

# Chap 20

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## Classification + Evolution of Organisms

How to name newly discovered organisms?

to identify organisms accurately so that anyone in this world understood organisms being discussed we use scientific naming.

Scientific identification of organisms involve 2  $\neq$  but related activities

1 - Taxonomy: naming of organisms

2 - Phylogeny: showing how organisms are related through evolution.

Taxonomy: Science of naming organisms + grouping them into logical categories.

Taxonomy comes from Greek word Taxis means arrangement.

"like pt used as many as 15 words to describe a single organism but didn't work due to slow communication among scientists."

### 2) Binomial System of Nomenclature

Modern system began in 1758 with Carolus Linnaeus he used 2 Latin words for each species of an organism

genus  $\searrow$  specific epithet (descriptive word)

A species is a population of organism capable of <sup>inter</sup>breeding + producing fertile offsprings

Each organism is a member of a species.

A genus (plural genera) is a group of closely related organisms

The Specific Epithet is a word added to the genus name to identify which one of several species within the genus we are referring to.

Binomial names are usually italicized or underlined.  
1st letter of genus is Capitalized, specific epithet is always lower case.

example *Thamnophis sirtalis* (garter snake)

Since Linnaeus's system, International rules has been set to assure maintenance of the orderly system.

The 3 sets of rules are:

- International Rules for Botanical Nomenclature
- " " " Zoological "
- " " " for Bacteriological Code for "

~ 1.5 million species have been named so far  
(1 million to one)

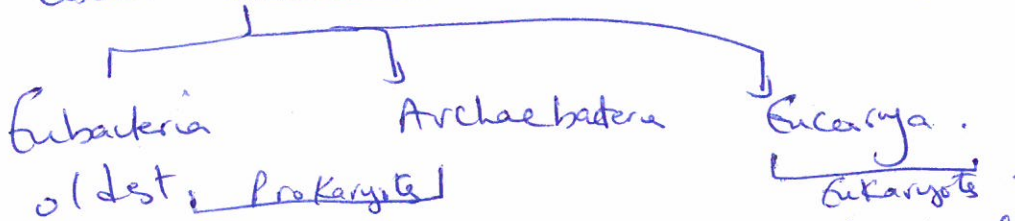
Species are organized in logical groups (2)

Species are placed in specific groups

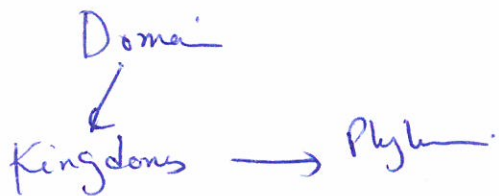
First Division was → Plant Kingdoms  
→ Animals

then divided each into smaller.

Now there are 3 major Categories of organisms  
called Domains

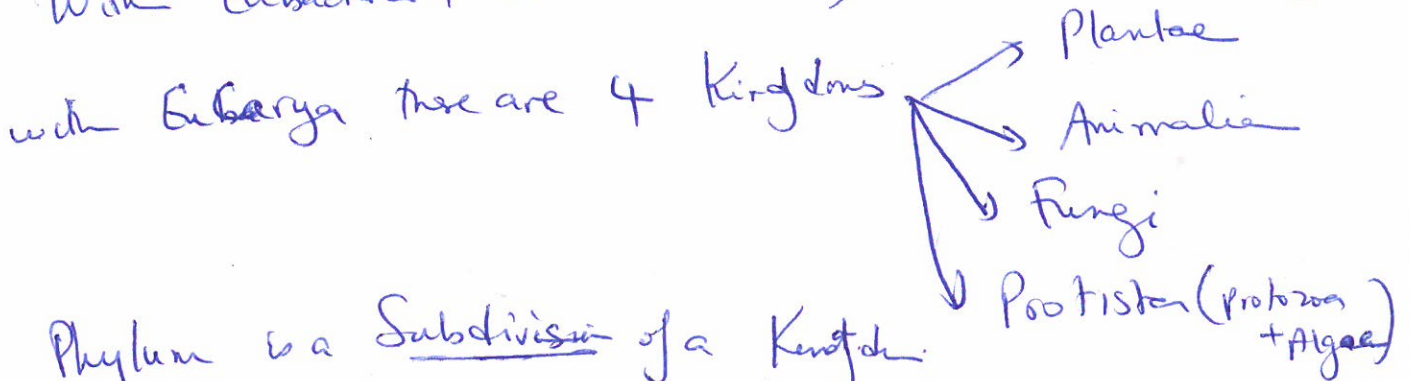


organisms are separated based structural + Biochemical features of their cells.



