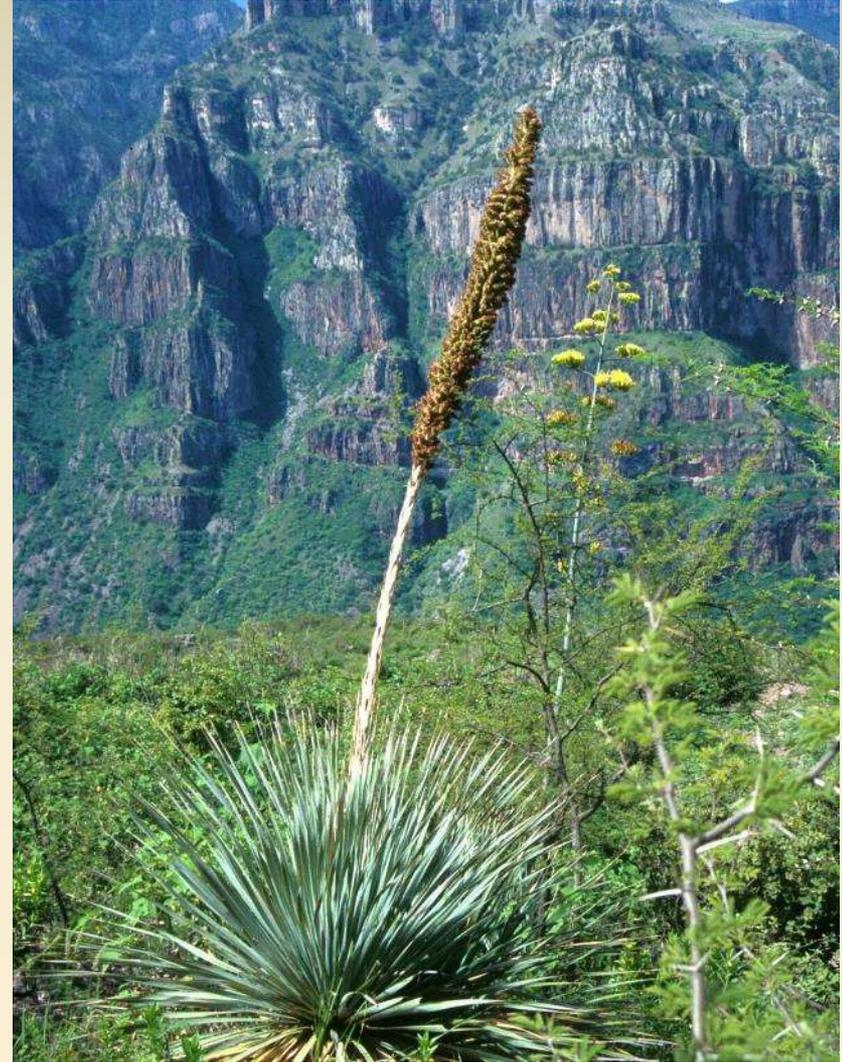


- **Taxonomy** – the orderly classification of organisms and other objects
- **Systematics** – scientific study of the diversity of organisms
 - Classification – arrangement into groups
 - Nomenclature – scientific names
 - Phylogenetics – evolutionary history
 - **Cladistics** – study of relationships of groups of organisms depicted by evolutionary trees, and the methods used to make those trees (parsimony, maximum likelihood, bayesian)

“El Sotol” - *Dasyilirion*



Dasyilirion wheeleri



Dasyilirion gentryi



Agave havardii, Chisos Mountains

Agavaceae Distribution



Aristotle's *Scala Naturae*

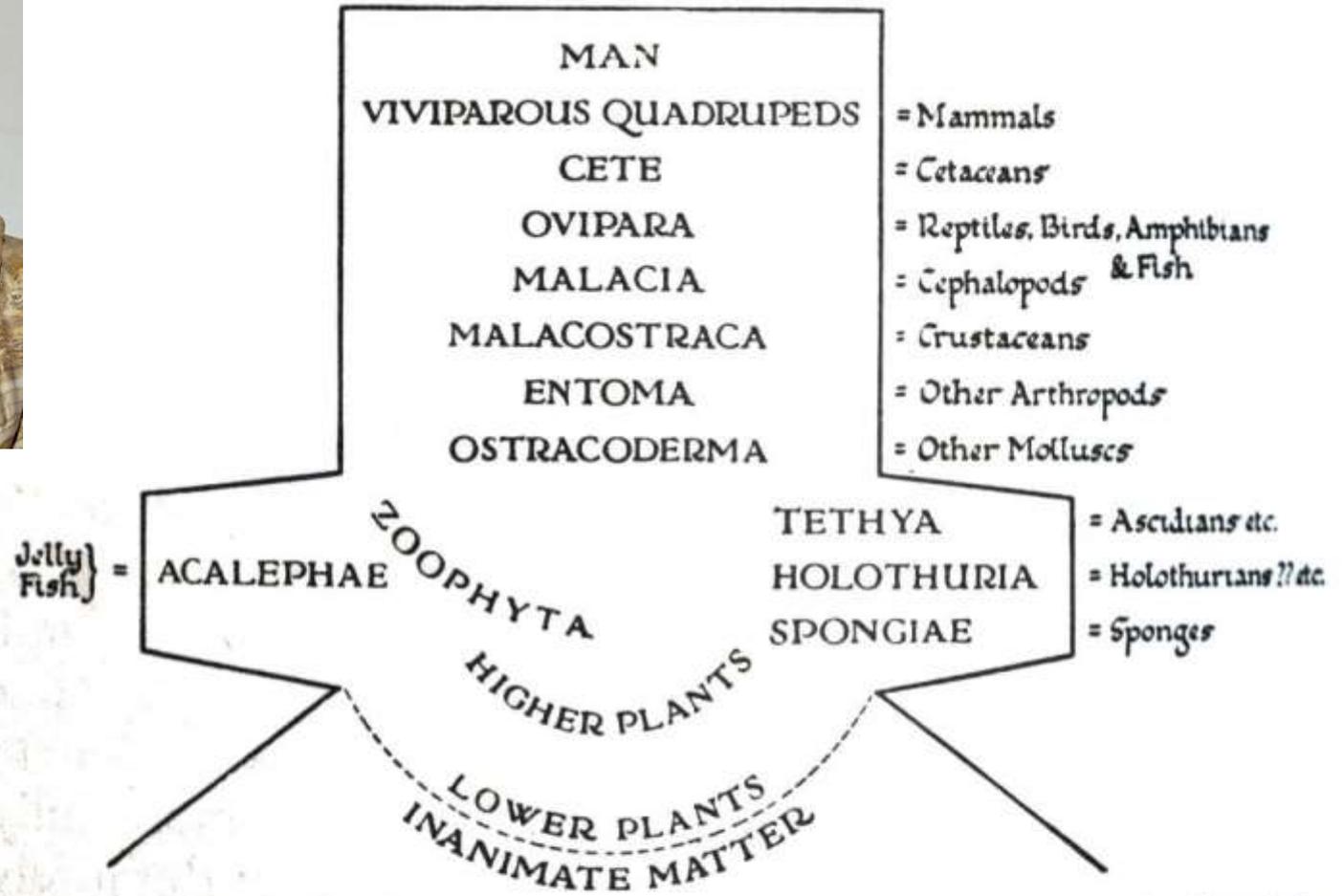


FIG. 18. The *Scala Naturae* or 'Ladder of Life' according to the description of Aristotle.



Great Chain of Being

1579, Didacus Valades,
Rhetorica Christiana

hierarchical structure of all
matter and life, believed to
have been decreed by God

Middle Ages

Ruins of Rome

Age of Herbalists

Greek Authorities

Aristotle

Theophrastus

Dioscorides

Latin was the common language
of scholars

Plants and animals given
Latinized names

Stairway to Heaven



From Llull (1304). Note that Homo is between the plant-animal steps and the sky-angel- god steps.

Systematics - Three Kinds of Classification Systems

- **Artificial** - based on similarities that might put unrelated plants in the same category. - Linnaeus.
- **Natural** - categories reflect relationships as they really are in nature. - de Jussieu.
- **Phylogenetic** - categories based on evolutionary relationships. Current emphasis on monophyletic groups. - Angiosperm Phylogeny Group.



Carolus Linnaeus

1707 - 1778

Tried to name and classify all organism

Binomial nomenclature

Genus species

Species Plantarum - 1753

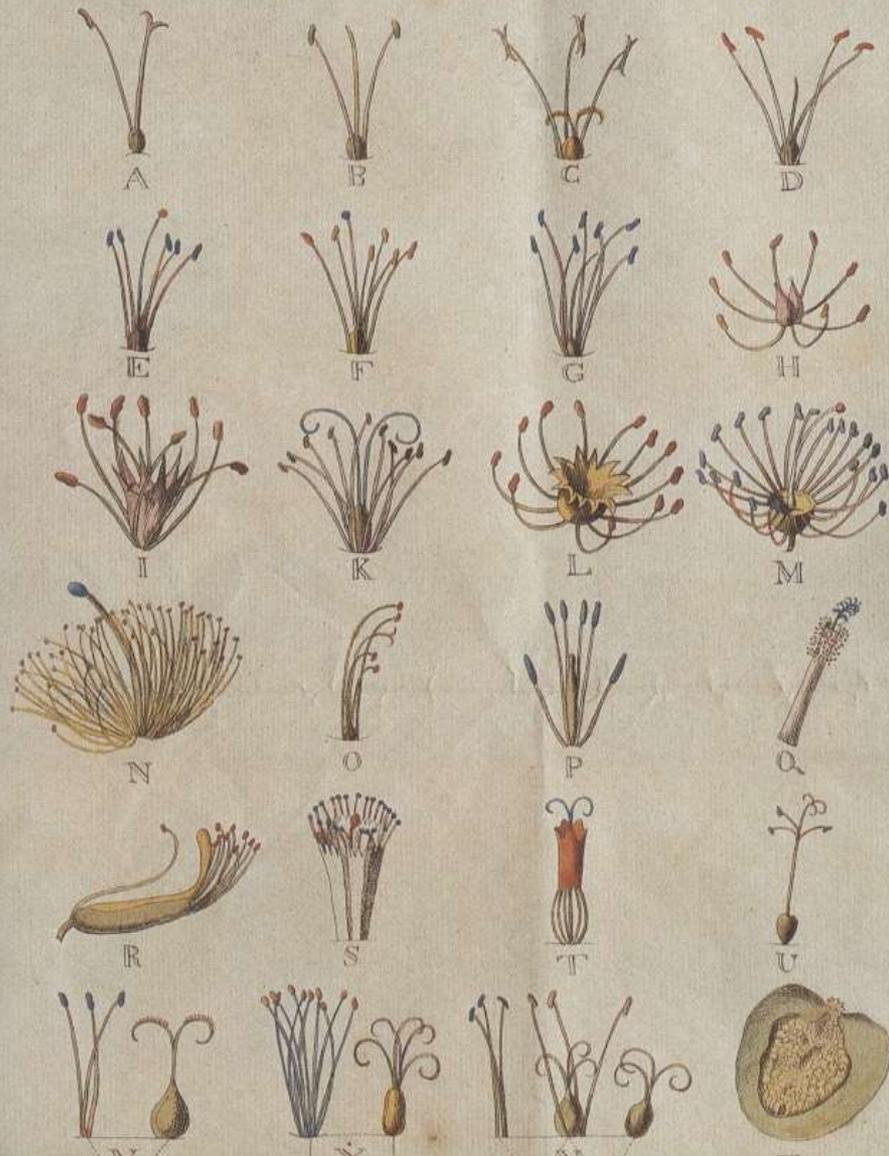
System of Classification

“Sexual System”

Classes - number of stamens

Orders - number of pistils

Clariss: LINNÆI. M. D.
 METHODUS plantarum SEXUALIS
 in SISTEMATE NATURÆ
 descripta



A View of the Twenty-four Classes of the SEXUAL SYSTEM of LINNÆUS, with their Names and Characters; also the Number and Explanation of Orders contained in each.

Number of the Classes.	Their Names and Characters.	Number of Orders in each.	Their Names, expressive of the Number of Female Parts or Styles.	Number.
1.	MONANDRIA. One fertile flamen, i. e. having the <i>Anthera</i> .	2	{ 1. Monogynia, - - - 1 2. Digynia, - - - 2	
2.	DIANDRIA. Two fruitful <i>Stamina</i> or male parts.	3	{ 1. Monogynia, - - - 1 2. Digynia, - - - 2 3. Trigynia, - - - 3	
3.	TRIANDRIA. Three ditto.	3	{ 1. Monogynia, - - - 1 2. Digynia, - - - 2 3. Trigynia, - - - 3	
4.	TETRANDRIA. Four ditto, all of equal length, by which it is distinguished from the fourteenth class.	3	{ 1. Monogynia, - - - 1 2. Digynia, - - - 2 3. Tetragynia, - - - 4	
5.	PENTANDRIA. Five ditto.	3	{ 1. Monogynia, - - - 1 2. Digynia, - - - 2 3. Trigynia, - - - 3 4. Tetragynia, - - - 4 5. Pentagynia, - - - 5 6. Polygynia, - - - many	
6.	HEXANDRIA. Six ditto, all of equal length, by which this is distinguished from the sixteenth class.	5	{ 1. Monogynia, - - - 1 2. Digynia, - - - 2 3. Trigynia, - - - 3 4. Tetragynia, - - - 4 5. Polygynia, - - - many	
7.	HEPTANDRIA. Seven ditto.	4	{ 1. Monogynia, - - - 1 2. Digynia, - - - 2 3. Tetragynia, - - - 4 4. Heptagynia, - - - 7	
8.	OCTANDRIA. Eight ditto.	4	{ 1. Monogynia, - - - 1 2. Digynia, - - - 2 3. Trigynia, - - - 3 4. Tetragynia, - - - 4	
9.	ENNEANDRIA. Nine ditto.	3	{ 1. Monogynia, - - - 1 2. Trigynia, - - - 3 3. Hexagynia, - - - 6	



6. Aloë foliis ovato-lanceolatis carnofis apice triquetris: angulis inerme dentatis. *Hort. cliff.* 131. *Hort. upf.* 86. *Roy. lugdb.* 24.
 Aloë africana minima atroviridis, spinis herbaceis numerosis ornata. *Boerb. lugdb.* 2. p. 131. t. 131.
Habitat in Æthiopiæ campestribus. &
 Flores in hoc genere specierum certissimi indices conjungunt *Margaritifera* & *Arachnoideam.*

9. ALOE floribus sessilibus reflexis imbricatis prismaticis. *Uvaria:*
 Aloë foliis linearibus radicalibus membranaceis. *Hort. cliff.* 133. *Roy. lugdb.* 23.
 Aloë africana folio triangulari longissimo & angustissimo, floribus luteis foetidis. *Comm. hort.* 2, p. 29. t. 15. *Seb. thes.* 1. p. 29. t. 19. f. 3.
Habitat ad Cap. b. Spei. &

AGAVE.

1. AGAVE foliis dentato-spinosis, scapo ratioso. *Gen. americana*
nov. 1102.
 Agave foliis spinoso-dentatis mucronatisque. *Hort. upf.* 81.
 Aloë foliis lanceolatis dentatis spina terminatis radicalibus. *Hort. cliff.* 130. *Roy. lugdb.* 22.
 Aloë folio in oblongum mucronem abeunte. *Bauh. pin.* 286.
Habitat in America calidiore. &
2. AGAVE foliis dentatis, staminibus corollam æquantibus. *divispara:*
 Aloë americana polygonâ. *Comm. rar.* 65. t. 65.
Habitat in America.
Confer. Aloe americana sobolifera. Herm. lugdb. 16. t. 17.
3. AGAVE foliis dentato-spinosis, scapo simplicissimo. *virginica:*
Gen. nov. 1102:
 Aloe foliis lanceolatis spina cartilaginea terminatis, floribus alternis sessilibus. *Grøn. virg.* 152.
Habitat in Virginia. &
4. AGAVE foliis integerrimis. *Gen. nov.* 1102. *fetida:*
 Aloe foliis integerrimis patentiusculis aculeo-terminatis, radice caulescente. *Hort. cliff.* 132.
 Aloe americana, viridi rigidissimo, & foetido folio, Piet dicta indigenis. *Comm. hort.* 2. p. 35. t. 18.

Linnaean Hierarchy

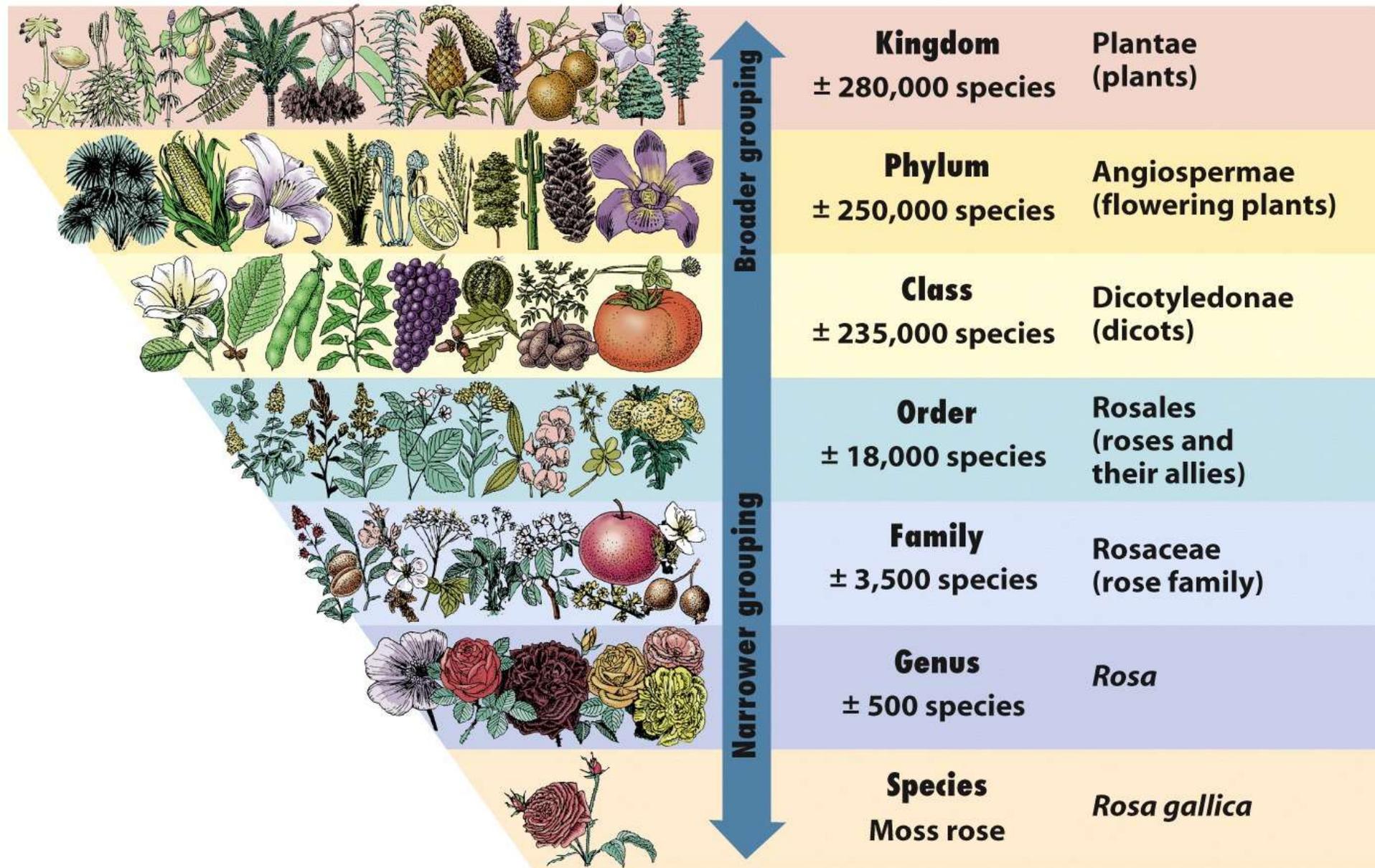
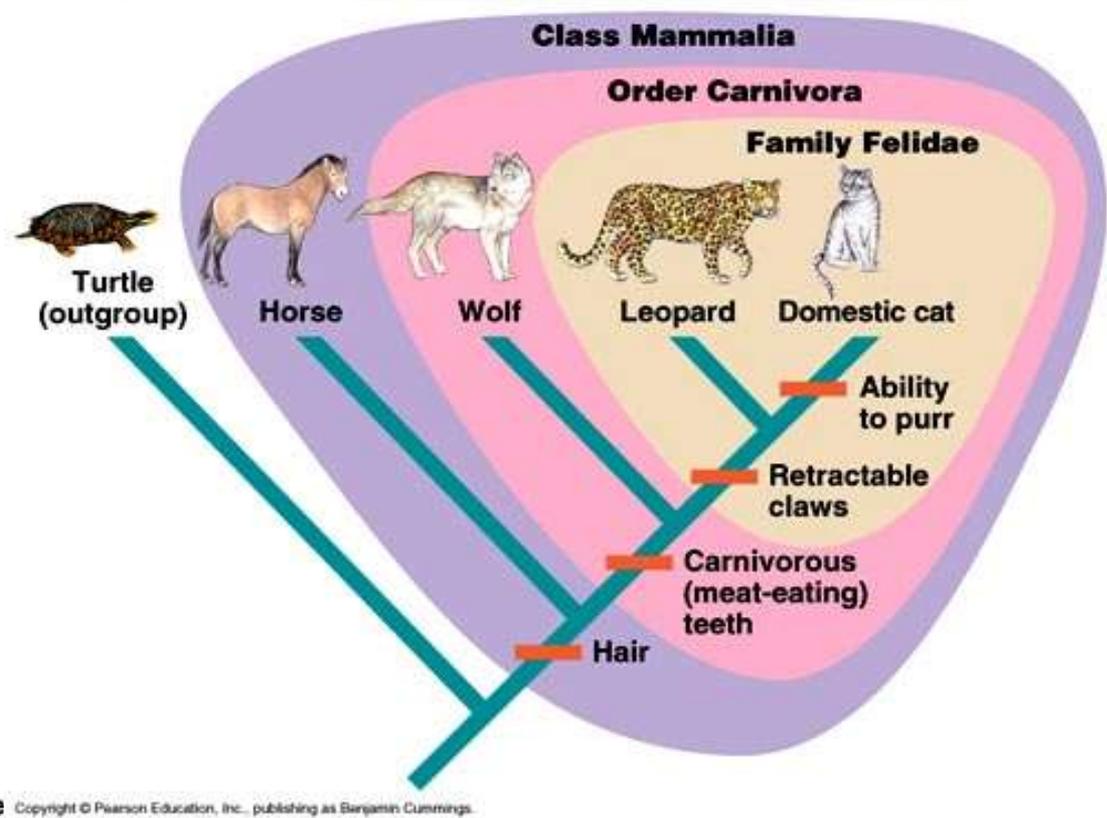
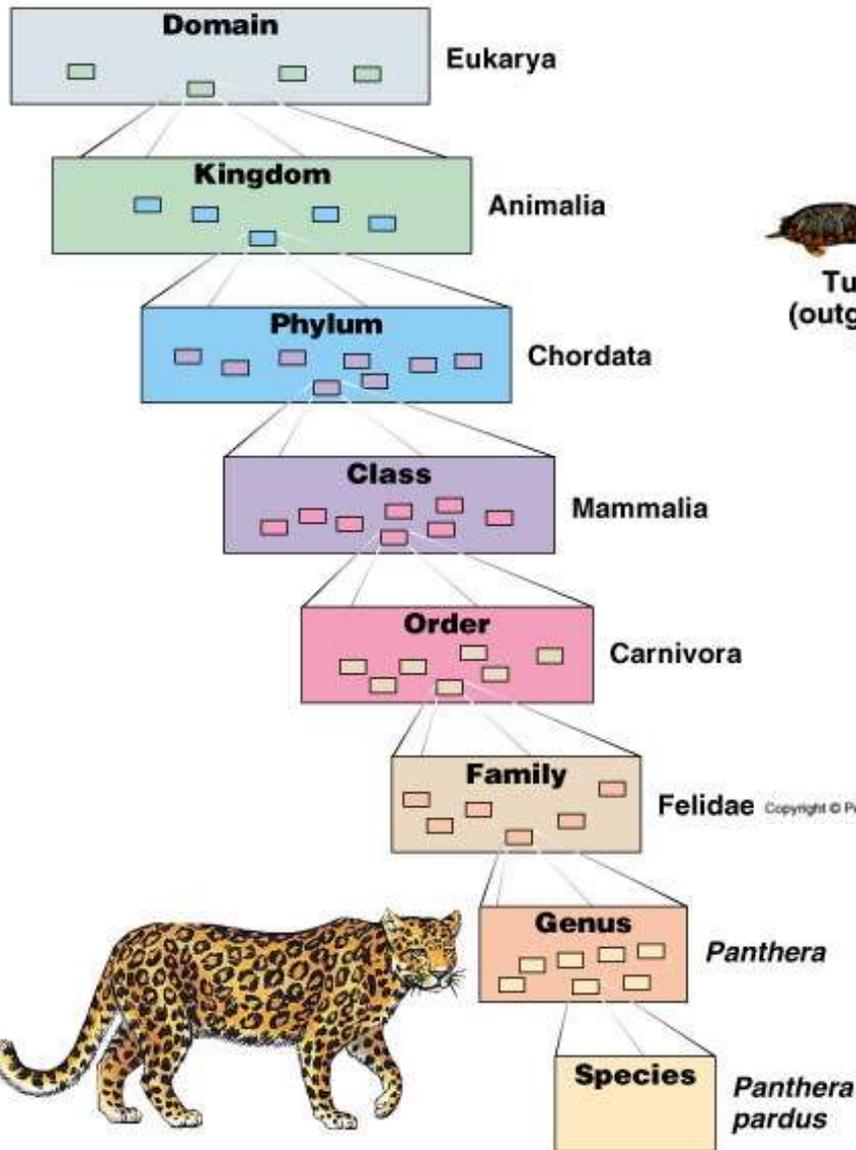


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Nested box-within-box hierarchy is consistent with descent from a common ancestor, used as evidence by Darwin



Nomenclature – system of naming species and higher taxa.

International Codes of Nomenclature - separate codes for plants, animals, fungi, bacteria

Binomial nomenclature – scientific name, usually Latinized

Each species has only **one scientific name**, eliminate confusion.

Priority - the correct name will be the **one that was published the earliest**, providing it is acceptable in terms of the rest of the code.

Causes discontent when it turns out that the name with priority is not the one in common usage, often because it was published in some obscure place.

Invalid names = synonyms.

Starts with Linnaeus publications:

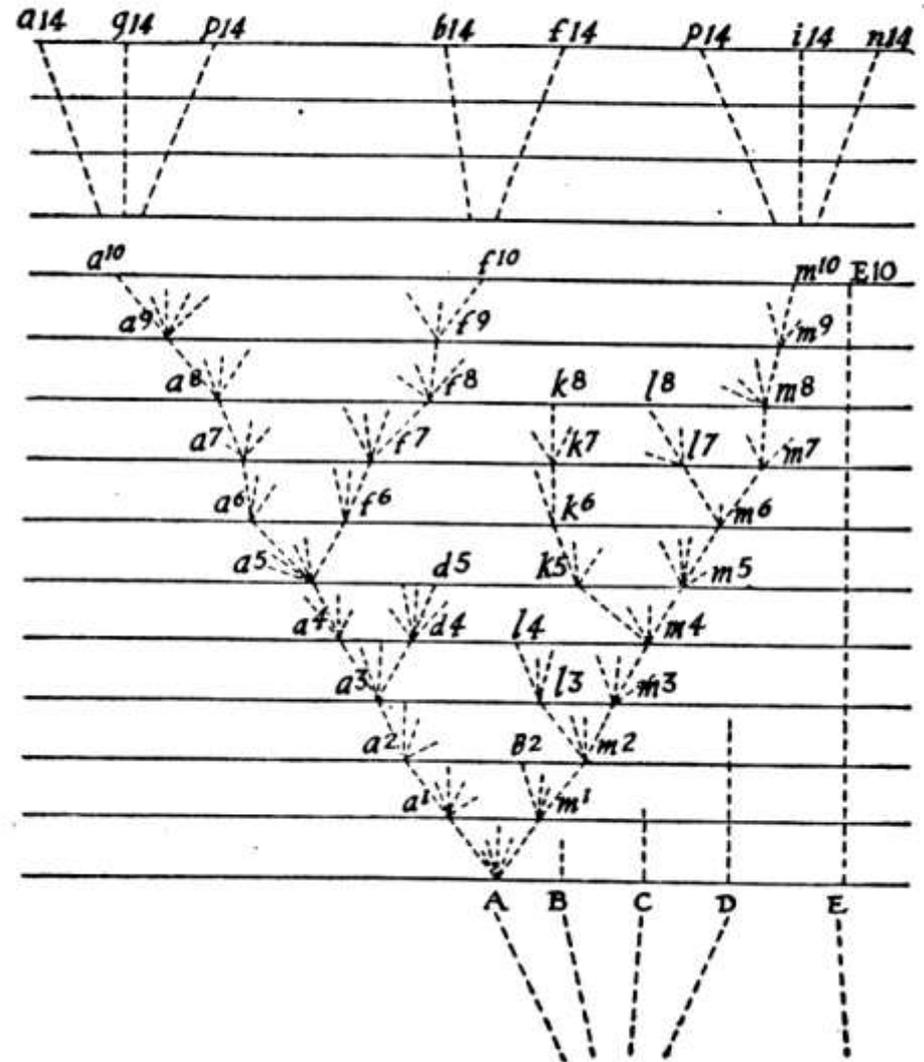
Plants - Species Plantarum (1753)

Animals - Systema Naturae (1758)

Type Concept - material on which an original description is based, fixes the meaning of a specific name. Type Specimen



THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES



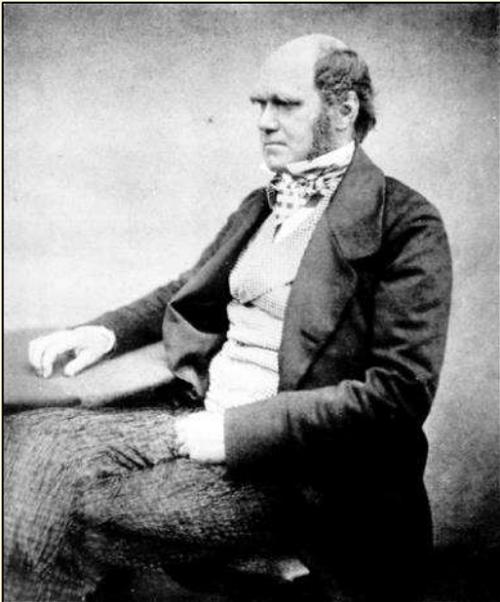
Charles Darwin 1859

•Origin of Species by Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life

•Descent from Common Ancestor

What is a Species?

