Introduction: Biology Today

Chapter 1



(a) Order



(b) Regulation



(c) Growth and development



(d) Energy processing



(e) Response to the environment

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(f) Reproduction



(g) Evolution

Parameters for classifying life forms

- Morphology of the organism
- Cell type and its composition
 - Prokaryotic or eukaryotic (Plant, animal)
- Type of metabolism exhibited
 - Autotrophic or heterotrophic
- Motility in the predominant phase
- Molecular signature

Classification: The current picture

- Organisms must have names that all scientists can identify.
- Naming organisms involves two different activities:
 - Taxonomy
 - The naming of organisms
 - Phylogeny
 - Demonstrating how organisms are related evolutionarily

The Linnaean Hierarchy

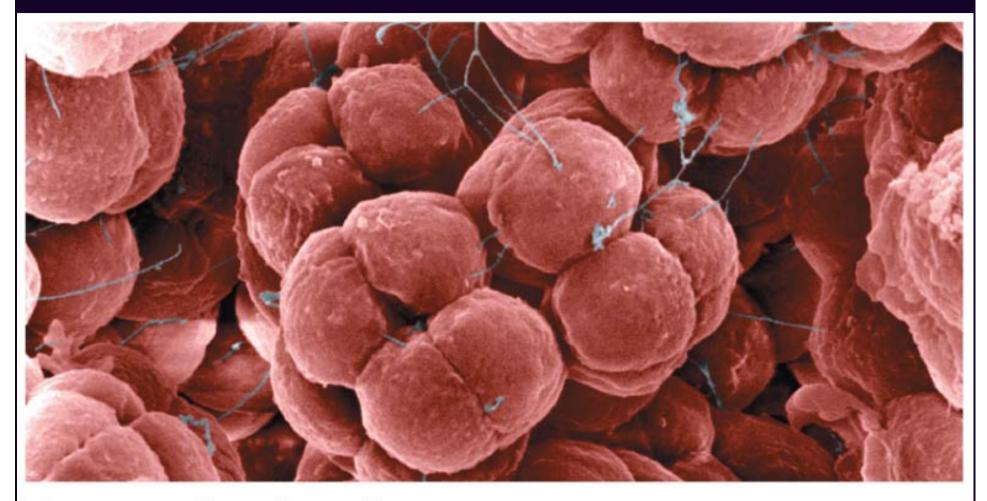
- Taxa are based on shared characteristics
 - -Domain (most shared)
 - -Kingdom
 - -Phylum
 - -Class
 - -Order
 - -Family
 - -Genus
 - -Species (least shared)

The Three Domains of Life

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Domain Bacteria



Domain Archaea

Domain Eucarya

- Eukaryotic; have membrane-bound organelles
- Compartmentalization
 - Allows for increased sub-cellular specialization
- Sexual reproduction
 - Allows for greater genetic diversity
- Multicellularity
 - Allows for differentiation of cells into tissues

DOMAIN EUKARYA



Kingdom Plantae



Kingdom Fungi



Kingdom Animalia



Protists (multiple kingdoms)

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(a) Yellow sponge (Cleona celata)



(b) Firefly (Photinus granulatus)



(c) Zebra mussel (Dreissena polymorpha)



(d) Rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss)

