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## About the Atlas of Comparative Anatomy

The Atlas of Comparative Anatomy began as a class project at SUNY Oneonta in 2017 because of the lack of a comprehensive freely-accessible photographic atlas. The majority of entries in this atlas were produced by students including dissection, photography, and identification. It is a work in progress, but we hope that students of anatomy find this a useful tool for studying anatomy outside of the lab.

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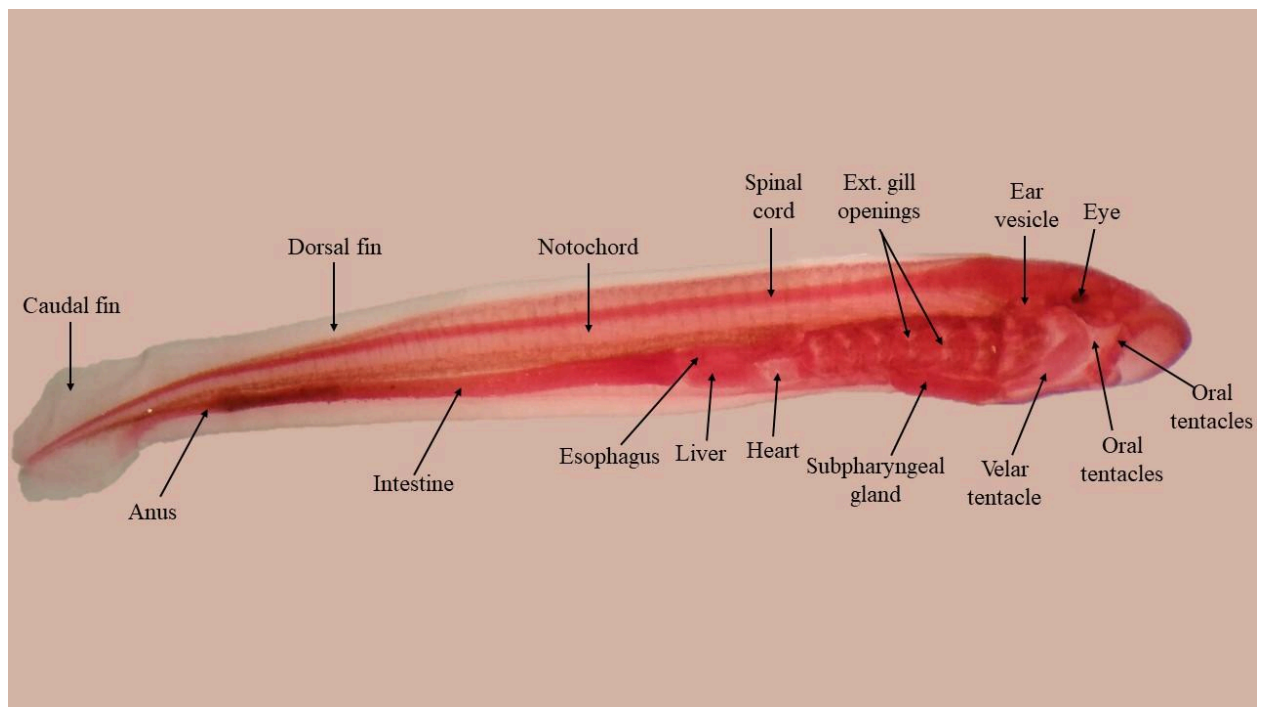
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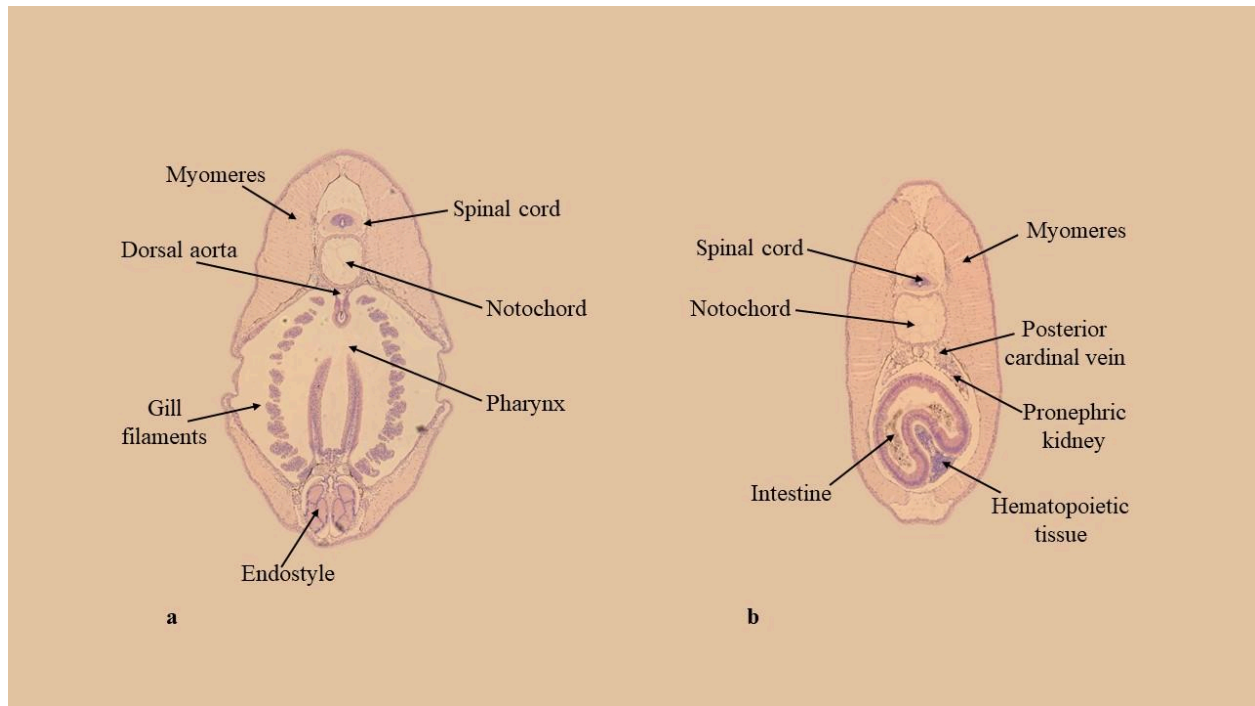
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# Lamprey

## Larval lamprey



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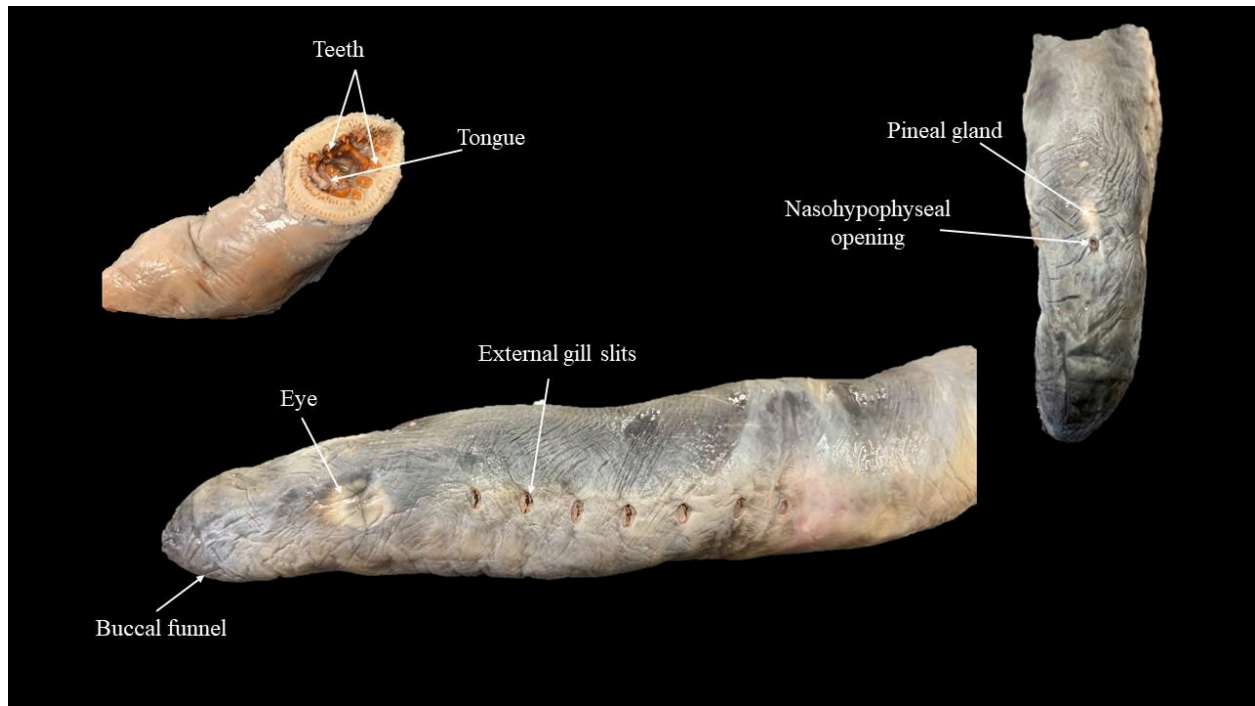


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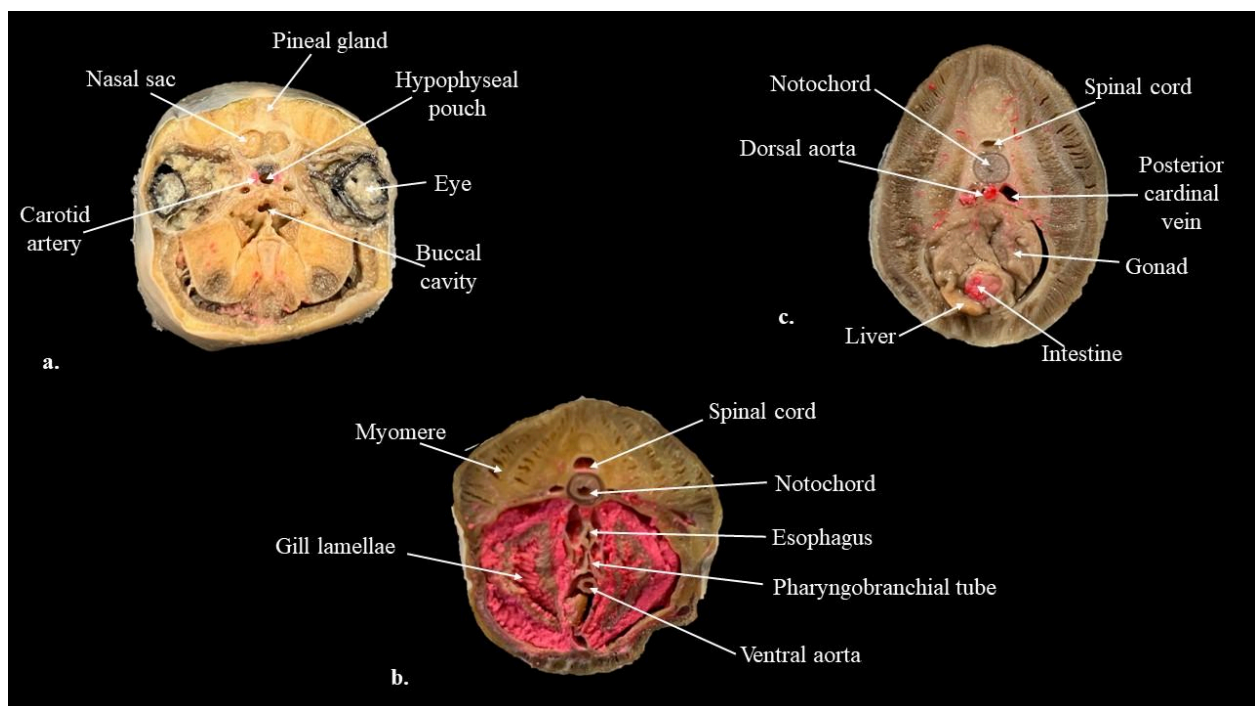
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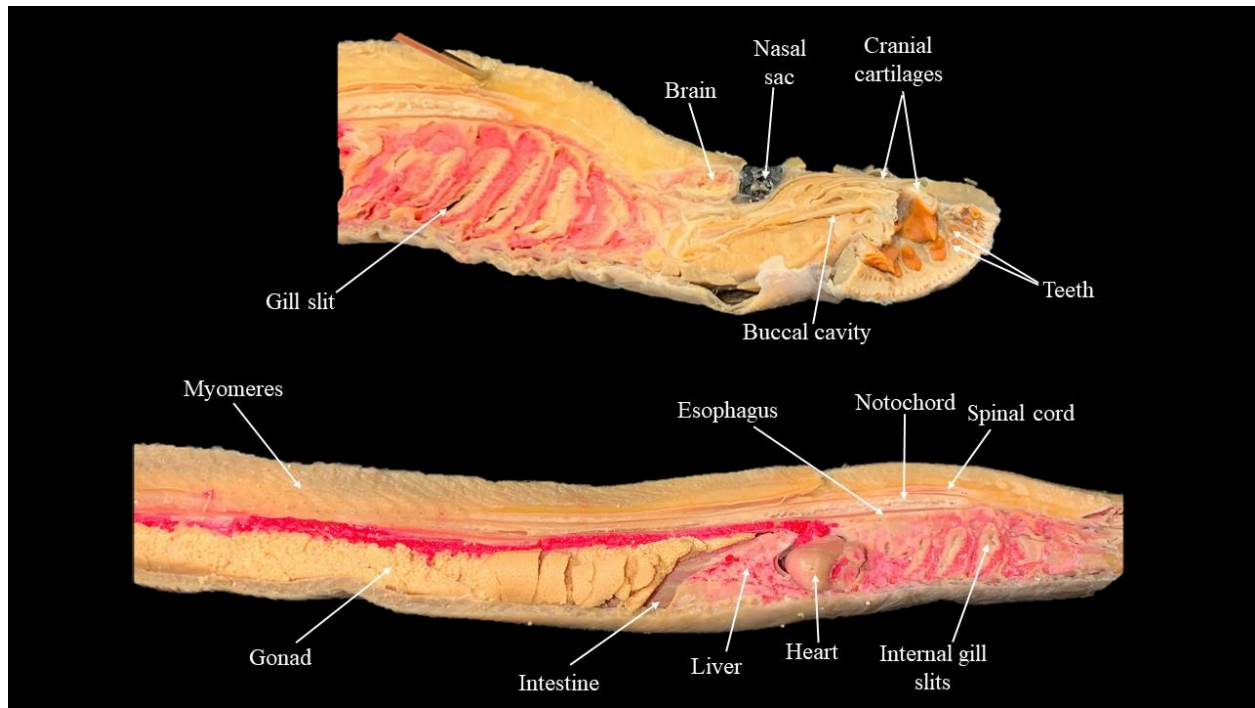
## Adult lamprey



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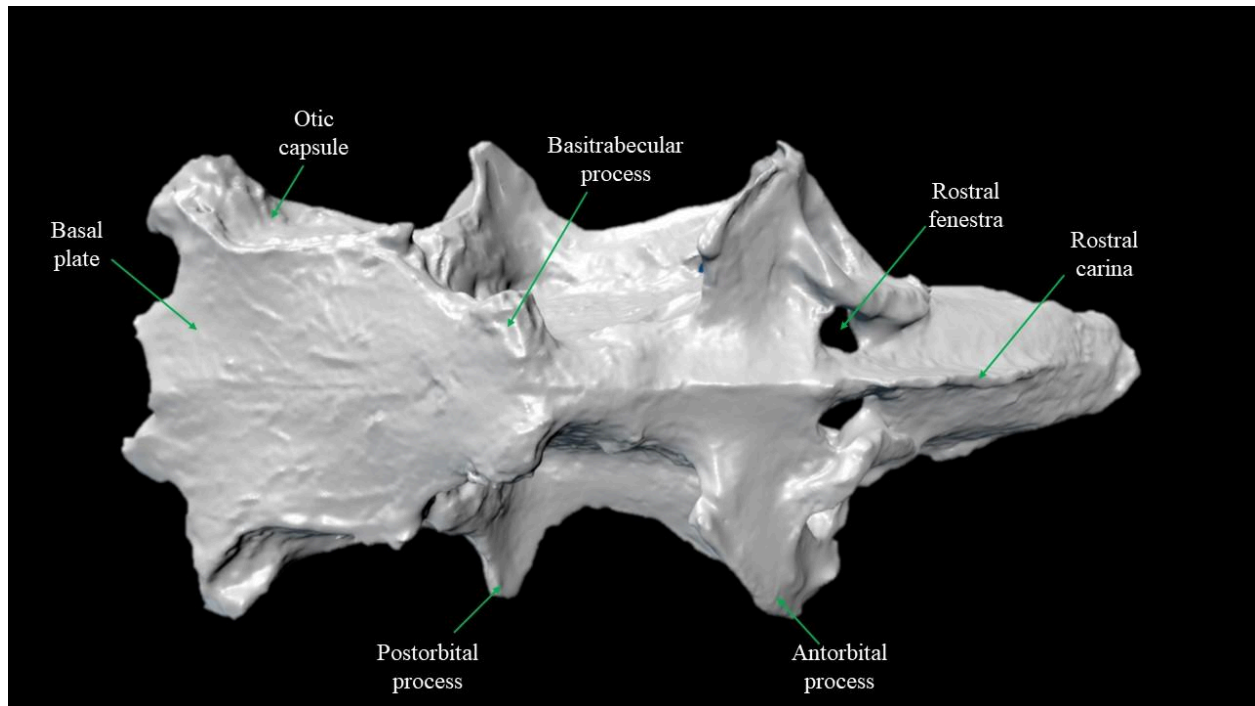
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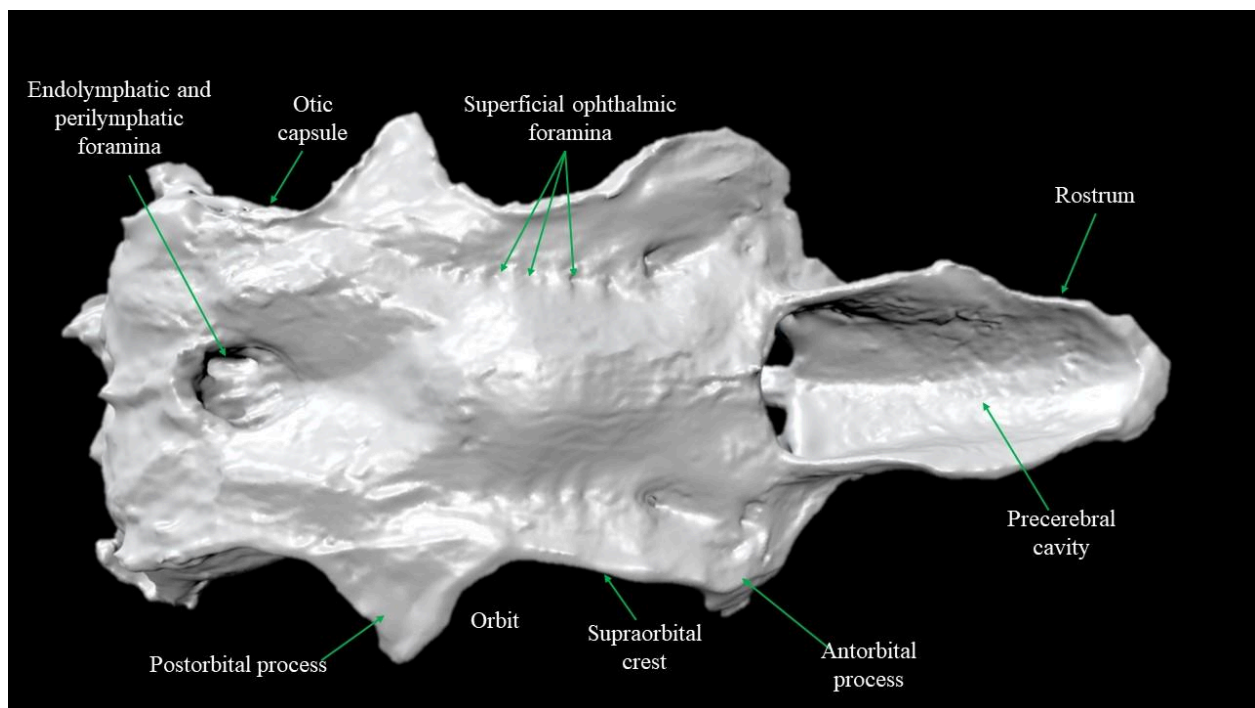
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# Skeletal systems

## Squalus skeleton

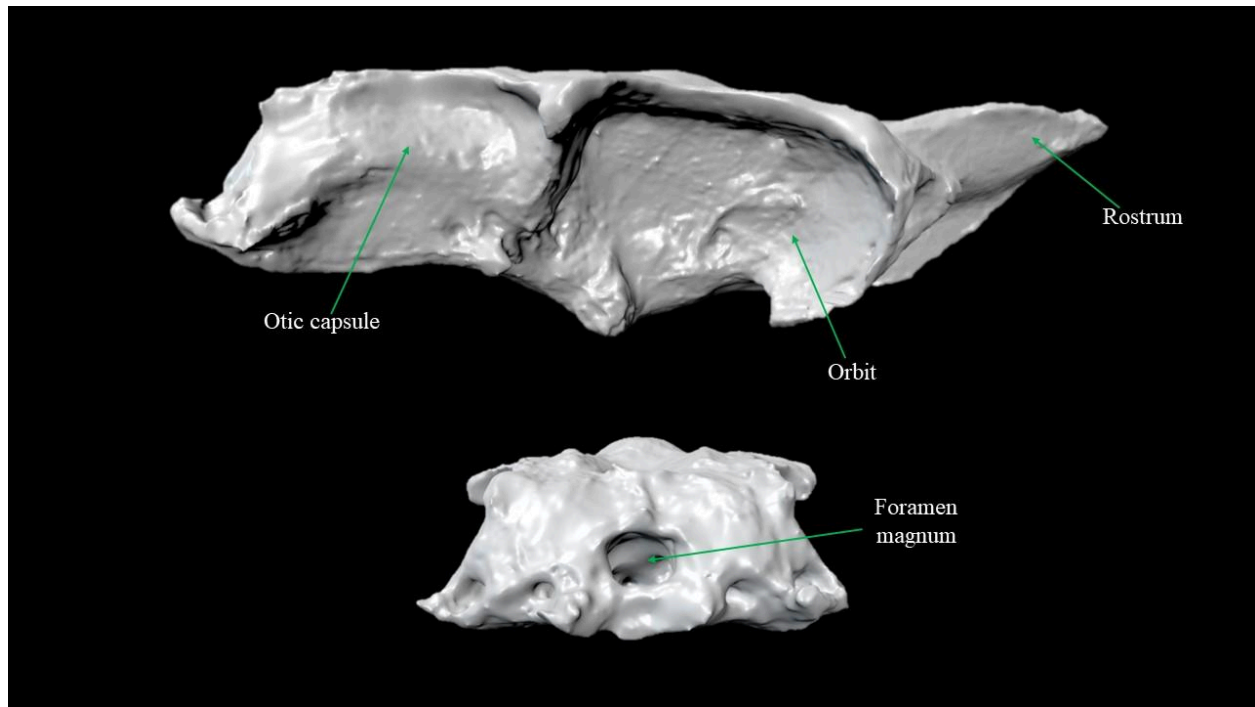


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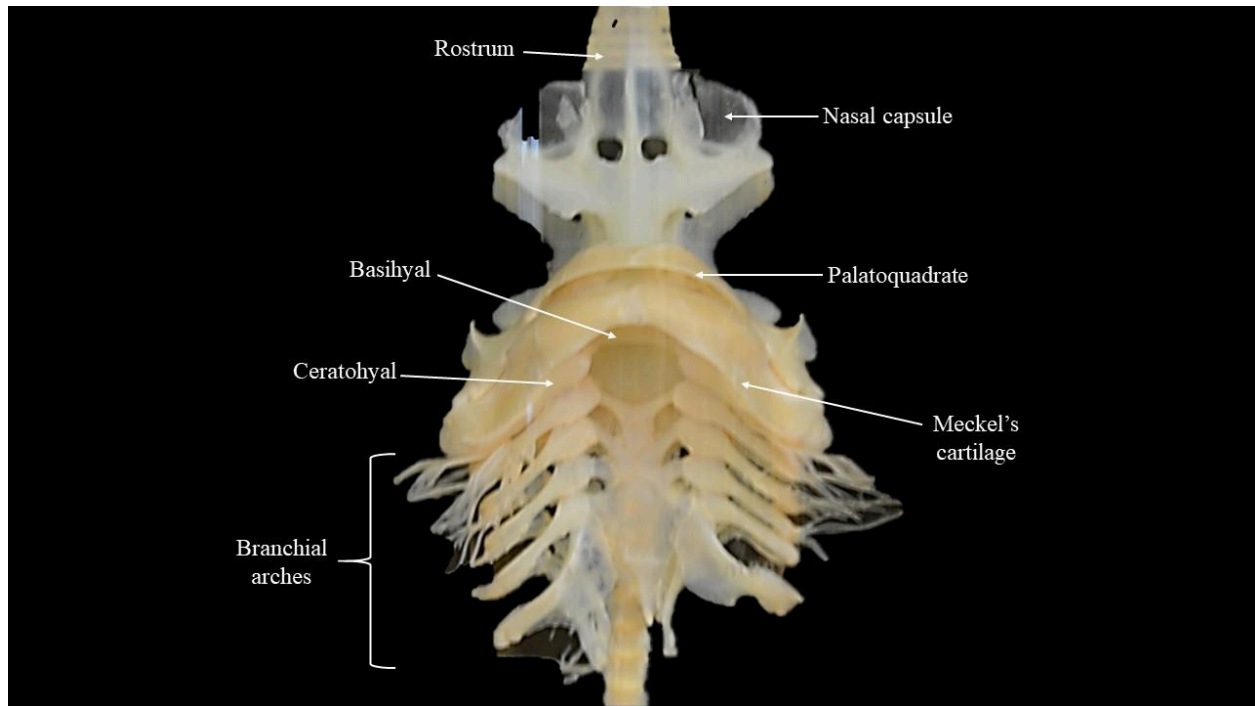


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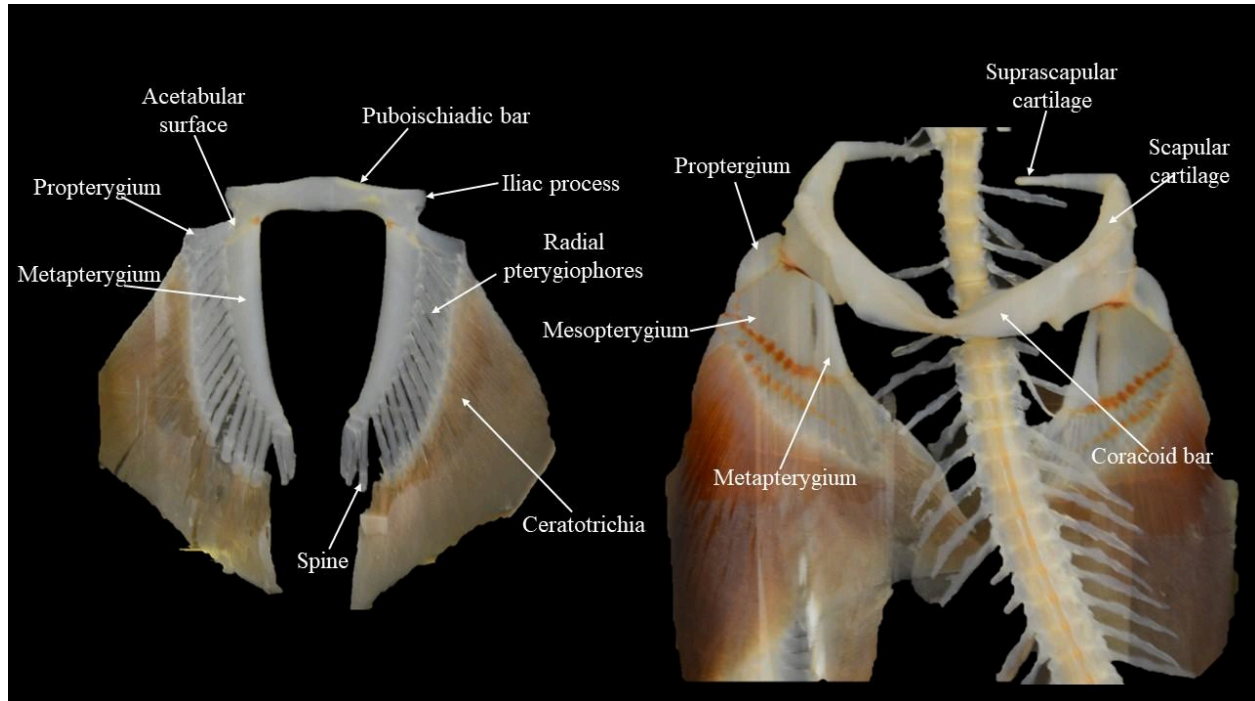


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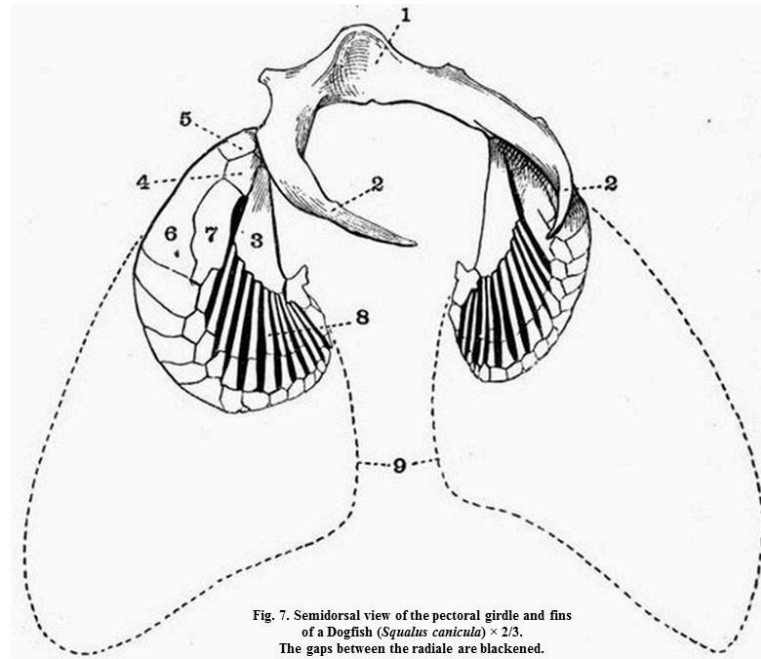




Ventral view of the splanchnocranium and chondrocranium of *Squalus*. CC BY Elizabeth Swislosky & Kristen Roosa.



Pelvic girdle (left) and pectoral girdle (right) of *Squalus*. CC BY Elizabeth Swislosky & Kristen Roosa.



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| 1. hollow in the mid-ventral part of the pectoral girdle which supports the pericardium. | 5. propterygium.   |
| 2. dorsal (scapular portion) of pectoral girdle.   | 6. propterygial radial.  |
| 3. meta-ptyergium.   | 7. meso-ptyergial radial.  |
| 4. meso-ptyergium.   | 8. meta-ptyergial radial.  |
|  | 9. outline of the distal part of the fin which is supported by horny fin-rays. |

Semidorsal view of the pectoral girdle and fins of a Dogfish (*Squalus canicula*). From The Vertebrate Skeleton, Reynolds, S.H. 1897. In the public domain.

