



ARCHIMEDES BRYOZOANS

Bryozoans are small animals that live in water. They have existed for millions of years. Today they live mostly in the world's oceans where the water is clear.

Bryozoans are some of the most common marine fossils. Individual animals living together in colonies made this fossil. Each individual animal lived in a hollow portion of the skeleton. The animal caught its food with tentacles that extended from holes in the skeleton.

This spiral-shaped *Archimedes* bryozoan is named after the Greek philosopher Archimedes because its shape is like that of the screw-like water pump he introduced to Europe.