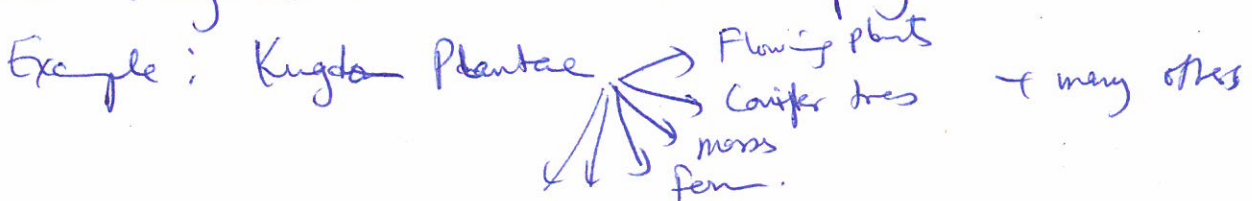
Domains are subdivided into Kingdoms

Within Eubacteria + Archaeobacteria, there are several Kingdoms



A Phylum is a Subdivision of a Kingdom.

All Kingdoms have more than 1 phylum.



organisms are placed in a phylum based on specific nature of their structure, metabolic + biochemistry

Phyla are divided into classes

Example High Animals

Phylum Chordata

7 classes

Mammals

Birds

Reptiles

Amphibians

3 classes of fishes.

order ← Carnivora

(An Order is within class.

example) There are other orders of mammals including

horses, cattle, rodents, rabbits, bats, seals, whales, humans + ...

A family is a subdivision of an order that is made of group of related genera which are in turn composed of groups of related species.

See table 20.1

+ read the Cat family Felidae (subgroup of order Carnivora) that is divided in many species in 4 genera.

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# Phylogeny

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It is the science that explores the evolutionary relationship among organisms to construct evolution history.

Taxonomic ranking should reflect the phylogenetic relationship among organisms being classified.

Taxonomy + phylogeny should be always revised as new organisms are always discovered.

## Evidence used by Phylogenists

Fossils, comparative anatomy, life cycle evolution, biochemical + molecular evidence.

Evidence from fossils allow biologist to place organisms in a time sequence.  
older organisms are in deeper layers

life cycle evolution: same organisms go in  $\neq$  life stage larval stage gives clues to the relatedness of organisms.

From all evidence, biologist developed a picture of how all organisms are related.

See Fig 20.8

## 10.2 Domains of Life

Members of Eubacteria + Archae are known as

Bacteria : They're prokaryotic cells.

DNA analysis showed the  $\neq$  between Eubacteria + Archae.

Eubacteria evolved first then gave rise to Archae

Finally Eucarya evolved.

### Eubacteria

Small Prokaryotic, single celled organism  $\rightarrow$  1-10  $\mu$ m in size.  
cell wall has a peptidoglycan. (peptide + long polymer of sugar made of amino + acid sugar)

Shape : sphere, rod, spirals

No nucleus - genetic material DNA loop  
asexual reproduction.

- some have flagella  $\neq$  the eukaryotic flagella  
some move by gliding.

- they were anaerobes.

- Nowadays we find aerobes + anaerobes.

Many heterotrophic bacteria are Saprophytes. They obtain energy by decomposition of dead organic material  
others are Parasites needing a host to provide nutrients

- Others are mutualists + beneficial to host
- others are commensalists (derive benefit from host without harming them) (4)
- Others are autotrophic.
  - Many are called Cyanobacteria, they have a pigment that allow them to do photosynthesis
  - Others use inorganic chemical reactions for their energy source + called chemosynthetic.

## Domain Archaea:

Terrestrial Archaea mean Ancient.

Similar to Eubacteria:

Prokaryotic cell. but differ in:

No peptidoglycan wall.

DNA is  $\neq$  having many genes Not found

in Eubacteria + Eucarya.

+ cell membrane is also  $\neq$  from

they exist as: rod, sphere, spiral, filament, flat plate.

live in extreme environment. They're known as

extremophiles. They're divided into 3 groups:

- Methanogens      - Halobacteria      - Thermopiles

Methanogens: are anaerobs. produce methane.  
found in sewage. + intestinal of ruminants + ~~humans~~.

