Evolutionary Genetics

History of Genetics in Evolution

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The Great Chain of Being (1600’s onward)

Deity
Angels
Man
Mammals
Birds
Reptiles
Amphibians
Fish
Insects
Worms
Protists

Issues: placement of birds, insects not obvious. A scale of complexity? Or what?
Karl Linné (Carolus Linnaeus) (1707-1778)
Monophyletic: having a common ancestor which is not the ancestor of any of the other species being discussed.
A phylogeny of the living Craniata
A monophyletic group – the vertebrates
Two paraphyletic groups: the reptiles and the fishes
George-Louis Leclerc, Comte de Buffon (1707-1788)
Jean Baptiste Pierre Antoine de Monet, Chevalier de Lamarck (1744-1829)
Lamarck’s mechanism for evolution

In *Philosophie Zoologique*, 1809.

- Organisms’ characters are altered by the effects of use and disuse.
- These changes are passed on to descendants by inheritance of acquired characters.

Note that Lamarck did not originate “Lamarckian inheritance”: it was something everyone believed in at that time.
Statue of Lamarck in the Jardin des Plantes, Paris
Etienne Geoffroy St. Hilaire (1772-1844)

Georges Léopold Chrétien Frédéric Dagobert, Baron Cuvier (1769-1832)
Fountain on corner of Rue Linné and Rue Cuvier

Rue Lamarck / Rue Darwin
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)
The *Naturphilosophen* and Evolutionary views

common developmental pathway  evolutionary tree

Note – The picture here is very much a Great Chain of Being
Charles Darwin (1809-1882)
Fleeming Jenkin (1833-1885)
Result of natural selection in the presence of blending inheritance
Francis Galton (1822-1911)  Karl Pearson 1857-1936
Gregor Mendel (1822-1884)
The faculty at Mendel’s monastery school
(Mendel is top center-right with flower)
Rediscoverers of Mendel

Carl Correns
Erich von Tschermak-Seysenegg
Hugo De Vries
Founders of theoretical population genetics

R. A. Fisher

J. B. S. Haldane

Sewall Wright
Popularizers of the Neodarwinian Synthesis

Ernst Mayr  George Gaylord Simpson  Sir Julian Huxley
G. Ledyard Stebbins  Theodosius Dobzhansky
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- PDFLaTeX (mathematical typesetting and PDF preparation)
- Idraw (drawing program to modify plots and draw figures)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (to display the PDF in full-screen mode)
- Linux (operating system)

(except that we had to use Microsoft Windows to project this as the X server I have in Linux is not too great)