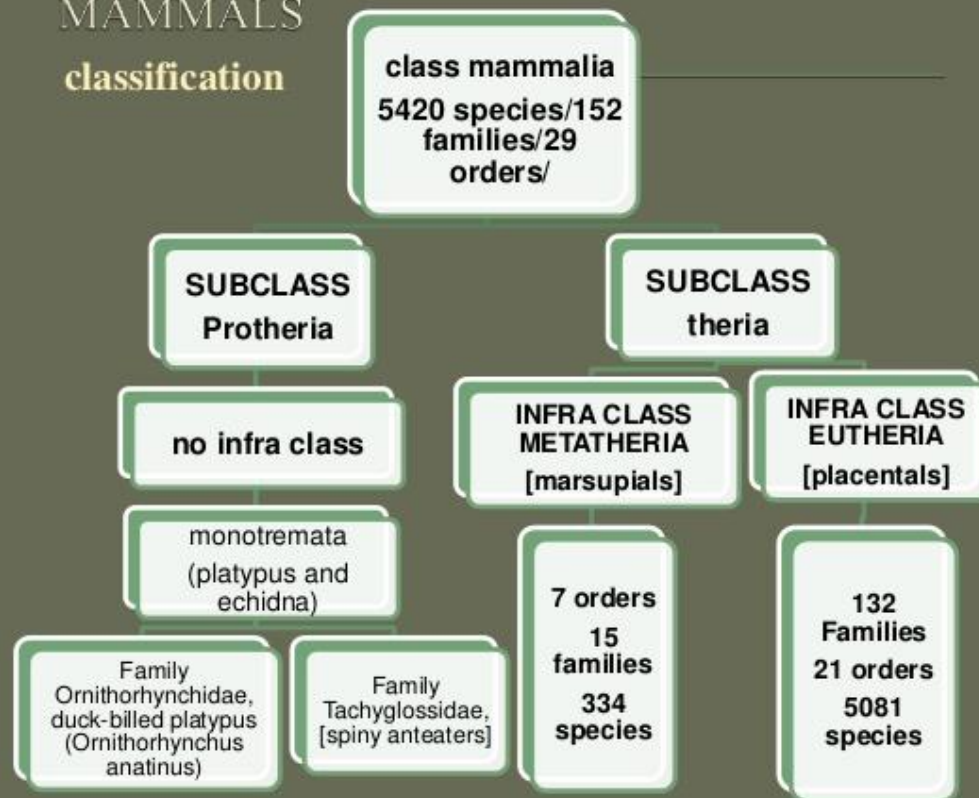


MAMMALS classification



Subclass Prototheria:

- Mammals that lay eggs with leathery shells and nourish the young ones with milk from primitive (open) mammary glands.
- They possess a cloaca like reptiles, have no urinary bladder but possess hairs, No teeth, but single jaw bone
- 5 species in 2 families in Order Monotremata
Earliest monotreme: 125 mya



Teinolophos

PROTHERIA

Family Ornithorhynchidae: platypuses

Family Tachyglossidae: Echidnas (spiny anteaters)



platypuses



spiny anteaters



PROTHERIA

Echidnas are insectivores.

- They use their long, sticky tongue to catch ants, termites, other insects, and earthworms
- When attacked, the echidna will quickly burrow into the ground or curl up into a ball**

