Primates : mammal order with about 185 spp. (out of 4500 mammal species)





bonnet macaque

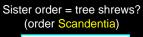
squirrel monkey



- largely tree-dwelling (arboreal) and tropical

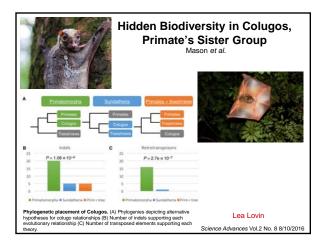


56 mya – opposable toe, for grasping





MRCA of all primates lived about 80 mya





CHARACTERISTICS:

- stereoscopic color vision, bony orbits protect eyes
- large brain relative to body size



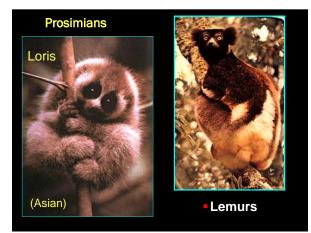






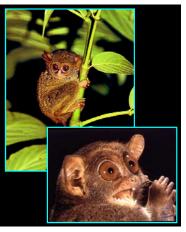
Baboon Hand

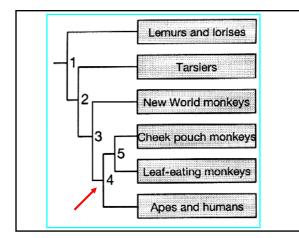
- Digits with independent mobility and opposable thumbFlat nails, no claws, sensitive fingers



Tarsiers

- Completely carnivorous
- good leaping ability
- nocturnal
- southeast Asia



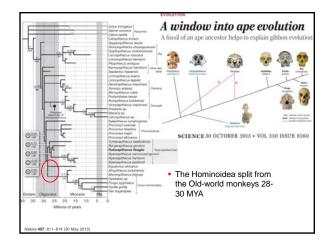












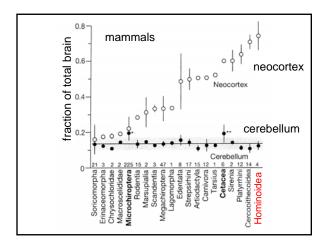




Hominoids:

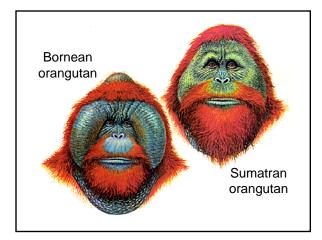
- brachiation
- posture more erect than in
- monkeys arms and shoulders more flexible, spine stiffer broader, larger pelvis

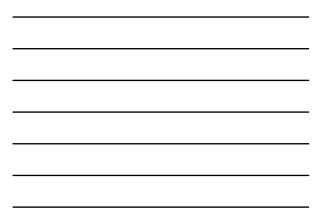
- loss of a tail five-cusp lower molars instead of four
- scapulae more dorsal so arms can be extended
- laterally

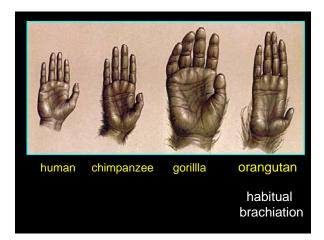












Orangs, genus Pongo

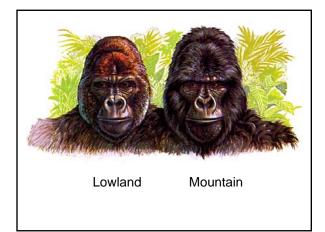


"old man of the woods"

fruit eaters, not social, males territorial

- only occasionally on forest floor
- especially endangered in Malaysia











 Dominated by male silverback, male-male competition - POLYGYNY

Males almost twice as big as females

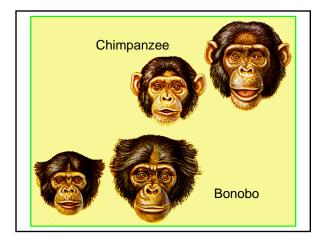


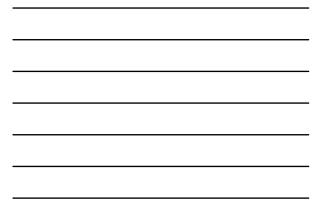




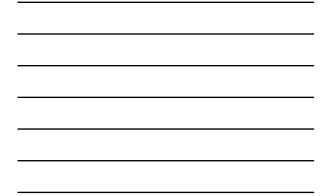
















Communicating and probing a hidden "snake"