“Certainly no clear line of demarcation has yet been drawn between species and sub-species – that is, the forms which...*come very near to, but do not quite arrive at, the rank of species.* ...A well-marked variety may therefore be called an *incipient species.* ...From these remarks it will be seen that I look at the term species as one arbitrarily given.”



Darwin, *The Origin of Species*

Species

- The species is the basic biological unit around which classifications are based.
- However, what constitutes a species can be difficult to define and there are multiple definitions of species in use today.

Species Concepts

Table 15.1 The biological species concept and some recently proposed alternatives

(Futuyma 1997)

BIOLOGICAL SPECIES CONCEPT A species is a group of individuals fully fertile inter se, but barred from interbreeding with other similar groups by its physiological properties (producing either incompatibility of parents, or sterility of the hybrids, or both). (Dobzhansky 1935)

Species are groups of actually or potentially interbreeding natural populations that are reproductively isolated from other such groups. (Mayr 1942)

EVOLUTIONARY SPECIES CONCEPT A species is a single lineage (an ancestral-descendant sequence) of populations or organisms that maintains its identity from other such lineages and which has its own evolutionary tendencies and historical fate. (Wiley 1978)

PHYLOGENETIC SPECIES CONCEPTS A phylogenetic species is an irreducible (basal) cluster of organisms that is diagnosably distinct from other such clusters, and within which there is a parental pattern of ancestry and descent. (Cracraft 1989)

A species is the smallest monophyletic group of common ancestry. (de Queiroz and Donoghue 1990)

RECOGNITION SPECIES CONCEPT A species is the most inclusive population of individual biparental organisms that share a common fertilization system. (Paterson 1985)

COHESION SPECIES CONCEPT A species is the most inclusive population of individuals having the potential for phenotypic cohesion through intrinsic cohesion mechanisms. (Templeton 1989)

ECOLOGICAL SPECIES CONCEPT A species is a lineage (or a closely related set of lineages) that occupies an adaptive zone minimally different from that of any other lineage in its range and which evolves separately from all lineages outside its range. (Van Valen 1976)

INTERNODAL SPECIES CONCEPT Individual organisms are conspecific by virtue of their common membership in a part of the genealogical network between two permanent splitting events or between a permanent split and an extinction event. (Kornet 1993)

Source: Coyne (1994).

Species Concepts

- There are many difficulties associated with the definition of “species.”
- Definitions that work well for some groups of organisms do not necessarily work for other organisms (**extant** versus **fossil** species).
- Some species concepts take evolution into account and attempt to address problems that are associated with a species being an **evolving** rather than an **immutable** biological entity.

Morphological Species Concept (MSC)

- A species is a group of organisms that resemble one another and are distinct from other such sets.
- More or less the same as Phenetic Species Concept. What makes two organisms members of the same species is some measure of their similarity across morphological, genetic or behavioral dimensions.

Biological Species Concept (BSC)

“Species are groups of actually or potentially **interbreeding** populations that are reproductively isolated from other such groups.”

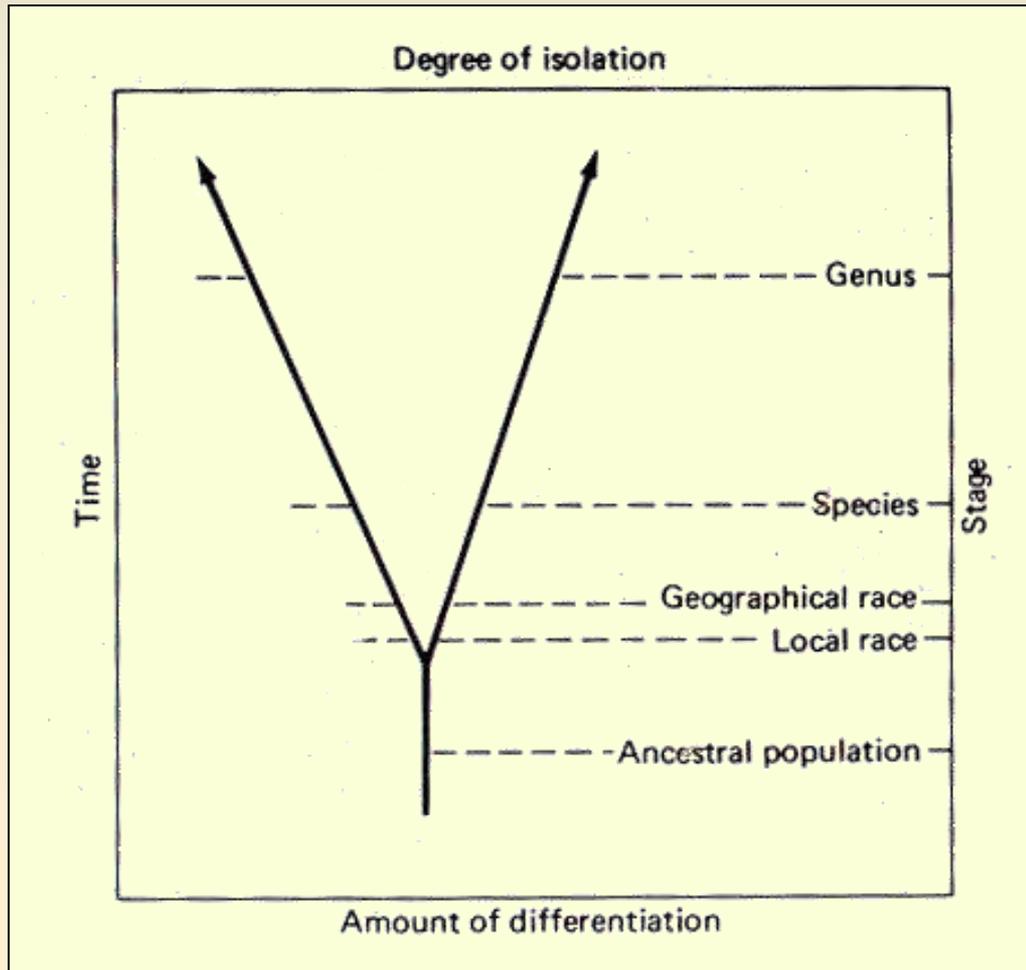
E. Mayr (1942)

Main criterion is reproductive isolation.



Biological Species Concept (BSC)

Ernst Mayr - Investigated the question of how species originate, and the importance of geographical isolation



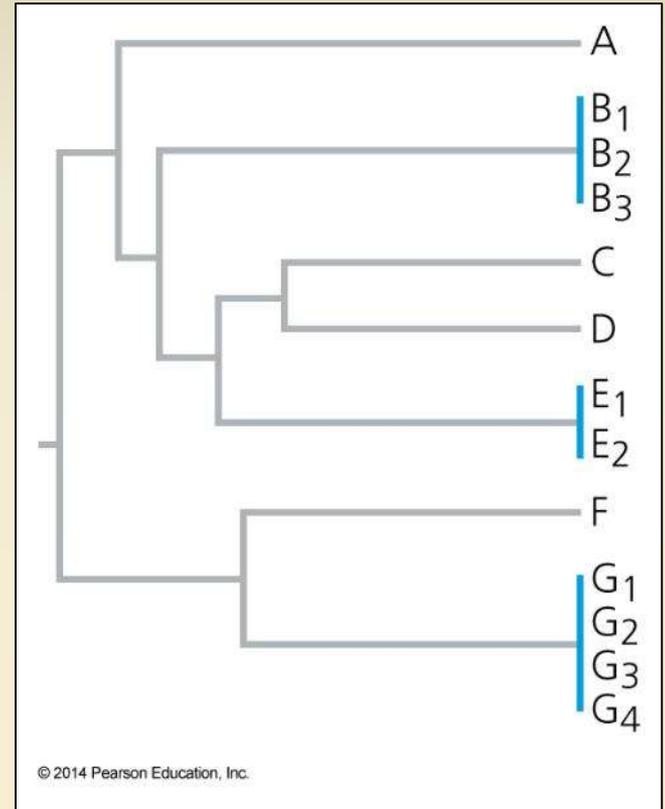
Ernst Mayr

Biological Species Concept (BSC)

- A biological concept of a species is a population or group of populations that are able to *interbreed*, under *natural conditions* to produce *fertile offspring*.
- According to the BSC, speciation occurs when populations evolve **reproductive isolating mechanisms**.

Phylogenetic Species Concept (PSC)

- The phylogenetic species concept emphasizes common descent and covers both sexually and asexually reproducing organisms.
- Under the PSC any population that has become separated and has undergone character evolution will be recognized as a species.



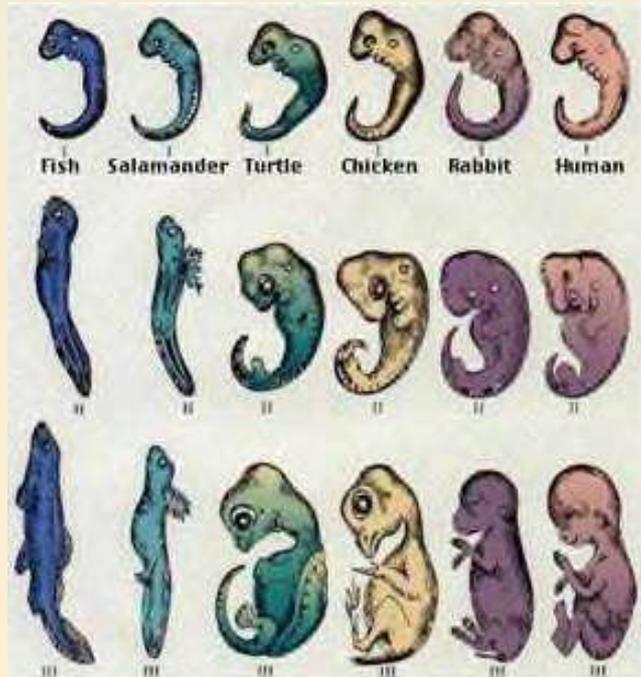
Ernst Haeckel - 1860s

Coined the terms

Phylum, Phylogeny, Ecology

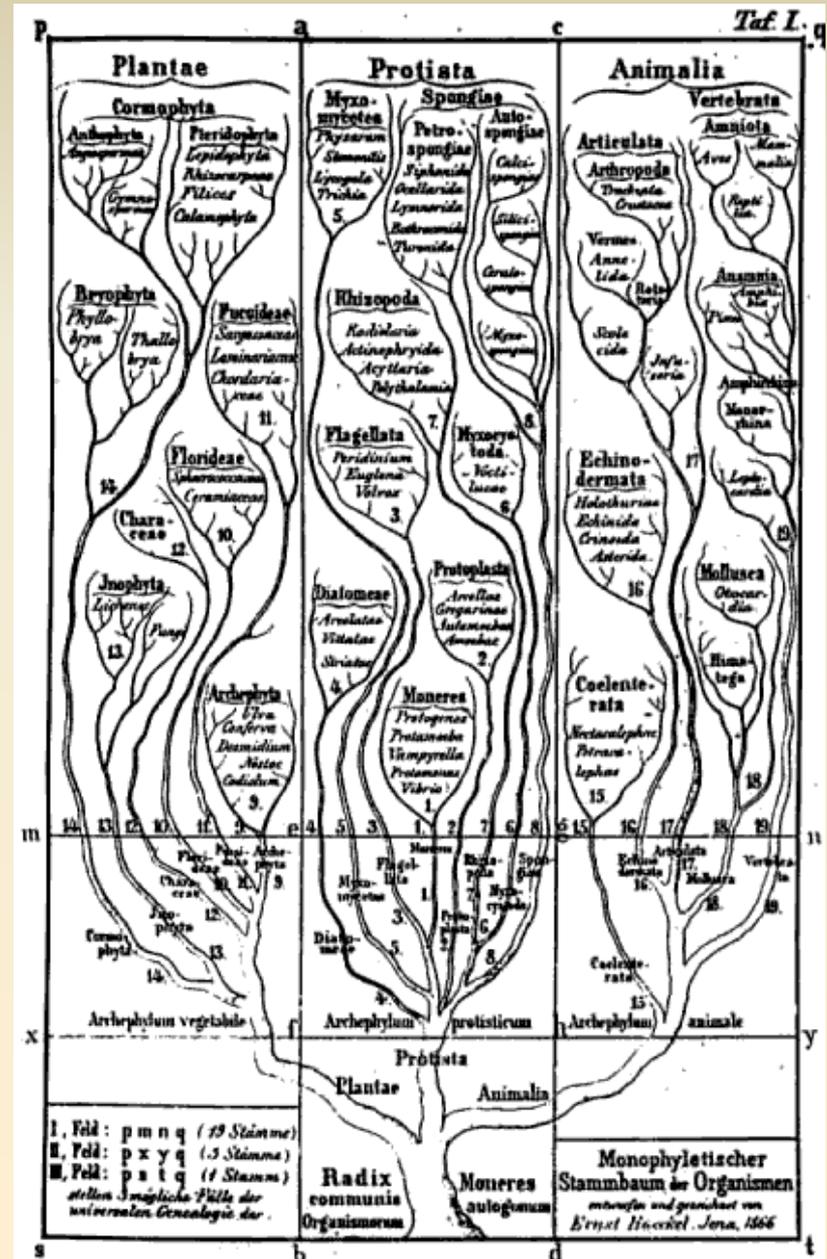
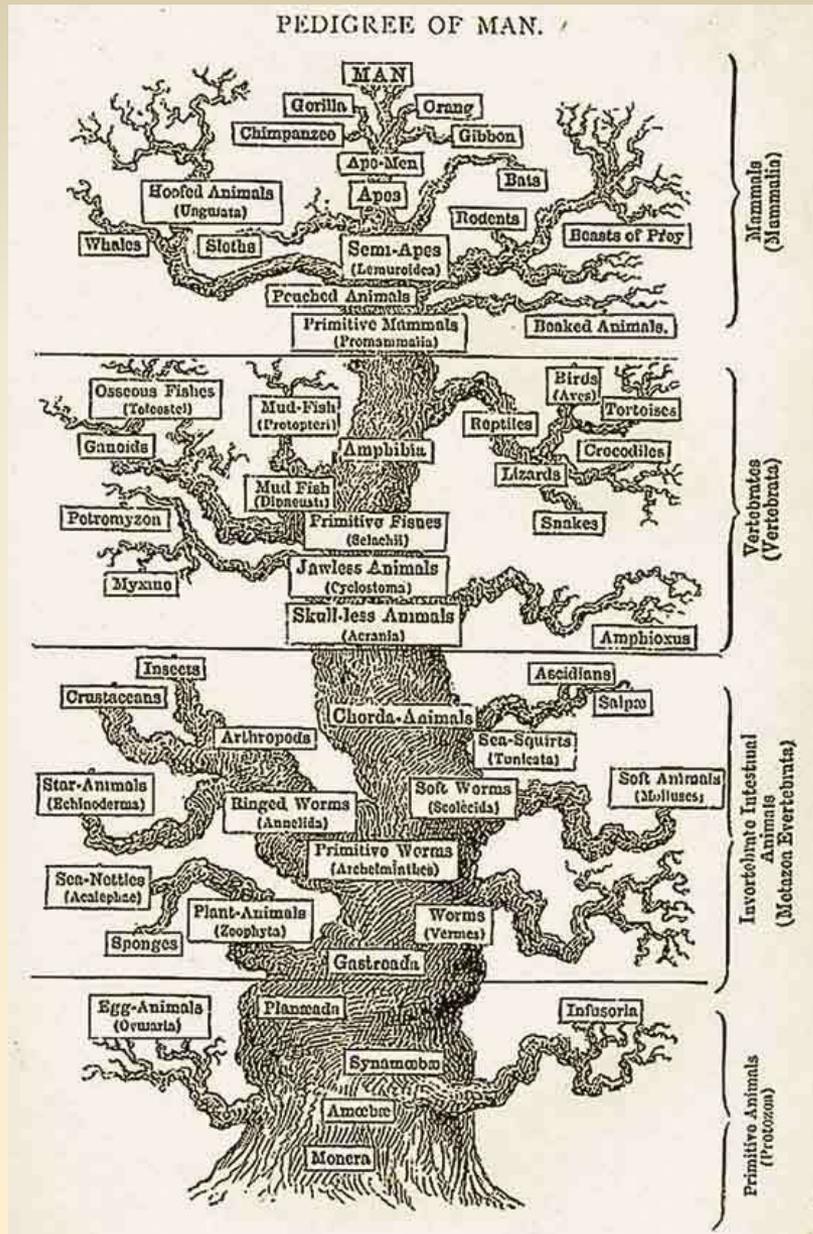
Drew complete Tree of Life

Proposed Biogenetic Law -
“ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny”



Ernst Haeckel 1860s

Three Kingdom System



“Agavaceae” sensu stricto - The Agave Family
APG3 Asparagaceae – Agavoideae



Yucca faxoniana
Big Bend N.P., Texas

Yucca
Hesperaloe
Beschorneria
Furcraea
Agave
Manfreda
Polianthes
Prochnyanthes



Agave salmiana
Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Furcraea

F. longaeva



Beschorneria

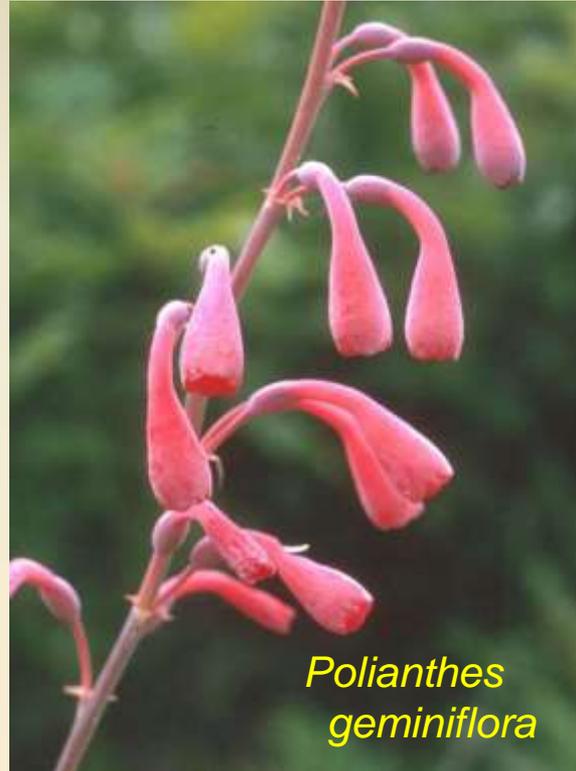
B. yuccoides



Manfreda



Polianthes



Prochnyanthes





Blue Agave Tequila Plantation, Jalisco, Mexico

El Cuervo Tequila Distillery

Tequila, Jalisco



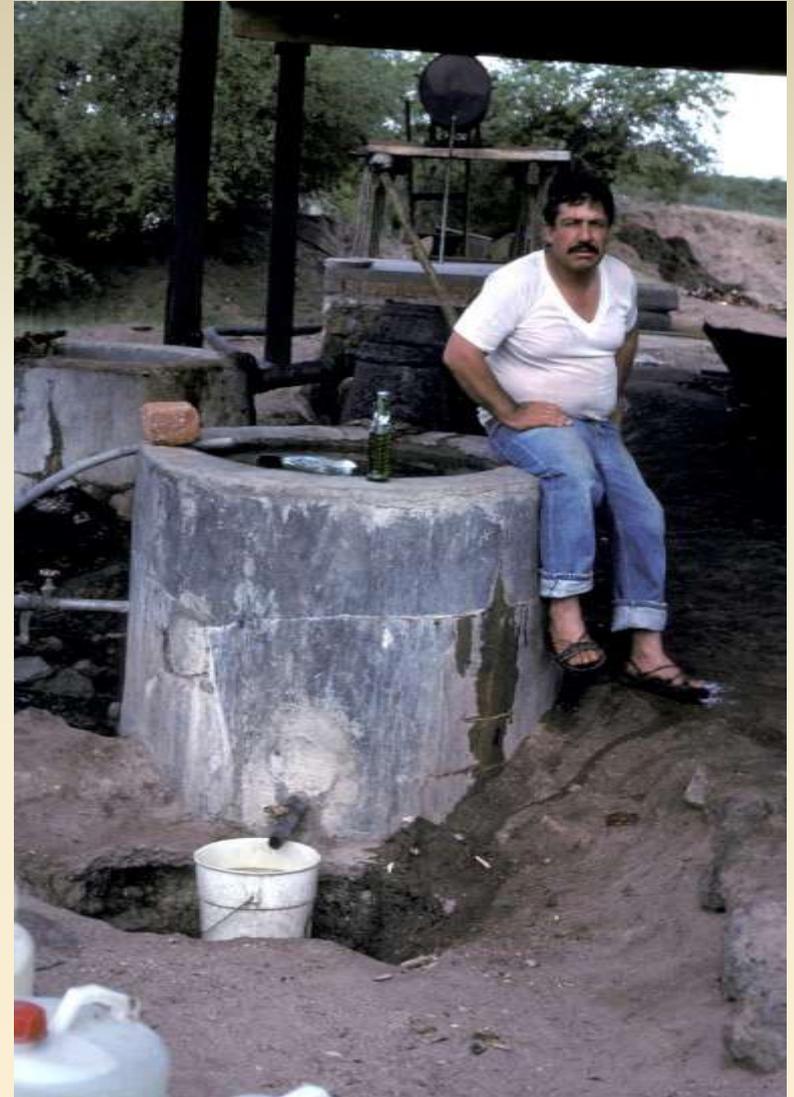
“Mescal”

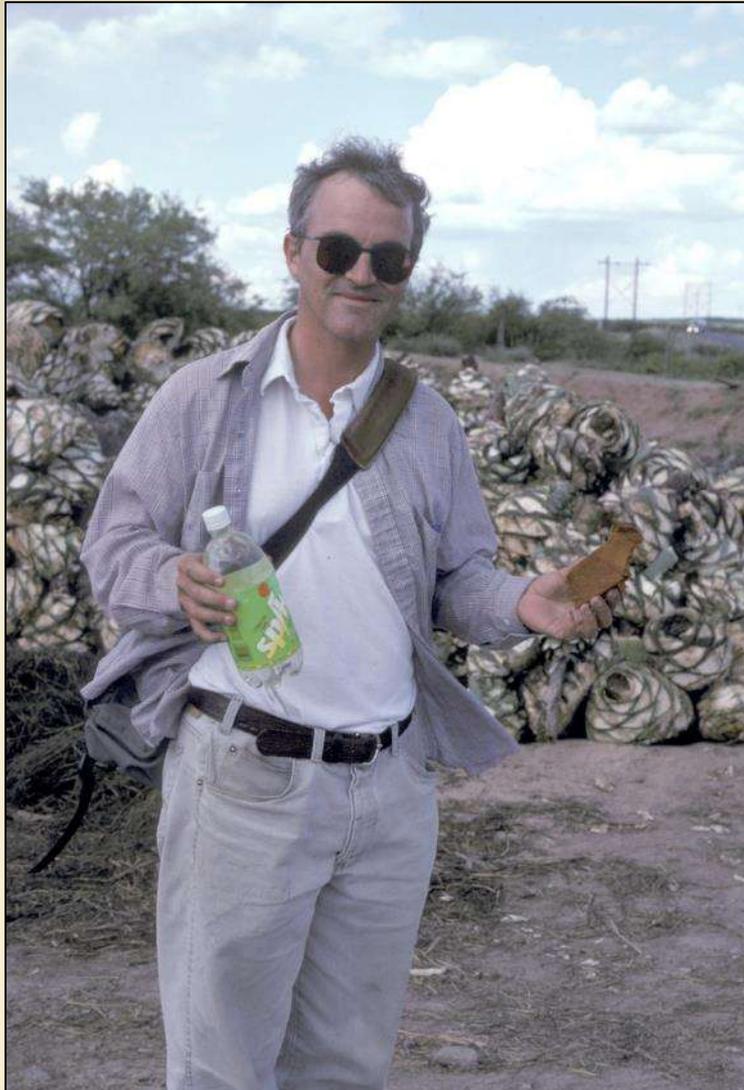


Sampling mescal, Oaxaca



Mescal Distillery, Durango





Dasyilirion - Sotol



Dasyilirion leiophyllum, Sotol Vista, Big Bend N.P.