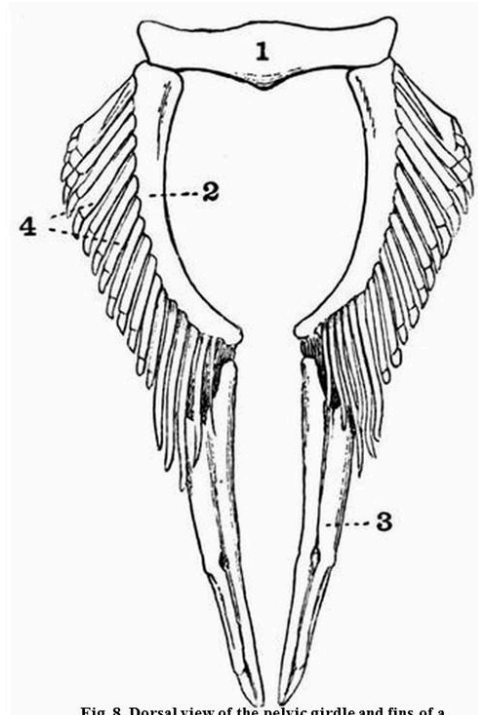


Fig. 8. Dorsal view of the pelvic girdle and fins of a male Dogfish (*Squalus canicula*).

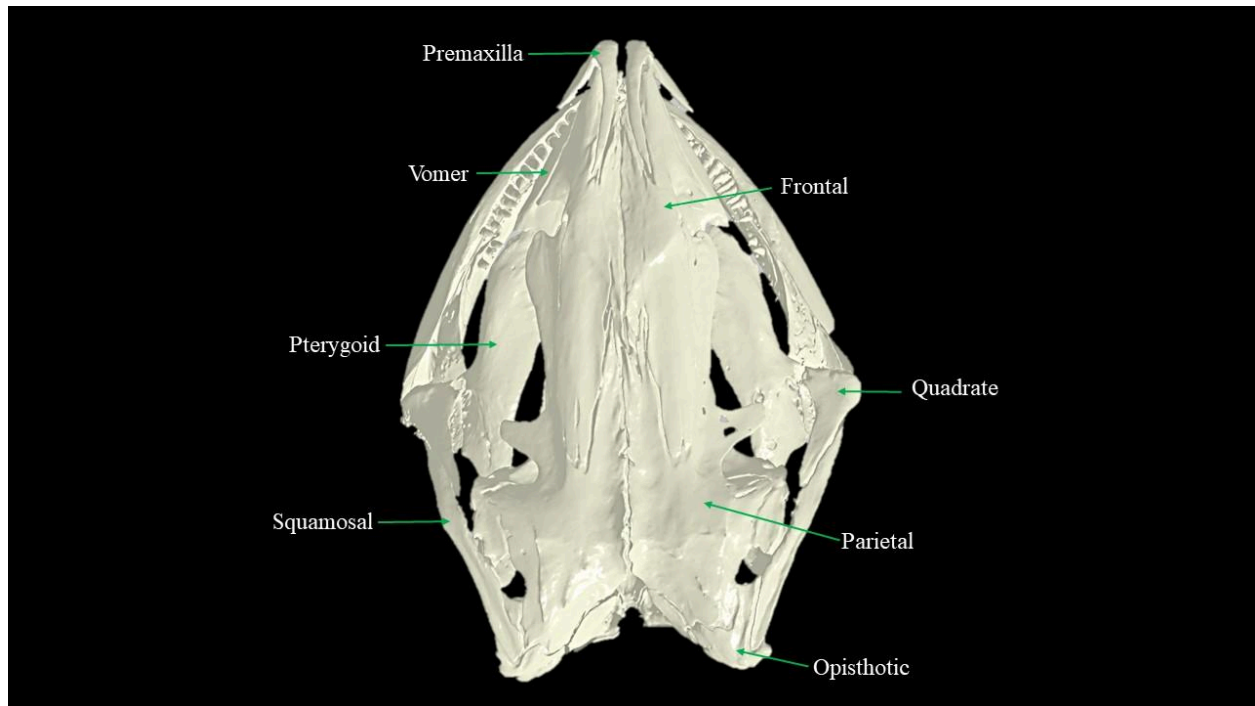
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| 1. pelvic girdle.  | 3. clasper. |
| 2. basi-ptyergium. | 4. radiale. |

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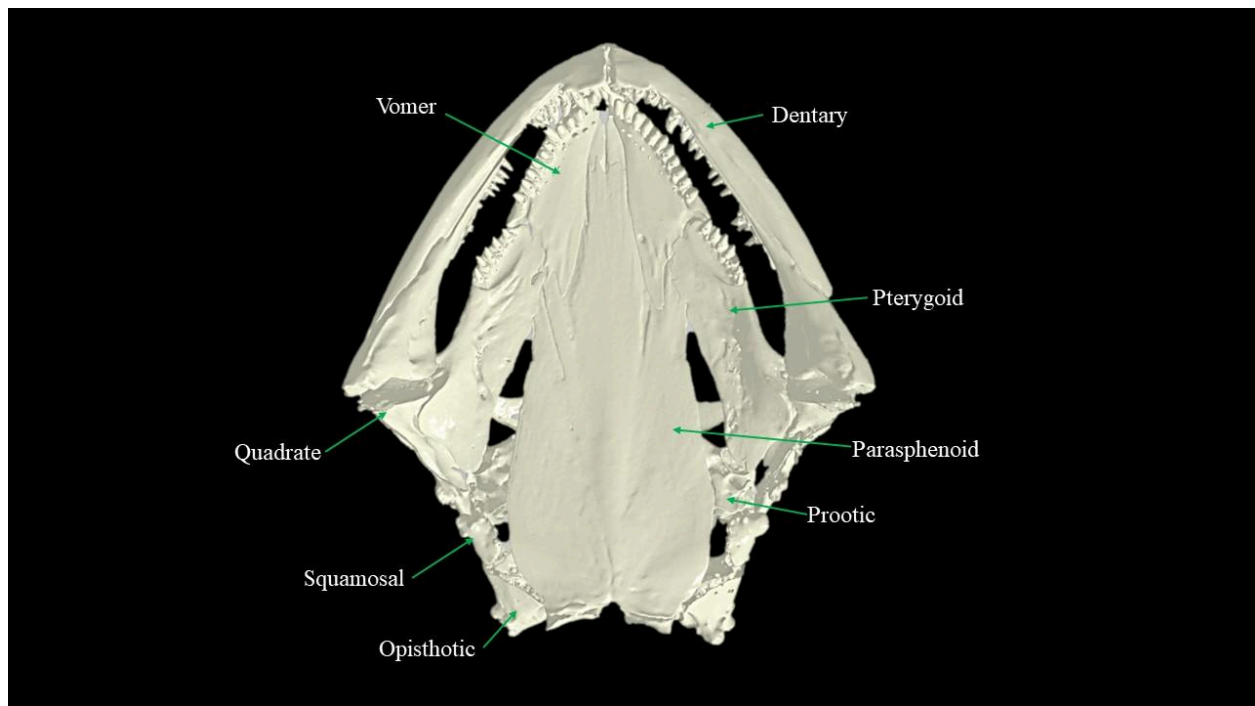
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Necturus skull



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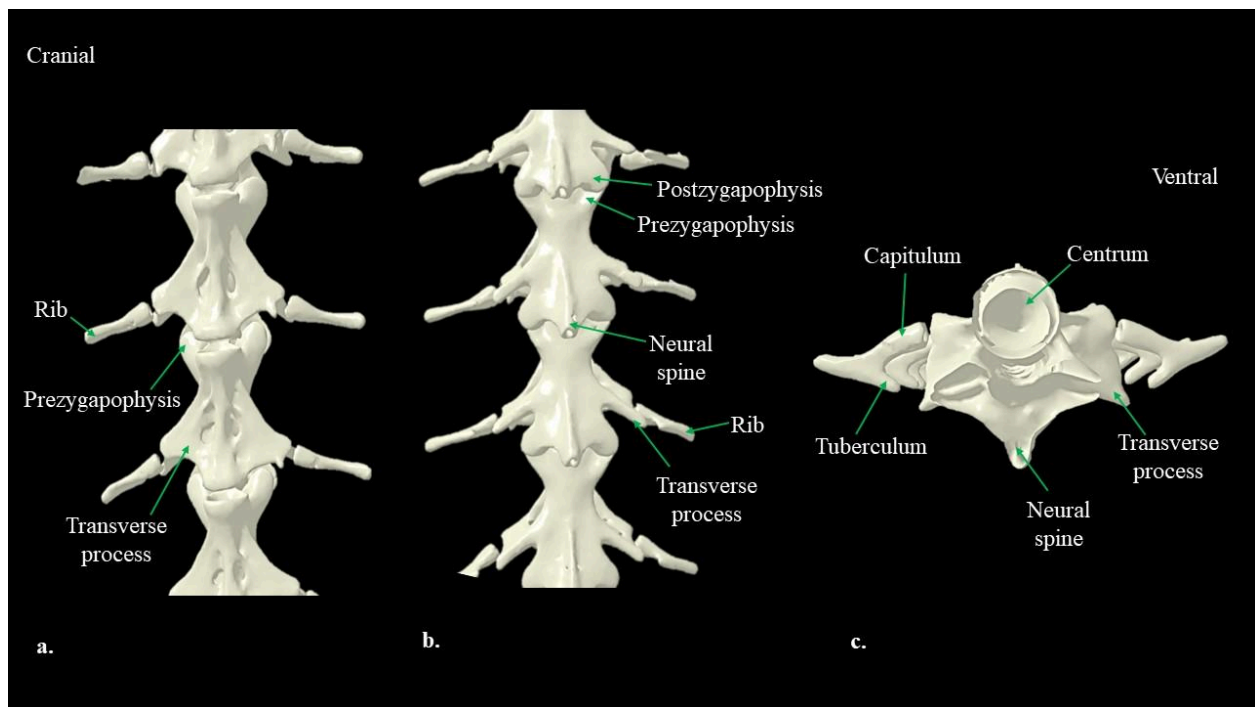


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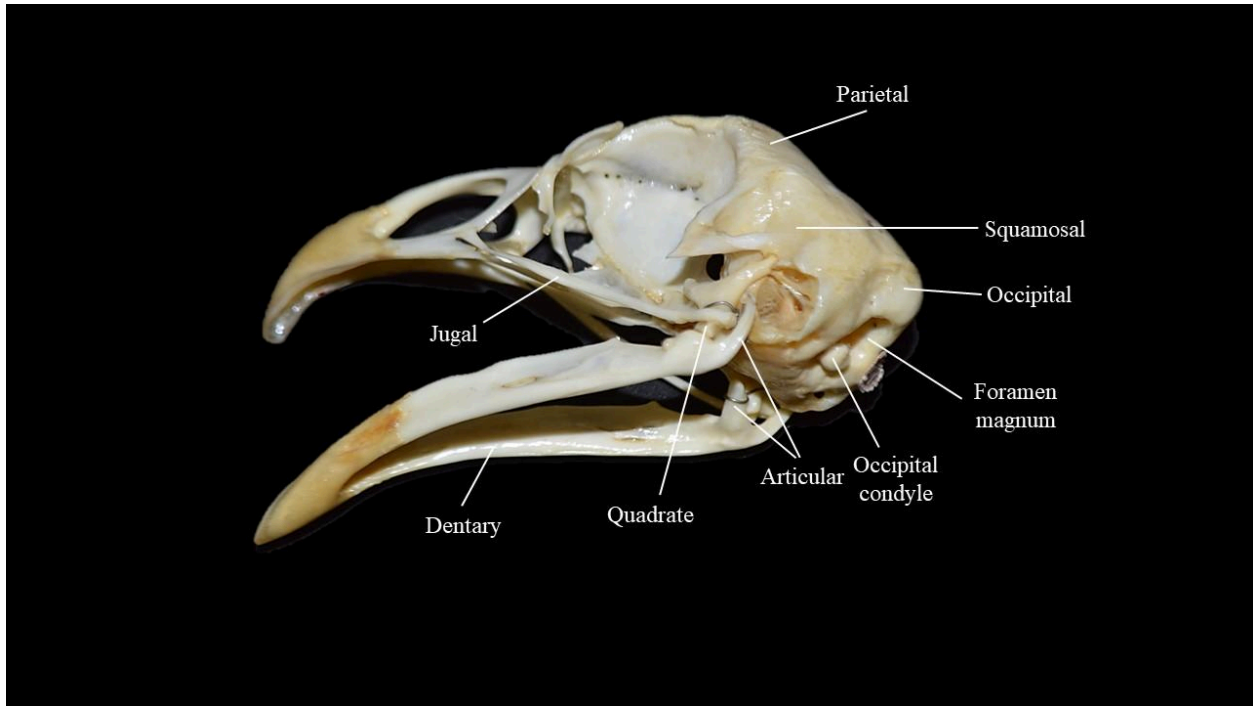
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## *Necturus* skeleton

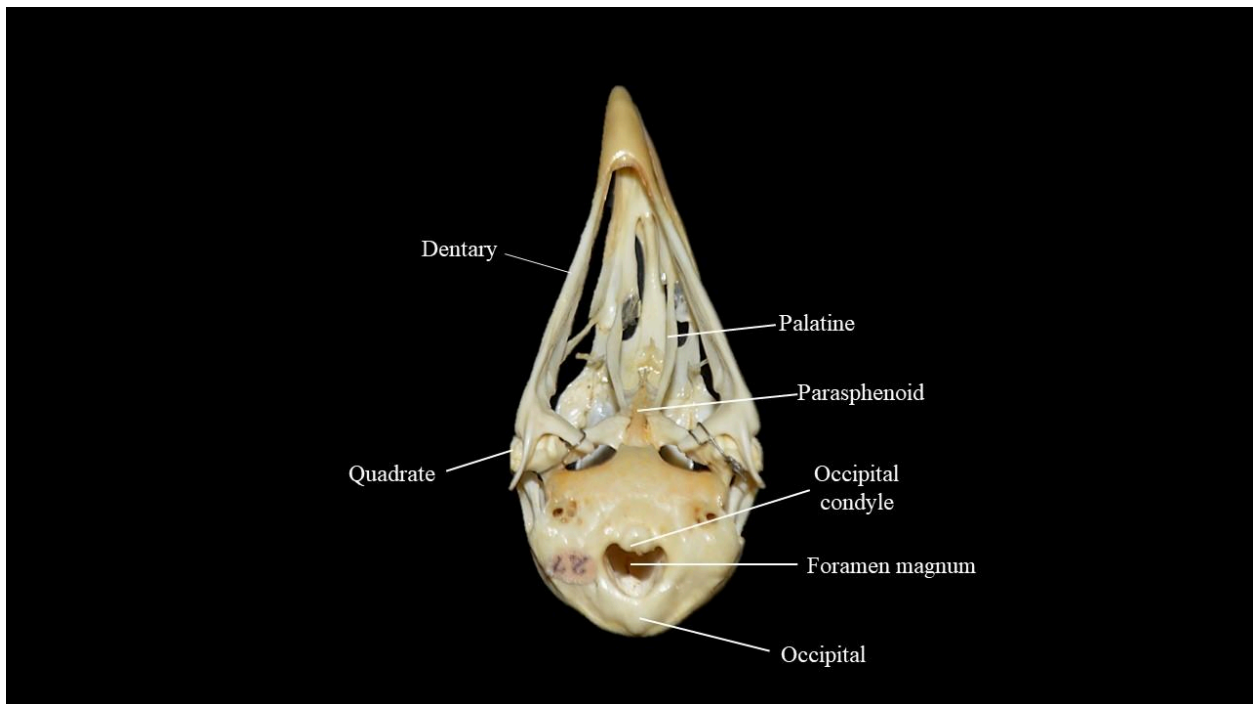


a. Ventral view of *Necturus* vertebrae and ribs, b. Dorsal view of *Necturus* vertebrae and ribs, c. Cranial view of *Necturus* vertebra and ribs. Based on CT scan of *Necturus beyeri* by the University of Florida Museum of Natural History CC BY-NC.

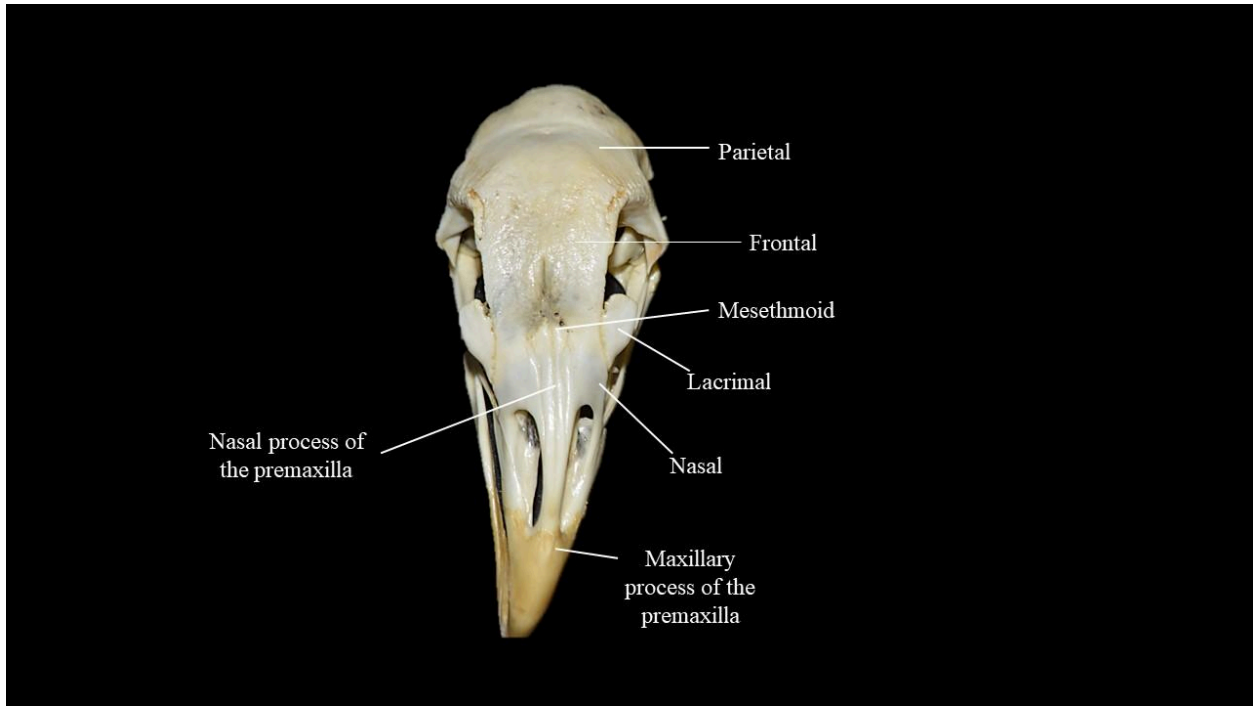
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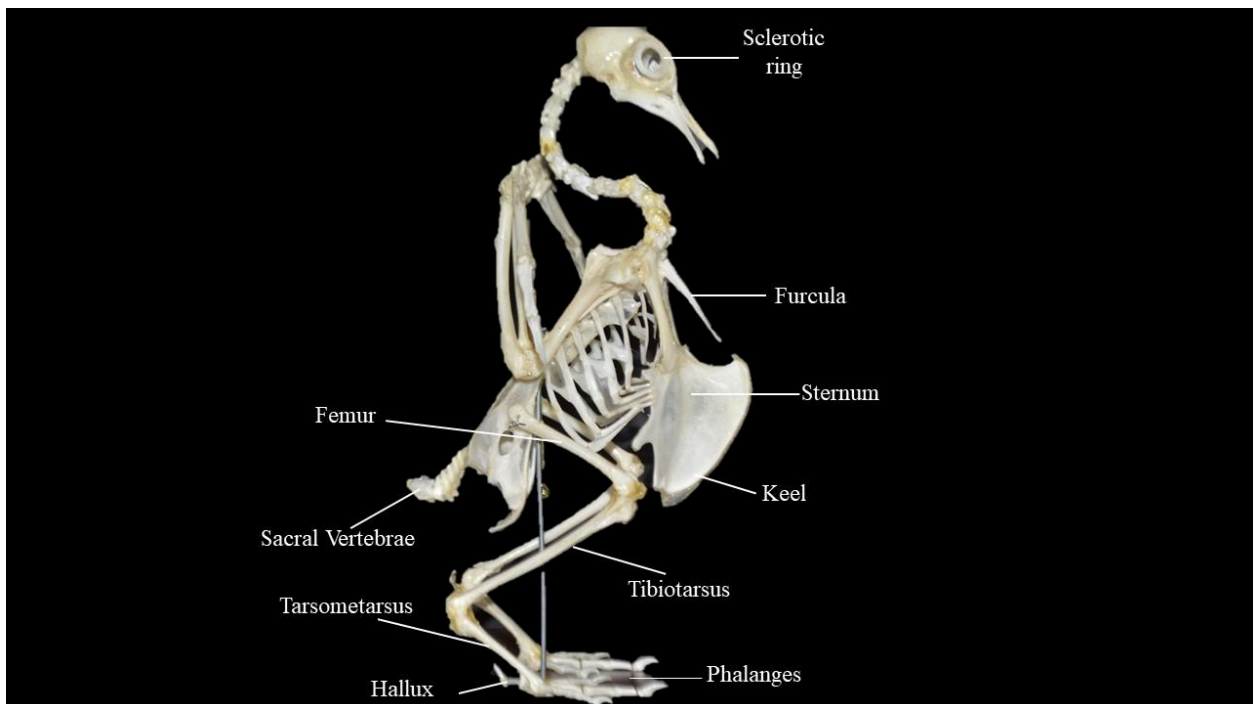


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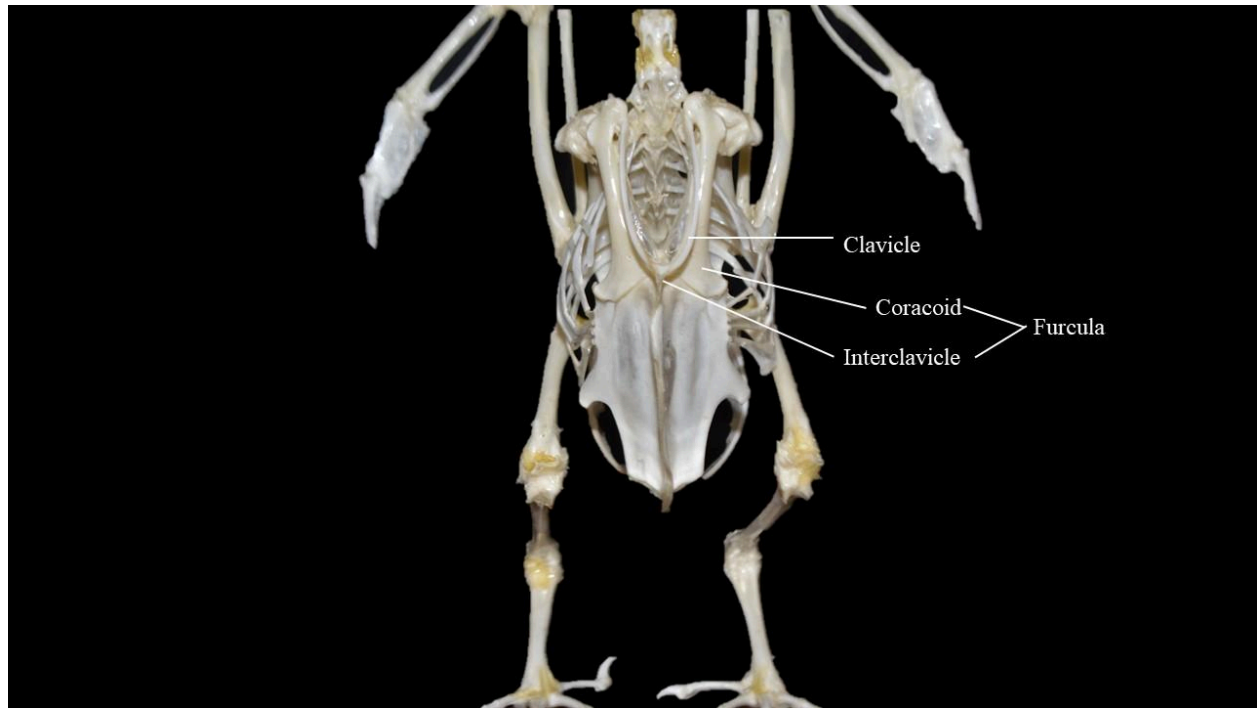
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## Pigeon skeleton

