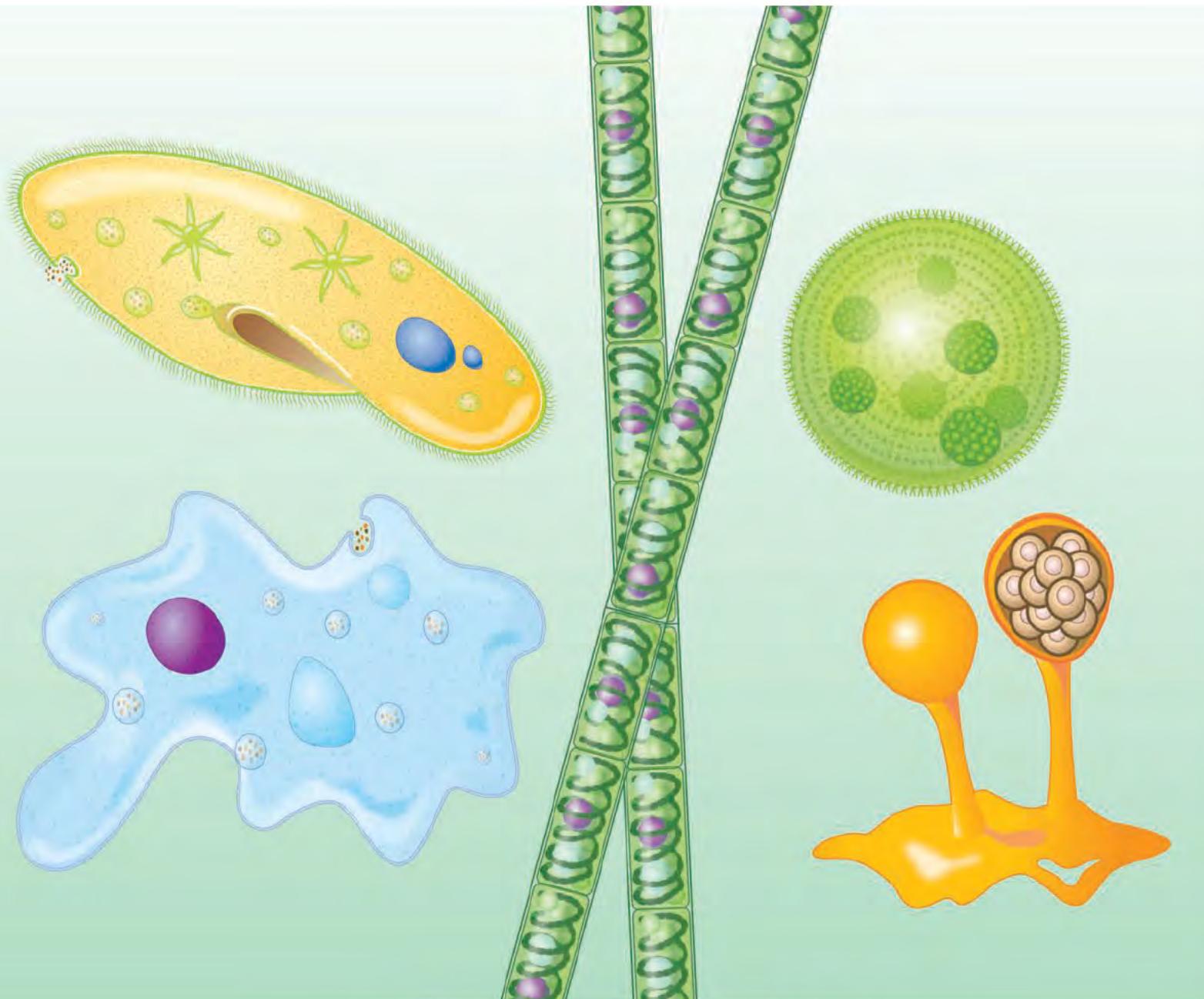


# Protists: Pond Microlife Learning Guide



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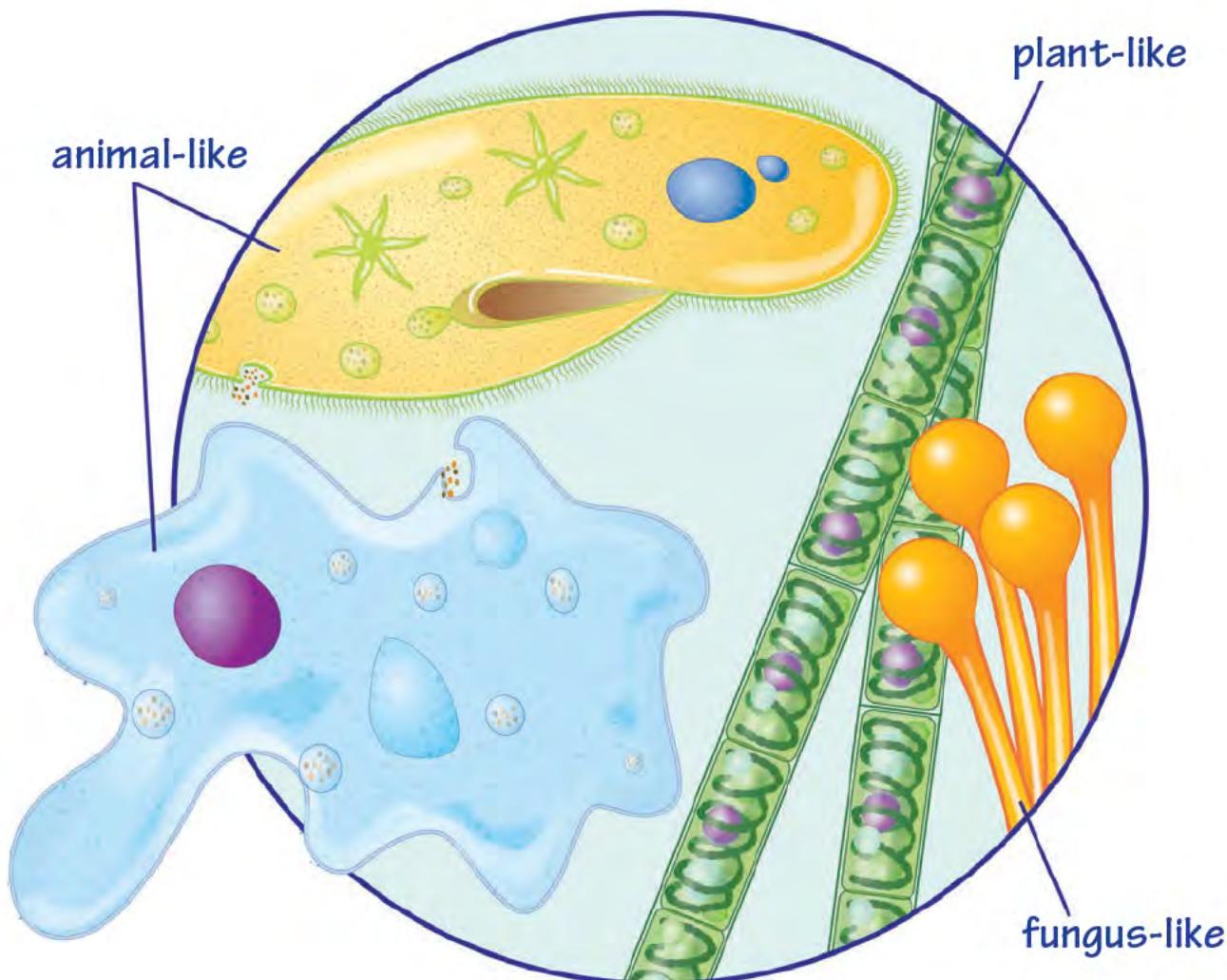
# WHAT IS A PROTIST?

## Kingdom Protista

The **Kingdom Protista** is the most diverse group of organisms. Some protists are **unicellular** (single-cell), while others are **multicellular** (multi-cell).

## Protist Categories

The wide variety of characteristics of the numerous protist species makes it difficult to categorize them, but scientists have developed a method that places each species into three separate categories: **animal-like**, **plant-like** (algae) and **fungus-like**.

