

# COMPARATIVE ANATOMY OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM IN VERTEBRATES

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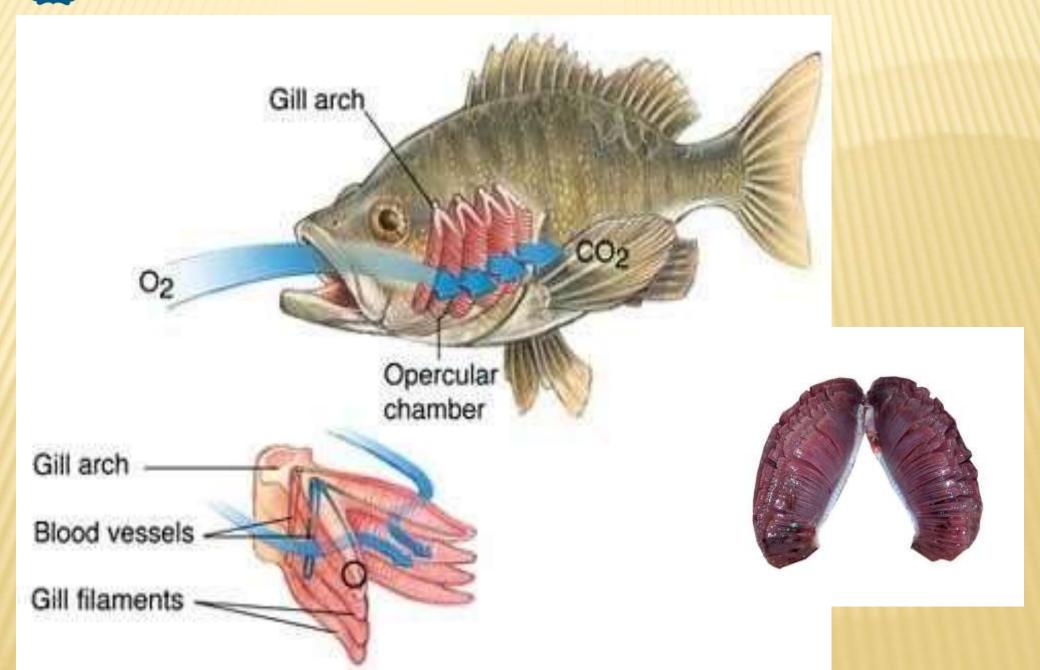
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# Respiration in Fish

- ➤ Gills are respiratory organ found in many aquatic organisms that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide.
- ➤ Gills usually consist of thin filaments of tissue, branches, or slender, tufted processes that have a highly folded surface to increase surface area.
- ➤ A high surface area is crucial to the gas exchange of aquatic organisms, as water contains only a small fraction of the dissolved oxygen that air does.