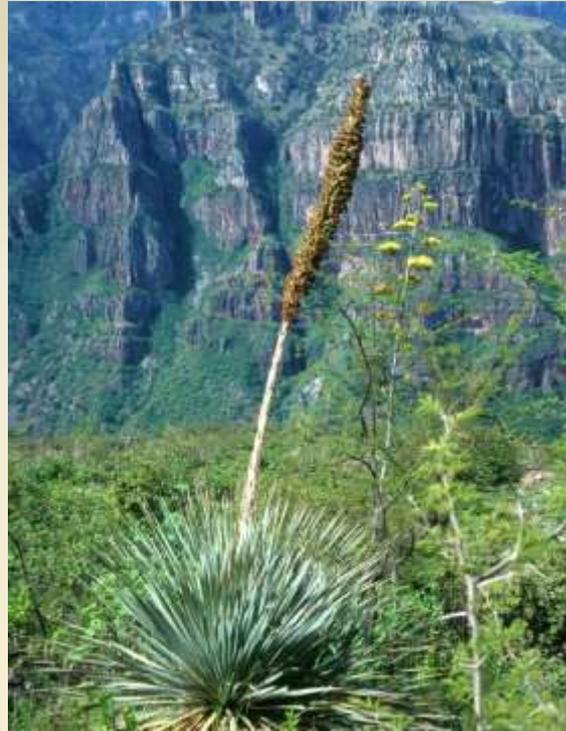
D. wheeleri, Organ Mtns, New Mexico

“Nolinaceae”

APG3 Asparagaceae – Nolinoideae



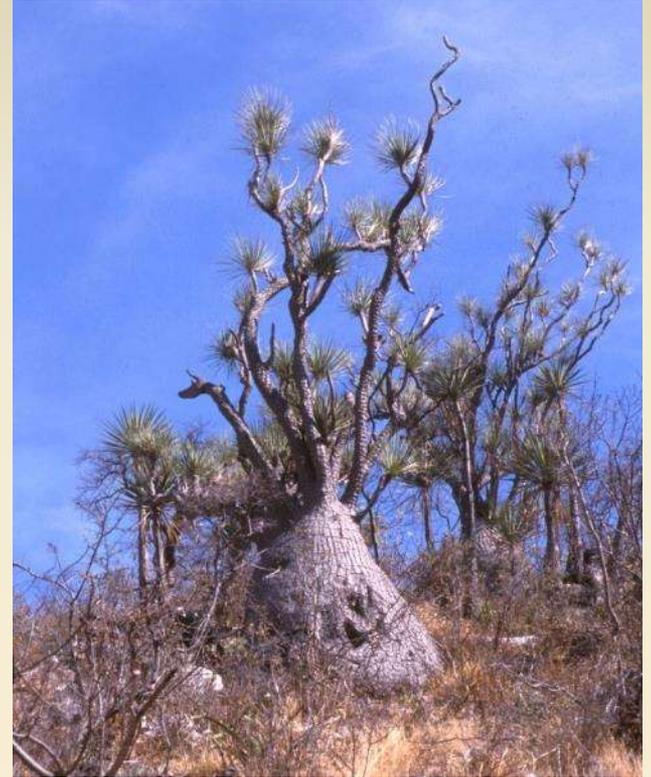
Nolina



Dasyllirion

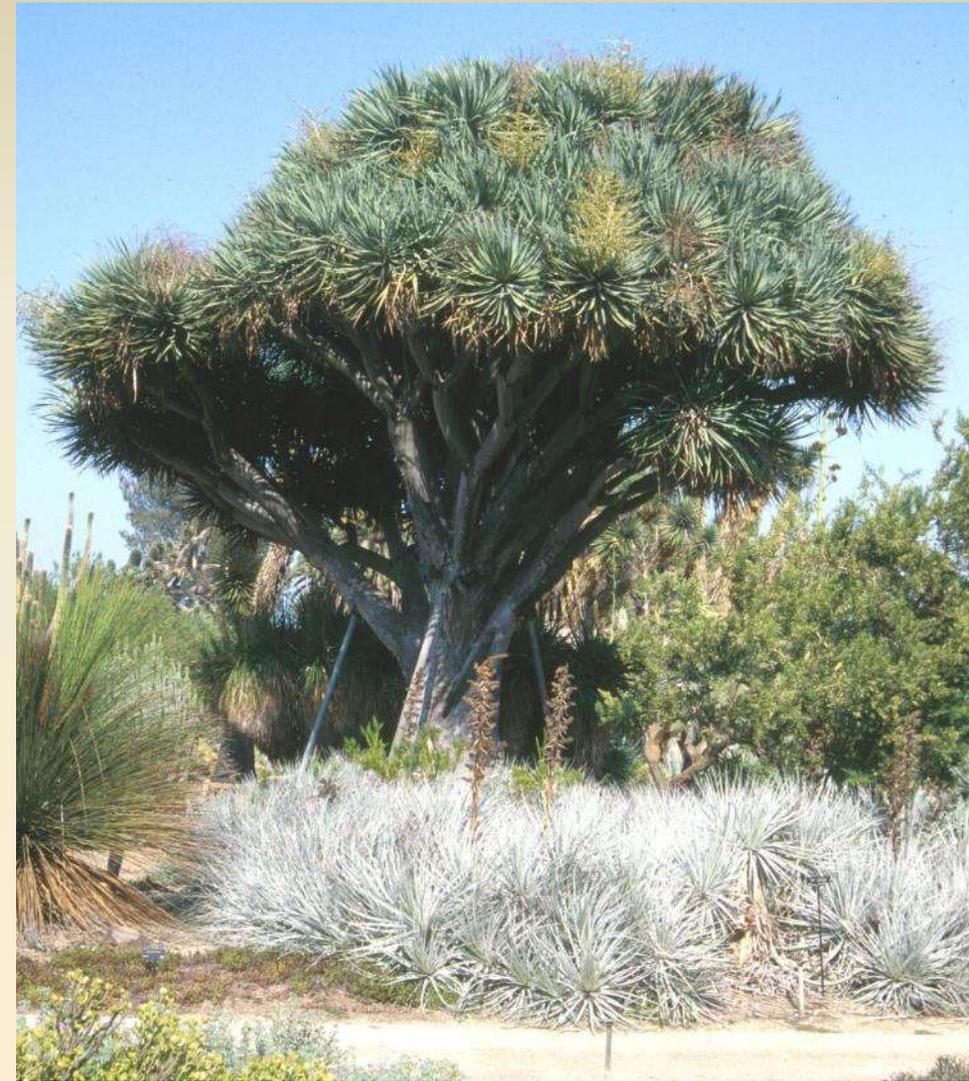


Calibanus



Beaucarnea

“Dracaenaceae”
APG3 Asparagaceae – Dracaenoideae



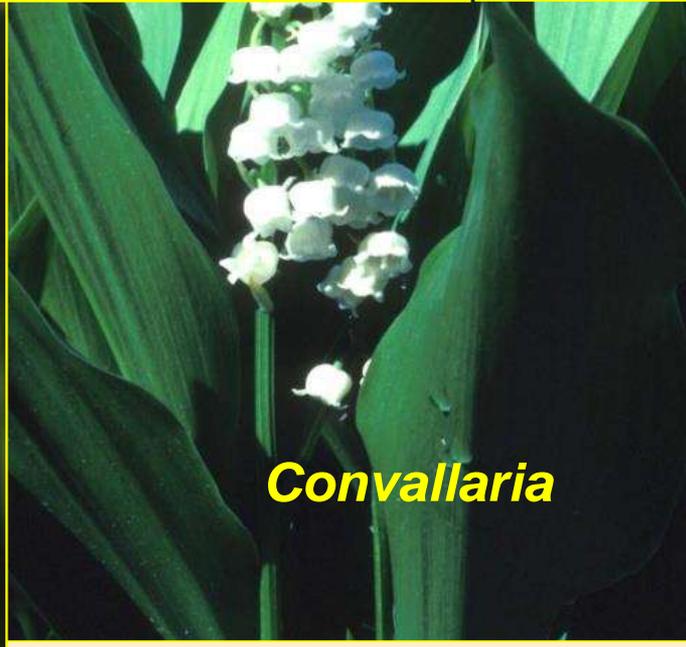
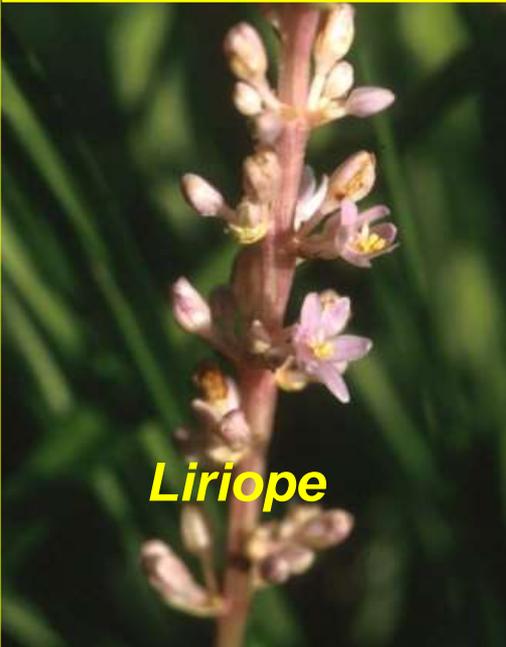
Dracaena draco



Sansevieria trifasciata

“Convallariaceae”

Asparagaceae – Convallarioideae



Genera Plantarum - A. L. de Jussieu, 1789

A natural system

Class III - Plantae Monocotyledones, Stamina Perigyna

Orders:

- **Palmae** - *Calamus, Phoenix* etc.
- **Asparagi** - *Dracaena, Asparagus, Trillium, Convallaria, Dioscorea* etc.
- **Junci** - *Juncus, Xyris, Commelina, Melanthium, Colchicum*, etc.
- **Lilia** - *Lilium, Uvularia, Yucca* etc.
- **Bromeliae** - *Puya, Bromelia, Agave* etc.
- **Asphodeli** - *Aletris, Aloe, Asphodelus, Allium* etc.
- **Narcissi** - *Crinum, Hemerocallis, Narcissus, Polianthes, Tacca*, etc.
- **Irides** - *Tigridia, Iris, Crocus, Gladiolus* etc.



George Bentham



Joseph Dalton Hooker

Genera Plantarum - 1862-1883

- **All genera described anew, in Latin**
- **Recognized 202 Orders (=Families)**
- **Dicots come before monocots**
- **Ranales placed first, Apetalae last**
- **Importance of epigyny exaggerated**

Monocotyledons - 7 Series

- I. **Microspermae** - Orchidaceae, Burmanniaceae
- II. **Epigynae** - Bromeliaceae, Iridaceae
- III. **Coronariae** - Liliaceae, Pontederiaceae
- IV. **Calycinae** - Juncaceae, Palmae
- V. **Nudiflorae** - Pandanaceae, Typhaceae
- VI. **Apocarpae** - Alismaceae
- VII. **Glumaceae** - Gramineae, Cyperaceae

Adolf Engler

(1844-1930)



Die natürlichen Pflanzenfamilien ***Das Pflanzenreich***

Treatment of all known plants
Families with simple or reduced
flowers are placed first (primitive?)
Widely used system

Monocots - 10 Reihen (Orders)

Pandanales - Typhaceae, Pandanaceae

Helobiae - Alismaceae etc.

Glumiflorae - grasses and sedges

Principes - palms

Syanthae - Cyclanthaceae

Spathiflorae - Araceae

Farinosae - Bromeliaceae, Commelinaceae etc.

Liliiflorae - Liliaceae, Amaryllidaceae etc

Scitamineae - Musaceae, Zingiberaceae

Microspermae - orchids

Die Natürlichen Pflanzenfamilien (K. Krause, 1930)

Liliaceae

12 Subfamilies
Melanthioideae
Herreroideae
Asphodeloideae
Allioideae
Lilioideae
Scilloideae
Dracaenoideae
Asparagoideae
Mondoideae
Aletroideae
Luzuriagoideae
Smilacoideae

Dracaenoideae

Yuccae
Nolineae
Dracaeneae

Asparagoideae

Asparageae
Polygonatae
Convallarieae
Parideae

Agavoideae

Agave
Fourcroydes
Beschorneria
Doryanthes
Polyanthes

Haemodoraceae

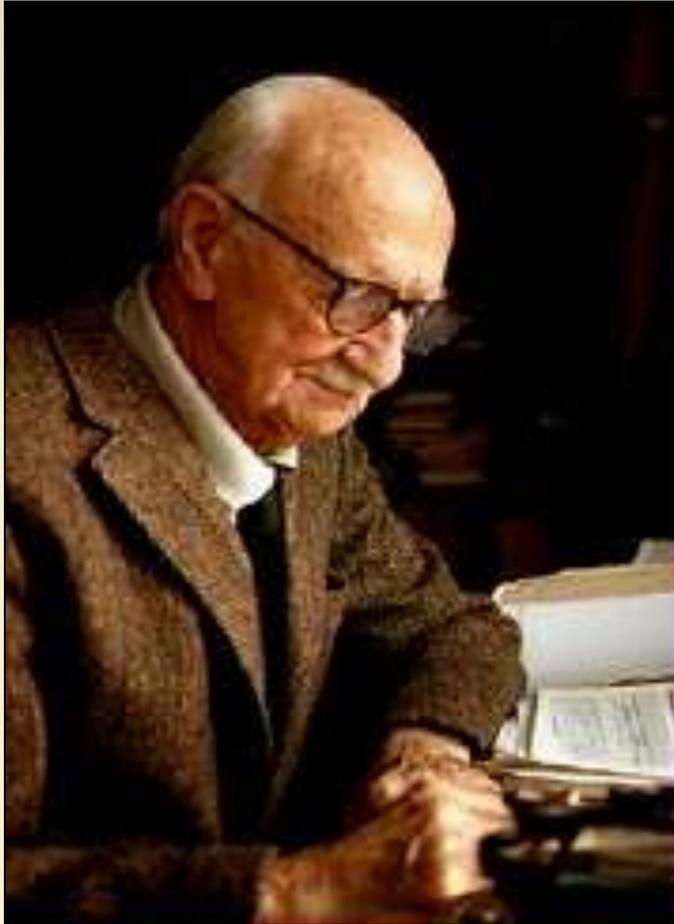
Amaryllidaceae

Dioscoreaceae

Iridaceae

John Hutchinson

(1884-1972)



Families of Flowering Plants

Dicots fundamentally divided

Lignosae Herbaceae



Monocots

Derived from Ranales

3 Divisions, 29 Orders

Calyciferae

Corolliferae

Glumiflorae

Agavaceae - added *Yucca*

Yucca, *Hesperaloe*, *Agave*, *Manfreda*

Furcraea, *Beshchorneria*, *Dasyilirion*,

Nolina, *Dracaena*, *Sansevieria*,

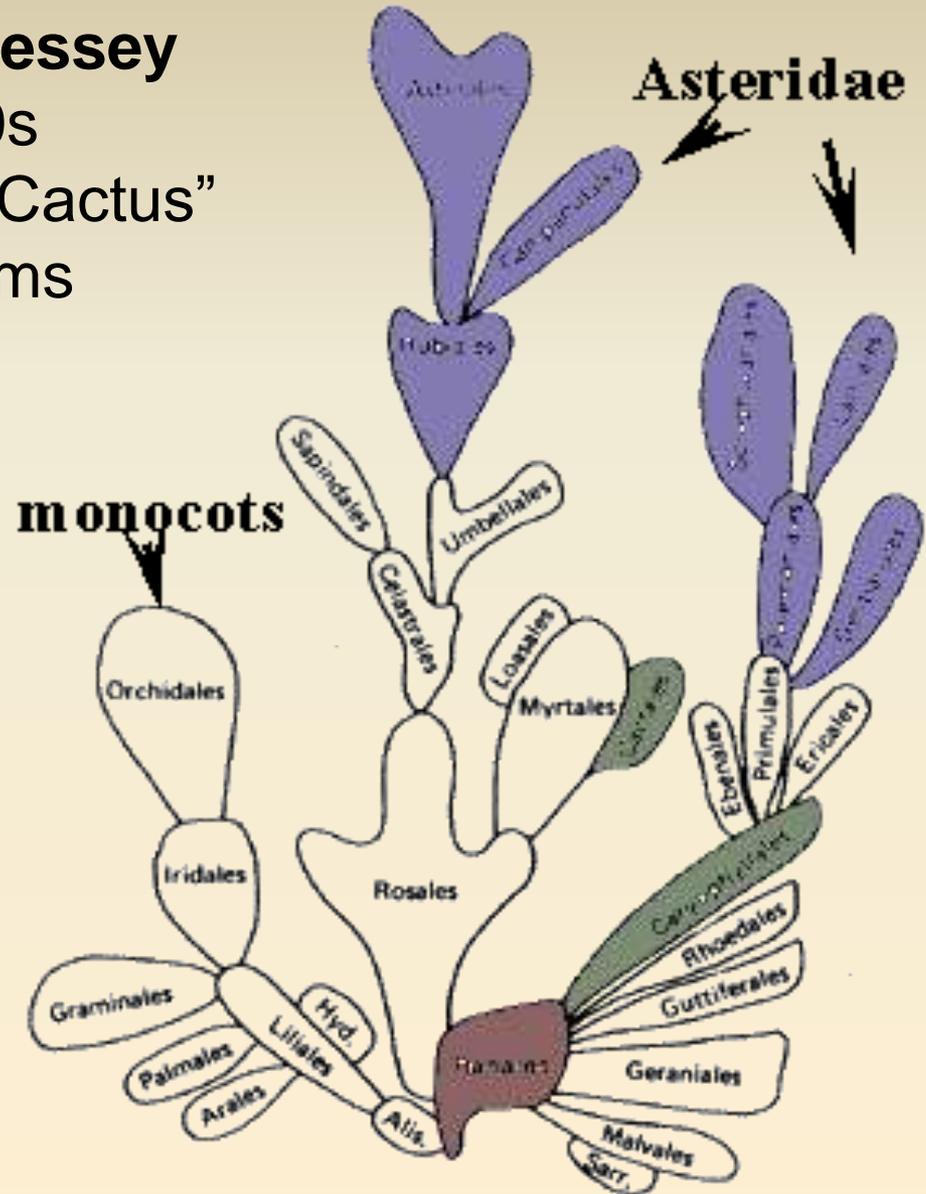
Cordylone, *Phormium*, *Doryanthes*



CHARLES EDWIN BESSEY
(1845–1915, American)

Charles Bessey
Early 1900s
“Bessey’s Cactus”
Angiosperms

He developed a set of "dicta" (rules) stating which characters were primitive and which were advanced in flowering plants. Not all considered correct today but many are (as Cronquist said, "we are all Besseyans"). Magnolias primitive



Arthur Cronquist

(1919-1992)



An Integrated System of Classification of Flowering Plants, 1981

Woody Magnoliids primitive
Aquatic origin of monocots

Magnoliopsida

6 subclasses, 55 orders, 352 families

Liliopsida

5 subclasses, 18 orders, 61 families

A “Lumper”, did not agree with “cladists”
about monophyletic groups

Armen Tahktajan

(1910-2009)



Diversity and Classification of Flowering Plants, 1997

System similar to Cronquist

Magnoliopsida - Dicots

7 Subclasses, 20 Superorders

Liliopsida - Monocots

3 Subclasses, 8 Superorders

Woody Magnoliids primitive

Monocots derived from aquatic herbs

A “Splitter”

Liliidae split into many families

Agavaceae included *Hosta*

Cronquist's System

Liliales

Phylodactylaceae
Pontederiaceae
Haemodoraceae
Cyanaceae
Liliaceae
Iridaceae
Velloziaceae
Agavaceae
Aloeaceae
Xanthorrhoeaceae
Hanguanaceae
Taccaceae
Stemonaceae
Smilacaceae
Dioscoreaceae

Orchidales

Geosiridaceae
Burmanniaceae
Orchidaceae

Melanthiales

Tofieldiaceae
Melanthiaceae
Japonoliriaceae
Xerophyllaceae
Nartheciaceae
Heloniadaceae
Chionographidaceae

Colchicales

Tricyrtidaceae
Burchardiaceae
Uvulariaceae
Campynemataceae
Scoliopaceae
Colchicaceae
Calochortaceae
Trilliales
Trillaceae

Liliales

Liliaceae
Medeolaceae

Alstroemeriales

Alstroemeriaceae

Takhtajan's System

Iridales

Isophysidaceae
Geosiridaceae
Iridaceae
Tecophilaeales
Ixioliriaceae
Lanariaceae
Walleriaceae
Tecophilaeaceae
Cyanaceae
Eriospermaceae

Burmanniales

Burmanniaceae
Thismiaceae
Corsiaceae

Hypoxidales

Hypoxidaceae

Orchidales

Orchidaceae

Amaryllidales

Hemerocallidaceae
Hyacinthaceae
Alliaceae
Hesperocallidaceae
Hostaceae
Agavaceae
Amaryllidaceae

Asparagales

Convallariaceae
Ophiopogonaceae
Ruscaceae
Asparagaceae
Dracaenaceae
Nolinaceae
Blandfordiaceae
Herreriaceae
Phormiaceae
Dianellaceae
Doryanthaceae
Asteliaceae
Asphodelaceae
Aloaceae
Anthericaceae
Aphyllanthaceae

Xanthorrhoeales

Baxteriaceae
Lomandraceae
Dasypogonaceae
Calectasiaceae
Xanthorrhoeaceae

Hanguanales

Hanguanaceae

Stemonales

Stemonaceae
Crooniaceae
Pentastemonaceae

Smilacales

Luzuriagaceae
Philesiaceae
Ripogonaceae
Smilacaceae
Petermanniaceae

Dioscoreales

Stenomeridaceae
Trichopodiaceae
Avetraceae
Dioscoreaceae

Rolf Dahlgren

(1932-1987)



The Families of the Monocotyledons,
Dahlgren, Clifford, and Yeo, 1985
System based on work of Huber, 1969
Examined micro-characters of seed coat,
cuticle, endosperm, embryo etc
**Monocots derived from Dioscoreales-like
dicot ancestor**
Liliiflorae divided into major groups
Dioscoreales - 7 families
Asparagales - 31 families
Liliales - 10 families
Melanthiales - 2 families

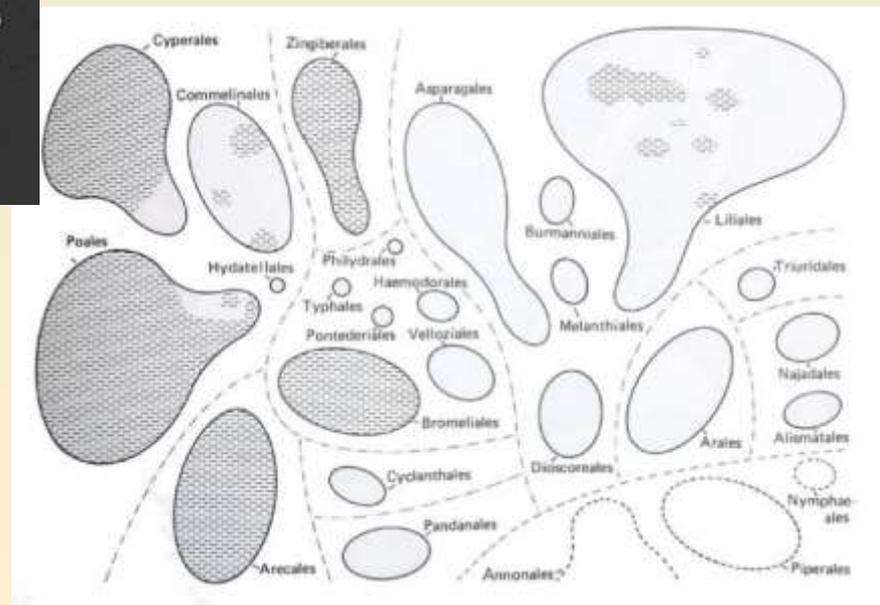
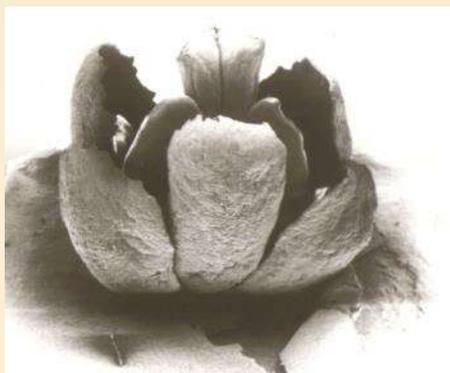
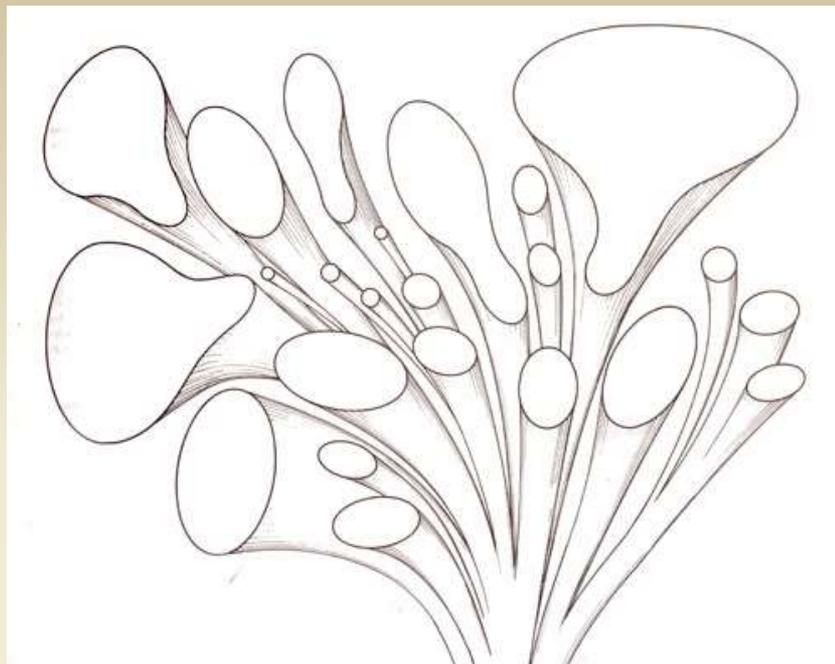
Rolf Dahlgren

1980s

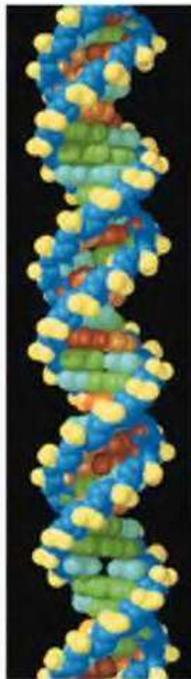
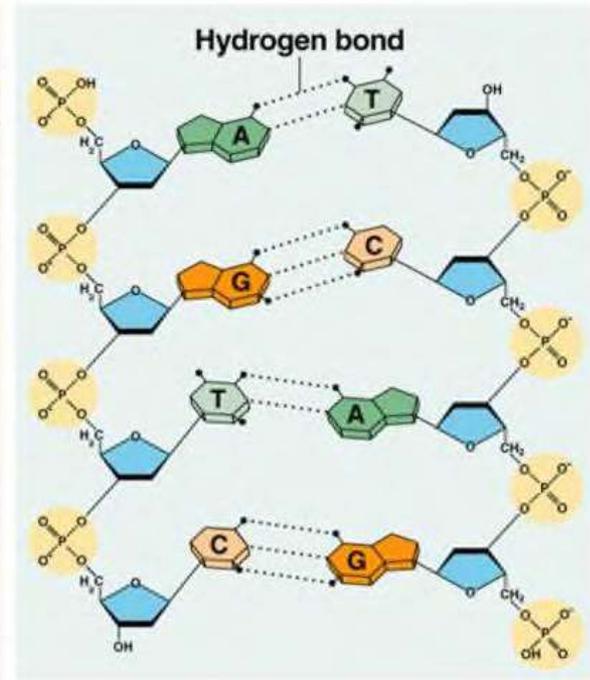
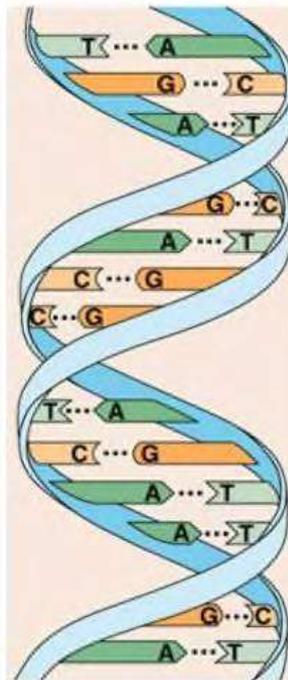
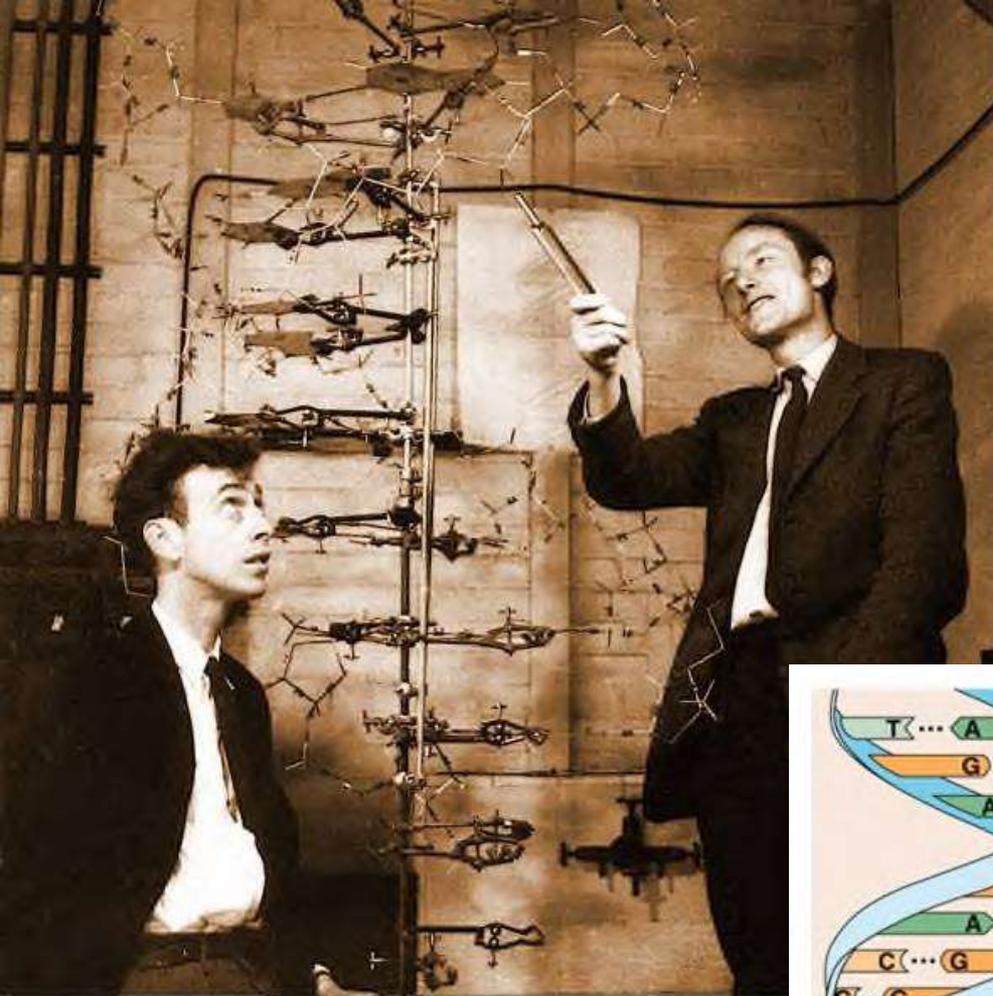
Microcharacters