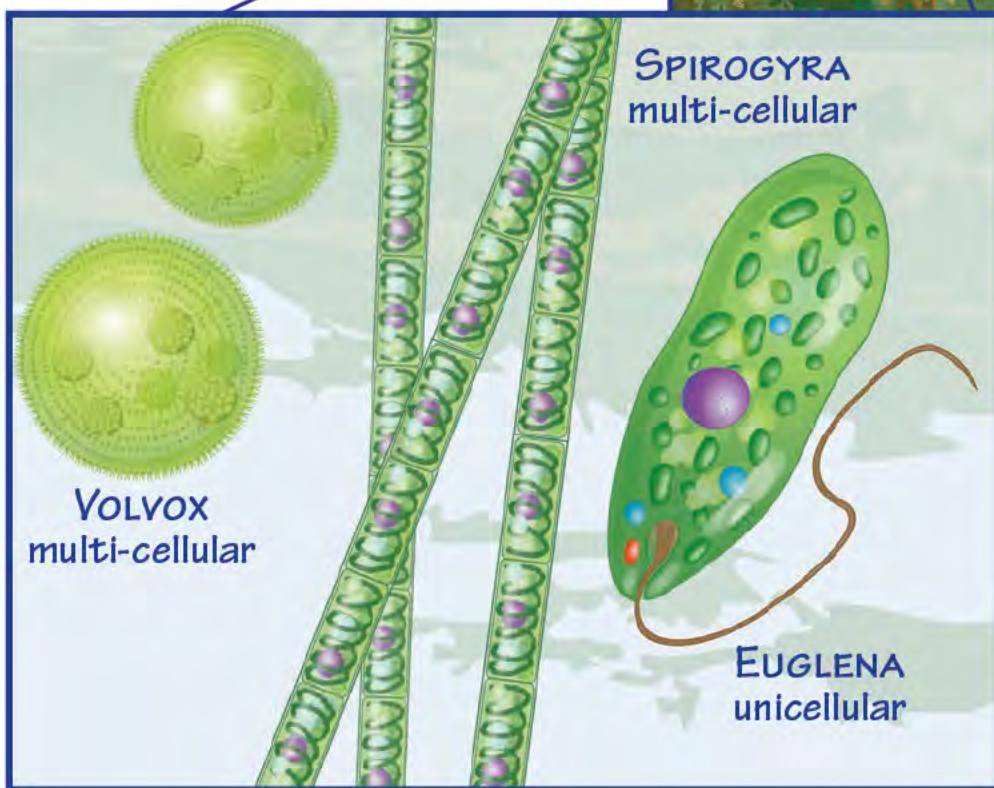
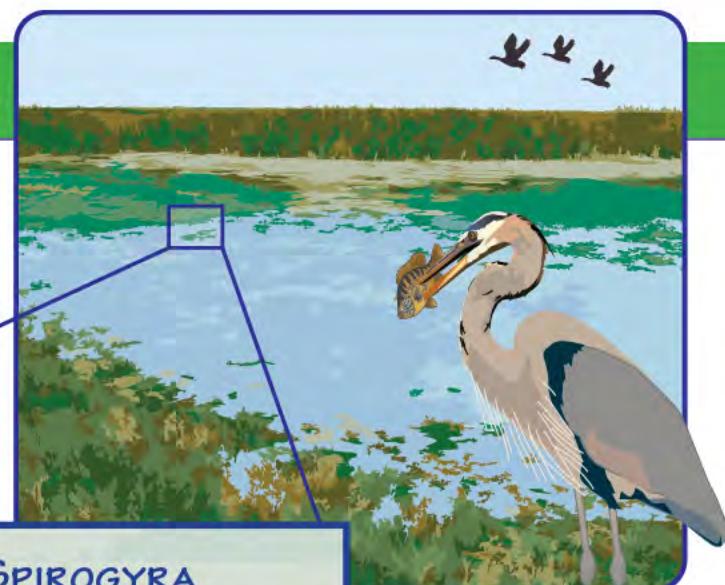


# LESSON 2

# PLANT-LIKE PROTISTS

## Algae

Plant-like protists are known as **algae**, typically found in freshwater habitats. Algae can be **unicellular** or **multi-cellular**.



All algae contain the green pigment **chlorophyll** in their **chloroplasts** which gives them the ability to make their own food by **photosynthesis**.

# PHOTOSYNTHESIS

