

A STUDY OF CLASSIFICATION

Purpose

Scientific classification serves as a means of identifying unknown

organisms

Related Information

One of the biologist's essential skills is the ability to place an organism in its correct classification and to identify it by name. In identifying an organism such as a fish, you might look for the

Classification Key to Certain Fish

1 b. Scales lacking or too small to be seen 12
Dorsal fin single 2

3a. Body more than four times as long as broad (top to bottom); front edge of dorsal fin far
back on body; mouth large, hinge back of eye 4

