

Classification
Cladistics
&
The Three Domains of Life

Biology

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Finding Order in Diversity

- Earth is over 4.5 billion years old.
- Life on Earth appeared approximately 3.5 billion years ago and has been changing due to natural selection as well as other processes and has led to an incredible amount of diversity.
- 1.5 million species have been named so far!!!
- 2-100 million more species have yet to be discovered!!!!



Table 14.1

The Geologic Time Scale

| Geologic Time | Period | Epoch | Age (millions of years ago) | Some Important Events in the History of Life | Relative Time Span |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|
| Cenozoic era | Quaternary | Recent | 0.01 | Historical time | |
| | | Pleistocene | 1.8 | Ice ages; humans appear | |
| | Tertiary | Pliocene | 5 | Origin of genus <i>Homo</i> | |
| | | Miocene | 23 | Continued speciation of mammals and angiosperms | |
| | | Oligocene | 34 | Origins of many primate groups, including apes | |
| | | Eocene | 56 | Angiosperm dominance increases; origins of most living mammalian orders | |
| | | Paleocene | 65 | Major speciation of mammals, birds, and pollinating insects | |
| Mesozoic era | Cretaceous | 145 | Flowering plants (angiosperms) appear; many groups of organisms, including most dinosaur lineages, become extinct at end of period (Cretaceous extinctions) | | |
| | Jurassic | 200 | Gymnosperms continue as dominant plants; dinosaurs become dominant | | |
| | Triassic | 251 | Cone-bearing plants (gymnosperms) dominate landscape; speciation of dinosaurs, early mammals, and birds | | |
| Paleozoic era | Permian | 299 | Extinction of many marine and terrestrial organisms (Permian extinctions); speciation of reptiles; origins of mammal-like reptiles and most living orders of insects | | |
| | Carboniferous | 359 | Extensive forests of vascular plants; first seed plants; origin of reptiles; amphibians become dominant | | |
| | Devonian | 416 | Diversification of bony fishes; first amphibians and insects | | |
| | Silurian | 444 | Early vascular plants dominate land | | |
| | Ordovician | 488 | Marine algae are abundant; colonization of land by diverse fungi, plants, and animals | | |
| | Cambrian | 542 | Origin of most living animal phyla (Cambrian explosion) | | |
| Precambrian | | 600 | Diverse algae and soft-bodied invertebrate animals appear | | |
| | | 635 | Oldest animal fossils | | |
| | | 2,100 | Oldest eukaryotic fossils | | |
| | | 2,700 | Oxygen begins accumulating in atmosphere | | |
| | | 3,500 | Oldest fossils known (prokaryotes) | | |
| | 4,600 | Approximate time of origin of Earth | | | |

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What is the scientific name for the human species???

What do you think the common name is for *Felis catus*?

How about *Canis familiaris*?

In each case, what does the first of the two names refer to?

What do the two names together refer to?

Which group is more inclusive?

What is Classification?

- Classification is the arrangement of organisms into orderly groups based on their similar characteristics.
- The science of classification which involves identifying, classifying and naming is also known as taxonomy.
- taxis = arrangement or order
- nomy = law

Why Do We Need to Classify Organisms?



Coryphaena hippurus

Tursiops truncatus



Why Do We Need to Classify Organisms?

- Cougar
- Mountain lion
- Puma
- Panther



Puma concolor



Panthera onca

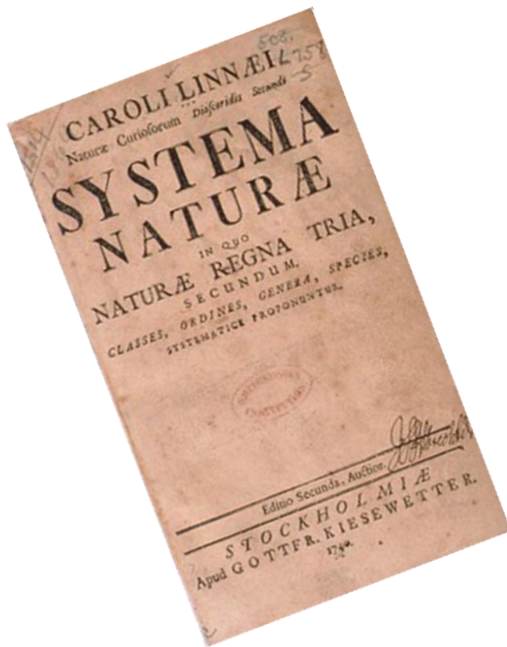


Mephitis mephitis!



Carolus Linnaeus

- 18th century Swedish botanist
- Known as the "Father of Taxonomy"
- Classified organisms by their structure, size, shape and color.
- Developed the binomial nomenclature system.
- Every organism gets a two-word name (Genus & species)



Present System of Classification

- uses language of Latin
- system uses binomial nomenclature (*bi* = two, *nomen* = name)
- creatures are known by their genus and species name
- based on structure, DNA, evolutionary descent

- human *Homo sapien*
- gorilla *Gorilla gorilla*
- rainbow trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss*

- genus name and species name italics if typed, underline if handwritten
- genus name capitalized, species name lower case

Linnaeus's System of Classification

- Hierarchical system (consists of levels)
- Each level is called a **taxon**.

