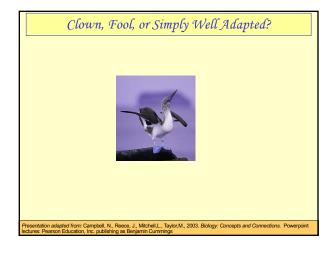
Evolution - Classification



- All organisms have evolutionary adaptations
 - Inherited characteristics that enhance their ability to survive and reproduce



A sea voyage helped Darwin frame his theory of evolution

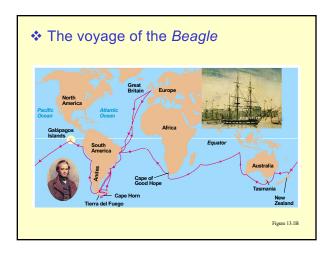
- Aristotle and the Judeo-Christian culture believed that species are fixed
- Fossils suggested that life forms change

Charles Darwin observed

- similarities between living and fossil organisms
- the diversity of life on the Galápagos Islands



Figure 13.1A



- Darwin became convinced the Earth was old and continually changing
 - He concluded that:
 - a) living things also change, or evolve over generations
 - b) living species descended from earlier lifeforms: descent with modification

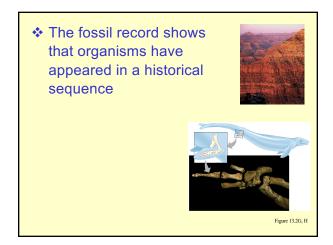
Fossils: evidence for evolution Fossils and the fossil record strongly support the theory of evolution Hominid skull Petrified trees

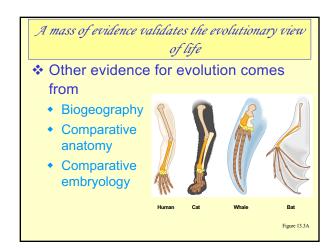
Ammonite casts
 Fossilized organic matter in a leaf

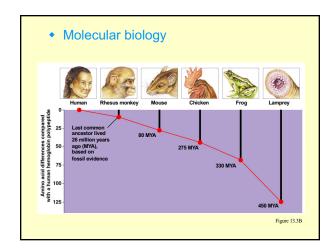








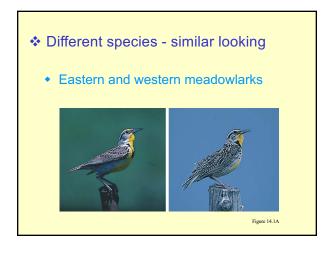


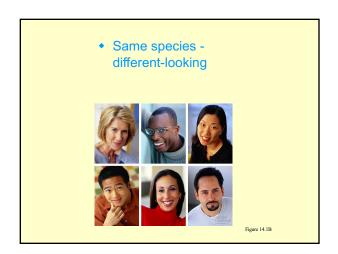












- ❖ Biological species definition
 - a population or group of populations whose members can interbreed and produce fertile offspring
- Taxonomists assign a two-part name to each species
 - Genus Felis (cats)
 - Species catus (domestic cat)



Photo: David Blevins

 Genera are grouped into larger categories



