

Classification



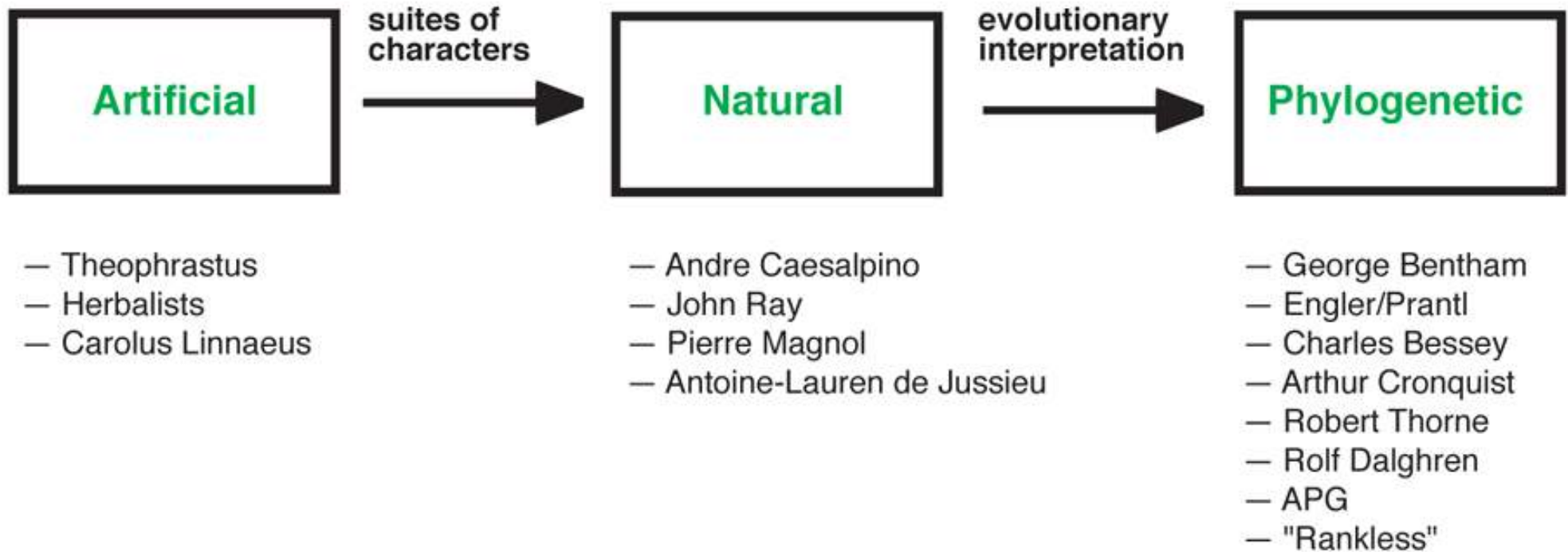
Classification

- classification is the 3rd goal of systematics
- ancient search for “natural” system of classification
- important non-Western systems
 - Parashara (India) 2000 BC
 - Chinese
 - Aztecs
 - Egyptians
 - Mayan (Tzeltal) - ethnotaxonomy



Systems of Classifications

Examine **three main systems of classifications** and how they “evolved” in the context of western civilization



Artificial Classifications

Theophrastus (372-287 BC) took the philosophical ideas of Plato and Aristotle and applied them to taxonomy

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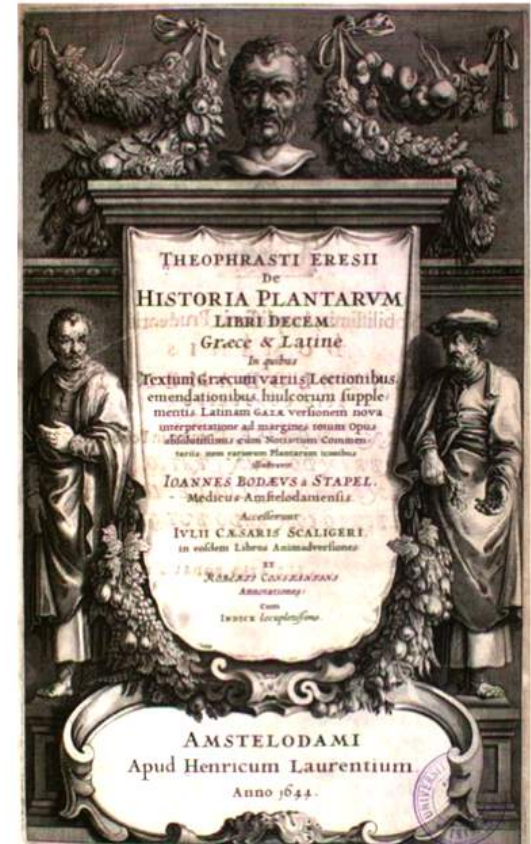
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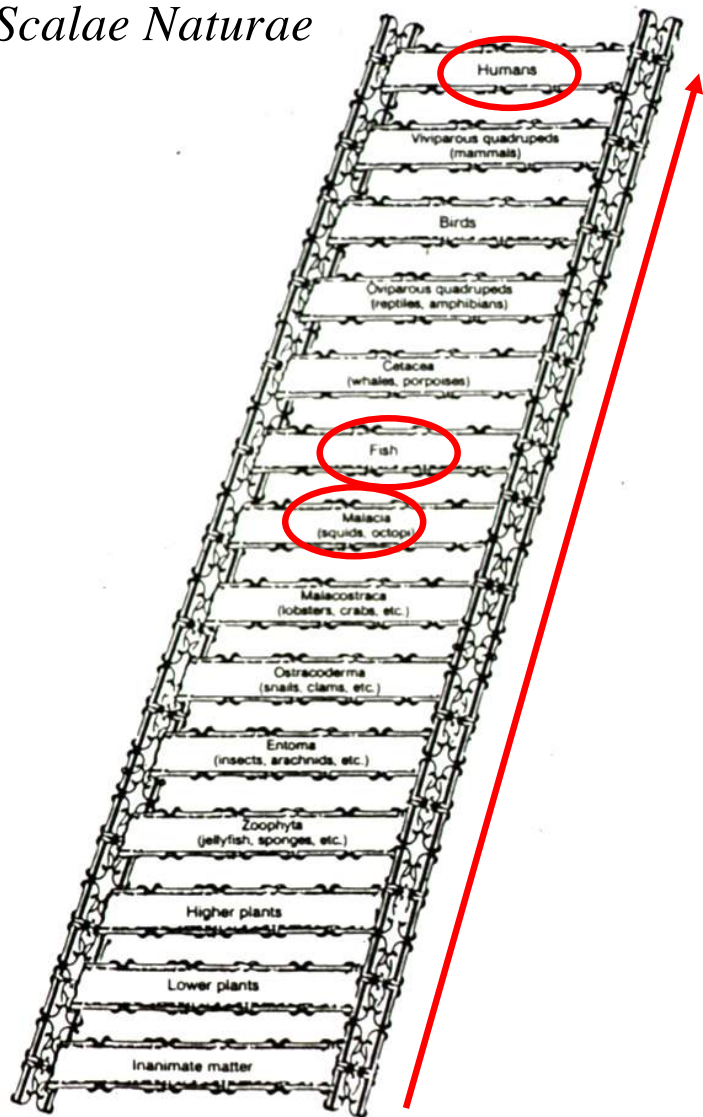
Theophrastus saw a **linear gradation** when essences are used to arrange organisms

De Historia Plantarum



Artificial Classifications

Scalae Naturae

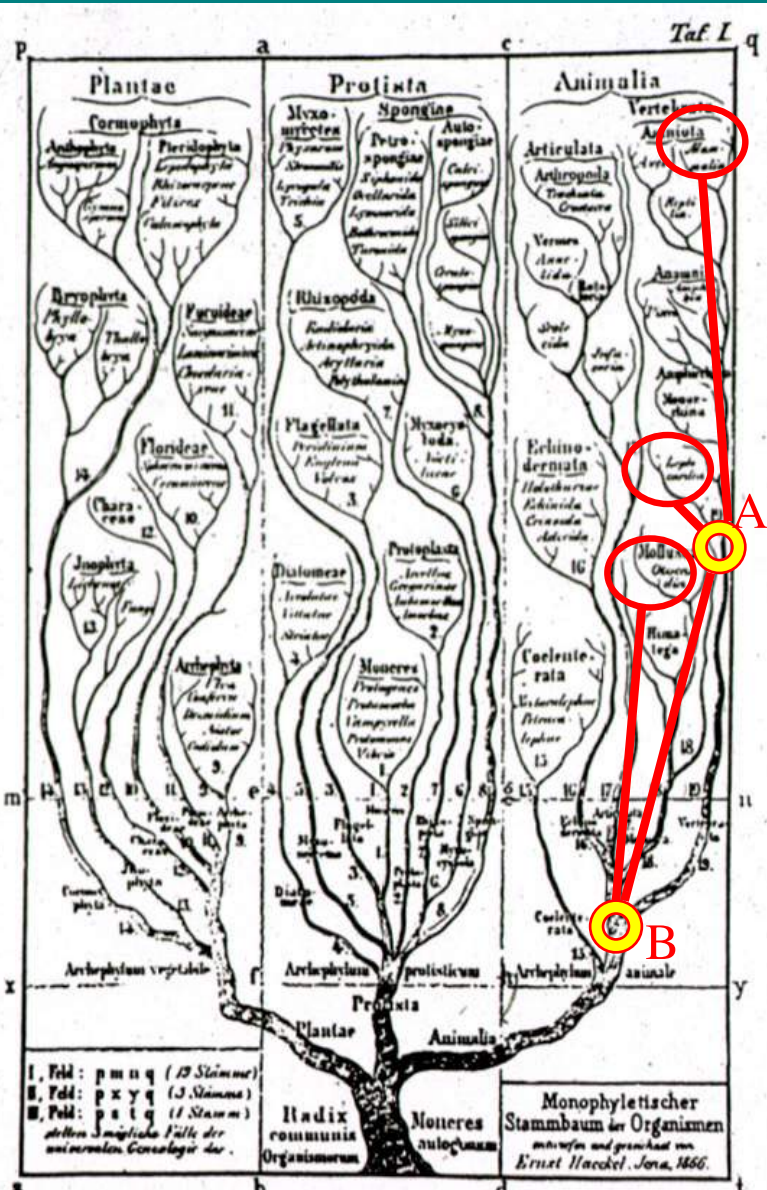


This linear gradation concept is the Aristotlean *Scalae Naturae* or **Great Chain of Being** or **Ladder of Life**

Unidirectional progression and **rank** on ladder leads to (false) ideas of relationships – “*fish* more closely related to *molluscs* than fish are to *humans*”

Concept of **ladder of life** still around today and causes much of the controversy and mis-understanding surrounding evolution

Artificial Classifications



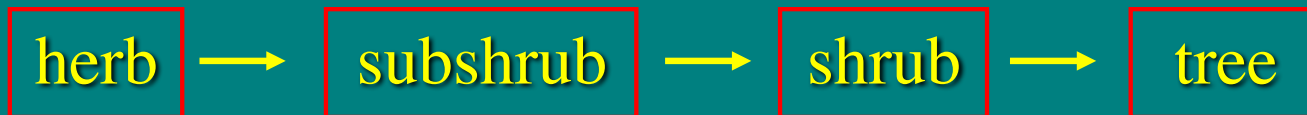
Evolution does not advocate this “ladder” of life, but rather advocates a “**branching tree**”

Evolution asserts (testable!) that fish are more closely related to humans because they have a more recent **common ancestor A** than the common ancestor **B** with molluscs

Artificial Classifications

. . . back to Theophrastus and his classification of plants

- clearly **artificial** as conifers are placed with some (woody) angiosperms and some (woody) ferns



- **logical, efficient, easy**, but **rigid** system of classification — *a priori* choice of characters

Artificial Classifications

Herbalists - physicians: a second group using artificial systems of classification - 15-16th centuries

- little emphasis placed on system of classification of the plants — **alphabetical or medicinal property**



- less than 1000 species of plants were known; no need for intricate classification system in the **herbals**



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- herbals often lavishly illustrated
- herbalists referred to as the ‘German Fathers of Botany’

De Historium Stirpium - 1542



Leonhart Fuchs

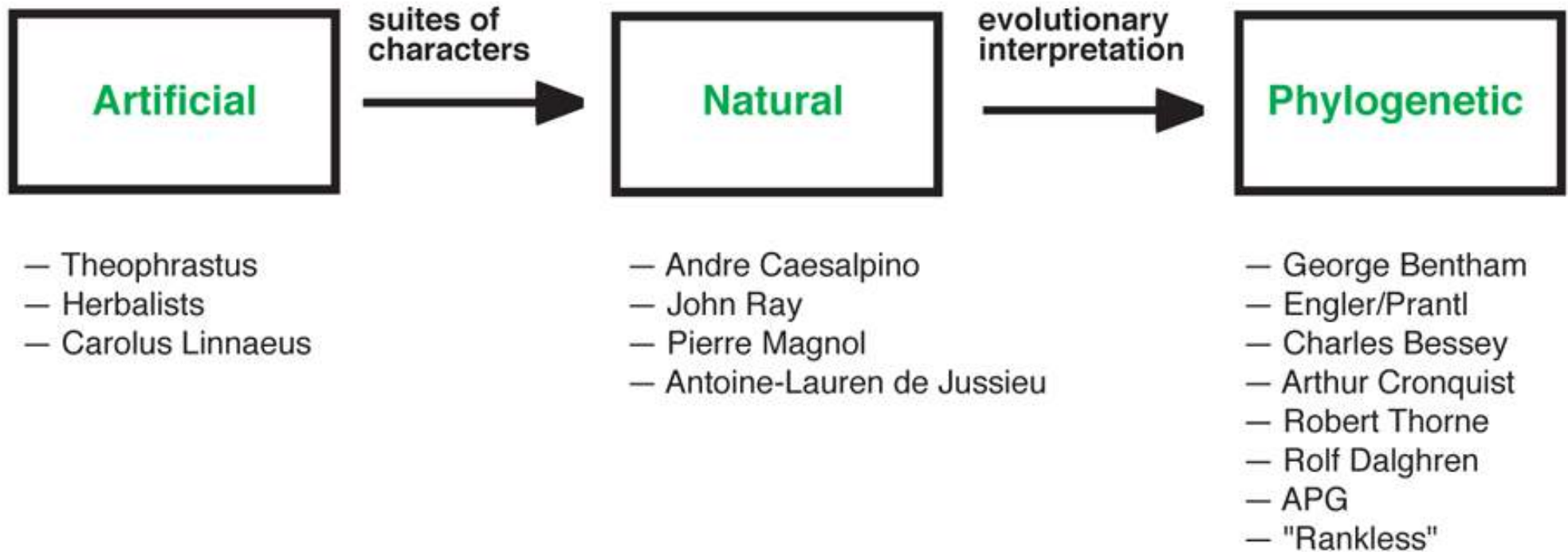


Fuchsia



1580 - 1800: Pivotal Period

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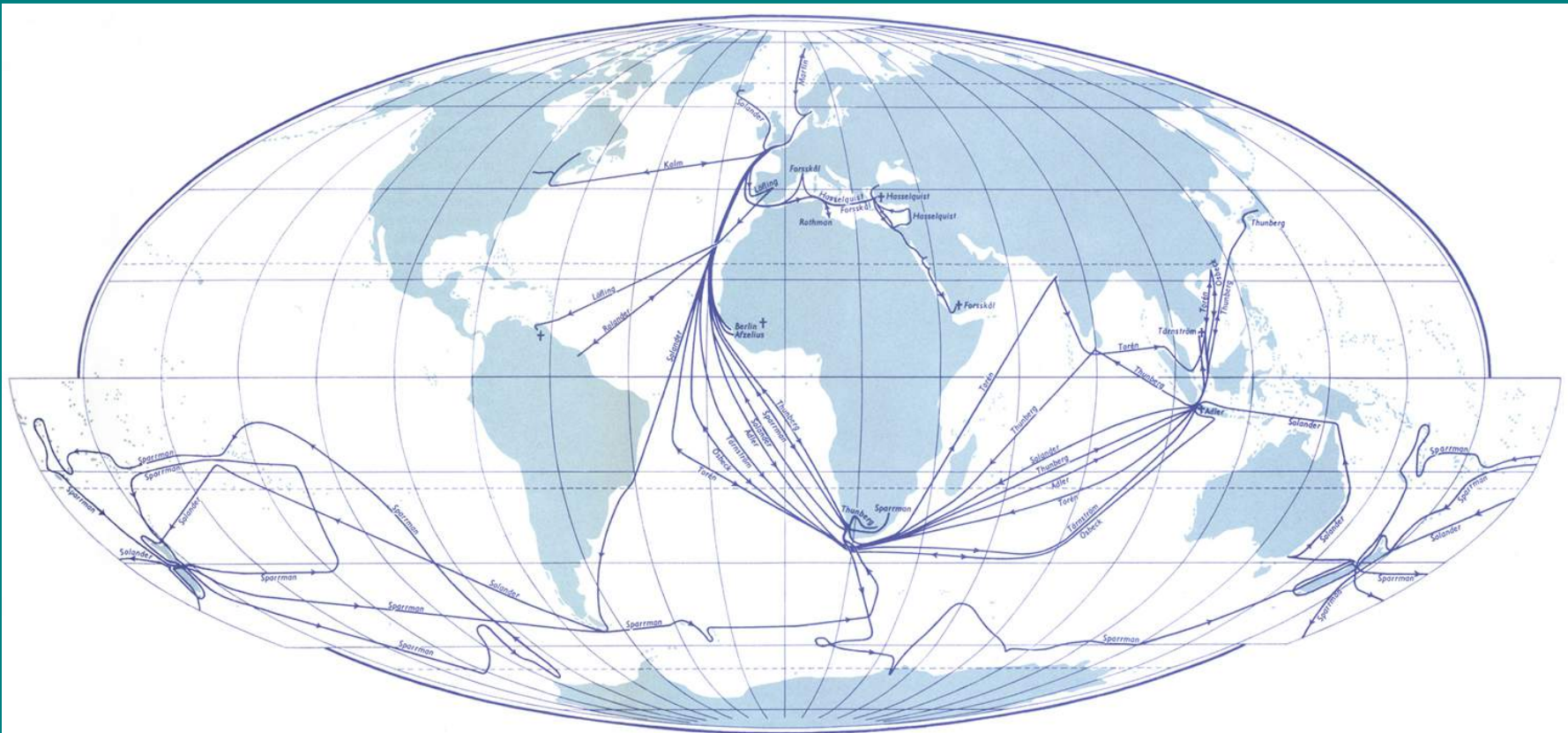


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- world-wide trade and exploration — many **new plant species** were seen by European taxonomists

Linnaeus & students' travels

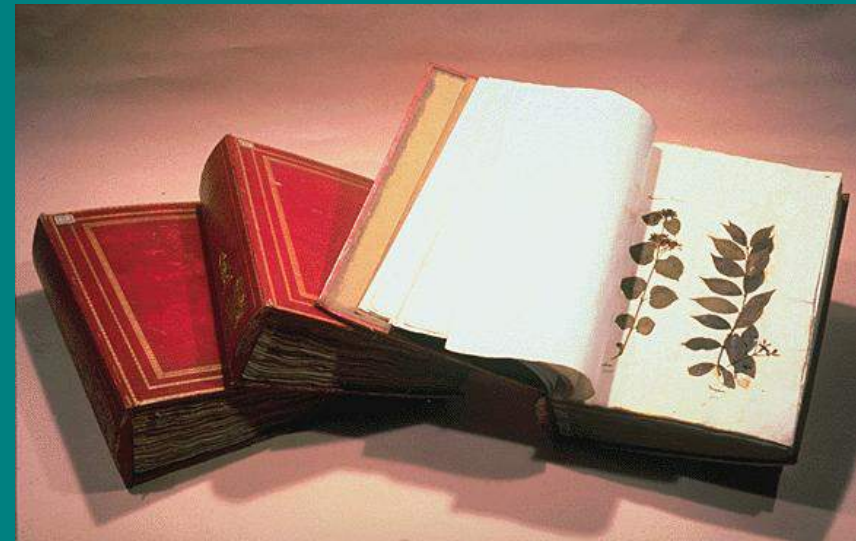


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Artificial or Natural Systems?