Domain
Kingdom
Phylum
Class
Order
Family
Genus
Species

Kingdom - largest and most inclusive

Phylum - group of closely related classes

Class - group of similar orders

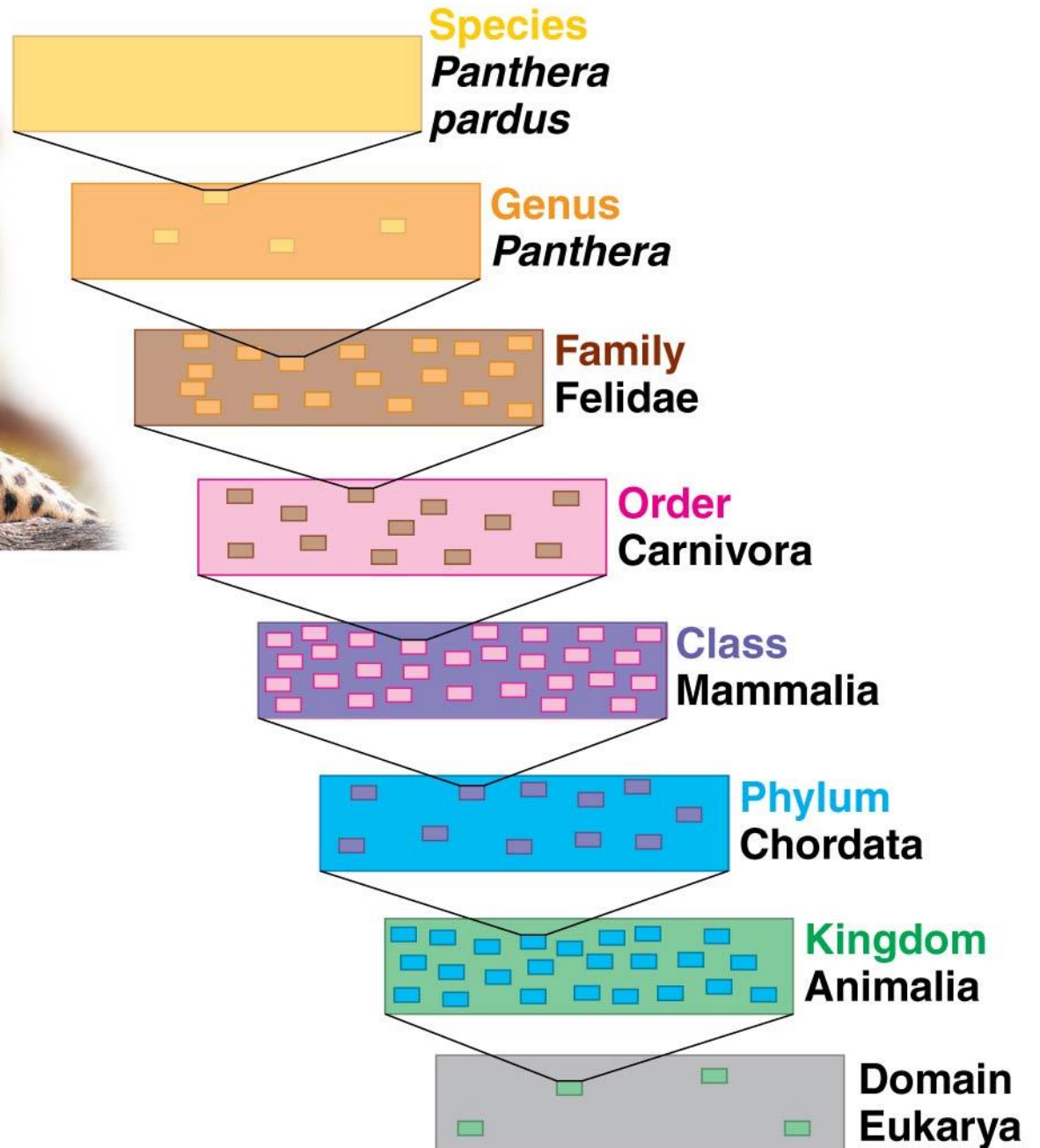
Order - group of similar families

Family - a group of genera that share many characteristics

Genus - a group of closely related species

Species - a group of similar organisms that can breed and produce fertile offspring.

Leopard
(Panthera pardus)



Which two animals are more closely related?



*Ursus
arctos*



*Ursus
maritimus*



*Ailuropoda
melanoleuca*



Kingdom:

Animalia

Animalia

Animalia

Phylum:

Chordata

Chordata

Chordata

Class:

Mammalia

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Order:

Carnivora

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Family:

Ursidae

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Genus:

Ursus

Ursus

Ailuropoda

Species:

U. maritimus

U. arctos

A. melanoleuca



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Family:

[Felidae](#)

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Genus:

[Panthera](#)

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Species:

P. leo

F. silvestris

F. catus

Modern Evolutionary Classification

- In Linnaeus's time organisms were classified based solely on their observable adult traits.
- This posed many problems because animals that looked similar were classified together even though they were not closely related.





Family: Ailuridae

Family: Ursidae



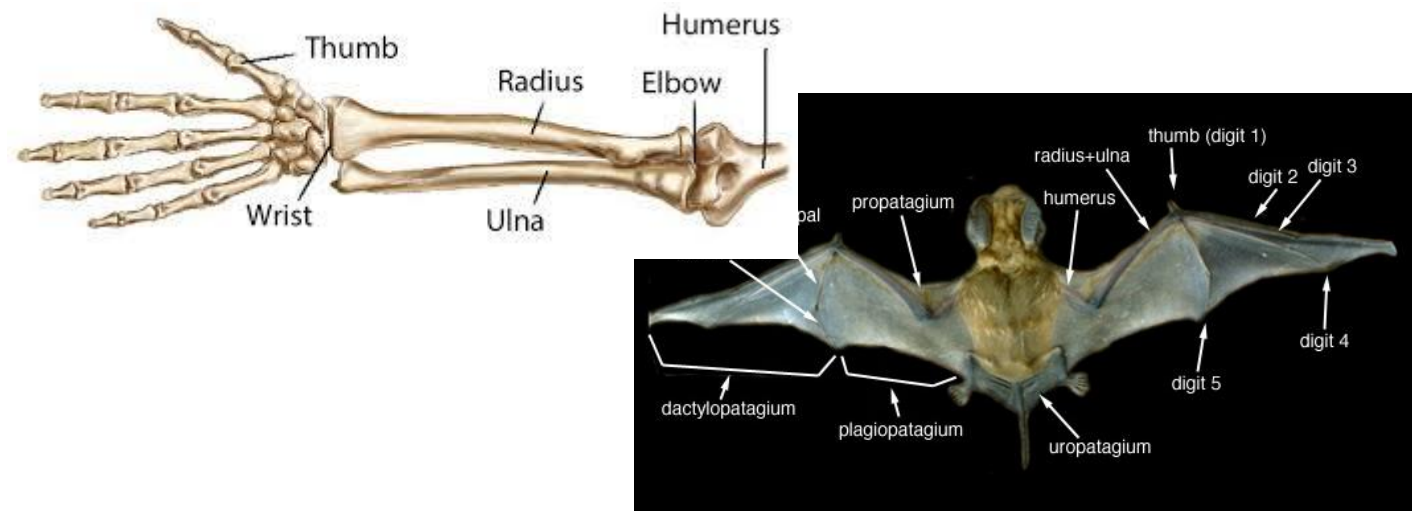
Evolutionary Classification- Systematics

- Darwin's ideas about descent with modification gave rise to the study of phylogeny.
- **Phylogeny** is the study of evolutionary relationships among organisms.
- **Evolutionary classification** is the strategy of grouping organisms together based on their evolutionary history.



