

# What is *Sociobiology*?

Sociobiology is the study of the *biological bases for social behavior* in every species.

It is essentially an *adaptationist approach* to social behavior, i.e., the application to social behavior of the *evolutionary theory* of Charles Darwin, expressed in terms of *modern genetics*--including the *selfish-gene* concept.

Sociobiology is an area of biology that is closely related to biological psychology, and specifically to *evolutionary psychology*. It has been applied to explain/solve some problems in evolutionary theory, such as *altruism, infanticide, and sex/gender differences in behavior*.