

GLOSSARY

Aquatic	Living in water.
Arboreal	Living in trees.
Cloaca	Posterior end of the gut (anus).
Derived character	Character not present in ancestors.
Diurnal	Active during the day.
Epiphyte	Plant that lives on the surface of another plant but is not parasitic.
Formal description	Detailed description of and naming the species.
Habitat	Place where animal or plant lives.
Herpetology	Study of reptiles and amphibians.
Labial pits	Grooves in lips used to detect warm-blooded prey.
Morphology	Form and structure of an organism.
Neurotoxic venom	Toxin that attacks the central nervous system.
Nocturnal	Active at night.
Ontogeny	The history of development and growth of an individual.
Parthenogenesis	Reproduction from female egg without fertilisation by male.
Primitive feature	Structure or function found in ancestors.
Sloughing	Process of shedding skin.
Taxonomy	The study of the rules, principles and practice of classifying living organisms.
Terrestrial	Organism living on land.
Vestigial	Smaller, simple structure than corresponding part in an ancestral species.