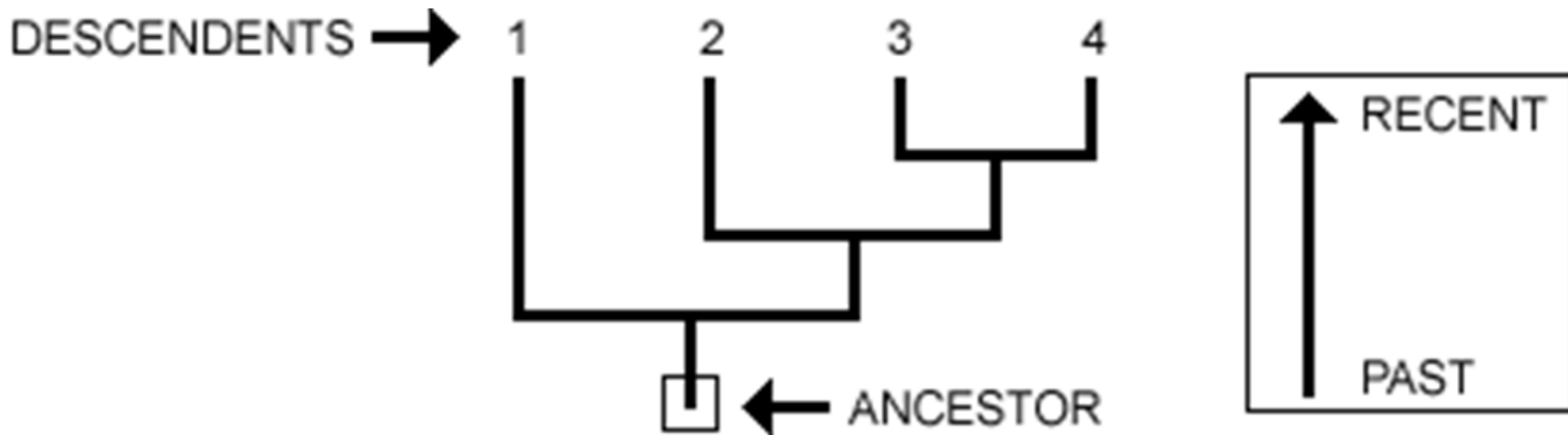
Evolutionary Classification- Systematics

- Homologous structures are one of the best sources of information for phylogenetic relationships.
- The greater the number of homologous structures between two species, the more closely related the two species are.
- DNA comparisons

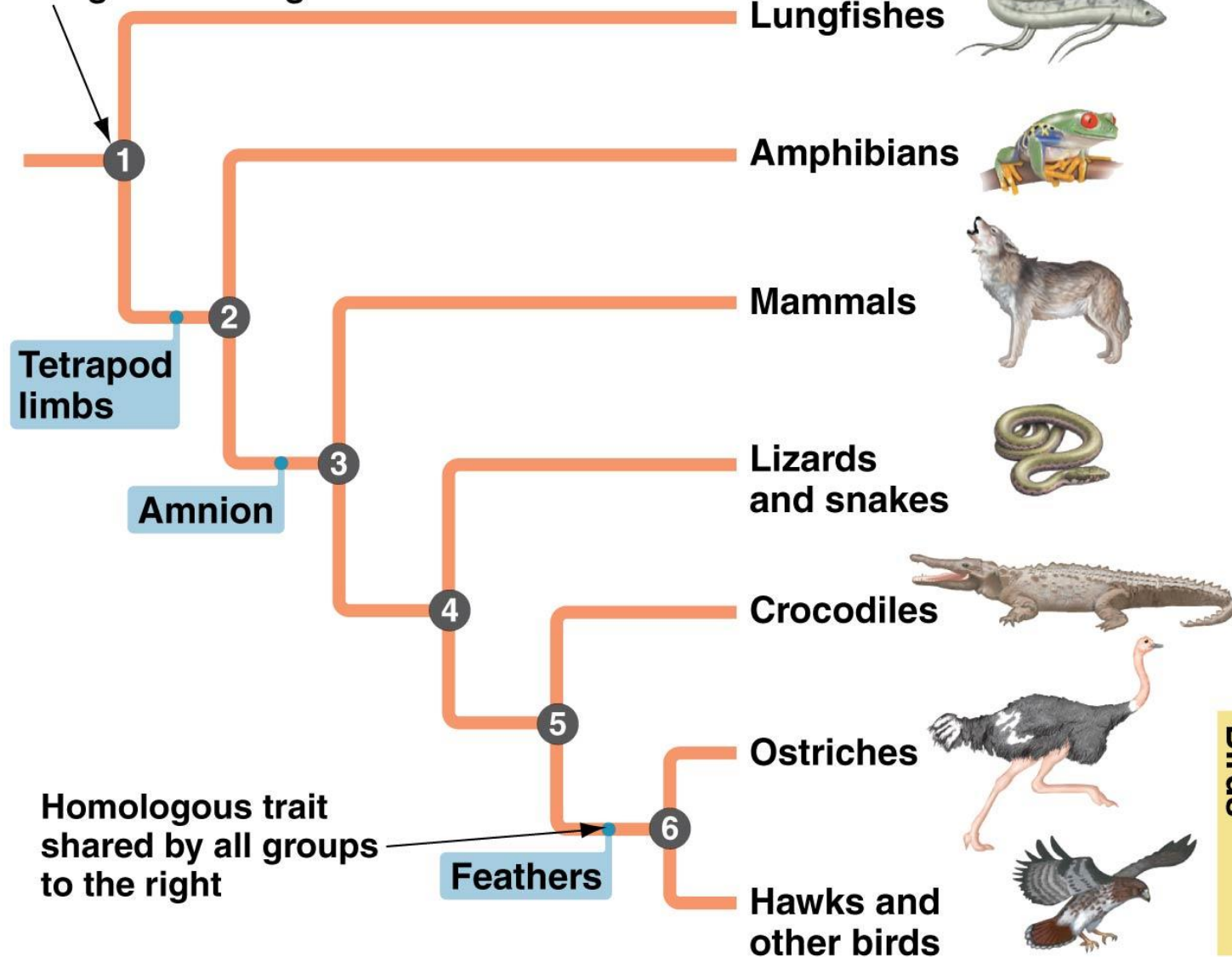


Classification Using Cladograms

Derived characters are characteristics that appear in recent parts of a lineage or "family tree" but not in its older members. These characteristics are used to derive **cladograms**, which are diagrams that show the evolutionary relationship among a group of organisms.