“Lacrymograms”

Helped define
Asparagales
and families



Watson and Crick 1953 Structure of DNA



Working with Plant DNA



Sample Collection



Voucher Specimens

Working with Plant DNA

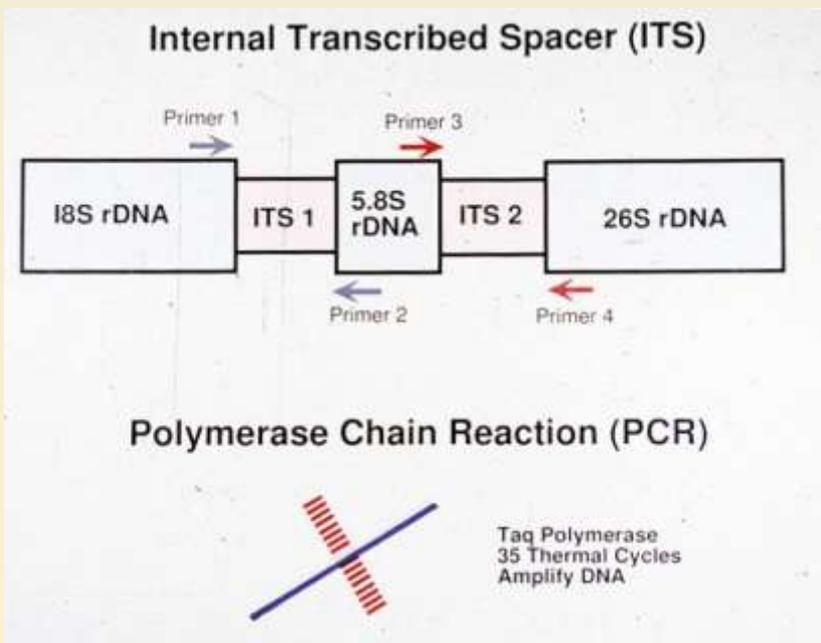
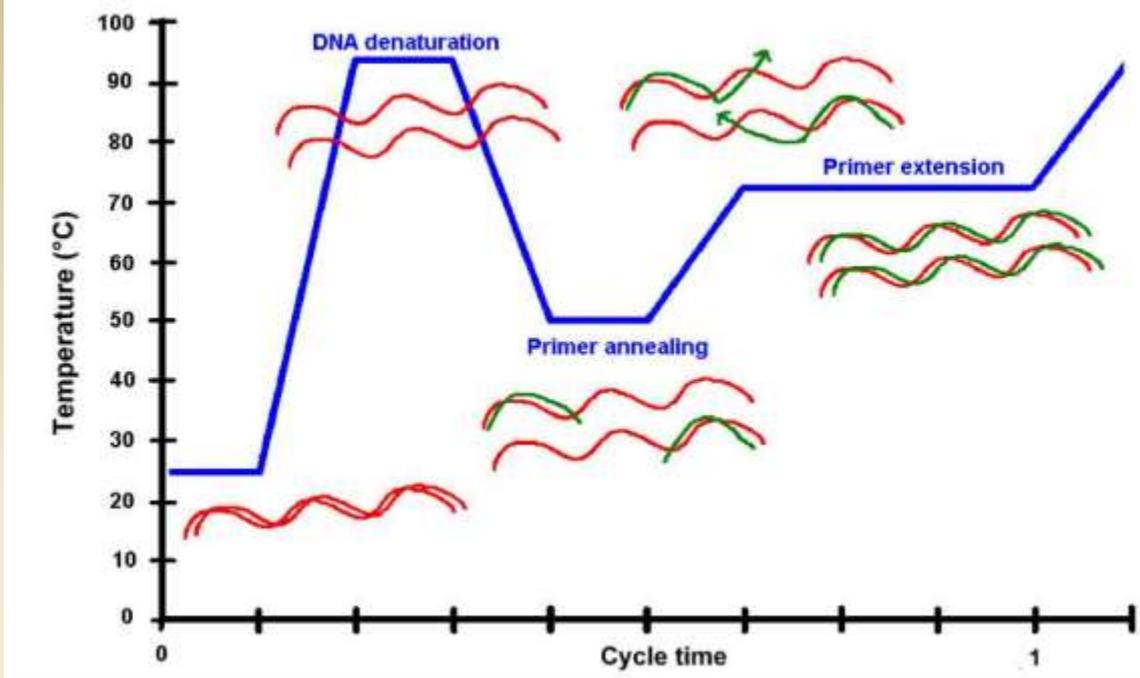


Grinding Tissue



Extracting DNA

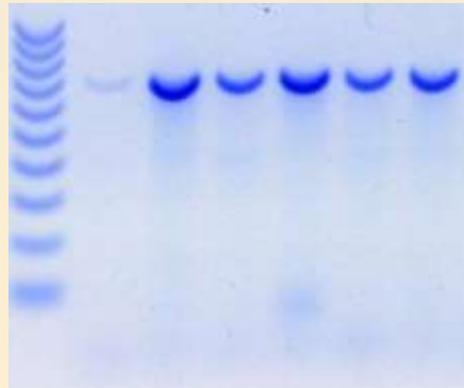
DNA Amplification



DNA Amplification: PCR



Kelsey Huisman, 2013 REU



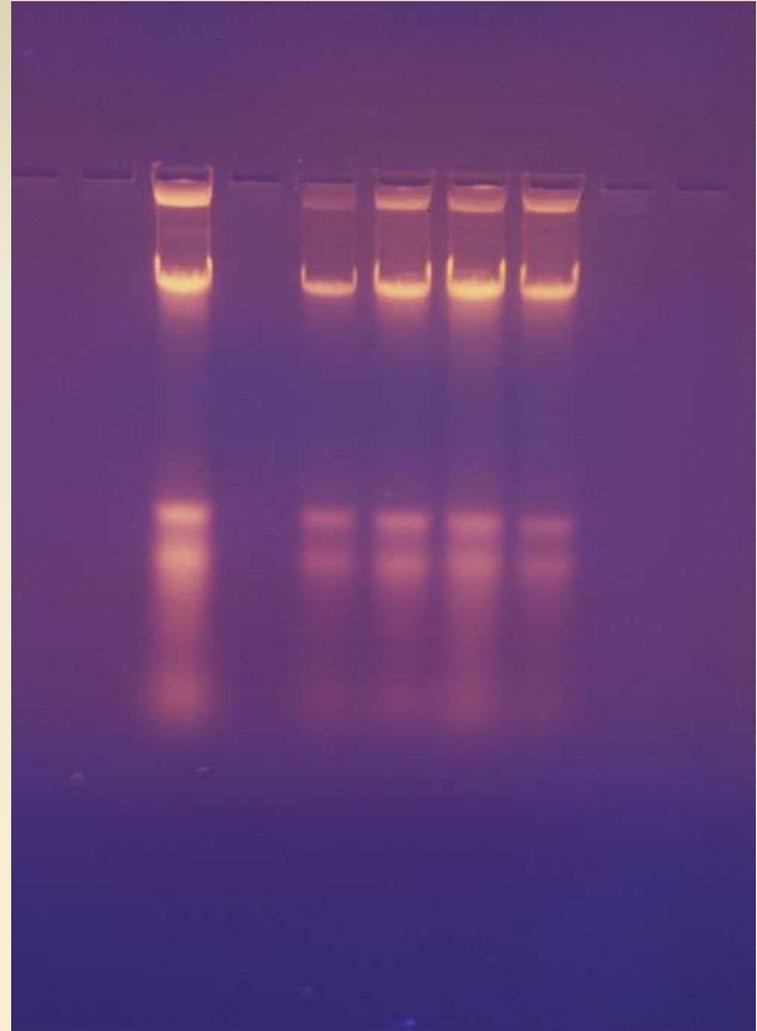
**Sequencing
Facility**

PCR Product Gel Electrophoresis – check size

Working with Plant DNA

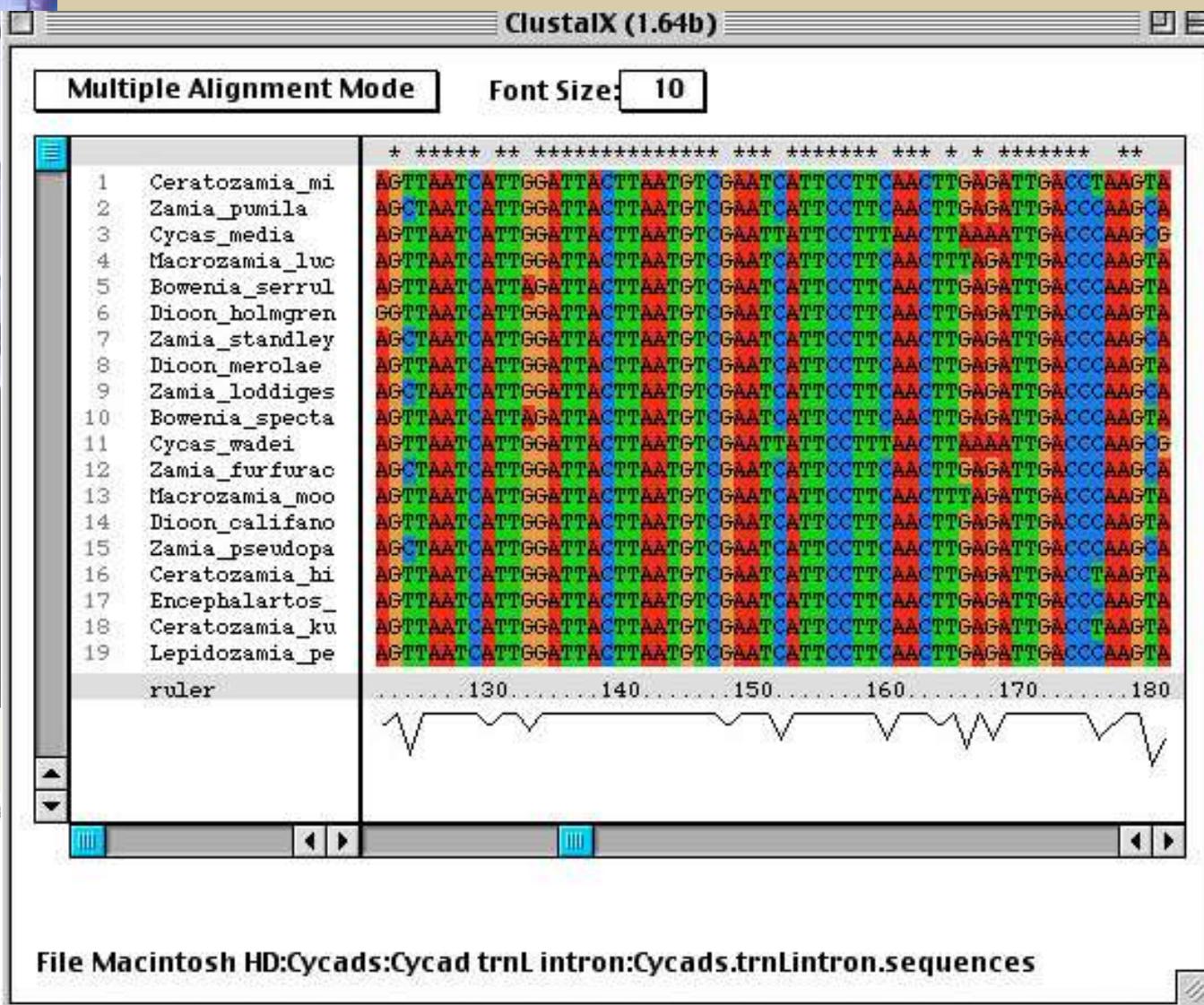
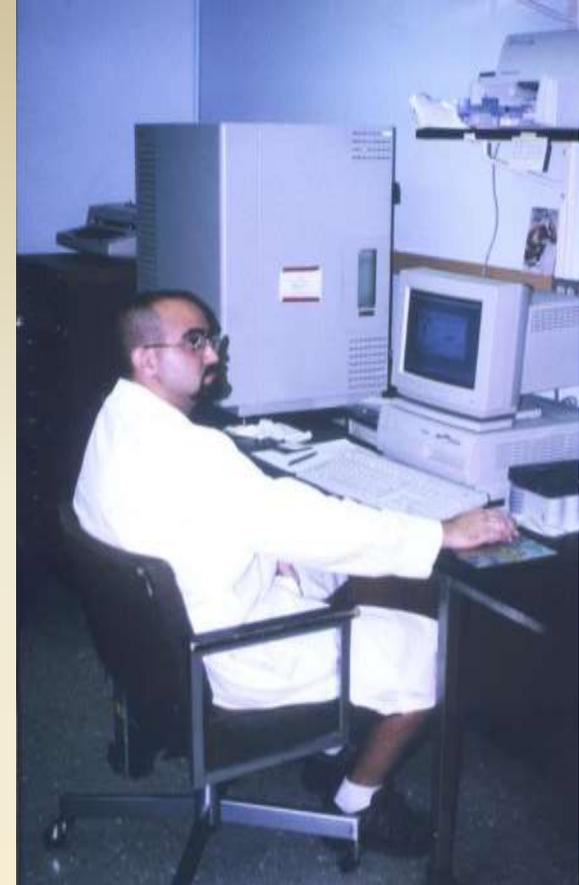


Loading DNA on Agarose Gel

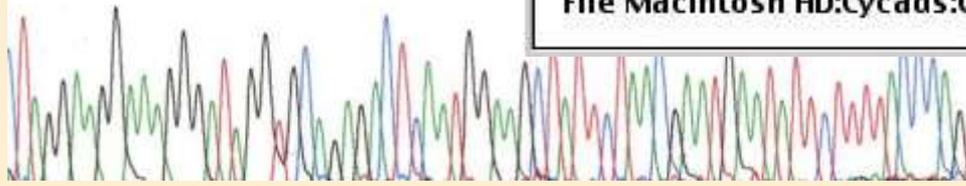


Visualizing DNA

DNA Sequencing

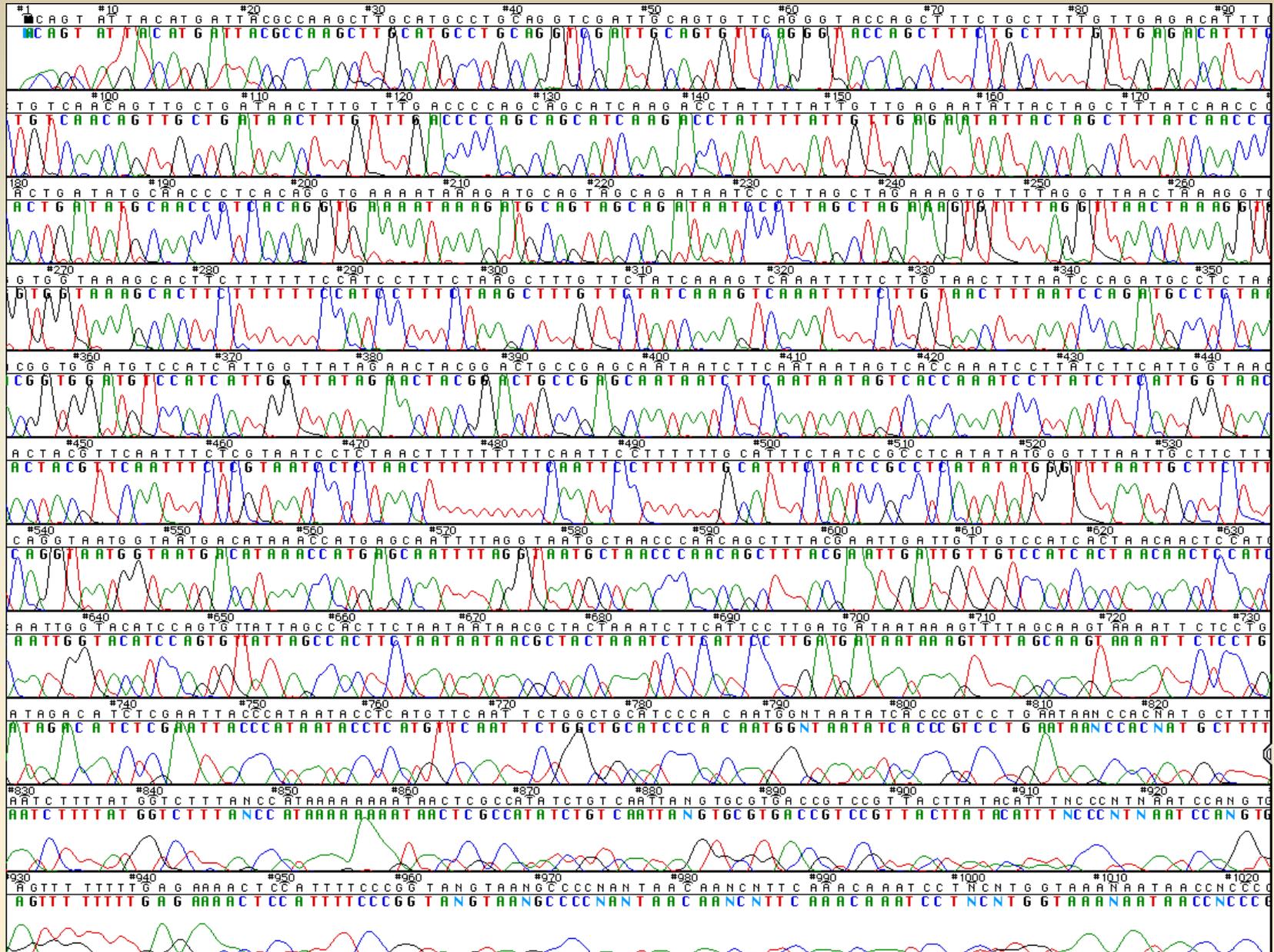


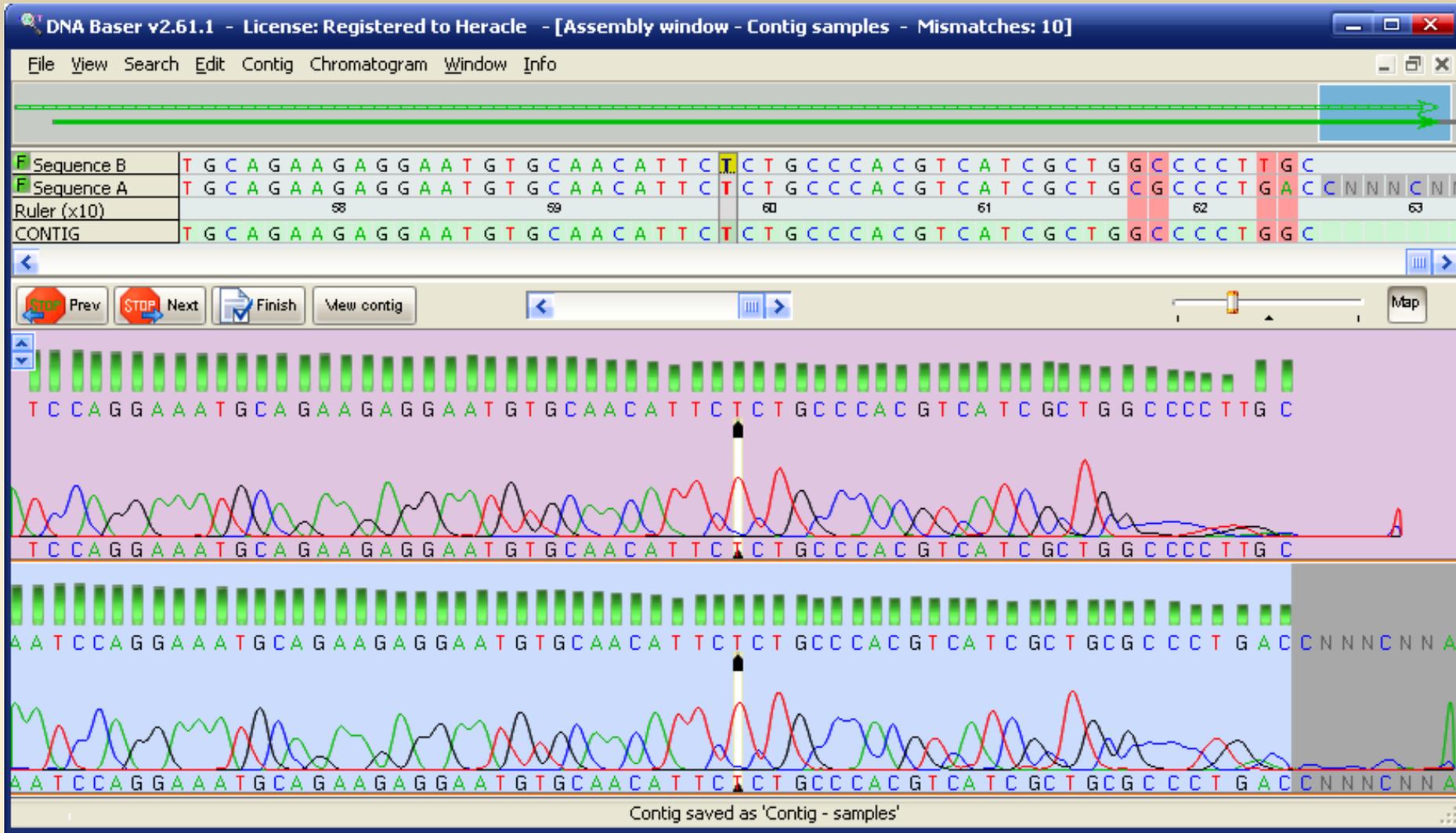
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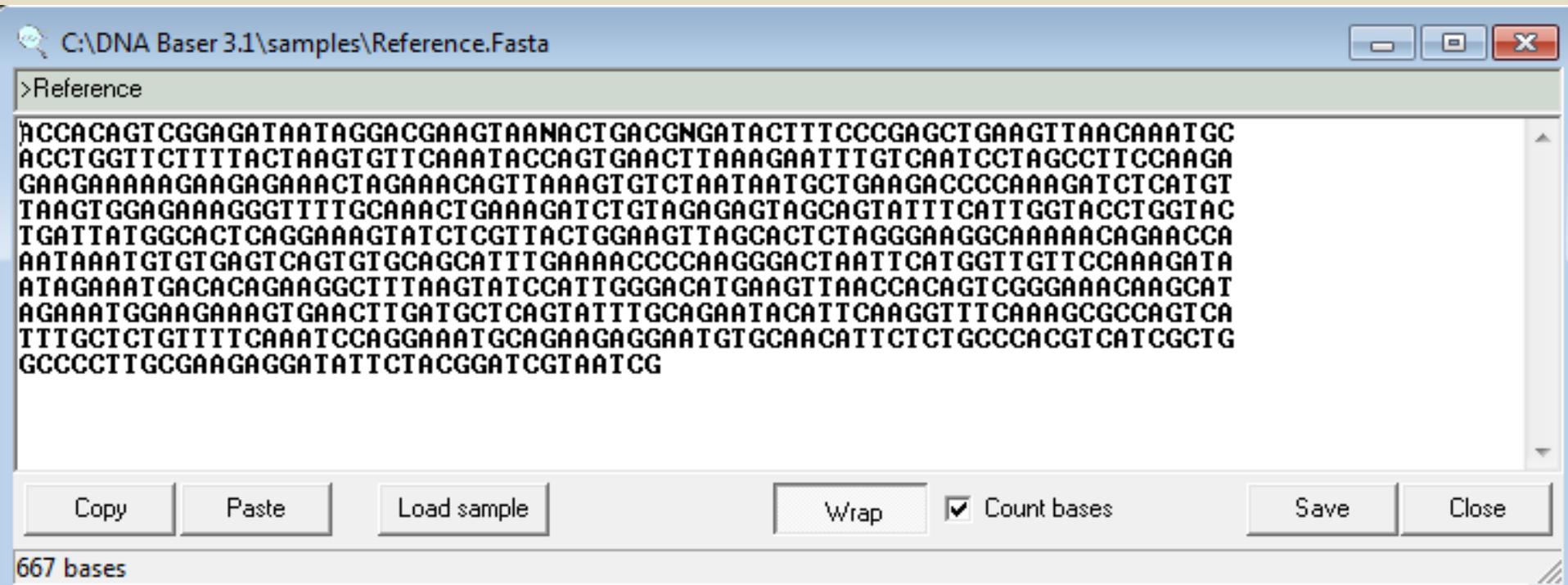
Sequence Alignment

Chromatogram for One Sequence





Finally, the Sequence Data for alignment and analysis...



The screenshot shows a software window titled "C:\DNA Baser 3.1\samples\Reference.Fasta". The window contains a text area with the following DNA sequence:

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GCCCCTTGCAGAGAGGATATTCTACGGATCGTAATCG
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At the bottom of the window, there are several buttons: "Copy", "Paste", "Load sample", "Wrap", "Count bases" (with a checked checkbox), "Save", and "Close". A status bar at the bottom left indicates "667 bases".