Andrea Caesalpino (1519-1603) - Italian doctor

- struggled with question **how to form a more 'natural' classification** [*De plantis libri XVI* (1583)]
- private collection of 768 plants arranged in 266 sheets in 3 volumes
- arranged by reproductive features of the plants - **flowers and fruits**
- first **natural system**, first herbarium



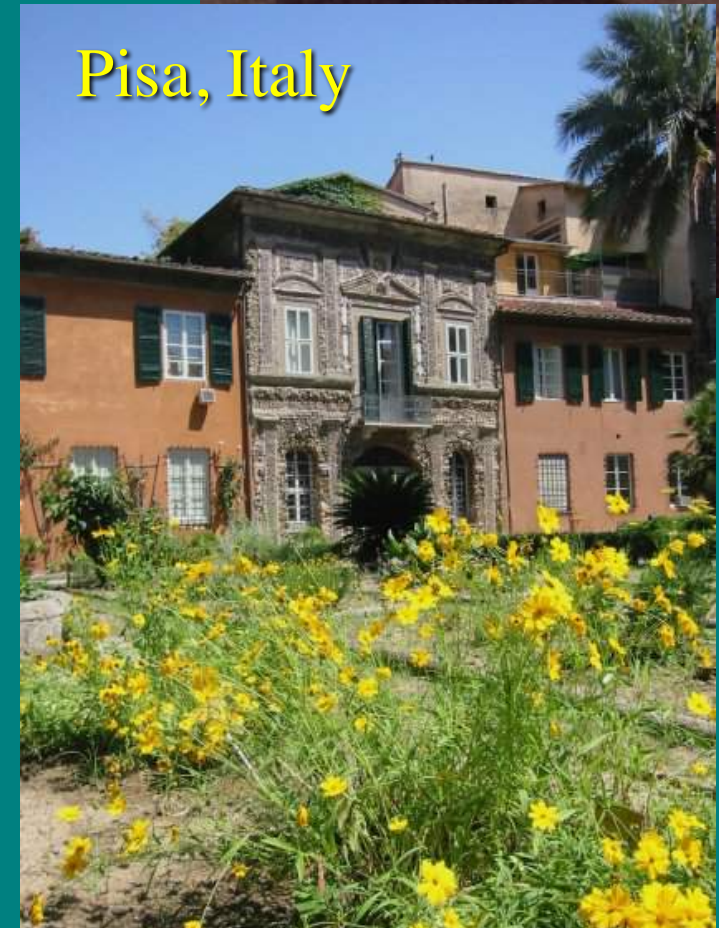
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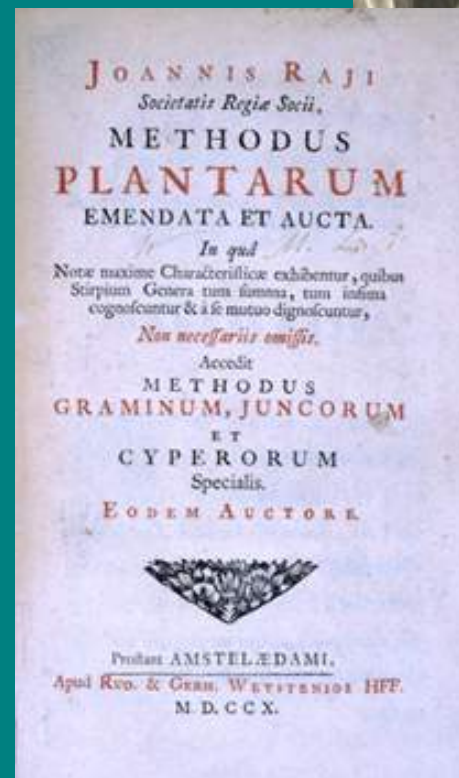


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Artificial or Natural Systems?

John Ray (1628-1705) - English blacksmith

- argued that **all parts of the plant should be used** in classification
- classified 18,000 species in *Methodus Plantarum* (1703) first by **fruit** types and subdivided by **flower** and **leaf** features



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John Ray (1628-1705) - English blacksmith

- first recognized distinction between **dicots** and **monocots**

25 'classes' of dicots
4 'classes' of monocots

many = **orders** today



1580 - 1800: Pivotal Period

Artificial or Natural Systems?

Pierre Magnol (1638-1715) - French botanist

- considered Ray's system of 29 'classes' too cumbersome
- classified 76 'families' — first to recognize **family** level (Magnoliaceae honored after him)

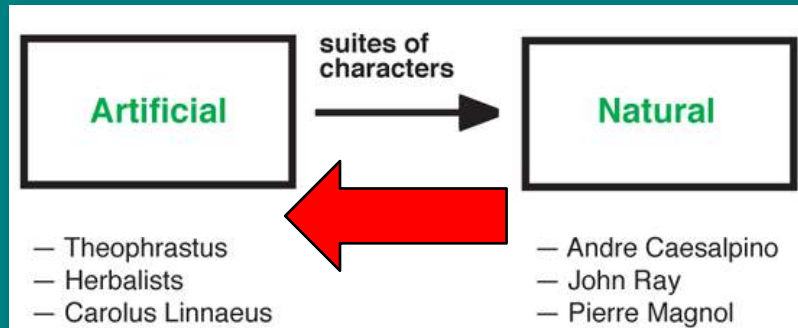
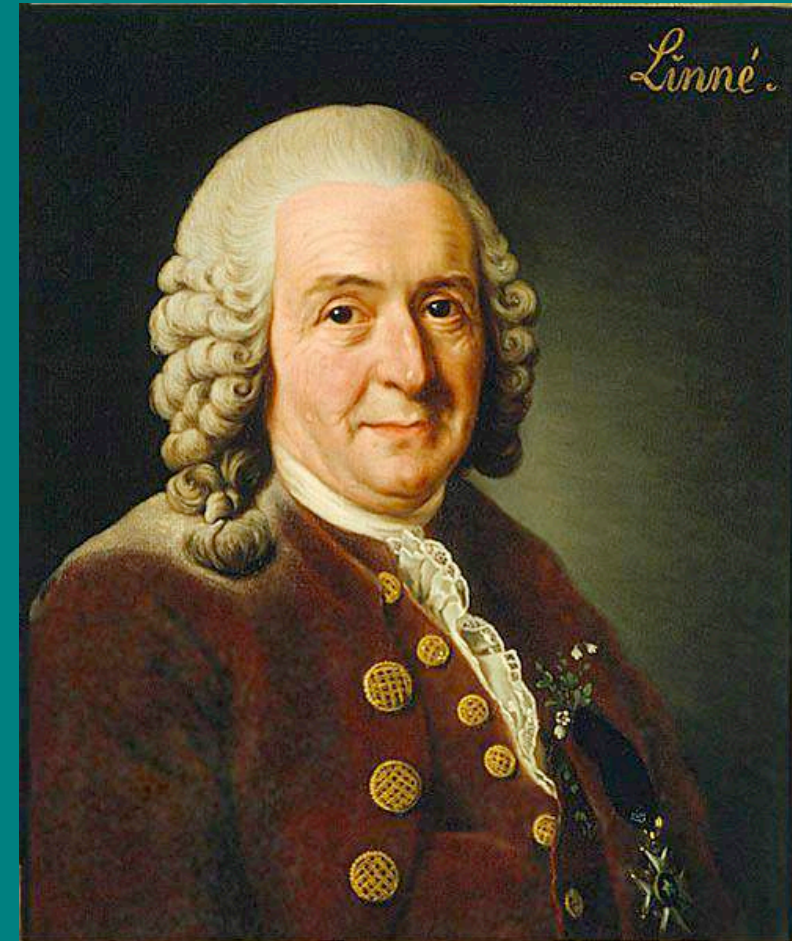


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Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778) - Swedish taxonomist

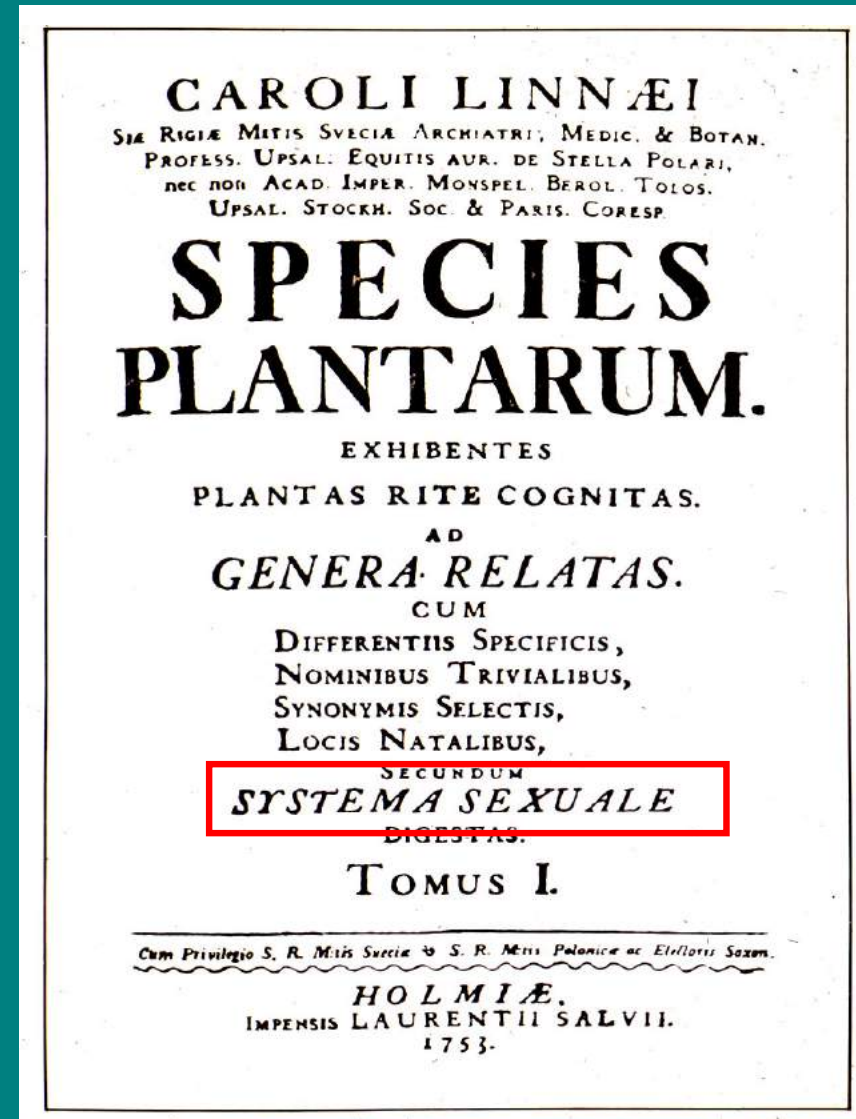
- work of Caesalpino, Ray, and Magnol in producing a **workable classification system** culminated in Linnaeus' *Sexual System*
- however, this classification system was a **backward step to artificial!**



Linnaeus - Sexual System

What did he do?

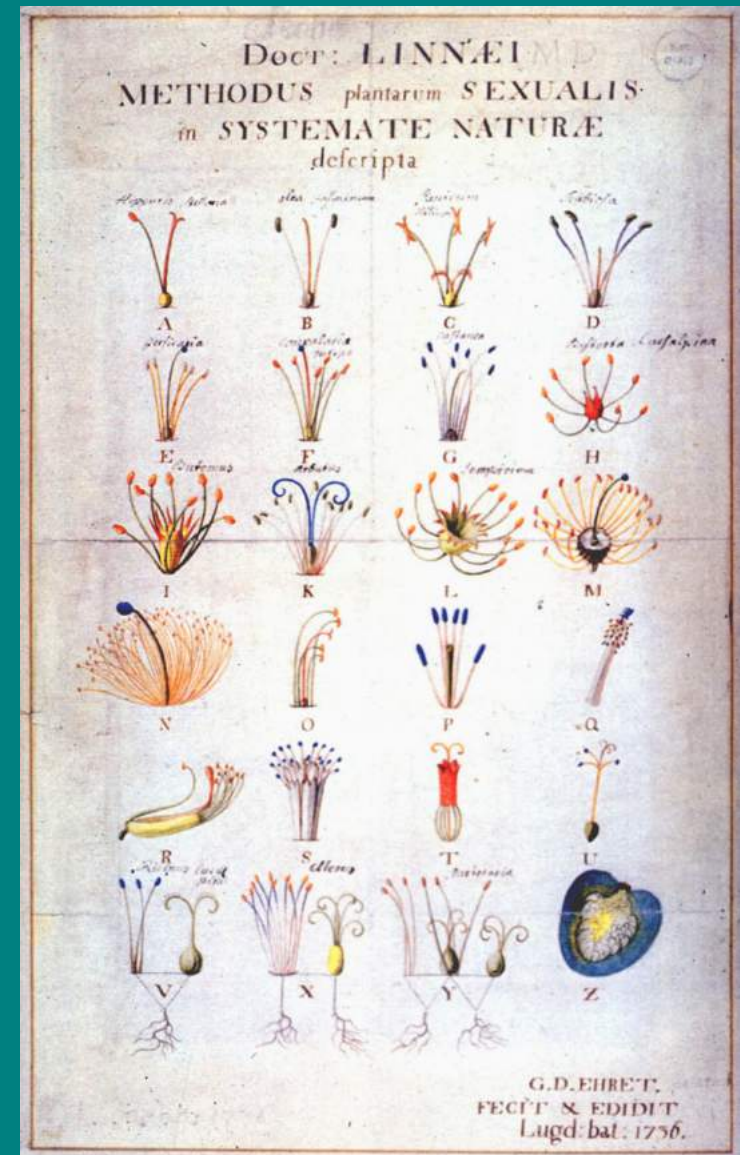
- greatest achievement - *Species Plantarum* in 1753 arranged as *Systema Sexuale*
- classification based on reproductive features like Caesalpino, but selective and features chosen *a priori* simply on *workability*



Linnaeus - Sexual System

Take a closer look inside *Species Plantarum*

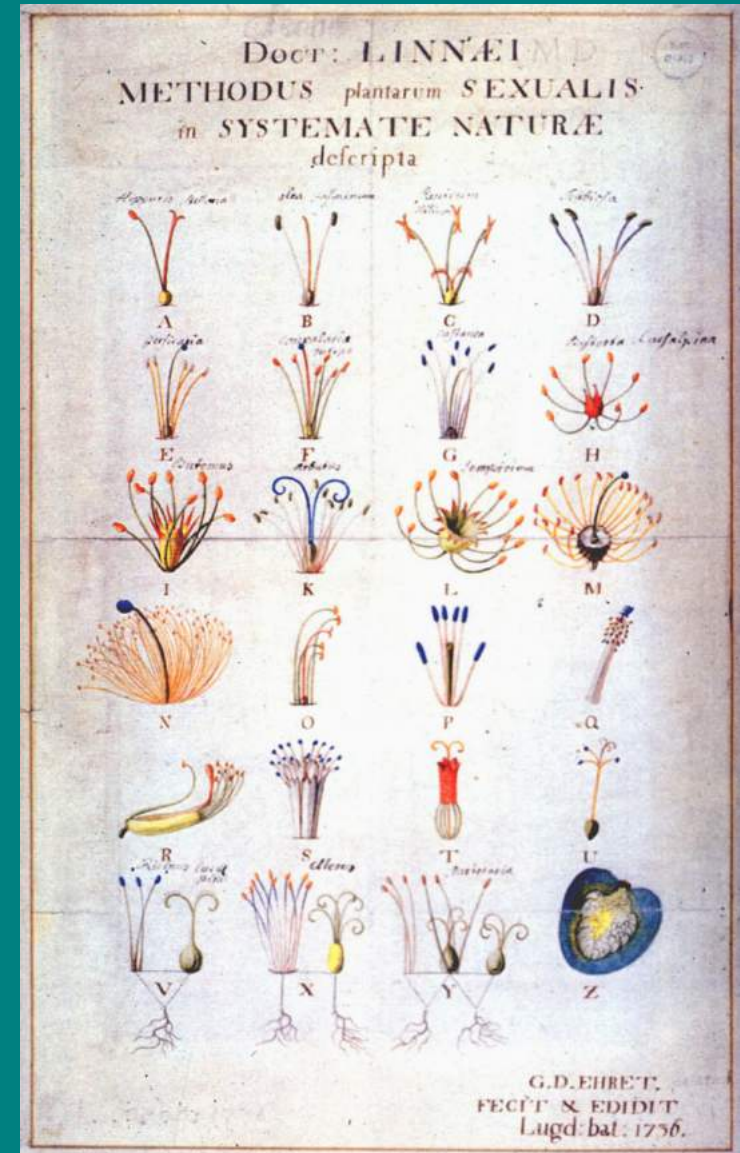
- 1st level based on **number of stamens**
- 2nd level based on **number of pistils**



Linnaeus - Sexual System

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- Linnaeus got some intense criticism – especially from **Johan Siegesbeck**
- “loathsome harlotry . . . who would have thought that bluebells, lilies, and onions could be up to such immorality?”



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VEGETABLE KINGDOM
KEY OF THE SEXUAL SYSTEM
MARRIAGES OF PLANTS.
Florescence.

PUBLIC MARRIAGES.
Flowers visible to every one.

IN ONE BED.
Husband and wife have the same bed.
All the flowers hermaphrodite: stamens and pistils in the same flower.