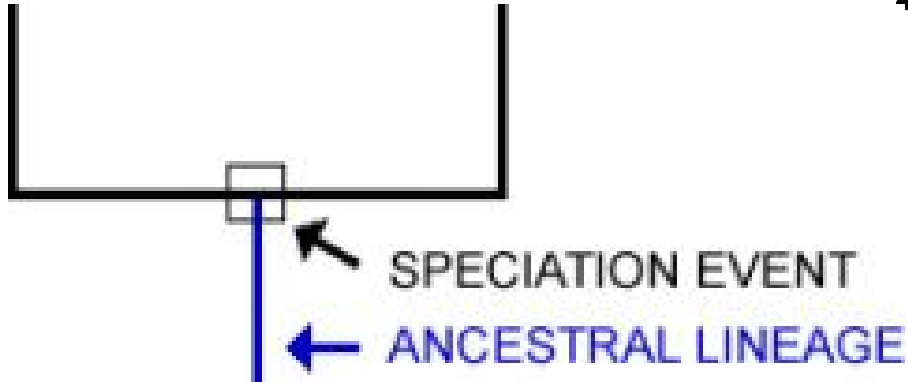


Common ancestor of lineages to the right



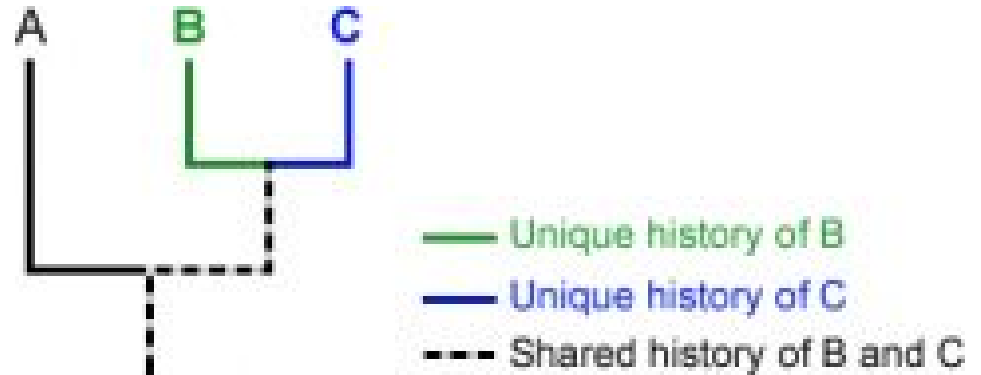
Homologous trait shared by all groups to the right

Understanding Phylogenies

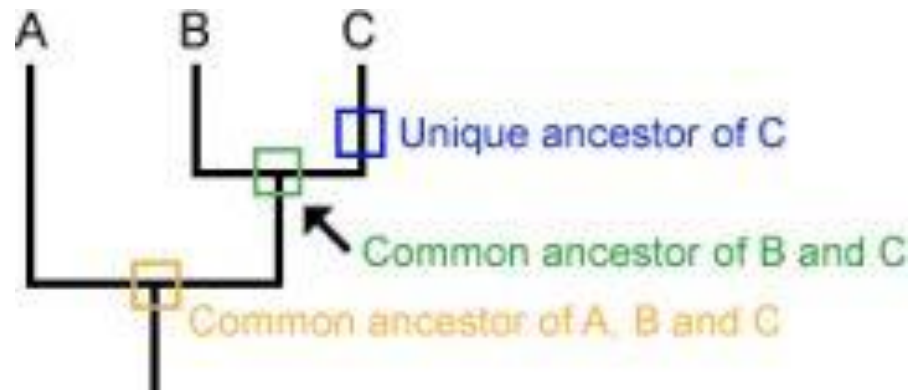


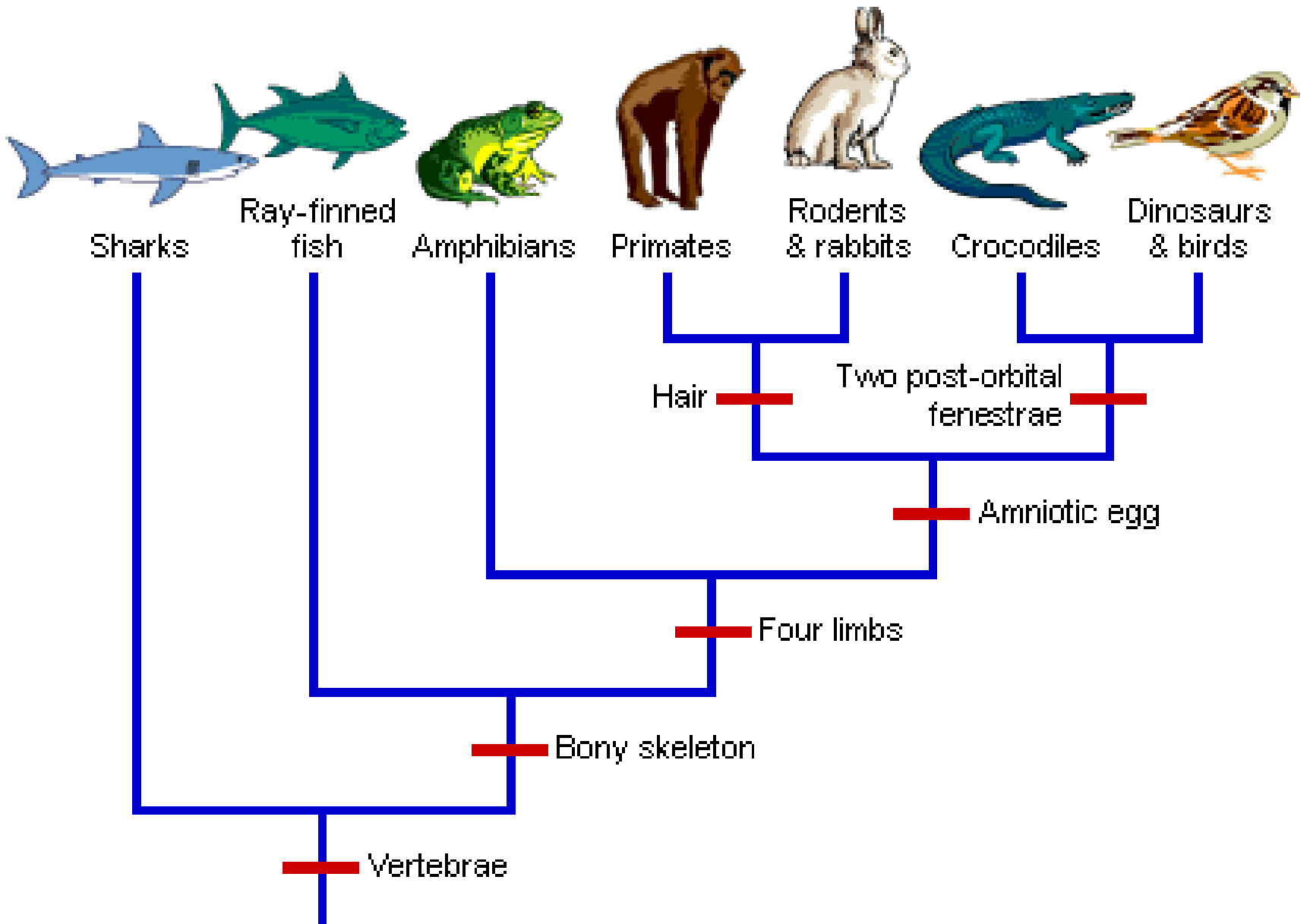
When a lineage splits (speciation), it is represented as branching on a phylogeny. When a speciation event occurs, a single ancestral lineage gives rise to two or more daughter lineages.

