

BIOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION

Biological classification is the scientific procedure of arranging organisms into groups and subgroups on the basis of their similarities and dissimilarities and placing the group in a hierarchy of categories.

Kingdom System. of Classification		
Two Kingdom	Three Kingdom	Five Kingdom
Plantae	Plantae	Monera
Animalia	Protista	Protista
	Animalia	Fungi
		Plantae
		Animalia

- Eichler and Engler and Prantl phylogenetic systems are transitional (partly) phylogenetic.
 - Phylogeny is developmental history of entire race. Haeckel proposed concept of phylogeny.
 - Term monera was used by Dougherty and Allen.
- Phyletic Classification, It is a type of phylogenetic classification based on the relationship to a particular line of descent. There are two components of phyletic relationships.

- (i) **Phyletic** (a term used for similarities between two plants due to a known common ancestry)
- (ii) **Phyletic** (a term used for closeness of relationship in terms of phyletic)

Phylogenetic systematics is a method of classification (given by Willi Hennig) (also called Hennigian classification)

- Green Data Bank (G1:111).. It gives information about rare plants growing in botanical gardens/protected areas.
- Blue Book, United Nations Environment Programme (NEP) has compiled endangered species of the world under the title Blue Book.
- Traffic, Trade record analysis of flora and fauna in commerce
- UNESCO — United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation,
- IUCN (IUCN) — International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources or IUCN,
- GEF — Global Environmental Facility.
- BHS — Bombay Natural History Society.. Mumbai (its logo is Hornbill)
- WWF — World Wide Fund for Nature (Old name was WWF — World Wildlife Fund) Since 1966, it is WWF.. Its logo is giant panda.
- IBWL — Indian Board for Wildlife (1952)
- WPSI — Wildlife Preservation Society of India- Dehradun,
- UNEP — United Nations Environment Programme.
- NBPGR — National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi.
- NBAOR — National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal.
- Mixotrophy. This nutrition is found in euglenoids which show photosynthetic mode of nutrition in light and become heterotrophic in the absence of light.
- Bambusa multiplex is world's fastest growing tree.

- **Louie)** *Torreya* is longest living plant 1143'0001 years old).
- *Buteo borealis* is called **flame of the forest**

1_ Monera –

The kingdom **includes** all prokaryotes – mycoplasma, bacteria, actinomyces, and cyanobacteria.

- (a) **Unicellular, prokaryotes** and **containing the most primitive of living forms**
- (b) The cells are **Microscopic** and cell wall is generally present
- (c) **Genetic materials** are not organized into nucleus and contain naked DNA.
- (d) Membrane bounded organelles are absent
- (e) **Reproduction is asexual except gene recombination.**
- (f) **Flagella** may be present and are of **single stranded**

Example – Blue-green algae, Bacteria etc.

bacteria;

Shapes:

coccus; spherical **shaped**

Spirillum **spiral** or coiled **shape**

Vibrio: rod shaped

Vibrio comma shaped

Archaebacteria –

They are a group of most primitive prokaryotes which live under most hostile conditions like extreme salty area (halophile), hot springs (thermoacidophiles) and marshy area (methanogens). The cell wall structure shows absence of peptidoglycan. **Methanogens** are responsible for production of biogas (methane).

Eubacteria – They are called as true bacteria contain rigid cell wall if motile contain flagellum

Cyanobacteria or blue-green algae are **gram** positive photosynthetic bacteria. They contain chlorophyll a and carotenoids. They may be unicellular, colonial or filamentous, fresh water, marine or terrestrial. Some of them have specialized heterocyst cells to perform nitrogen fixation (*Nostoc* and *Anabaena*).

Chemosynthetic bacteria oxidize inorganic substances like nitrate, nitrite, ammonia etc. to produce energy and help in recycling of nitrogen, phosphorus, sulphur etc.

Heterotrophic bacteria are helpful in production of curd, antibiotic and fixing nitrogen in leguminous plants

Mycoplasma –

They are the simplest free living prokaryotes. They are also known as PPLO (Pleuropneumonia like organism). They lack cell wall and can survive without oxygen.

2_ Protista

Kingdom Protista includes Chrysophytes, Dinoflagellates, Euglenoids, Slime mould and Protozoans.

(a) It includes all unicellular and colonial eukaryotes

(b) Most of them are aquatic forming plankton.

(c) **Mode of nutrition** may be photosynthetic, saprobic, parasitic or holoparasitic.

(d) **Flagella** if present are Li stranded with 9 + 2 arrangement of microtubules composed of tubulin.

(e) **Genetic material** consists of 2 or more DNA molecules.

Chrysophytes

- They include diatoms and golden algae. Diatoms are found in fresh water as well as marine water.
- In diatoms, cell wall forms two thin overlapping cells which fit together as in soap box.
- The siliceous indestructible cell wall pile up at the bottom of water reservoirs and form big heaps called diatomaceous earth.

Dinoflagellates

- They are basically unicellular motile, biflagellate and photosynthetic protists.
- Predominant colour is golden brown but yellow, green, red and blue.
- Some dinoflagellates like *Gymnodinium* and *Gonyaulax* grow in large number in the sea and make the water look red and cause the so-called "red tide".

