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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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