Phylogenies trace patterns of shared ancestry between lineages. Each lineage has a part of its history that is unique to it alone and parts that are shared with other lineages.



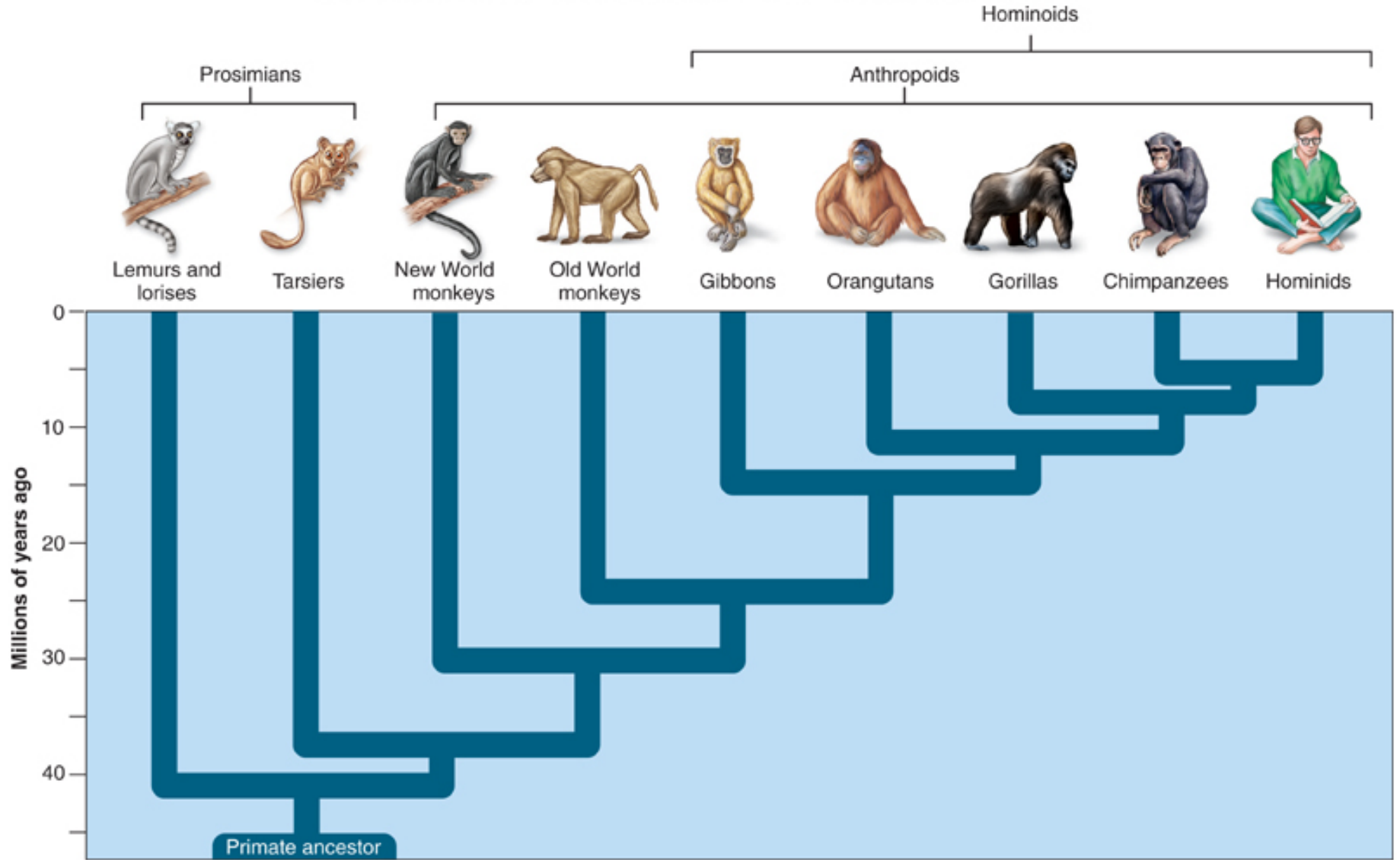
Similarly, each lineage has ancestors that are unique to that lineage and ancestors that are shared with other lineages — common ancestors.





Similarities in DNA and RNA

- All organisms use DNA and RNA to pass on information to their offspring and to control growth and development
- Genes (DNA) of many organisms show important similarities at the molecular level. These similarities can be used to help determine classification and evolutionary relationships.
- For example.....myosin is a protein found in our muscles. We have a gene that codes for myosin, but so does yeast!!! Which means that we must share a common ancestor!!

