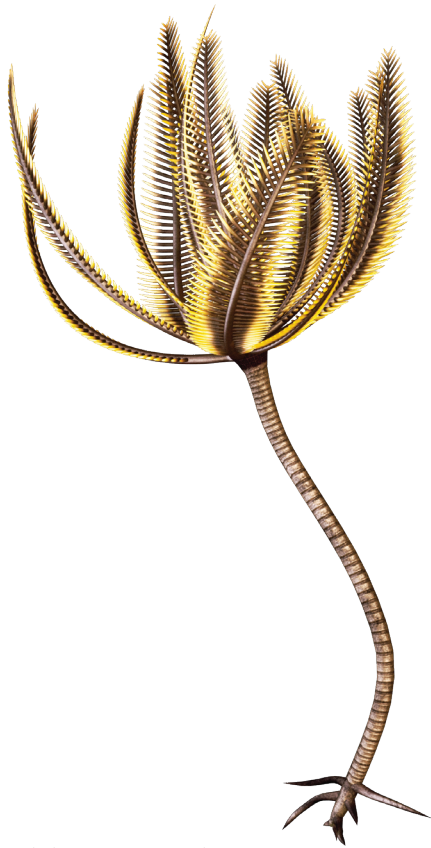


Explosion of Sea Lilies

Crinoids (sea lilies) are found in Ordovician and overlying rocks, but not in underlying layers. Ten orders and six other taxa appear in Ordovician rocks, an example of disparity from the beginning of the crinoid fossil record.



Model of a Crinoid

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