WITHOUT AFFINITY.
Husbands not related to each other.
Stamens not joined together in any part.

WITH EQUALITY.
All the males of equal rank.
Stamens have no determinate proportion of length.

1. ONE MALE.	7. SEVEN MALES.
2. TWO MALES.	8. EIGHT MALES.
3. THREE MALES.	9. NINE MALES.
4. FOUR MALES.	10. TEN MALES.
5. FIVE MALES.	11. TWELVE MALES.
6. SIX MALES.	12. TWENTY MALES.
	13. MANY MALES.

WITH SUBORDINATION
Some males above others.
Two stamens are always lower than the others.

14. TWO POWERS.	15. FOUR POWERS.
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WITH AFFINITY
Husbands related to each other.
Stamens cohere with each other, or with the pistil.

16. ONE BROTHERHOOD.	19. CONFEDERATE MALES.
17. TWO BROTHERHOODS.	20. FEMININE MALES.
18. MANY BROTHERHOODS.	

IN TWO BEDS.
Husband and wife have separate beds.
Male flowers and female flowers in the same species.

21. ONE HOUSE.	23. POLYGAMIES.
21. TWO HOUSES.	

CLANDESTINE MARRIAGES.
Flowers scarce visible to the naked eye.

24. CLANDESTINE MARRIAGES.

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- Linnaeus had the last laugh



Sigesbeckia orientalis L. – St. Paul's wort

Linnaeus - Sexual System

How does it work? *Oenothera biennis* or evening primrose



346 **OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.**

genus. Folia angustolanceolata, trinervia, opposita, scabra, subsessilia. Flores terminales aliquot, sessiles, cincti foliis 4 flore longioribus patentibus.

RHEXIA:

1. RHEXIA calycibus glabris. *Gron. virg.* 41. Aliræus vegetabilis carolinianus. *Pluk. amal.* 8. *Lysimachia non papposa virginiana*, tuberaria foliis hirsutis, flore tetrapetalo rubello. *Pluk. alm.* 235. t. 202. f. 8. *Habitat in Virginia.* Caulis tetragonus angulis membranaceis. Folia opposita, sublancoolata, internodiis longiora, sessilia, trinervia, pilis vagis hispidiuscula, suberrata ferraturis setaceis. Pedunculus terminalis, dichotomus. Flores solitarii ex dichotomia, subsessiles, petalis rubris; Antheris falcatis, luteis.
2. RHEXIA foliis ciliatis. *Lysimachia non papposa*, terræ marianæ, leptoneuros, flore tetrapetalo rubello, folio & caule hirsute ferruginea hispida. *Pluk. mant.* 123. t. 428. f. 1. *Habitat in Marylandia.*

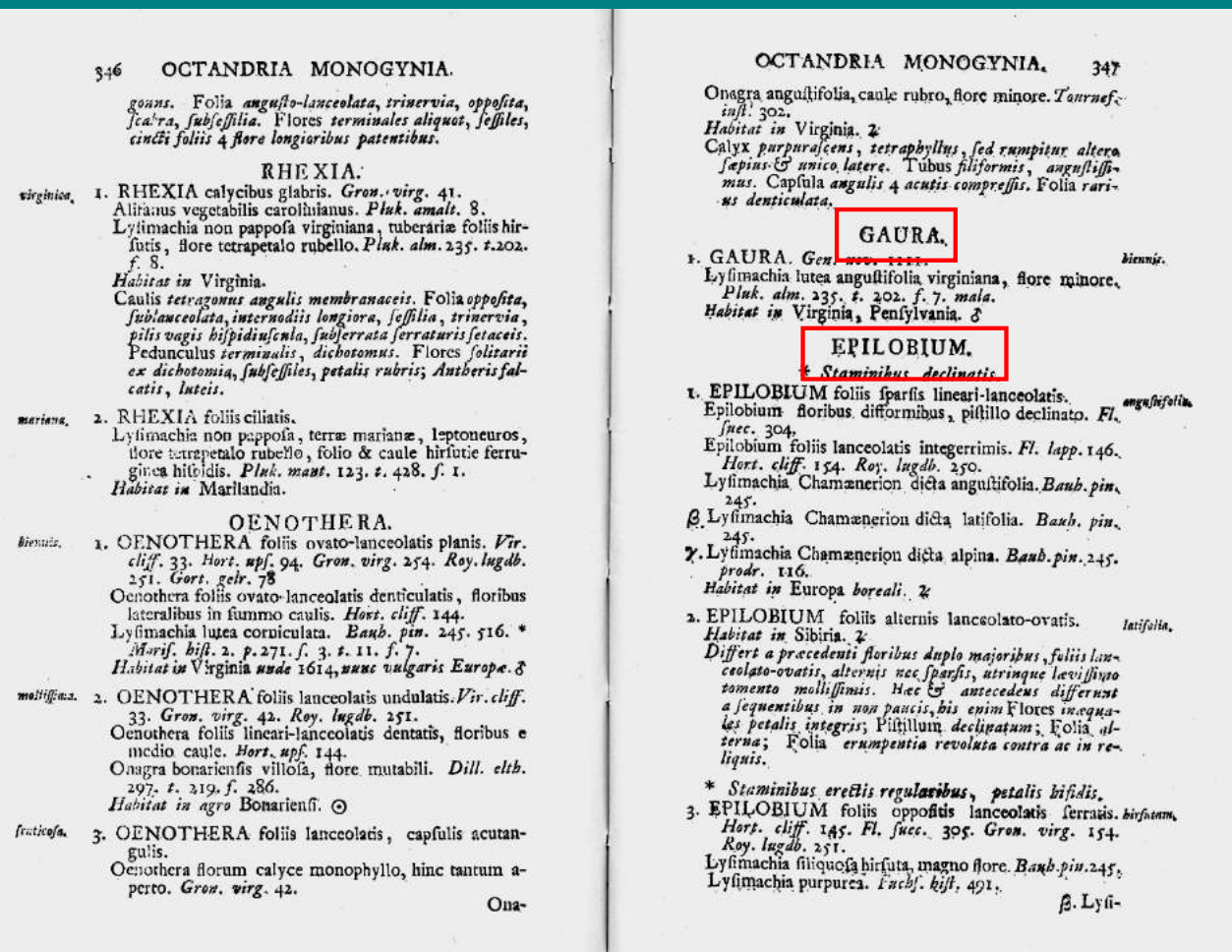
OENOTHERA.

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2. OENOTHERA foliis lanceolatis undulatis. *Vir. cliff.* 33. *Gron. virg.* 42. *Roy. lugdb.* 251. *Oenothera foliis lineari-lanceolatis dentatis, floribus e medio caule.* *Hort. upf.* 144. *Onagra bonariensis villosa, flore mutabili.* *Dill. elth.* 297. t. 219. f. 286. *Habitat in agro Bonariensi.* ☉
3. OENOTHERA foliis lanceolatis, capsulis acutangulis. *Oenothera florum calyce monophyllo, hinc tantum aperto.* *Gron. virg.* 42. Ona-

- *Oenothera* has 8 stamens - placed in **Octandria** (1st level)
- *Oenothera* has 1 pistil (but 4 fused carpels) - placed in **Monogynia** (2nd level)

Linnaeus - Sexual System

Note that *Oenothera* is placed with other genera of the family Onagraceae



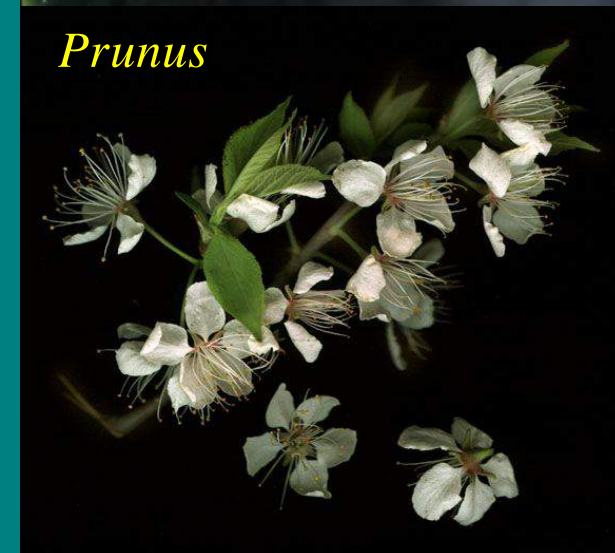
Linnaeus - Sexual System

Linnaeus and followers DID realize that the system would have issues

- cacti and cherries have little overall similarity to each other
- but both have many stamens and a single pistil — placed in **Polyandria / Monogynia**
- Linnaeus more concerned with **mechanics**: *usable, predictable, expandable, immutable*
- Sexual System **artificial**, and thus backward step away from ‘natural’ classifications



Opuntia

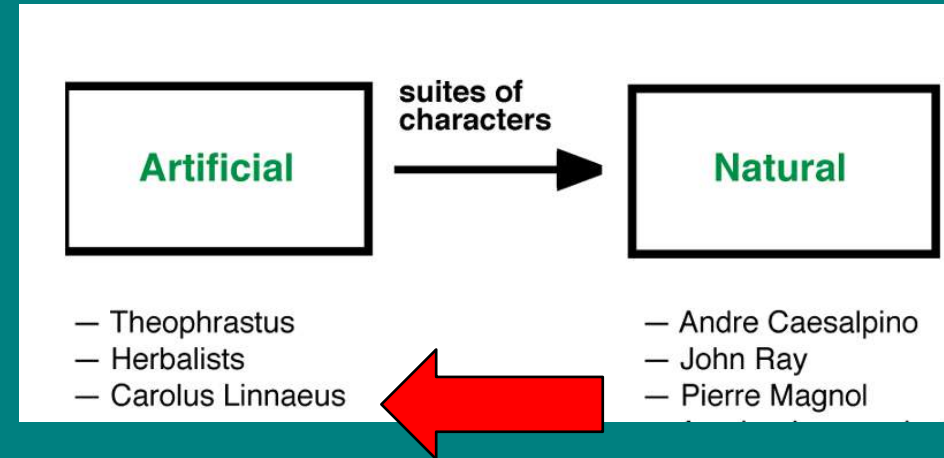
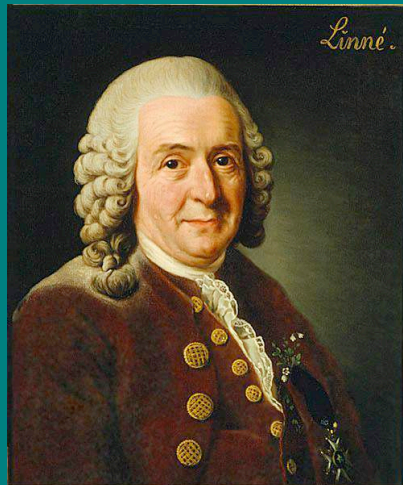


Prunus

Natural Classifications

Period of Natural Systems: 1760 - 1880

- late 18th century saw accumulation of botanical collections
- Linnaeus had provided popular and efficient cataloguing scheme but unrelated plants were often grouped

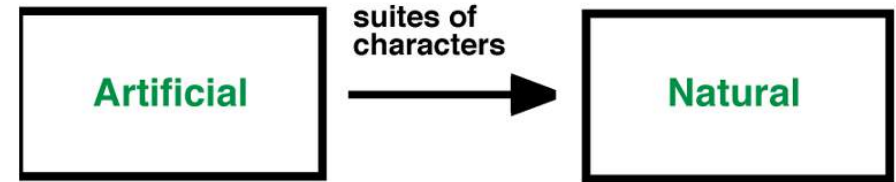


- taxonomists reconsidered purposes of classification; revisited older 'natural' ideas

Natural Classifications

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- **de Jussieu** family of Paris produced the most complete 'natural' classification
- their natural system came from the practice of 'taxonomic gardens'



Antoine-Laurent de Jussieu

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- private and public gardens were then arranged according to the Linnaean *Sexual System* of classification

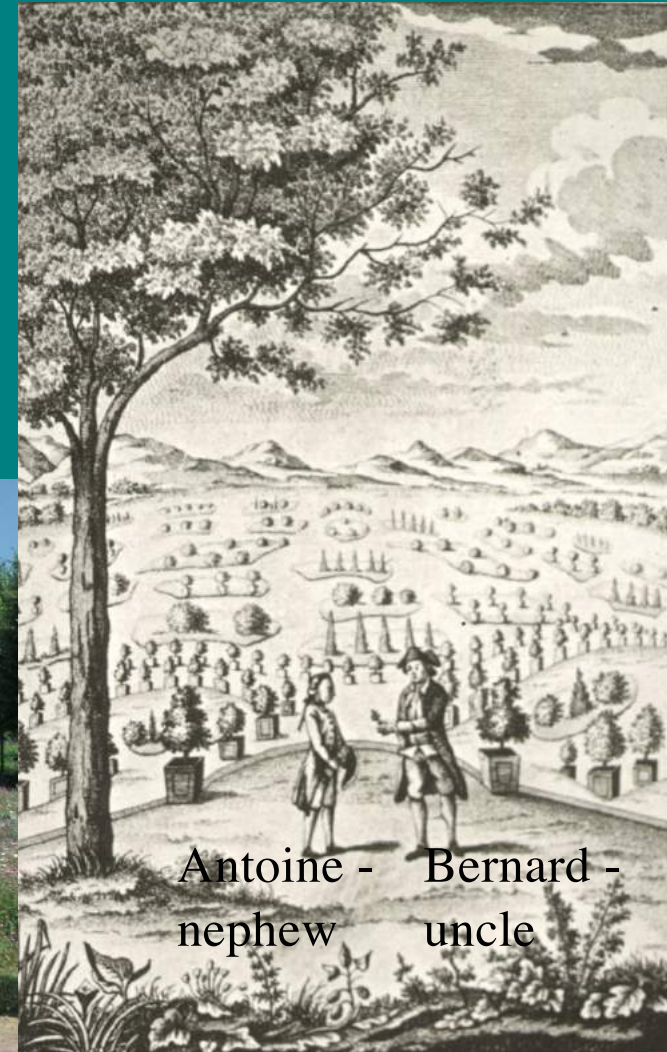


Linnaean Gardens in Uppsala, Sweden

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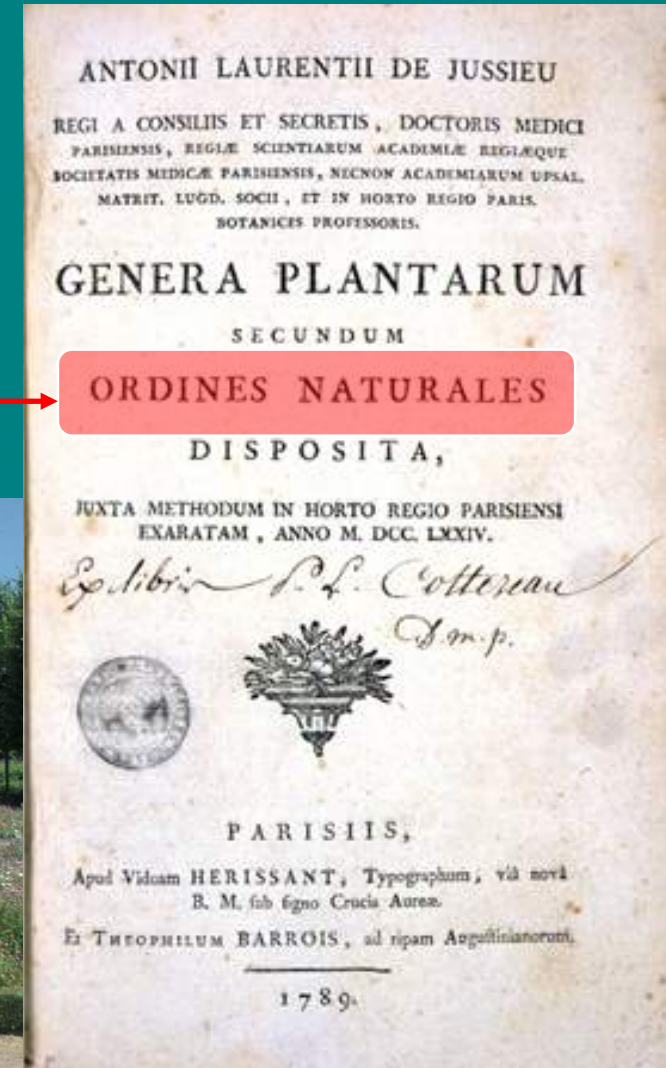
- Bernard de Jussieu experimented by replanting in the Trianon Garden on Versailles Palace grounds so that those most “**similar**” looking on the **basis of many features** would be in proximity



