

BINOMIAL NOMENCLATURE

INTRODUCTION

Common names of animals do not served the proposed because a particular animal is known by different names in different part of the world. For example the bird that we know as gauraiya in India and Pakistan is known by house sparrow, in England pousal, in Spain much in Holland sufume in Spain and so on. So a universal name was needed.

HISTORY

Linnaeus was the first to use the binomial system of nomenclature. Linnaeus used Latin or Latinized word for this purpose.

A/o this system every species is designated by two name the first denoting its genus and the second its species. For example the lion,

tiger and domestic cat are named panthera

leo panthera tigris and panthera domestica respectively. panthera is the generic name

common to all three kinds of animals while Leo, tigris and domestica are their specific names

The generic name is always a noun and write with an initial capital letter. The specific

name of animal are given in honour of person.

If the person honoured is a man the specific name ends "i" for example the earthworm,

Lumbricus friendi is named after Rev. H

FRIEND. If person honoured is a woman, the

specific name ends in sometimes "ae".

The specific name indicate a locality e.g. India or India for India. or colour e.g. nigres for black)