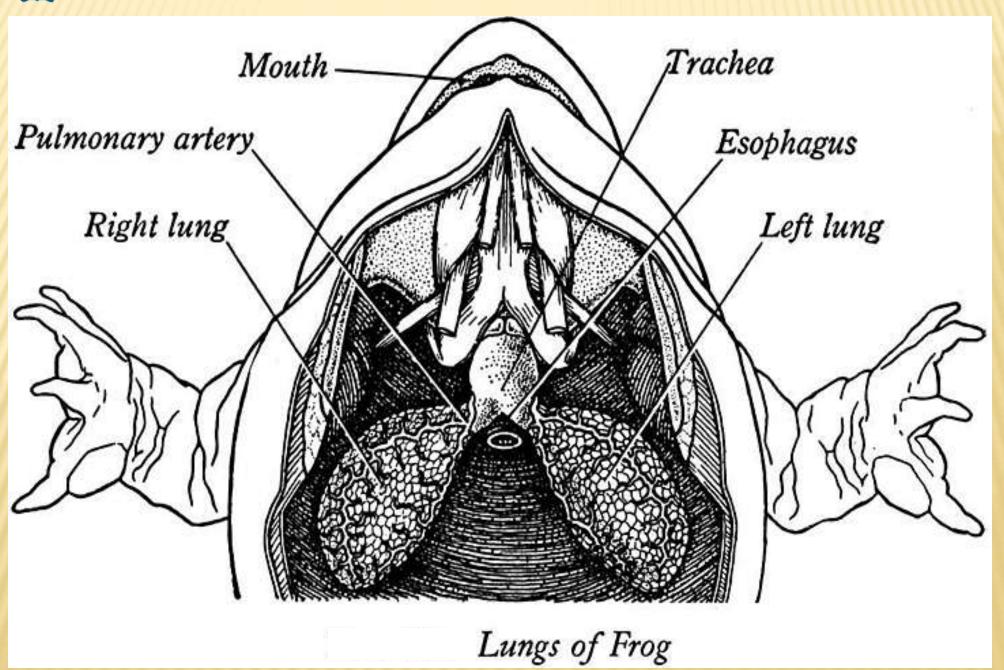




### Respiration in Amphibians

- Cutaneous Respiration In addition to inhaling and exhaling air through their lungs, many amphibians rely on cutaneous respiration, where gas exchange occurs through the skin.
- ➤ In order for cutaneous respiration to be efficient, the skin must remain moist.







### Respiration in Reptiles

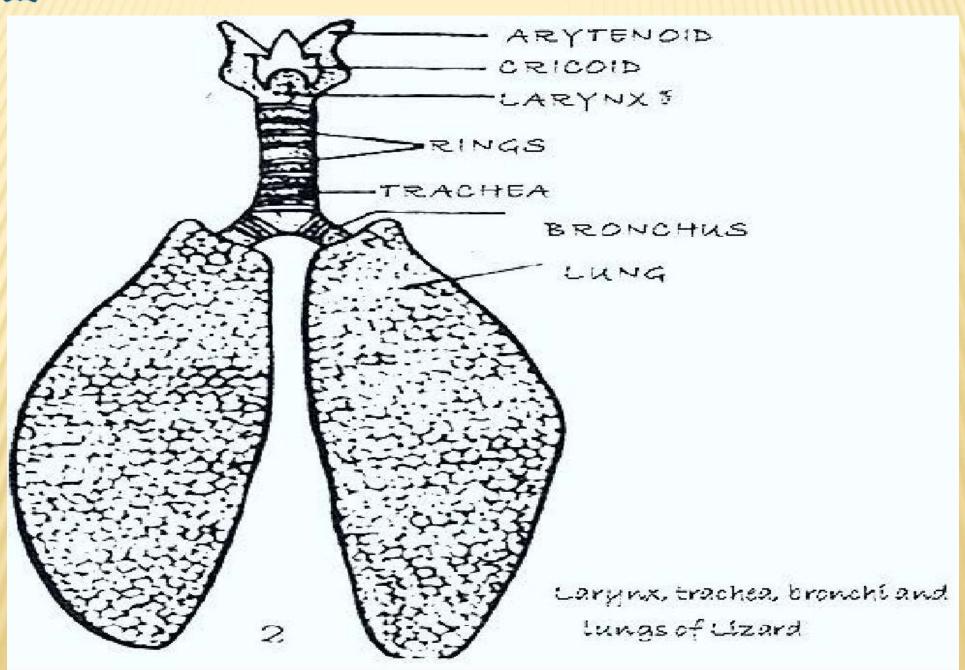
- > All reptiles breathe 73 inglungs.
- Lung ventilation is accomplished differently in each main reptile group.
- In squamates (scaled reptiles-the largest group), the lungs are ventilated almost exclusively by the axial musculature.



### Respiration in Reptiles

- This is also the same musculature that is used during locomotion. Because of this constraint, most squamates are forced to hold their breath during intense runs.
- ➤ Other reptiles have other adaptations for breathing (for example, crocodiles use a diaphragm that is analogous to the diaphragm in humans while turtles an tortices use other muscles to allow breathing with a rigid shell).





