

Taxonomy
BIOLOGICAL
CLASSIFICATIONS

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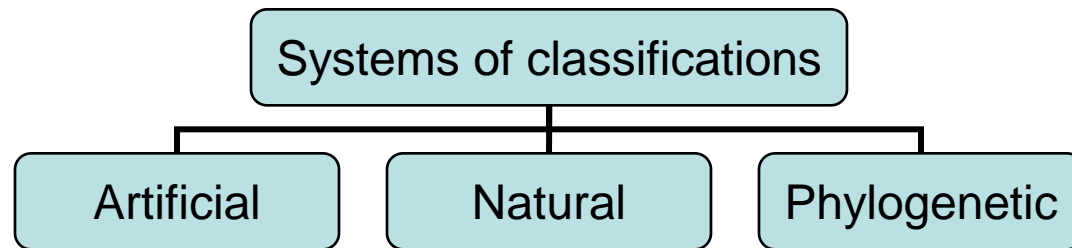
Objectives

- You will learn the types of biological Classifications
- You will learn the differences between the types of classifications
- Also will learn the definitions of the same

Classifications

- The science of classification is known as **Taxonomy**. (Taxis: arrangement. Nomus Law)
- Taxonomy is the theory and practice of classification

Biological Classifications



Artificial system

- This is the classification based on a few characters
- Eg. Flower colour, size of the flower



Mantharam



Pichakam



Kalyana.



Thumba_poov.



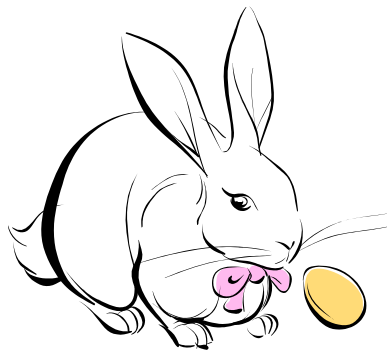
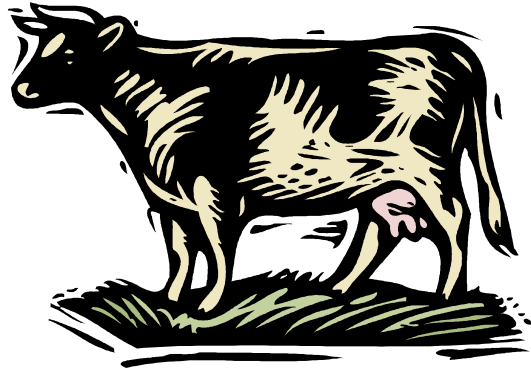
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Natural system

- The system is based on the similarities or resemblances





Ixora sp.

**ungle flame,
Needle
flower**

Botanical Family: Rubiaceae. Origin: India and tropical Africa. *Ixora* - from the name of an Indian deity - is a genus with about 400 species, some of which rival *Hibiscus* as garden shrubs. *I. javanica*, one of the most often used, is a sizeable shrub with largish, pointed leaves and red-orange or pure red flowers that appear in rounded clusters of as many as sixty at the tips of the branches. *I. coccinea* is smaller, with glossy, more ovate leaves; usually red, but there are white, pink, yellow, and orange varieties, and a dwarf often used as a low hedge. *I. jinlaysoniana*, a native of Thailand, can become a small tree and has large, fragrant, pure white flowers. In full sun or light shade, *Ixora* flowers almost continuously needing little pruning except for a more formal shape. When grown as a house plant, it needs high humidity, warm temperatures, and exposure to strong light. Propagation is easiest by air-layering.



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Phylogenetic system

- The phylogenetic classification is based on the trend of evolution

Phylogenetic system



Amphibians



Reptiles



Birds



Mammals



Fishes

Trend of evolution

