

Gnathostome Evolution

- Placoderms extinct lineage of armored vertebrates
- Acanthodians radiated during the Devonian period (closely related to osteichthyans)



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Class Amphibia

- * 4,800 species
- Most have moist skin that complements the lungs in gas exchange
- Name means "two lives" undergo metamorphosis from aquatic larva to terrestrial adult
- Order Urodela
 (salamanders) have tails
- Order Anura (frogs, toads) lack tails
- Order Apoda (caecilians) legless and resemble worms







Reptiles

- Includes tuatara, lizards, snakes, turtles, crocodilians, birds, and dinosaurs
- Have scales that create a waterproof barrier
- Lay shelled eggs on land
- Most are ectothermic absorb external heat as main source of body heat (Birds are endothermic - keep body warm through metabolism)
- Pate back to about 300 million years ago
- First major group were parareptiles (large, stocky herbivores)
- As parareptiles dwindled, diapsids were diversifying (lepidosaurs and archosaurs)
- One surviving lineage of lepidosaurs is the two species lizard-like reptiles called tuatara
- * The other lineage are lizards and snakes



Birds

- Most obvious adaptations are wings and feathers
- Probably descended from theropods (group of small, carnivorous dinosaurs)
 - 150 millions years ago - Arhaeopteryx (oldest known bird)
- Order Struthioniforms (flightless birds)
- Demands of flight have caused a general body form to evolve
- Foot structure also shows variation











Mammals

- Amniotes that have hair and produce milk
- Generally have larger brains than other vertebrates of equivalent size
- * Evolved from synapsids in the late Triassic
 - Jaw was remodeled (two bones that were part of the jaw joint were incorporated into the middle ear
 - Living lineages originated in the Jurassic but did not undergo significant adaptive radiation until after the Cretaceous









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Derived Characters of Hominins

- Bipedal hominoids with a large brain
- * Language capabilities
- * Symbolic thought
- Manufacture and use of complex tools
- * Shortened jaw
- Humans and chimpanzee genomes are more than 99% identical



Hominids

- Study of human origins is paleoanthropology
- 20 species of distinct hominins have been discovered
- Originated in Africa 6-7 million years ago
 - Australopiths lived between 4 and 2 million years ago
- * Early hominids had a small brain
- Two common misconceptions:
 - Often thought of as chimpanzees
 - Thinking of human evolution as a ladder leading to Homo sapiens
- Began to walk on two legs for long distances about 1.9 million years ago
- Began to use tools (cut marks on animal bones) about 2.5 million years ago



Figs. 34.47 & 34.48



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Hominids

- Homo habilis 24 to 1.6 million years ago
 Stone tools have been found with them
- * Homo ergaster 1.9 to 1.6 million years ago
- * First fully bipedal, large brained hominid
- * Homo erectus about 1.8 million years ago
 - * First hominid to leave Africa
- Homo neanderthalensis 200,000 to 30,000 years ago
 - * Lived in Europe and the Near East
 - * Large, thick browed
 - * Became extinct a few thousand years after Homo sapiens arrived in Europe
- * Homo sapiens 160,000 years ago
 - Oldest fossils outside of Africa about 50,000 years ago





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