- Halobacteria: live in salty environment.  
contain chlorophyll + can do photosynthesis

- thermophilic, live in very high T. + rich in Sulfur

## Do in Eucarya

Thought to have evolved from prokaryotic cells  
through endosymbiosis.

Nit - chloro were ingested by larger cells.  
then their functions became integrated with host  
cells + became essential for their survival.

Eukaryotic cells are larger than prokaryotic  
→ 100x volume of prokaryotic cells.

## Kingdom Protista:

Single celled organisms

Members are diverse in form, metabolism,  
reproductive methods. etc

3 lines of evolution with Protist are seen

Fungi like heterotrophs  
slime/molds

Plant like Autotrophs  
Algae

Animal like heterotrophs  
protozoa



Ameba + Paramecium, are common example of Protozoa.

Kingdom Fungi:

Fungus is the common name for Kingdom Fungi.

Arise from Protista.

- They're Non-mobile.
- have rigid - thin wall composed of chitin
- Are Non-Photosynthetic
- Eukaryotic. ~7000 species are multicellular like mushrooms + Molds).
- Yeast are unicellular.
- Obtain their nutrients from organic sources (heterotrophs)
- Most are Saprophytes. (important decomposers in all ecosystems)
- Some fungi are parasitic - others are mutualistic
- Fungi harms plants, human (athlete's foot)
- Mutualistic fungi are important in lichens.

## Kingdom Plantae:

green - Photosynthetic plants.

Non-motile - terrestrial - Multicellular containing Chlorophyll + Make their own Nutrients.

All plant cells have a cellulose cell wall.

though Evict Prokaria → Nonvascular Plants like mosses.  
The Vascular plants evolved to give seed producing plants.

85% of Plants species are flowering plants.

14% grass + fern.

1% cone bears.

Life cycle of a plant is unique o Have diploid gametophyte generation give haploid sex cells by mitosis + Diploid sporophyte producing haploid spores by meiosis.  
Plant may also do asexual reproduction as well.

## Kingdom Animalia:

range in size of microscopic to huge animals.

→ All are eukaryotic cells.

- Heterotrophic

- Multicellular

- Motile (but some are sessile in a portion of their <sup>cell cycle</sup>)

- Sexual reproduction (less complex one reproduce asexually)

Advanced Animals have specialised organs + systems

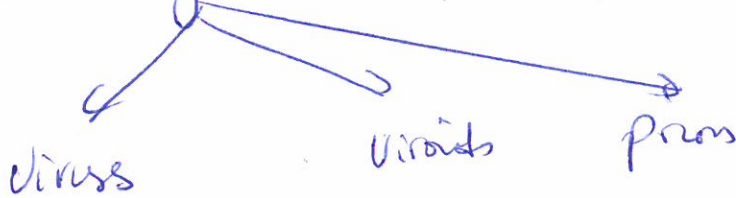


## 2.23. Acellular Infectious Particles

Some particles show characteristics of life + cause disease but do NOT have a cell structure. We refer to them as acellular.

They enter cells + cause disease + passed on from one to another. (We call these Infectious Particles)

3 kinds of acellular organisms



### Viruses:

Consist of Nucleic Acid surrounded by a coat of protein. They're obligate intracellular parasites. They can not propagate except inside a cell. Hence

→ they're not living

they show characteristic of life only inside cell.

They vary in size, shape,

- Rod-shaped
- Spherical
- helical

- They are identified by disease they cause
- They're host-specific
- If cell has receptor for virus, it can be infected (a glycoprotein receptor)

Once attached to cell, virus either enters or injects its DNA/RNA.

Nucleic acid may either stay free & integrate in host genome.

Viruses with RNA genome have an enzyme called reverse transcriptase that converts DNA, the DNA is transcribed to RNA. with enough RNA & proteins are made. They pack again in new viruses & are released from host. leading to <sup>host</sup> cell death. When released, they infect other cells, ...

Some viruses remain in cell. & are triggered to reproduce

See Fig 20.16.

Viroids : Infectious RNA

They do not parasitize animals till now. they infect plants. leading to plant death.

Prions : Proteins that can be transmitted from 1 person to another leading to disease. they affect Brain leading to spongy appearance called Spongiform encephalopathies. Lead to abnormal behavior → death.

Example. Mad cow disease in cattle

Scrapie in sheep & goat

Kuru in humans.

Croftfeldt Jakob disease ≡ Mad cow disease