**Common names and species**

The commonly used names for plant and animal taxa sometimes correspond to species: for example, "[lion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lion)", "[walrus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walrus)", and "[Camphor tree](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camphor_tree)" – each refers to a species. In other cases common names do not: for example, "[deer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deer)" refers to a [family](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_(biology)) of 34 species, including [Eld's Deer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eld%27s_Deer" \o "Eld's Deer), [Red Deer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Deer) and [Elk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elk) (Wapiti). The last two species were once considered a single species, illustrating how species boundaries may change with increased scientific knowledge.

