Order

- The next larger taxon is called *Order*
- For example cats (*felidae*) and dogs (*Canidae*) belong to *Carnivora* (meat eater)





Class, Phyla, Kingdom

- Orders are grouped into Classes (Mammalia)
- Classes are grouped into Phyla (Chordata)
- Phyla are grouped into Kingdom (Animalia)

Kingdom

Phylla

Class

Order

Family

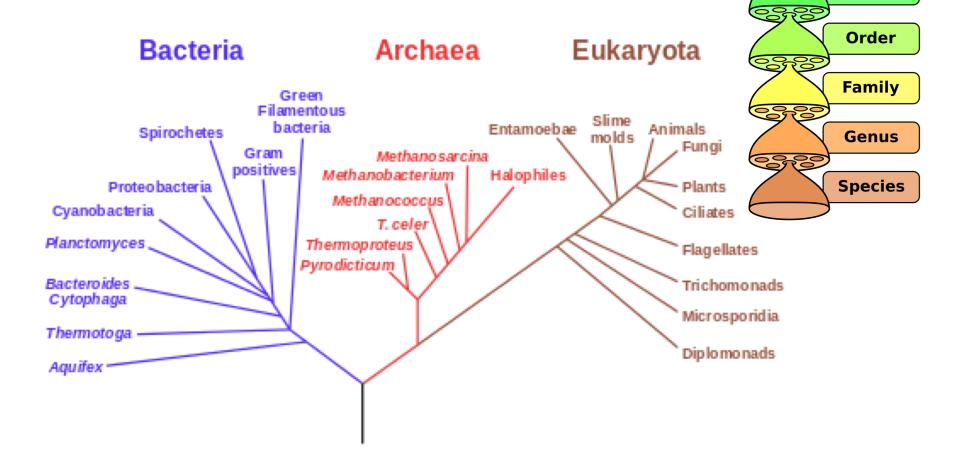
Genus

Species

(King Phillip Cuts Open Five Green Snakes)

3 Domain System

Phylogenetic Tree of Life



Life

Domain

Kingdom

Phylum

Class

Five Kingdom System

Monera



• Plantae



Protista



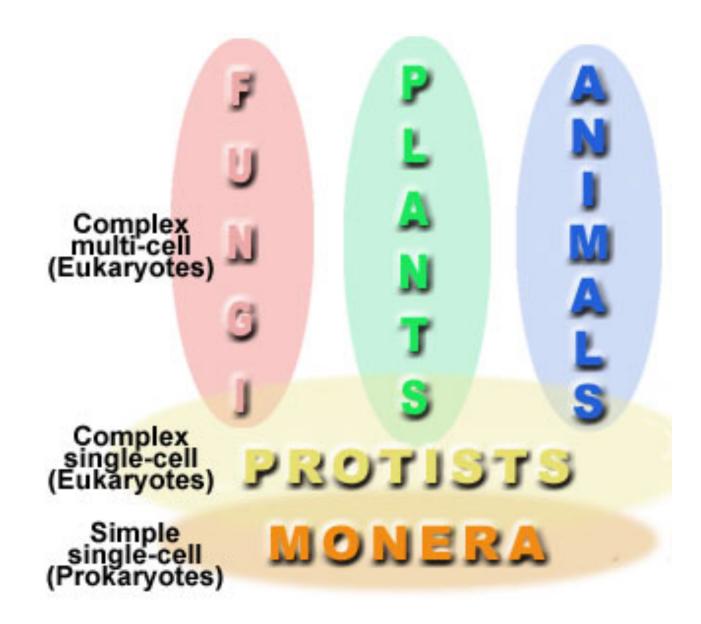
• Animalia



Fungi

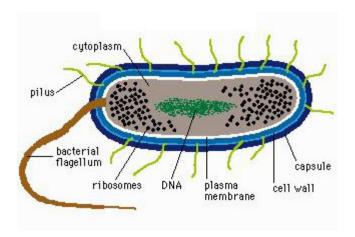


Five Kingdoms



Monera

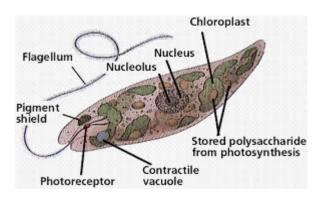
- All monerans are prokaryotes
- Characteristics:
 - Lack nuclei
 - Lack mitochondria
 - Lack chloroplasts
 - Reproduce by binary fission

