

# Types of Fossils

### **Original Remains Fossil**

- These are fossils that contain the original parts of the actual organism.
  - Bones
  - Entire body
  - Teeth

## Original Remains Examples







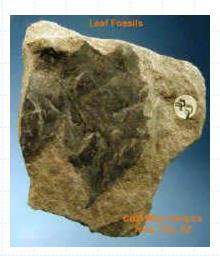


#### Carbon Film Fossil

- All living things are made of Carbon
- A Carbon Film is the film of carbon left on a rock by a decaying organism and is preserved as a fossil.

## Carbon Film Examples







#### Discuss...

...connections between original remains and carbon film fossils!

#### Mold Fossil

Fossil that forms when an organism decays or dissolves and leaves a cavity in the rock.

## Mold Fossil Examples





#### **Cast Fossil**

\*Fossil that forms when a mold fills with sediment and then hardens into rock.

## Cast Fossil Examples





#### Discuss...

...connections between mold and cast fossils.

#### Trace Fossils

Preserved footprints, trails, burrows, or any marks that tell about how things lived.

### Trace Fossil Examples







#### Use of Fossils: Index Fossils

- The FOSSIL RECORD gives scientists proof of WHAT life forms existed in the past. We learn WHERE organisms lived and HOW they lived.
- These are the remains of species that lived for a short time and were numerous, and found in many places.
- Fossils can be used to date other fossils and the layers of sedimentary rock.

### Using Index Fossils