Natural Classifications

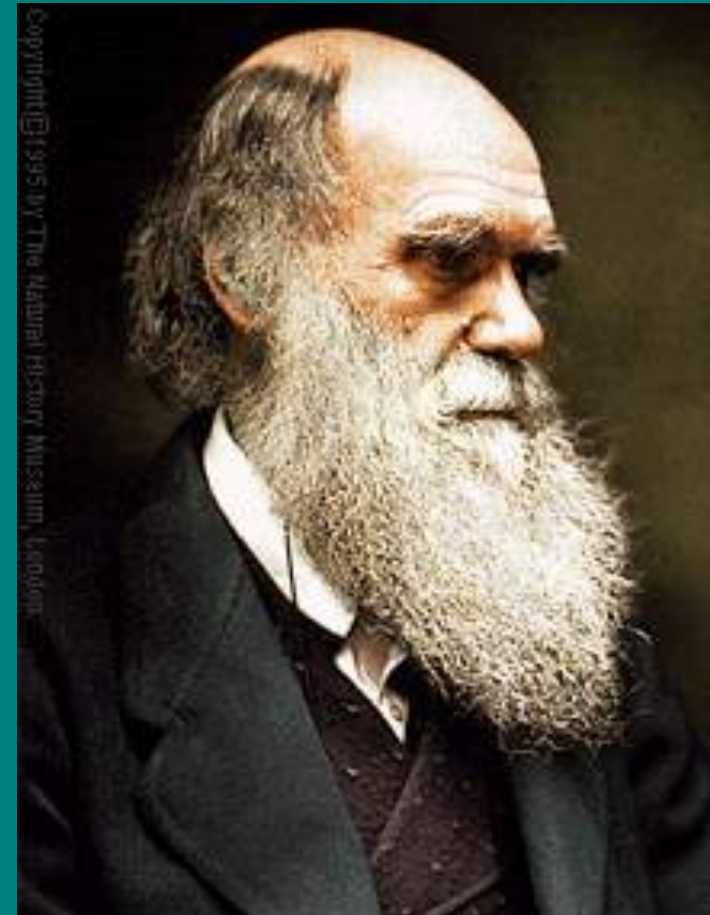
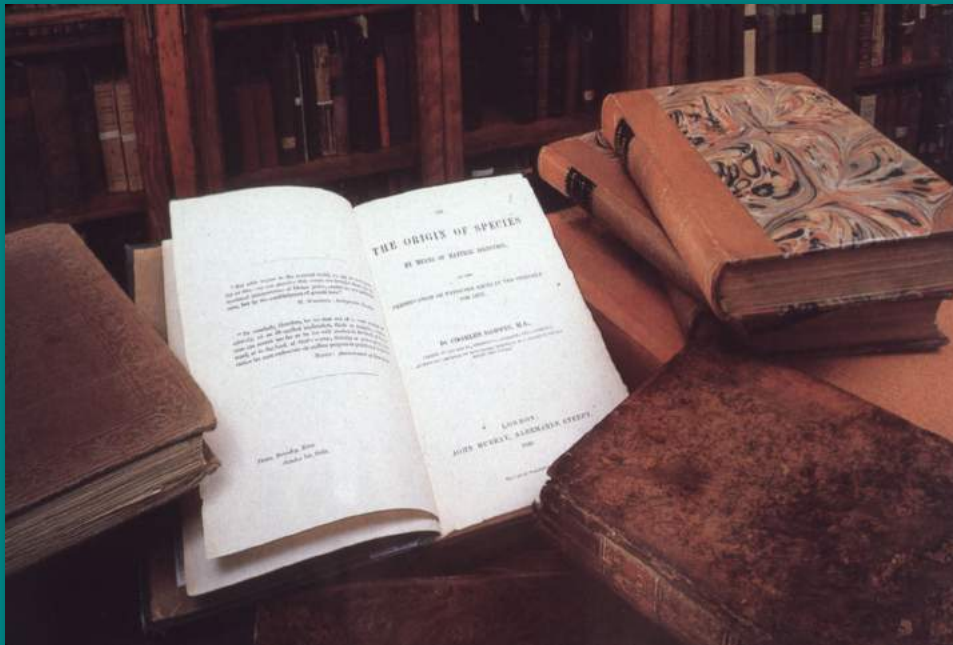
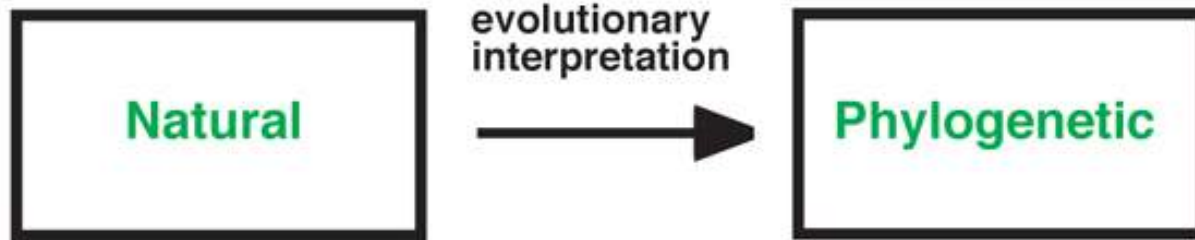
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- Antoine Laurent de Jussieu published *Genera Plantarum* in 1789 based on the de Jussieu family's new, more **natural classification system** - and today reflected in the plantings at the Trianon Gardens



Phylogenetic Classifications

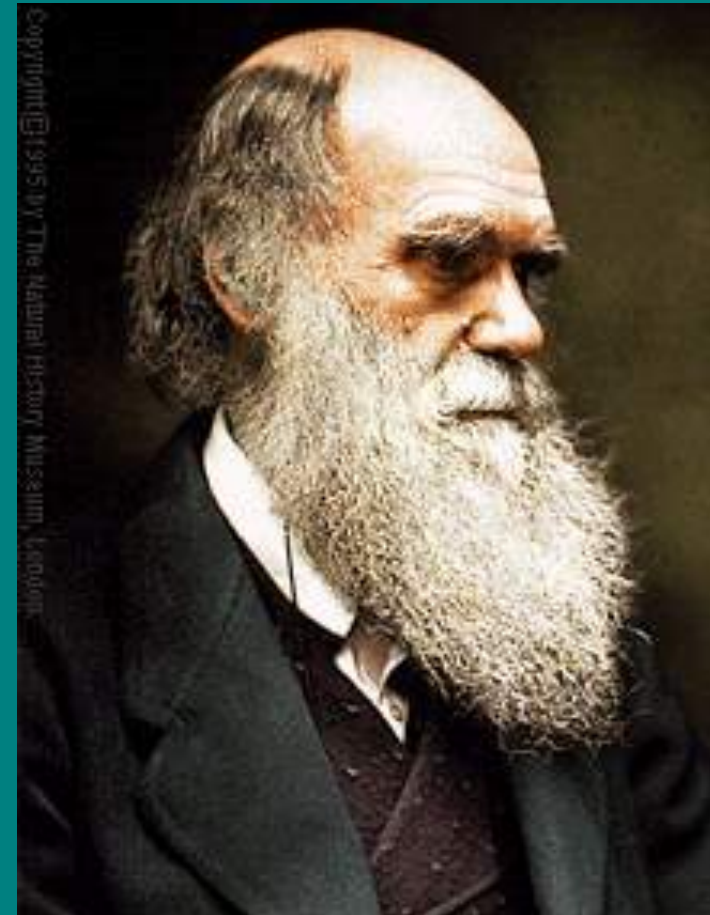
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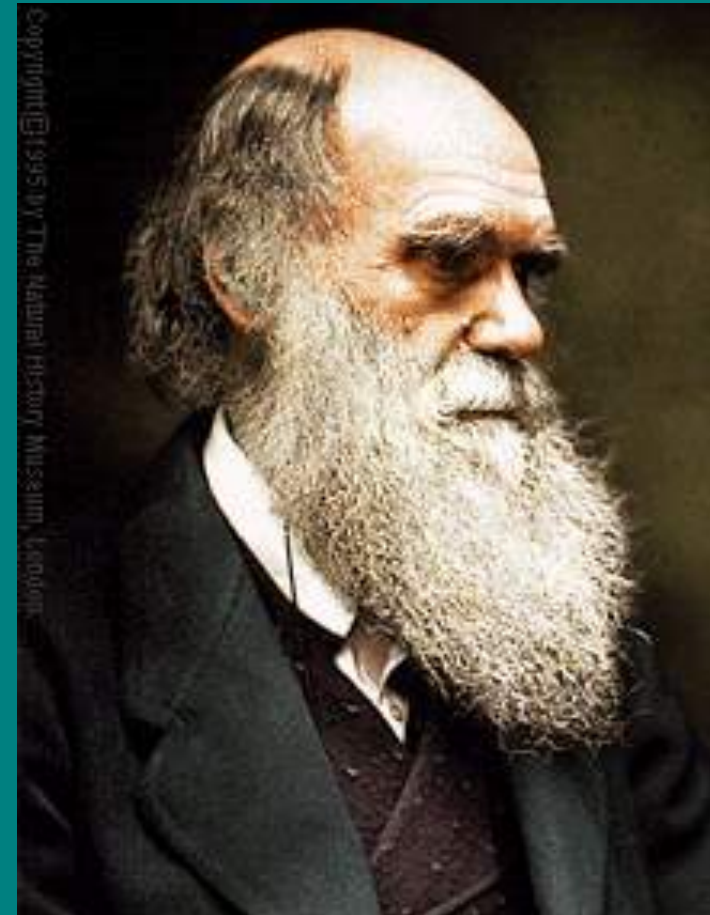
- ‘**Natural**’ had meant different things to different people
- to Linnaeus and others ‘natural’ referred to the ordered structure of the universe and biota as ordained by God - **specific or special creation**
- to others “natural” groupings of taxa into larger groups **implied relationships based on genealogy** - with or without a God



Phylogenetic Classifications

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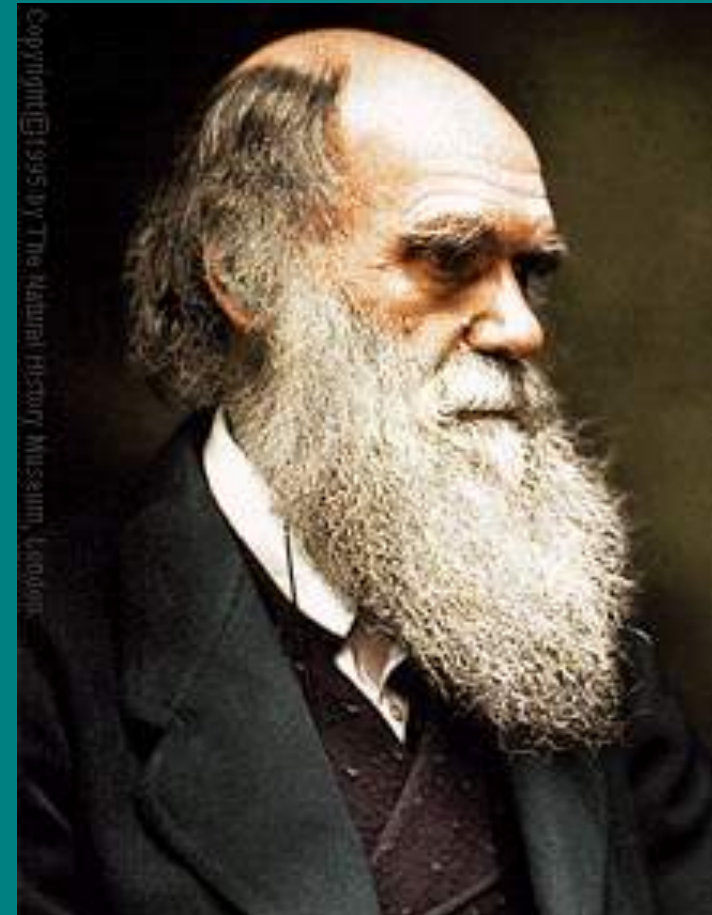
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- to Darwin, ‘natural’ implied that two species looked similar because they shared features from a common ancestor in their genealogy



Phylogenetic Classifications

Phylogenetic systems to Darwin must include **genealogy + amount of change (or similarity)**

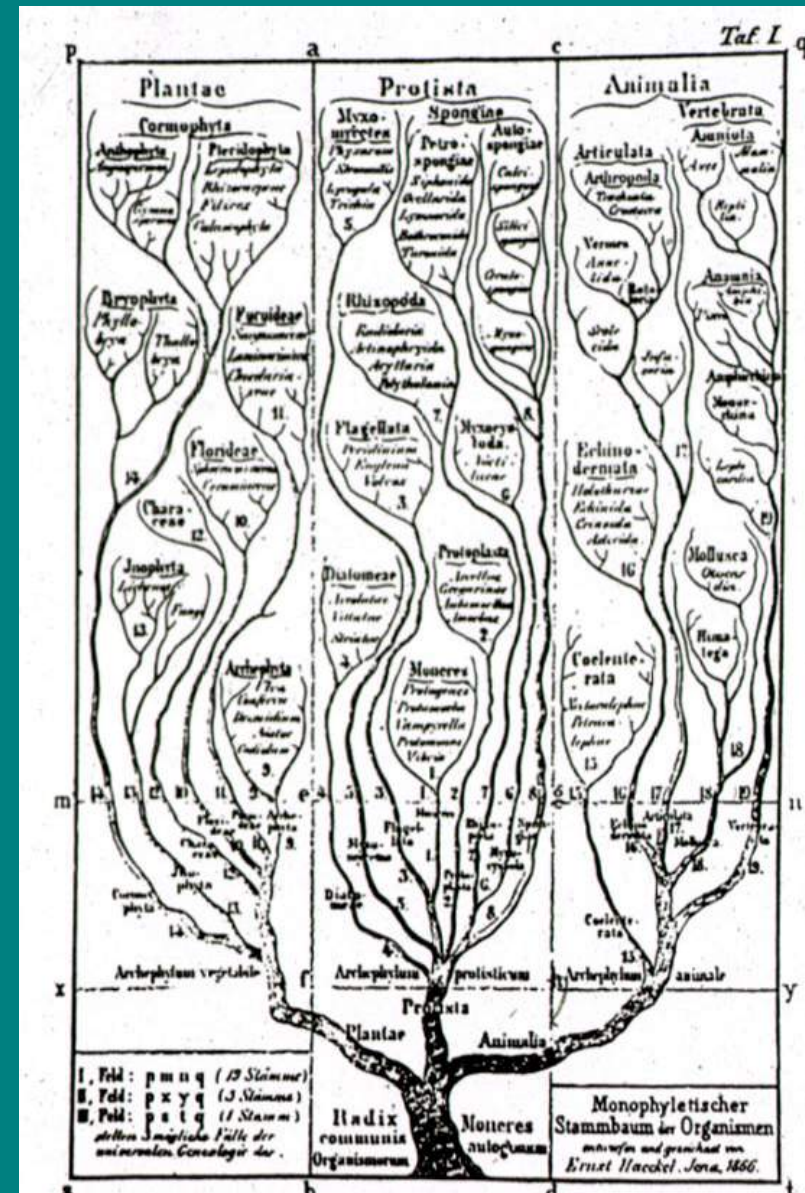
- “classification must be genealogical”
- “genealogy alone does not give classification”
- “**descent with modification**” : or genealogy plus change = evolution



Phylogenetic Classifications

Phylogenetic systems represented by the “tree” metaphor

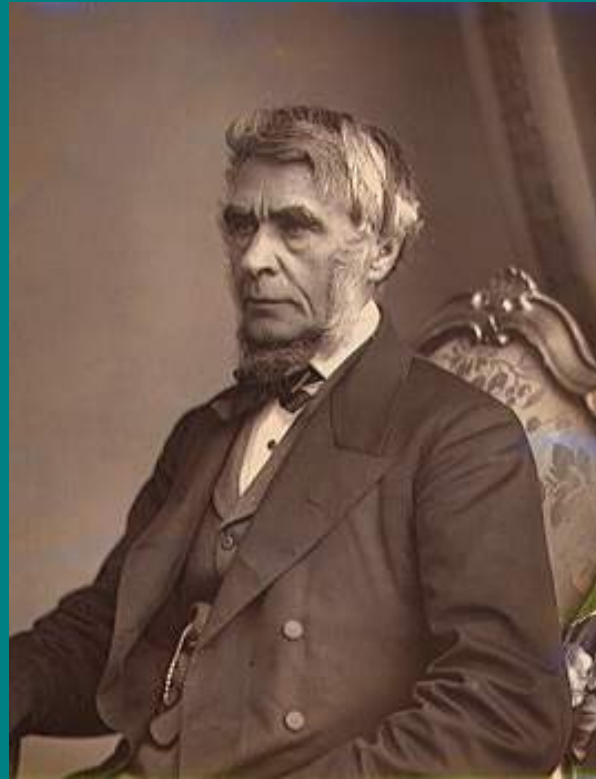
- Darwin argued that “**common ancestry**” is a fact — and outcome is a phylogenetic ‘**tree**’
- less than a decade later Ernst Haeckel published the first **tree of life**
- all classification systems since have been **phylogenetic**



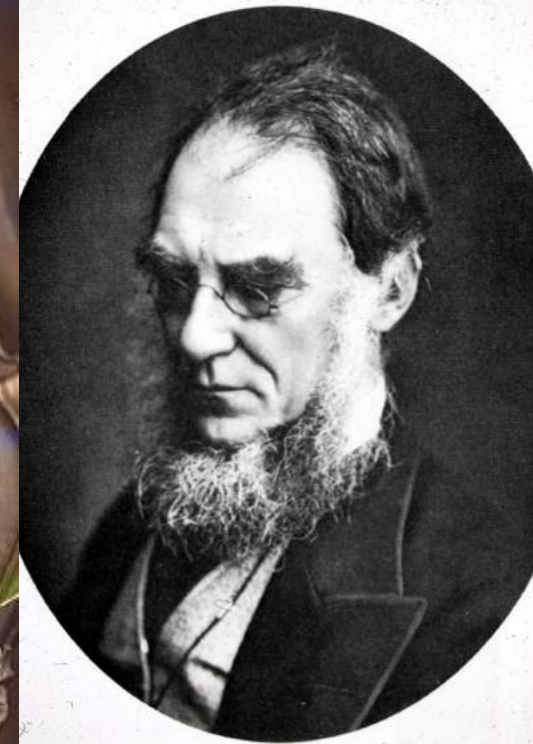
Phylogenetic Classifications

Bentham & Hooker at Kew Royal Botanic Gardens first systematists to wrestle with phylogenetic classifications

- provided Darwin with much of his botanical evidence for evolution
- rudimentary phylogenetic system quickly over-shadowed by two younger Germans



George Bentham
1800-1884



Joseph Hooker
1817-1911

Phylogenetic Classifications

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- original classification was ‘**natural**’ and based on many characters
- by 1915 their system had a **phylogenetic** flavor with **simple plants** listed first and **progressing to** more **complex plants**



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Phylogenetic Classifications

Engler - Prantl classification system became the standard to arrange herbaria and floras by early 20th century

- stressed that “simple” flowers - that is with few or no parts - were “primitive”
- e.g., “Amentiferae” - a group with reduced flowers were considered primitive
- their system can be called “simple = primitive” or “*Salix* = primitive”



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University of Wisconsin Student Herbarium – *five years ago* - Salicaceae listed first in dicots

Phylogenetic Classifications

Charles Bessey revolutionized the classification of angiosperms by his ideas on **primitive vs. advanced characters**

- hypothesized the **primitive vs. advanced state** of many characters of plants - *see handout*

- **Bessey's 'dicta'** or rules were the basis of his phylogenetic classification scheme

- **formed the basis for all subsequent modern systems**

Charles Bessey (1848-1915)
at University of Nebraska



Phylogenetic Classifications

What were Bessey's main dicta or rules?

