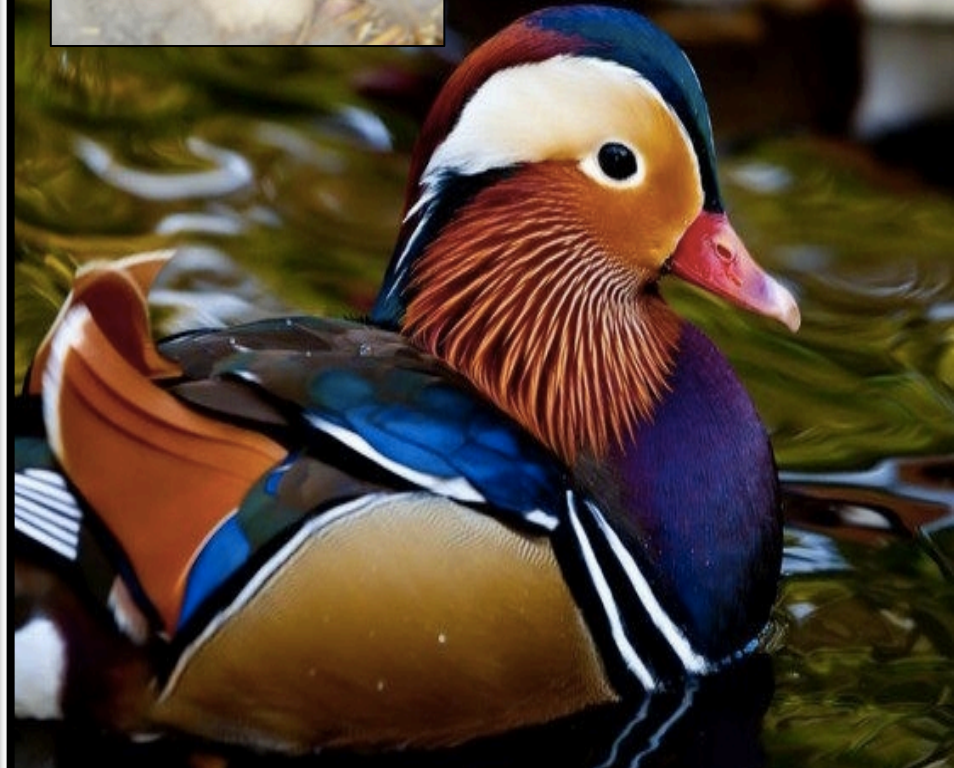


***Sea turtles** have been around for more than 110 million years. They spend most of their lives in water and usually only come onto land to lay their eggs.*

Clownfish eggs are colored slightly orange or red.



The **Mandarin** duck is one of the most colorful duck species, but its eggs are very plain.



Fish and birds are oviparous animals.

The American **robin** is one of the most common birds in North America. **Robin** eggs are a unique shade of blue.



All birds lay eggs.

Reptiles are cold-blooded vertebrate animals. **Crocodiles** are the largest reptiles in the world. They can grow up to 18ft long.


Vertebrates are animals that have a spine or backbone.



Cold-blooded animals rely on the heat from the sun to warm its body and cold water from a river to keep it cool.



Most reptiles, including snakes, turtles, lizards, and crocodiles lay eggs.



Mammals are warm-blooded vertebrate animals that have some or all of their skin covered in hair or fur.

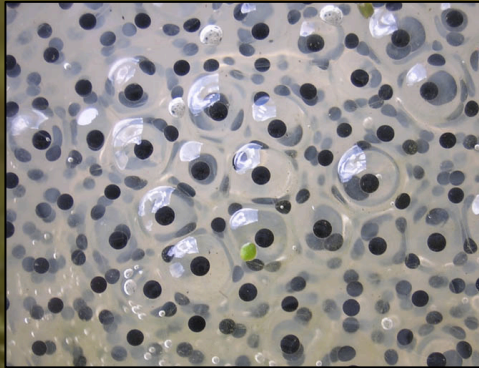


Warm-blooded animals are animals that can maintain their body heat higher than their surrounding environment.

Mammals that lay eggs are called **monotremes**. The **platypus** is one of only four kinds of mammals that lay eggs. Their eggs are about the size of a jellybean.

A platypus is a mammal that lay eggs.

Amphibians are cold-blooded vertebrate animals that tend to live in or near fresh water. Their skin is a lot softer than reptiles, which tend to be covered in rough scales.



Frog eggs are not hard like chicken eggs. They are very soft and slimy. They are transparent and usually bunched together in a group of eggs.

Most amphibians [am-fib-ee-uhn] like frogs, toads, and salamanders lay eggs too.

Sharks are the largest kinds of fish. But not all sharks lay eggs. There are only a few species that lay eggs like this **zebra shark**. Their eggs are a dark shade of green or brown and are about the size of a person's hand.



There are also some fish that lay eggs.

Arthropods are invertebrate animals that have an exoskeleton, smaller parts or segments that connect to each other, and jointed limbs.

Invertebrates are animals that do not have a spine or backbone.

An **exoskeleton** is a hard outer-shell that's like a suit of armor.



Centipedes lay anywhere from 10 to 50 eggs. Some centipedes lay their eggs in holes. The female fills the hole with soil and leaves them.

Arthropods [ahr-thruh-pods] are bugs or small animals that lay eggs. Arthropods include ants, spiders, centipedes, and crabs.