Pairwise alignments

43.2% identity;

Global alignment score: 374

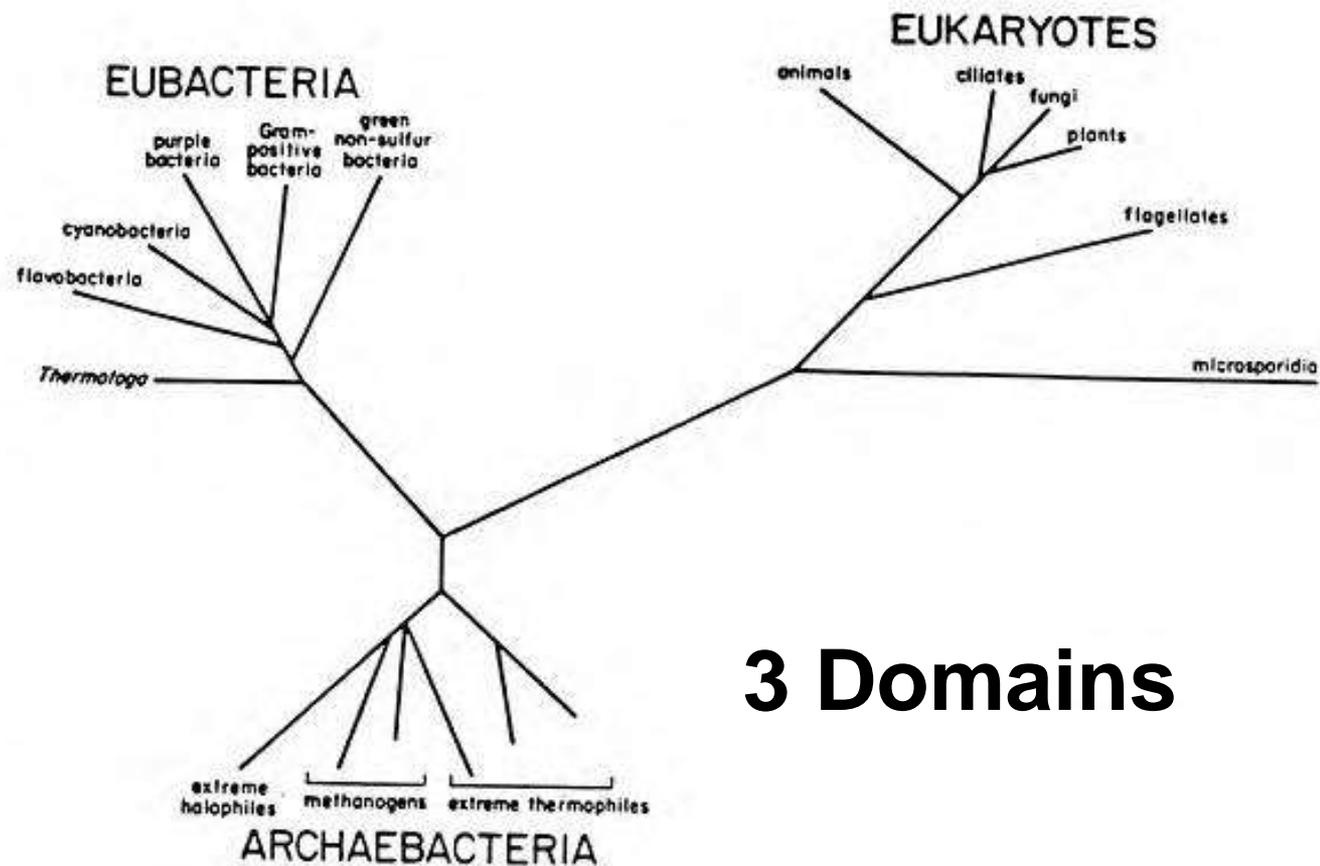
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beta   VHLTPEEKSAVTALWGKV--NVDEVGGEALGRLLVVYPWTQRFFESFGDLSTPDAVMGNP
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          60      70      80      90      100     110
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beta   GKEFTPPVQAAYQKVVAGVANALAHKYH
      120     130     140
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Methods of tree estimation

- Character based
 - Maximum parsimony (MP)
 - Fewest character changes
 - Maximum likelihood (ML)
 - Highest probability of observing data, given a model
 - Bayesian
 - Similar to ML, but incorporates prior knowledge
- Distance based
 - Minimum distance
 - Shortest summed branch lengths

Carl Woese, 1980s

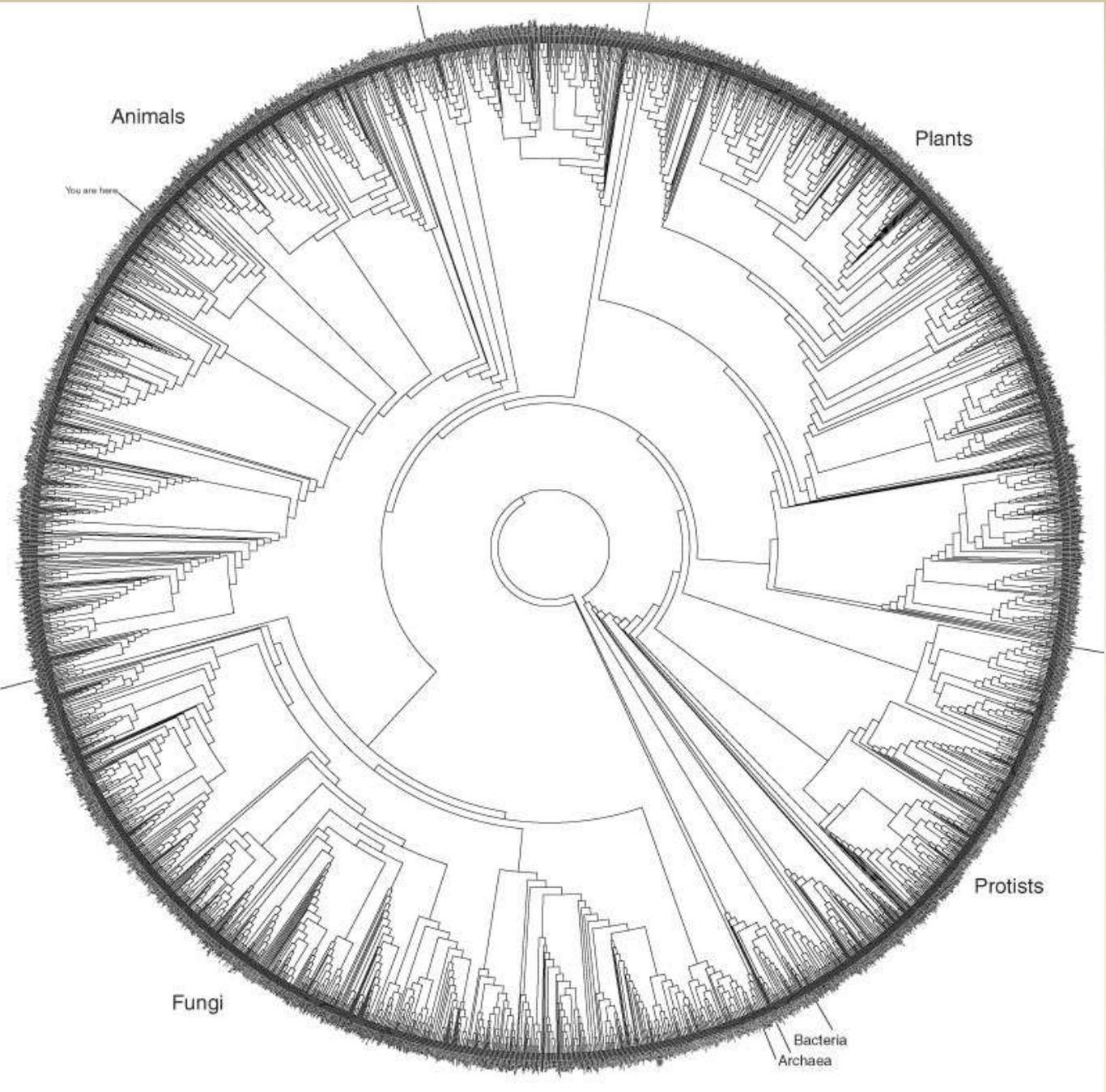


3 Domains

Phylogeny based on ssRNA Sequences

Originally the Bacteria and Archaea were thought to be one large diverse family of prokaryotes until Carl Woese and others investigated the evolutionary tree of ribosomal RNAs and found that there were three distinct founding evolutionary domains, then named eubacteria, archaeobacteria, and the eukaryotes.

ssRNA
3,000 species



Constructing Phylogenetic Trees

Characters – observations about organisms

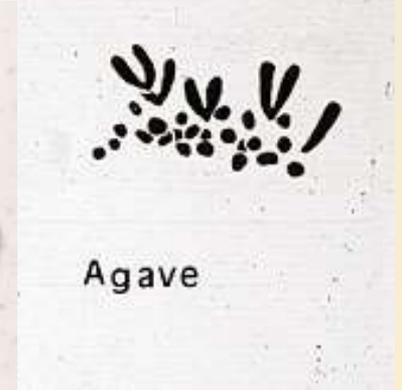
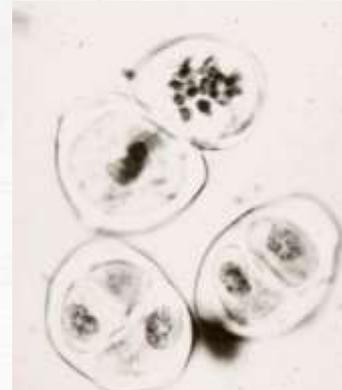
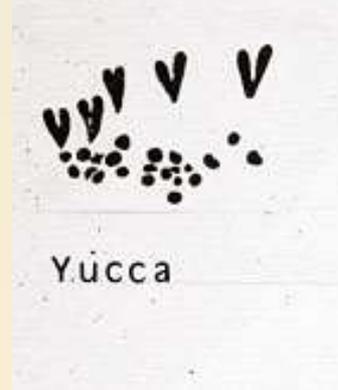
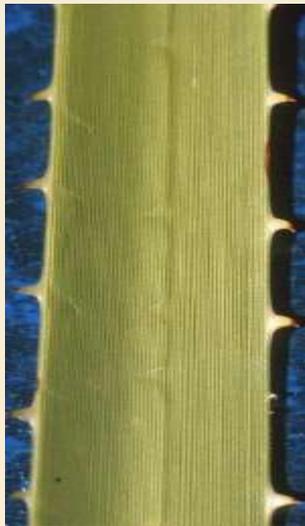
morphological structures

anatomy

chromosomes

chemistry

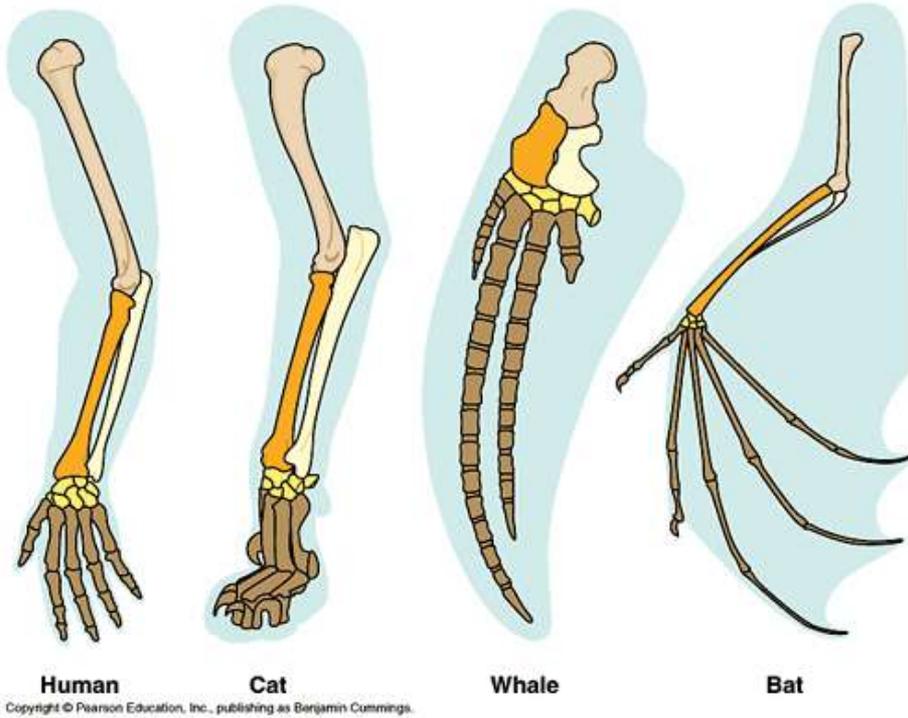
DNA base sequences



Characters

Homologous characters
similarity due to
common ancestry

Analogous characters
similarity due to convergent
evolution



Vertebrate limbs

Euphorbs

Cacti

Phylogenetic Trees

- The **phylogeny** of a group of taxa (species, etc.) is its evolutionary history.
- A **phylogenetic tree** is a graphical summary of this history — indicating the sequence in which lineages appeared and how the lineages are related to one another
- Because we do not have direct knowledge of evolutionary history, **every phylogenetic tree is an hypothesis** about relationships
- Of course, some hypotheses are well supported by data, others are not

Phylogenetic Systematics = “Cladistics”



Willi Hennig about 1970

Put forward his ideas in 1950, wrote in his German, so these were completely ignored until 1966 when an English translation of a manuscript was published under the title “Phylogenetic Systematics” (Hennig 1966).

Willi Hennig - 1913-1976

Germany, military entomologist, malaria prevention

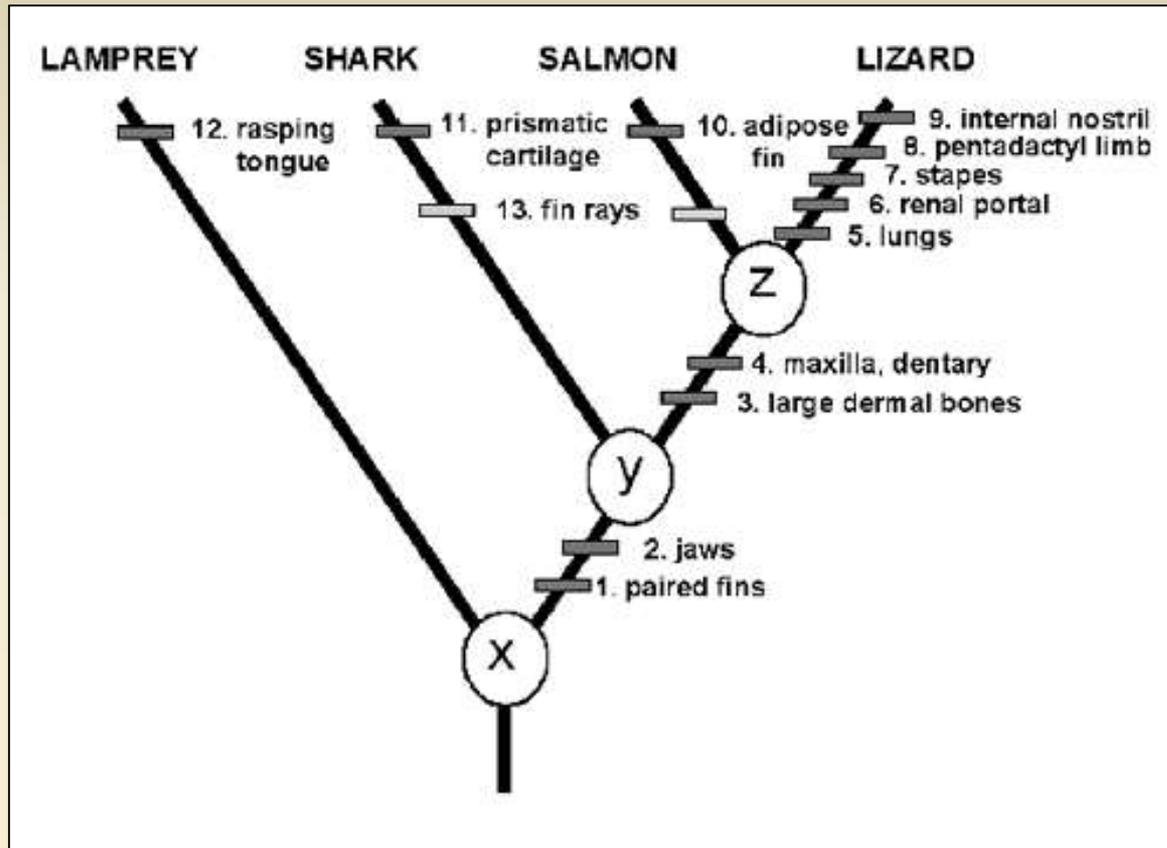
Taxonomist, specialist in Dipterans (flies)

1950 - *Basic outline of a theory of phylogenetic systematics*

1. Relationships interpreted as sister-lineages (clades)
2. Synapomorphies determine common ancestry
3. Best tree determined by greatest amount of evidence
4. Taxonomy/classification should be based on inferred pattern of historical relationships (monophyly)

*population genetics, natural selection and adaptation have little to do with the discovery of genealogical relationships

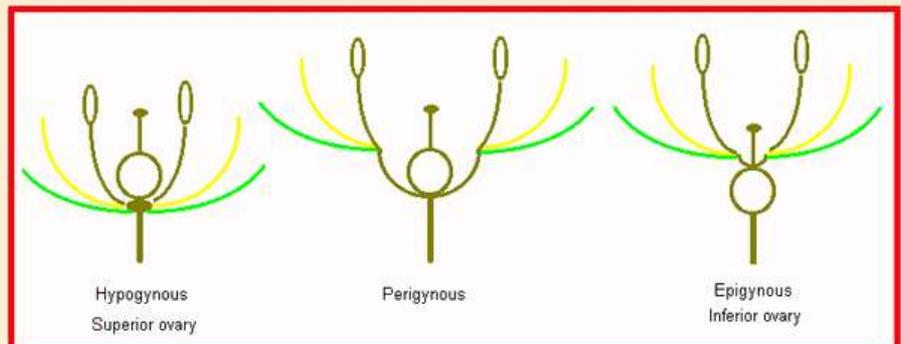
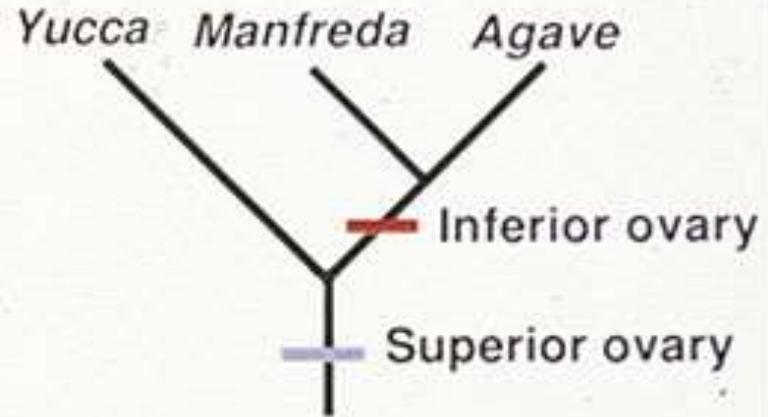
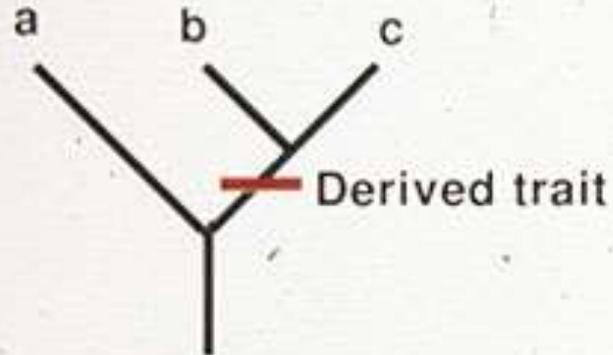
Hennig's Method Phylogenetic Tree based on shared derived characters = "Cladogram"



An example of a phylogeny showing characters by which taxa are recognized. Characters 1 – 4 are synapomorphies, 5 – 12 are autapomorphies and 13 is an attribute seen in the salmon and the shark.

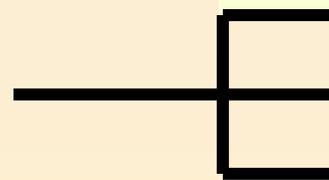
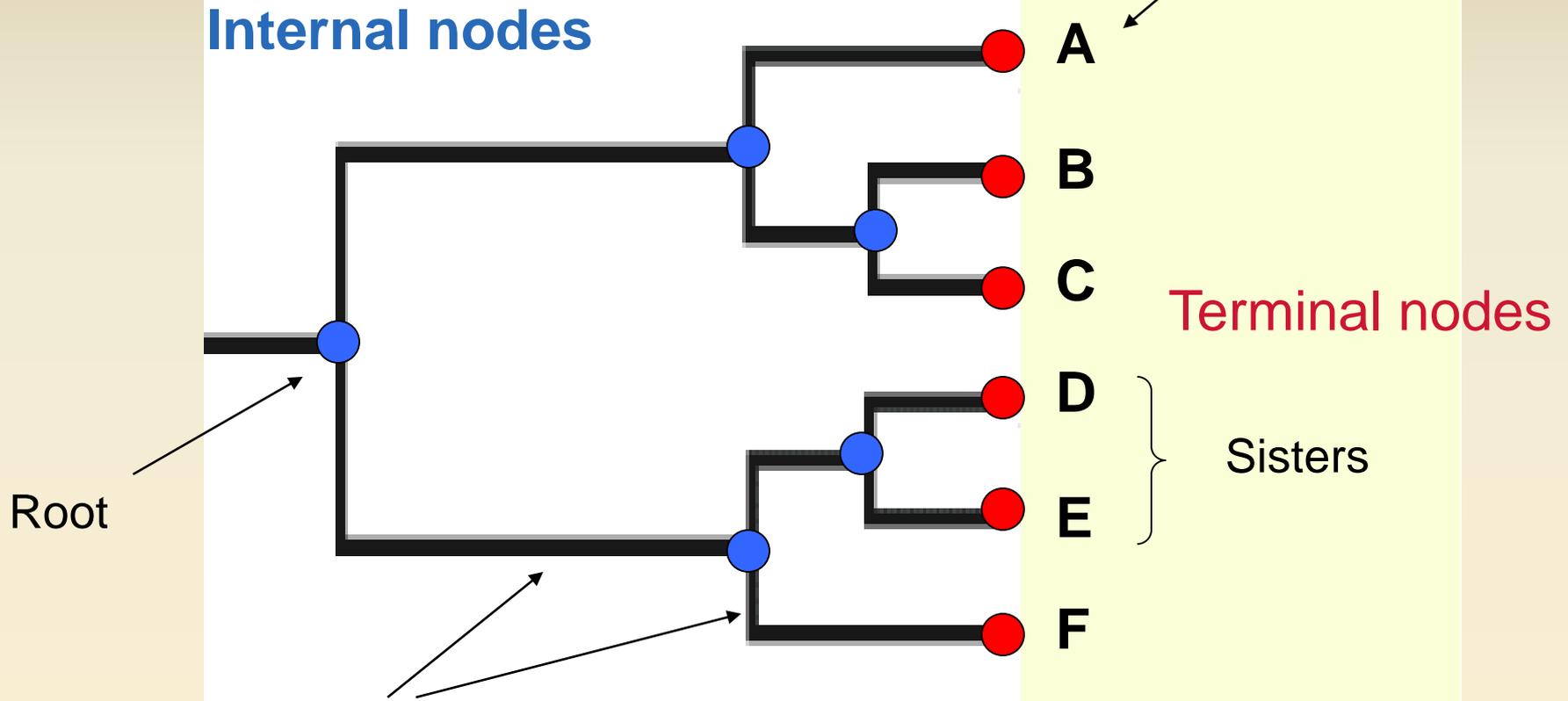
Cladistics

Phylogeny reconstruction
Shared derived characters



Tree Terminology

Operational taxonomic units (OTU) / **Taxa**



Polytomy

Dendrogram is a broad term for the diagrammatic representation of a phylogenetic tree.

Cladogram is a phylogenetic tree formed using cladistic methods. This type of tree only represents a *branching pattern*; i.e., its branch spans do not represent time or relative amount of character change.

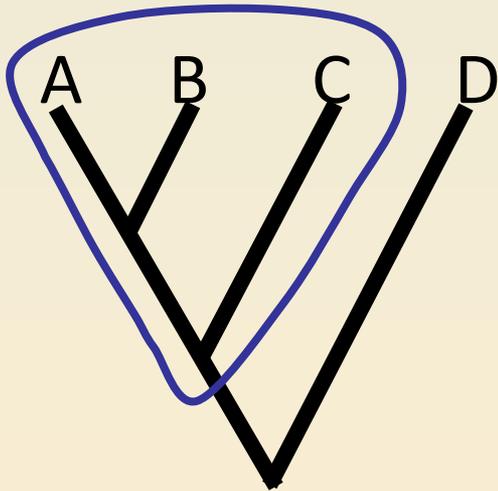
Phylogram is a phylogenetic tree that has branch *spans proportional to the amount of character change*.

Chronogram is a phylogenetic tree that explicitly represents *evolutionary time* through its branch spans.

Phylogeny and Classification

Monophyletic group

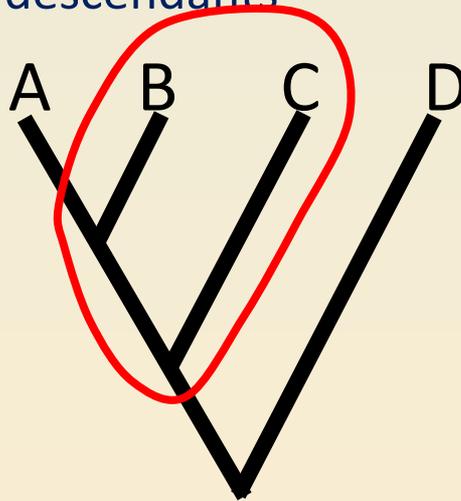
Includes an ancestor and all of its descendants



How could this happen?

Paraphyletic group

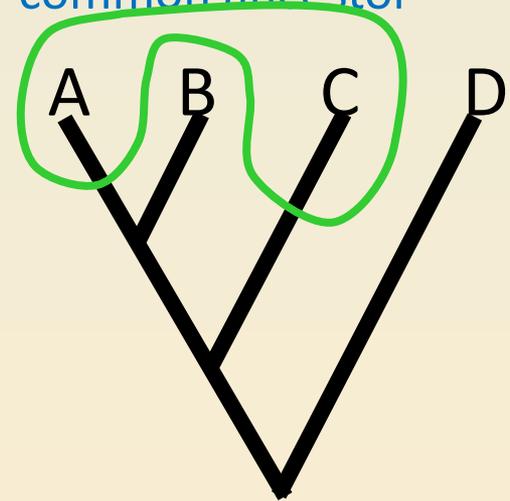
Includes ancestor and some, but not all of its descendants



Taxon A is highly derived and looks very different from B, C, and ancestor

Polyphyletic group

Includes two convergent descendants but not their common ancestor



Taxon A and C share similar traits through convergent evolution

Only monophyletic groups (**clades**) are recognized in cladistic classification

cp DNA Restriction Site Analysis

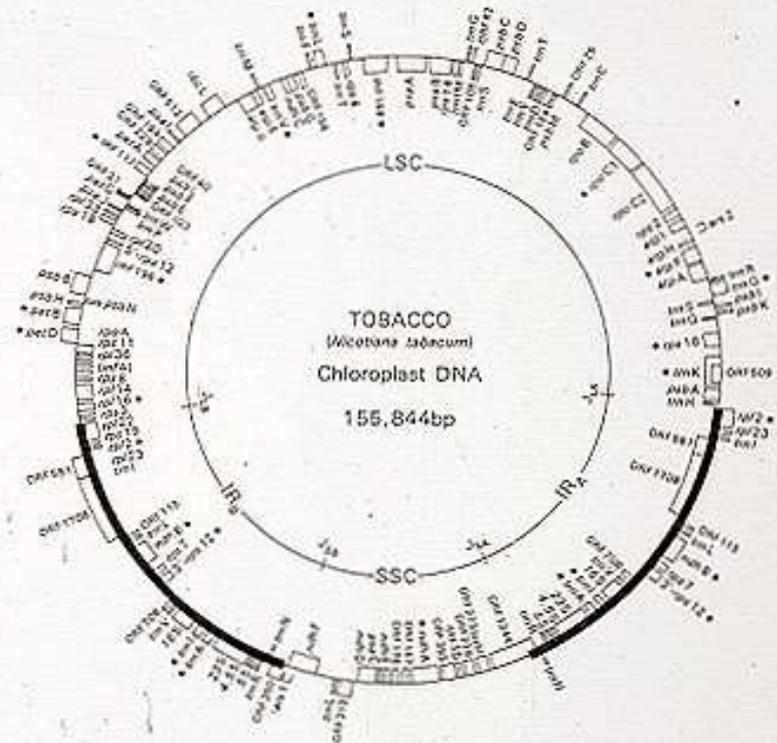
Restriction Enzymes Used:

- Bam HI
- Bcl I
- BstN I
- Dra I
- Eco RI
- Eco RV
- Hae II
- Hae III
- Hha I
- Hind III
- Msp I
- Xho I

Total # Tobacco cpDNA Probes - 40
Subset of Probes Used for this Analysis - 20

100 Restriction Sites Surveyed

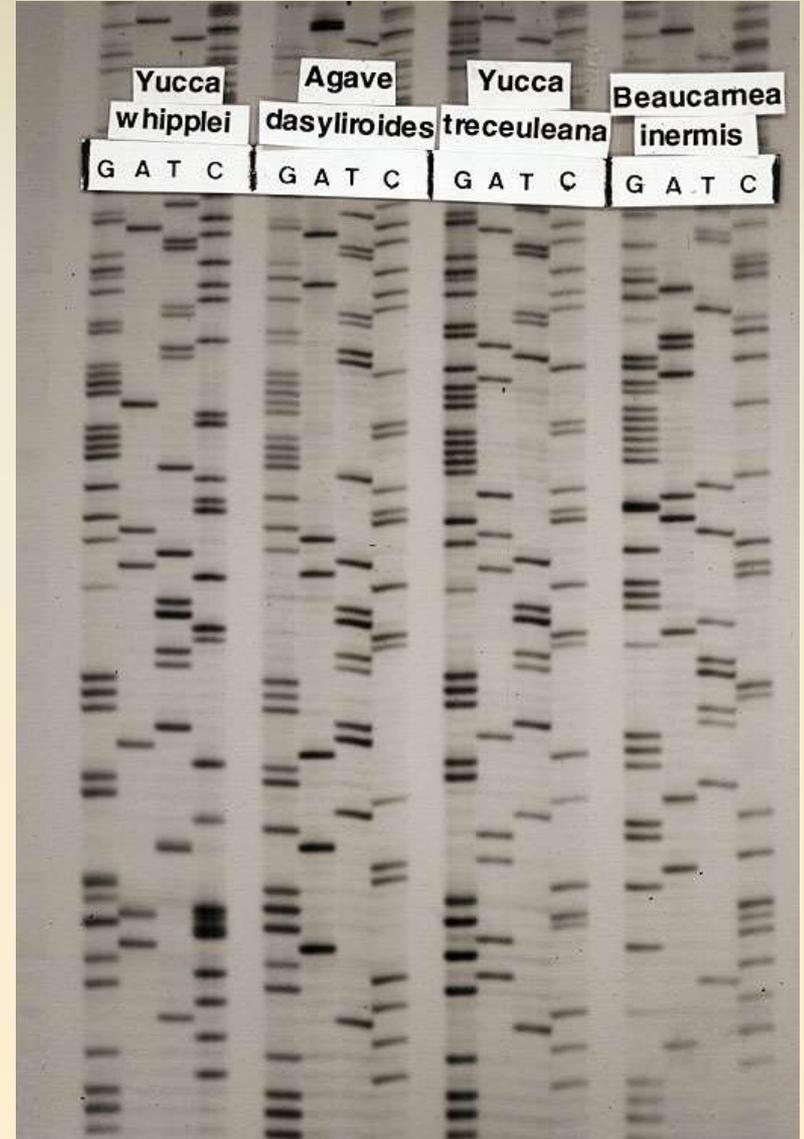
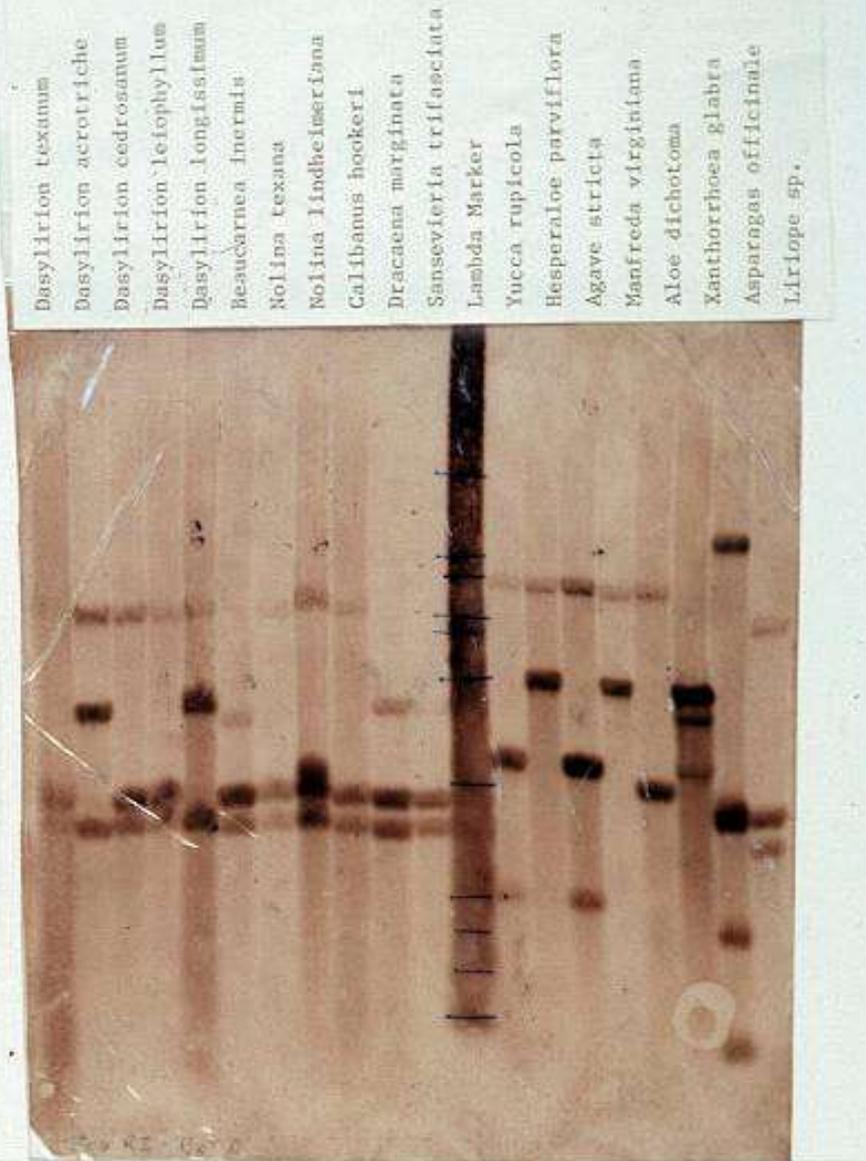
18 Autapomorphies
82 sites Shared by Two or More Taxa