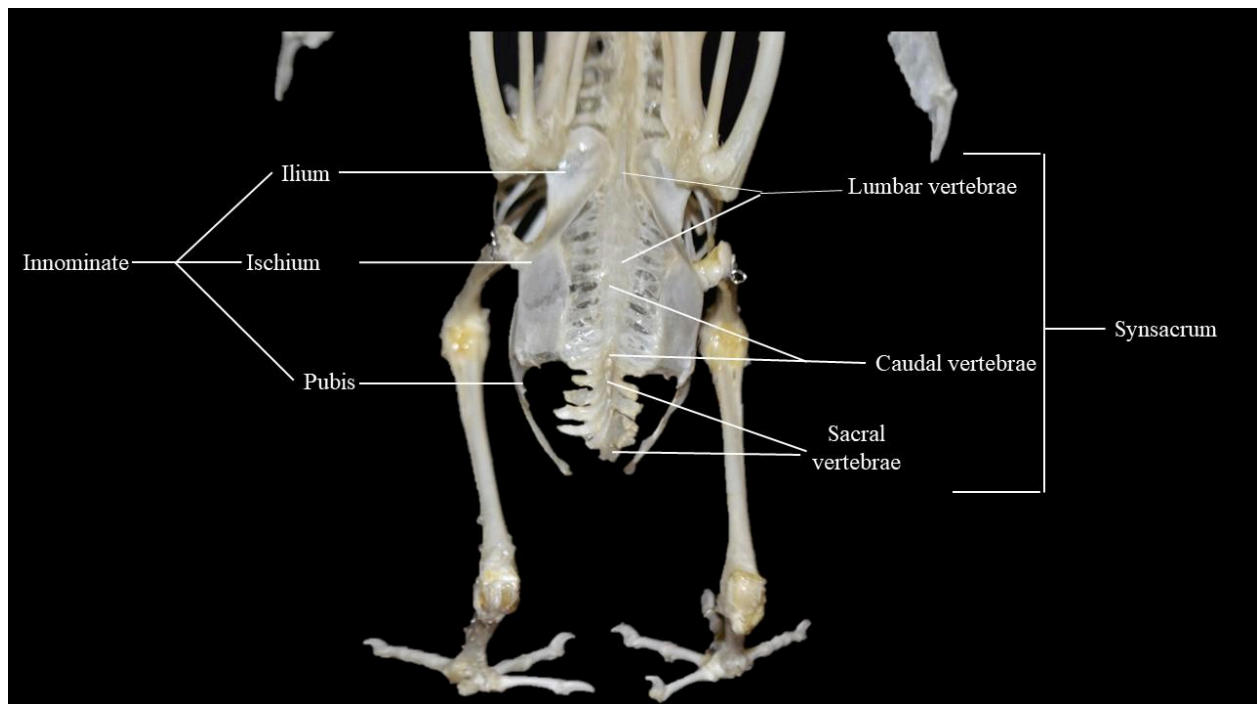




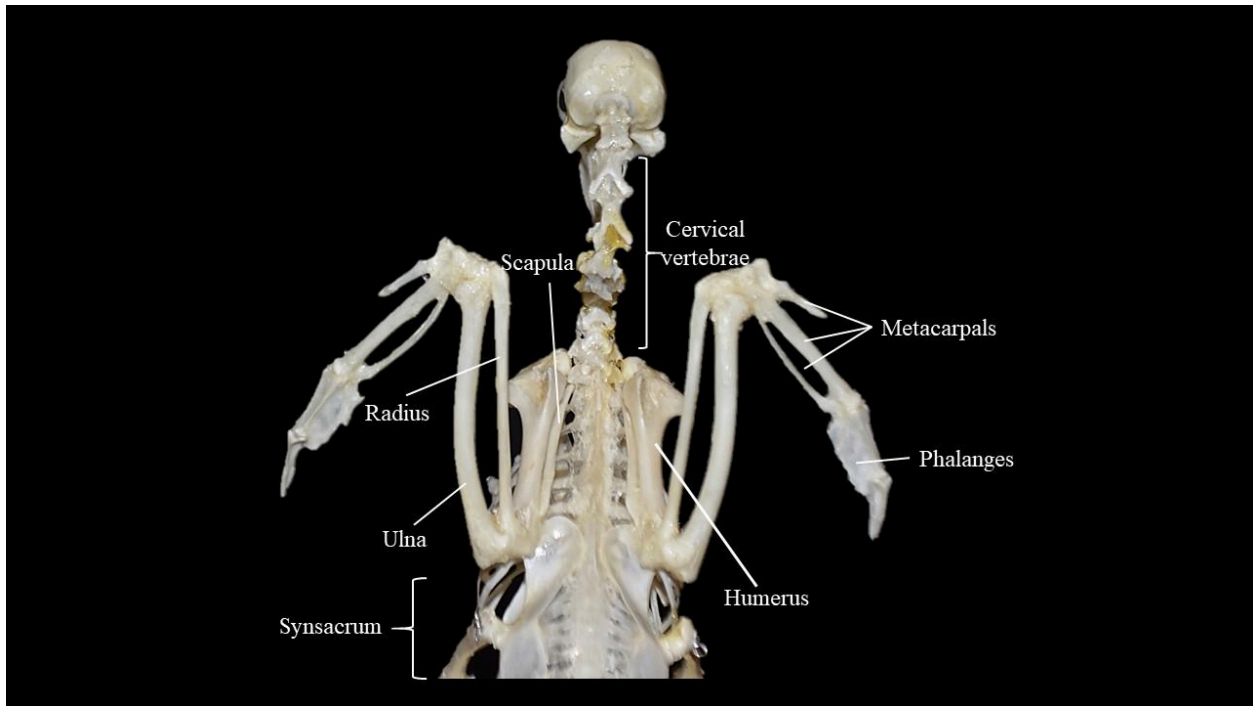
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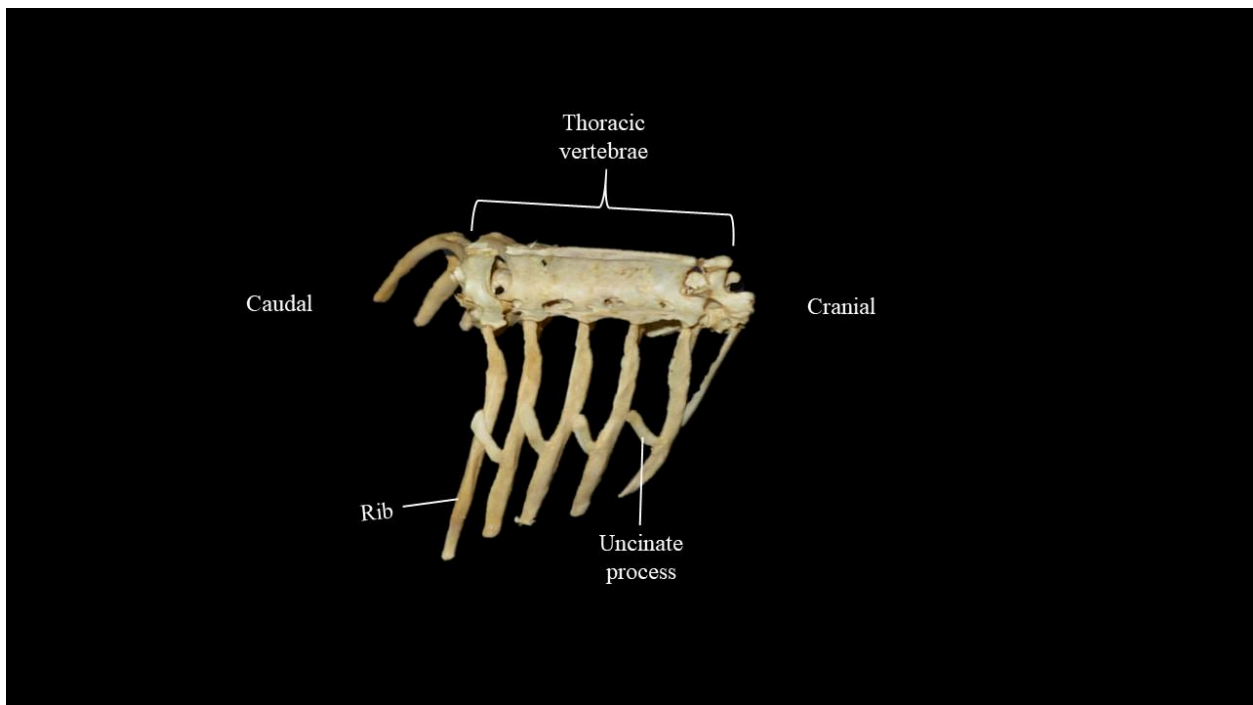
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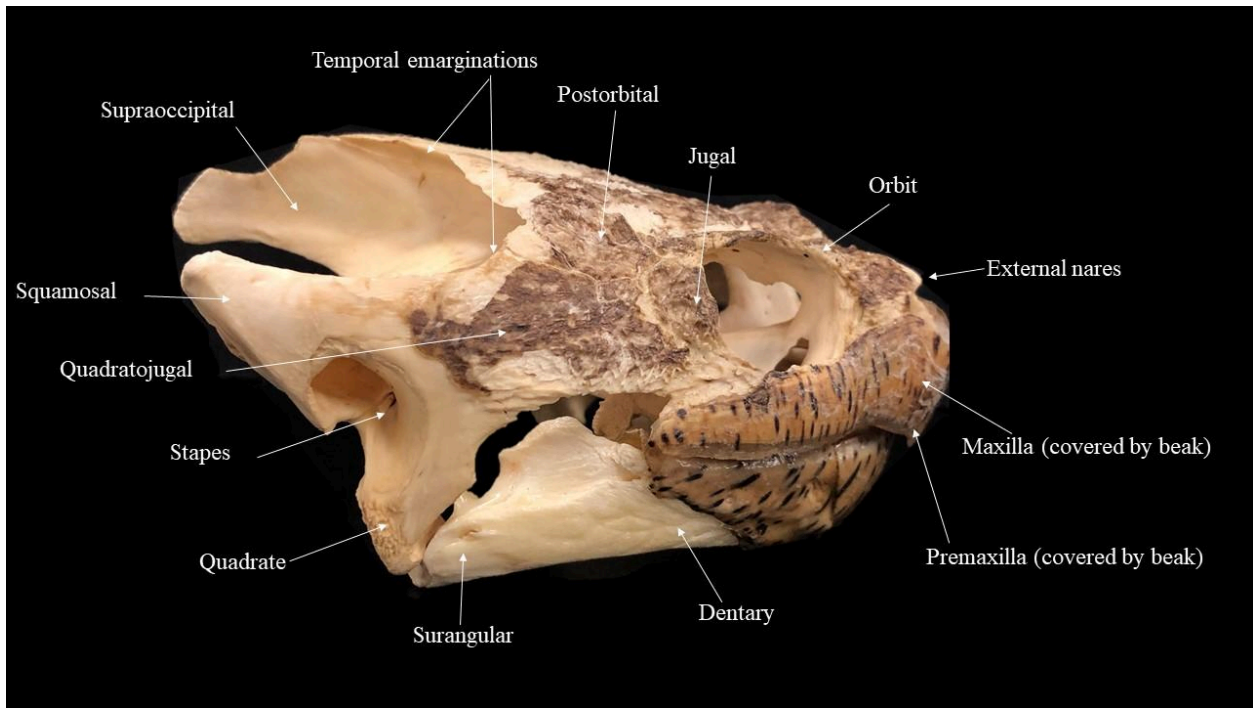


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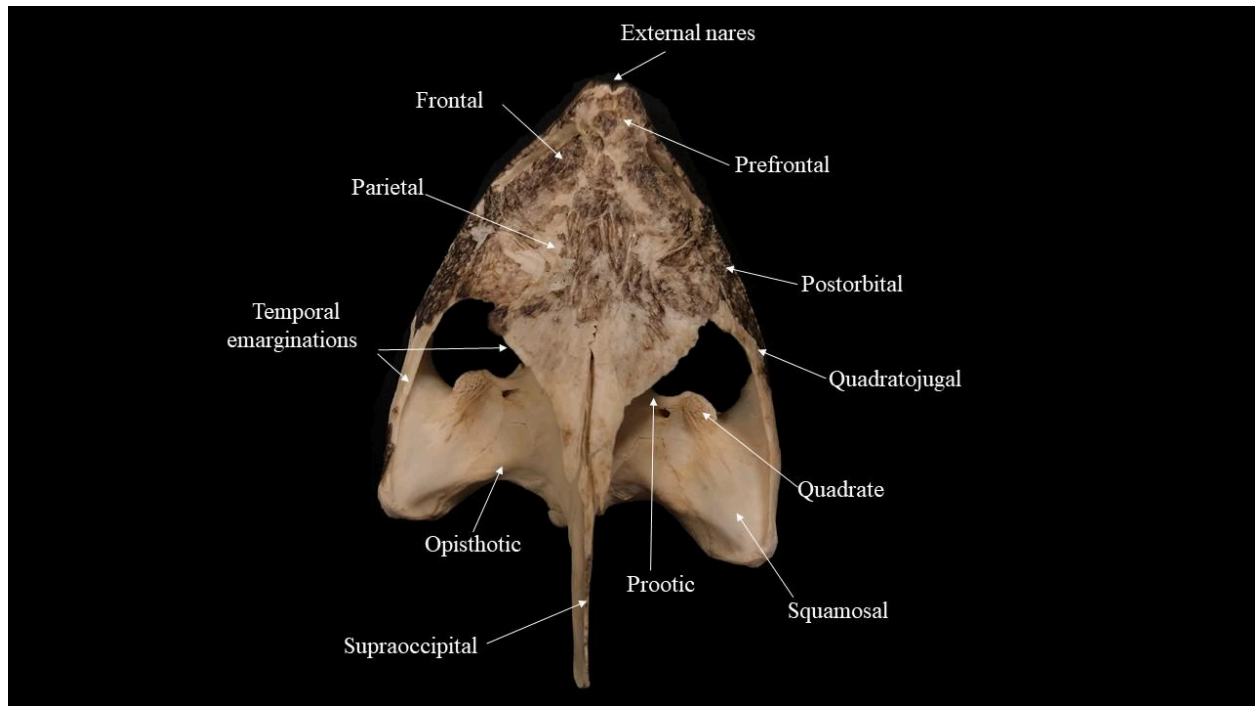
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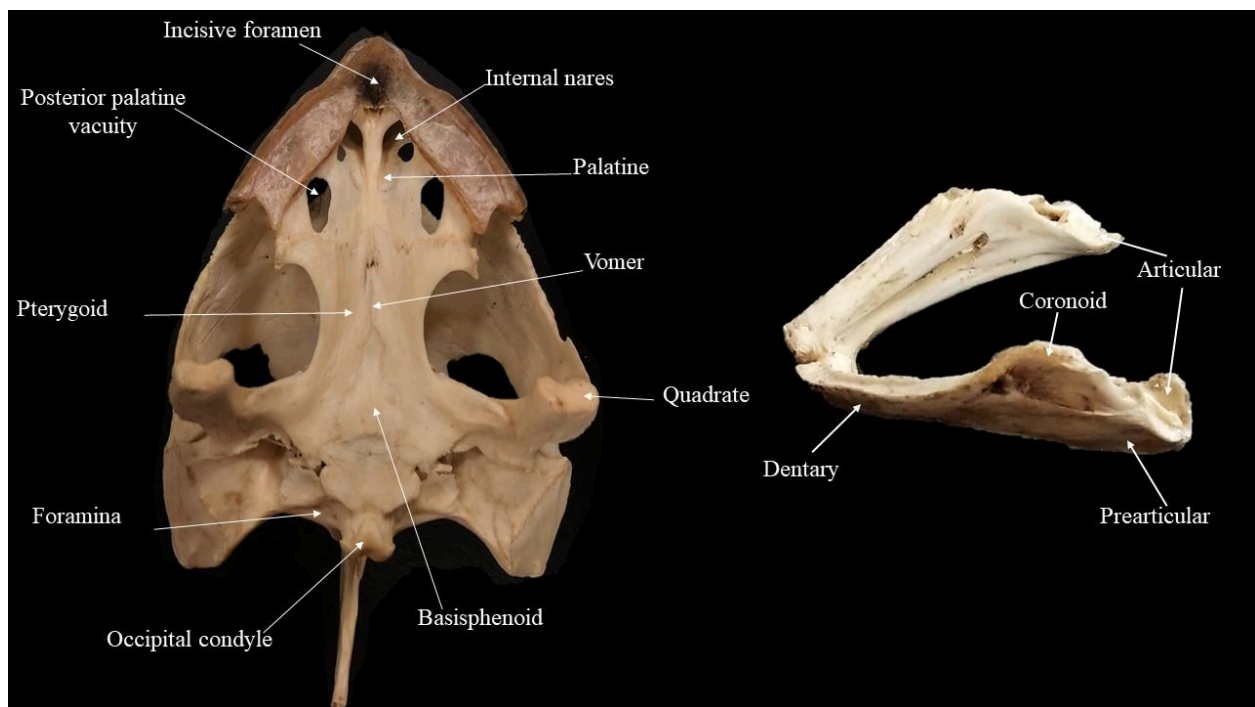
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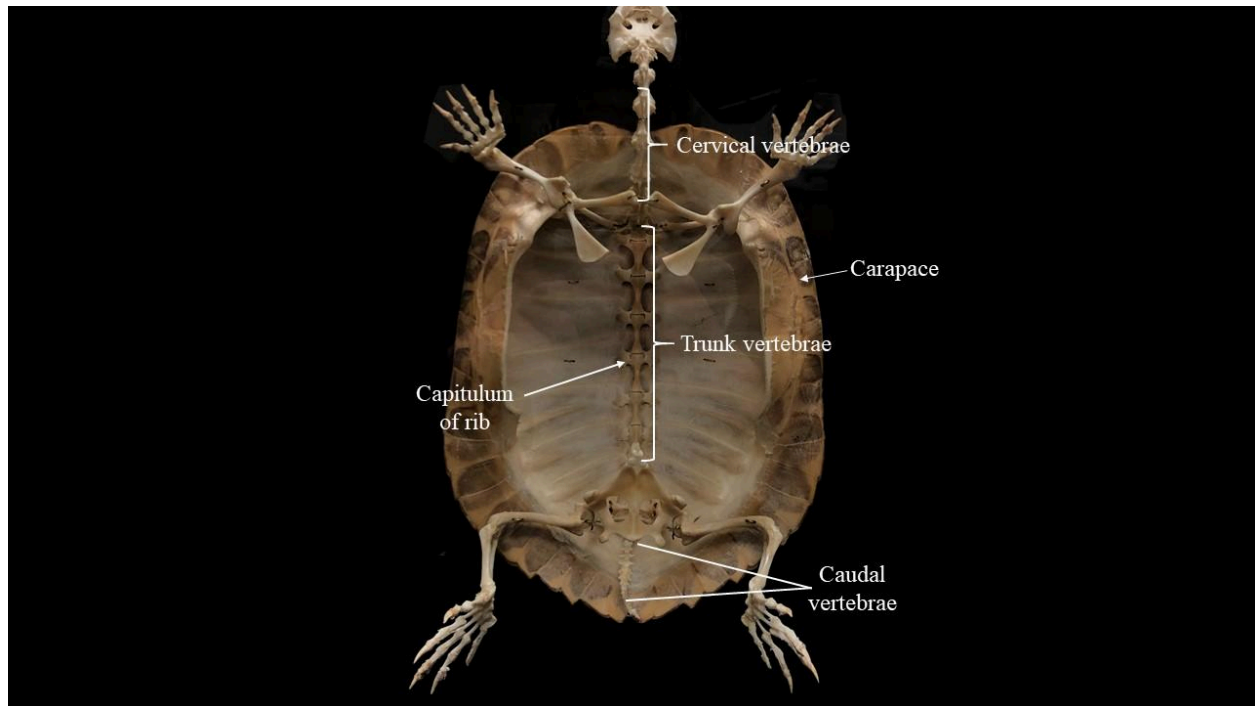


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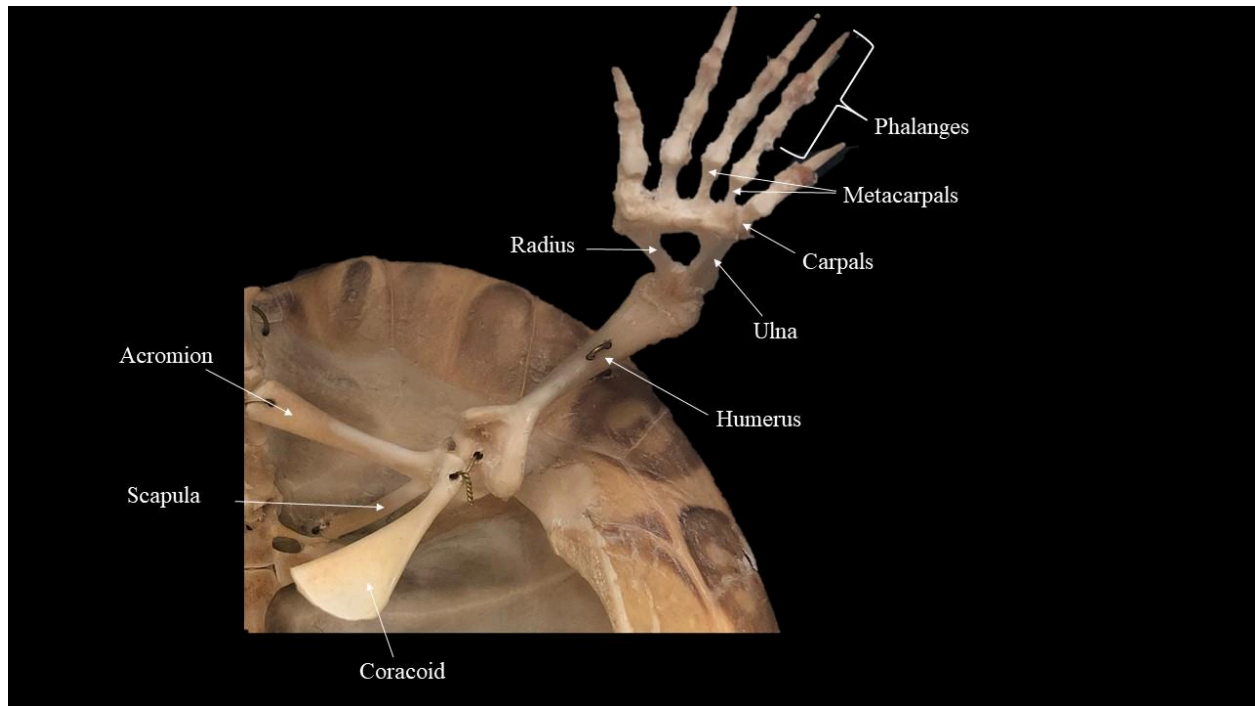
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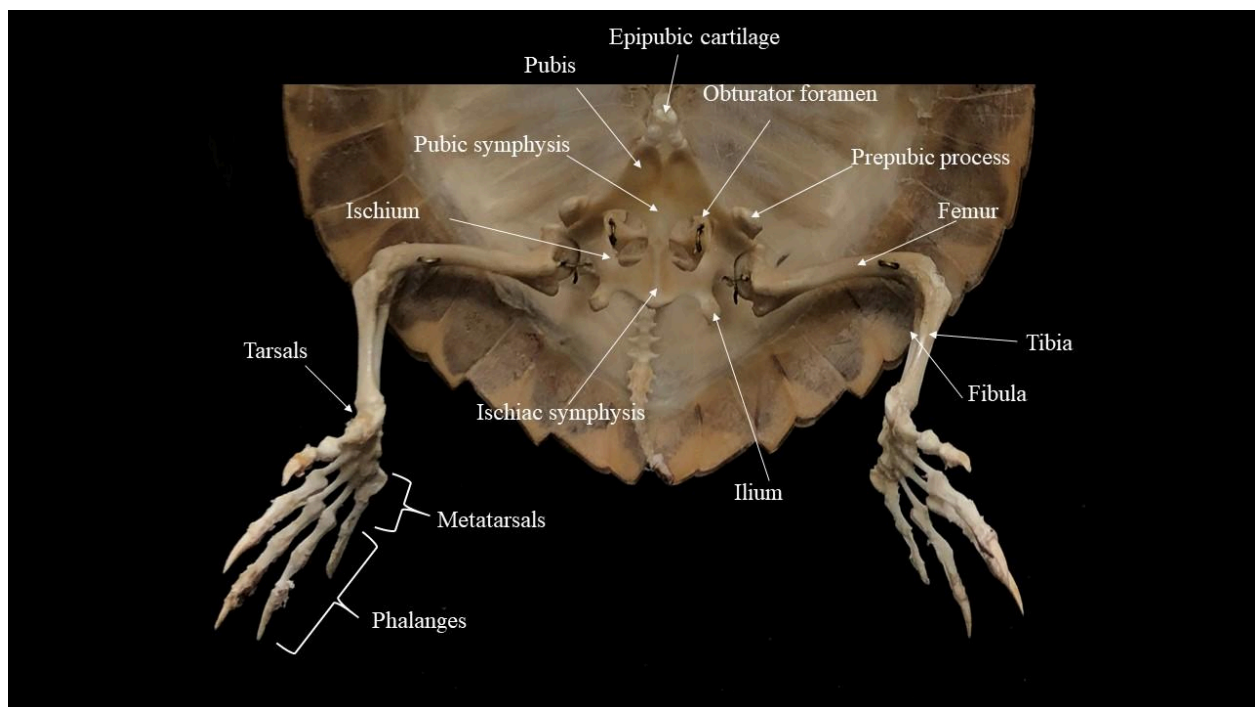
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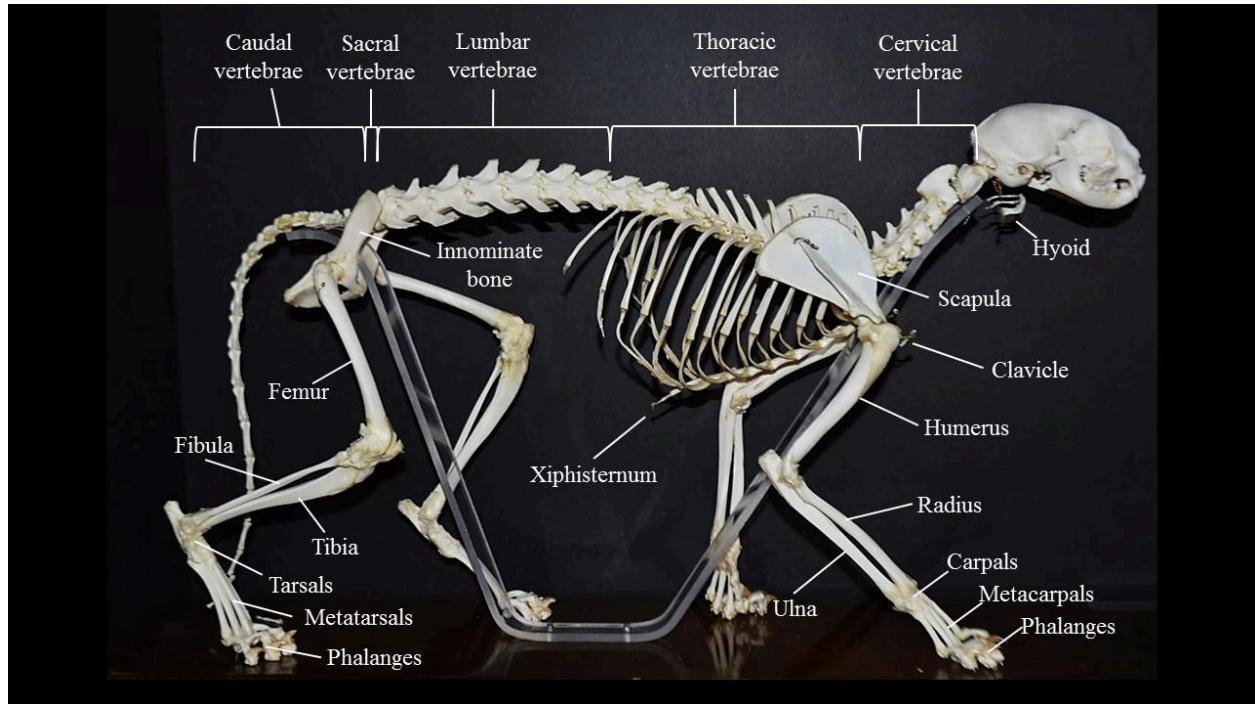
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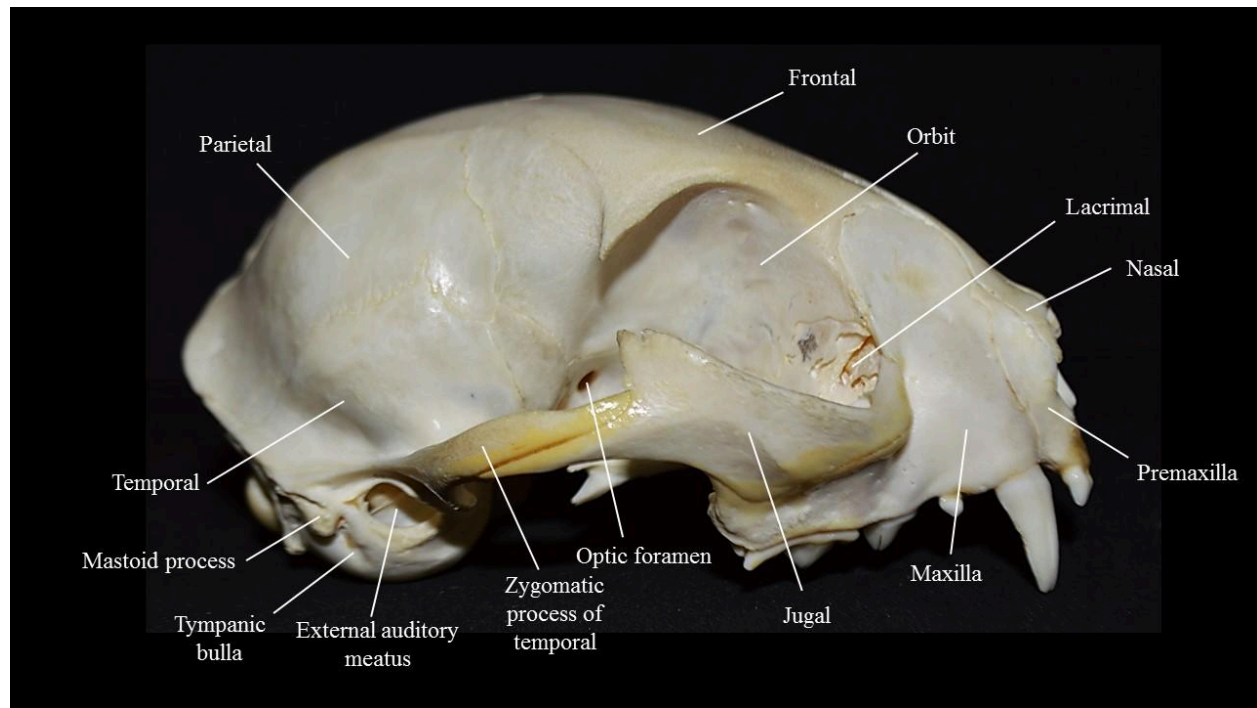
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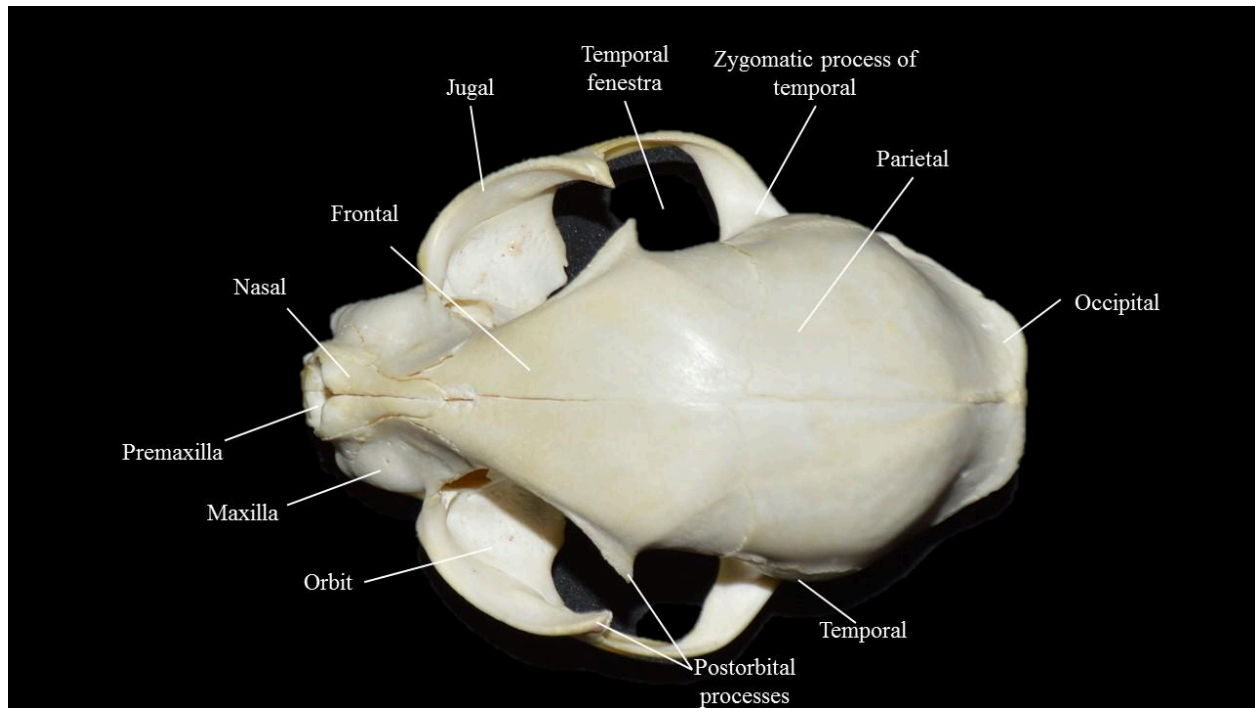
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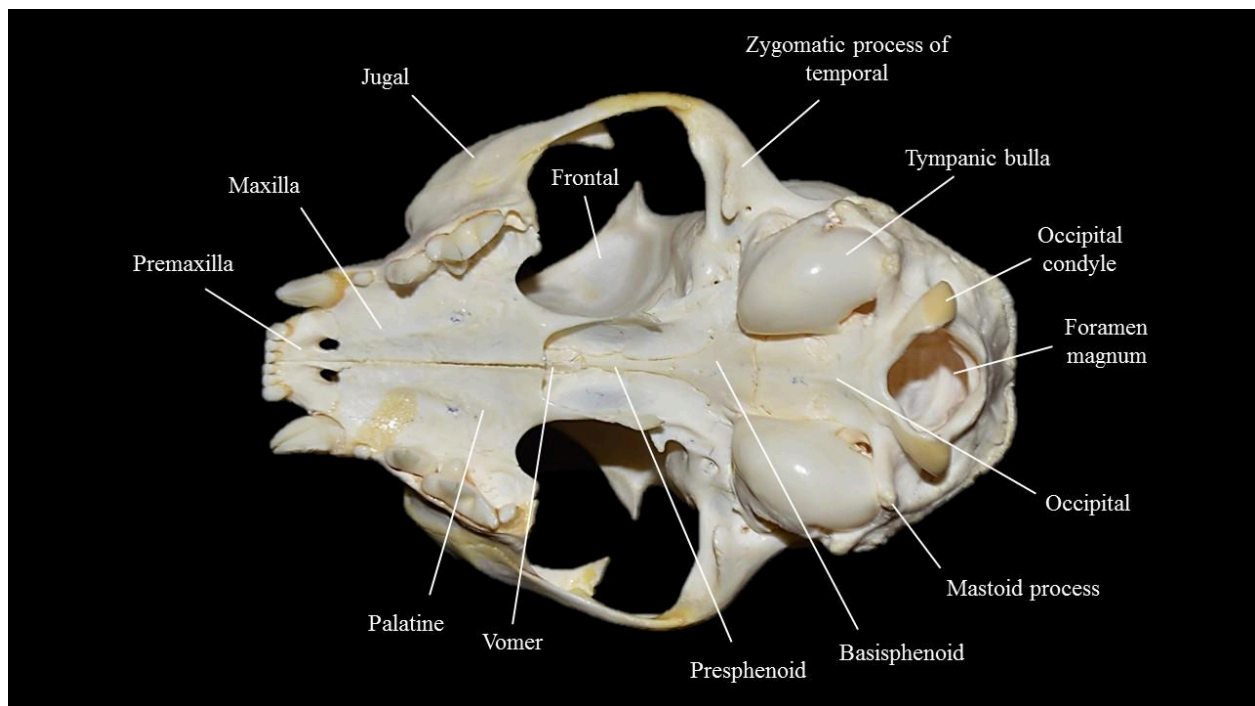
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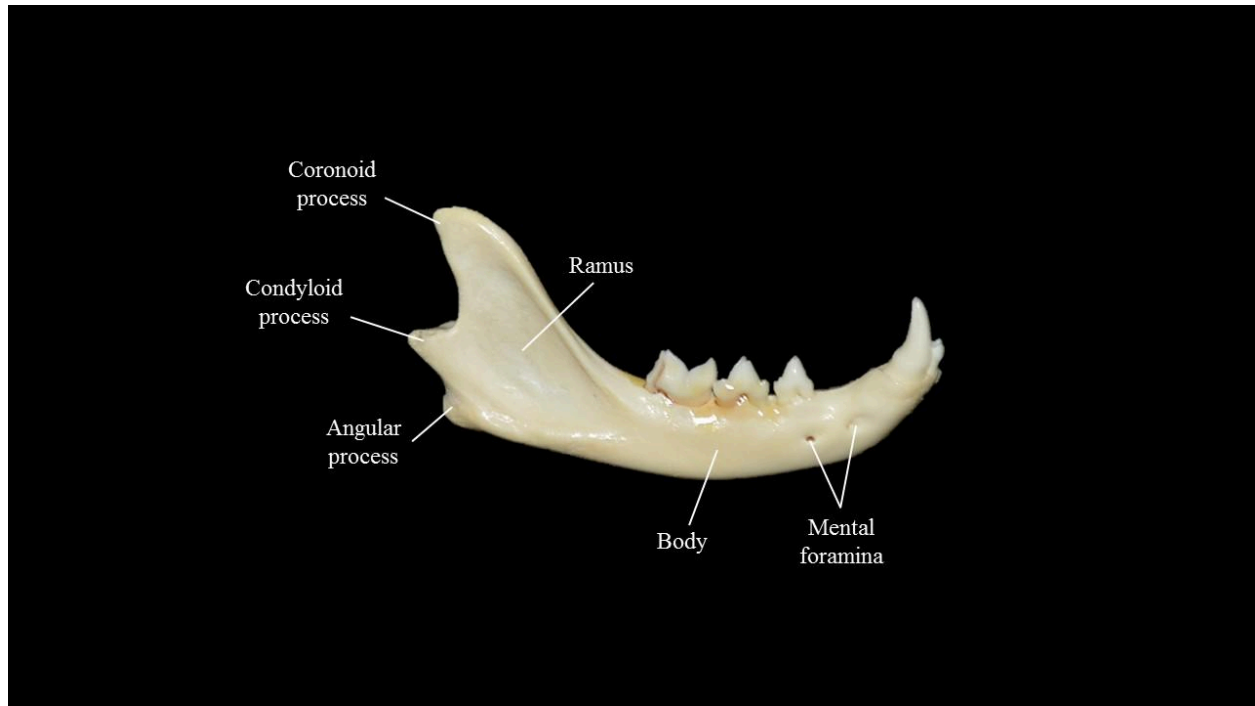
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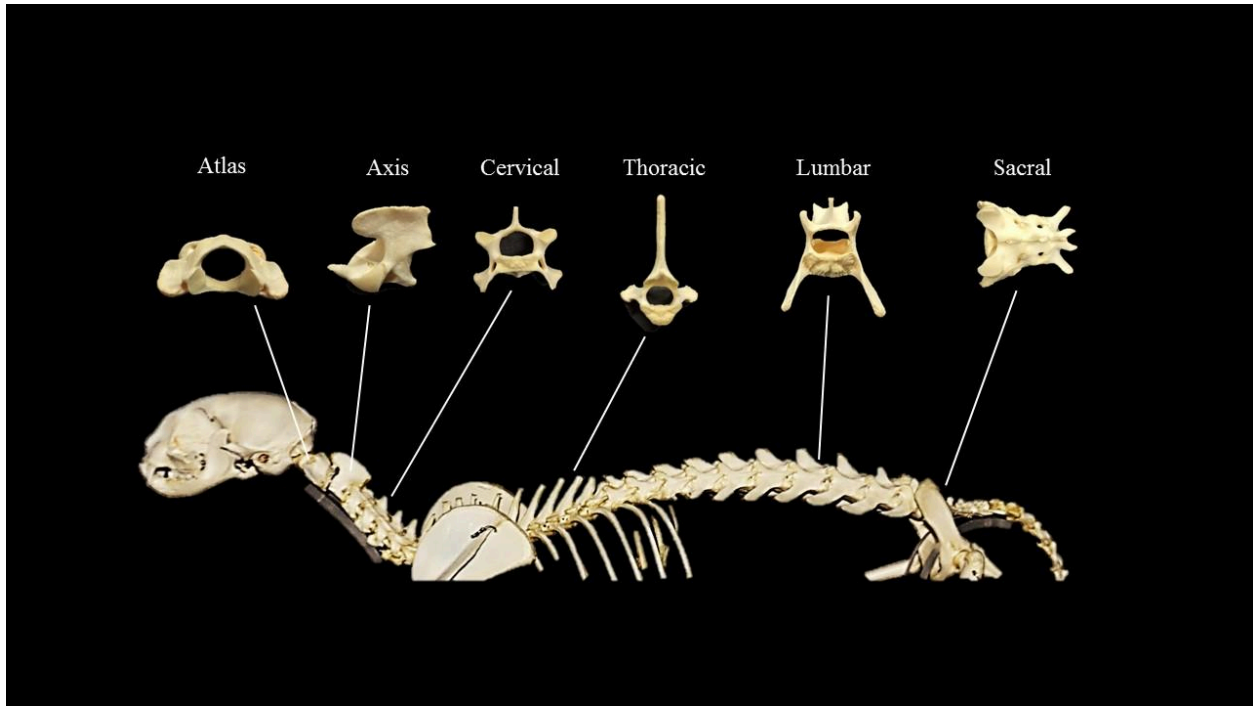


