Classification



 Organizing species into groups based on shared characteristics

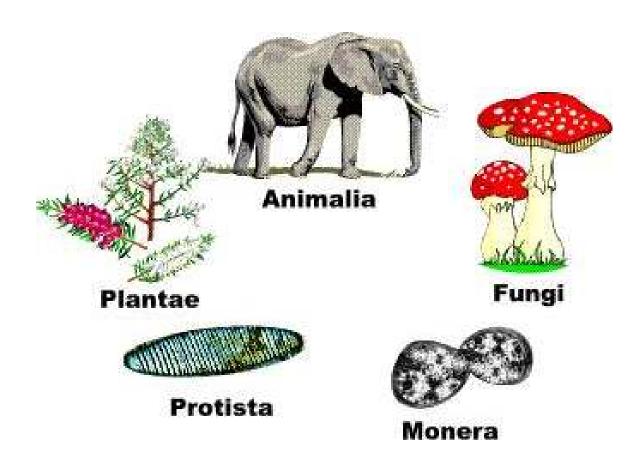
<u>Classification</u>

- EX: The housefly shares characteristics with other flies, which form a group: Flies
- Flies share characteristics with other insects (bees, butterflies, beetles) creating a more inclusive group: Insects



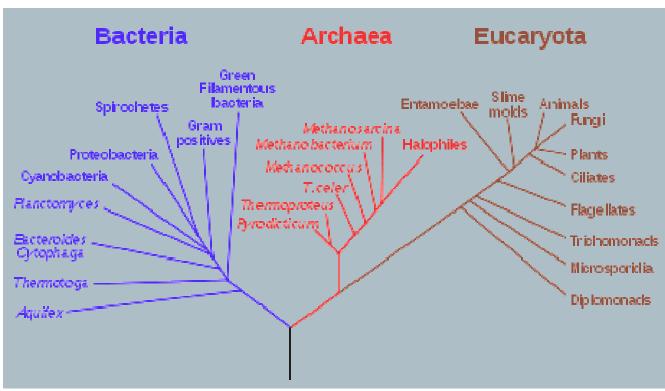
Old School Classification

- The 5 kingdom system:
- Plantae
- Animalia
- Fungi
- Protista
- Monera



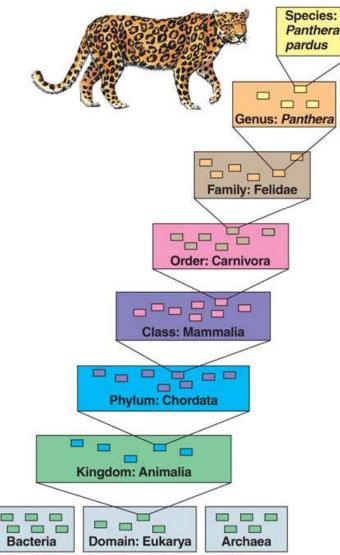
Current Classification

- The 3 domain system:
- Archaea
- Eubacteria
- Eukarya



Hierarchical Classification

- Domain
- Kingdom
- Phylum
- Class
- Order
- Family
- Genus
- Species



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Scientific names: Genus species

- Genus: shows the group
- Species: unique description
- Example: Genus- Anas



Anas platyrhynchos

Anas acuta

Scientific Nomenclature

Why use scientific names?



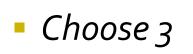


Armadillidium vulgare

Orconectes virilis

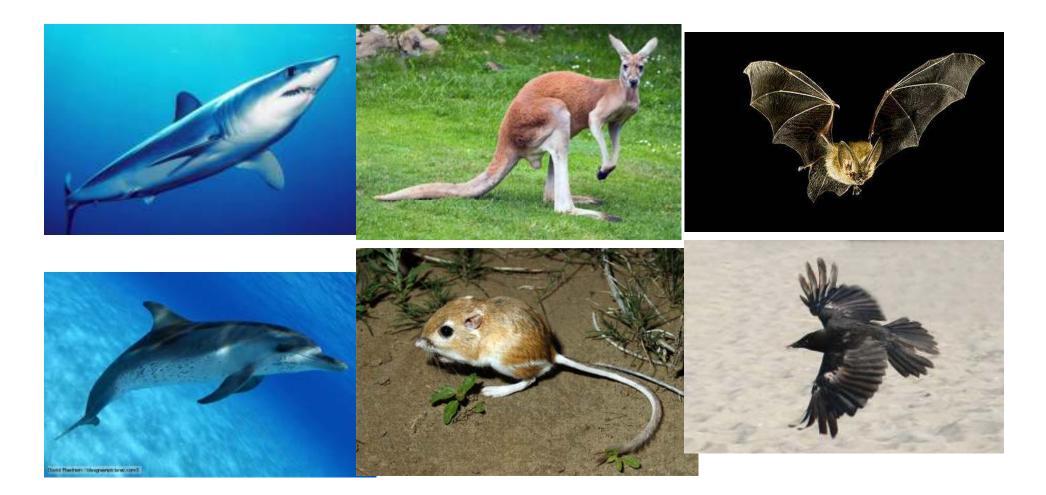
Animals you might be familiar with

- Homo sapiens
- Canis familiarus
- Mus musculus



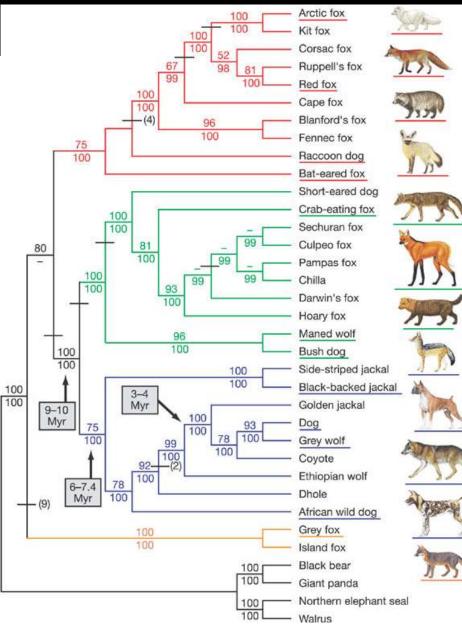


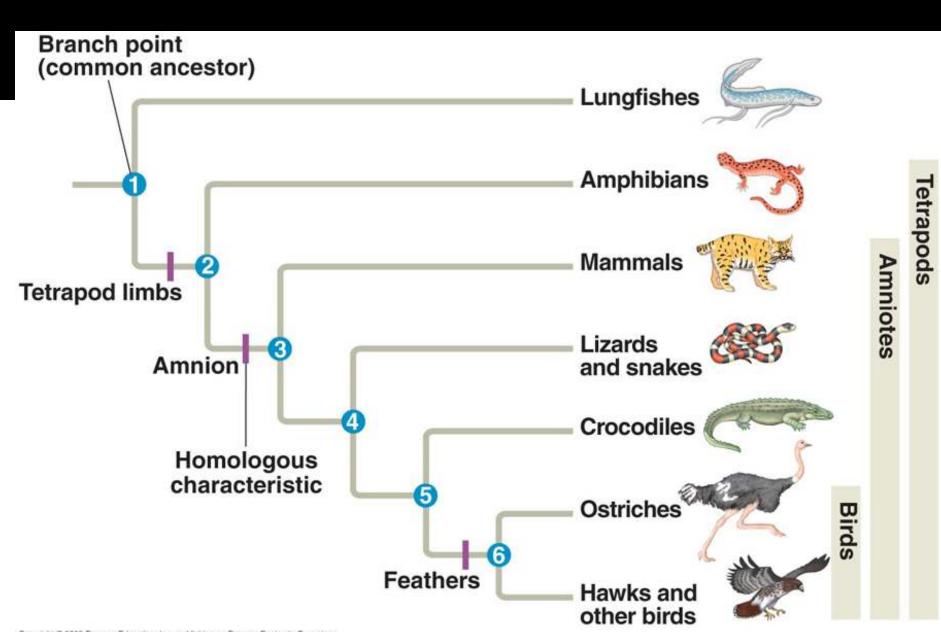
Problems with classification based on observed characteristics?