Restriction fragment analysis
Digoxigenin-labeled cpDNA probe

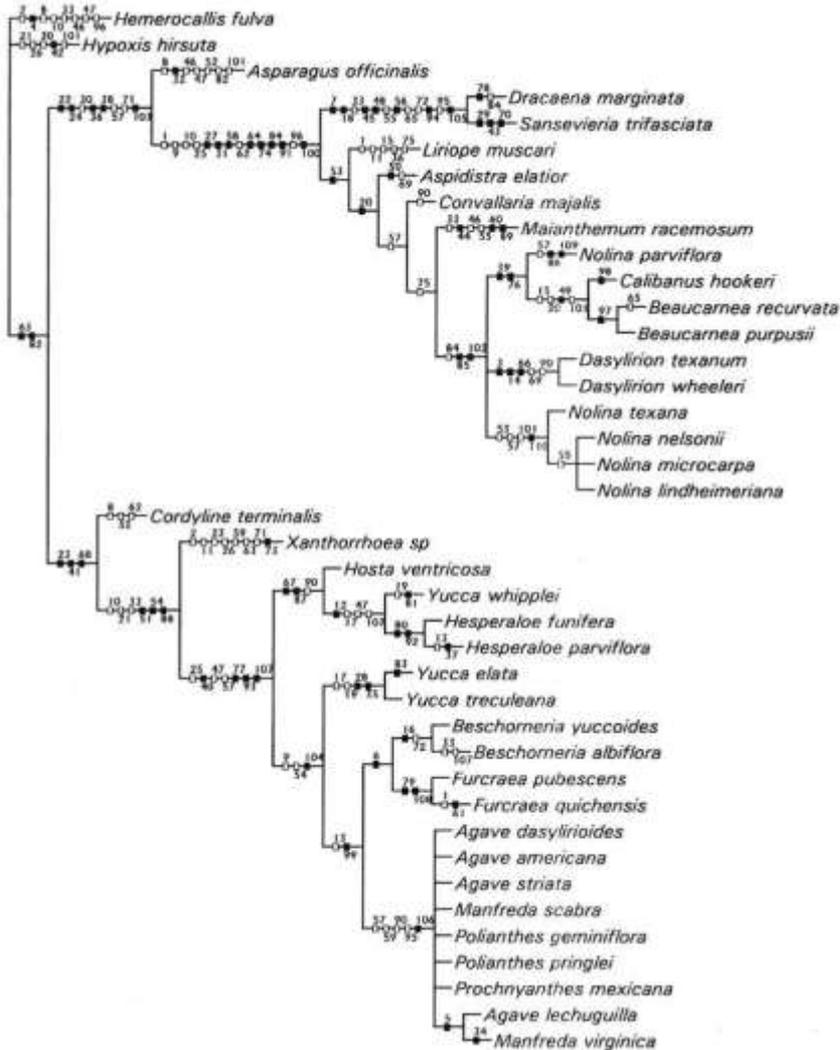
Sanger Sequencing
P32-labeled dNTP
X-ray film

Eco RI
Probe 29



cpDNA Restriction Sites

Bogler and Simpson. 1995. Syst. Bot. 20: 191



Dracaenaceae

Convallariaceae

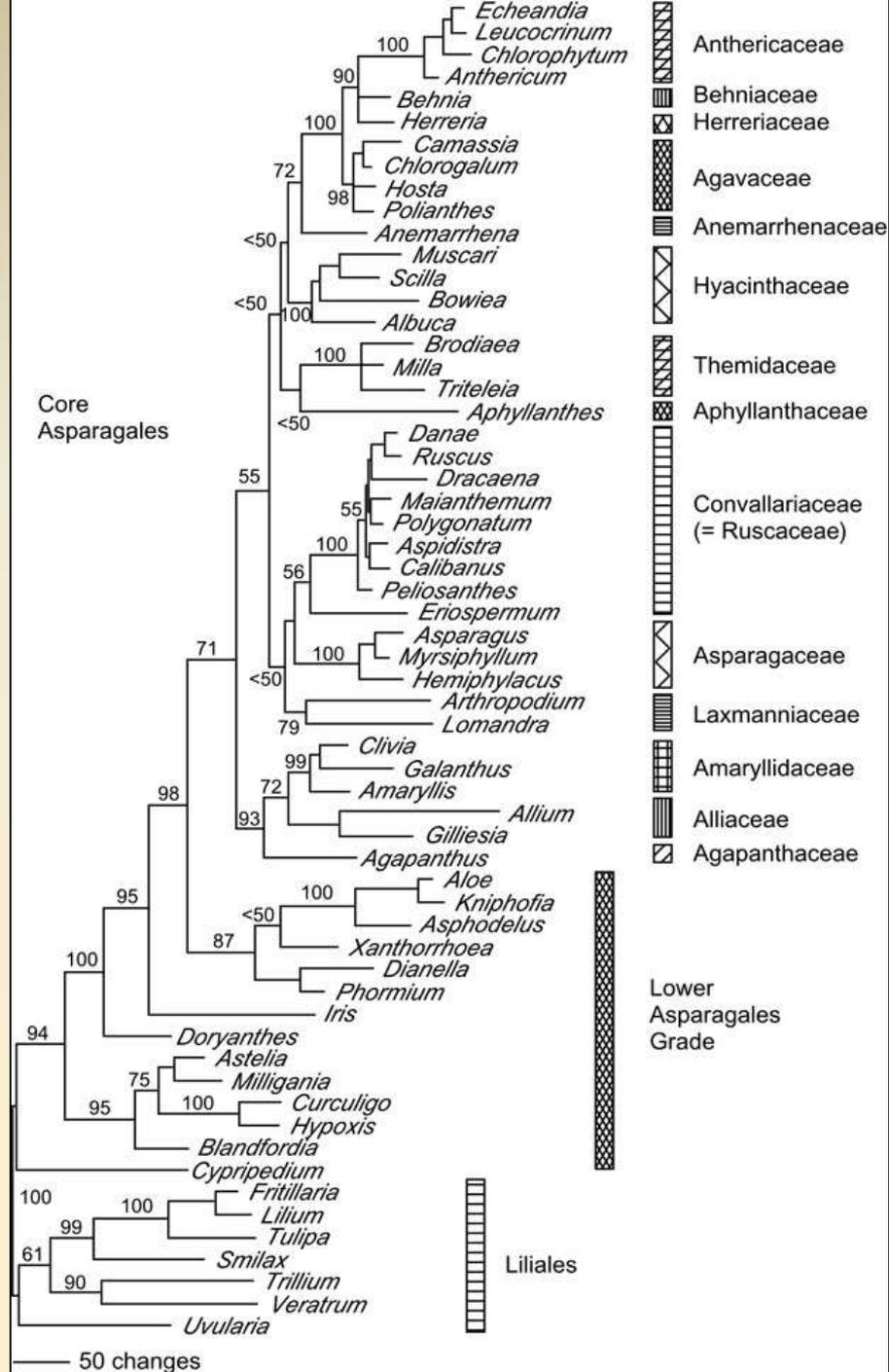
Nolinaceae

Agavaceae s.s.

Asparagales

Combined
rbcL and ndhF
Sequence data

Bogler et al. 2006.
Aliso 22: 313–328



Agave

Dasyliirion

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rbcL, ndhF,
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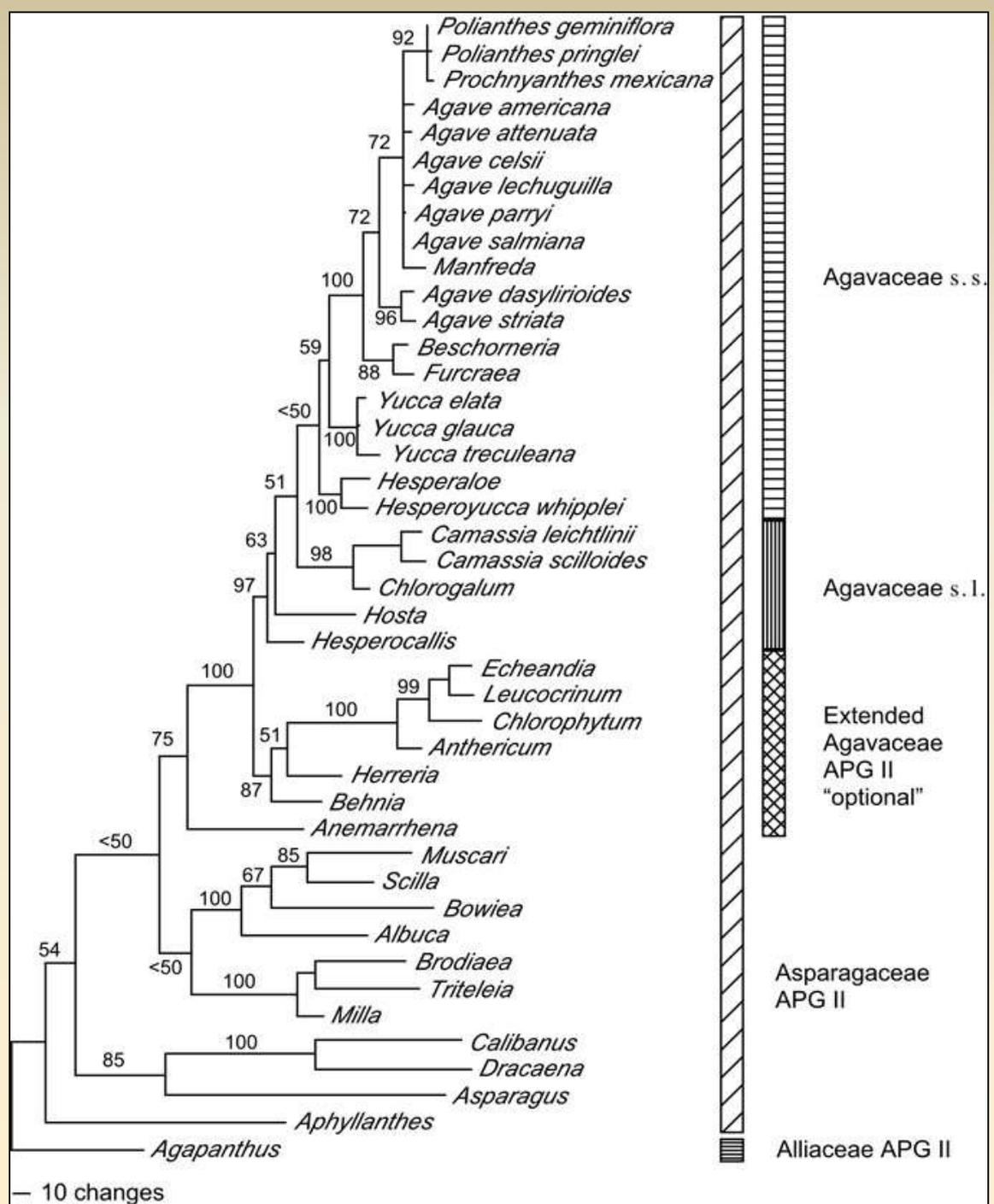
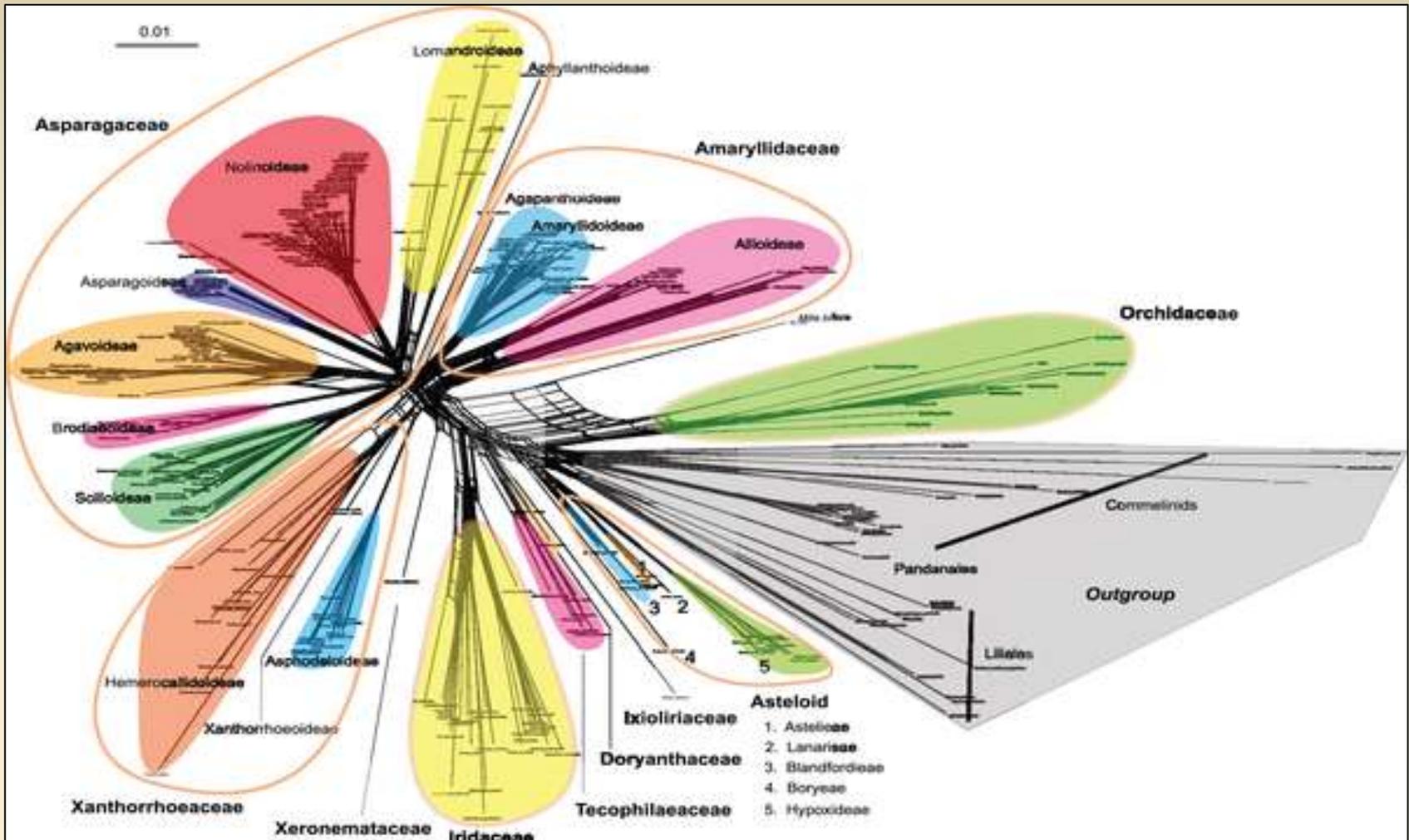


Figure 1. Neighbour net for Asparagales and outgroups.



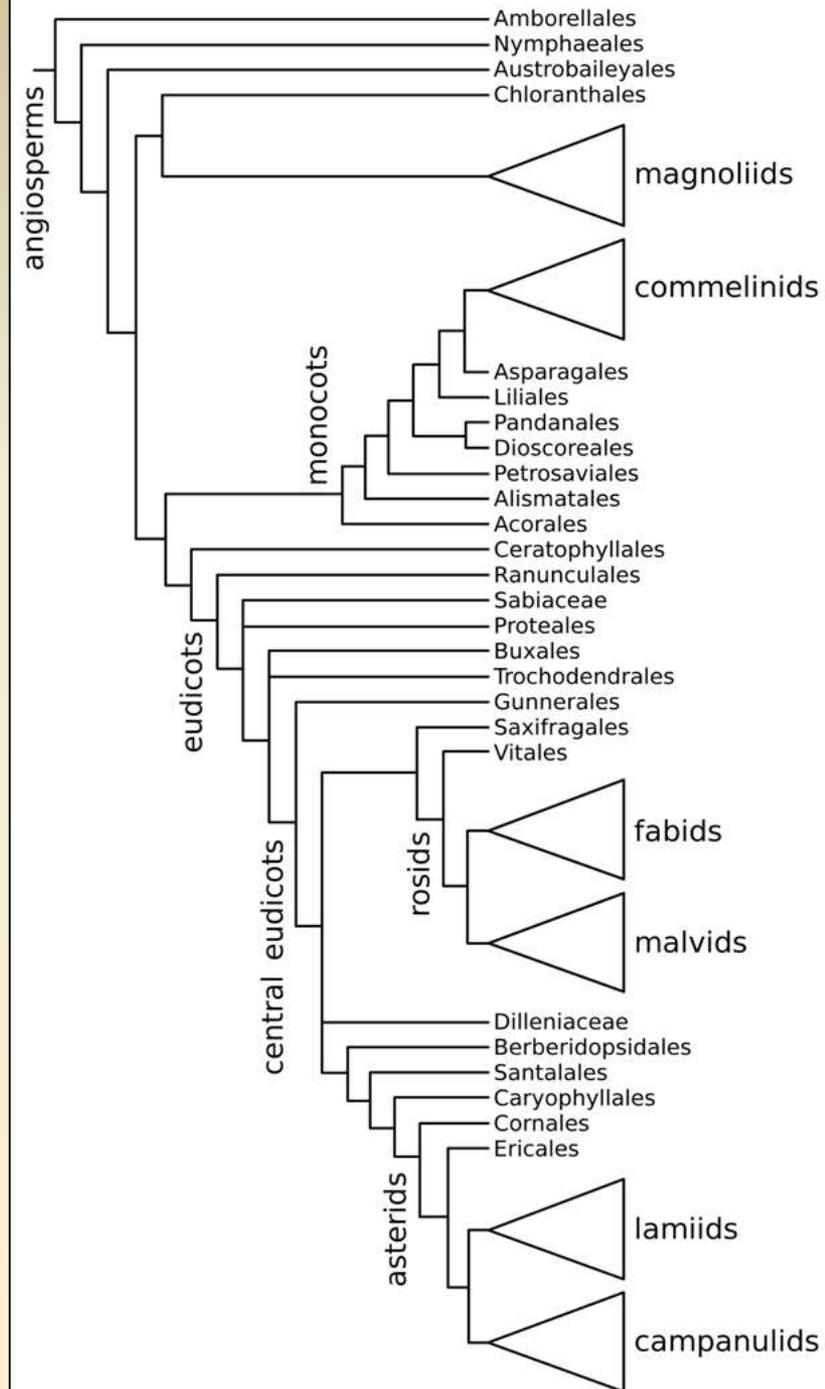
Chen S, Kim DK, Chase MW, Kim JH (2013) Networks in a Large-Scale Phylogenetic Analysis: Reconstructing Evolutionary History of Asparagales (Liliana) Based on Four Plastid Genes. PLoS ONE 8(3): e59472. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0059472
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Angiosperm Phylogeny Group

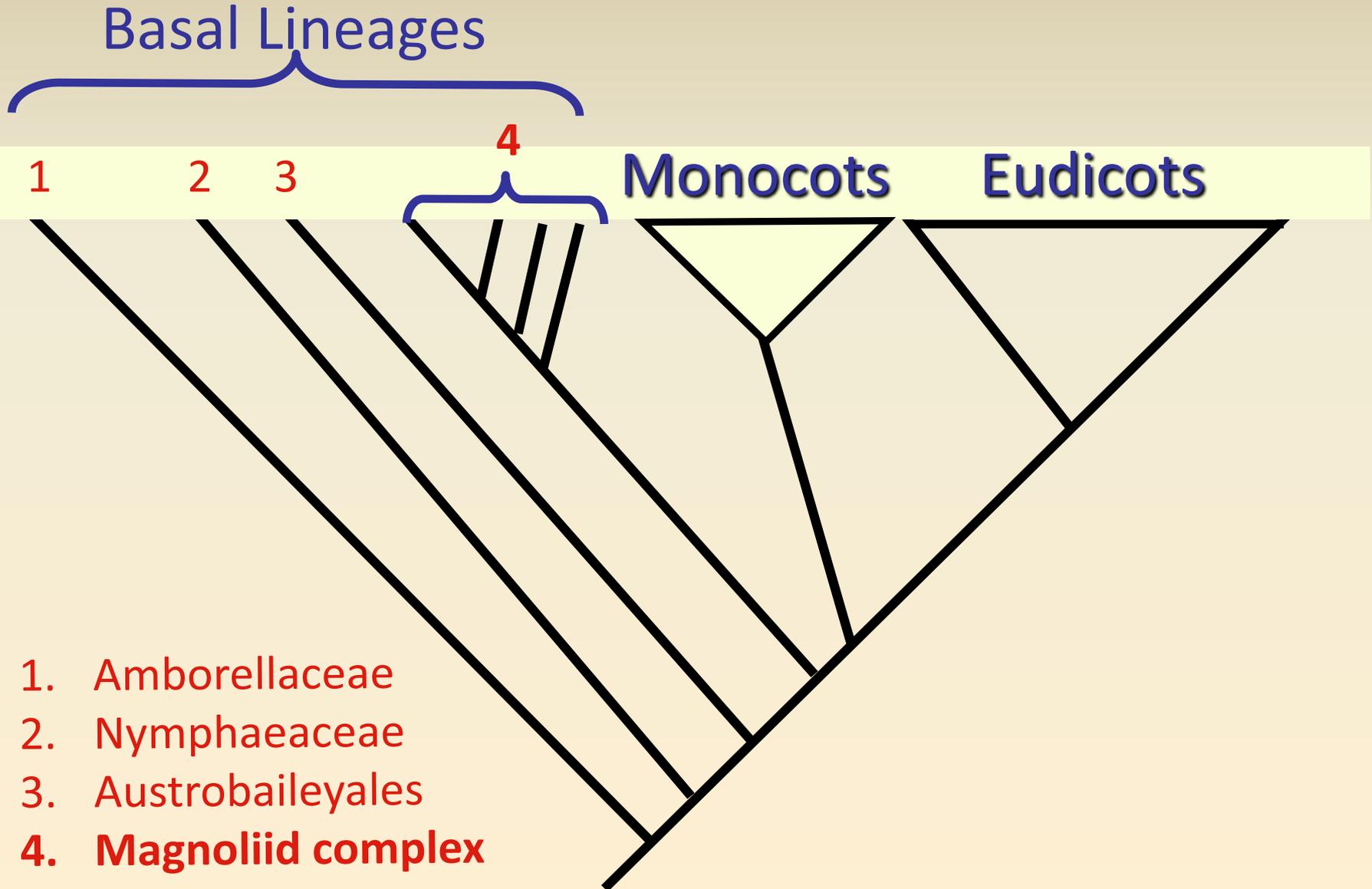
APG I (1998, 2003, 2009)

Main Features:

- Anonymous, with contributions from many people
- No subclasses, only informal higher groups
- 40 orders
- 462 families
- Based largely on molecular phylogenies
- Taxa are monophyletic



Modern angiosperm relationships



“Agavaceae”

APG3 Asparagaceae – Agavoideae



Agave salmiana

Core Genera:

Yucca

Hesperoyucca

Hesperaloe

Beschorneria

Furcraea

Agave

Manfreda

Polianthes

Prochnyanthes

Basal Genera:

Hosta

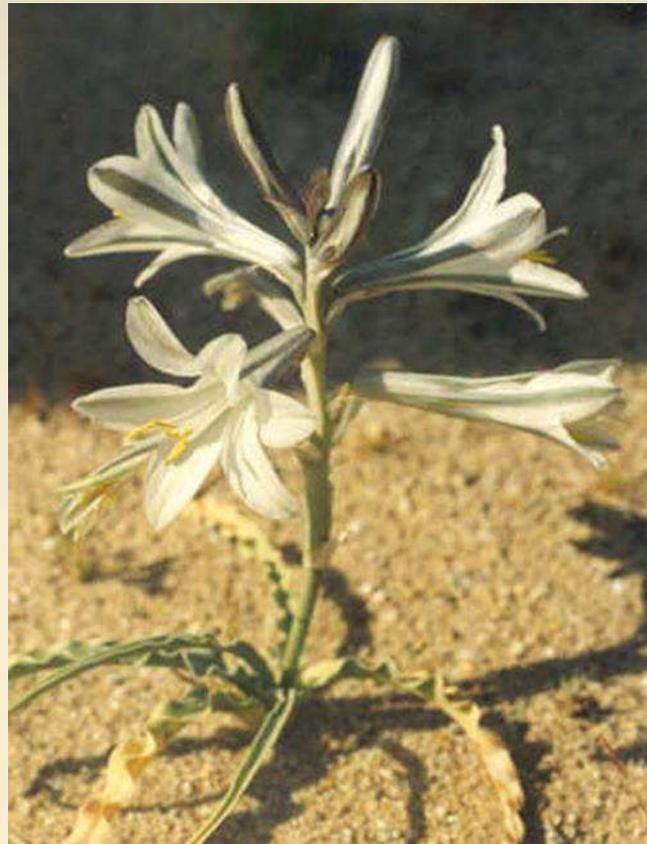
Camassia

Chlorogalum

Hesperocallis

Basal Genera in Agavoideae

Hesperocallis



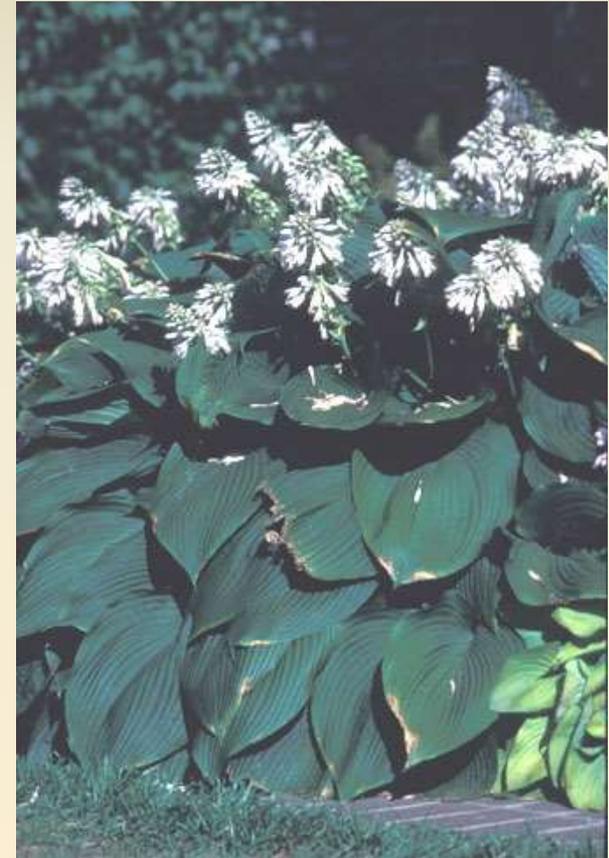
H. undulata
SW U.S., Mex.
n = 24, bimodal

Camassia



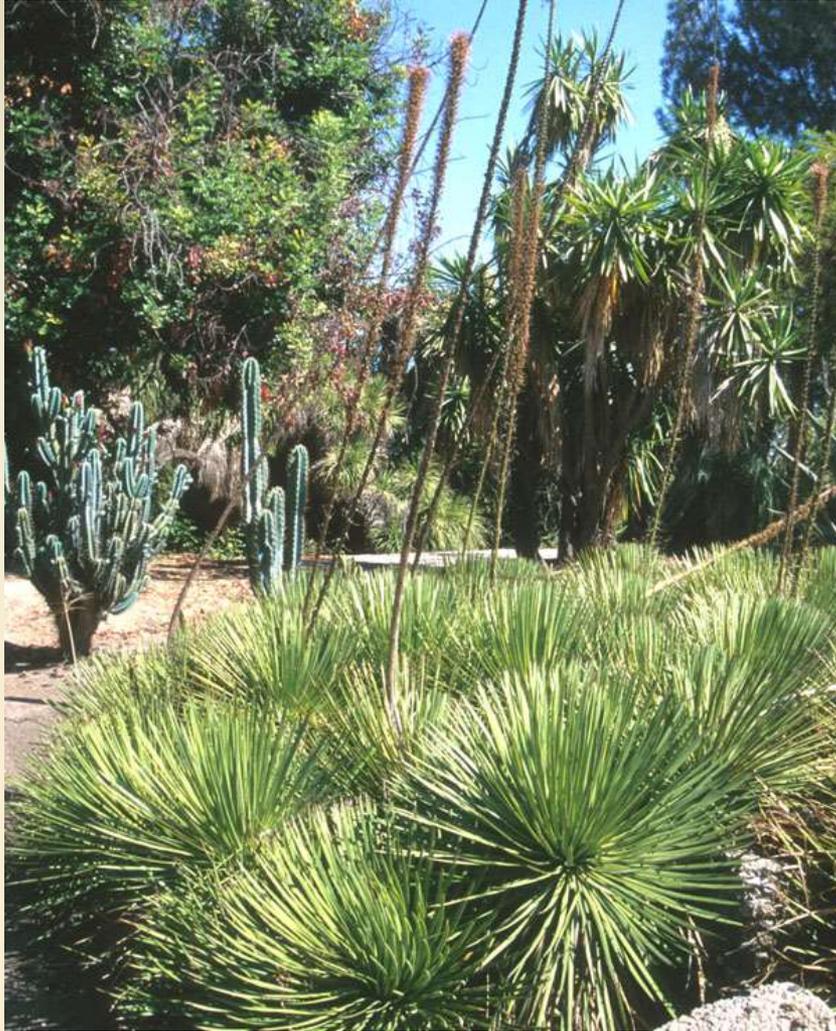
Camassia 5 spp. n= 30. bimodal
Chlorogalum - 5 spp. n =15, 30
Schoenolirion - 3 spp.
Hastingsia - 5 spp.

