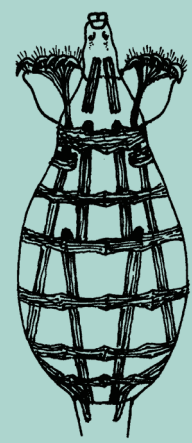
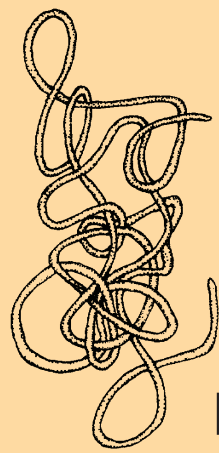


Cenozoic



Rotifera^L

Cretaceous



Nematomorpha^X

Jurassic



Nemertina^P

Triassic

Permian

Carboniferous

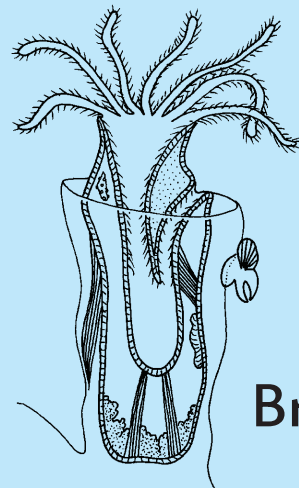
Devonian



Nematoda^S

Silurian

Ordovician



Bryozoa^L

The “Cambrian Explosion”

Disparity from the Beginning

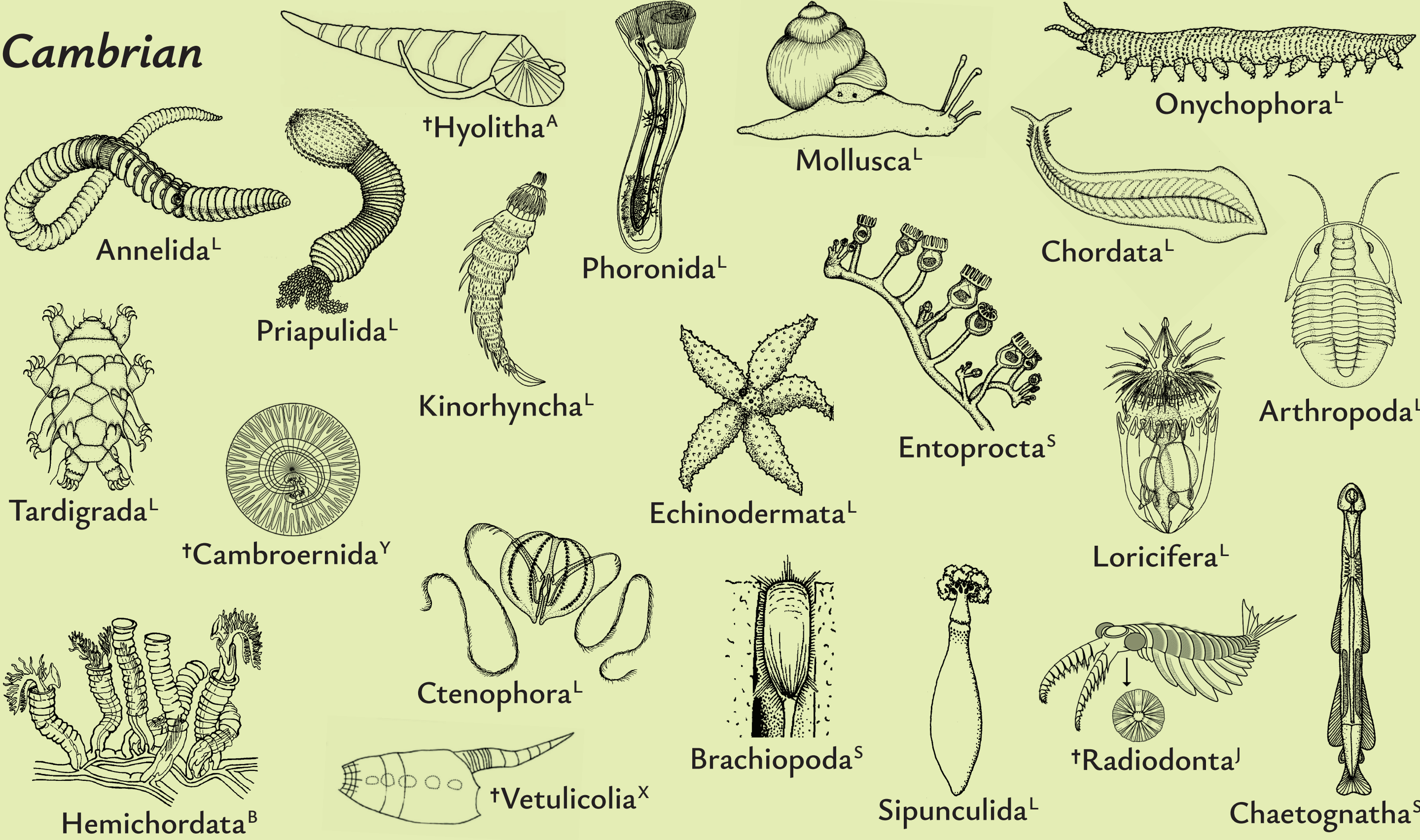
The largest differences (disparity) among animal phyla are present from the beginning of their fossil record. Nearly all animal phyla appear abruptly in the Cambrian layers, or those layers adjacent to the Cambrian.

†Extinct phyla

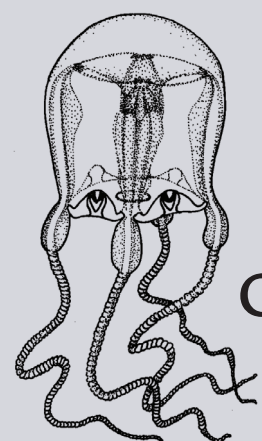
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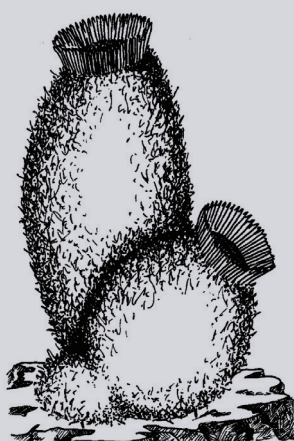
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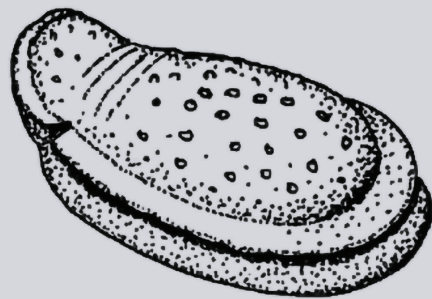
Ediacaran



Cnidaria^L



Porifera^L



Kimberella^I