



Size of individual organisms represents number of described species in major taxon.  
 Unit Area: □ = approximately 1,000 described species.

Taxon	No. of Described Species
1 Monera (Bacteria, Blue-green Algae)	4,760
2 Fungi	46,983
3 Algae	26,900
4 Plantae (Multicellular Plants)	248,428
5 Protozoa	30,800
6 Porifera (Sponges)	5,000
7 Coelenterata (Jellyfish, Corals, Comb Jellies)	9,000
8 Platyhelminthes (Flatworms)	12,200
9 Nematoda (Roundworms)	12,000
10 Annelida (Earthworms etc.)	12,000
11 Mollusca (Mollusks)	50,000
12 Echinodermata (Starfish etc.)	6,100
13 Insecta	751,000
14 Non-insect Arthropods (Mites, Spiders, Crustaceans etc.)	123,161
15 Pisces (Fish)	19,056
16 Amphibia (Amphibians)	4,184
17 Reptilia (Reptiles)	6,300
18 Aves (Birds)	9,040
19 Mammalia (Mammals)	4,000

Source of statistics: E.O. Wilson, Ed., 1988. *Biodiversity*. Nat. Acad. Sci. Press, Washington.