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Cuttlefish

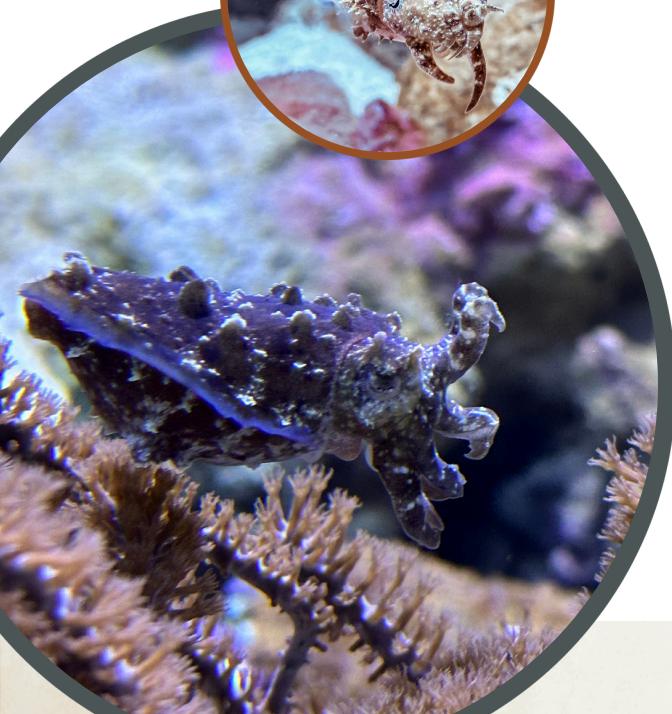
CEPHALOPOD

HABITAT & DIET

Live in tropical and temperate oceans and seas around the world, normally in shallow depths but sometimes up to 2,000 feet deep. They eat fish, crustaceans, snails, clams, and other cuttlefish.

FUN FACT

Cuttlefish are mollusks, which we learned about on Episode 46. As mollusks, they are related to a 50-foot giant squid and a garden snail! More specifically, they are cephalopods, a group of mollusks including squid, octopus, nautilus, and cuttlefish.



WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING CREATURE YOU HAVE EVER SEEN?

Did you see it in the wild, or at a zoo or aquarium? On a recent trip to the Seattle Aquarium, I encountered one of the most interesting creatures I have ever seen. While I was thrilled to see massive sharks, silly otters, and the octopus I had gone to the aquarium to see, it was the cuttlefish that caught my attention and captivated my imagination. They are not large, and only required small tank that was tucked into a hallway with a lot of other colorful and active exhibits. They did not even have a sign telling what they were. And yet they fascinated me. Compared to the other exhibits, I spent the most time watching the cuttlefish. They reminded me of hummingbirds, and in fact I think I will call them hummingbirds of the sea. Like a hummingbird's wings, the cuttlefish move their fins rapidly while either moving or staying still (like a hummingbird hovering). These specially designed fins allow the cuttlefish to move in any direction, also like a hummingbird.

With permission, click the video to the right or scan the QR code to watch a video I took of the cuttlefish at the Seattle Aquarium.

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Hanging out with cuttlefish at the Seattle Aquarium today 😊

It's easy to be impressed by a massive shark, captivating octopus, or silly otter, but sometimes it is the less obvious creatures that catch our attention, and for good reason: the same God created them all! Psalm 104:24 says, "How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." It is good to be amazed by both a cheetah and an ant, a polar bear and a mouse, and a shark and a cuttlefish. All God's creatures reflect His mighty power.

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