

SPRINGTAIL

Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species
Entognatha	Collembola		<i>Collembola</i>	

Range:	worldwide
Habitat:	Moist conditions – soil, grass, leaf litter, moss
Niche:	Terrestrial, omnivorous
Diet:	Wild: fungal hyphae and spores, plant material, pollen, animal remains, minerals and bacteria Zoo:



Special Adaptations: They are named for tail-like appendage, the furcula; the furcula is folded against body and held under tension; when released, it snaps back against the ground and springs the springtail in the air.

Other: Once considered insects. Has a consolidated thorax with three pairs of legs. They are wingless and have internal mouthparts. They do not directly decompose organic matter. They are the most common and abundant animal on the planet. One meter square contains hundreds of thousands of individuals



HEXAPODA

Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species
Entognatha				

Range:	
Habitat:	
Niche:	
Diet:	Wild: Zoo:

Special Adaptations:

Other: