

Linnaeus' sys based only on structural similarities

Today we consider much more

Modern Taxonomy

1-start w/struct similarities

2-consider evolutionary relationships or phylogeny

phylogeny: the evolutionary history of a species

in trying to figure out evolutionary relationships, we have

to examine similar structures and ask the question -

are structures similar because they are analogous or

homologous?

analogous structures: struct that have same function

but not evolutionarily related, diff embryological

developmt

ex - insect wings & bird wings

homologous structures: struct that indicate evol.

relationship, similar in embryological developmt

ex - vertebrate forelimbs p. 463

some structures are homologous only:

some structures are analogous only:

some struct both homol & anal:

Modern Taxonomy

3-comparative biochemistry

study of proteins, blood, hormones, enzymes to see how similar they are

ex - horseshoe crab

once grouped among other crabs, but blood showed closer relationship to spiders

so we changed taxonomy

4-comparative embryology

**study of cell division & developmt fr. 1 cell---->embryo
certain changes occur at certain stages**

**ex - starfish (invertebrate) more closely related to vertebrates
in developmt than other invert.**

so changed taxonomy

5-genetics

and kinds of chromosomes

6- molecular analysis of DNA

comparison of DNA of different species

African vulture vs. American vulture

very close structural similarities

but there is a behavior diff, when Amer vulture gets

overheated, it urinates on legs to cool off, Afr

vultures don't do this, but storks do

upon analysis of DNA, there is closer similarity btw

Amer vulture & stork, so moved taxonomy

Cladograms

**a classification scheme that links groups of organisms
by showing how they branch off from common
ancestors**

**this type of scheme shows evolutionary relatedness
many scientists today think this is more useful than the
Linnaean hierarchical system**

**clades work by grouping species into larger categories
that show lines of descent instead of overall
similarities & differences**

Taxonomy is Dynamic

History of Taxonomy

1700's Linnaeus 2 kingdoms: Plants & Animals

1800's 3 kingdoms: Plants, Animals, Microscopic Org

What did we develop that allowed us to include microscopic organisms?

1900's 4 kingdoms: Plants, Animals, Fungi, and
Microscopic organisms

Where were the fungi? Why did we separate them?

1960's 5 kingdoms: Plantae, Animalia, Fungi,
Monera & Protista

Now, 2 kingdoms of microscopic organisms. Why?

Kingdoms Monera & Protista

both microscopic organisms

better microscopes allowed us to see inside

fundamental diff btw them: Monera have no nucleus in
cells

Protistans have a nucleus in cells

**1990s: biochemical analysis showed 2 different
bacterial groups**

**so now 6 kingdoms: Eubacteria, Archaeobacteria, Protista,
Fungi, Plantae, & Animalia**

**1990s: taxonomists established a category above kingdoms, based
on genetics & biochemistry**

3 domains: Bacteria, includes Kingdom Eubacteria

Archaea, includes Kingdom Archaeobacteria

Eukarya, includes K. Protista, Fungi, Plantae & Animalia

Terms

prokaryotic: pro-before karyote-nut

cells with no nucleus

have genetic material (DNA) free in cell

eukaryotic: eu-true karyote-nut

cells with true nucleus, genetic material contained inside

unicellular: organism made of single cell

multicellular: organism made of more than one cell

colonial: some unicellular organisms form colonies, hard to
tell from multicellular

autotrophic: auto-self troph-feeding level

self-feeder, cells that can make food w/in body

heterotrophic: hetero-other

must eat other organisms for food

asexual: organism clones itself

sexual: organism must mate with another for reproduction