

The life of
Charles Darwin

Born in Shrewsbury
England, 1809



As a boy he fell in love
with nature because
while taking long walks

When he was old enough
enrolled in medical school
but dropped out quickly

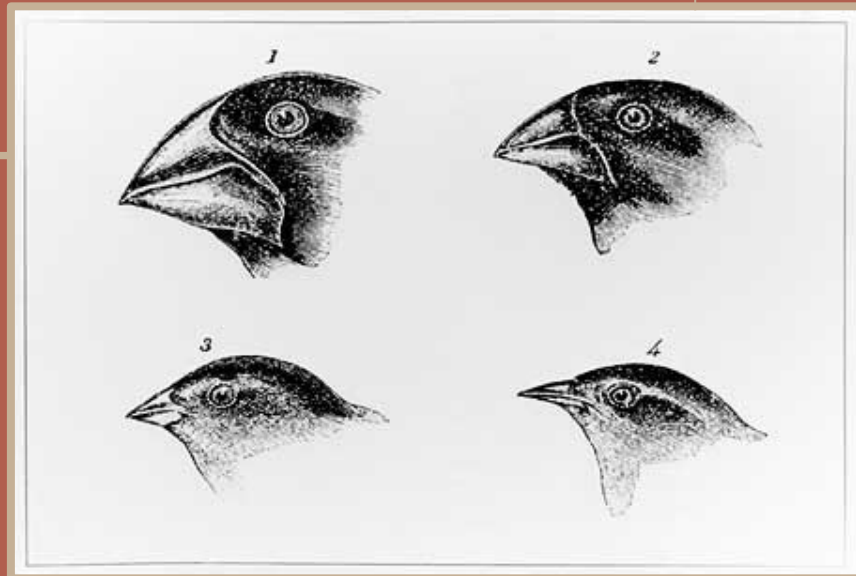


One of Darwin's professors
suggested he pursue his
interests in the natural
world, recommending him
as a companion for the
HMS beagle voyage

Aboard the beagle, Darwin
discovered a world he could only
dream of: birds with bright blue
feet, giant tortoises and brightly
coloured fish. He collected plants,
animals and fossils, and filled
many notebooks with drawings
and notes

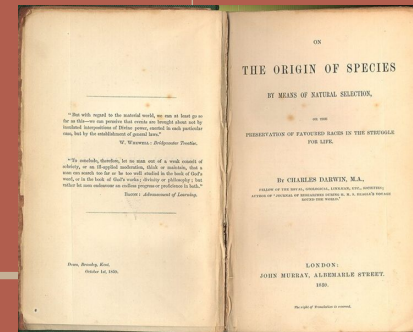


During his time on Galapagos islands, he studied the beak of finches. Some of these finches had stout beaks for eating seeds, while others were insect specialists.

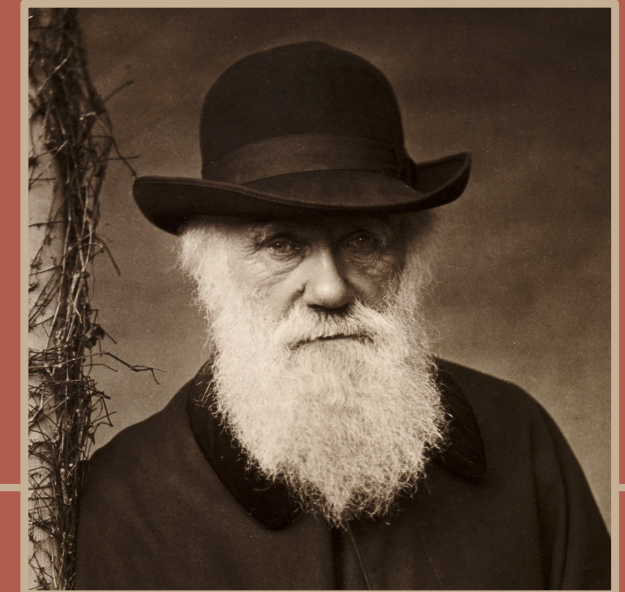


Darwin soon realised that they all shared a single ancestor, a revolutionary idea at the time. Collecting species from different islands, he discovered that each one had adapted to eat whatever food was available.

He published a book, ***The Origin of Species***. It quickly became a best seller.



Darwin's new ideas would be met with opposition as they challenged religious ideas of his generation.



Not long after his book was released, he died in 1882 at the age of 73.