Character	Primitive State	Advanced State
1. Floral parts	all present, many in number	loss of parts, few in number
2. Floral fusion	parts separate	parts fused
3. Floral symmetry	actinomorphy	zygomorphy
4. Ovary position	hypogynous	epigynous

Phylogenetic Classifications

Bessey's dicta or rules

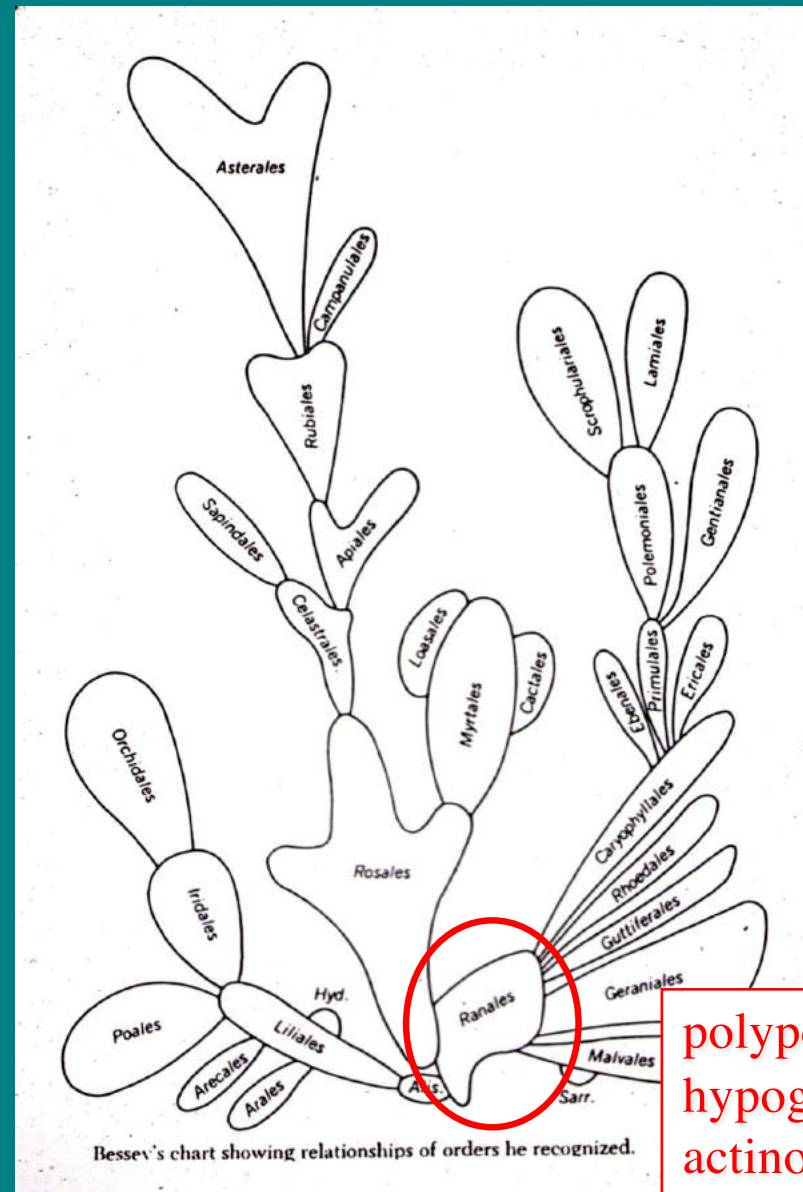
- similar to **foliar theory** of the flower
- “*Magnolia = primitive*” idea
- general trend in angiosperms has been **reduction, loss, and fusion**



Phylogenetic Classifications

Bessey's classification ('cactus')

- Bessey produced a classification system based on his rules
- **orders** (-ales) of flowering plants attached showing relationships and degree of primitive vs. advanced features
- order **Ranales** (*Magnolia*) considered most primitive

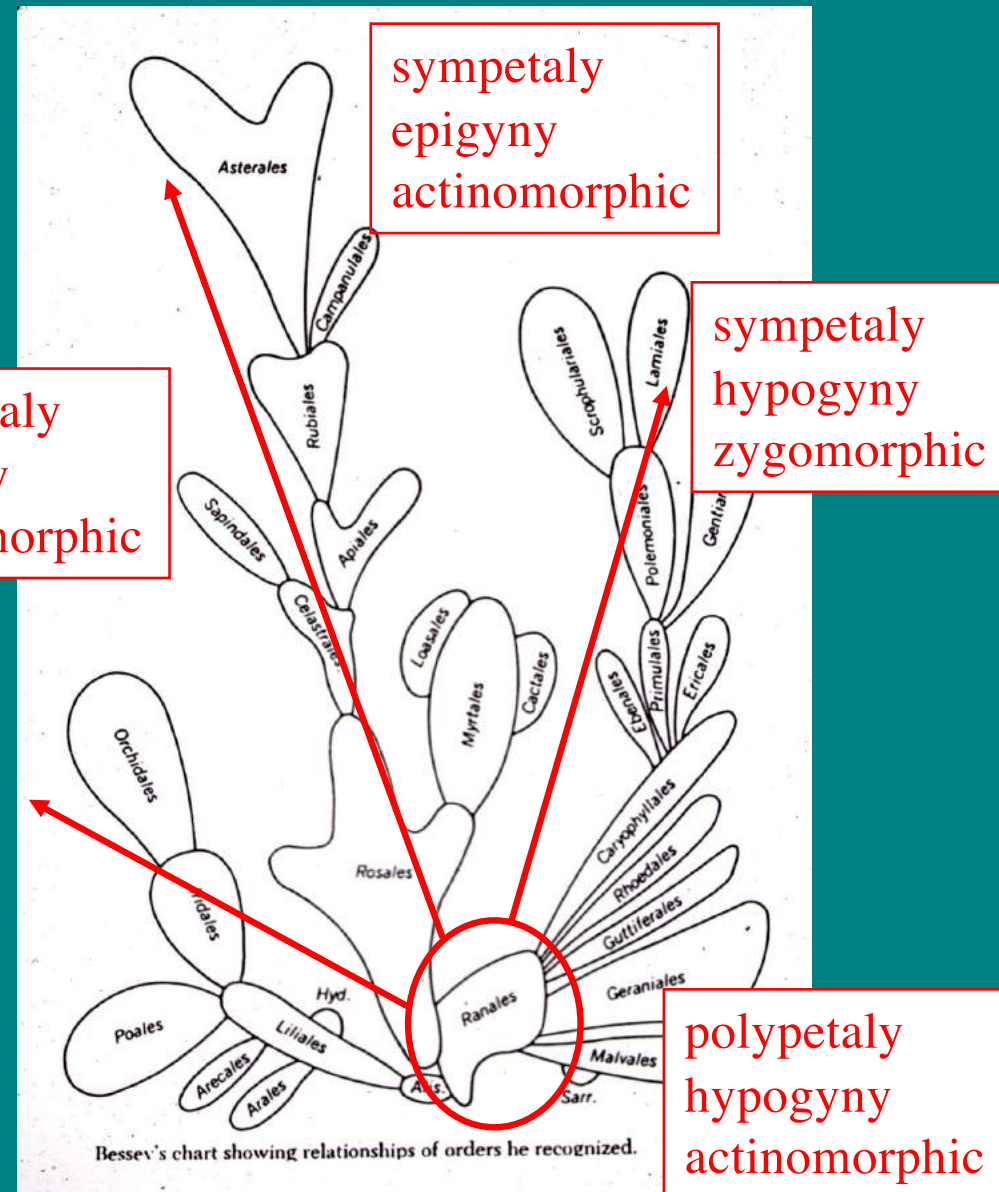


polypetal
hypogynous
actinomorphic

Phylogenetic Classifications

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Phylogenetic Classifications

Contemporary classifications

- most based on Bessey's principles
- which characters stressed, though, varies (subjective)

Takhtajan
(d. 2009)

Cronquist
(d. 1992)

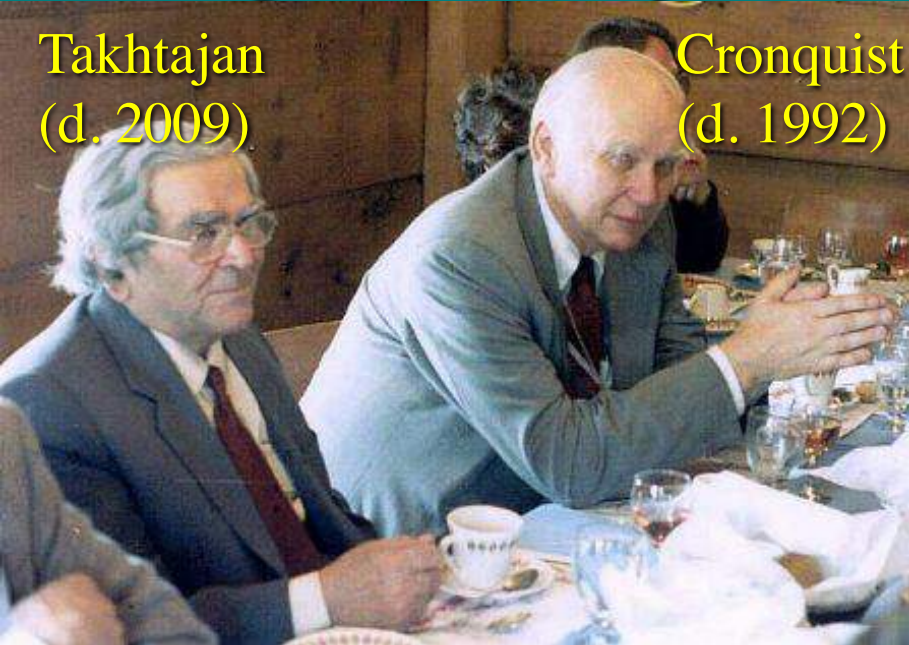
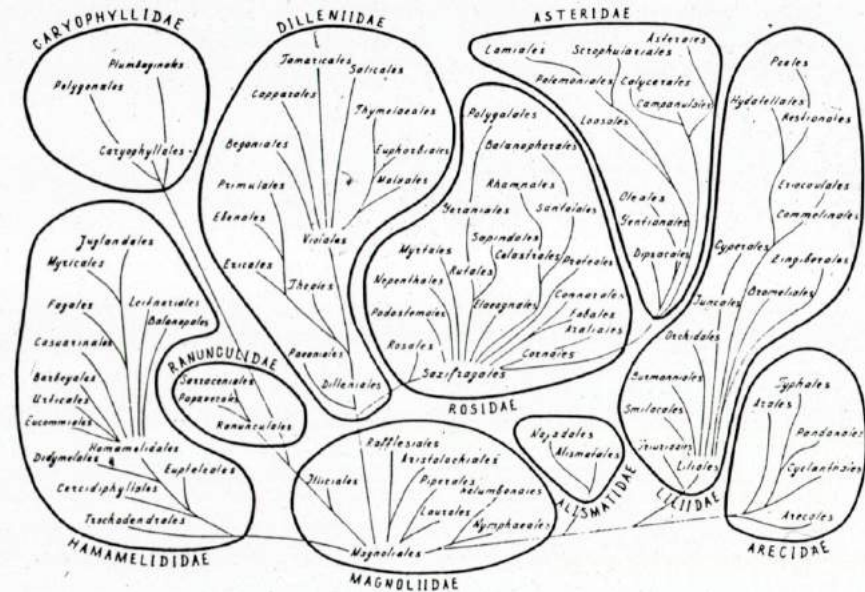


FIGURE 11.16 "Takhtajan's flower garden," which shows the putative relationships between the orders and subclasses of the flowering plants.



SOURCE: From Takhtajan, 1980.

Armen Takhtajan's and Arthur Cronquist's are similar with subclasses (-idae) as the major groupings

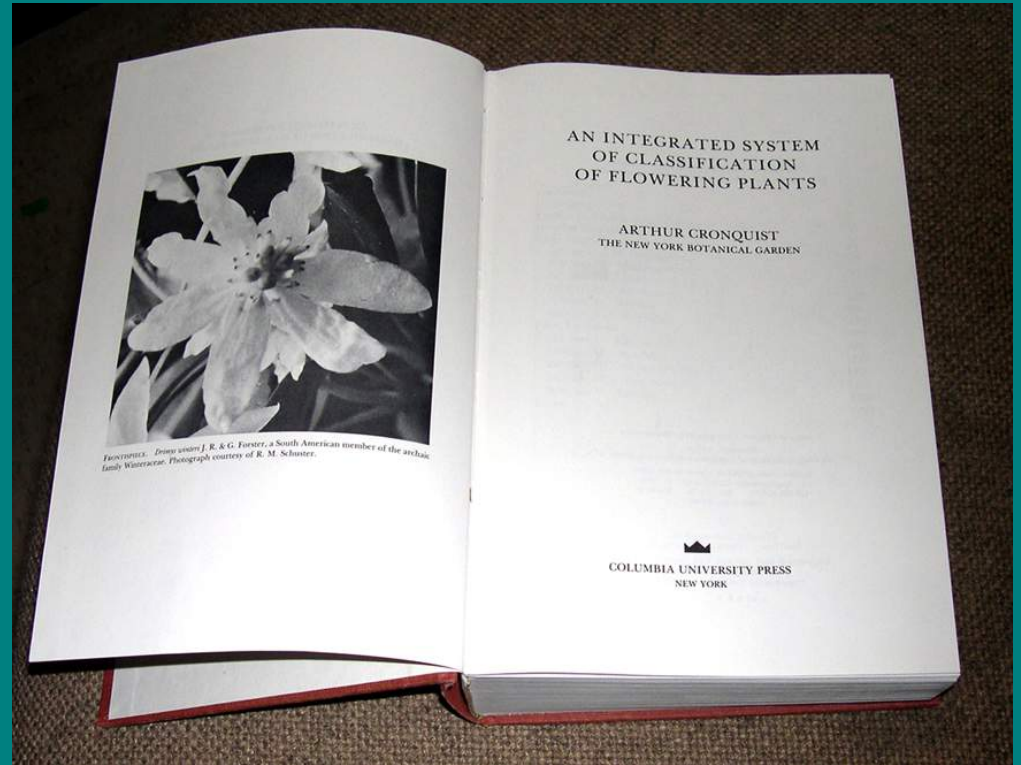
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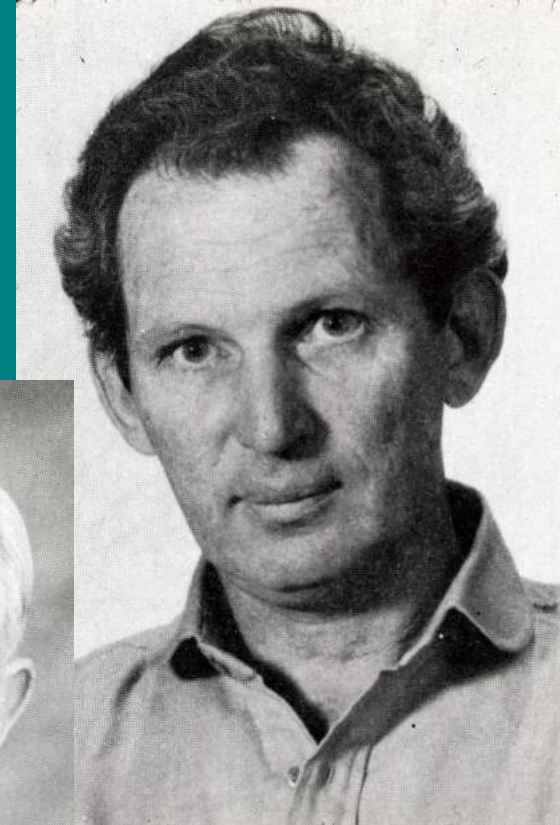
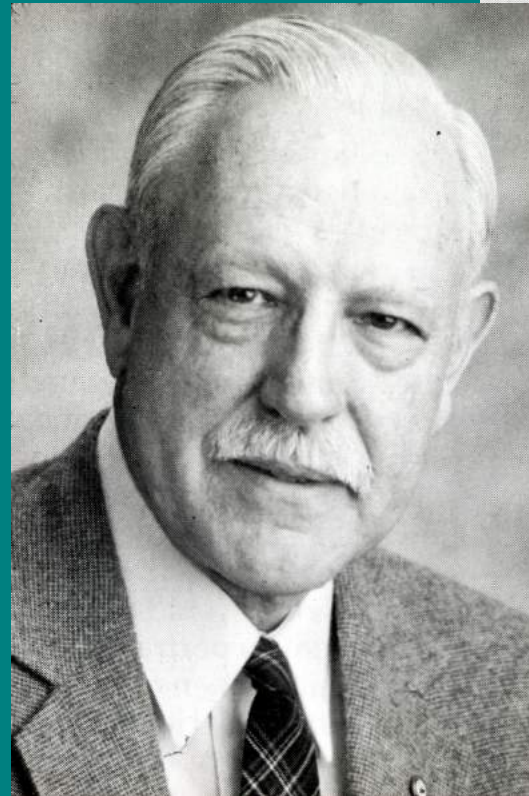
Cronquist's best developed of the contemporary classifications based on morphology

Phylogenetic Classifications

Contemporary classifications

- **Rolf Dalhgren** (d. 1987):
Danish taxonomist who emphasized **chemical** features
- **Robert Thorne** (d. 2014;
Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden): was still modifying his morphology based system using DNA evidence

Thorne



Dalhgren

Phylogenetic Classifications

Molecular classifications

- the 1993 paper examining DNA of 500 genera of seed plants revolutionized phylogenetic classification

PHYLOGENETICS OF SEED PLANTS: AN ANALYSIS OF NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES FROM THE PLASTID GENE *rbcl*¹

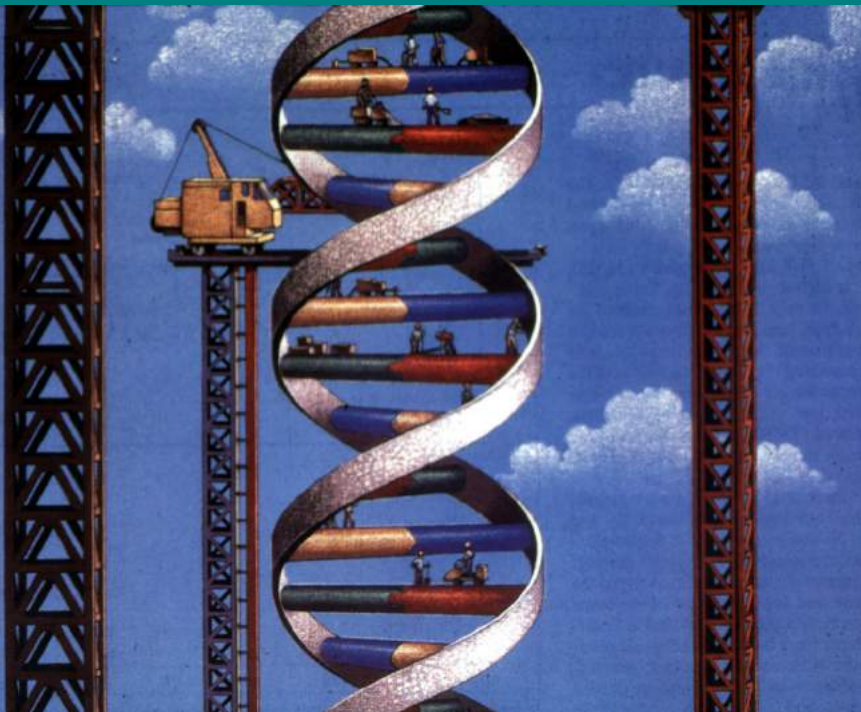
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ABSTRACT

We present the results of two exploratory parsimony analyses of DNA sequences from 475 and 499 species of seed plants, respectively, representing all major taxonomic groups. The data are exclusively from the chloroplast gene *rbcl*, which codes for the large subunit of ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase (RuBisCO or RuBPCase). We used two different state-transformation assumptions resulting in two sets of cladograms: (i) equal-weighting for the 499-taxon analysis; and (ii) a procedure that differentially weights transversions over transitions within characters and codon positions among characters for the 475-taxon analysis. The degree of congruence between these results and other molecular, as well as morphological, cladistic studies indicates that *rbcl* sequence variation contains historical evidence appropriate for phylogenetic analysis at this taxonomic level of sampling. Because the topologies presented are necessarily approximate and cannot be evaluated adequately for internal support, these results should be assessed from the perspective of their predictive value and used to direct future studies, both molecular and morphological. In both analyses, the three genera of Gnetales are placed together as the sister group of the flowering plants, and the anomalous aquatic *Ceratophyllum* (Ceratophyllaceae) is sister to all other flowering plants. Several major lineages identified correspond well with at least some recent taxonomic schemes for angiosperms, particularly those of Dahlgren and Thorne. The basalmost clades within the angiosperms are orders of the apparently polyphyletic subclass Magnoliidae sensu Cronquist. The most conspicuous feature of the topology is that the major division is not monocot versus dicot, but rather one correlated with general pollen type: uniaperturate versus triaperturate. The Dilleniidae and Hamamelidae are the only subclasses that are grossly polyphyletic; an examination of the latter is presented as an example of the use of these broad analyses to focus more restricted studies. A broadly circumscribed Rosidae is paraphyletic to Asteridae and Dilleniidae. Subclass Caryophyllidae is monophyletic and derived from within Rosidae in the 475-taxon analysis but is sister to a group composed of broadly delineated Asteridae and Rosidae in the 499-taxon study.