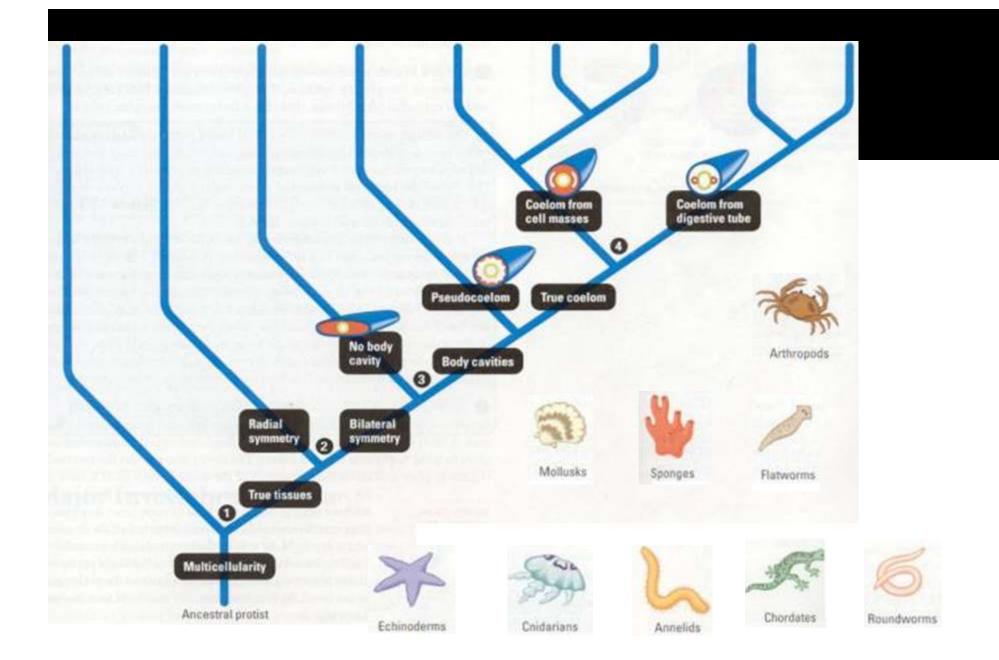
Using evolutionary relationships for classification

