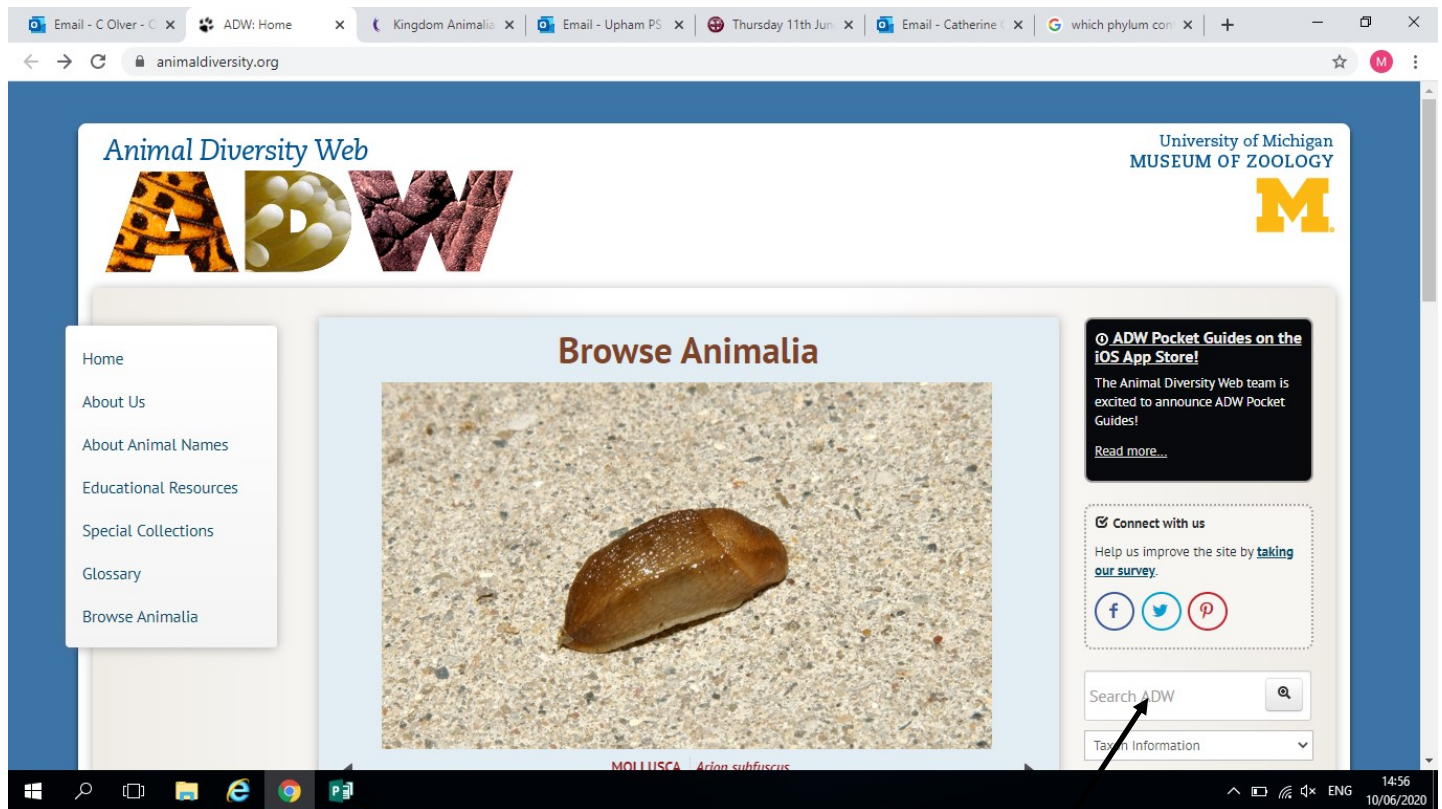
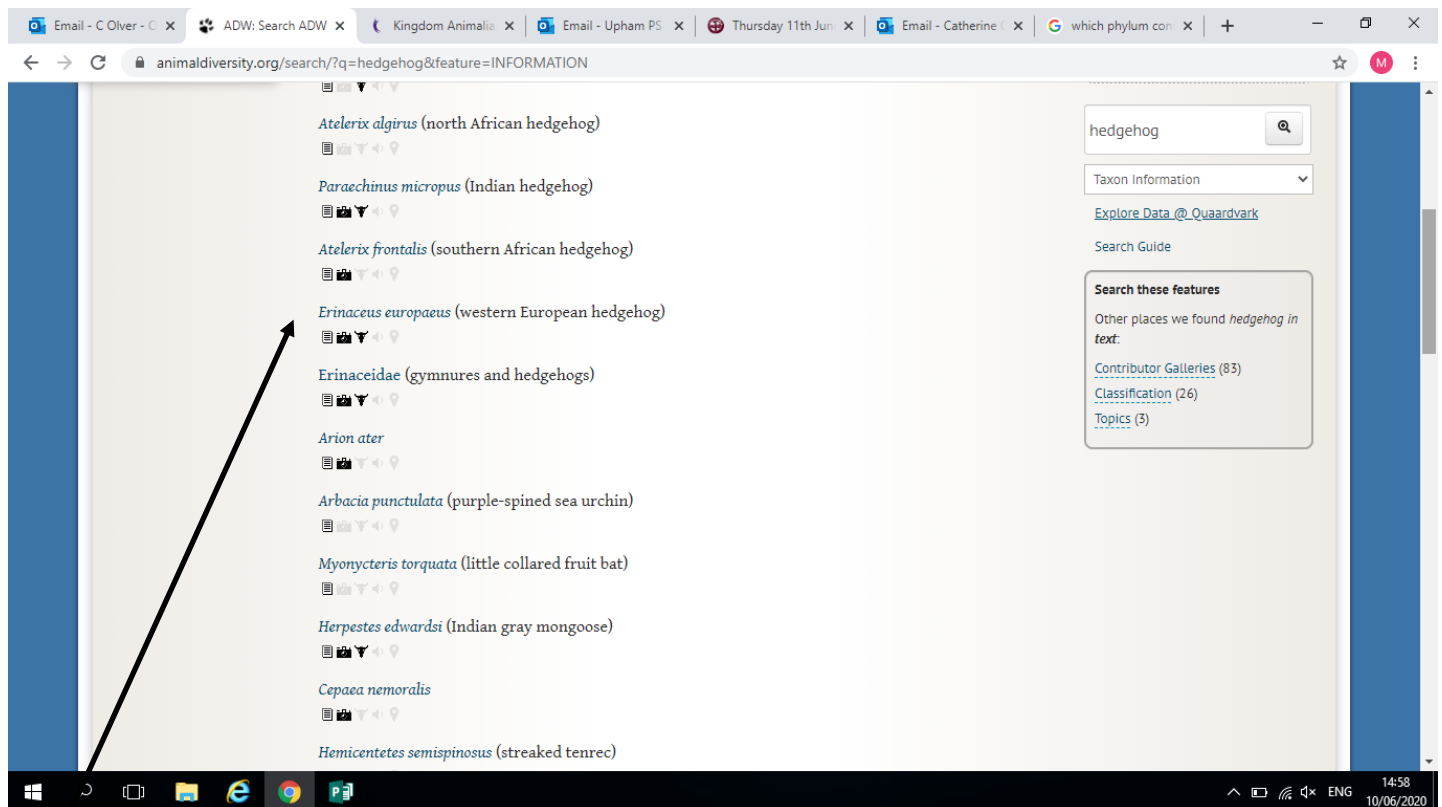


