

The Evolution of Life



Archaea

Bacteria

Protist Kingdoms

Plant Kingdom

Origin of Life
3400 mya

Fungi Kingdom

Animal Kingdom



Mammals

Macrauchenia
In Argentina, we found the fossil specimen of a new extinct animal... Certainly no fact in the long history of the world is so startling as the wide and repeated exterminations of its inhabitants.



Birds



Galapagos Finches
Seeing this gradation and diversity of structure in one small, intimately related group of birds, one might really fancy that from an original scarcity of birds in this archipelago, one species had been taken and modified for different ends.



Galapagos Tortoise
These extraordinary animals can grow to over 4 feet in length and weigh upwards of 600 lbs. I attempted to ride one but I found it quite difficult to keep my balance.

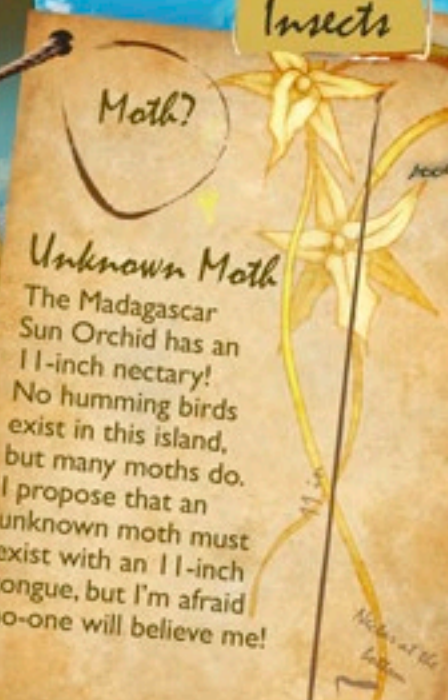


Reptiles

Marine Iguana
The black Lava rocks on the beach are frequented by large, most disgusting, clumsy Lizards...



The humming bird's beak allows it to feed from the nectary of the orchid, and, in doing so, catches pollen on its head. The bird then carries the pollen from flower to flower.



Moth?
Unknown Moth
The Madagascar Sun Orchid has an 11-inch nectary! No humming birds exist in this island, but many moths do. I propose that an unknown moth must exist with an 11-inch tongue, but I'm afraid no-one will believe me!



Mollusk

Octopus
This intelligent animal can change color with its environment! It also can squirt ink and squeeze into small cracks in rocks.



Crustaceans

Argentinian Barnacle
I wound up devoting eight years to writing four volumes on all the barnacle species, living and extinct.



European Bombardier Beetle
I collect many things, including beetles. Once, in haste to grab several beetles I wound up sticking one in my mouth. A foul way to discover its defense mechanism: a pungent chemical discharge!