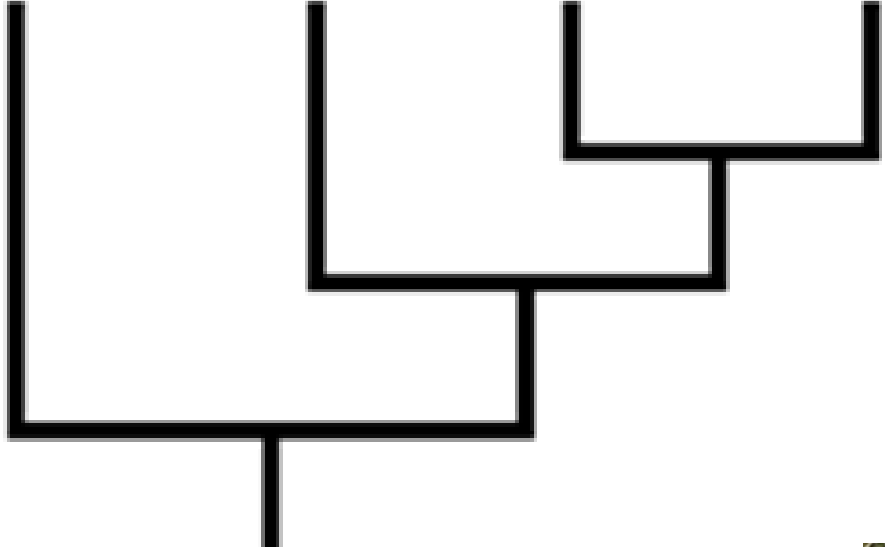


Gorillas

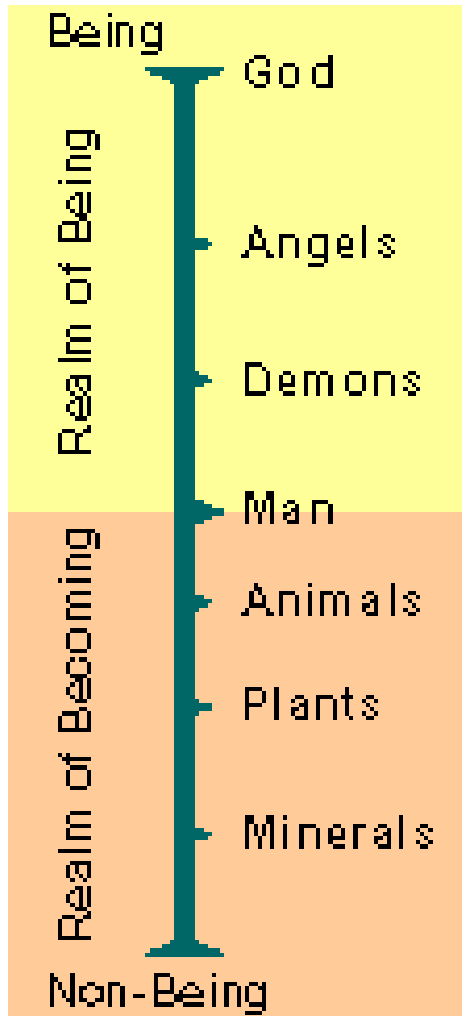
Humans

Chimpanzees

Bonobos



Kingdoms and Domains



In Linnaeus's time the only known differences among living things were the fundamental traits that separated animals from plants.

Animals were mobile and ate food for energy

Plants were green, used photosynthesis to convert the sun's rays into energy.

Aristotle's Classification

Tree of Life Evolves

As more information about the natural world became known biologists realized they needed more than just two kingdoms to classify all of the organisms.

Changing Number of Kingdoms

| First Introduced | Name of Kingdoms | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 1700s | Plantae | | | | Animalia | |
| Late 1800s | Protista | | | Plantae | | Animalia |
| 1950s | Monera | | Protista | Fungi | Plantae | Animalia |
| 1990s | Eubacteria | Archaeobacteria | Protista | Fungi | Plantae | Animalia |

We use the six kingdom system of classification today!!!

Three Domain System

- Scientist now group modern organisms according to how long they have been evolving independently.
- Domain is a more inclusive category larger than a kingdom.
- There are 3 Domains
 - **Bacteria**: Eubacteria
 - **Archaea**: Archaeobacteria
 - **Eukarya**: Protista, Fungi, Plantae, Animalia

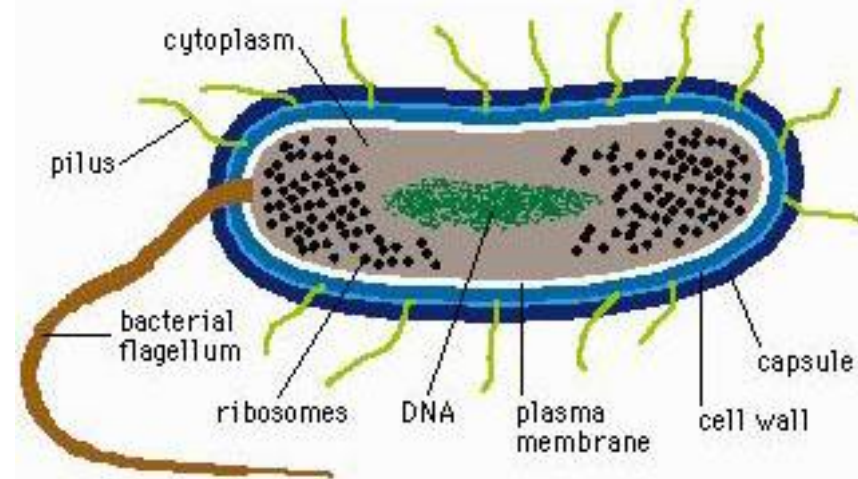
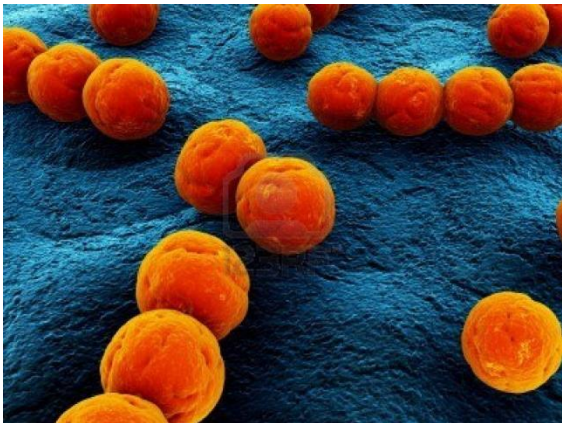
Classification of Living Things

| DOMAIN | Bacteria | Archaea | Eukarya | | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| KINGDOM | Eubacteria | Archaeobacteria | Protista | Fungi | Plantae | Animalia |
| CELL TYPE | Prokaryote | Prokaryote | Eukaryote | Eukaryote | Eukaryote | Eukaryote |
| CELL STRUCTURES | Cell walls with peptidoglycan | Cell walls without peptidoglycan | Cell walls of cellulose in some; some have chloroplasts | Cell walls of chitin | Cell walls of cellulose; chloroplasts | No cell walls or chloroplasts |
| NUMBER OF CELLS | Unicellular | Unicellular | Most unicellular; some colonial; some multicellular | Most multicellular; some unicellular | Multicellular | Multicellular |
| MODE OF NUTRITION | Autotroph or heterotroph | Autotroph or heterotroph | Autotroph or heterotroph | Heterotroph | Autotroph | Heterotroph |
| EXAMPLES | <i>Streptococcus</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> | Methanogens, halophiles | <i>Amoeba</i> , <i>Paramecium</i> , slime molds, giant kelp | Mushrooms, yeasts | Mosses, ferns, flowering plants | Sponges, worms, insects, fishes, mammals |