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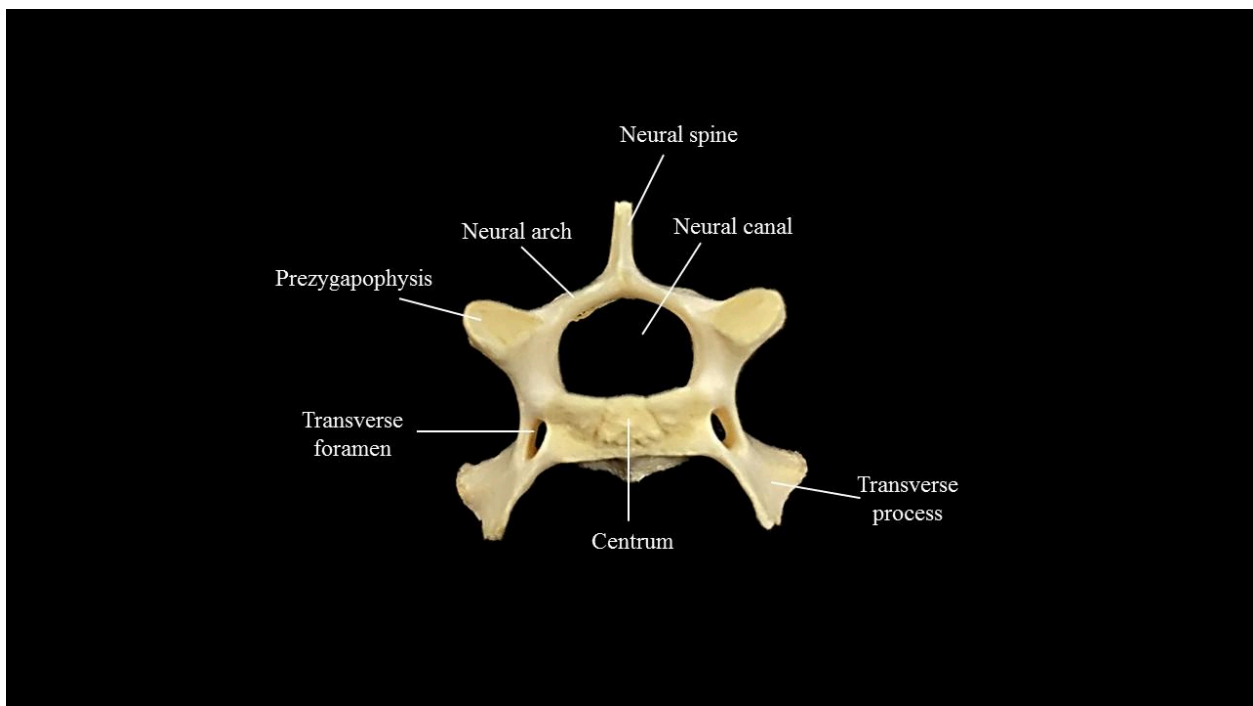
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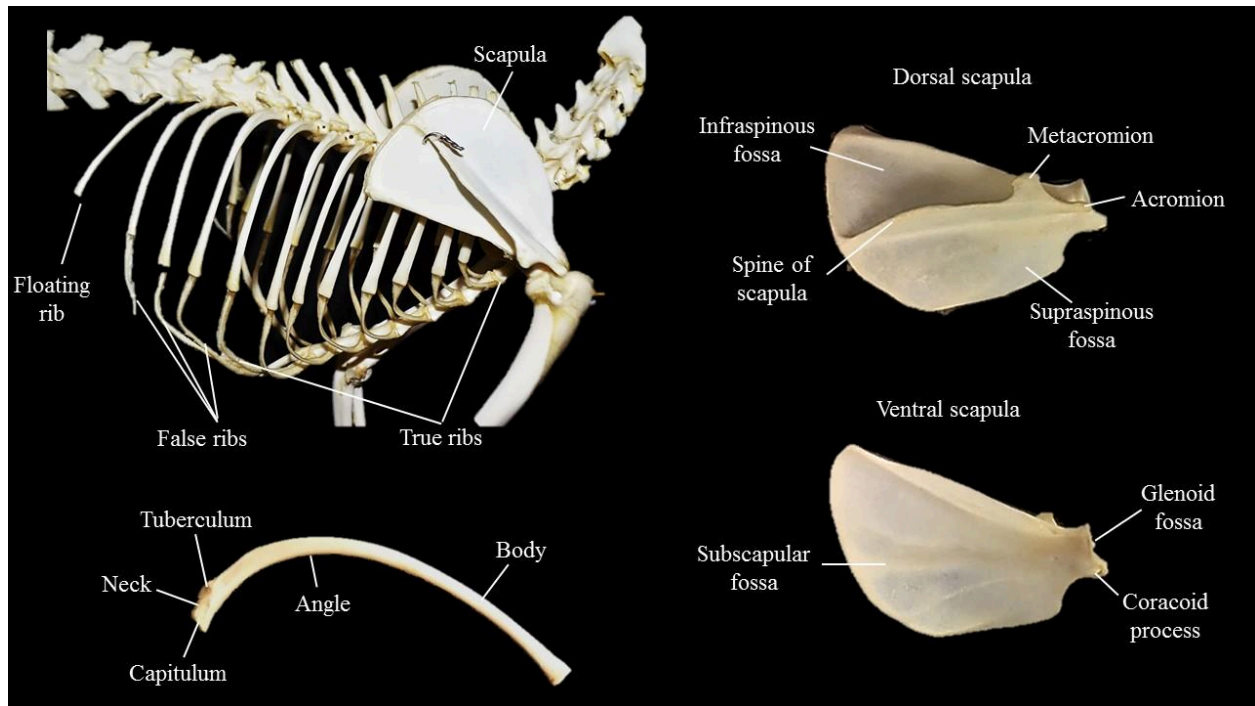


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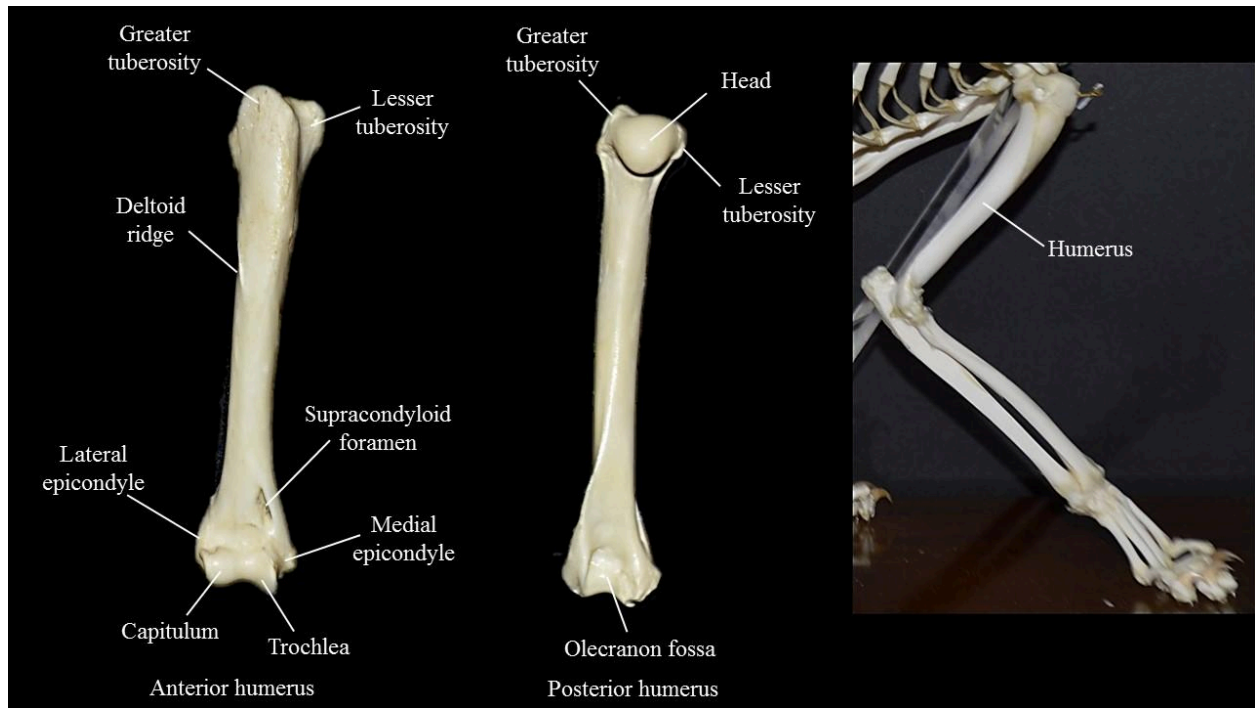


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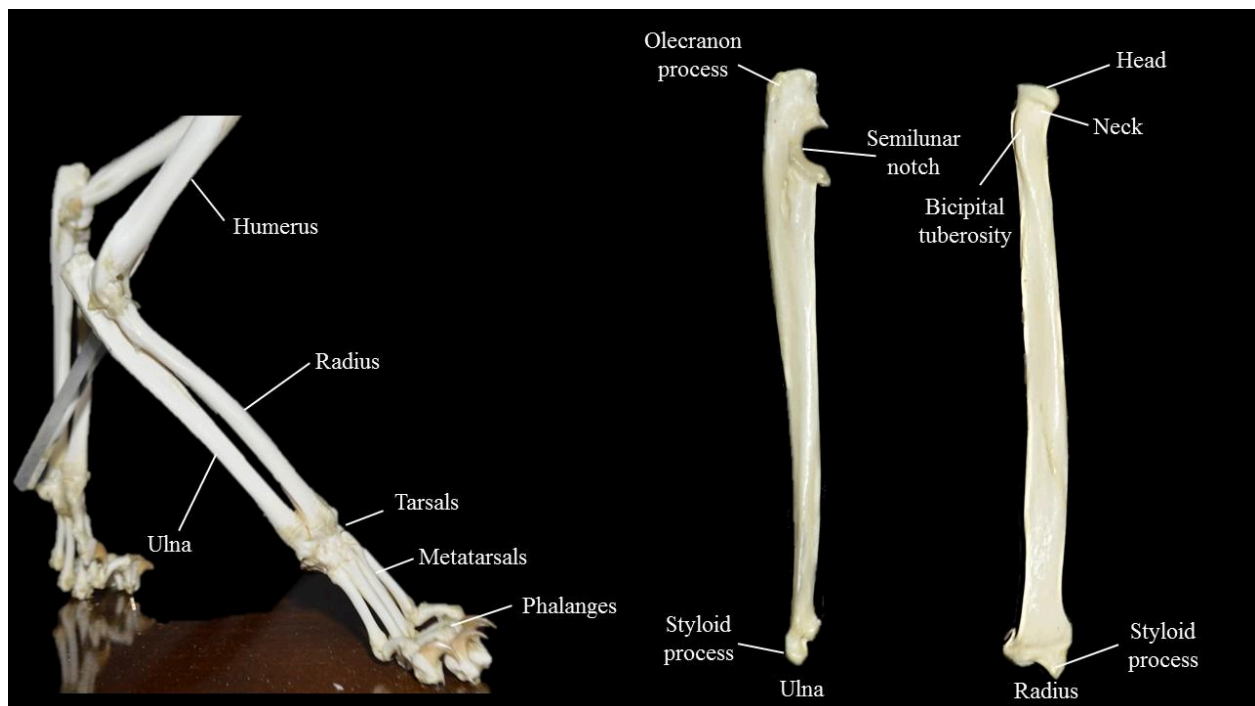
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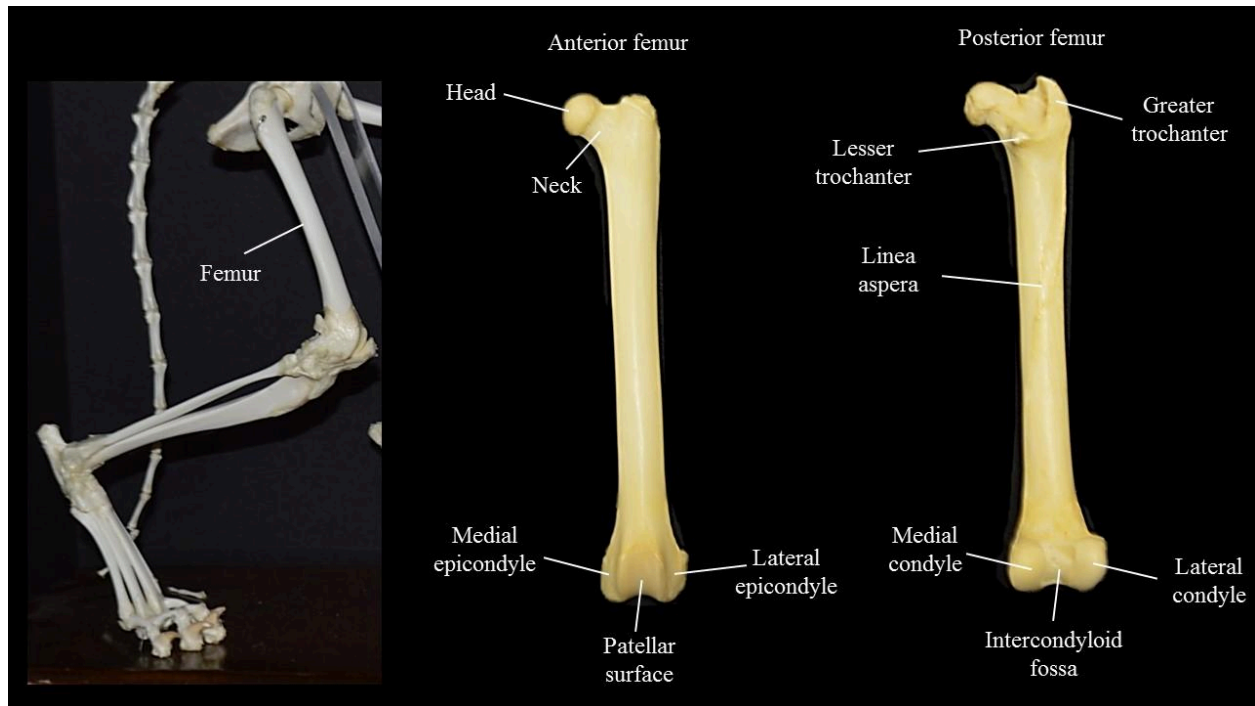


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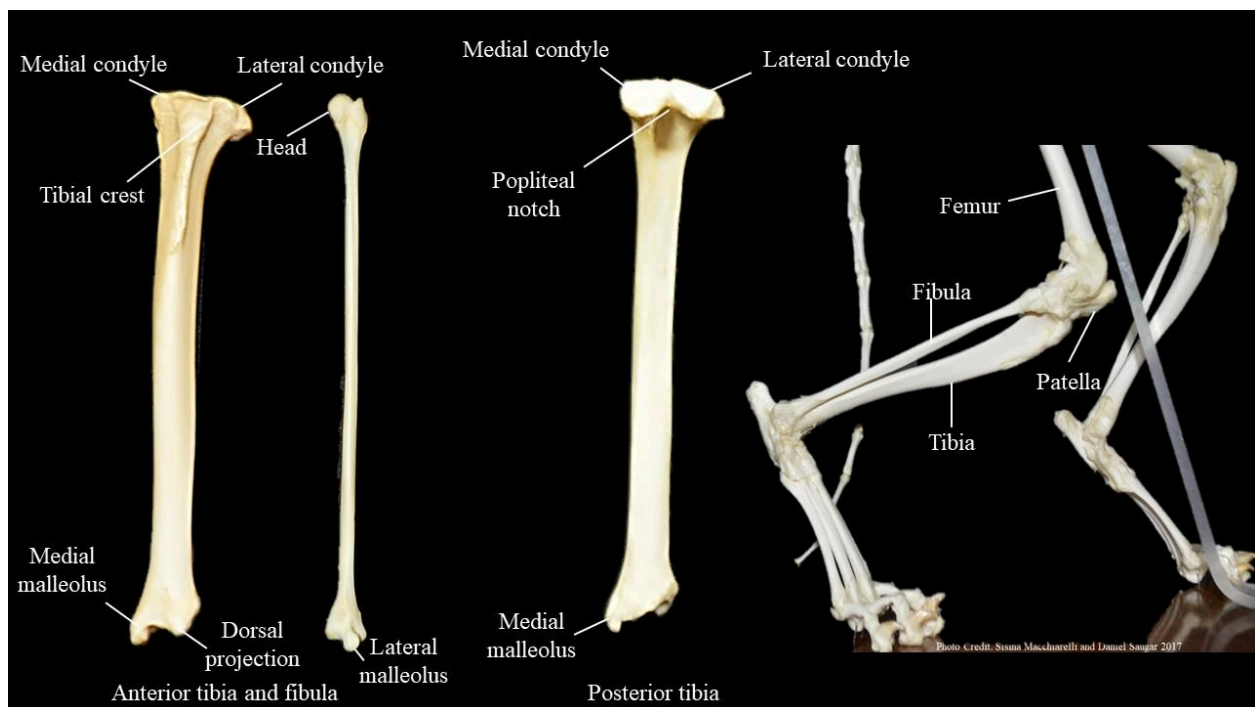


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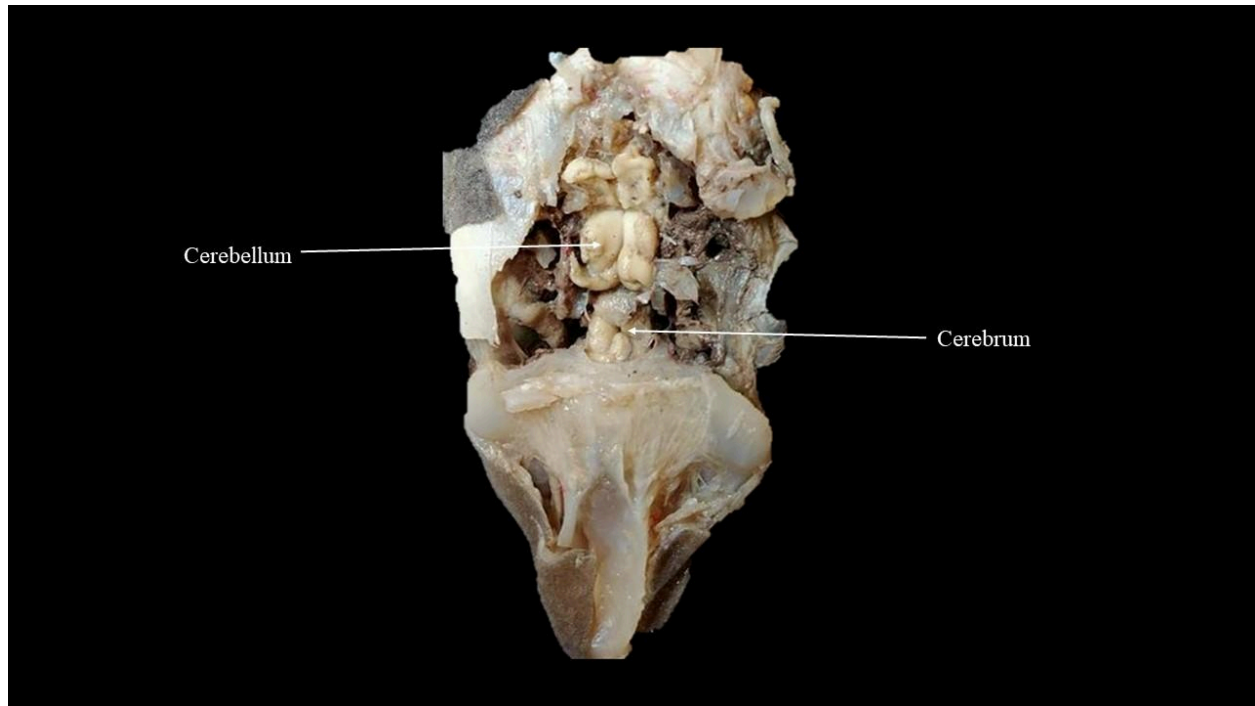
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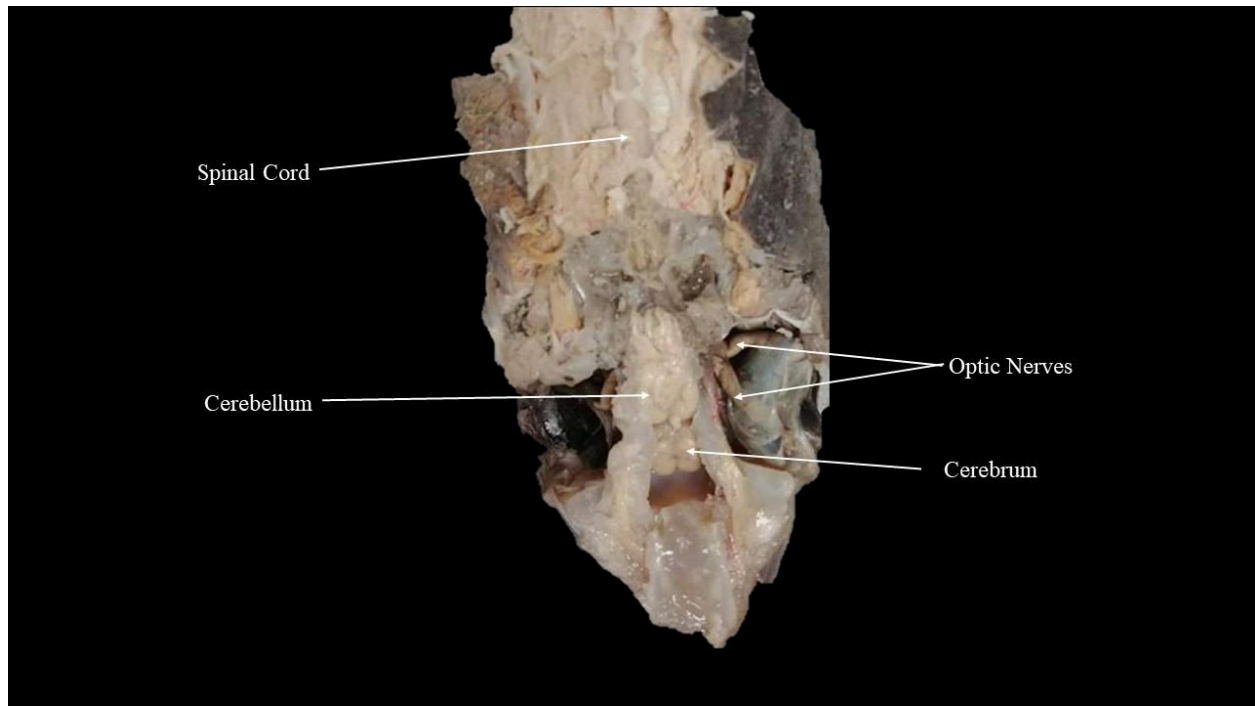
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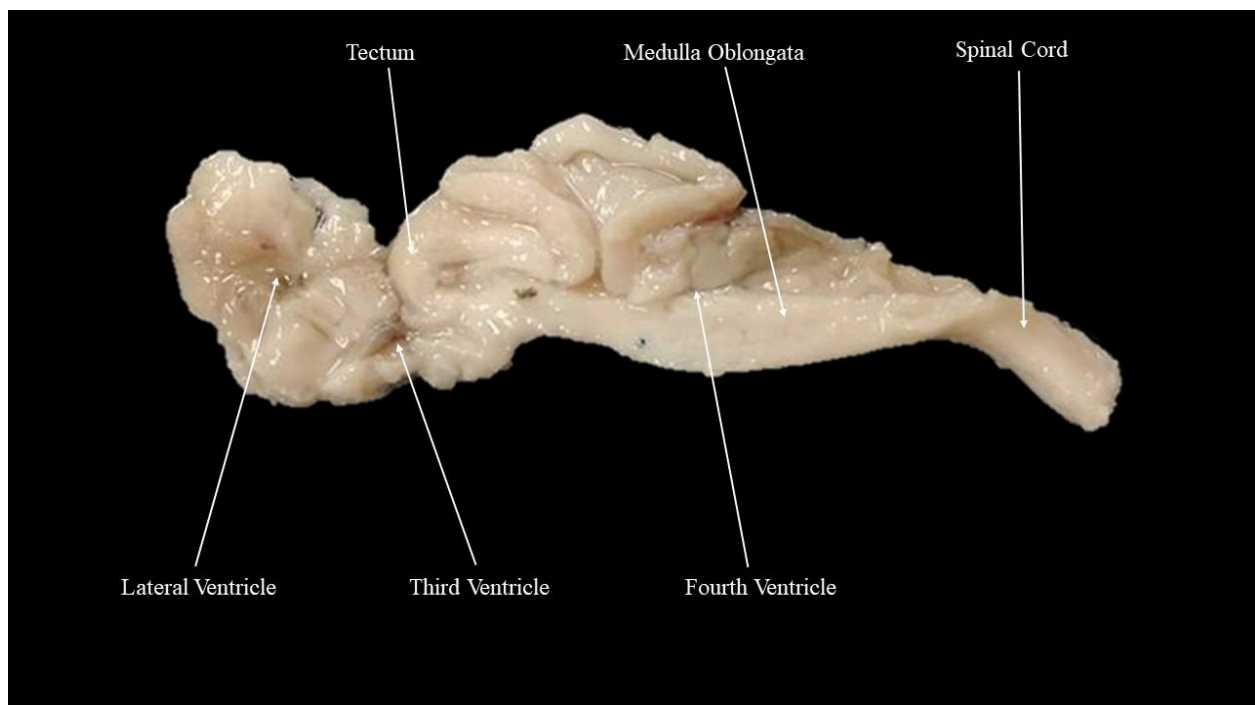
## Squalus brain