1. Open the website: <https://animaldiversity.org/>



Type in an animal of your choice here, I chose a hedgehog because that's my favourite animal!



Then you need to choose the species you want to find out more about. I chose the Western European Hedgehog because that's what we get in England.

The European hedgehog is found in temperate fields, especially field edges and hedgerows. They prefer drier areas that are not thickly wooded and are occasionally found in scrub and sand dunes. European hedgehogs are commensal and are often found in home gardens, cemeteries, parks, agroecosystems, and other areas that provide appropriate places for hibernation. It commonly occupies elevations from sea level to 2400 m throughout its geographic range. (Beilby, 1791; Burton, 1969; Gaglio, et al., 2009; Hof and Bright, 2010; Johnston, 1903; Lawrence and Brown, 1973; Southern, 1964)

**Habitat Regions:** temperate ; terrestrial

**Terrestrial Biomes:** savanna or grassland ; forest ; scrub forest

**Other Habitat Features:** suburban ; agricultural ; riparian

**Range elevation**  
0 to 2400 m  
0.00 to 7874.02 ft

**Physical Description**

The European hedgehog is a small, round animal with short legs that raise it about 1 inch above the ground. It is [plantigrade](#) and has 5 well developed pads and claws on each foot. The first and fifth toes are smaller and weaker than the second, third, and fourth toes. Its coat is white and brown and consists of 3/4 to 1 inch spines, arranged in a radiating pattern, that cover all but its cheeks, throat, stomach, and limbs. Areas not covered in spines are covered in a coarse hair that is yellow-brown in color, though white hedgehogs have been seen. It has an elongated, conical head and snout, a small braincase, a short neck and tail, and well developed eyes and ears. The length of its body ranges from 135 to 265 mm, and males are usually slightly larger than females. The tail is about 20 mm long. (Burton, 1969; Forrest, 1899; Gordon, 1904; Johnston, 1903; Kindahl, 1959; Lawrence and Brown, 1973; Rondinini, 2007; Southern, 1964; Step, 1921; Walker, 1968)

The spines covering the European hedgehog's body have white tips and bases and are covered with alter-

**Classification**

- Kingdom: Animalia
- Phylum: Chordata
- Subphylum: Vertebrata
- Class: Mammalia
- Order: Erinaceomorpha
- Family: Erinaceidae
- Genus: *Erinnaceus*
- Species: *Erinnaceus europaeus*

On the right hand side of the page (you might have to go down a little bit), you will find the classification for your animal at all levels.

Then record this information on a classification table like the one below:

- Kingdom: \_\_\_\_\_
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