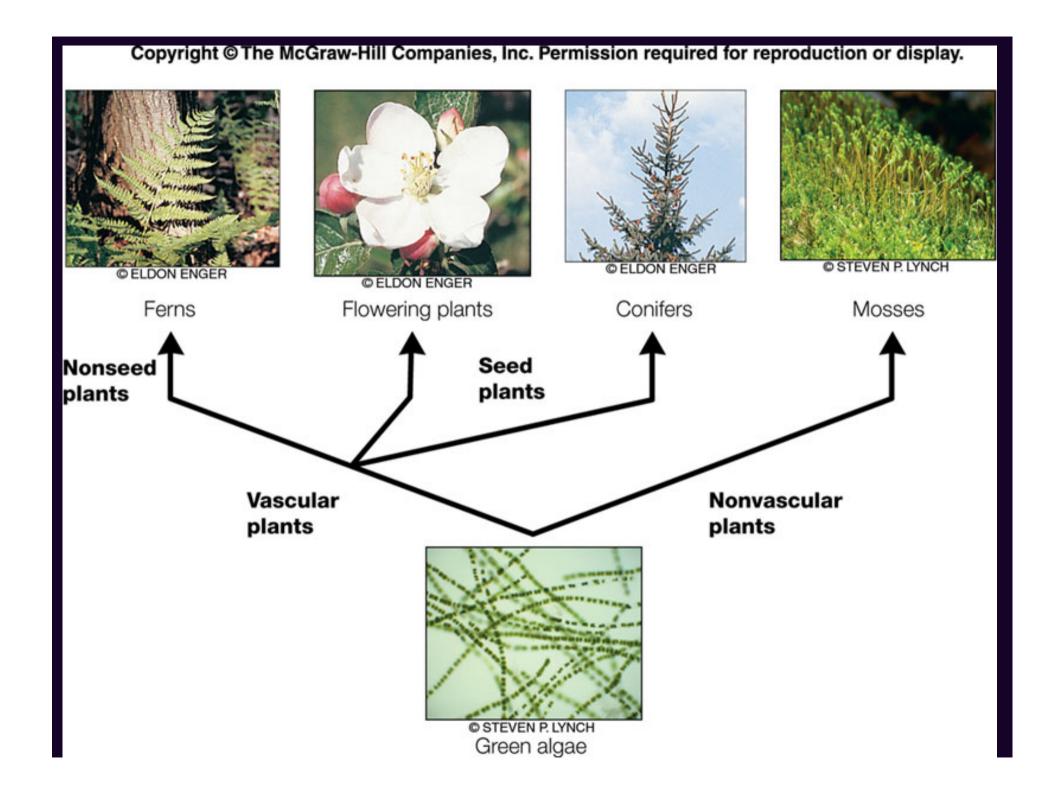


(e) The lesser flamingo (Phoeniconaias minor)

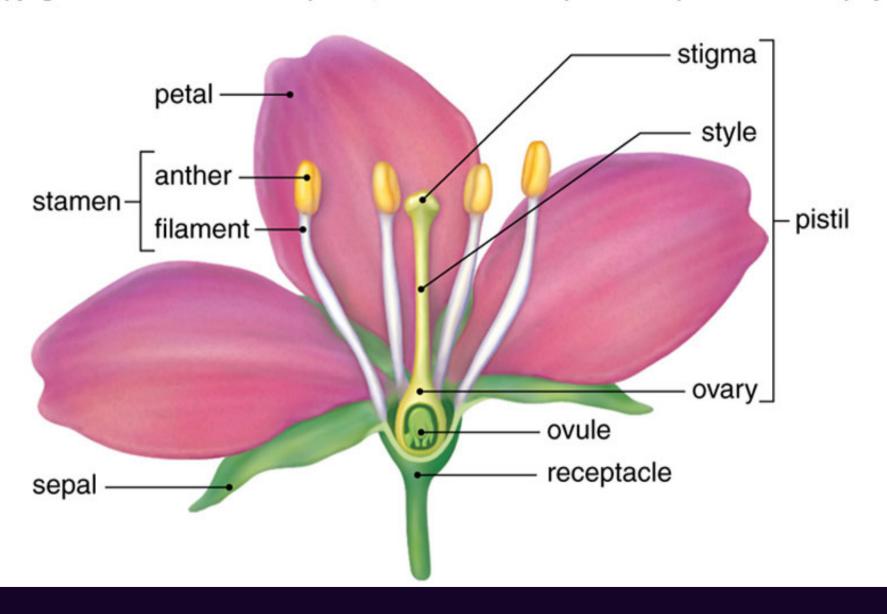


(f) Red squirrel (Tamiasciurus hudsonicus)

