



“In the long history of humankind
(and animalkind too), those who learned to
collaborate and improvise most effectively
have prevailed.”

Charles Darwin

Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882) was an English naturalist and geologist best known for his contributions to evolutionary theory. When Charles was a boy he loved nature. He loved exploring the country side around his house and often went for long walks. He was also a big collector, stuffing his pockets with creepy crawlies, stones and bits of plants. When Charles got older, his interest of nature and species didn't stop.

He proposed that all species of life have descended over time from common ancestors and established natural selection (the thought that different individuals might survive better than others because they are a little bit bigger or better at something) as the basic mechanism of evolution. Natural selection has since become the unifying theory of the life sciences to explain the diversity of life. Charles Darwin, because of his work, has been described as one of the most influential figures in human history.