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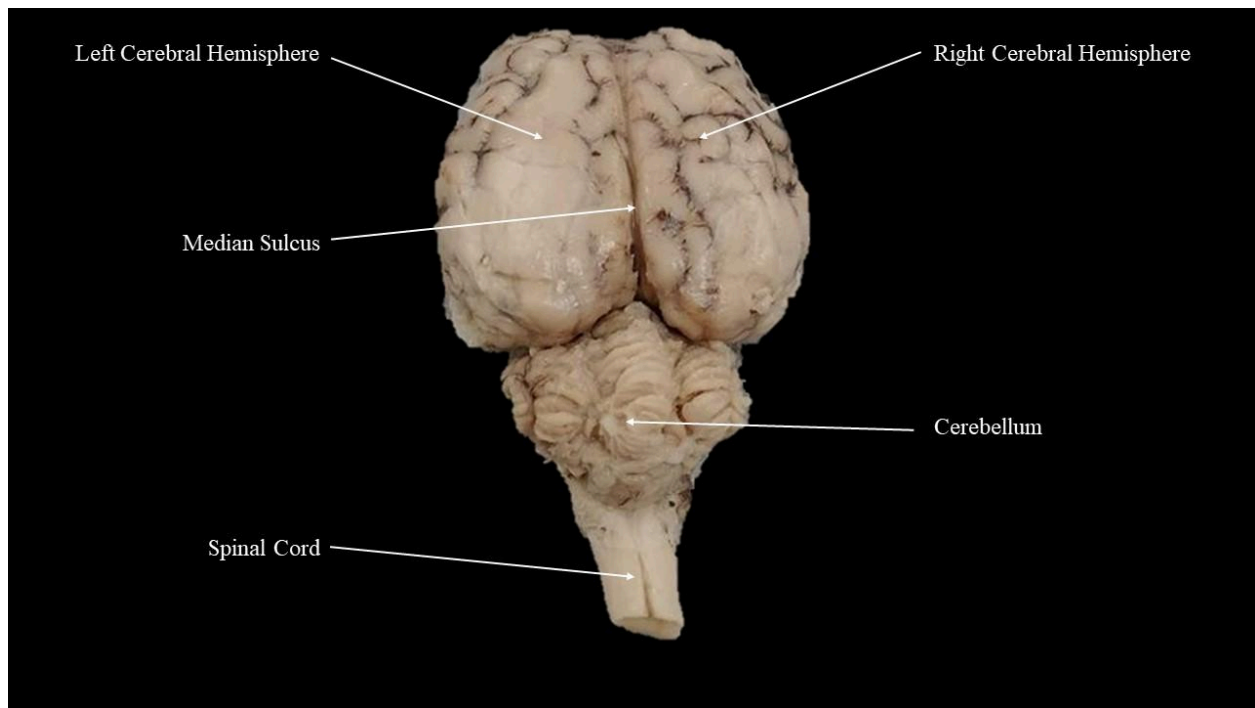


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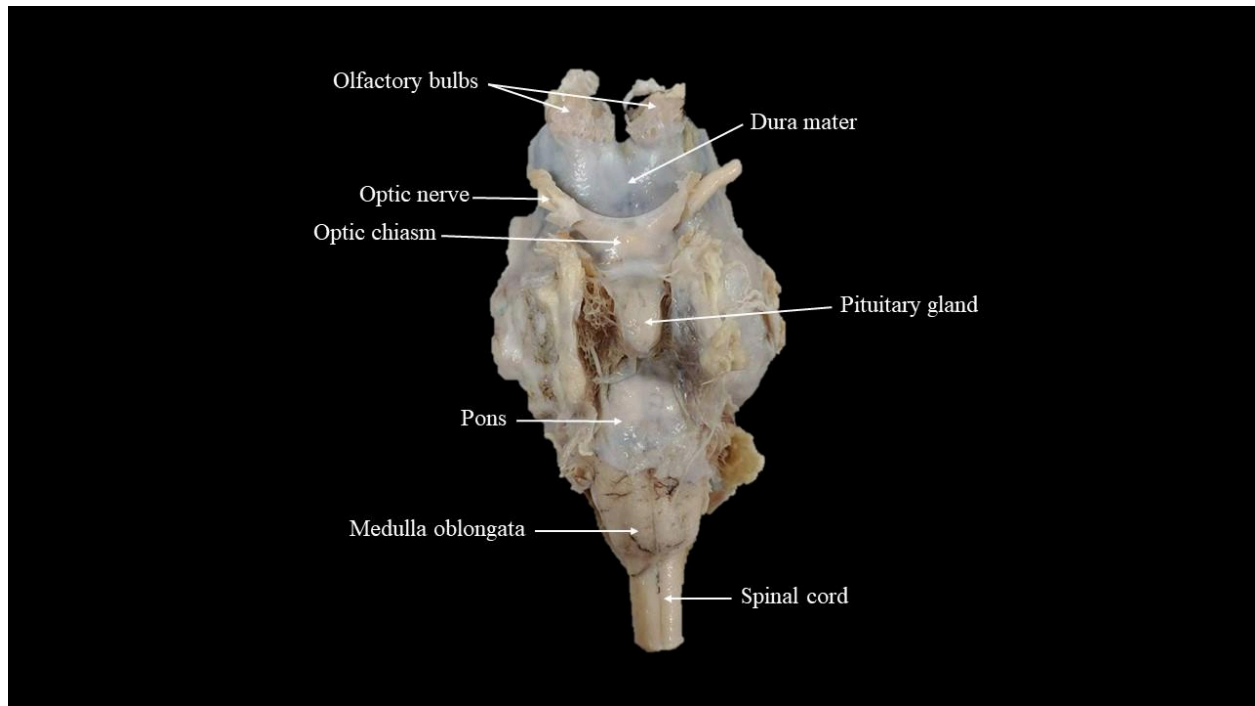
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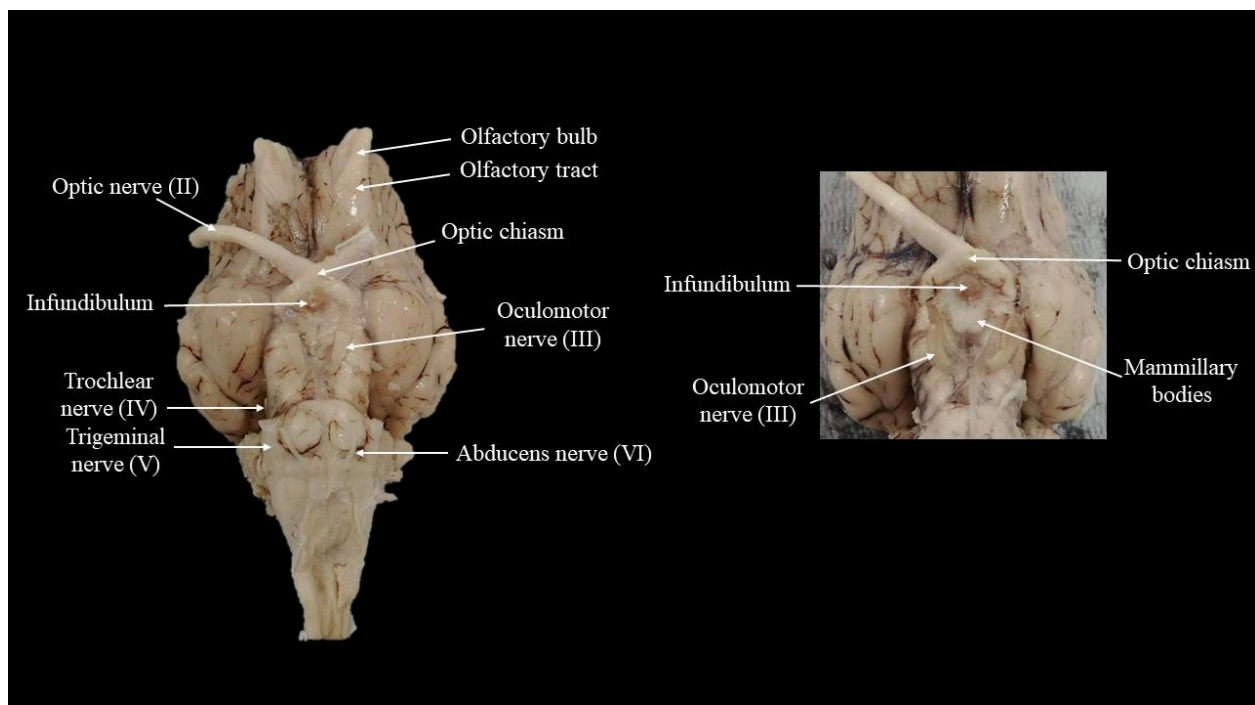
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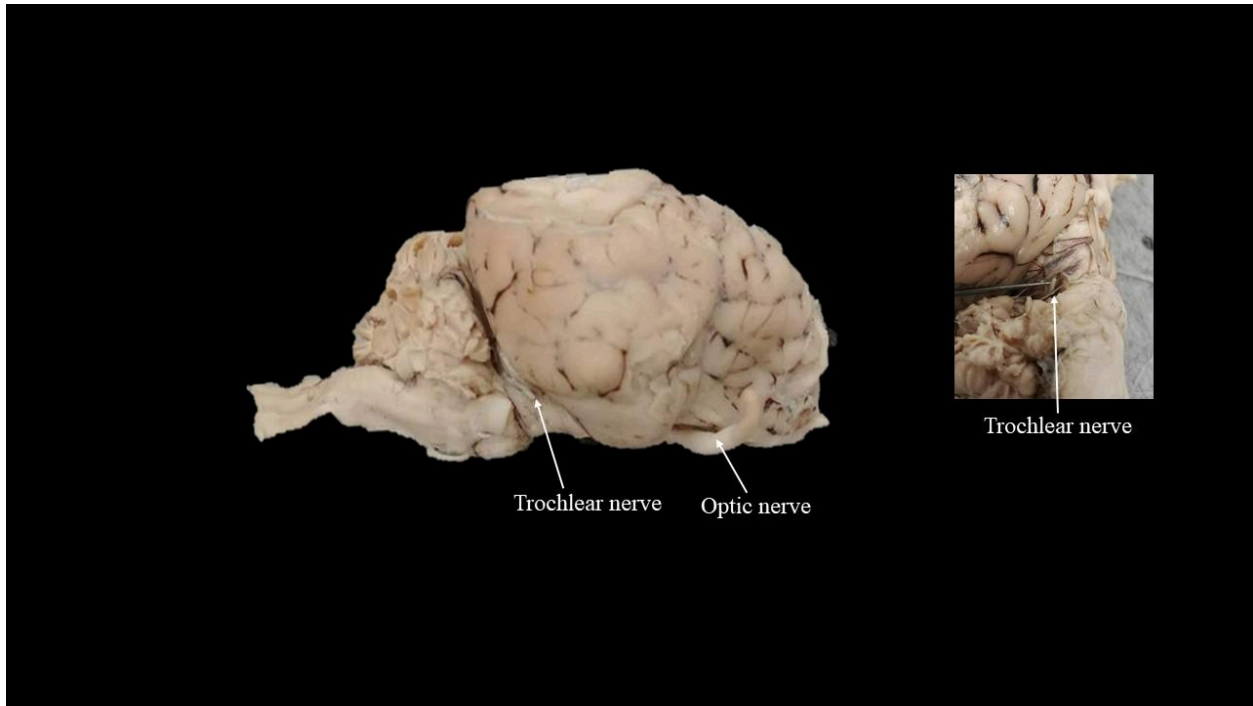
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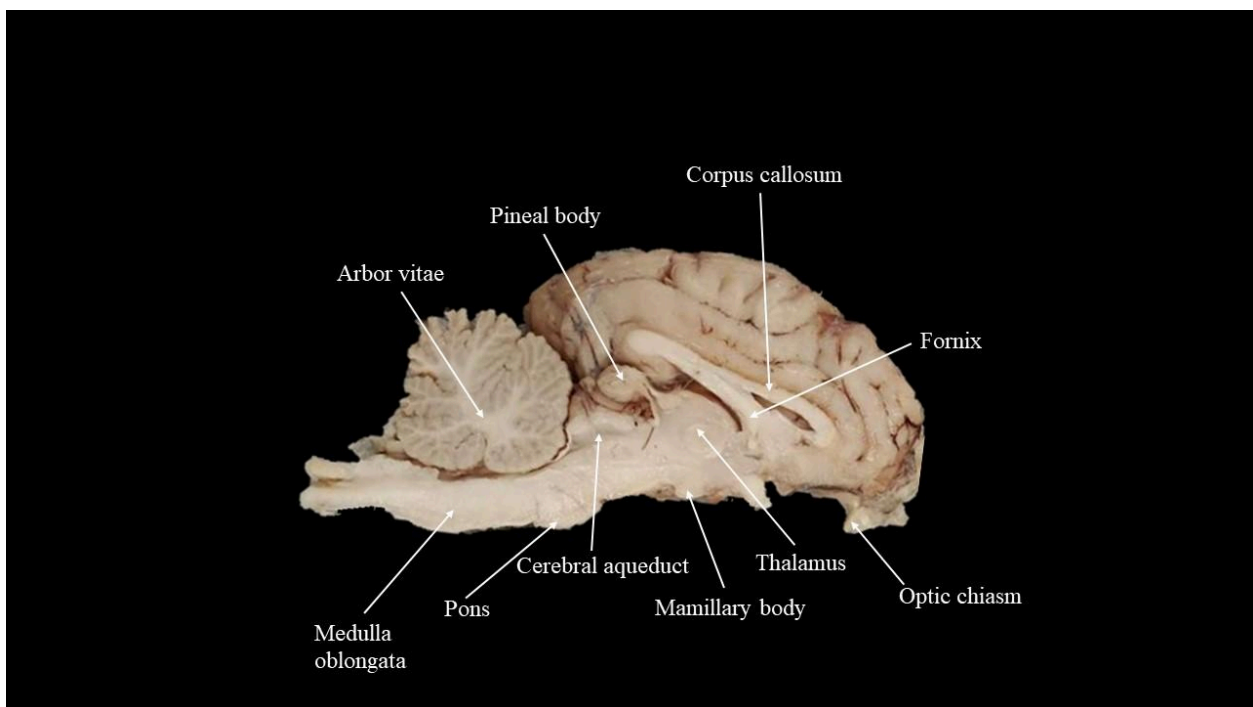
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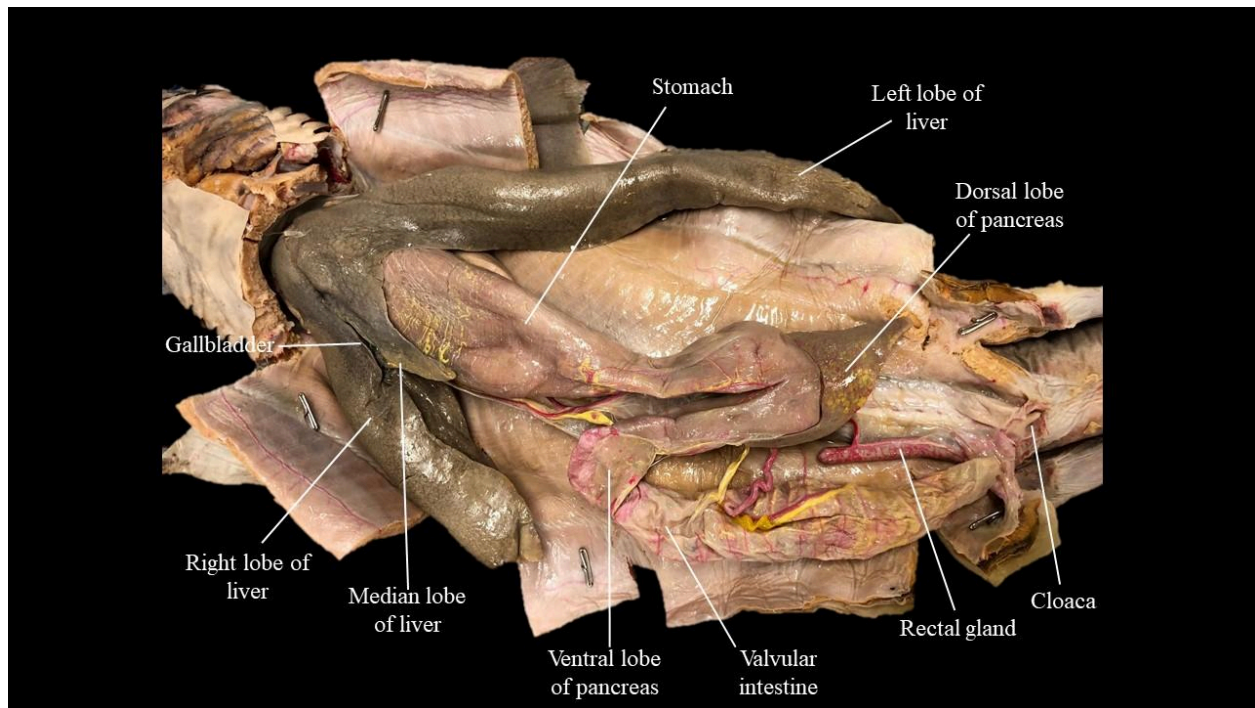
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## Digestive systems

### Squalus digestive system



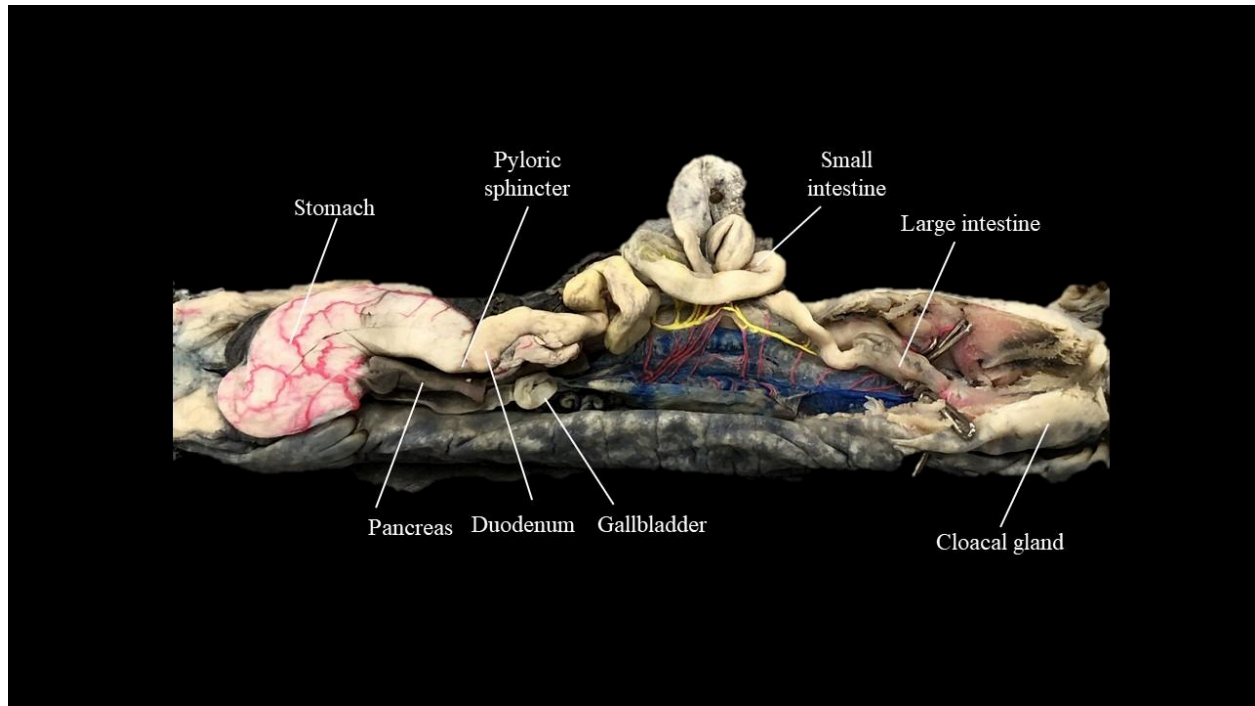
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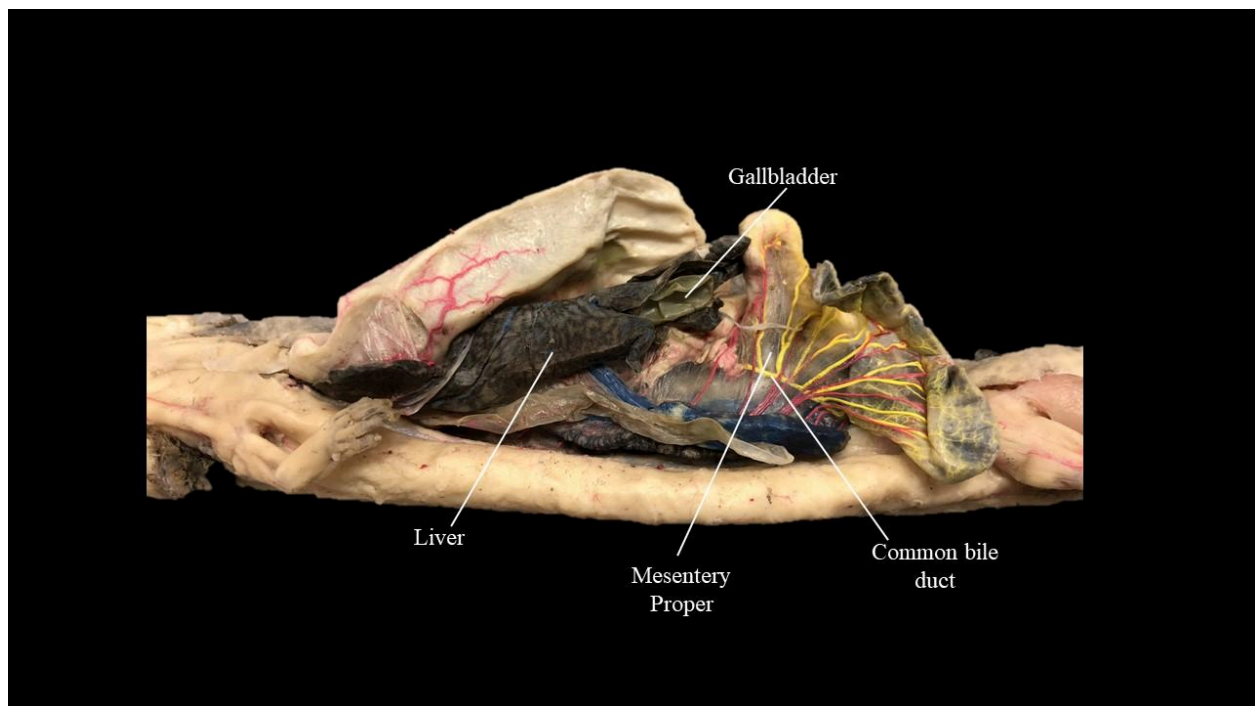
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## Necturus digestive system



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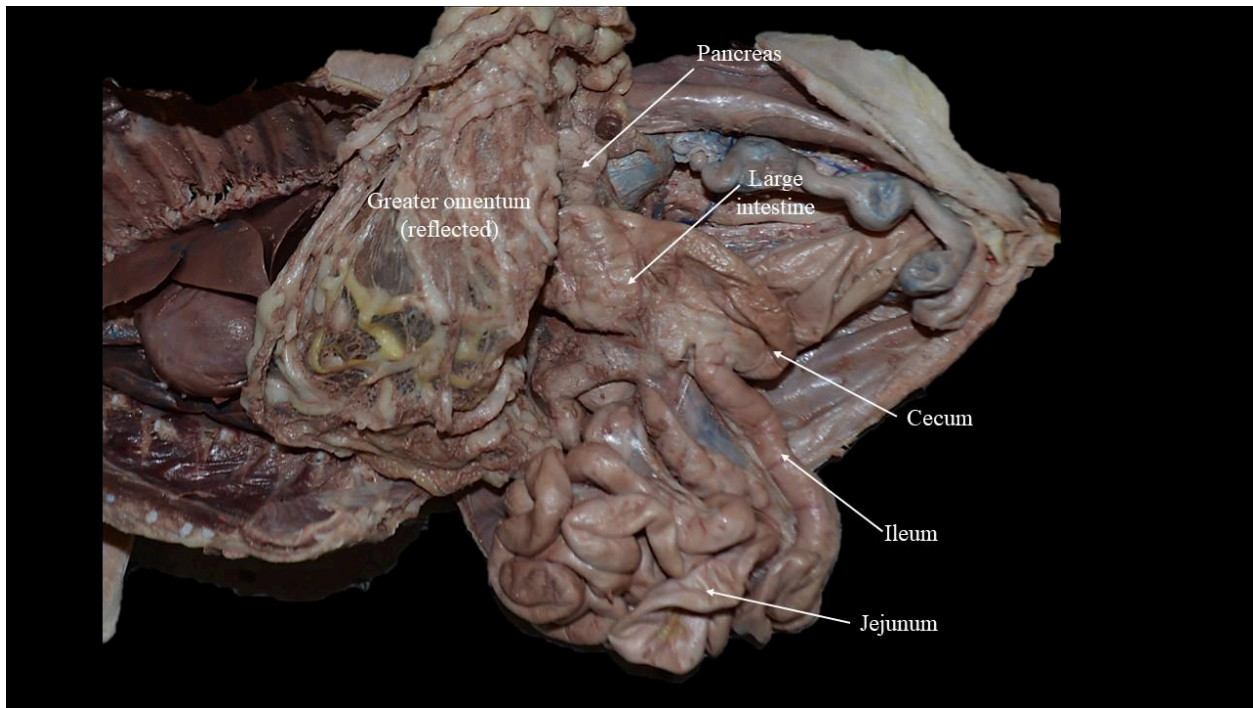