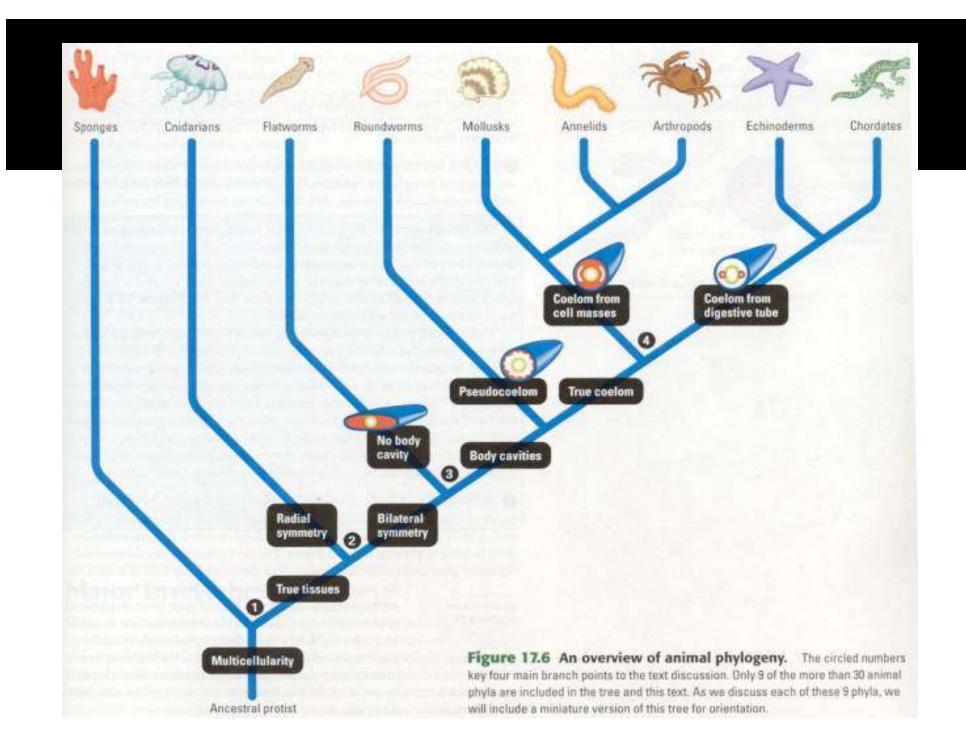
- Tree diagrams
 - Show how species are related
 - Branches show shared evolutionary traits
 - Like a time line

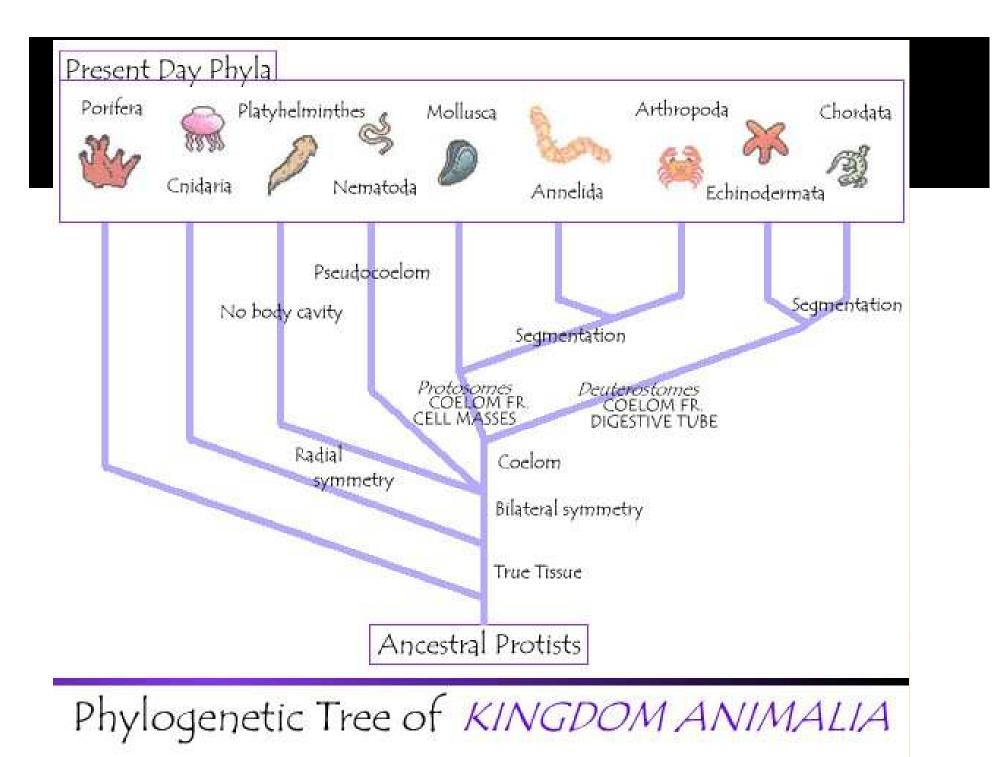




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