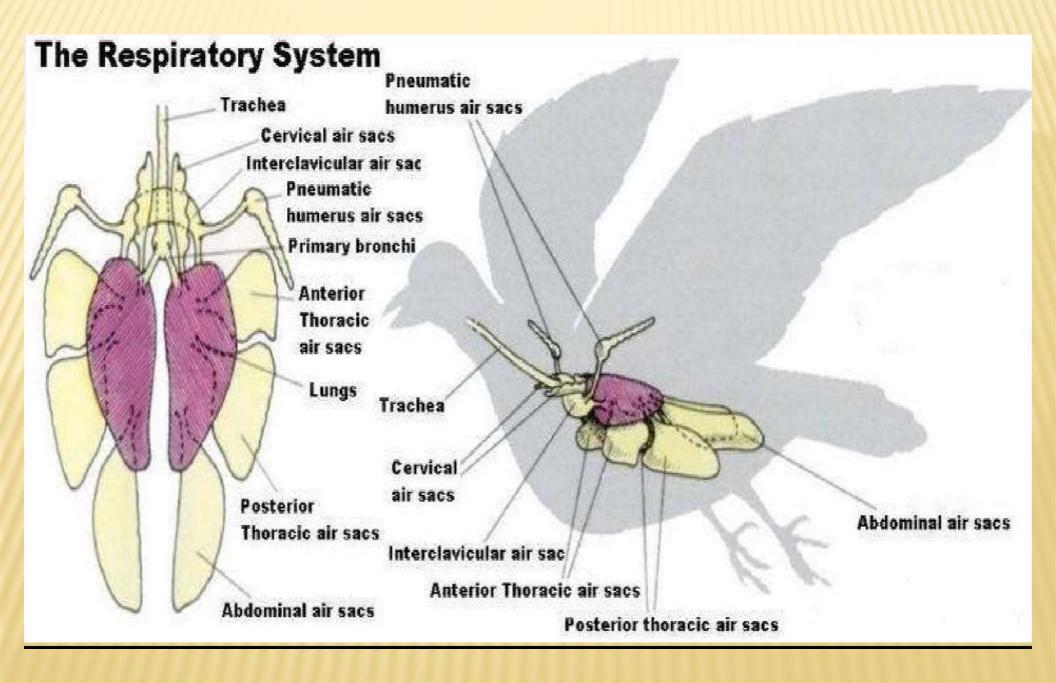


- > Air Sacs:- When birds inhale, the air first travels to the posterior air sacs.
- ➤ Next, it travels to the lungs through a series of breathing tubes.
- > Stale air travels to the anterior air sacs, which is then exhaled.



- This system of air sacs and breathing tubes allows air to flow through the lungs in a single direction enable birds to remove oxygen from the air when they inhale AND when they exhale.
- This is different from most vertebrates that have air traveling through the lungs in two directions (in and out). This system is highly efficient and enables birds to maintain a high metabolic rate.







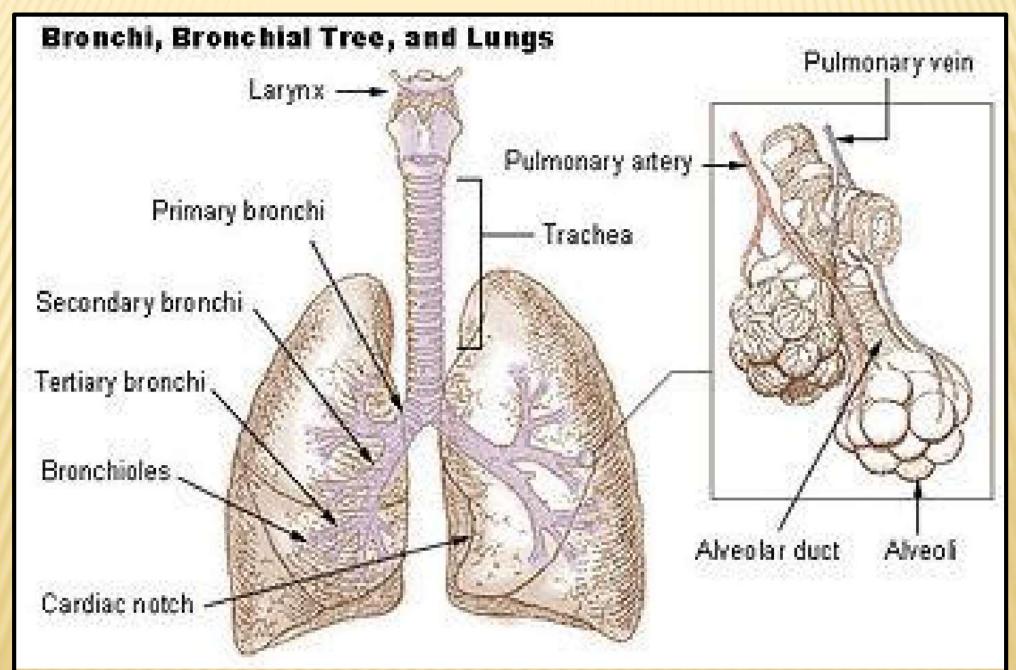
- Mammals inhale by contracting the diaphragm, which interest the size of the chest cavity causing air to rush into the lungs.
- > There, the air enters the alveoli.
- ➤ This creates a high concentration of oxygen in the alveoli, the oxygen will diffuse into the blood stream through the capillaries.



Inside the blood there is a high concentration of carbon dioxide, so the carbon dioxide diffuses into the alveoli.

The diaphragm then relxes and the pressure forces the air out the lungs.







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