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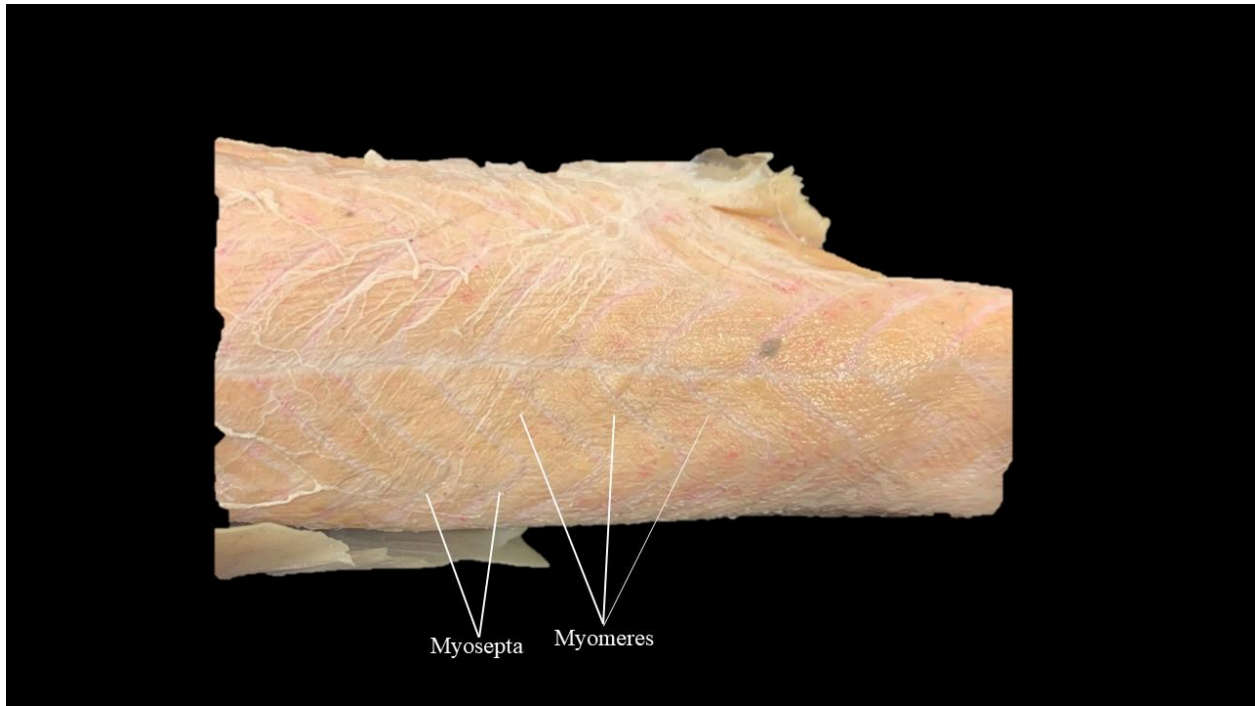
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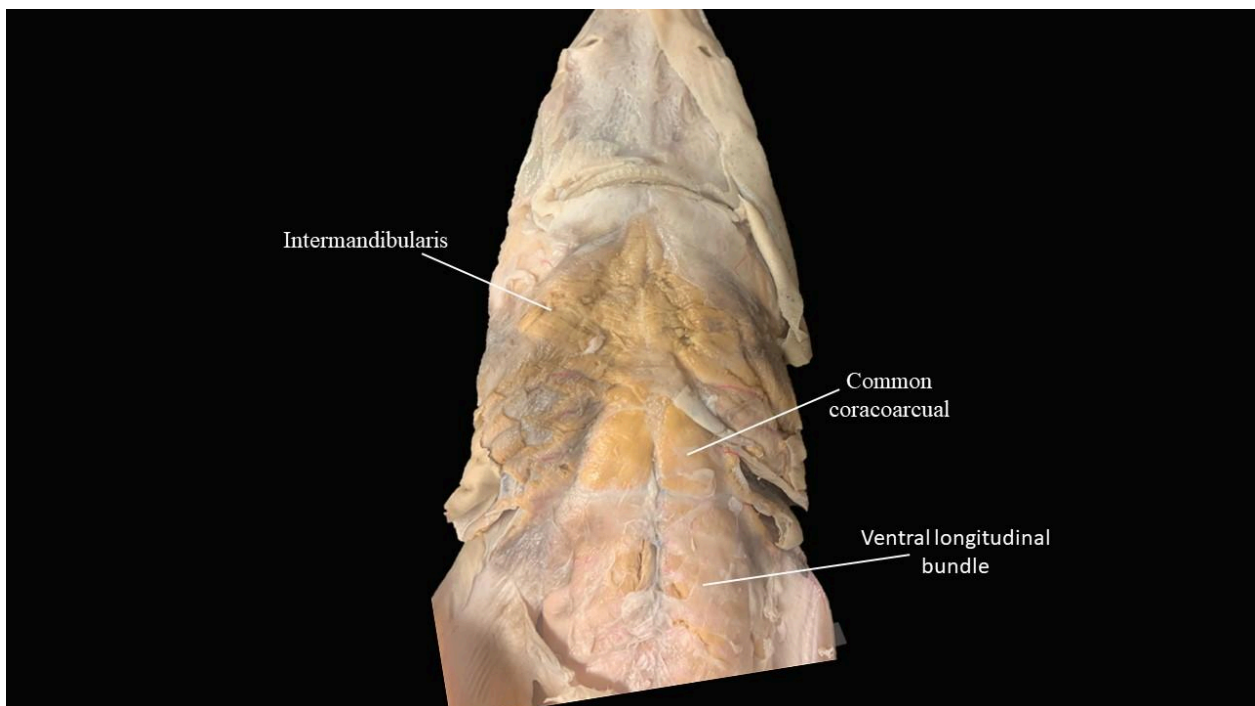
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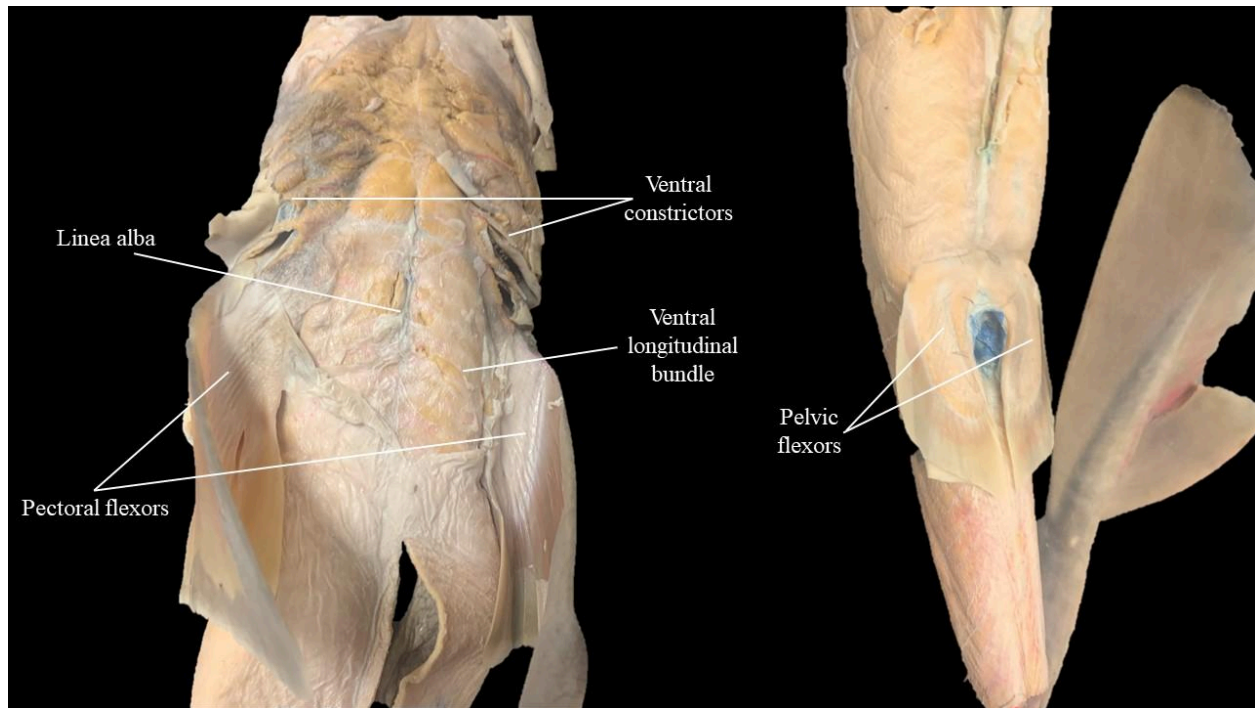
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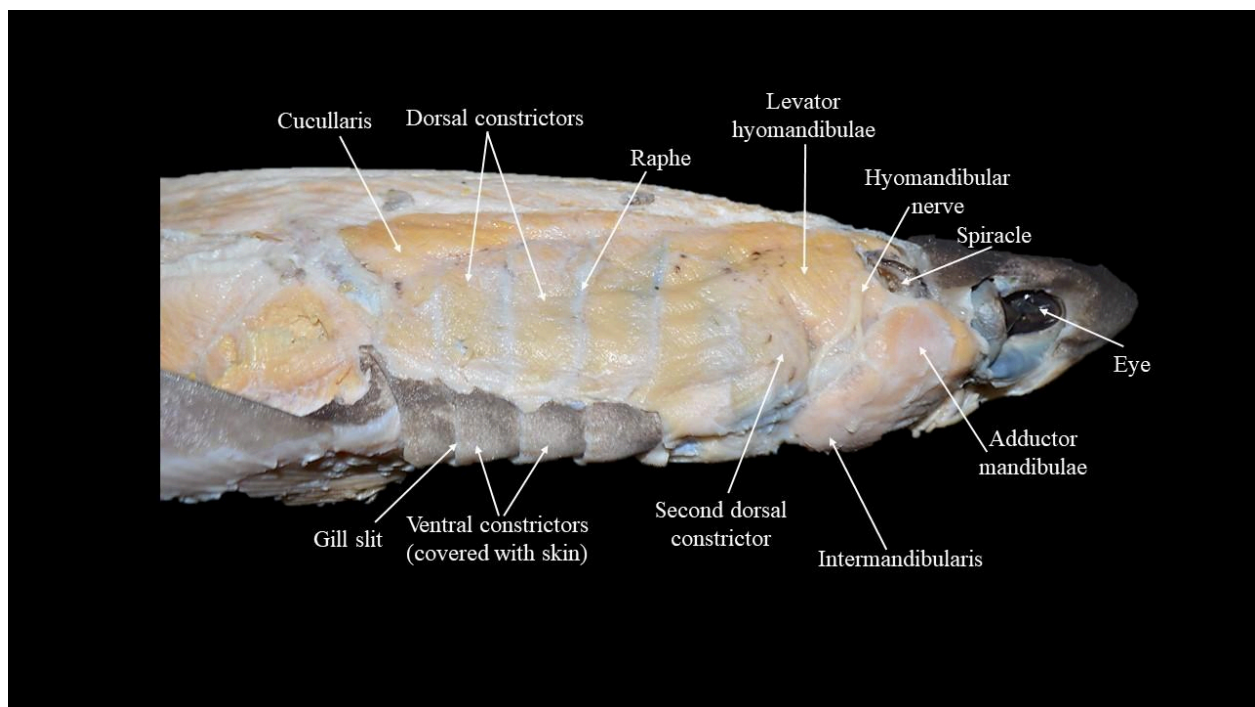
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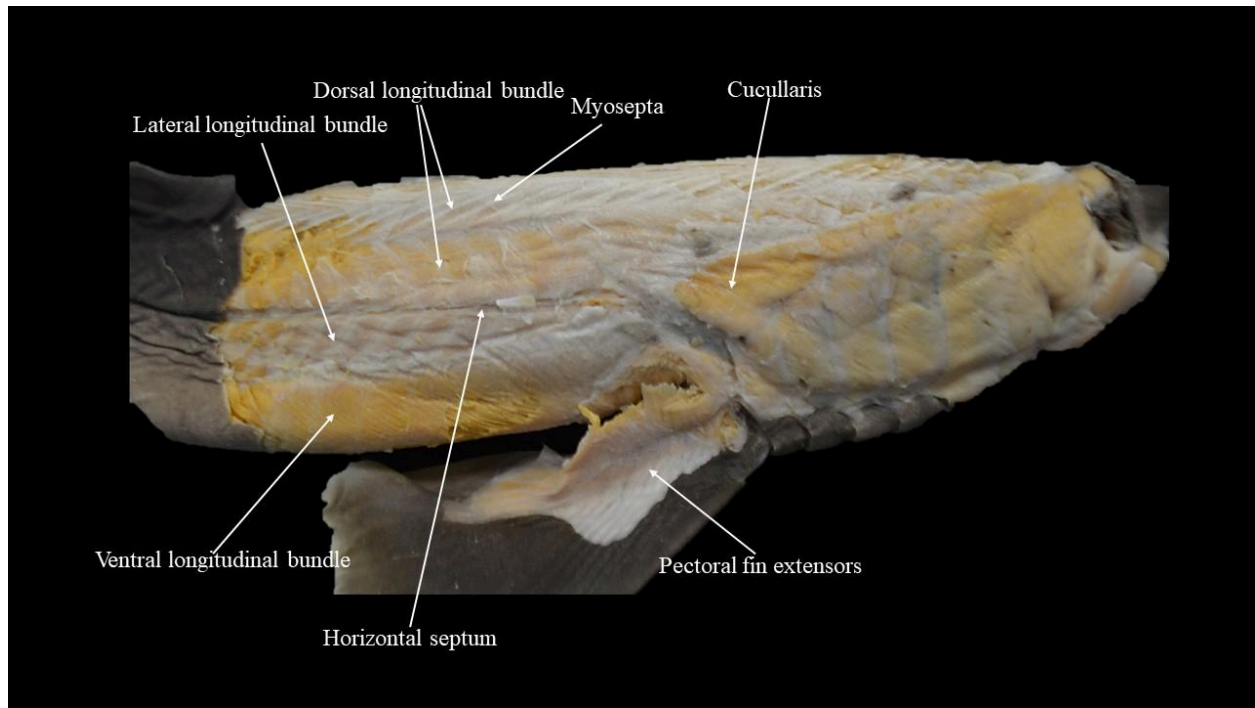
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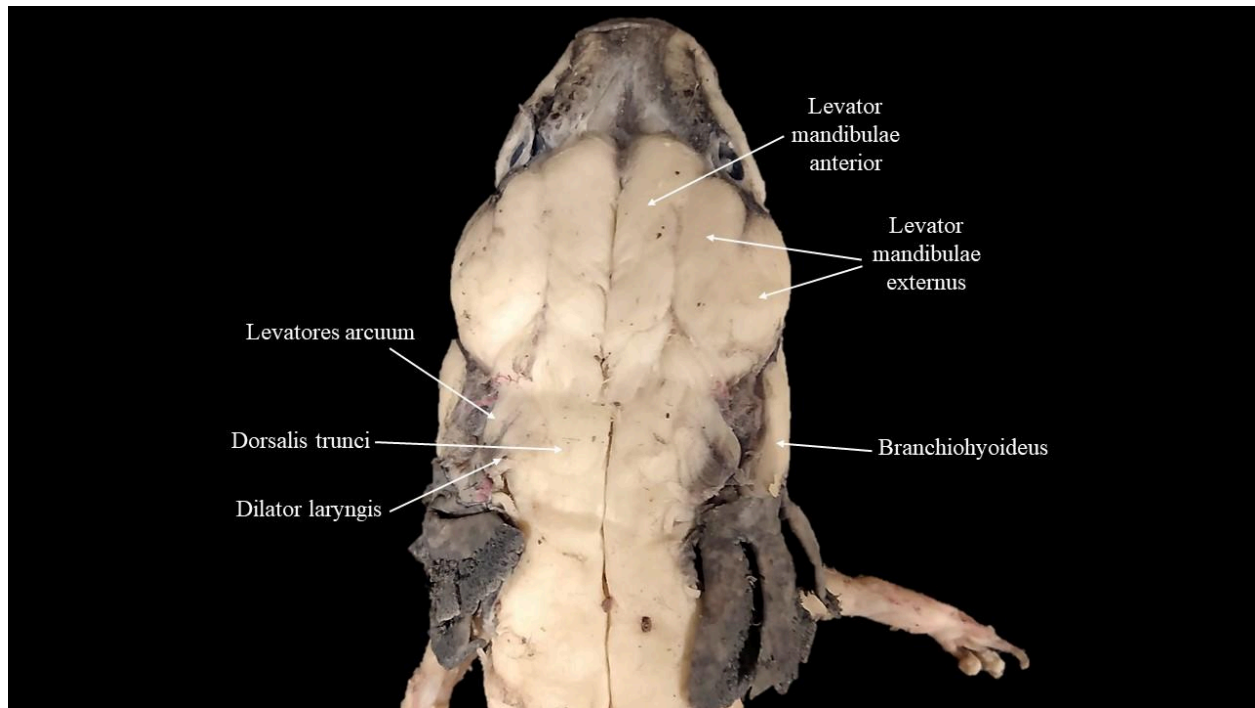
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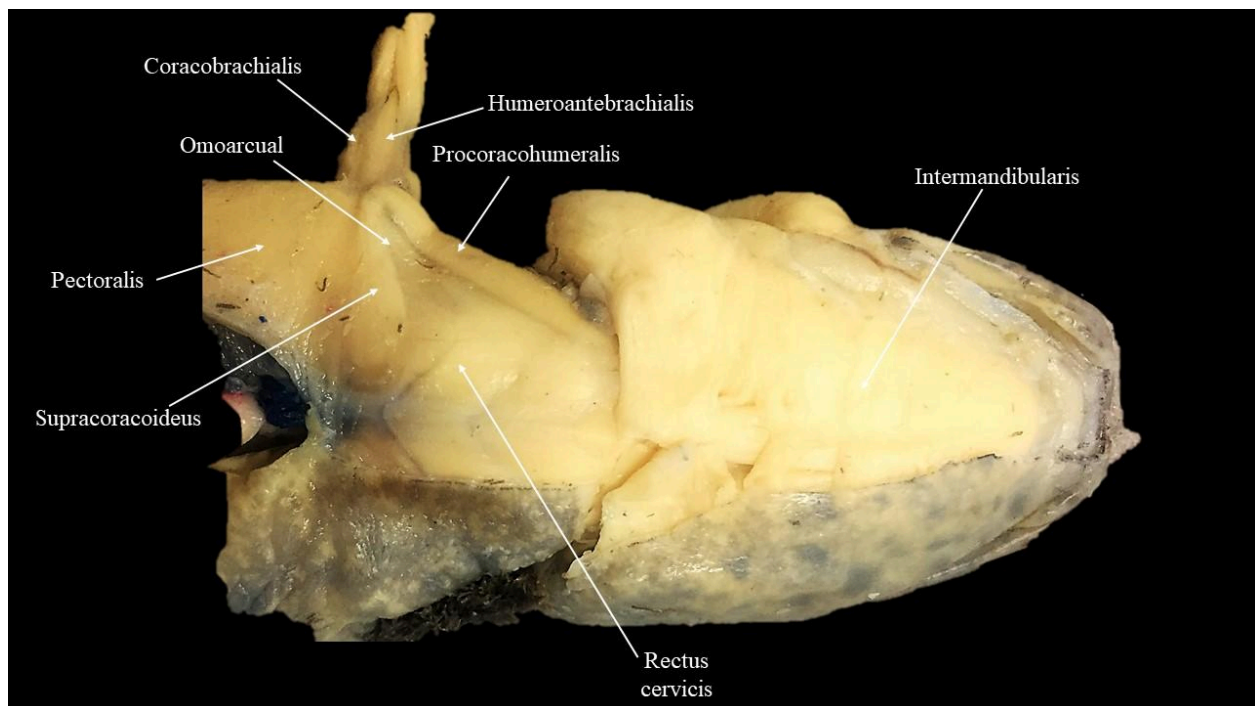
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## Necturus musculature

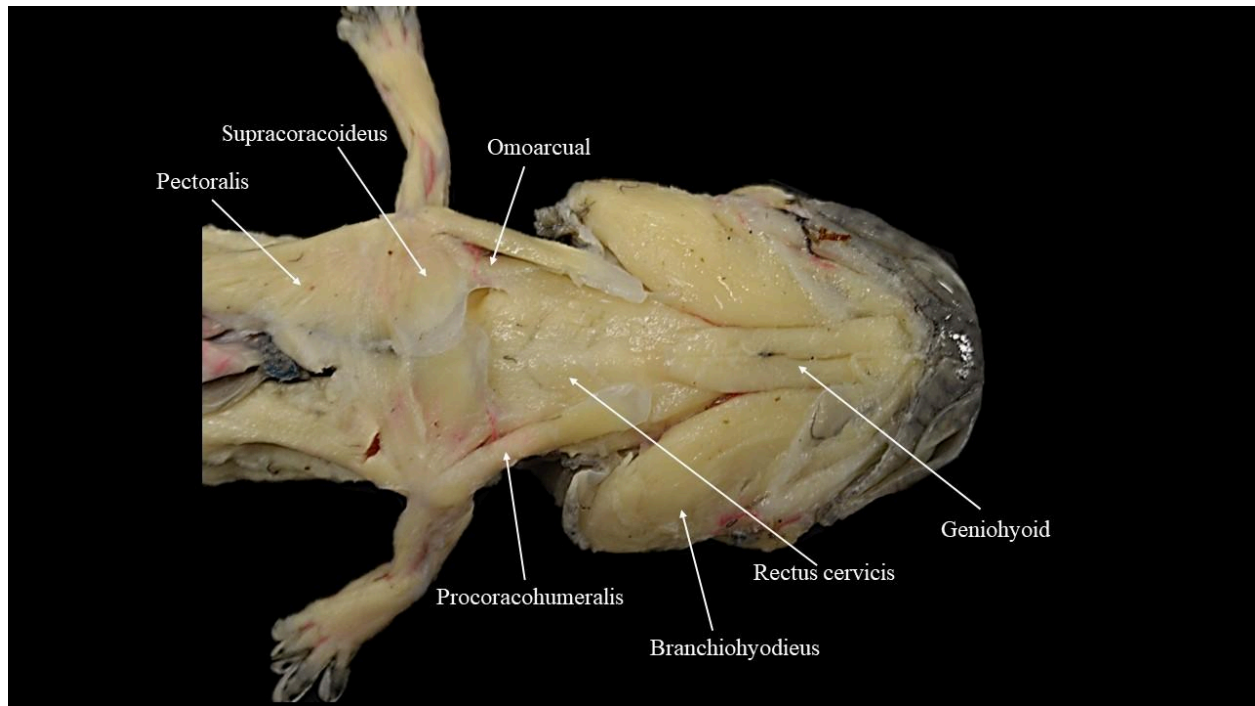




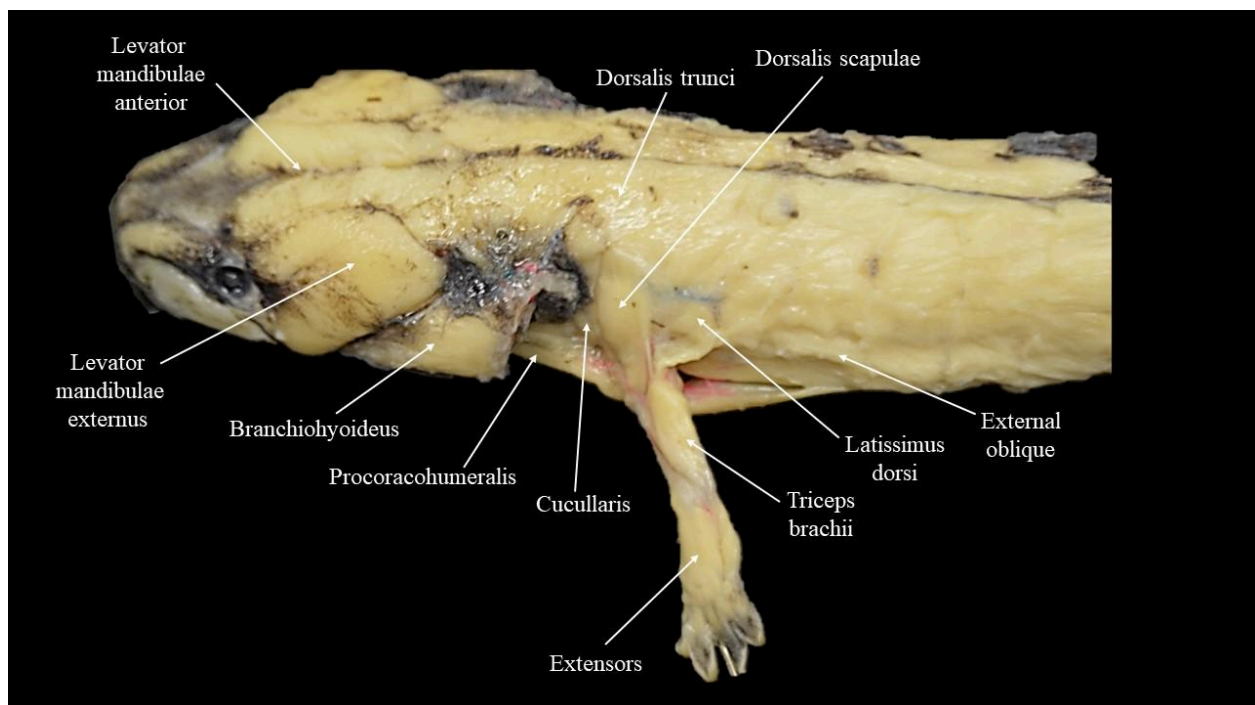
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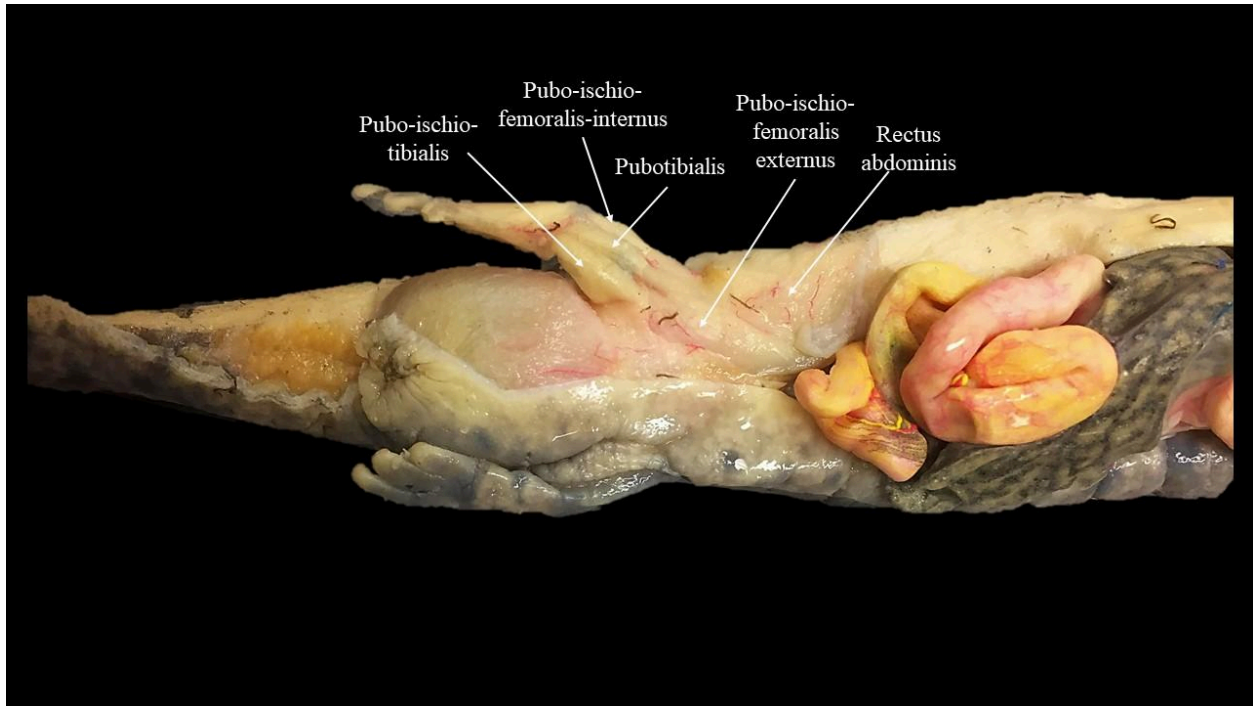
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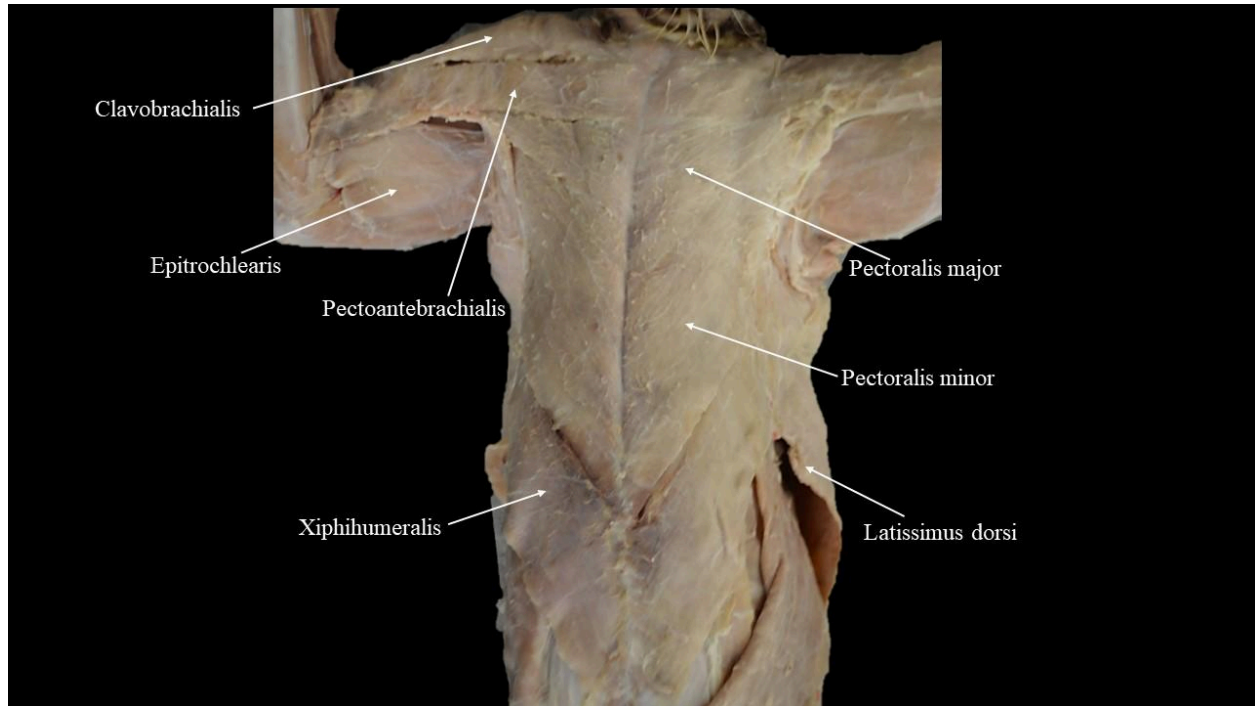
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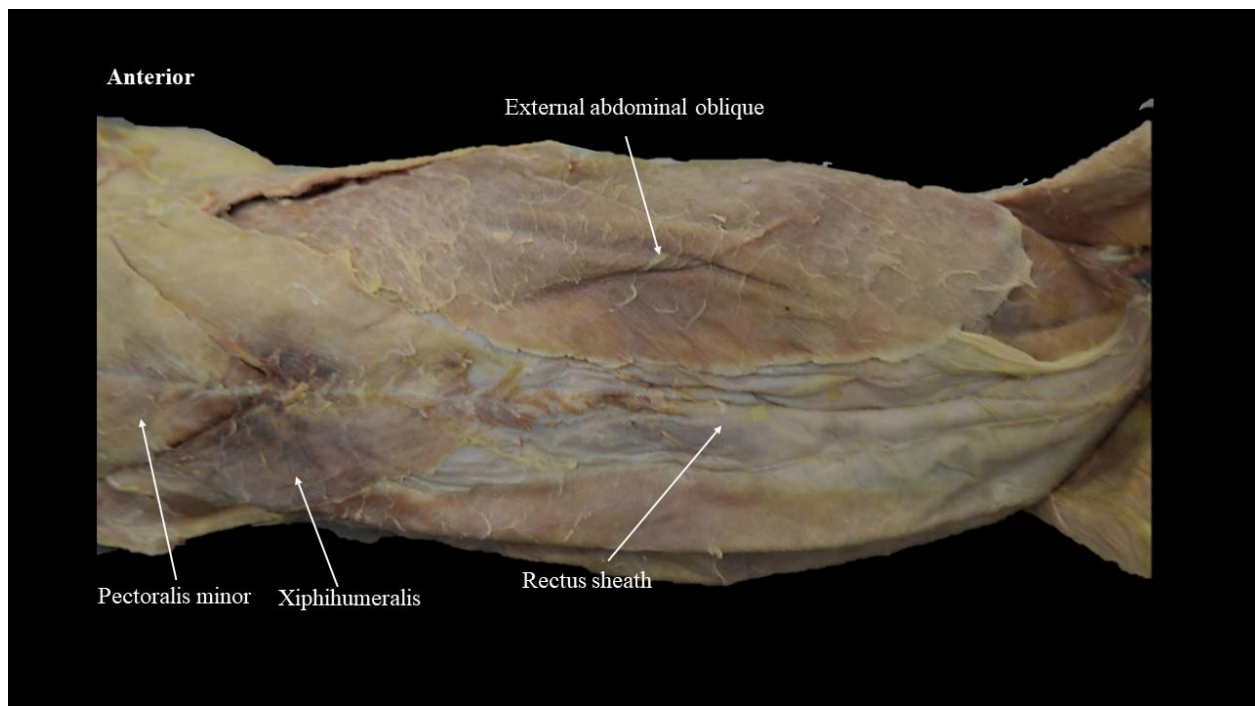
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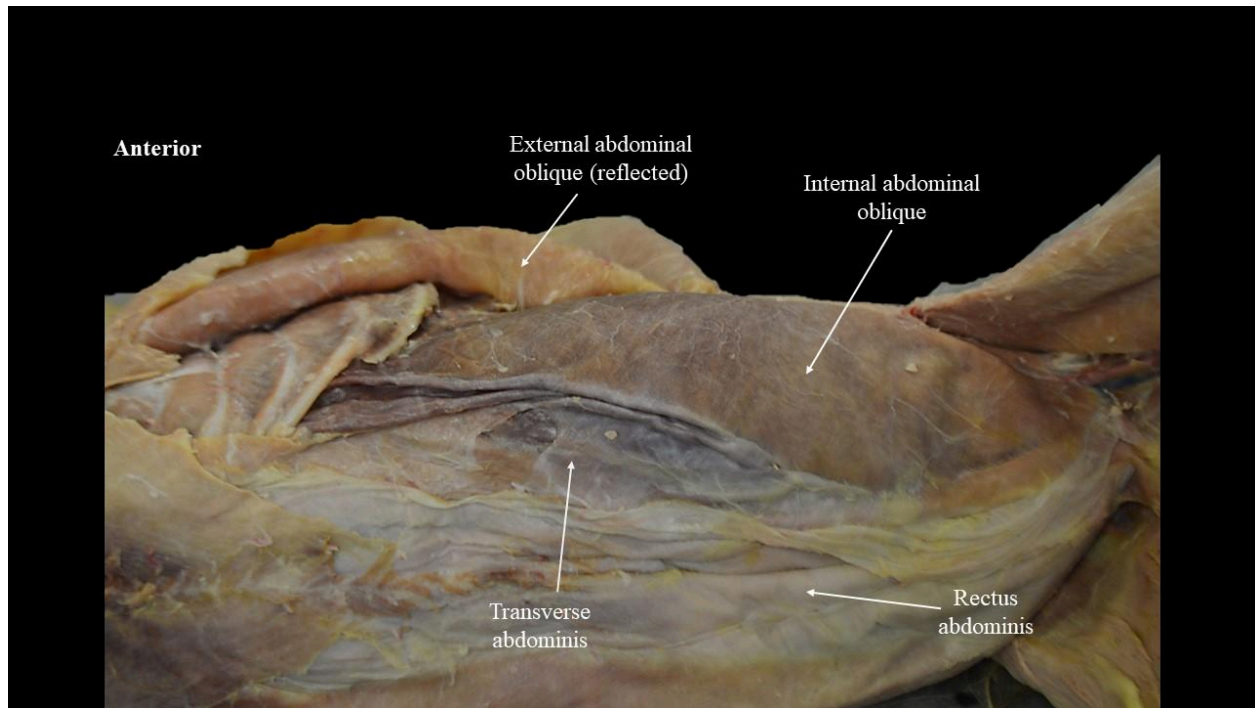




