

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Moss Animal

*Cristatella mucedo*

The moss animal, also known as *Cristatella mucedo*, is a freshwater bryozoan that forms gelatinous, moss-like colonies attached to submerged surfaces. These colonial invertebrates consist of hundreds ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate**Family:** Cristatellidae**Habitat:** Freshwater**Diet:** Filter feeder**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** Several weeks to a few months (colony lifespan)**Weight:** Up to 500 grams (colony mass)**Scientific name:** *Cristatella mucedo*

### Did you know?

- *Cristatella mucedo* colonies can regenerate from just a small fragment, allowing them to recover quickly from damage.
- Moss animals are not plants, despite their name—they are colonial animals related to other bryozoans. Entire colonies can move very slowly, a rare be...

### What I learned

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