Domain: Bacteria

Kingdom: Eubacteria

- Prokaryotic
- Unicellular
- Thick rigid cell walls surrounded by a cell membrane
- Peptidoglycan in cell wall
- Autotroph or heterotroph



Domain: Archaea

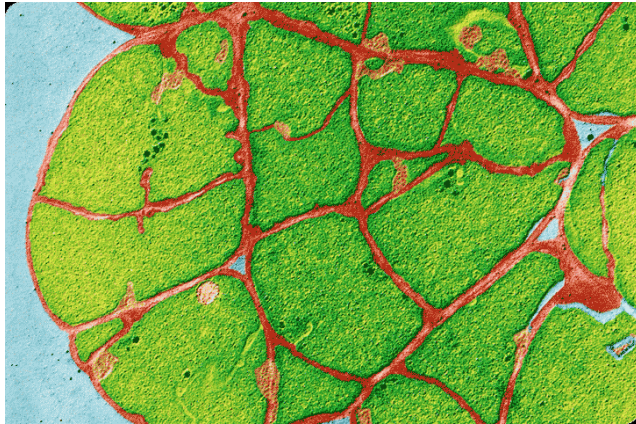
Kingdom: Archaeobacteria

- Prokaryotic (some research suggests they are closer to eukaryotes based on gene comparison)
- Cell wall without peptidoglycan
- Autotroph or heterotroph
- Can survive without oxygen
- Extremophiles: halophiles and thermophiles.
- Methanogens - produce methane gas (CH_4)

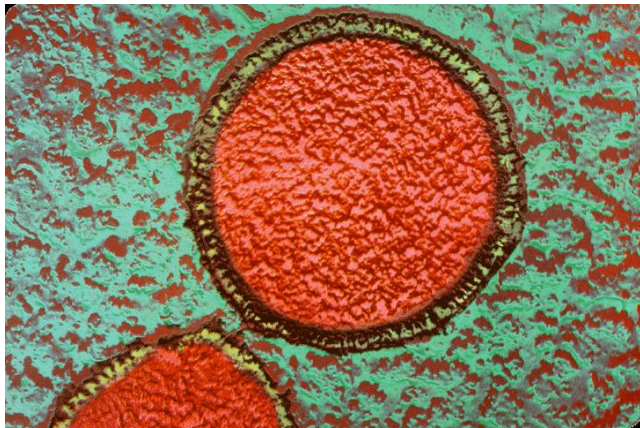




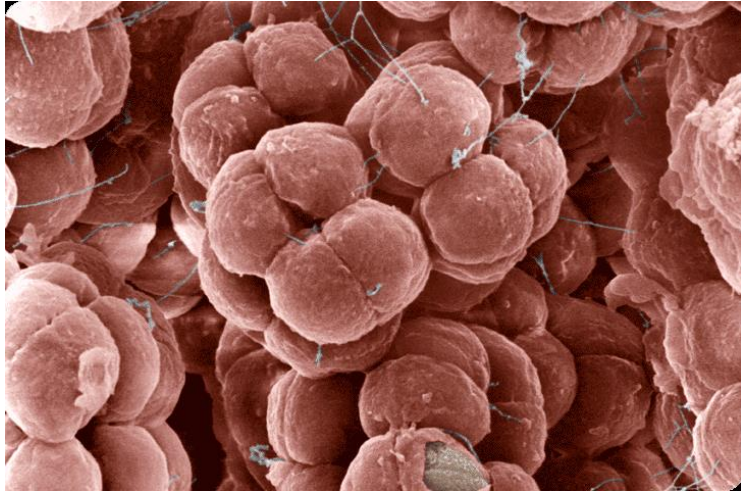
Sulfolobus is an extremophile that is found in hot springs and thrives in acidic and sulphur-rich environments.



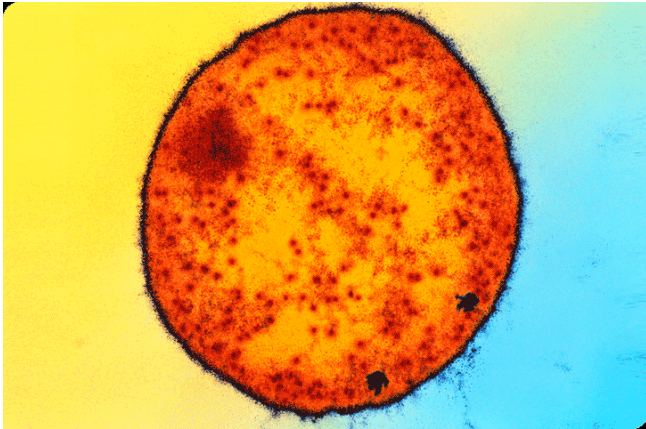
Methanosarcina rumen is anaerobic, and is found in places with little or no oxygen. It is a methane-producing organism that digests decaying organic matter. It is found in the rumen of a group of animals called ruminants such as cattle and sheep.



Staphylothermus marinus is an extremophile found in deep ocean hydrothermal vents, thriving on volcanic sulphur and surviving in water temperatures of up to 98°C.



