

Table 3.15. Comparison of structures in groups of chordates

Subphylum	Urochordata	Cephalochordata	Vertebrata
Example organisms			Fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals
Notochord			Embryo only
Dorsal nerve tube			Adult
Pharyngeal slits			Adult (gills in fish and amphibians) or embryo
Vertebral column			Yes