غلم الأحياء الكريمة Microbiology Introduction to Phycology



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- All are "Eukaryotic".
- Have cells with **nuclei**.
- Live in moist environments.
- Can be **unicellular** or **multicellular** microscopic or over 100 meters long.
- Photosynthetic; their nutrition is plant-like.
- Almost all of them have chlorophyll *a*, most have chlorophyll *c*, but only a few have chlorophyll *b*.
- They also have a variety of carotenoids and other pigments.

- Algae have a widespread occurrence:
- Aquatic habitat: marine, freshwater.
- Terrestrial habitat: deserts, soils, trees, rocks, etc
- Some are symbiotic

e.g. Green Algae (Zooxanthellae) live within reef building corals.

- "Plant-like" seaweeds.
- May be filamentous, grow in **mats** or **crusts**, sheets, or **kelp**.

The most common are:

Chlorophyta Euglenophyta Bacillariophyta (Diatoms) Phaeophyta Rhodophyta الطحالب الخضراء الطحالب اليوجيلينية الطحالب العصوية الطحالب البنية الطحالب الحمراء

- Chlorophyta (Green algae): Chlorophyll- main pigment.
- Most live in fresh water, although some marine species exist.
- Cell walls are composed of cellulose.
- Green algae can be: Unicellular-"*Chlamydomonas*", Multicellular-"*Spirogyra*", and colonial- "*Volvox*".

Chlamydomonas









Euglenophyta (Euglenoids)

- Found mostly in fresh water
- Unicellular
- Autotrophs = photosynthesis ,when there is light
- When there is no light = no photosynthesis they can be heterotrophs and can ingest food
- No cell wall = pellicle made up of protein
- They are like animals, i.e are motile having flagellum.
- They store their foods as paramylon a type of polysaccharide.



STRUCTURE OF A EUGLENA



Bacillariophyta (Diatoms)

- Unicellular organisms of different forms- Autotrophs.
- •They have silica in their cell walls.
- •They can live in marine or freshwater environments.
- •They contain chlorophyll as well as pigments called carotenoids, which give them an orange-yellow colour.
- •Their shells resemble small boxes with lids. These shells are covered with grooves and pores, giving them a decorated appearance.
- Diatoms reproduce asexually, the two halves of the shell separate, each producing a new shell that fits inside the original half.

Bacillariophyta (Diatoms)

• Each new generation, therefore, produces offspring that are smaller than the parent.

• At this point, the diatom produces gametes (male/female) that fuse with gametes from other diatoms to produce zygotes (sexual reproduction). The zygotes develop into full sized diatoms that can begin asexual reproduction once more.

- When diatoms die, their shells form deposits called diatomaceous earth.
- These deposits can be collected and used as an additive to give certain paints their sparkle.
- Diatoms store their foods as oils or leucosine.

Forms of Diatoms



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