Euglenoids

- They are Euglena-like unicellular flagellates which possess pellicle instead of cell wall which make their body flexible.
- They have two flagella, one short and other long.
- They are photosynthetic in presence of sunlight and act as predators in absence of sunlight.
- Example - *Euglena* & *Wentia*.

Slime Moulds

- They are saprophytic protists and feed on decaying twigs and leaves.
- Under favorable conditions, they form an aggregation called plasmodium which produces fruiting bodies bearing spores.
- The cell wall is absent.
- Example - *Physarum*.

Protozoa

- All protozoans are heterotrophs and live as predators or parasites.

Classification;

- Amoeboids: *Amoeba*, *Entamoeba*
- Flagellated protozoans: *Trypanosome*
- Ciliated protozoans: *Paramecium*
- Sporozoans: *Plasmodium*

3. Fungi -

- They are achionophilous, heterotrophic, spore forming, non-motile, eukaryotic organisms.
- Cell wall is made up of chitin or fungal cellulose.

- Reserved food is glycogen.
- Mode of nutrition is saprophytic, parasitic or symbiotic.
- Reproduction may be Vegetative (Fragmentation, fission or budding), asexual (conidia, sporangiospores or zoospores) or Sexual reproduction by ascospores, ascospore and basidiospores.
- Sexual cycles involves the following steps –
 - a) Plasmogamy, fusion of male and female gametes.
 - b) Karyogamy, fusion of two
 - c) Meiosis of zygote to produce haploid spores

Phycomycetes-

- They are found in aquatic habitat and on decaying wood in moist and damp places.
- The mycelium is aseptate and coenocytic.
- Asexual reproduction by zoospores (motile) or aplanospores (non-motile).
- Example - Mucor, Allomyces etc.

(13) Ascomycetes (The sac fungi)

- They are saprophytic, decomposers, parasitic or coprophilous (growing on dung).
- Mycelium is branched and septate and asexual spores are
- Sexual spores are called ascospores produced inside the fruiting body called ascocarp.

Example - *Nectria*, *Claviceps* etc,

(c) Basidiomycetes (The club fungi)

- The mycelium is branched and septate.
- Vegetative reproduction is by fragmentation. Asexual spores are not found. Sexual reproduction is by means of vegetative or somatic cells forming basidium.
- Basidiospores are produced in basidium by developing a fruiting body called basidiocarp.
- Example - Agaricus, Ustilago, Puccinia

(d) Deuteromycetes (The fungi imperfecti)

- a. Only Vegetative and asexual phase is known.
- Mycelium is septate and branched, Some members are saprophytes or parasites,
- * Example - *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium*, *Candida*

4. Plantae

- Kingdom plantae includes Algae, Bryophytes, Pteridophytes, Gymnosperms and Angiosperms

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Fleeterotrophic, eukaryotic organisms that are multicellular and -cell walls are present in the cell

Virus, VI raids and Lichens

Five kingdom system of classification does not includes Virus, Viroids and Lichens

- Viruses are non-cellular organisms having inert crystalline structure outside the living.
 - In addition to proteins, viruses also contain genetic material that could be DNA or RNA. In general, virus that infects plants have single stranded RNA and virus that infect animals have double stranded DNA.
 - Bacteriophage virus are called bacteriophage.
 - Viroids are discovered by T.O. Diener as new infectious agent smaller than virus to causing potato spindle tuber disease. They are free RNA without protein coat.
 - Lichens are symbiotic association between algae and fungi. The algal part is called photobiont and fungal parts are called mycobiont.
 - The term protozoa was given by Goldfuss.
 - Protozoans were first named for the first time by Leeuwenhoek.
 - Unicellular nature of the protozoans was recognized by von Siebold.
 - Döbereiner described protozoans as acellular animals.
 - Food vacuoles in protozoans are also known as *gastrioles*. The term *gastriole* was given by Volkovsky.
 - Contents of food vacuoles in Amoeba are first acidic in nature and later alkaline.
 - Hyman (1917) first proposed sol-gel theory.
 - Pinocytosis in Amoeba was first studied by Mast and Doyle (1934).
 - Giant Amoeba is Pelotrypa or Chaos chaos.
 - Protospongia, a colonial protozoan, a connecting link between protozoa/Protista and Porifera/Neleto-zoo.
 - Hydramoelia. Ectoparasitic protozoan which feeds on epidermal cells of Hydrozoa.
 - If an Amoeba is placed in distilled water its contractile vacuole works faster.
 - If an Amoeba is placed in salt water, its contractile vacuole disappears.
 - Study of viruses is called virology. Father of virology is Stanley. Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV) is parasite on another virus.
 - Pseudovirus. A pseudo virion contains host cell DNA instead of the viral genome.
 - Small pox eradication program was started by WHO in 1967.
- Viruses can be cultured on living cells by (i) host tissue culture method, (ii) Chick embryo method.
- Celastrol membrane is widely used tissue to culture animal viruses.
- Hepatitis A virus (HAV) is most stable virus infecting humans. It can withstand heating at 56°C for 30 minutes and treatment with diethyl ether.
 - Most mutable disease is HIV. Second most mutable is Influenza virus. WNV is most resistance virus.