

TAXONOMY. WHAT IS IT?

TAXONOMY IS THE SCIENCE OF IDENTIFYING, NAMING, DESCRIBING AND CLASSIFYING DIFFERENT ORGANISMS.

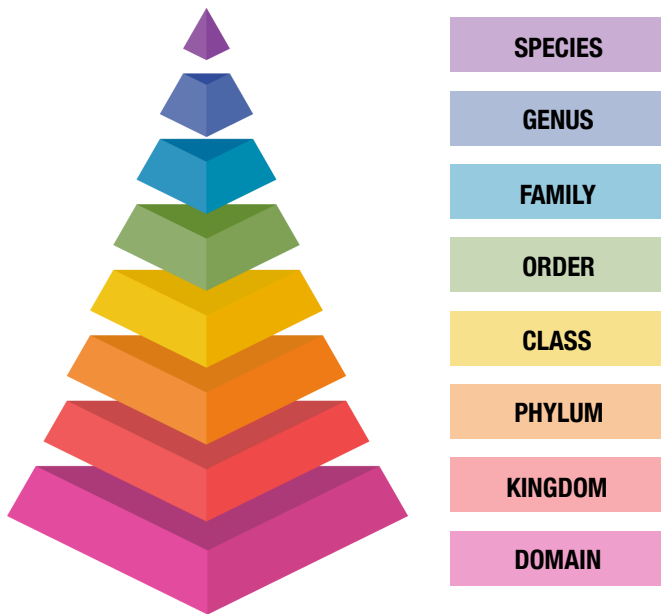
TAXONOMY INCLUDES ALL ORGANISMS, BOTH LIVING AND EXTINCT, AND CLASSIFIES THEM INTO DISTINCT GROUPS, OR, 'CATEGORIES'.



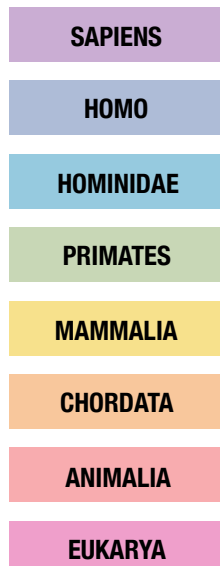
DID YOU KNOW?

Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) was a Swedish botanist, physician and zoologist who is regarded as the **father of taxonomy**. His system for naming, ranking, and classifying organisms -though modified over the years - **is still widely used today**.

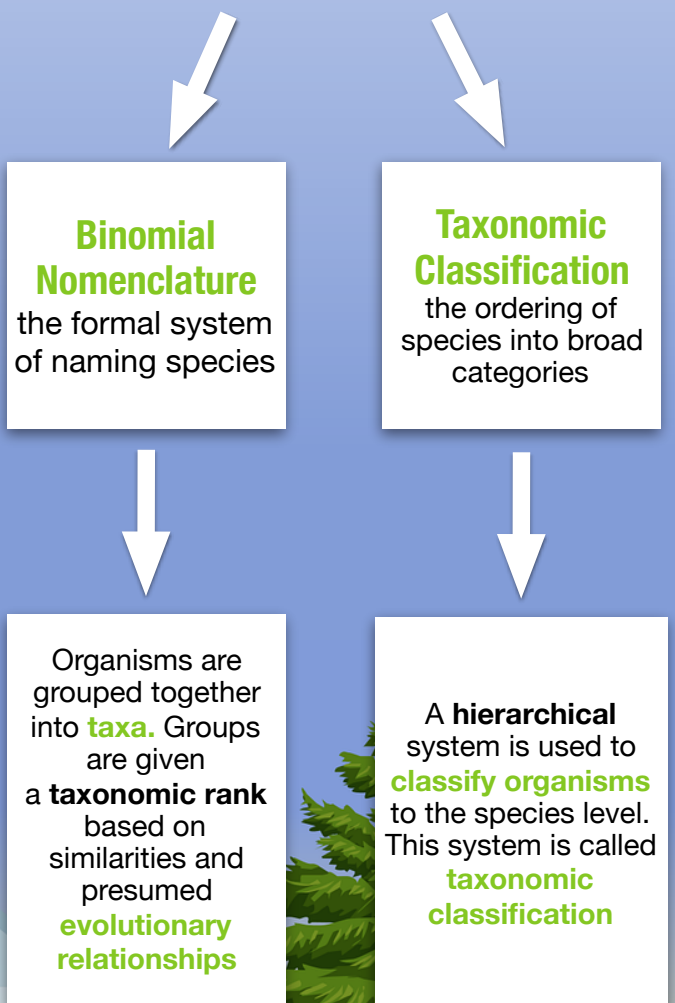
There are **8 distinct taxonomic categories**:



Human Taxonomy



Linnaeus's taxonomy system has **two main features** that contribute to its ease of use in naming and grouping organisms



Taxonomy provides a basic understanding of the components of biodiversity which is vital in ensuring effective decision-making about conservation and sustainability.