

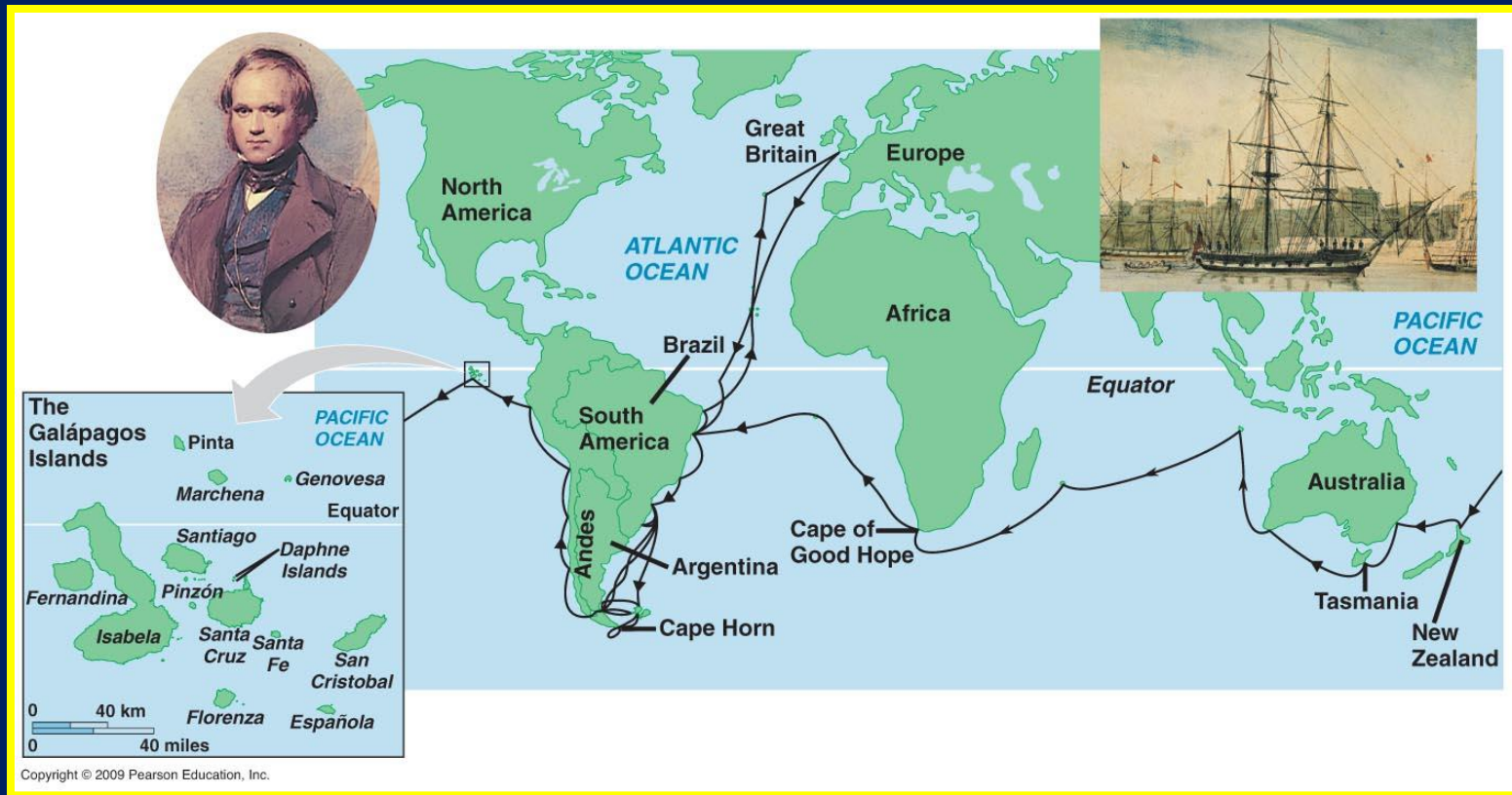
Galapagos Islands



Series of islands that formed over a volcanic hot spot and as a results are in various levels of primary succession.



The islands are best known for being the place where Charles Darwin collected a lot of his evidence for his theory on Natural Selection.