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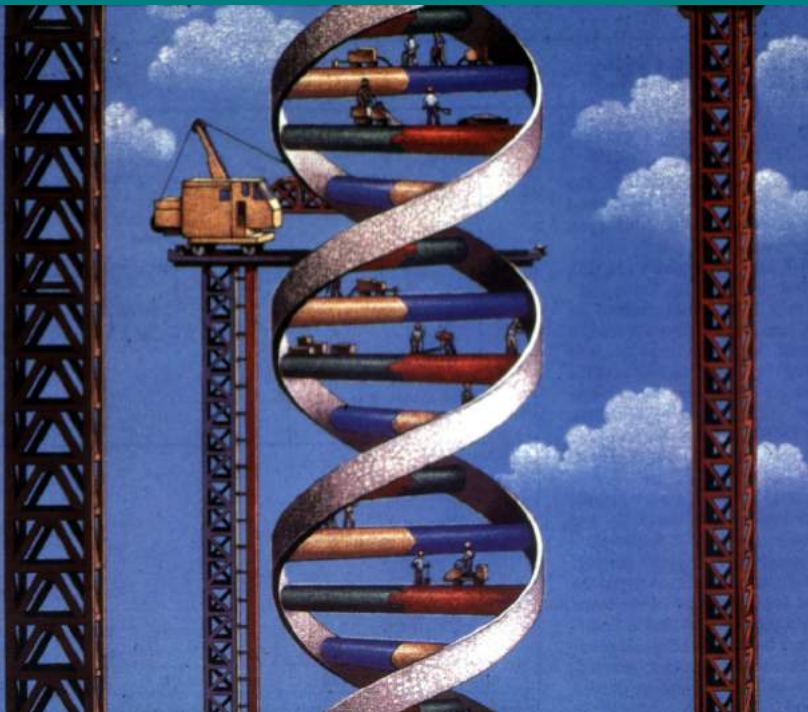
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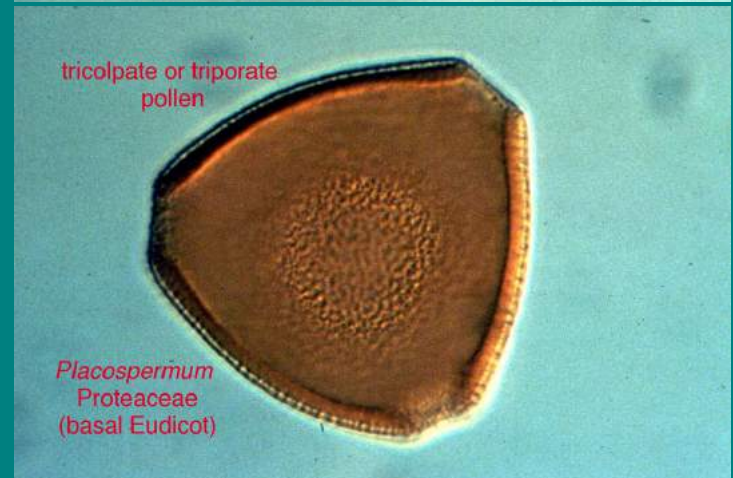
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 - e.g., use of pollen features to delimit “**eudicot**” – the 3-pored pollen bearing flowering plants



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Arranging these named
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Reduced flowers



Inferior ovary

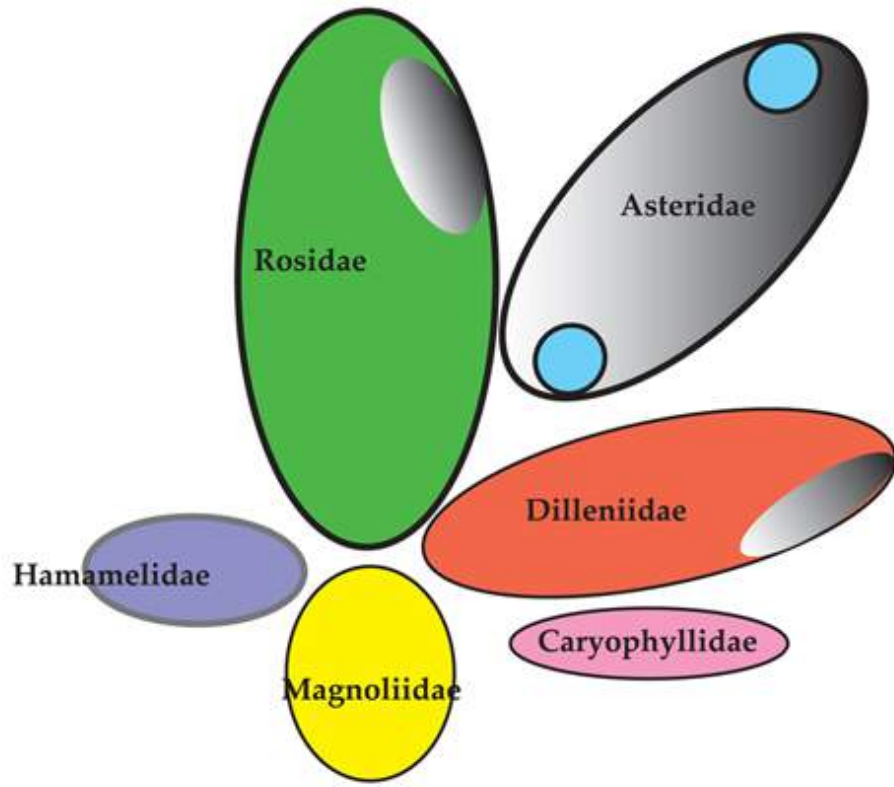


Corolla tube

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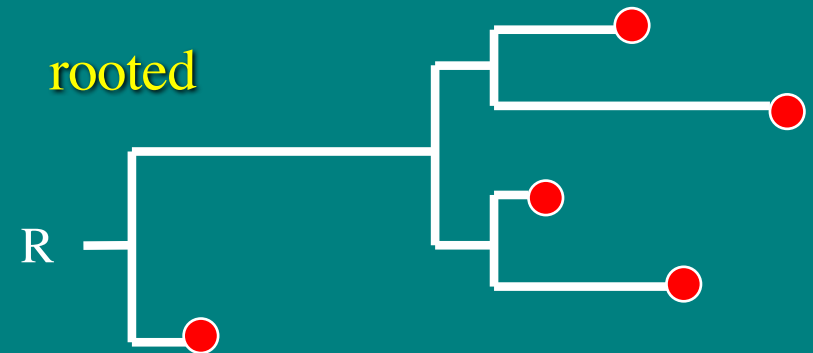
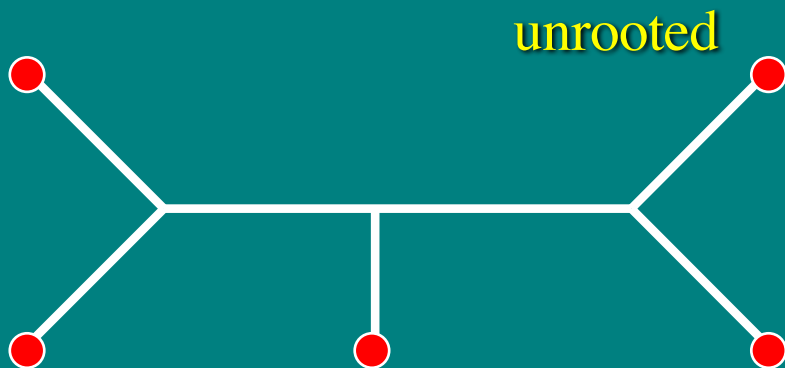
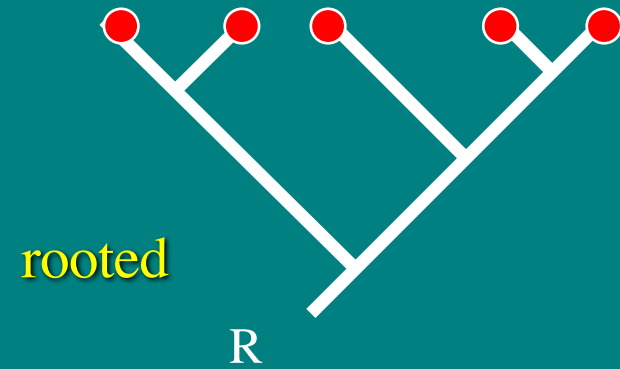
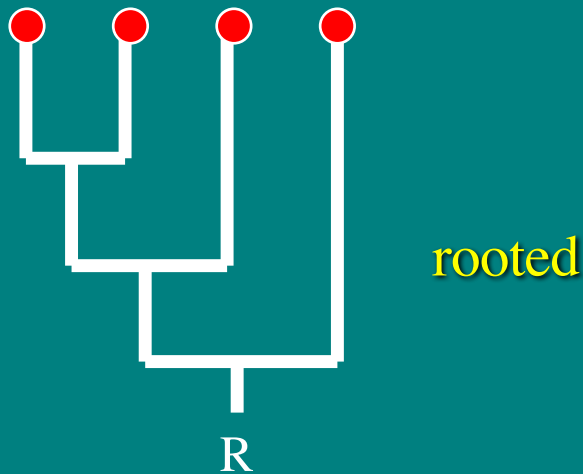


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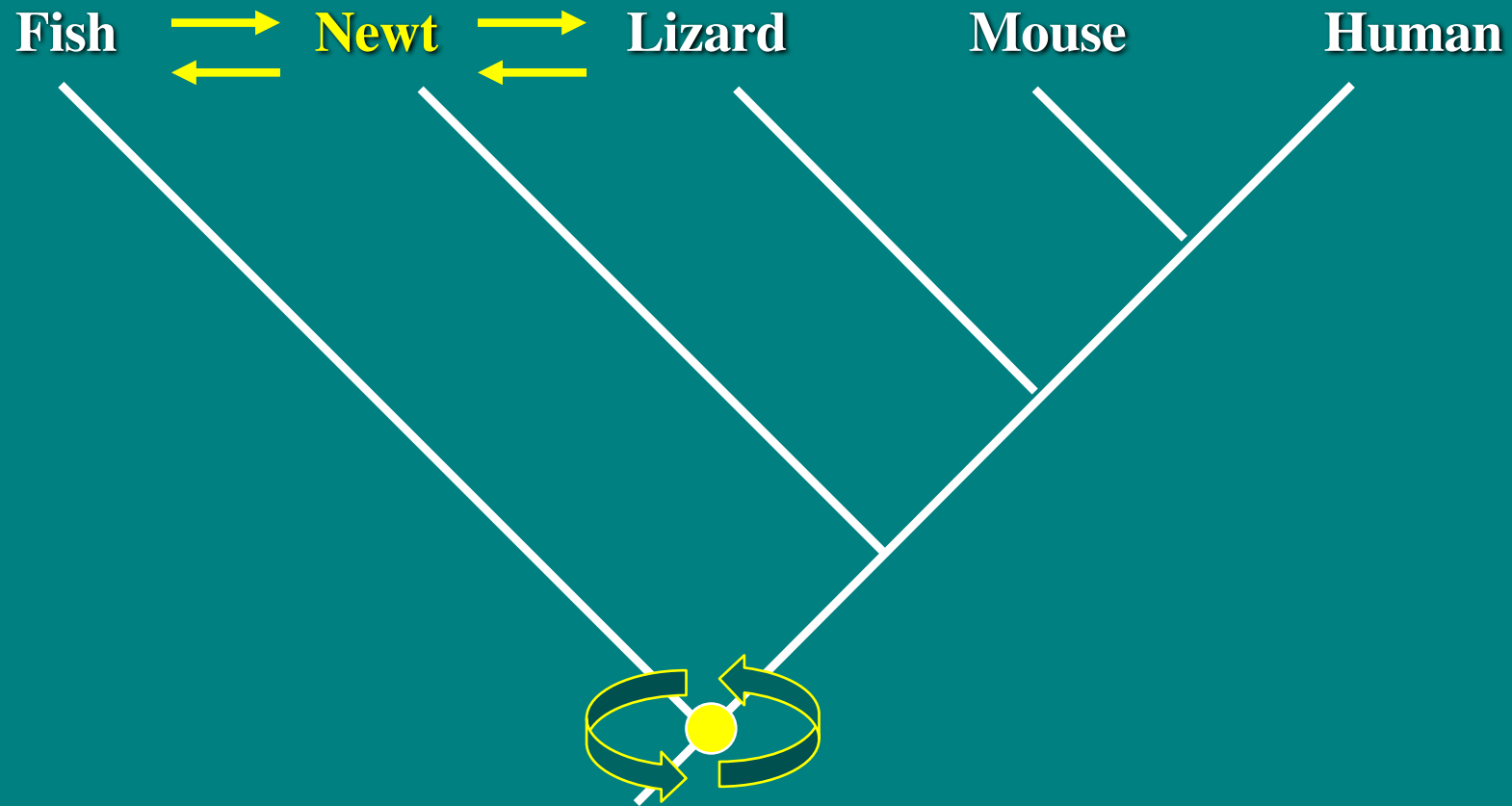
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- various trees that you will see in this course