Hosta



Hosta
25-many spp., Korea, China
n = 30, bimodal

Genus *Agave* - Group *Striatae*

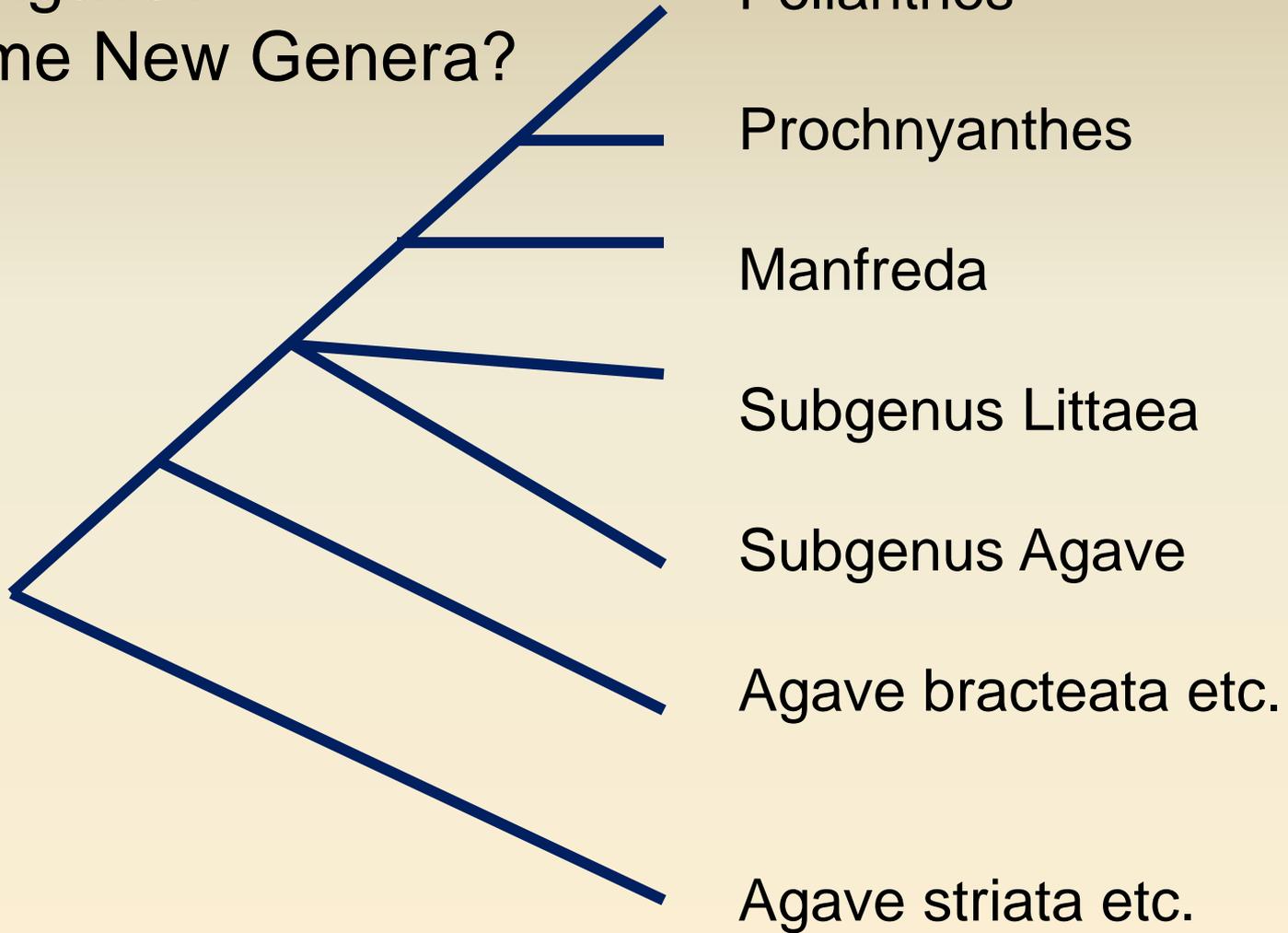


Agave striata

Characters thought by Gentry (1982) to be ancestral

- Perennial habit
- Hard, serrulate leaves
- Simple spikes
- Flowers geminate
- Non-dimorphic tepals
- Ovary incompletely inferior
- Reproduce only by seed

All Agave?
Name New Genera?



Yucca and the Yucca Moth

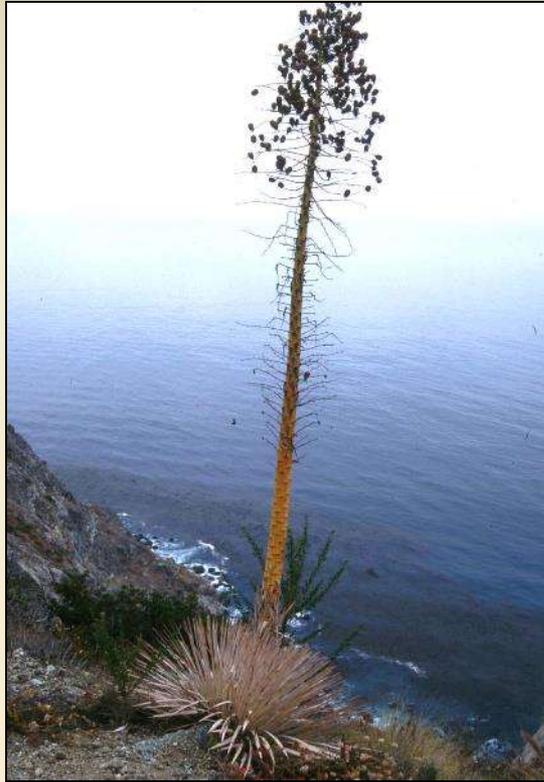




Tegiticula – Yucca moth larvae inside fruits



Hesperoyucca whipplei



Monocarpic
Capitate Stigma
Pollinated by *Tegiticula* moths



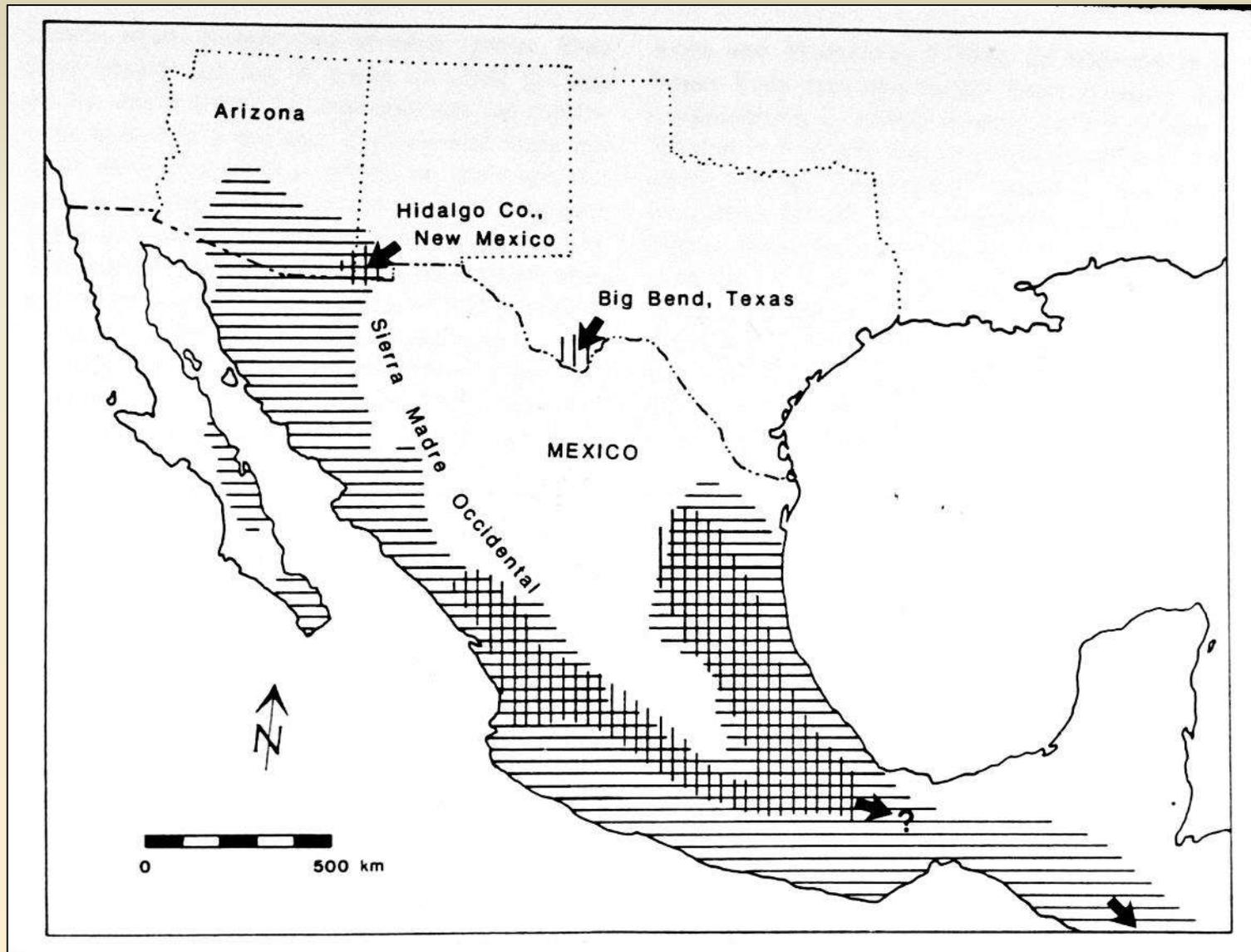


Hesperaloe funifera



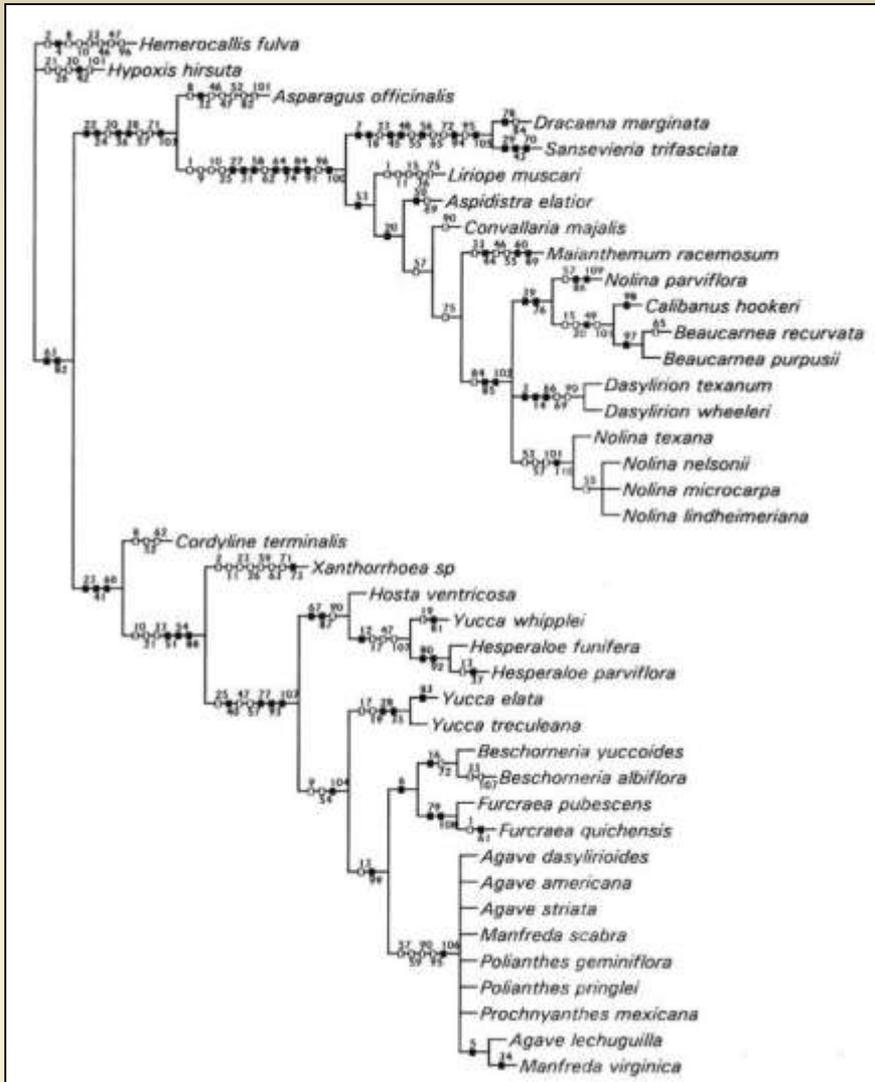
Leptoncycteris

Nectar-Feeding Bat Range and Migration



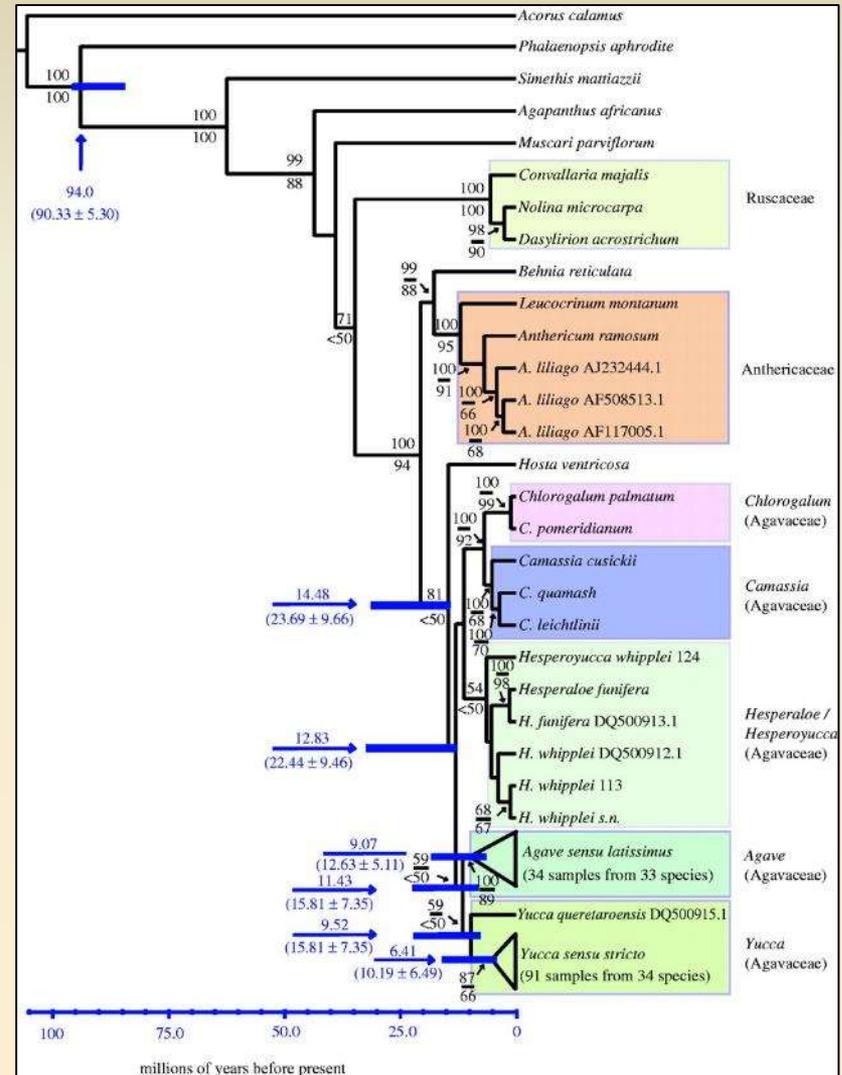


Phylogram of Agavaceae based on cpDNA Restriction Sites



Bogler and Simpson. 1995. Syst. Bot. 20: 191

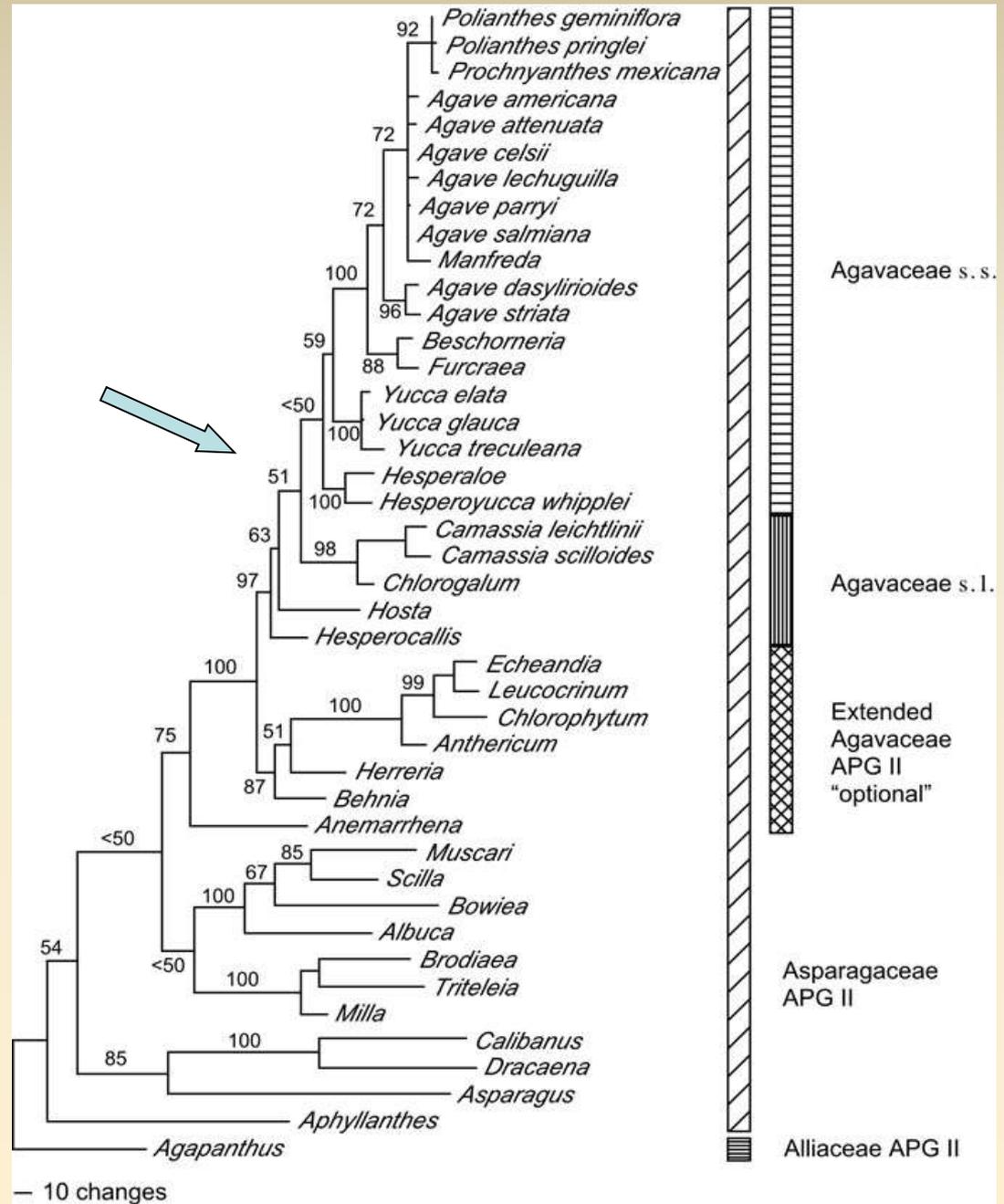
Chronogram of the Agavaceae based on cpDNA intergenic spacer sequences.



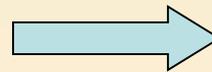
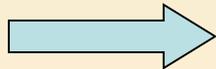
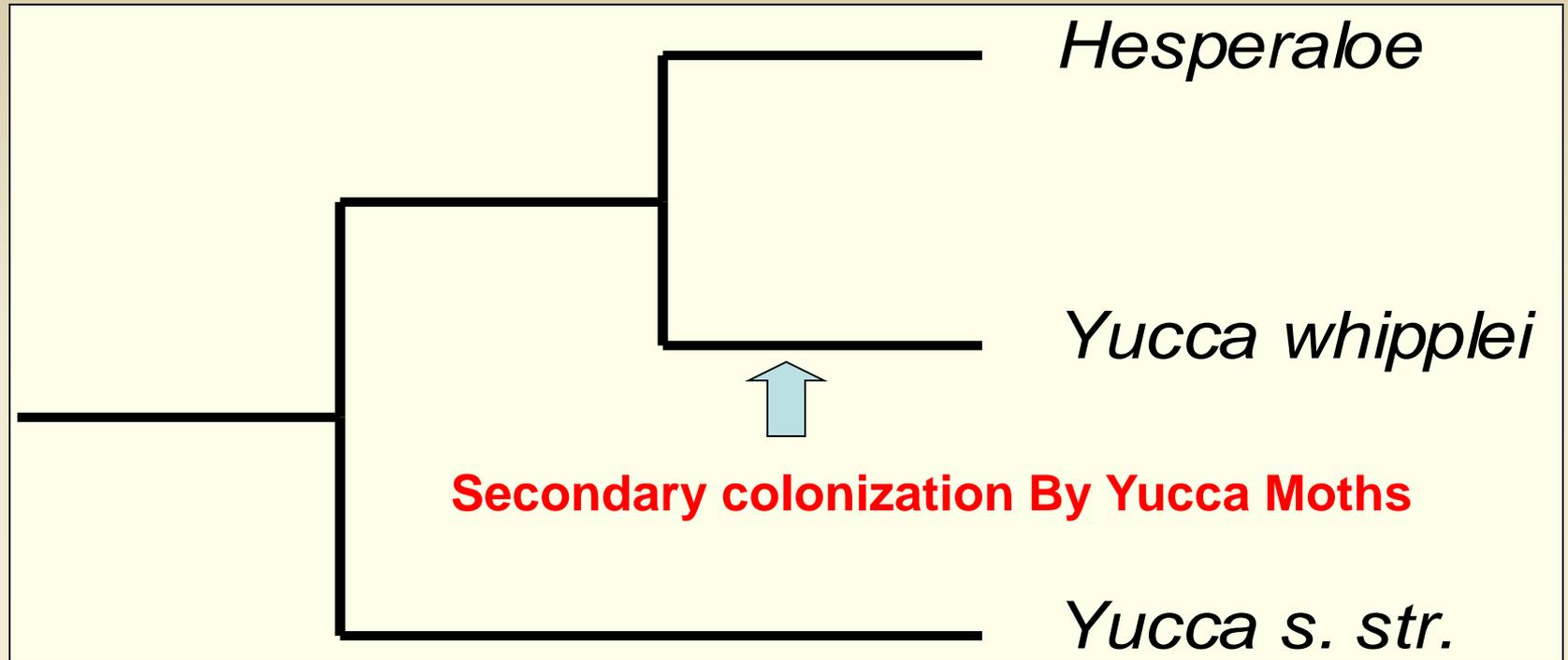
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Bogler et al. 1995. PNAS 92:6864-6867



“Groups” of *Agave* (Gentry, 1982)



Howard Scott Gentry

Subgenus *Littaea*:

- Group *Amolae*
- Group *Chloripetalae*
- Group *Filiferae*
- Group *Marginatae*
- Group *Parviflorae*
- Group *Polycephalae*
- Group *Striatae*
- Group *Urceolatae*

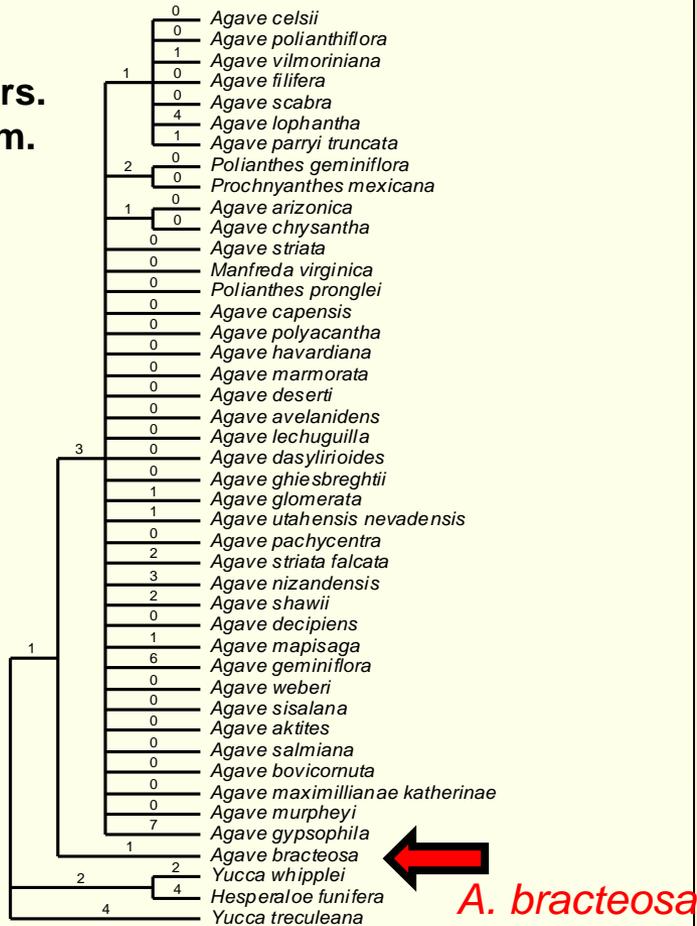
Subgenus *Agave*:

- Group *Americanae*
- Group *Campaniflorae*
- Group *Crenatae*
- Group *Deserticolae*
- Group *Ditepalae*
- Group *Hiemeflorae*
- Group *Marmoratae*
- Group *Parryanae*
- Group *Rigidae*
- Group *Salmianae*
- Group *Sisalanae*
- Group *Umbelliflorae*

Chloroplast Gene Spacers in Agave

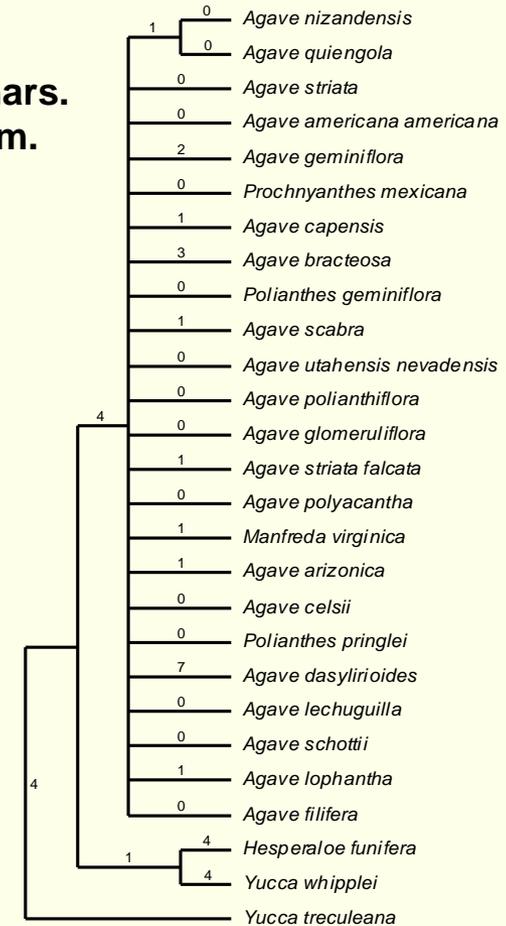
atpB - rbcL spacer

820 Chars.
12 inform.



rpl20 - rps12 spacer

734 Chars.
7 inform.



What to do?