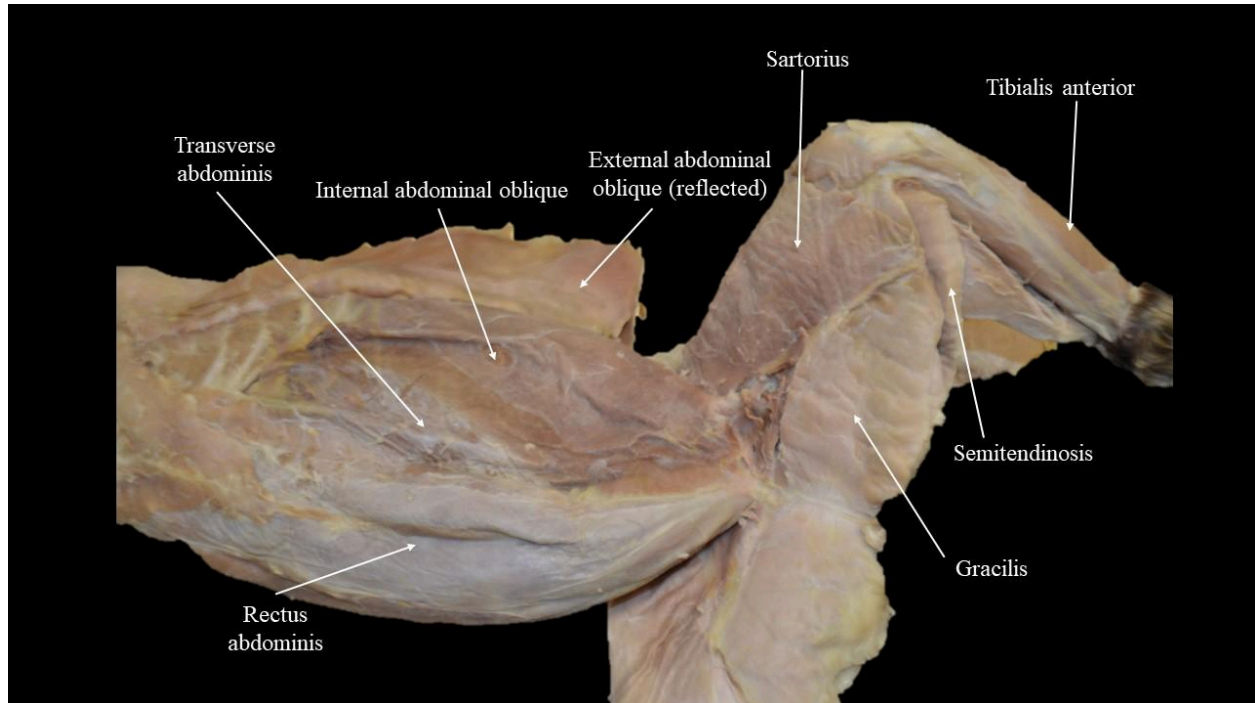
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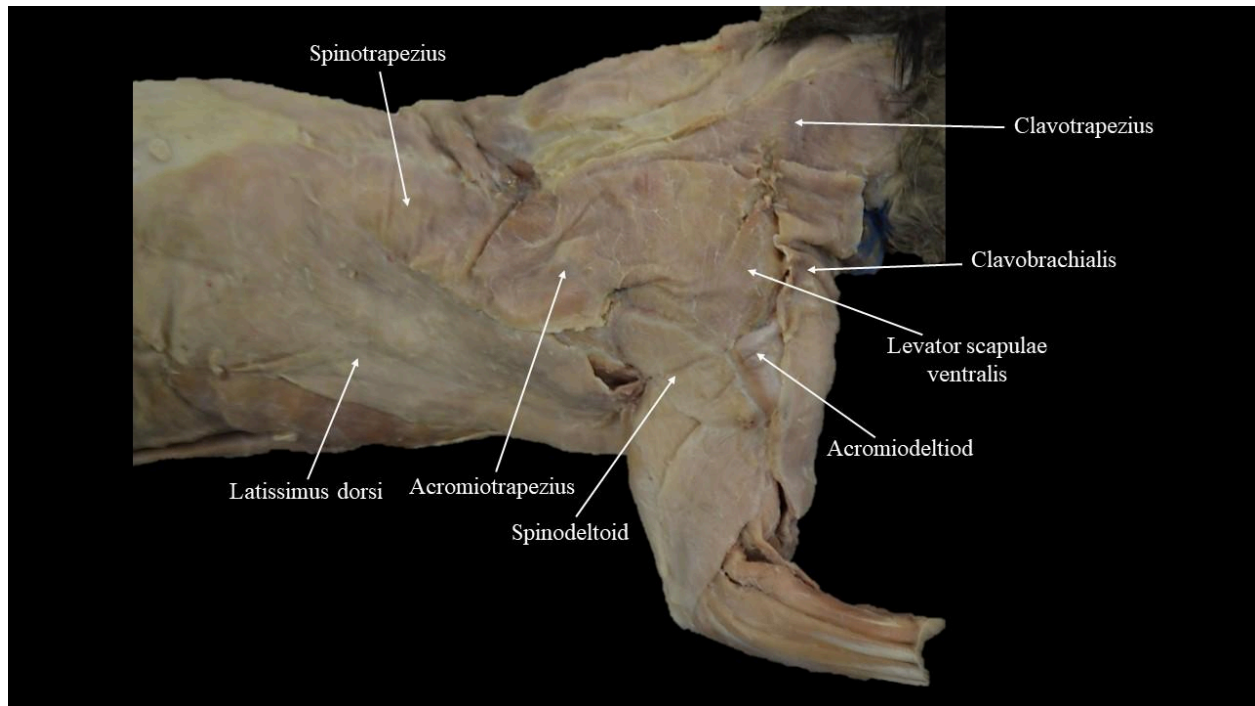
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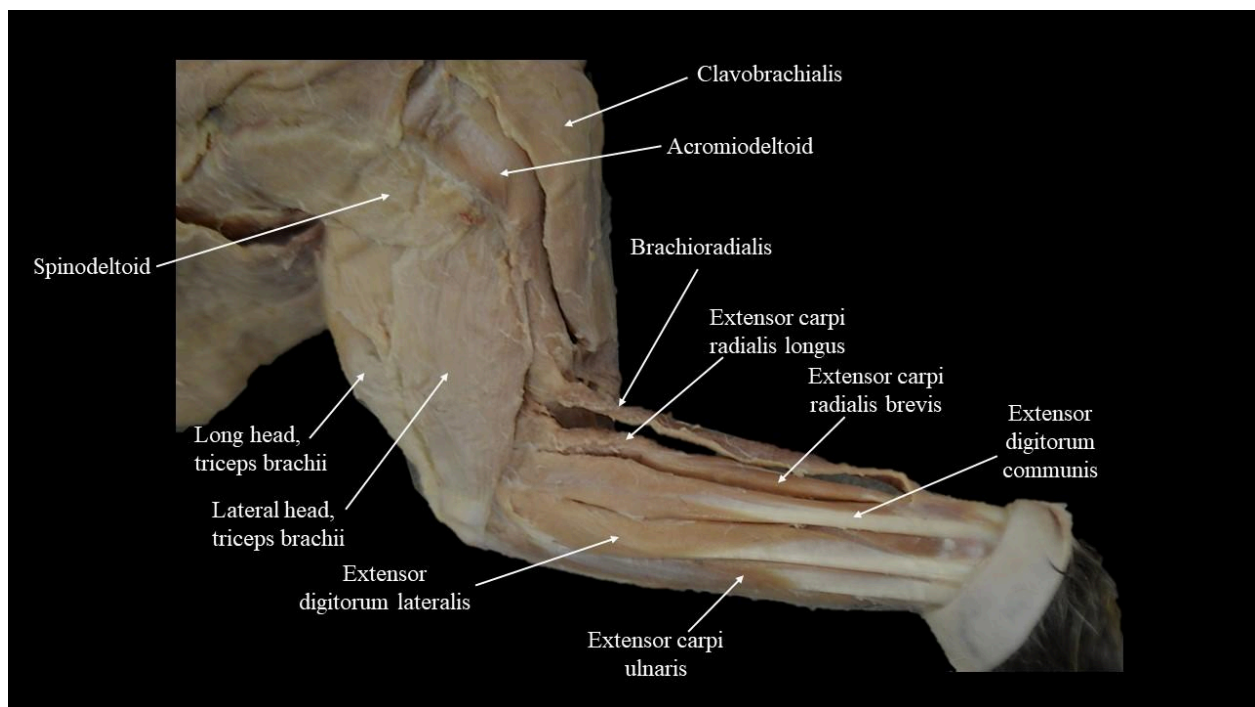
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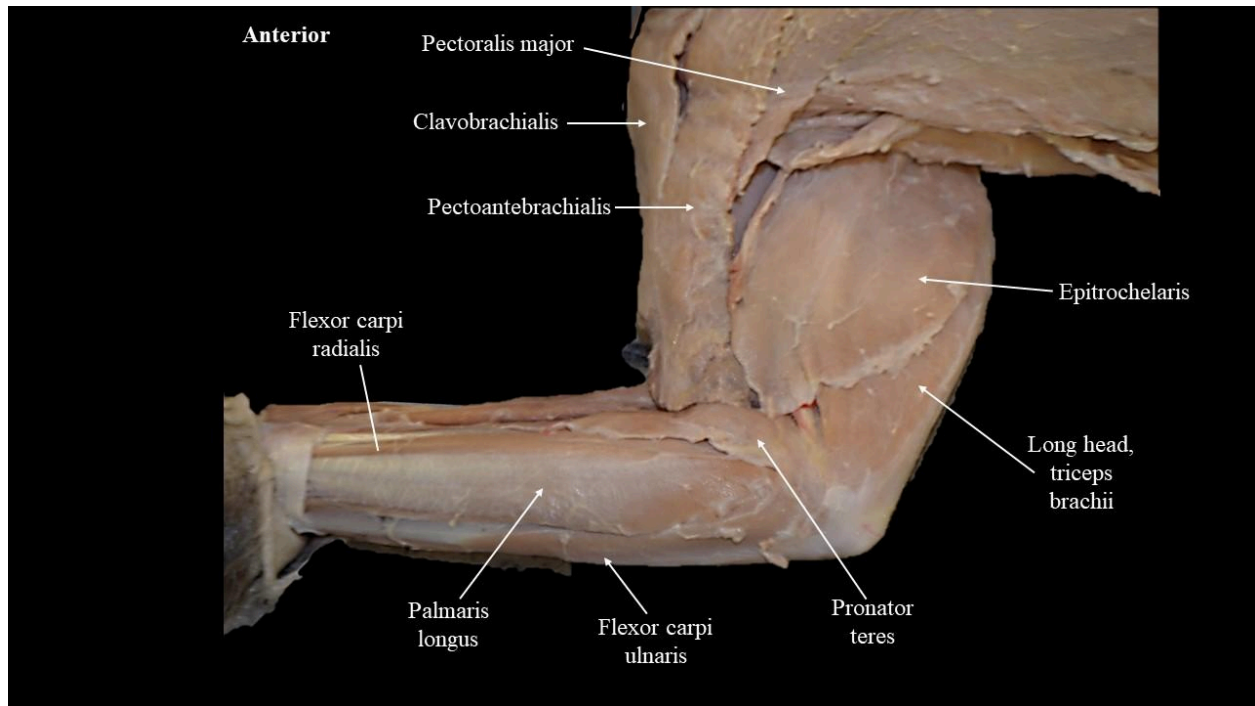


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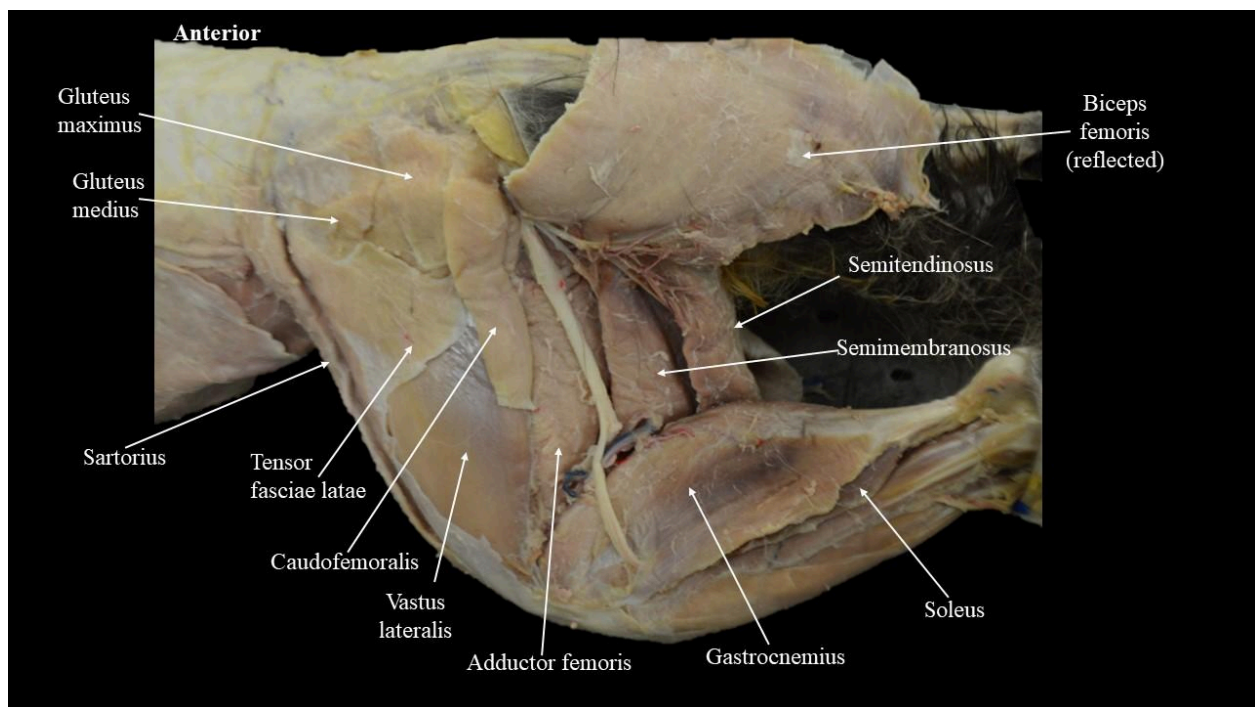


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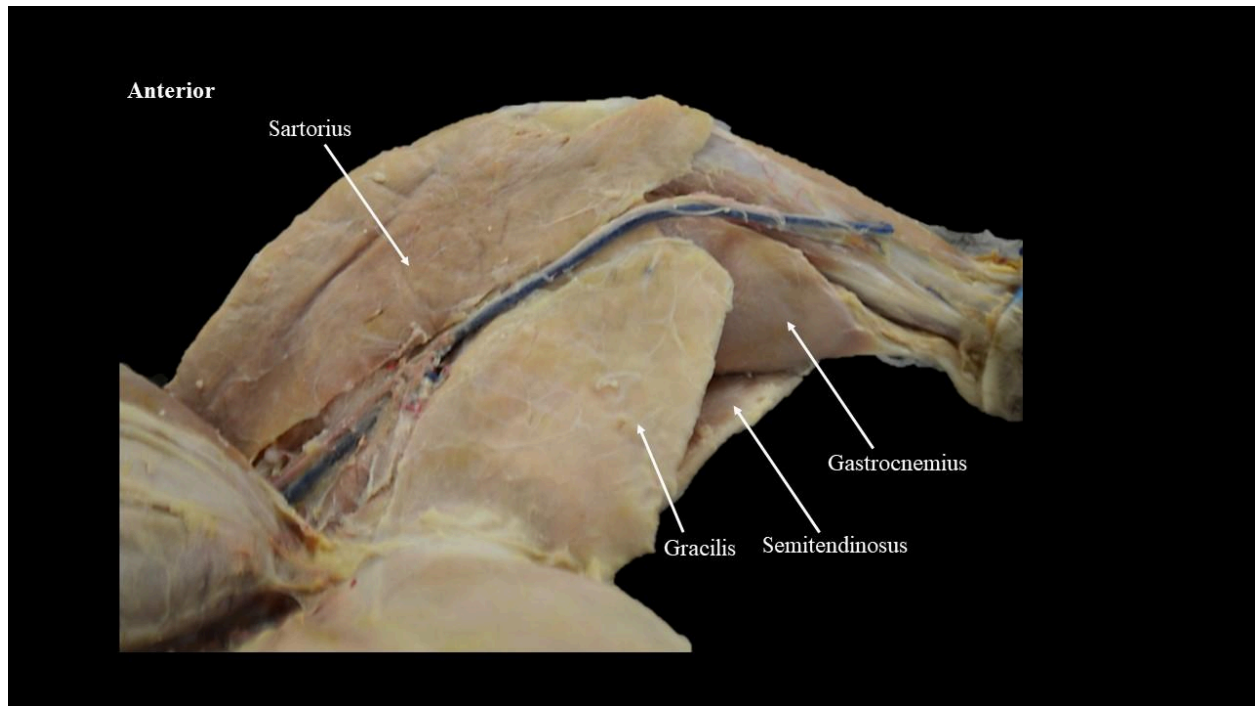




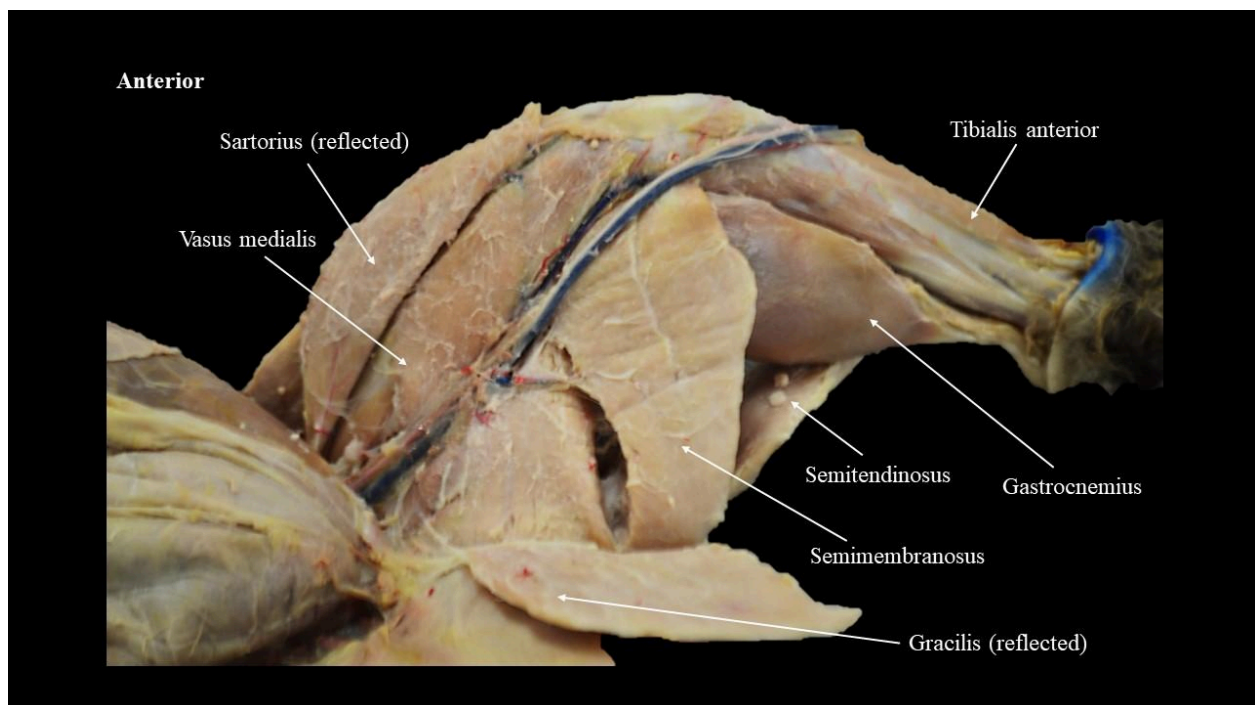
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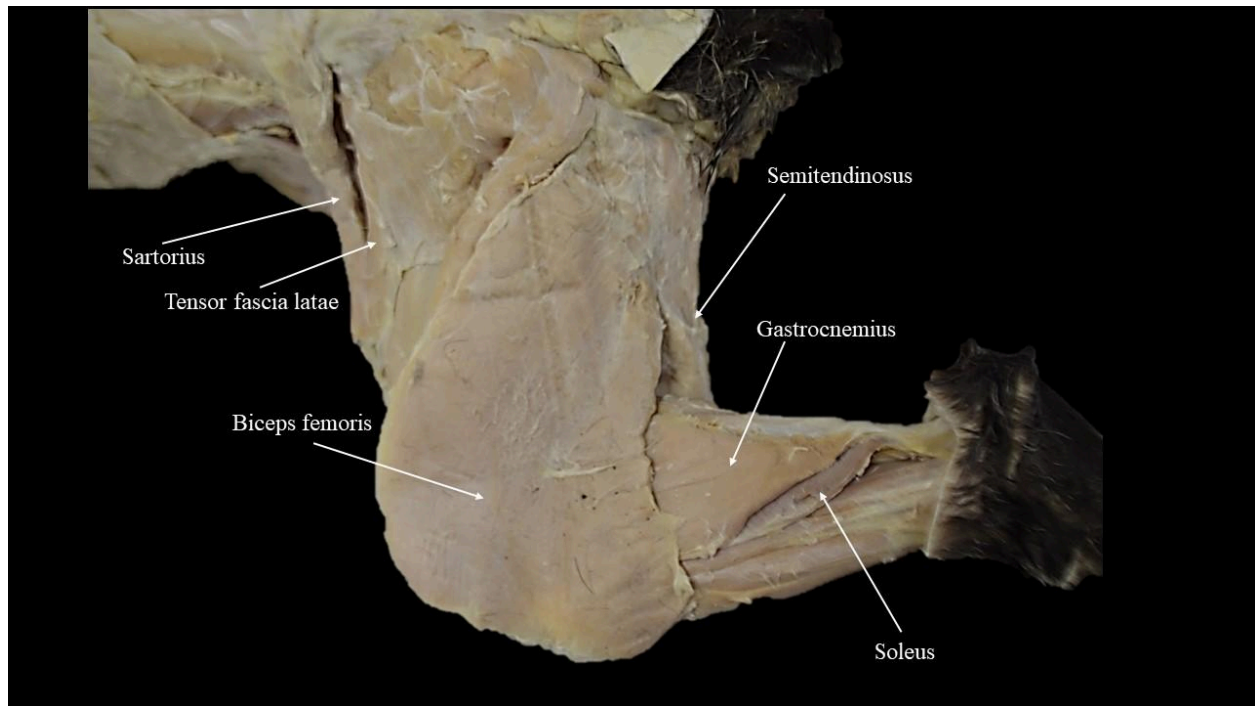
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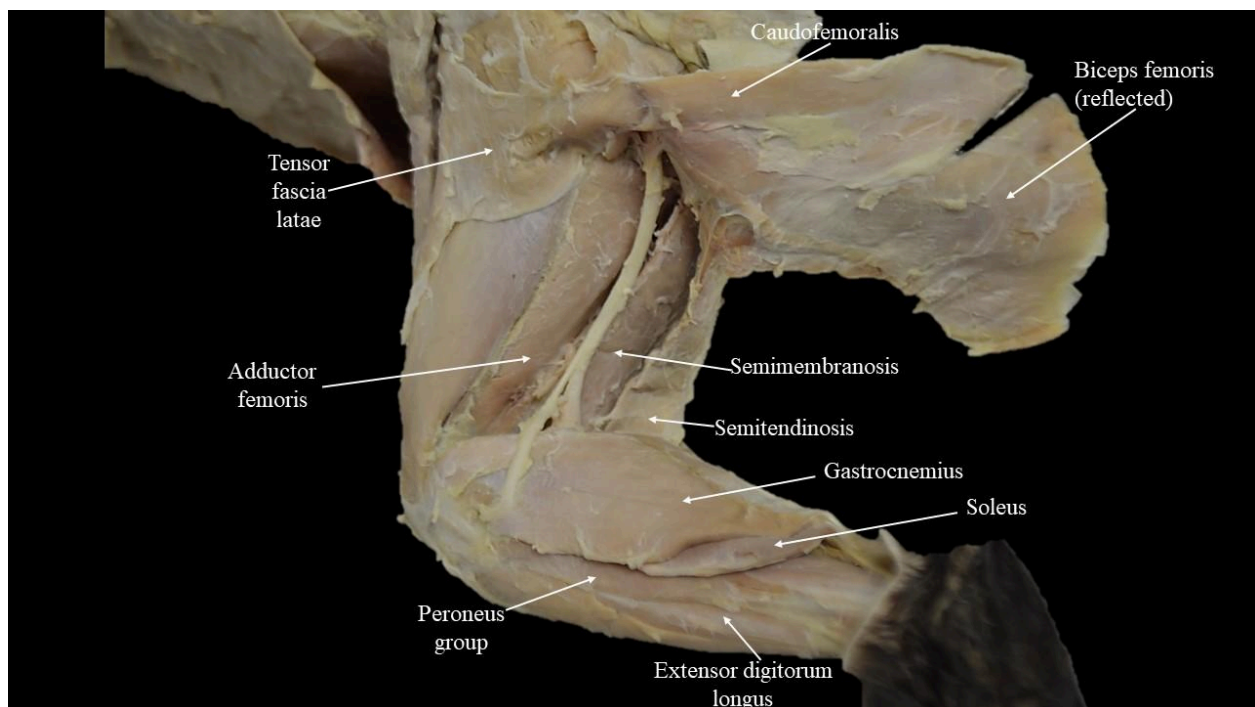
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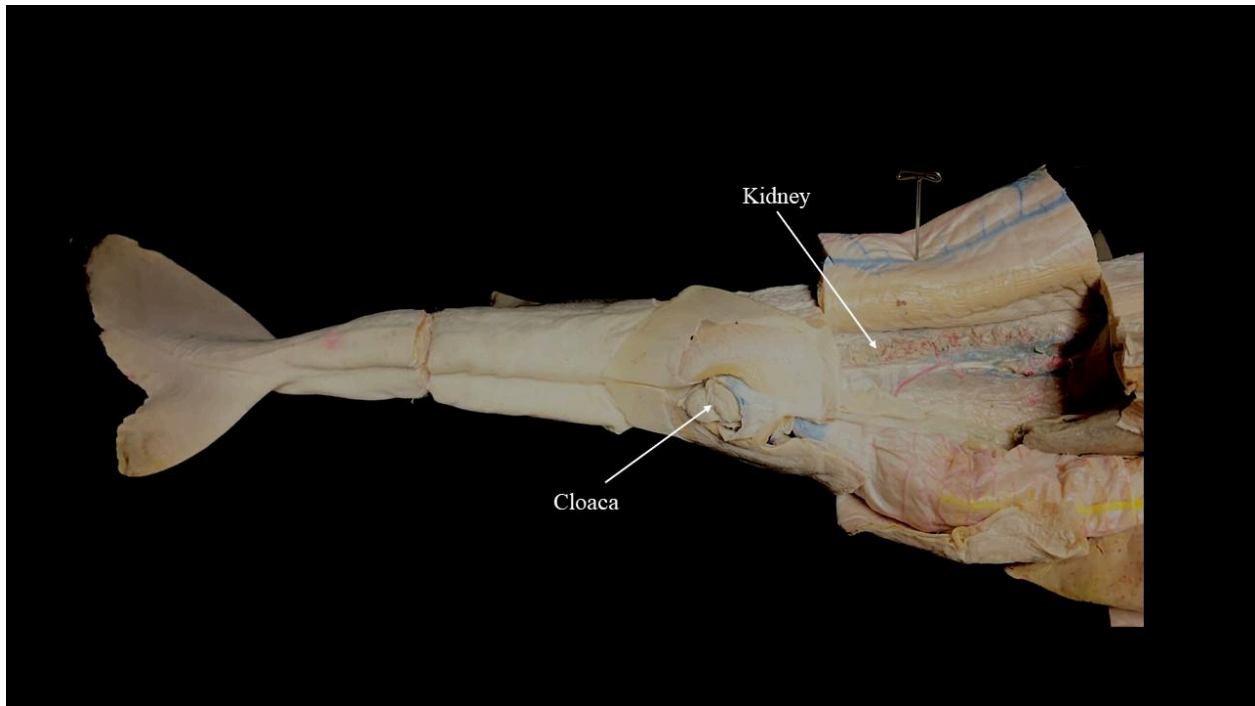
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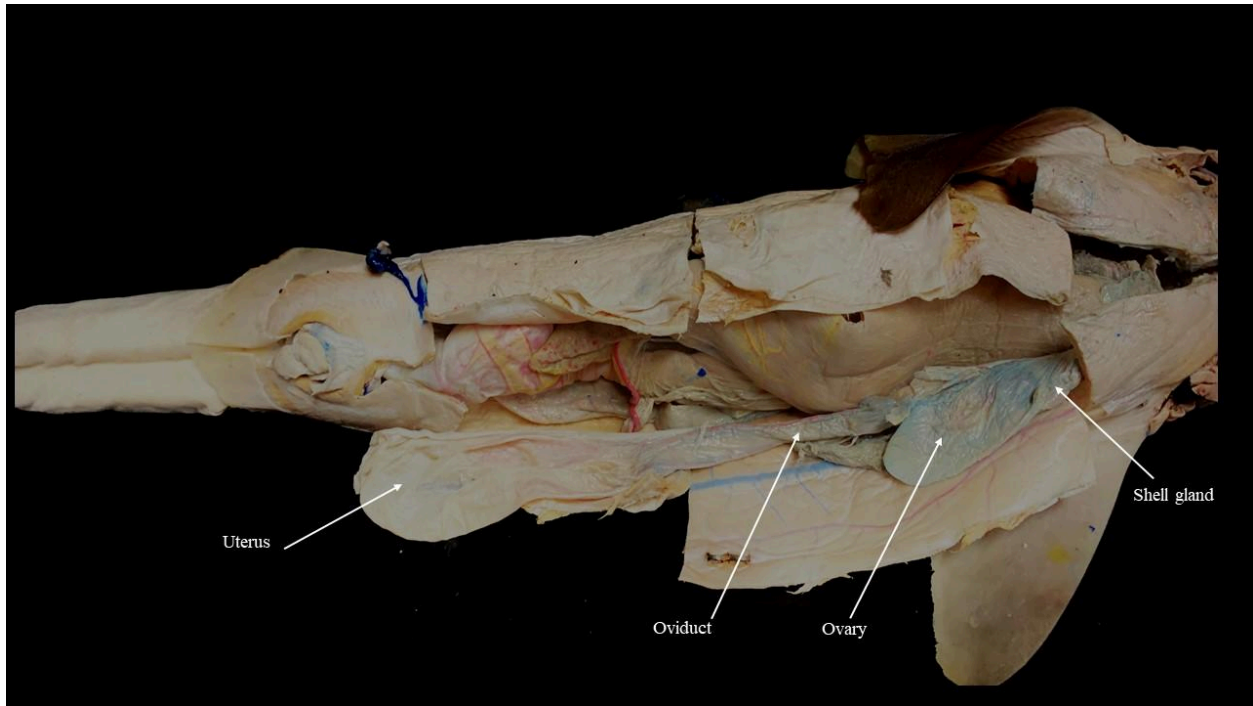
# Urogenital systems

