

Gastropods (univalves)

Gastropods are snail-like animals with a single, coiled shell. They have a distinct head with tentacles and eyes. Gastropods have a very characteristic ribbon-like 'tongue' or radula covered with horny teeth that are used as a rasp in feeding.

The animal itself is well developed and has a complete digestive system and circulatory system with a heart which pumps blood around the body. They move about on a muscular foot that they can retract into the shell tightly.

The mangrove gastropods are browsers, generally feeding on algae from the surfaces of plants or the mud.

