

Bio& 241 (A&P) Unit 2 Lab 2: The Axial Skeleton

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VERTEBRAL COLUMN-

Special Features

Normal Curves

Primary:

Thoracic
Sacral

Secondary:

Cervical
Lumbar

Abnormal Curves

Kyphosis
Lordosis
Scoliosis

VERTEBRAL COLUMN BONES [26]

Vertebra (general features)

Body
Neural arch
Pedicles
Laminae
Spinal (or vertebral) foramen
Transverse processes
Spinous process
Superior articulating processes
Inferior articulating processes
Intervertebral foramen

Cervical vertebrae [7]

Transverse foramen
Atlas (1st cervical)
Superior articular surface
Inferior articular surface
Axis (2nd cervical)
Ondontoid process (or
dens)

Thoracic vertebrae [12]

Rib facets or demifacets

Lumbar vertebrae [5]

Lack rib facets and transverse
foramina

Sacrum [1]

Fused bone consisting of 5
vertebrae
Sacral promontory
Sacral foramina (pelvic & dorsal)
Auricular surface

Coccyx [1]

Fused bone consisting of 3-5
vertebrae

THORACIC BONES [25]

Sternum [1]

Manubrium
Body (or gladiolus)
Jugular (or suprasternal) notch
Xiphoid process

Ribs [12 pair]

Head
Neck
Tubercle
Body (or shaft)
Costal groove
Costal cartilages

Types of ribs

True ribs
False ribs
Floating ribs