## Squalus urogenital systems

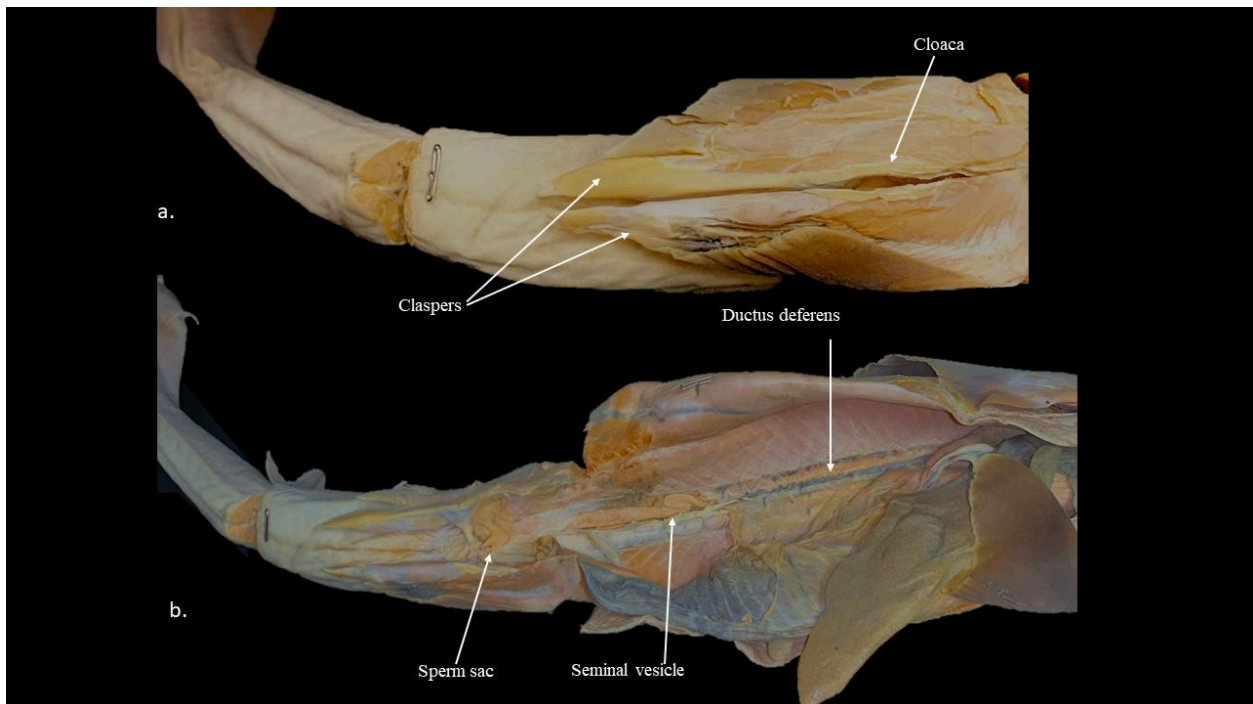


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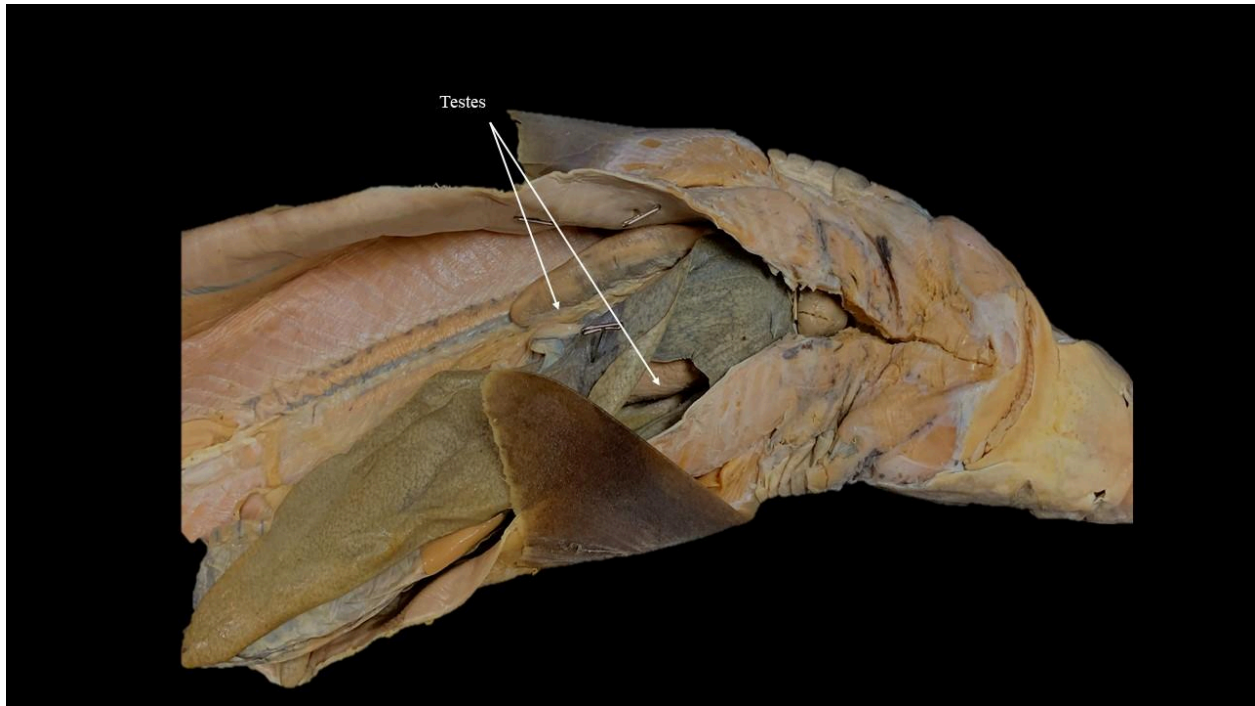




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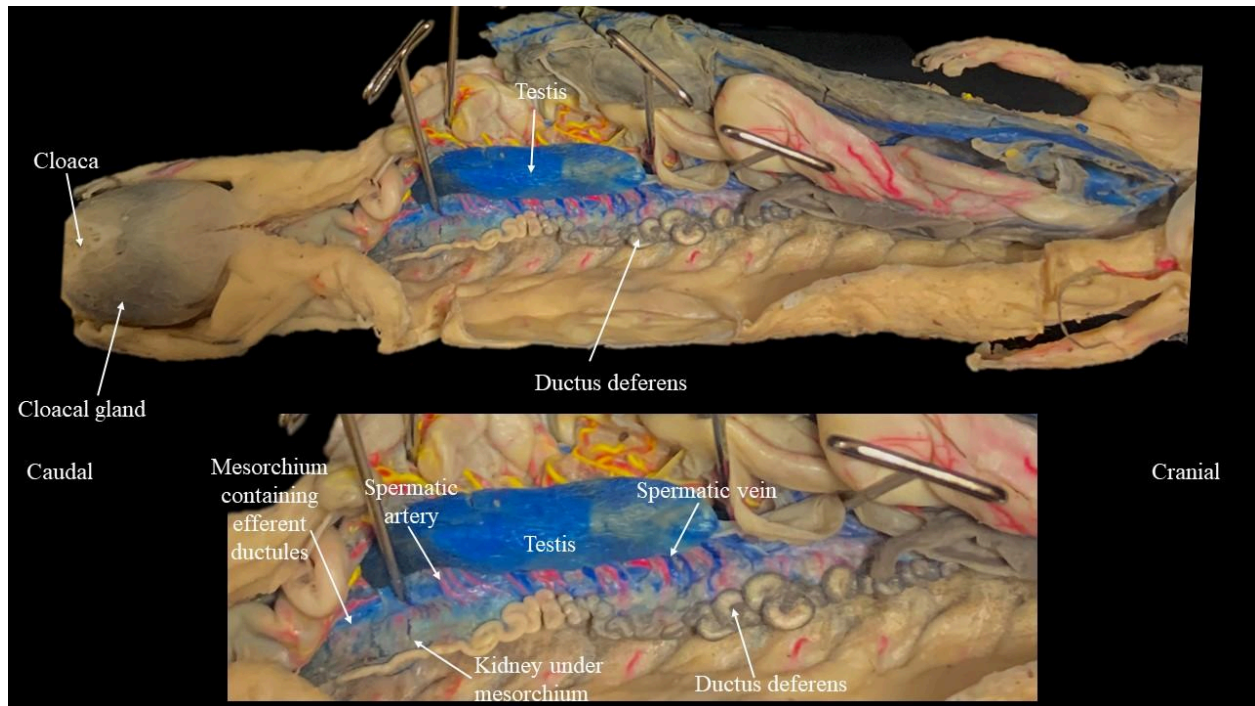


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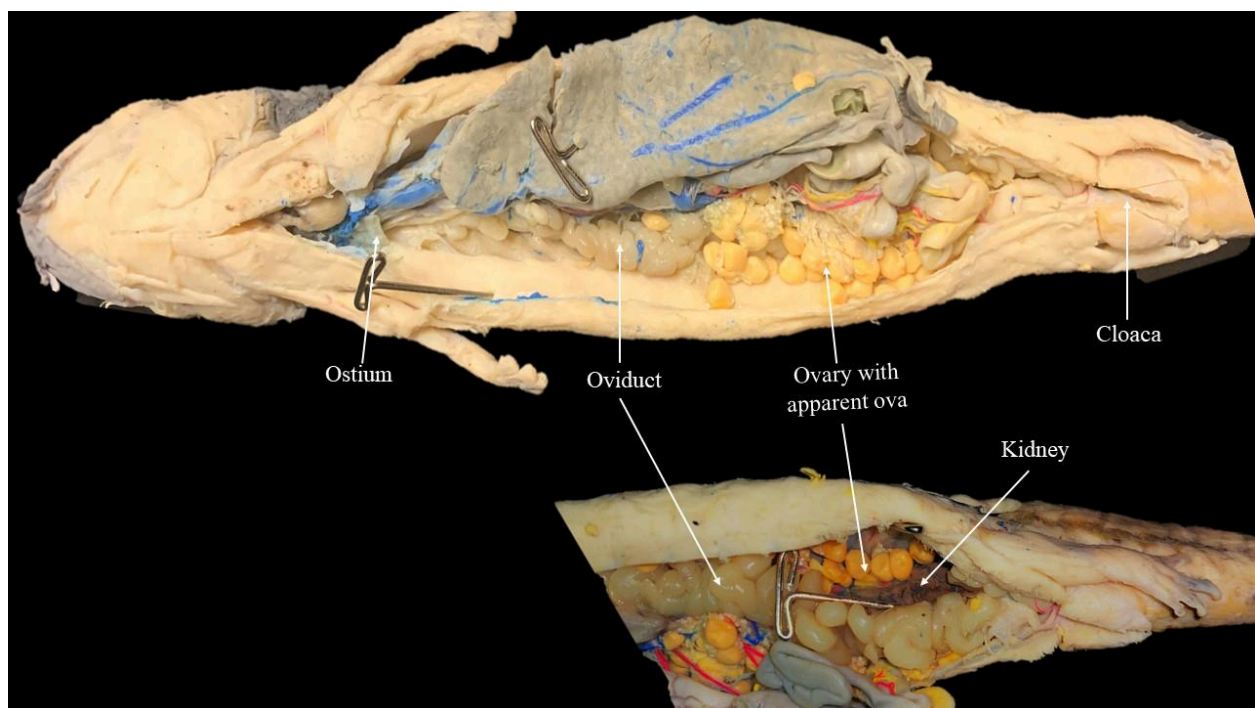
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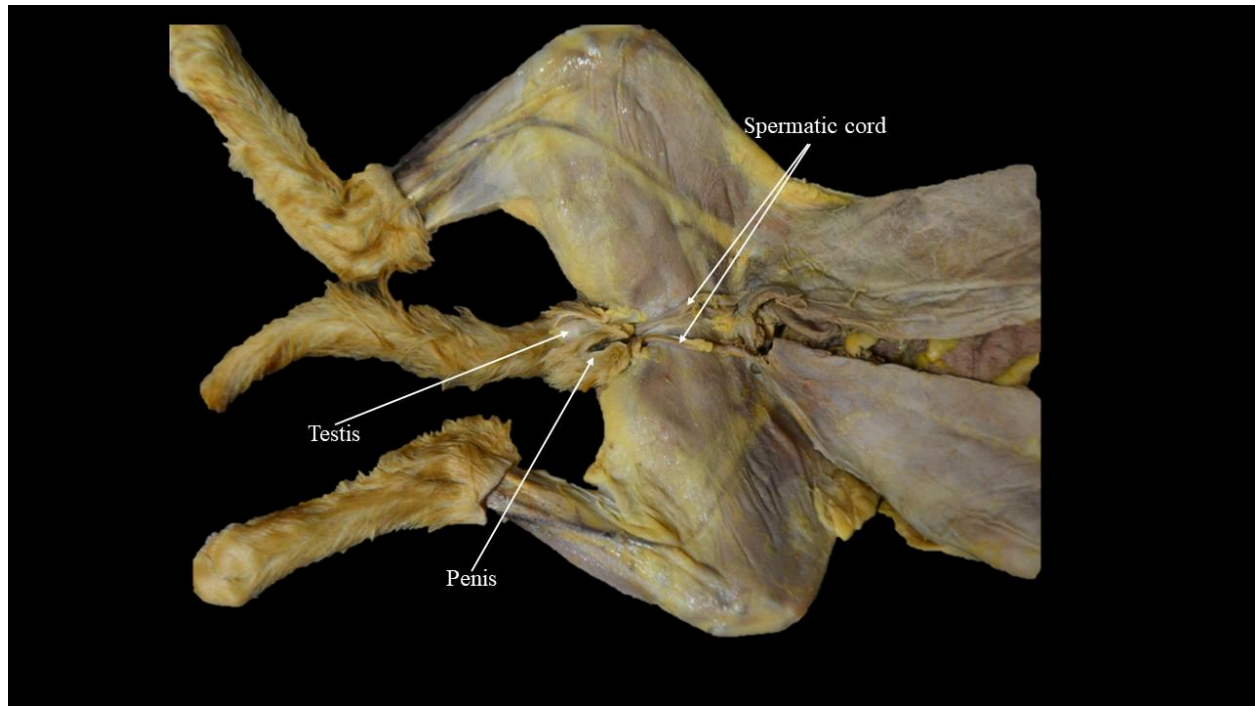
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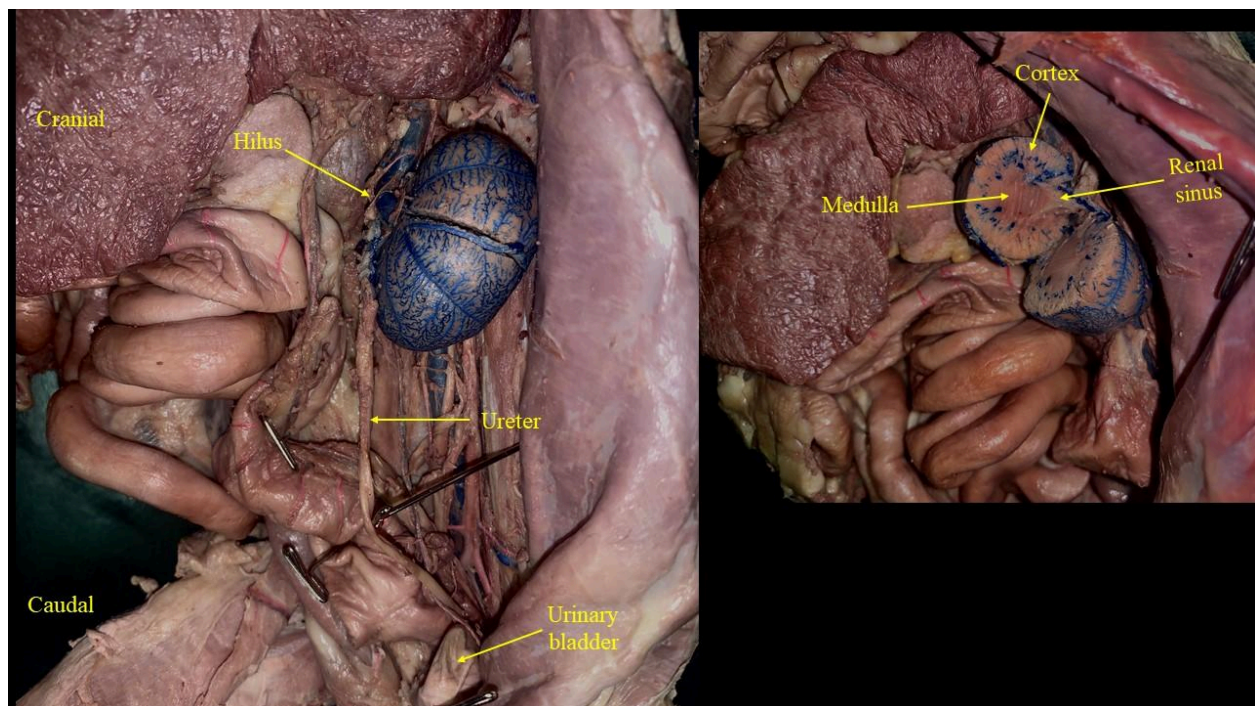
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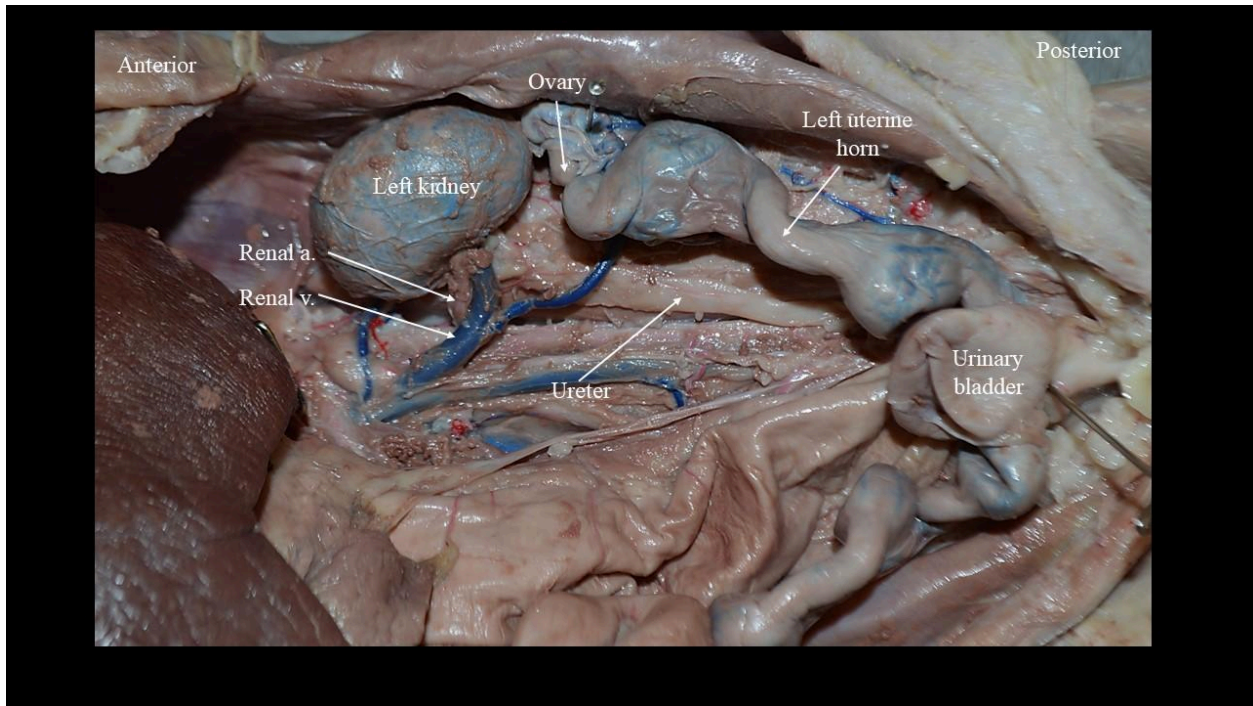
# Cat urogenital systems



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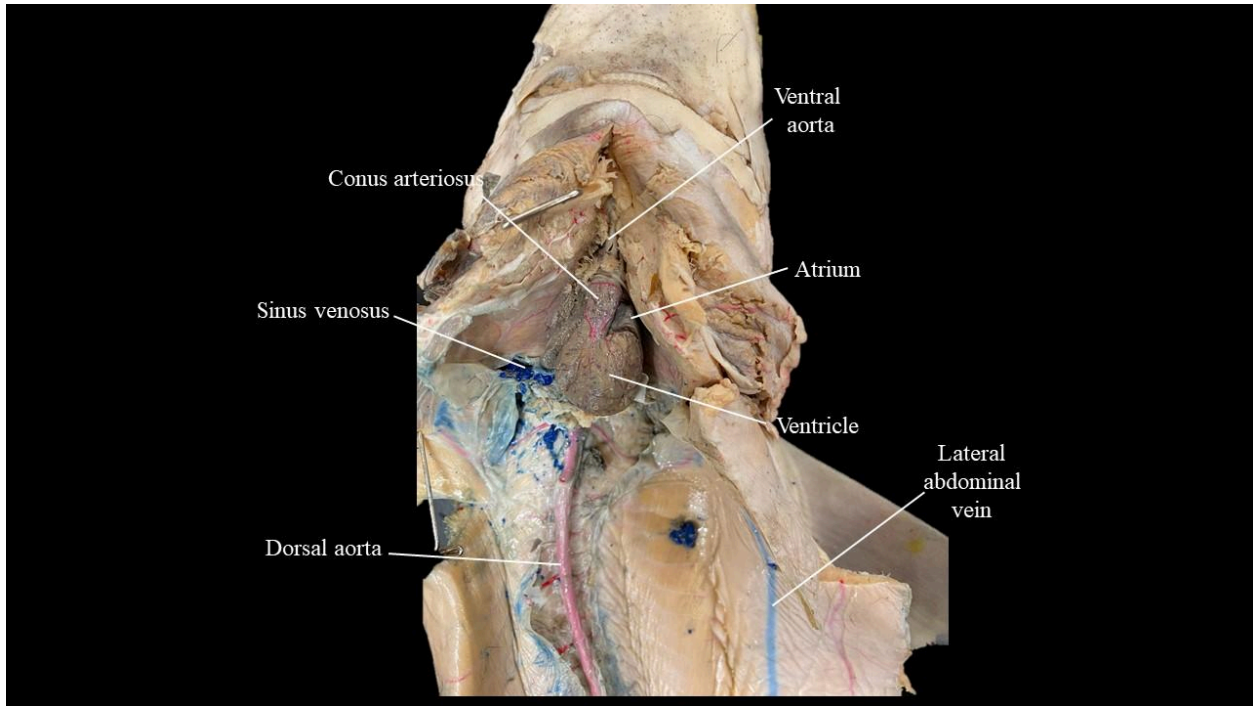
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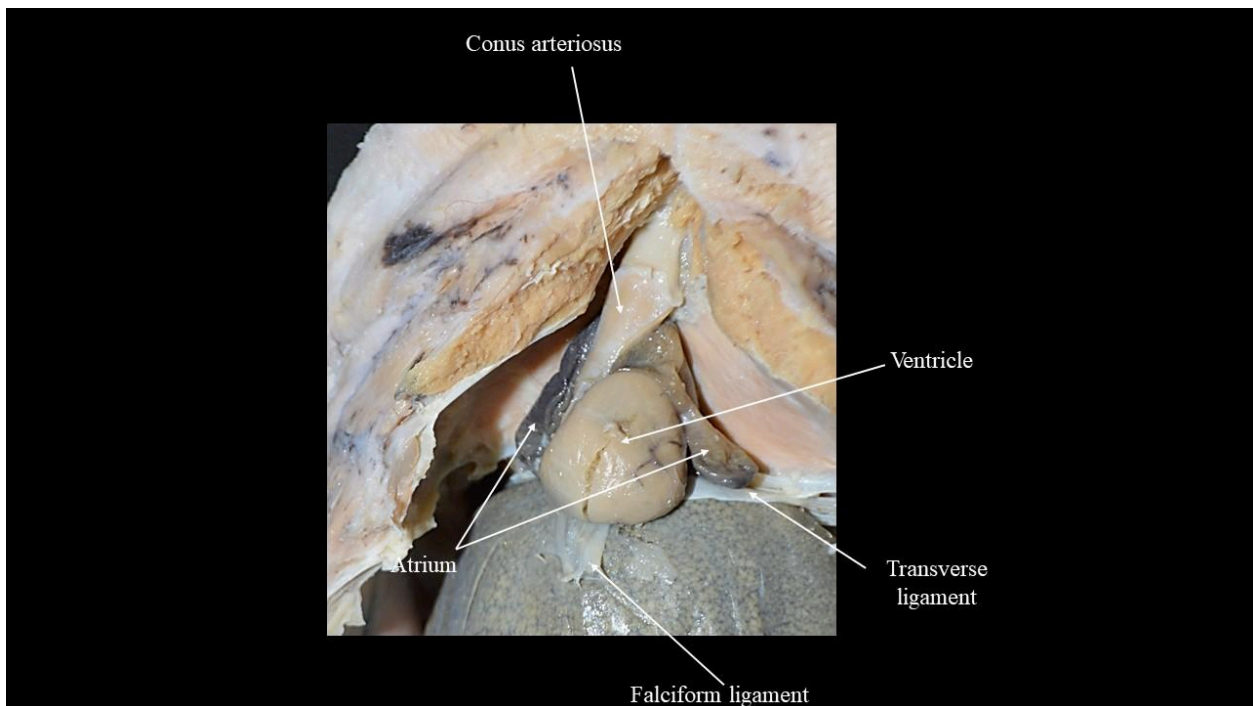
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## Cardiovascular systems

### Squalus vasculature



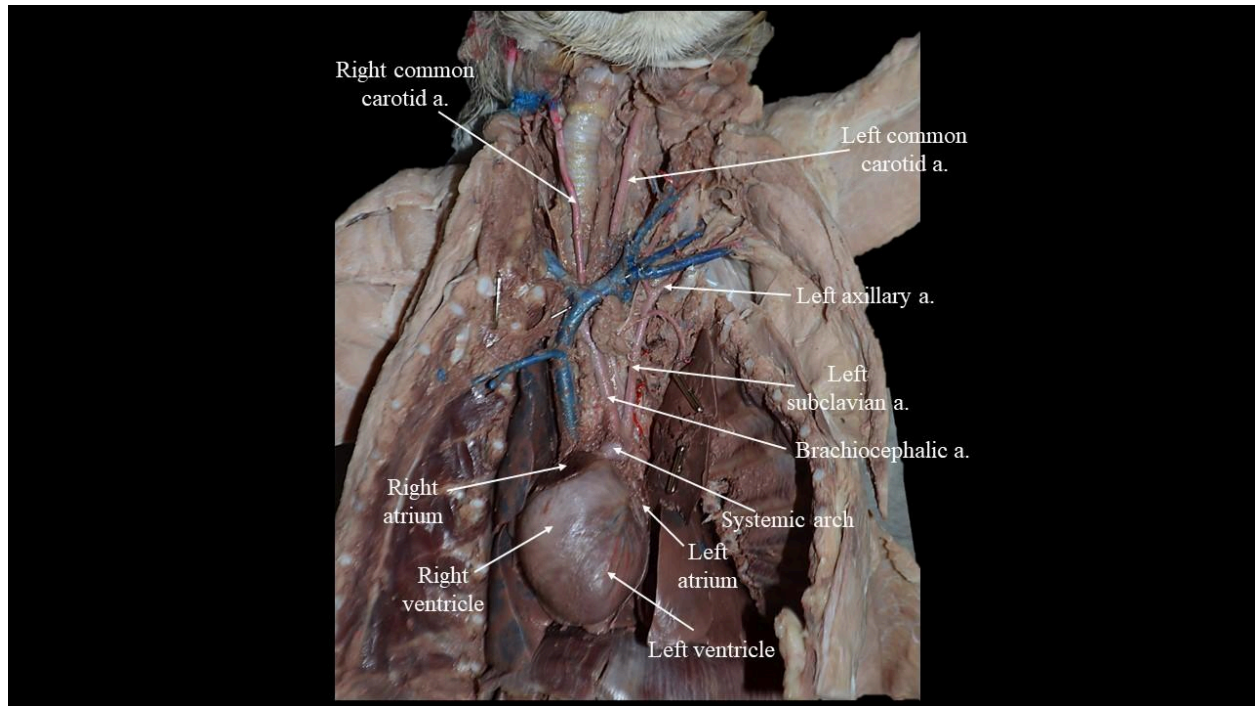
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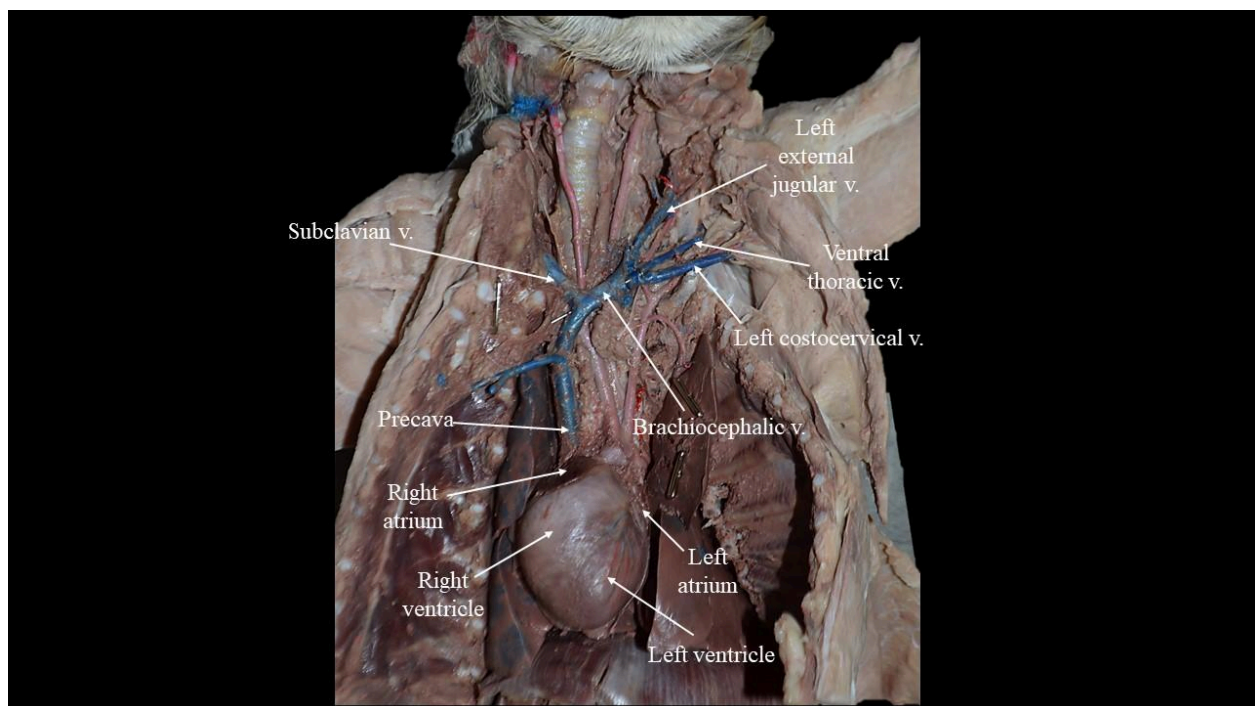
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## Cat vasculature



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