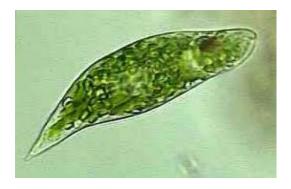




Protista

- All protists are single celled eukaryotic organisms
- Characteristics:
 - Has nucleus
 - Have organelles which can include chloroplasts
- Kingdom Protista is divided into three groups
 - Animal-like
 - Plant-like
 - Fungi-like

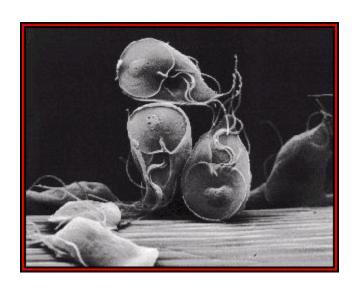




• Animal – like

(unicellullar, find food from the environment, move to find food source)

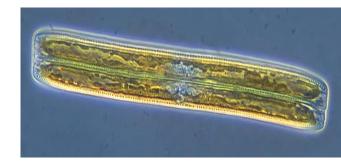
Giardia



• Plant – like

(unicellular, make their own food (photosynthetic)

Diatoms



• Fungi – like

(find food from the environment, reproduce my producing spores, have cell walls)

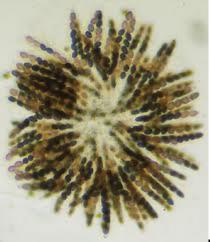
Slime mold



Fungi

- Have cell walls but don't contain cellulose
- Fungi are heterotrophs who do not carry out photosynthesis.
- Do not carry out photosynthesis
- Have many nuclei but not in separate cells







Plantae

- All plants:
 - Are Multicellular
 - Have cell walls containing cellulose
 - Autotrophic: Able to carry out photosynthesis using chlorophyll



Animalia

- All animals are:
 - Multicellular
 - Heterotrophic (can not make its own food and obtains energy from food it eats)
 - Lack cell walls

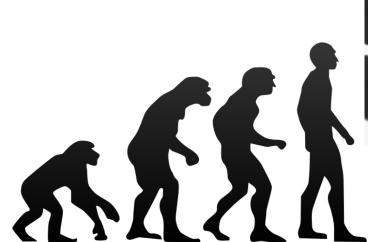


Taxonomy Today

- Why things have changed?
 - Only the taxon species has a clear biological identity
 - Members share a common gene pool because they interbreed
 - The organisms themselves decide who belongs and who doesn't to their species
- All other taxa are "constructed" by biologists
 - They try to use biologically important characteristics, but... different biologists have different opinions
 - Some species have been moved into different taxa (and others will be in the future)

Taxonomy and Evolutionary Relationships

- A. Evolutionary theory states: that living species have evolved from earlier species.
- B. Thus, taxonomists group organisms in ways that show evolutionary relationships.
 - By identifying and studying homologous structures in:
 - Adult organisms
 - Developing embryos and in
 - Well preserved fossils.

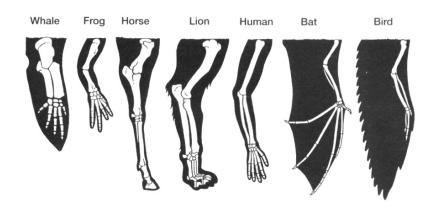






Arnold Gorilla

C. Species with homologous structures are classified together.



D. Species with analogous structures are put in different groups.



Biochemical Taxonomy

- Taxonomists use molecular similarities to classify organisms
- Biochemical similarities
 - All organisms (except some viruses) use DNA to carry genetic information
 - Organisms may be different but their genes and the proteins that they make are very similar
 - The sequence of the cytochrome c protein (used in the electron transport chain) is carried by all organisms, but differs slightly between species
 - These differences have been caused by mutations that occur after the ancestors of the living species diverged
- To help us classify organisms into groups, taxonomists can compare:
 - Nucleotide sequences in DNA and RNA
 - Amino acid sequences of proteins