

Classification

Biology

The taxonomic hierarchy, and how naming works.

The standard hierarchy, broadest first.

Rank	Human example
Domain	Eukarya
Kingdom	Animalia
Phylum	Chordata
Class	Mammalia
Order	Primates
Family	Hominidae
Genus	Homo
Species	sapiens

Modern classification is phylogenetic: groups must be clades.
Traditional groups like 'reptiles' fail that test, because birds are