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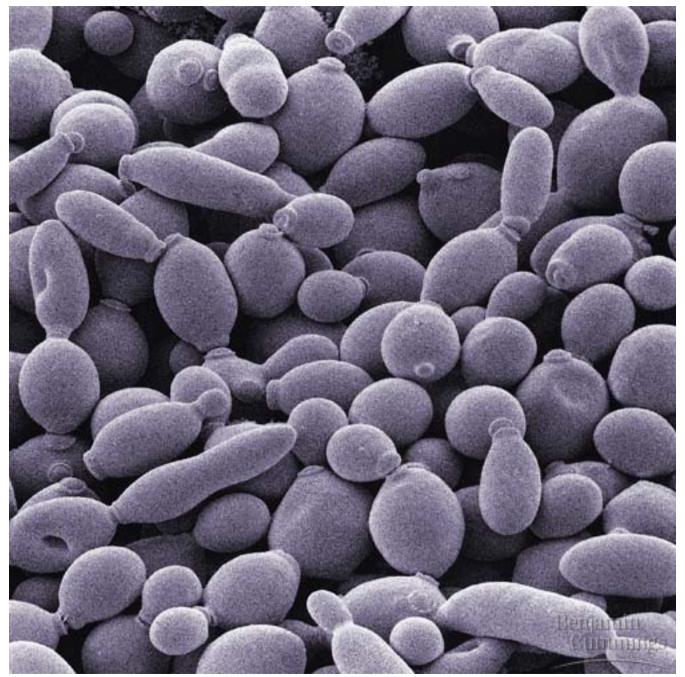


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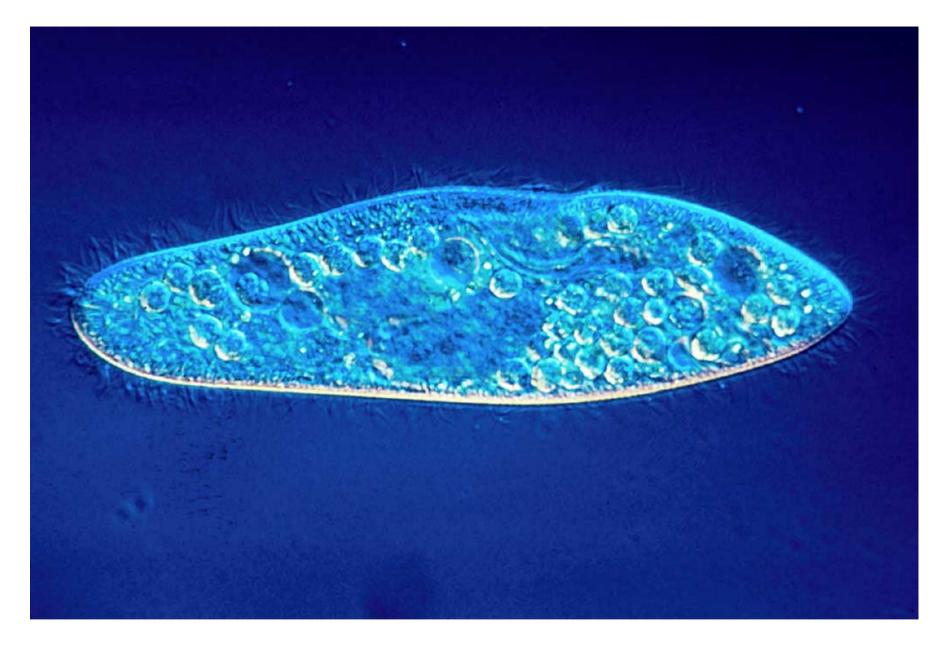


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Kingdom Protista

- Catchall for eukaryotes that are not plant, fungus or animal
- Diverse 60,000 species
- Most live in aquatic habitats
- Most unicellular; some are colonial or simple multicellular
- Some photosynthesize while others eat bacteria or other protists
- Asexual or sexual reproduction



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Top 8 Deadly Diseases

Disease	Main Agents	Estimated New Cases per Year	Estim. Deaths per Year
Acute respiratory infection*	Bacteria, viruses	1 billion	4.7 million
Diarrhea**	Bacteria, viruses, protozoans	1.8 billion	3.1 million
Tuberculosis	Bacteria	9 million	3.1 million
Malaria	Sporozoans	110 million	2.7 million
AIDS	Virus (HIV)	5.6 million	2.6 million
Measles	Viruses	200 million	1 million
Hepatitis B	Virus	200 million	1 million
Tetanus	Bacteria	1 million	0.5 million



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Evolution Structure/ Function Flow Flow Transformations within Systems

