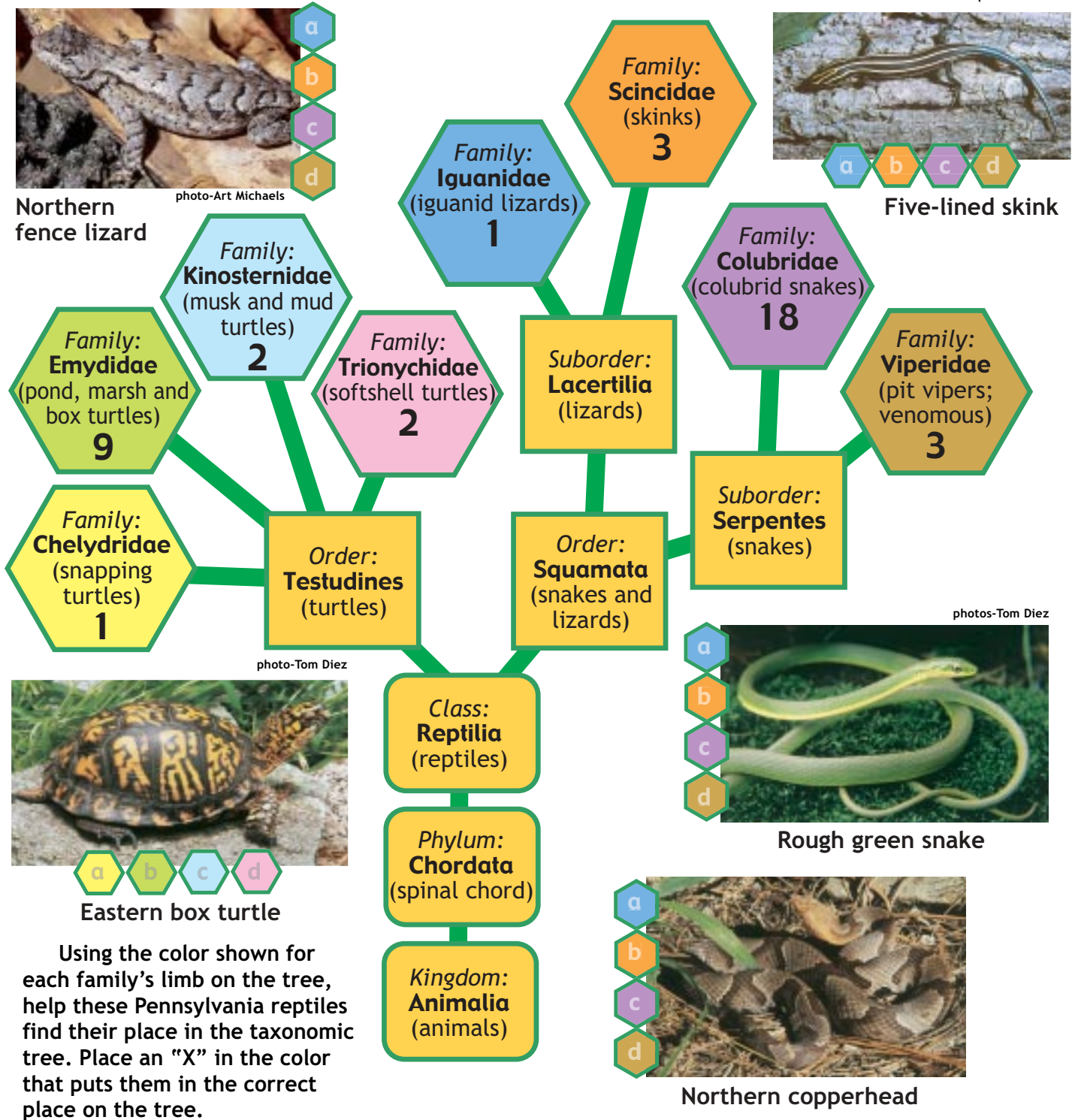


# PA Reptile Family Tree

**Taxonomy (tacks-on-a-me)** is not about accountants, income tax or the IRS. It's all about classifying organisms! Greek and Latin words are used in taxonomy. Carolus von Linnaeus, a Swedish botanist, created the first system of taxonomy. In 1758, Linnaeus

classified plants with his system. The Linnaean system is used today.

Scientists use taxonomy to organize and name living things. Animals, in this case, are grouped by physical characteristics, body functions and genetics, just to name a few traits.



Using the color shown for each family's limb on the tree, help these Pennsylvania reptiles find their place in the taxonomic tree. Place an "X" in the color that puts them in the correct place on the tree.

HOLD THIS SECTION UP TO A MIRROR TO READ THE ANSWERS

Northern fence lizard-a, Five-lined skink-d, Eastern box turtle-b, Rough green snake-c, Northern copperhead-b