

Vertebrates & Invertebrates:

What's the Difference?

Vertebrates	Invertebrates
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Well-developed skeleton and internal systems (have a backbone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lack a well-developed skeleton and internal systems (do not have a backbone)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Larger in size	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Smaller in size
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have a covering on their body (feathers, skin, fur)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jelly or fluid-filled; have hard shells covering their bodies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Classified as warm-blooded or cold-blooded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Classified as cnidarian, sponges, arthropods, mollusks, echinoderms, annelids/worms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Classified as mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have a simple nervous system and live by trusting their instincts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Make up 2% of all species	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Make up 98% of all species

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