

Oyster

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Crassostrea virginica (and other species)

- Feed by filtering sediments from the water with specially adapted gills.
- Can enclose water in their shells, which allows them to survive under cold and dry conditions.
- Secrete a cement-like substance to anchor themselves to a surface.
- Many change sex during their life cycles; individuals one year old or less are typically male, while individuals older than one year are usually female.