Voyage of the Beagle - 1835

Darwin's Finches



The akiapola'au forages for insects, often under bark



The iiwi feeds on nectar from ohia flowers



The 'Apapane feeds on insects and ohia nectar



The Maui parrotbill tears back bark in search of beetles



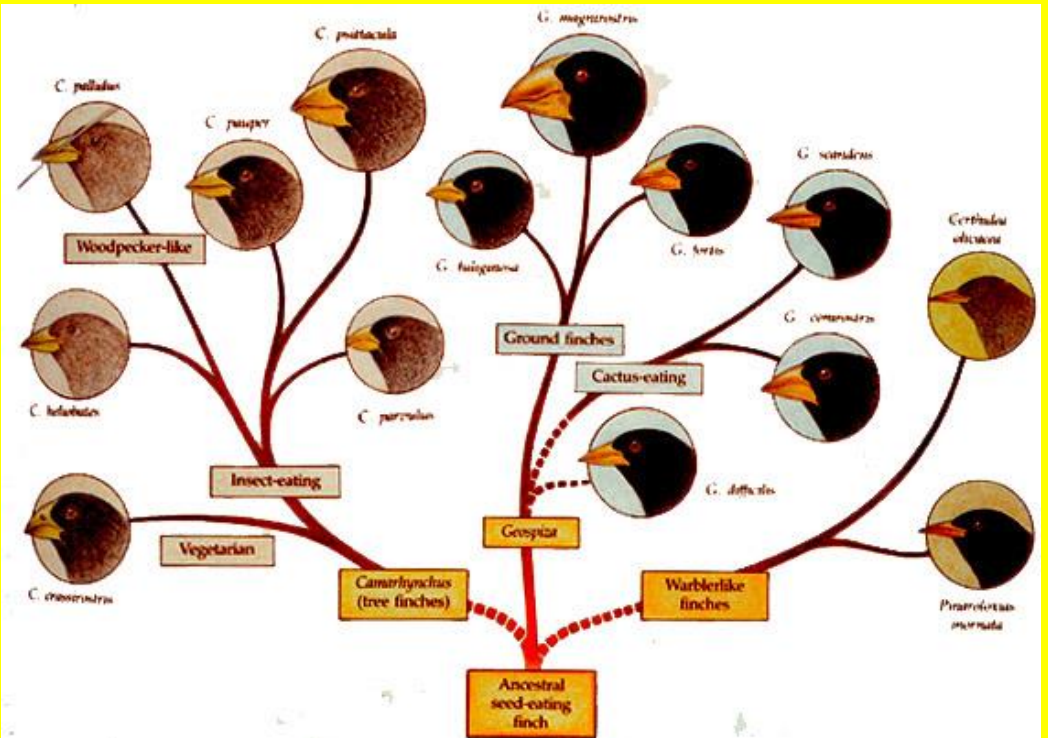
The Nihoa finch uses its heavy beak to crush seeds



The original species, now extinct, probably ate insects and nectar



The Amakihi is a nectar-feeder, like the iiwi



Besides finches, the Galapagos Islands are also home to many unique animals and plants.



Prickly Pear Cactus



Land Iguana



Marine Iguana



Saddleback Tortoise



Dome Tortoise





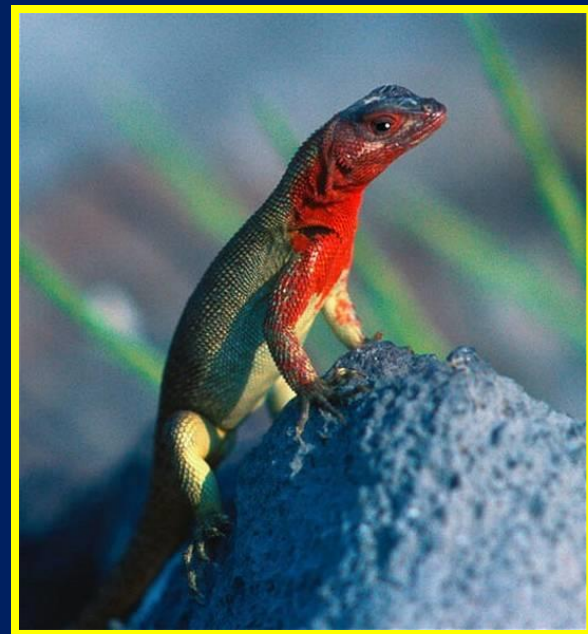
Blue Footed Boobies



Frigate Bird



Flightless Cormorant



Lava Lizard