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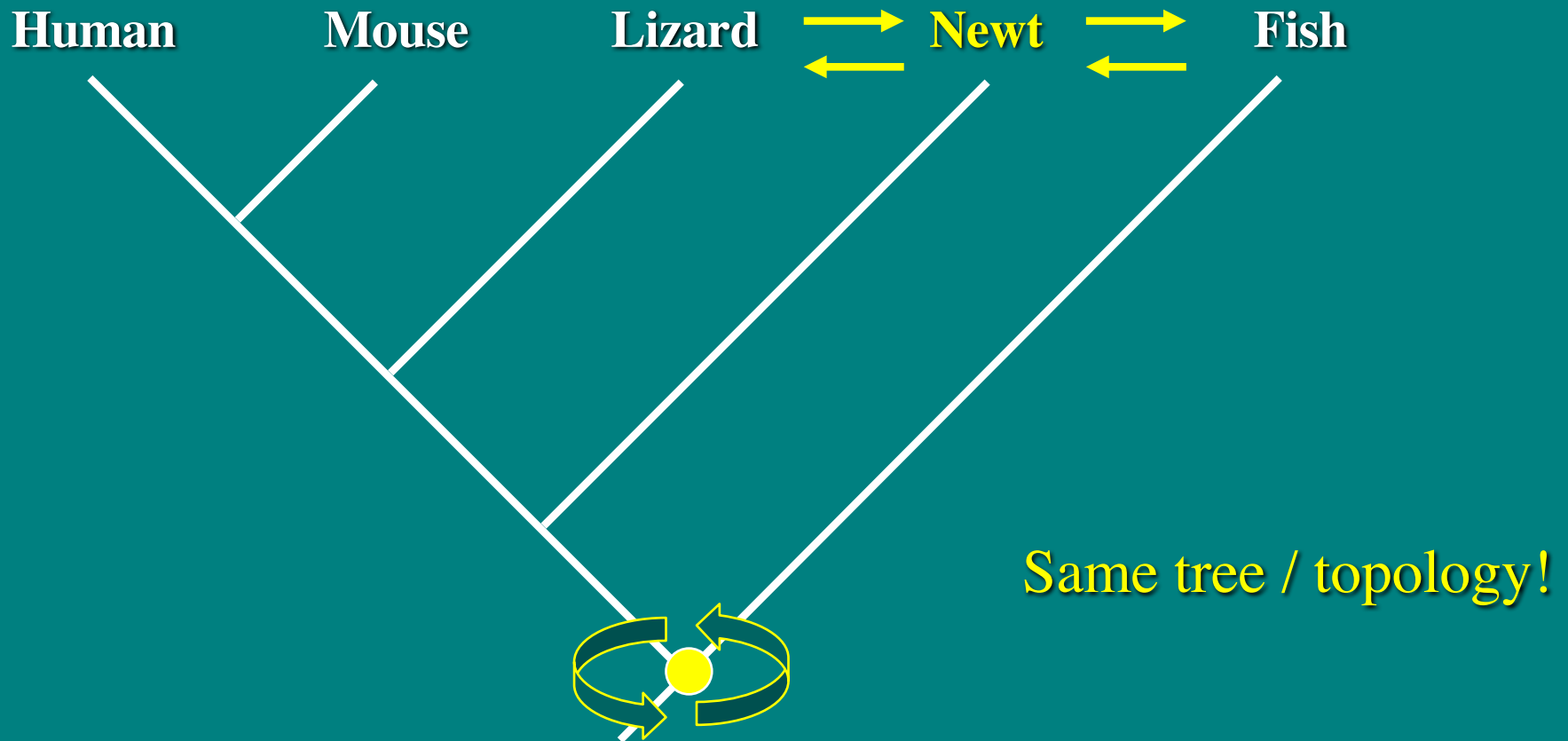
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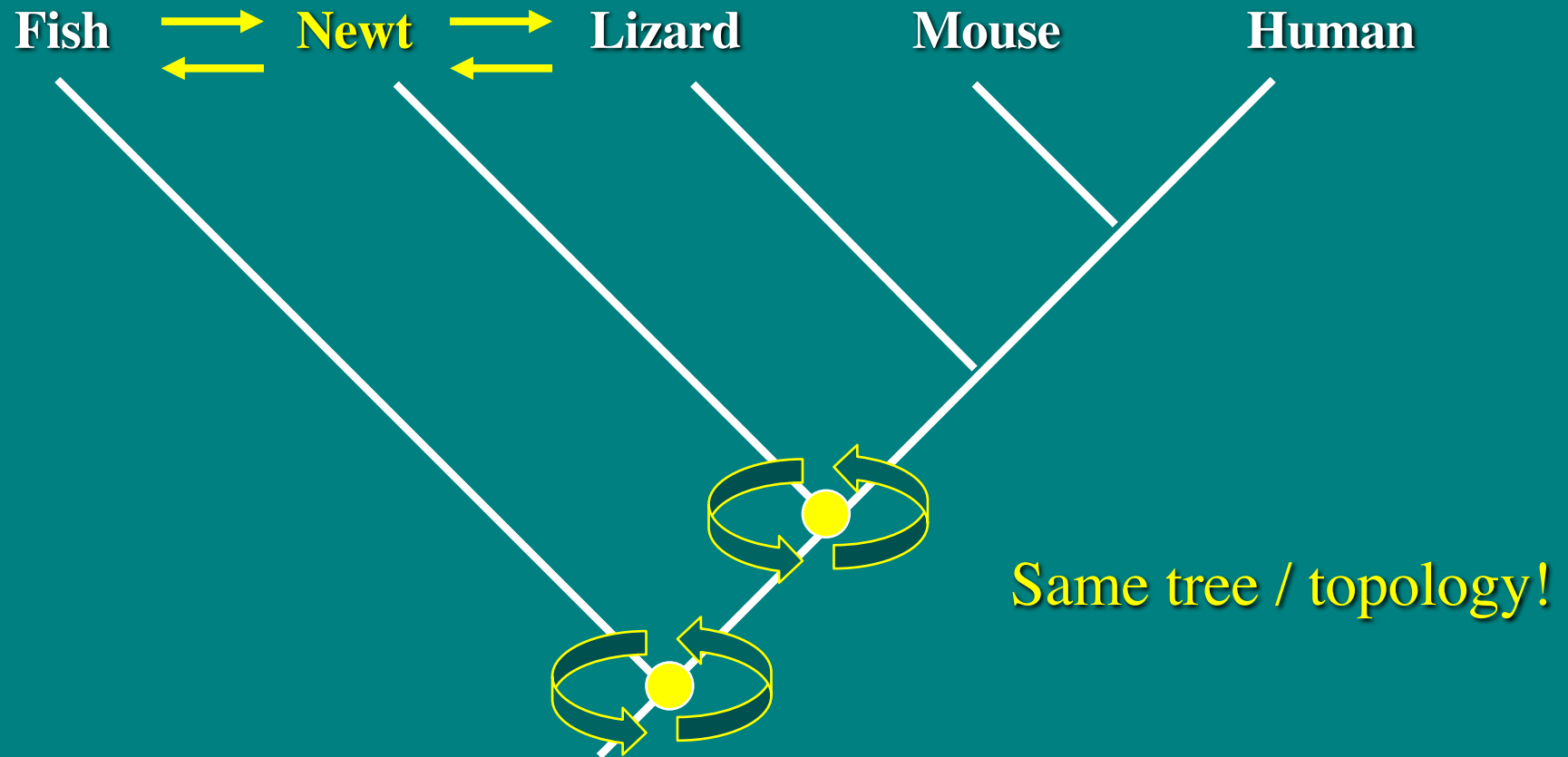
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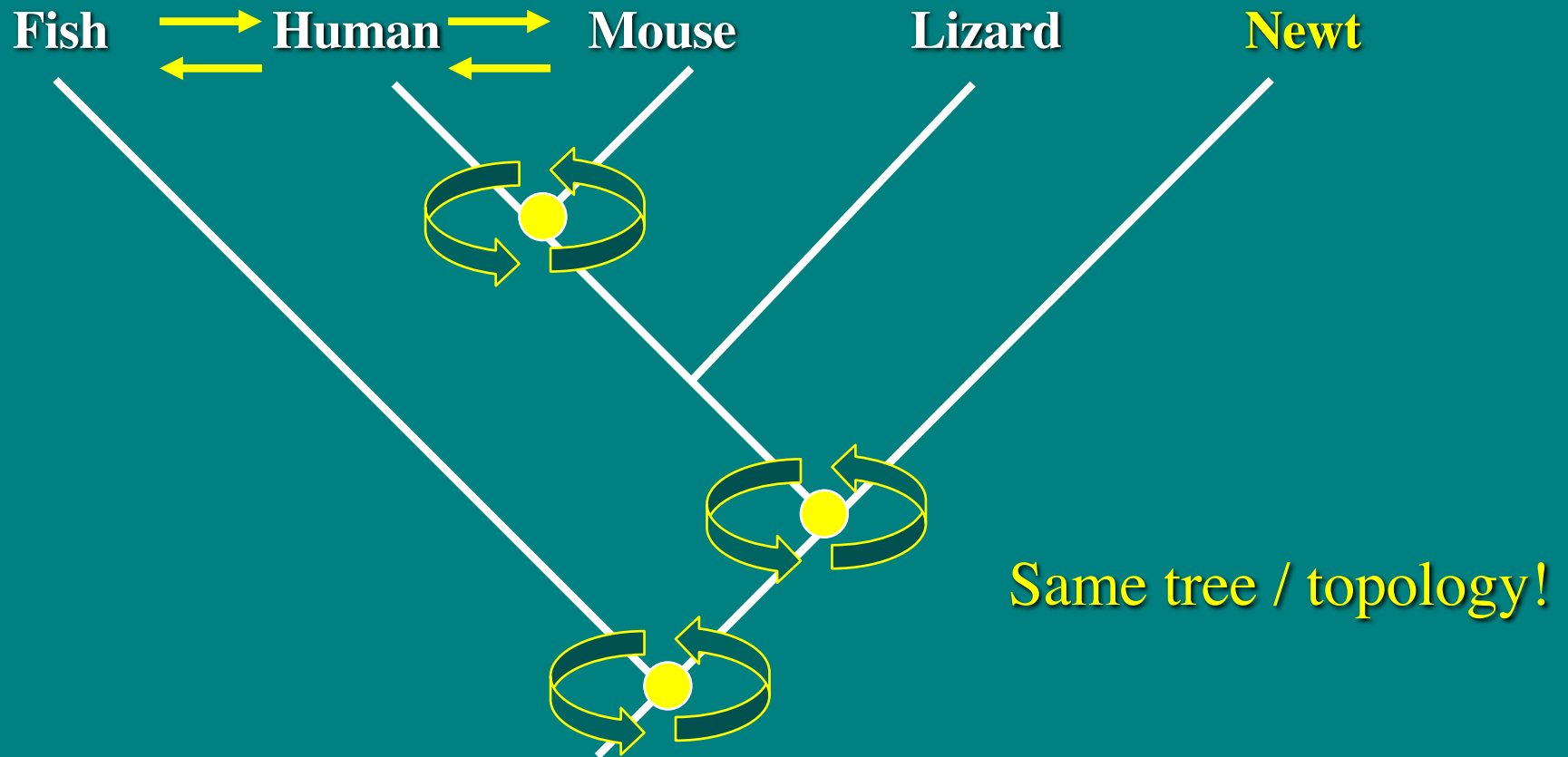
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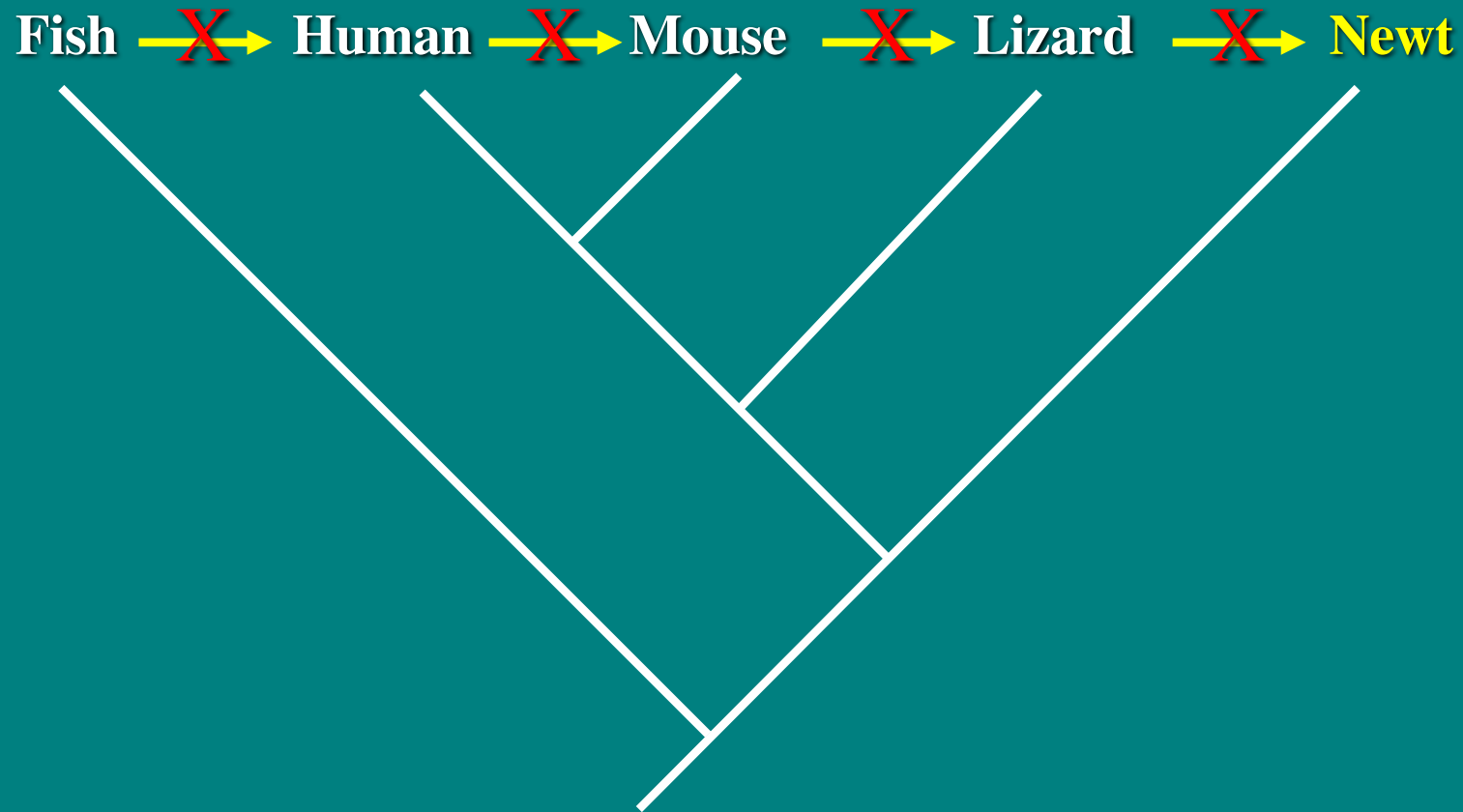
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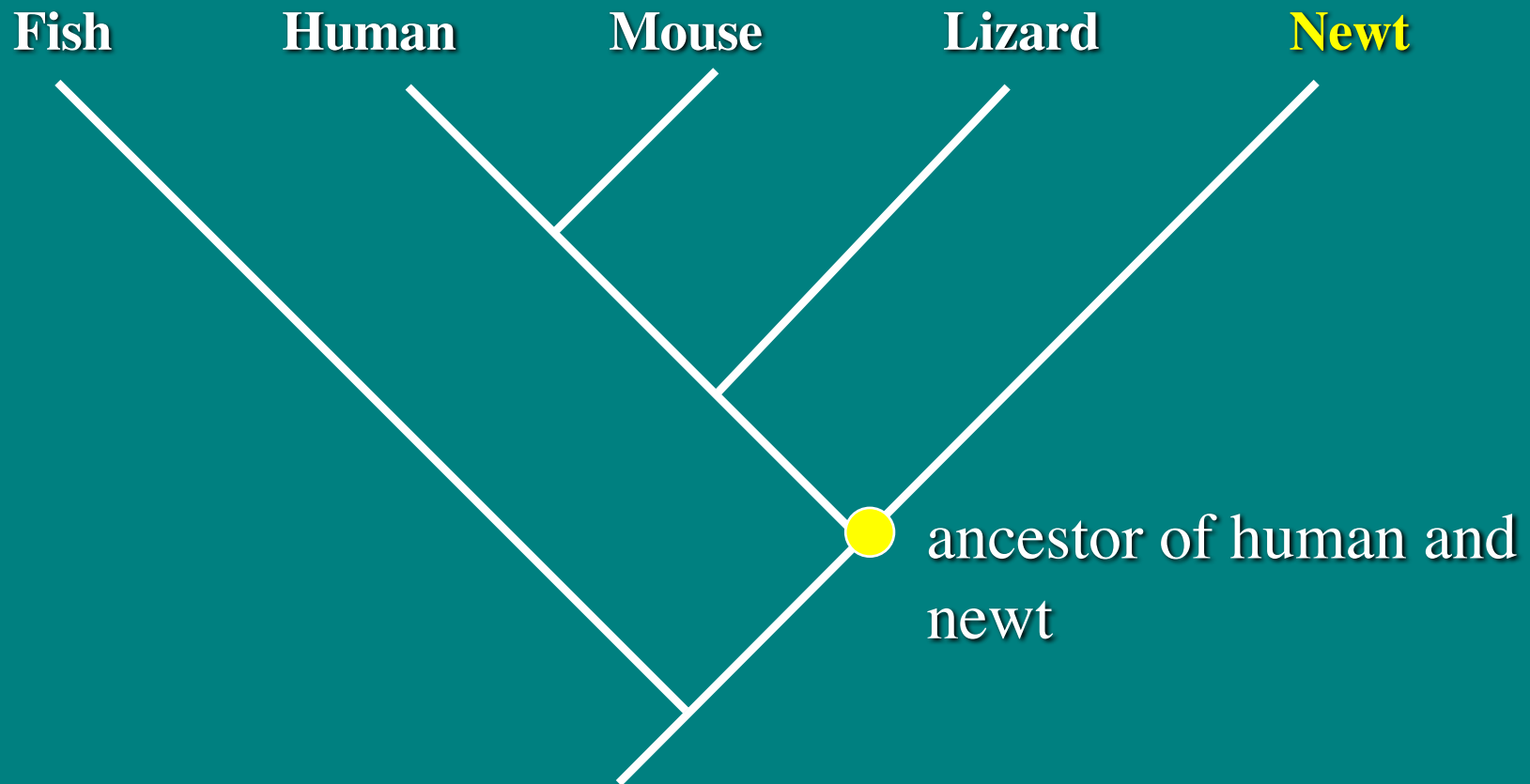
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Tip reading is ladder reading, incorrect!

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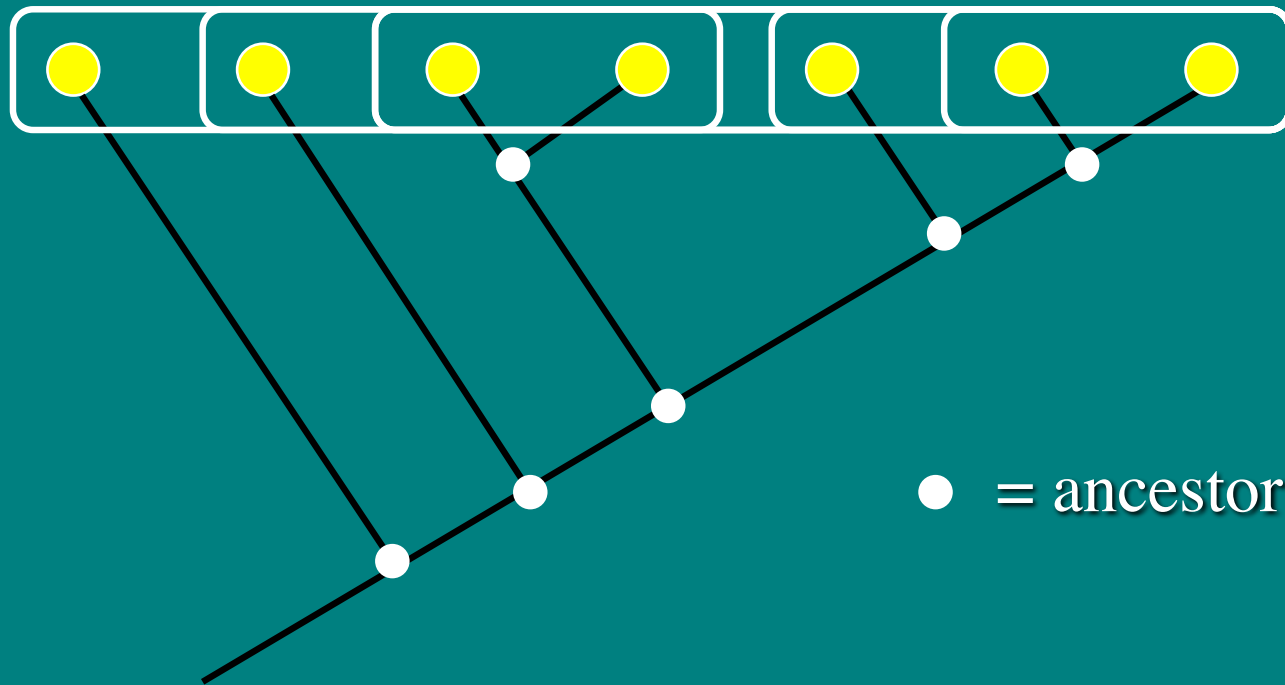
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Newt is more related to Humans than Fish! They share a more **recent common ancestor** than either does with Fish.