Common chimpanzee Pan troglodytes

- extended child care, prolonged adolescence
- puberty at 8-10 years
- feed, sleep in trees, but often on ground



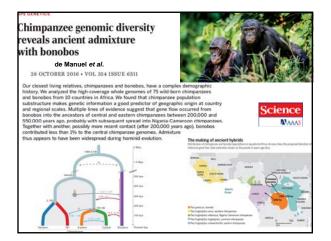
 polygamous (promiscuity), highly social

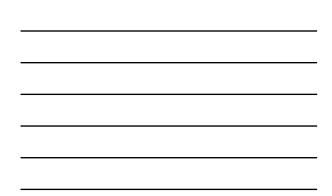


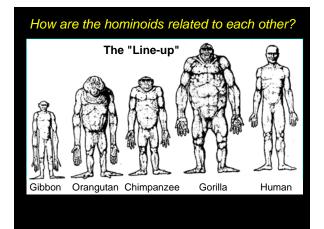
Bonobo Pan paniscus

- *much* less well known, deep in rain forests of Congo
- more upright posture, less
 "violent" than chimps?
- *female* bands control resources; form hierarchy
- male "standing" depends on its mother's

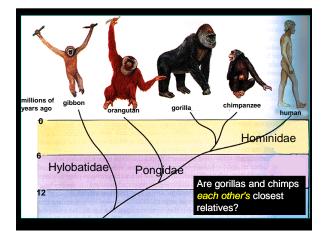




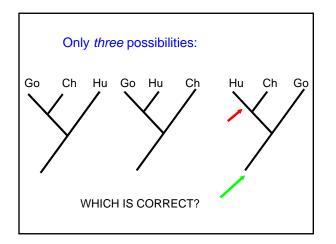








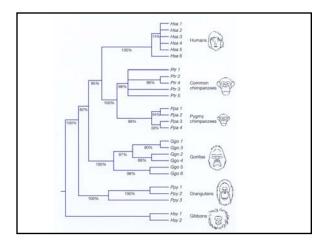






	<mark>Orang</mark> Pongo	<mark>Gorilla</mark> Gorilla	<mark>Chimp</mark> Pan	Human Homo
Orang		3.39	3.42	3.30
Gorilla			1.82	1.70
Chimp				1.56
Human				0.38

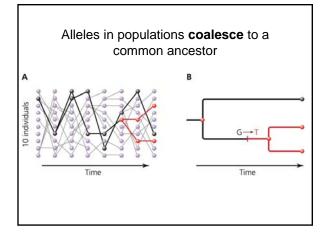




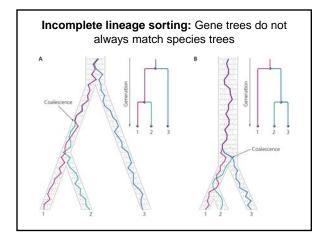




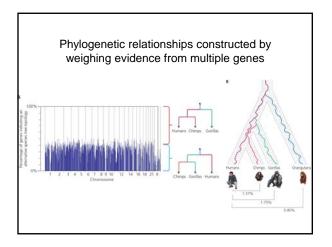














Data from clock-like genes suggest:				
Split between orangs and chimp-human-gorilla clade	10 - 13 mya			
Split between gorillas and human-chimp clade	8 - 10 mya			
Split between human and chimp from common ancestor	5 - 7 mya			