

Lazarus Taxa and Stasis

A **Lazarus taxon** is a fossil species or group that disappears from the layers of the rock record, seeming to go extinct, but reappears higher in the strata. Lazarus taxa can be recognized by their morphological stability, despite the gap in their fossil record.



Shell of an unidentified modern mollusk, Class Tergomya (formerly Monoplacophora), a group thought extinct for a supposed 375 million years but discovered alive in 1952

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