Agave bahamense – Andros Island



Agave sp. Whale Point, Eleuthera, Bahamas



Agave in the West Indies and Florida

Agaves of the West Indies

(mostly from Trelease, 1913)

Group Bahamaeae - 6 spp.

Group Inaguenses - 2 spp.

Group Antillanae - 13 spp.

spp.

Group Antillares - 5 spp.

Group Caribaeae - 15 spp

Group Viviparae - 6 spp.

Introduced

Group Rigidae

A. angustifolia group

Group Sisalanae

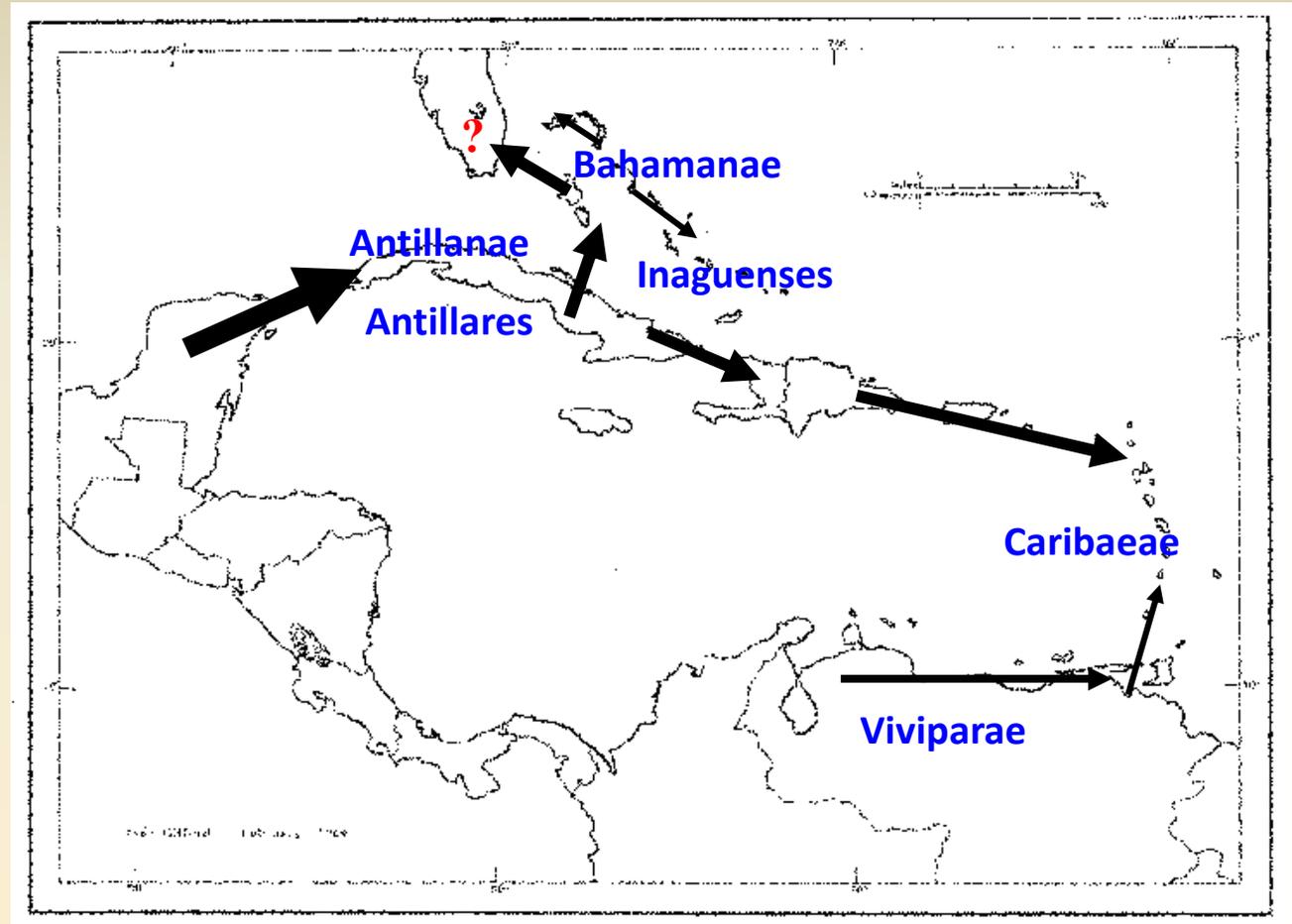
A. sisalana group

Agaves in Florida

A. decipiens

A. desmettiana

A. neglecta



Pleistocene Sea Level Fluctuations?

Agave eggersiana

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

~200 individuals left



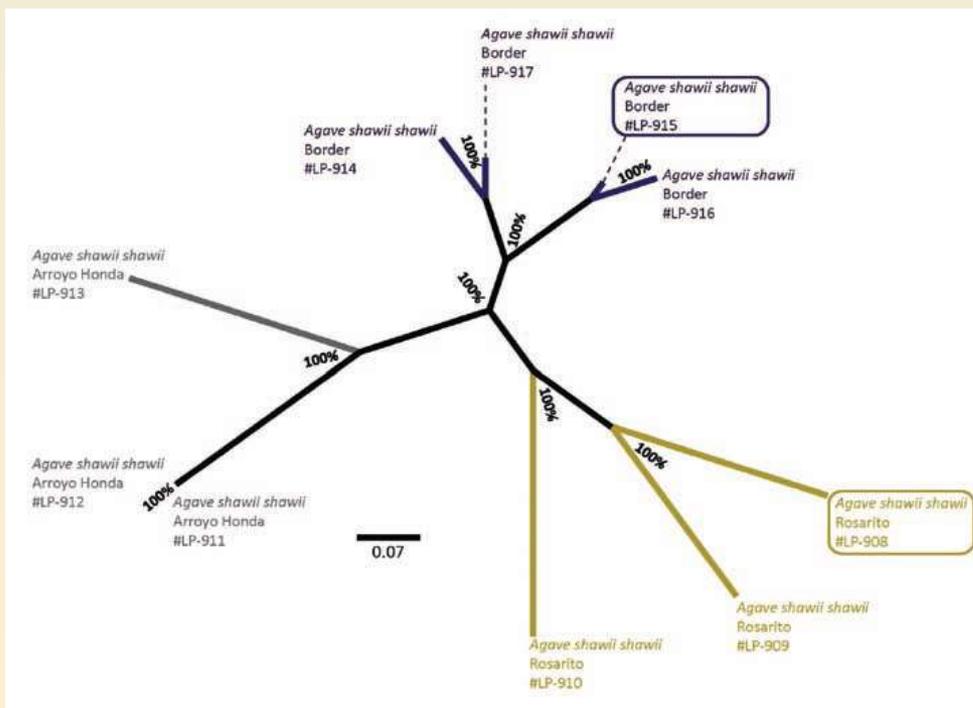
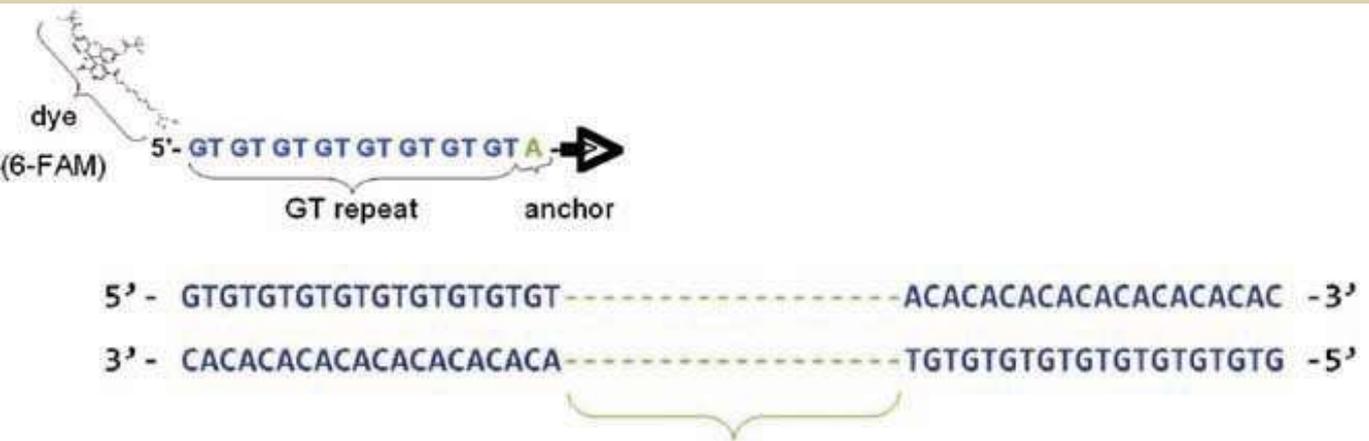
Agave shawii - Shaw's Century Plant



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Inter-Simple-Sequence-Repeats - ISSRs

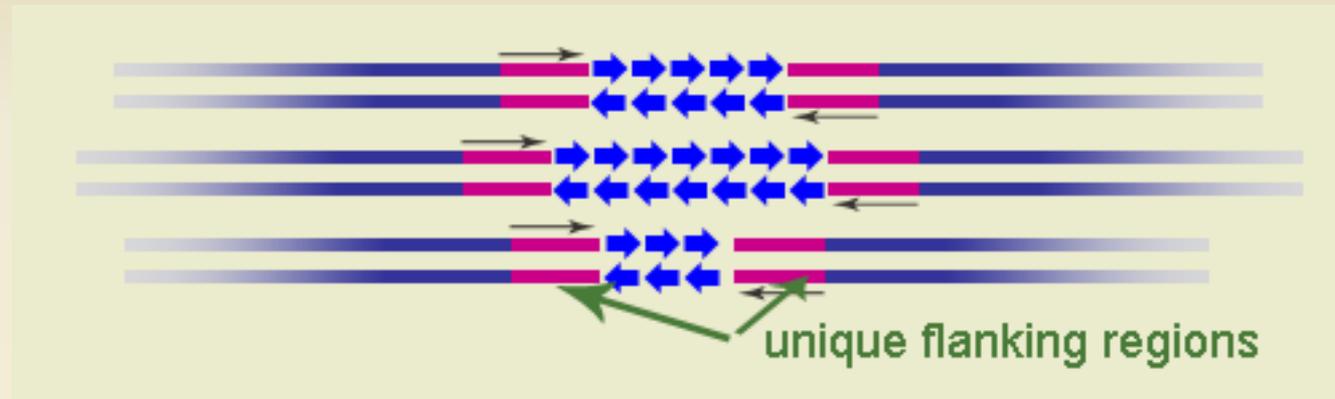
Linda Prince
Agave shawii



SSRs - Simple Sequence Repeats (= Microsatellites)

Short repeating sequences scattered throughout the genome, e.g., GTGTGTGTGTGT, or CATCATCATCAT

The number of SSRs is highly variable among individuals



Two Kinds of Markers Use SSRs

ISSRs – Inter-Simple-Sequence-Repeats

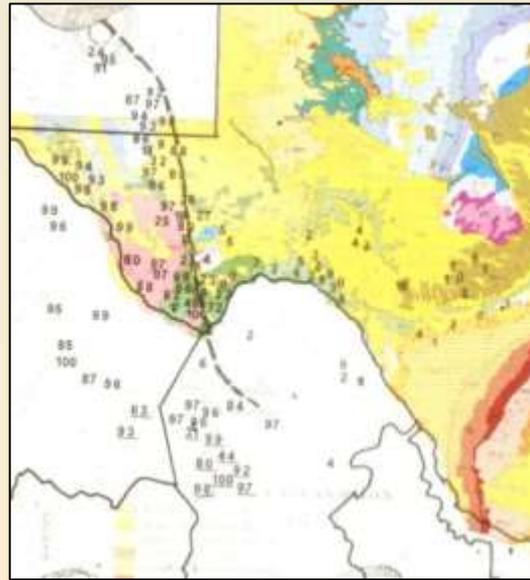
Repeating unit used as a primer to amplify region in between SSRs

Microsatellites

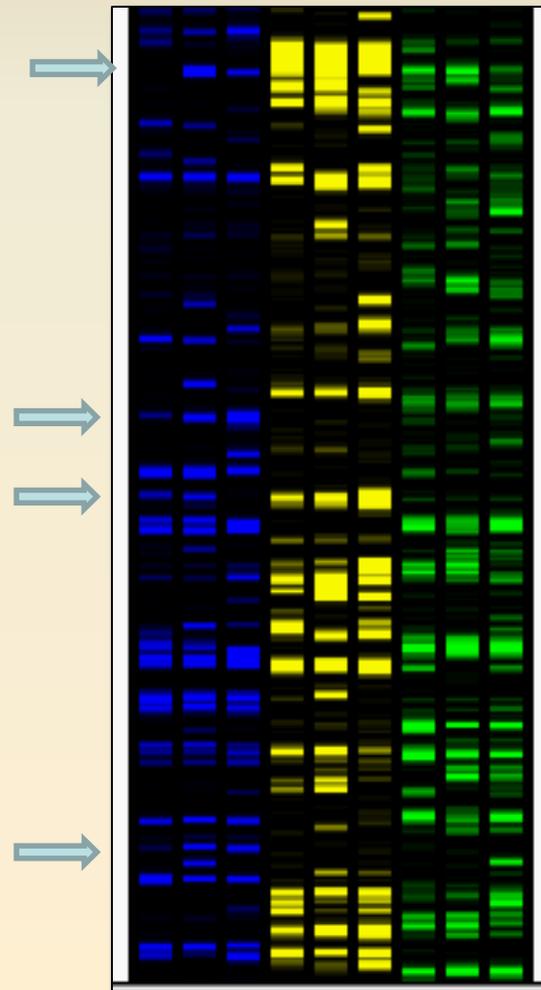
Flanking regions used to amplify SSR repeating units

Hybrids between *Dasyilirion wheeleri* and *D. leiophyllum* in west Texas?

1. *D. wheeleri* - Organ Mtns.
2. *D. wheeleri/leio.* - Hueco Tanks
Putative hybrid
3. *D. leiophyllum* - Chinati Mtns.



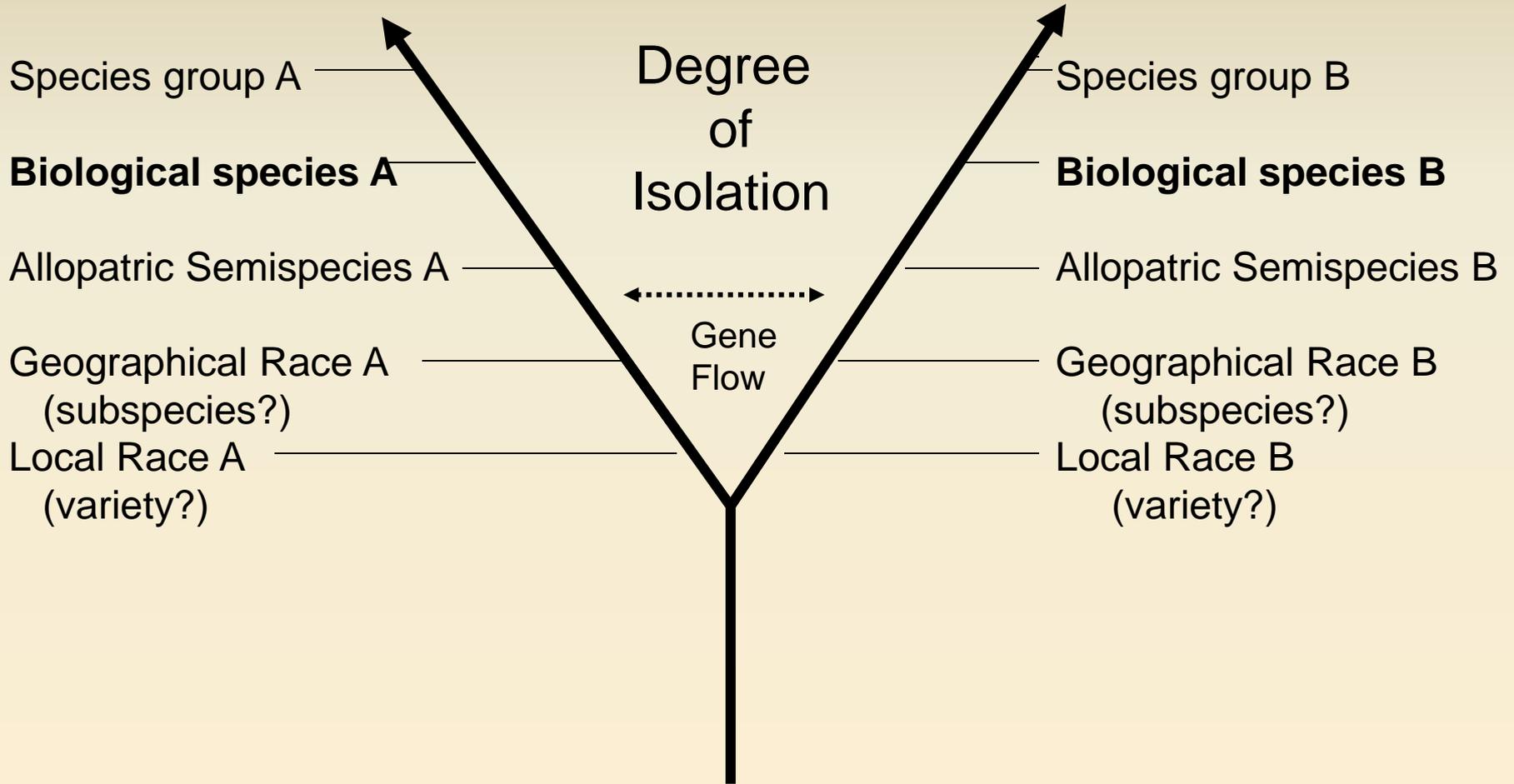
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Need to look at larger sample size

Stages in Divergence Leading to Biological Species

from V. Grant, 1981



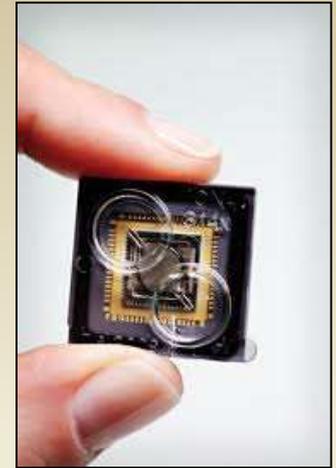
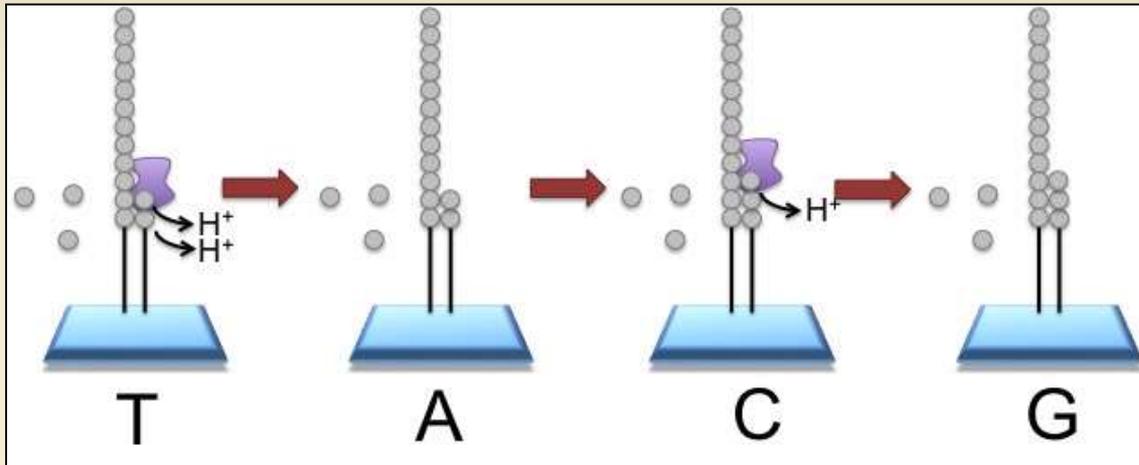
NGS in a Nutshell

DNA is fragmented.

Adapters are added.

One molecule is placed on a bead.

Each bead is placed in a single well on a slide



Semiconductor Chip

Molecules are amplified on the bead by emulsion PCR

Slide is flooded with a single species of dNTP, along with buffers and polymerase, one NTP at a time.

The pH is detected in each of the wells, as each H⁺ ion released will decrease the pH.

The changes in pH allow us to determine if that base, and how many thereof, was added to the sequence read. Computer keeps track.

The dNTPs are washed away, and the process is repeated cycling through the different dNTP species.

Sequence fragments are assembled into fragments by software

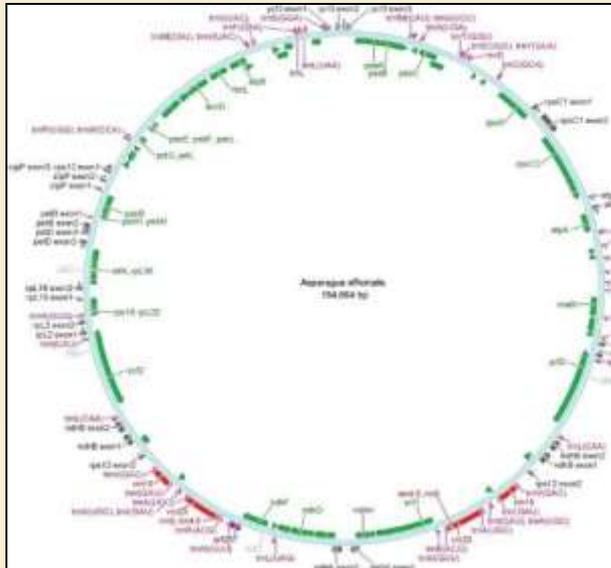


Sequence fragments can also be screened for microsatellite regions
New NGS population techniques on horizon - RADSeq

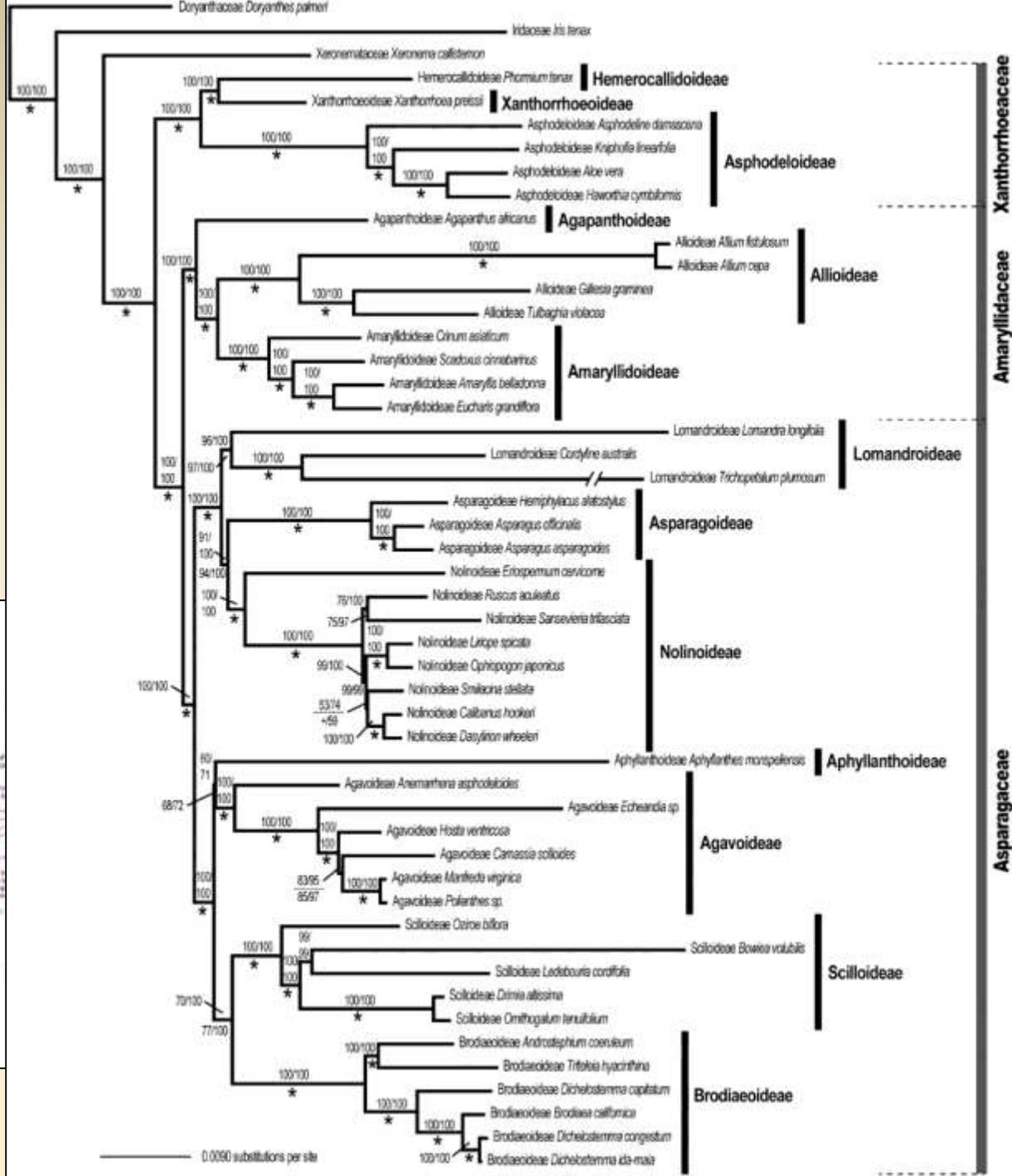
Whole Genome Sequencing

Steele et al. 2012
Am. J. Bot. 99:330-348

79 gene markers +
 other data sets
 ML tree



Asparagus cp genome



Matching Taxa Best Describe Remaining Taxa Restart Filter by Genus Lookup Help
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Interactive Key to Agavaceae of the U.S.

David Bogler, Missouri Botanical Garden, USDA-NRCS

- 1. *Acaulescent*
- 2. *Caulescent*
- 3. *Mature plants arborescent*
- 4. *Rosettes freely suckering*
- 5. *Rosettes or bulbs solitary*
- 6. *Rosettes or bulbs cespitose, clustered, several to numerous*
- 7. *Roots tuberous*
- 8. *Rhizomes present*
- 9. *Rhizomes erect or ascending, corm-like or with corm-like shoots*
- 10. *Stolons present*
- 11. *Bulbs present*
- 12. *Bulb tunicate, with fibrous coat*
- 13. *Stems woody*
- 14. *Stems erect or ascending*
- 15. *Stems geniculate, decumbent, or lax, sometimes rooting at nodes*
- 16. *Stems branched*
- 17. *Leaves rigid, erect*
- 18. *Leaves flexible, recurved*
- 19. *Leaves soft, non-fibrous*

- All Taxa:
- [Agave ajoensis](#)
 - [Agave americana](#)
 - [Agave arizonica](#)
 - [Agave asperrima](#)
 - [Agave chrysantha](#)
 - [Agave decipiens](#)
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