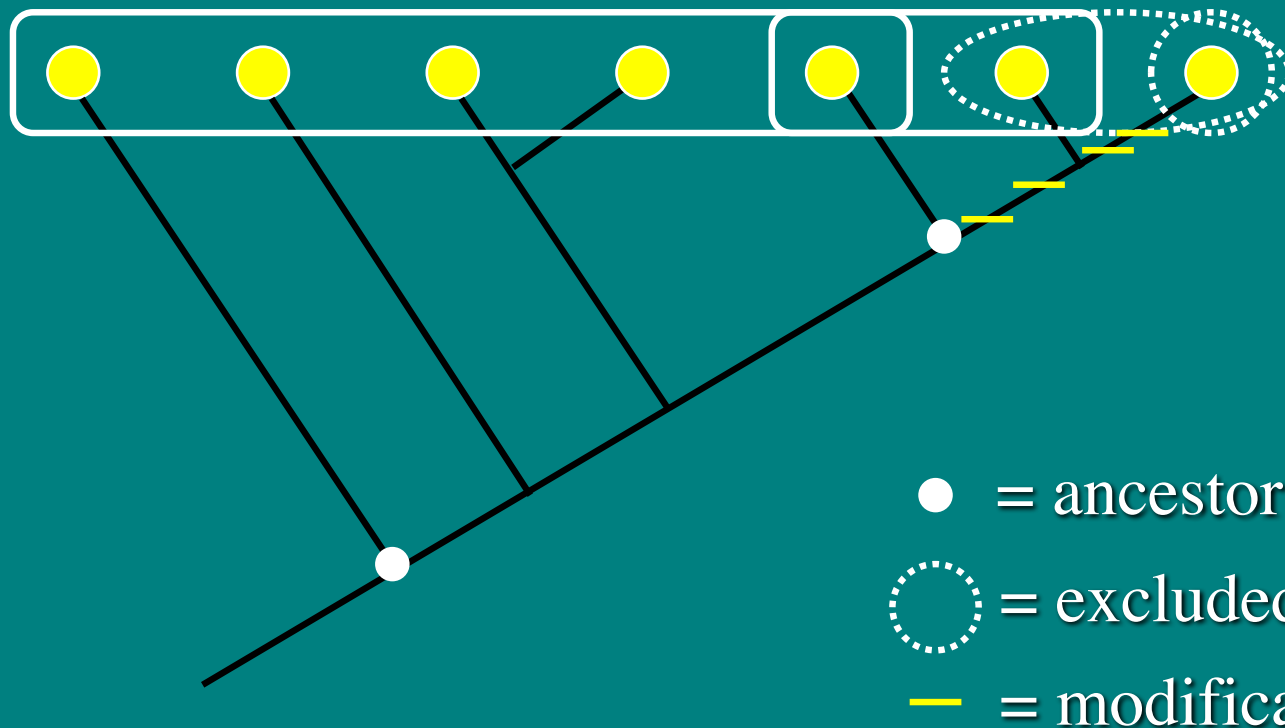
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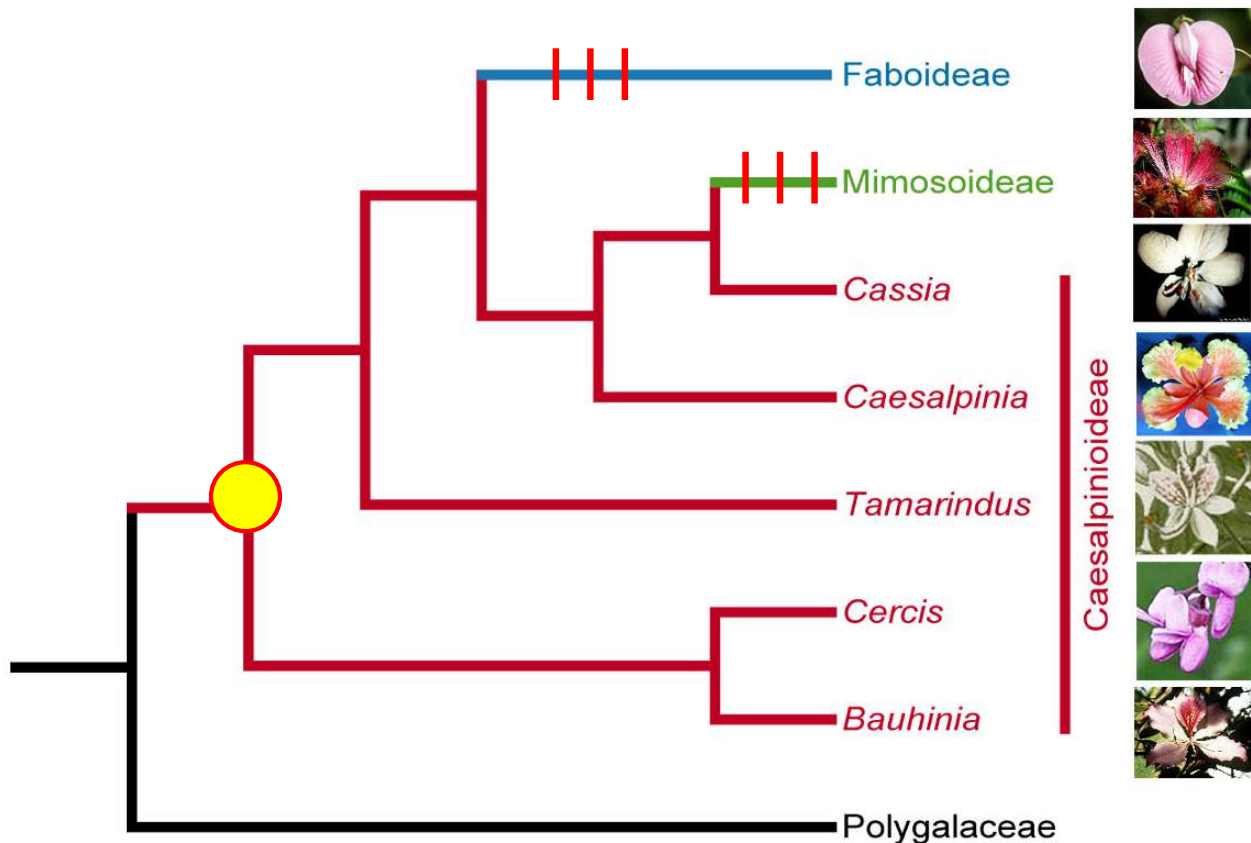
3. . . . vs. paraphyletic (not all descendants included - usually because these are highly modified) - should these be allowed?



Issues in Grouping

3. e.g. **Caesalpinoid legumes** are paraphyletic

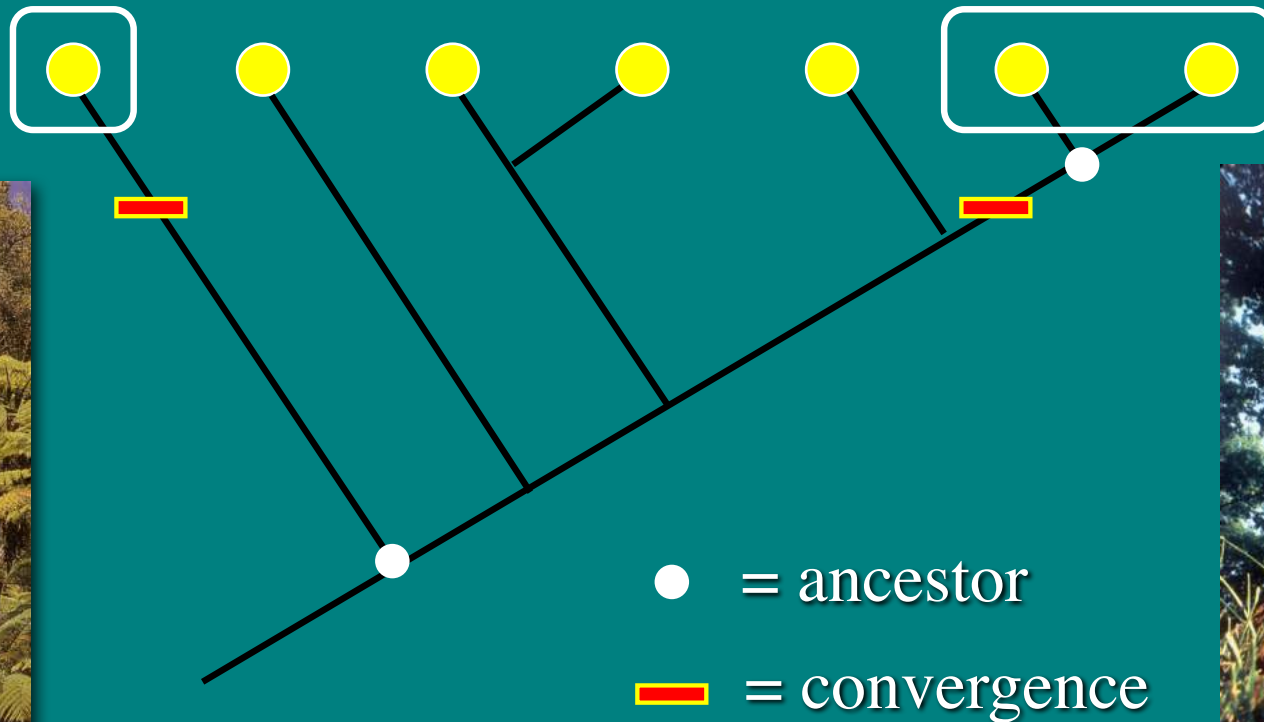
Relationships of Three Legume Subfamilies
Based on DNA Evidence



- **faboid** (beans, peas) and **mimosoid** (acacia, mimosa) legumes are highly modified
- but descended from the common ancestor of caesalpinoids

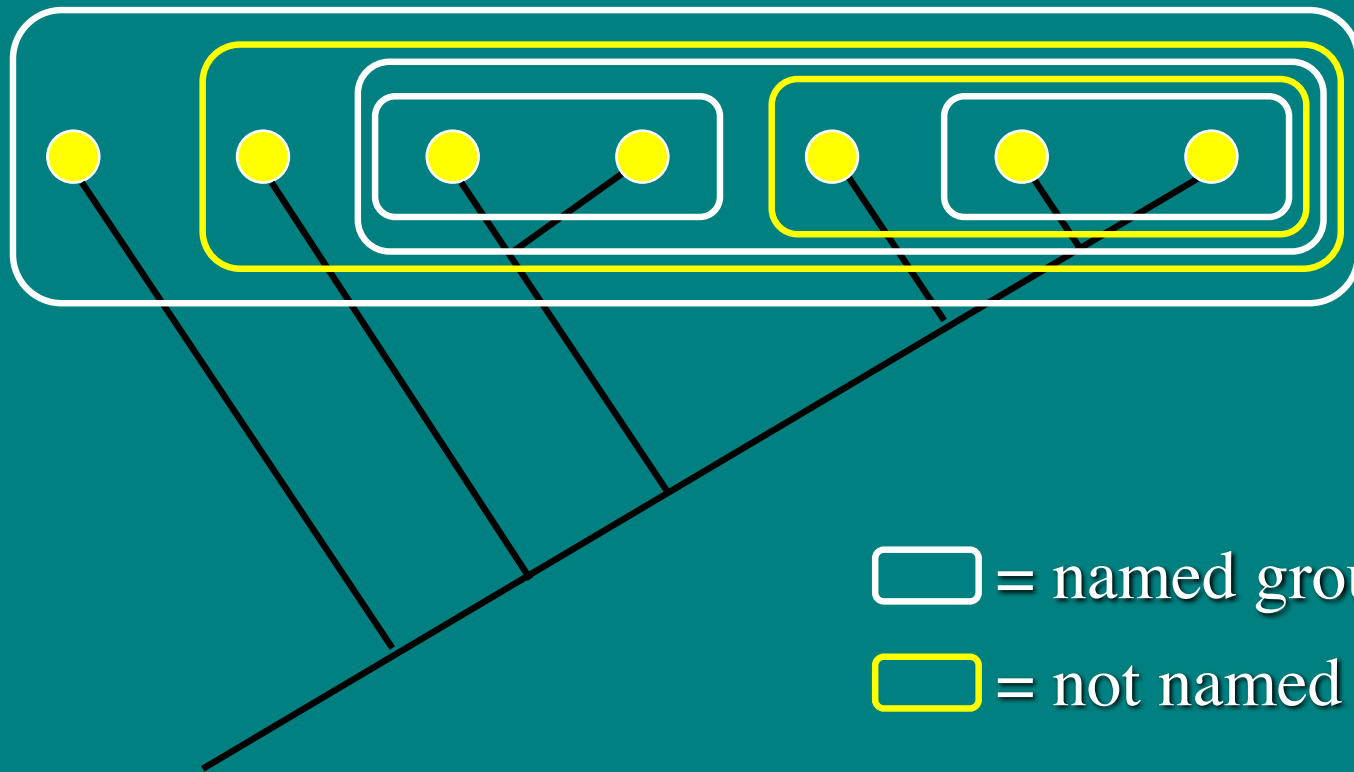
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3. . . . vs. polyphyletic (more than one ancestor - defined by convergent feature) - these are avoided



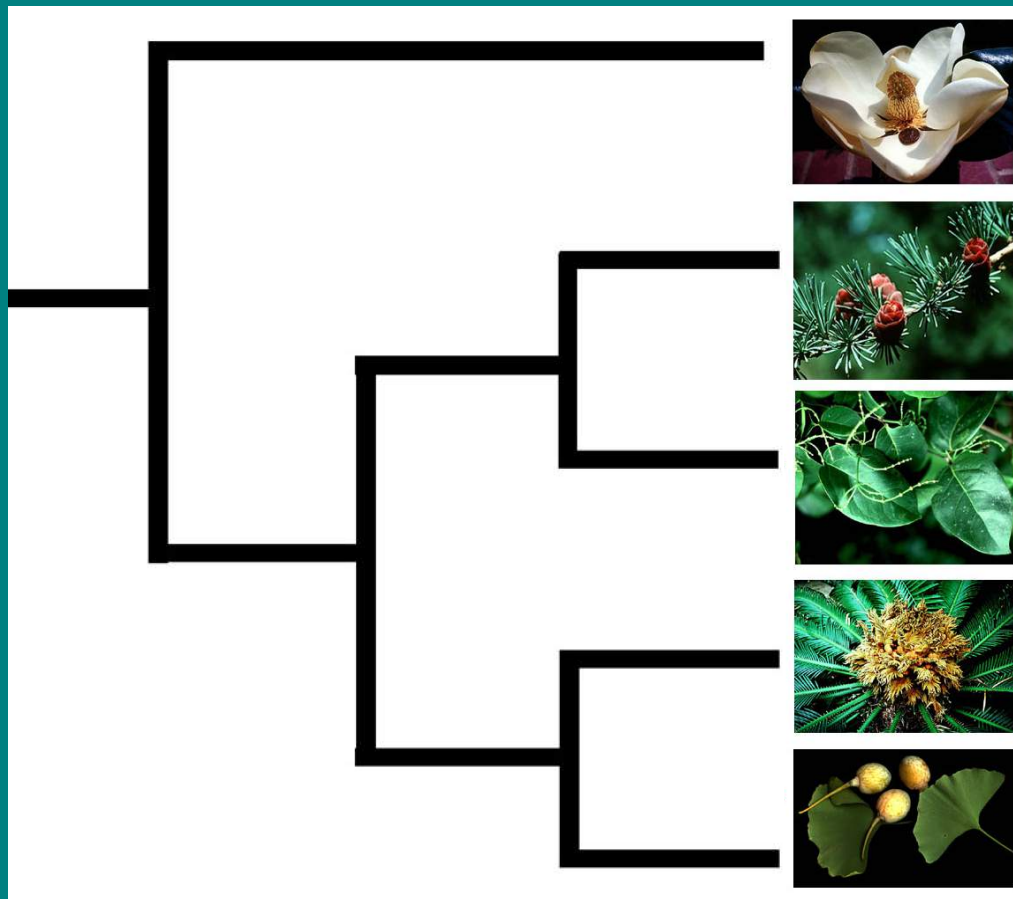
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4. Not all monophyletic groups are named - limited categories available in ranked (Linnean) systems



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5. Ranks are arbitrary - but follow Linnean categories: kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, species



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Gnetophyta

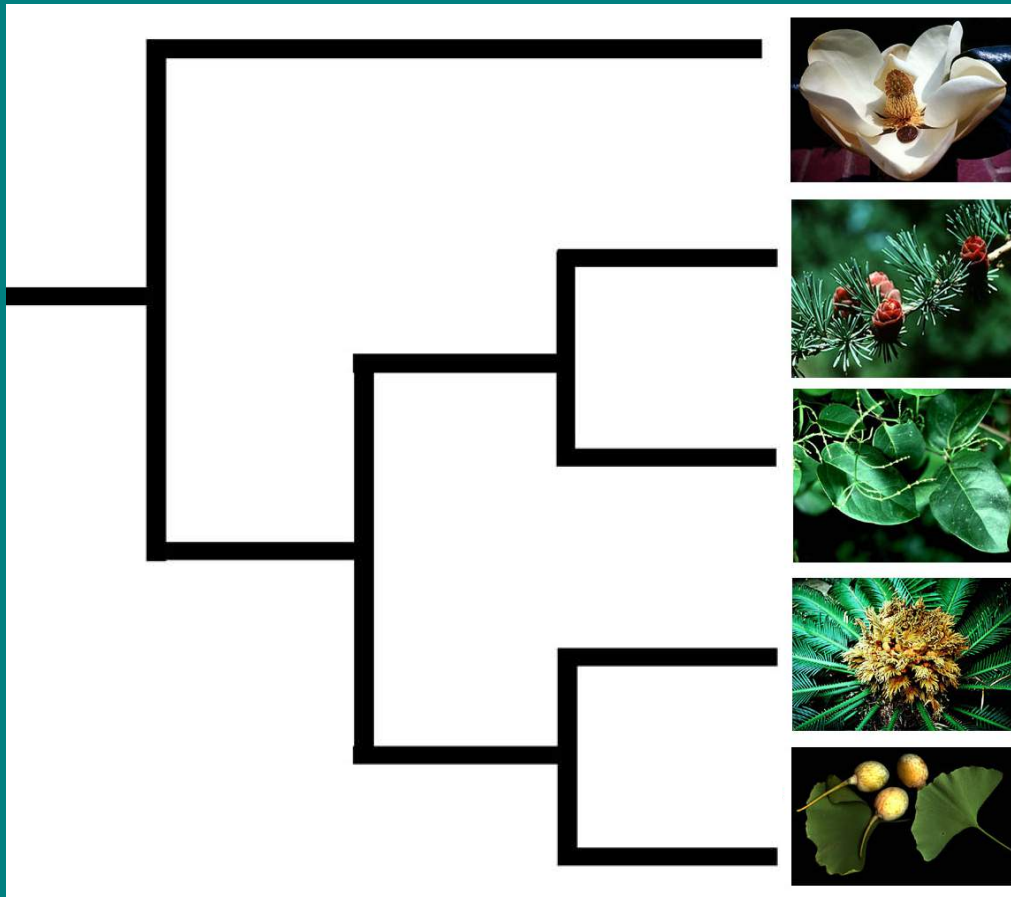
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Pinopsida

Gnetopsida

Cycadopsida

Ginkgopsida

or . . .

Gymnosperms
= 4 classes in 1
phylum

Pinophyta

Issues in Grouping

6. International Code of
Phylogenetic Nomenclature or
PhyloCode (established 2004)

<http://www.ohiou.edu/phylocode/>

vs.

International Code of
Nomenclature or “ranked” /
“Linnean” system

- taxon based on phylogeny (a “clade”) - rankless
- content of taxon specified by the phylogeny or tree
- any clade can be named
- what clade a species is in will not change!

- ranked taxon defined based on types
- content of defined taxon not specified except for type
- limited number of groups or ranks can be named
- what taxa a species is in can change!

Issues in Grouping

- in practice and informally, recent phylogenetic classifications have been using a hybrid of **ranked** and **rankless** groupings
- APGIII uses **ranks for families and orders**; informal rankless names for larger groups