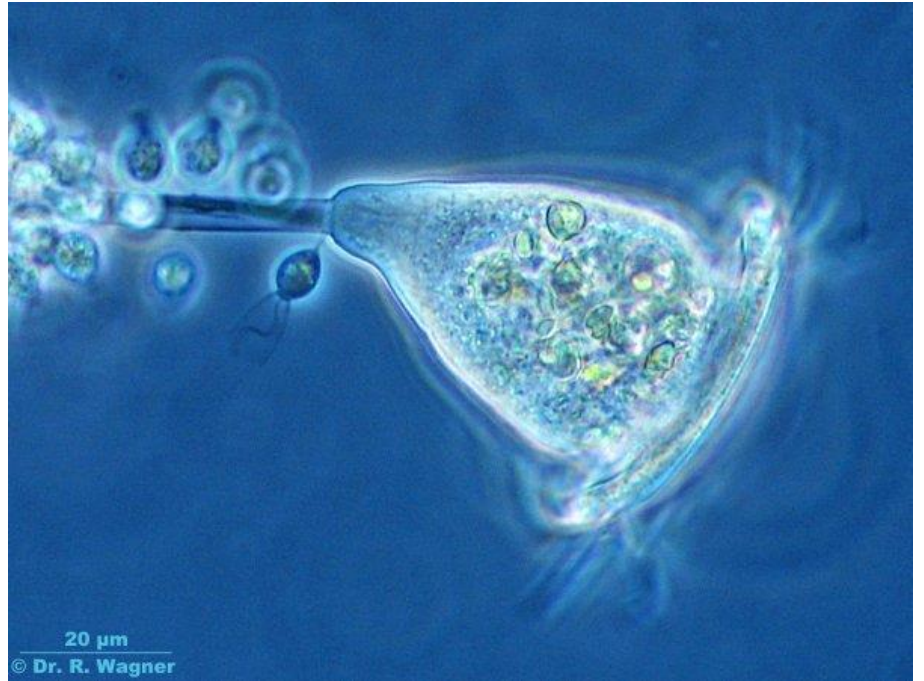
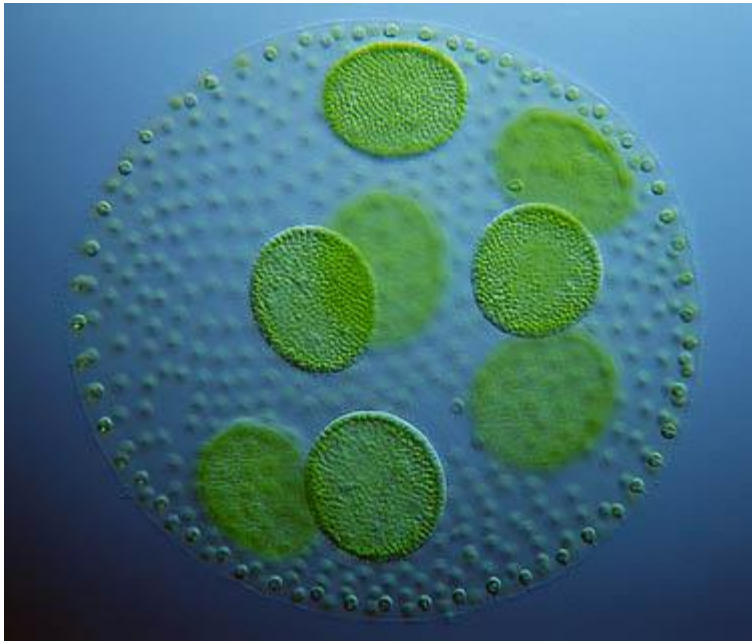
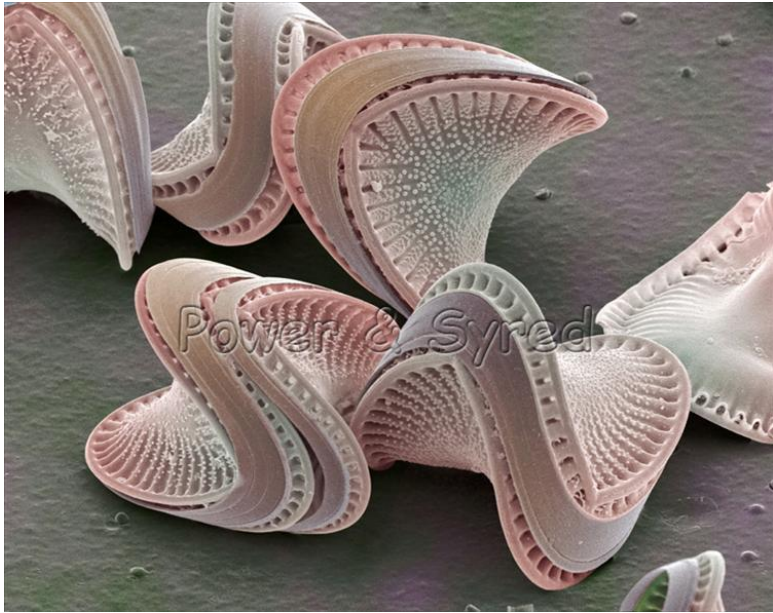
Halococcus salifodinae is found in water with high concentrations of salt. These high salt concentrations would be deadly to most other forms of life, and so *H. salifodinae* is also known as an extremophile.



Methanococcoides burtonii is an extremophile and was discovered in 1992 in Ace Lake, Antarctica, and can survive in temperatures as low as $-2.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Domain: Eukarya
Kingdom: Protista

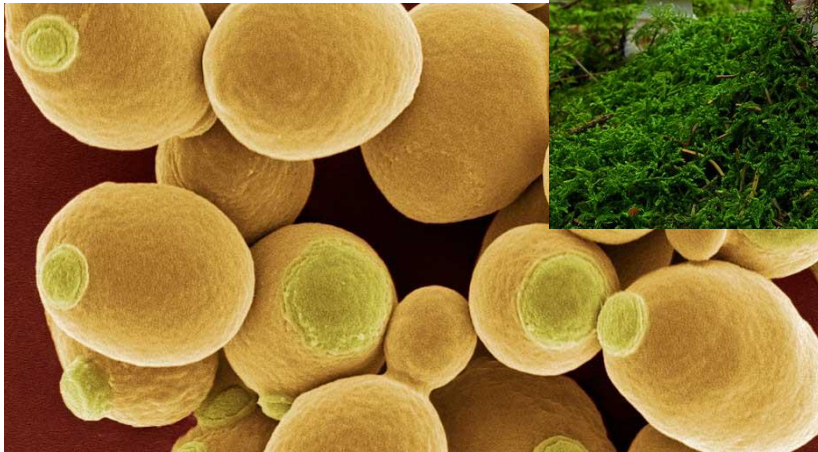
- Eukaryotic organisms that cannot be classified as animals, plants or fungi
- Greatest variety of all kingdoms!
- Unicellular for the most part, some are multicellular
- Some are photosynthetic and some heterotrophic



Domain: Eukarya

Kingdom: Fungi

- Heterotrophs
- Most multicellular, yeasts are unicellular



Domain: Eukarya

Kingdom: Plantae

- Multicellular
- Photosynthetic autotrophs
- Non-motile
- Cell wall contains cellulose



Domain: Eukarya

Kingdom: Animalia

- Multicellular
- Heterotrophic
- No cell walls

