

Mutation

Any sudden change occurring in hereditary material is called as mutation.

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They may be harmful, beneficial or neutral.

Passed on to future generations.

We each inherit hundreds of genetic mutations from our parents, as they did from their forebears.

Mutant :

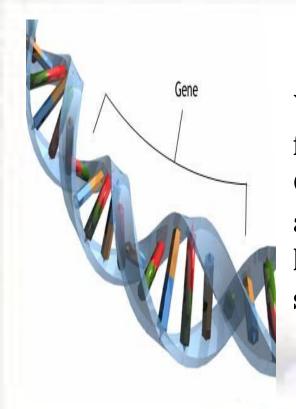
a mutant is an organism or a new genetic character arising or resulting from an instance of mutation, which is generally an alteration of the DNA sequence of the genome or chromosome of an organism.

Mutagen :

a mutagen is a physical or chemical agent that changes the genetic material, usually DNA, of an organism and thus increases the frequency of mutations above the natural background level.

Reverse mutation (reversion):

a mutation that changes a mutant phenotype back in to the wild type.



Wild type:

Wild type refers to the phenotype of the typical form of a species as it occurs in nature. Originally, the wild type was conceptualized as a product of the standard "normal" allele at a locus, in contrast to that produced by a nonstandard, "mutant" allele

The Importance of Mutations

Source of all genetic variation, which further provides the raw material for evolution
Source of many diseases and disorders
Useful for probing fundamental biological processes

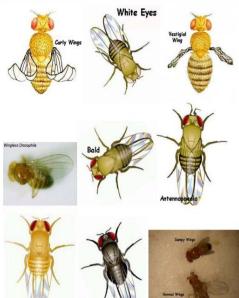
Morphological mutations

Gene

Morphological mutants affect the outward appearance of an individual.

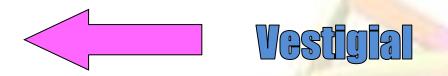
Drosophila melanogaster mutations

Wings.
 Eye and body colour .
 Bye Shape.





Wing Shape



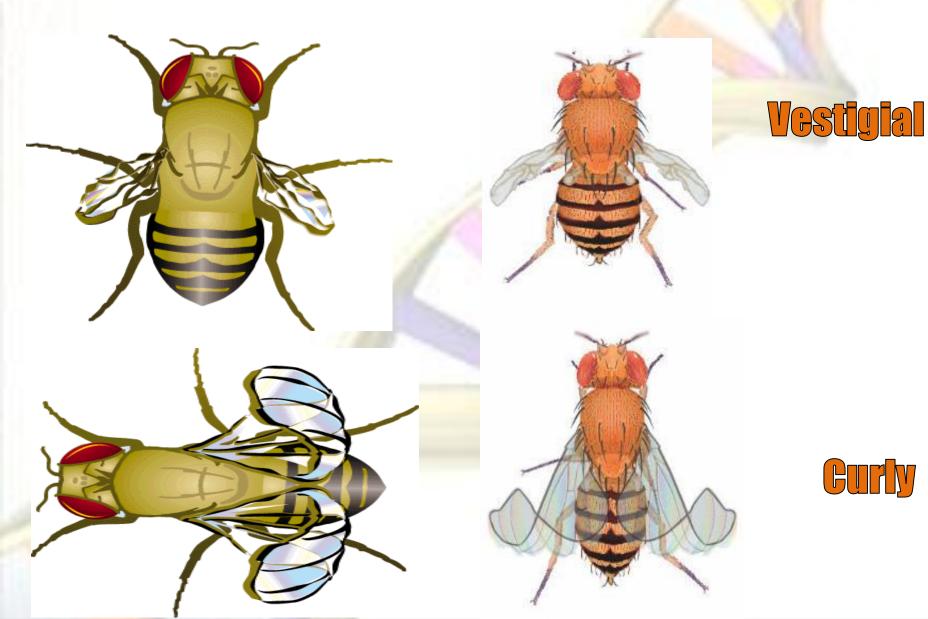








(Wing Shape)





















(Eye Colour)







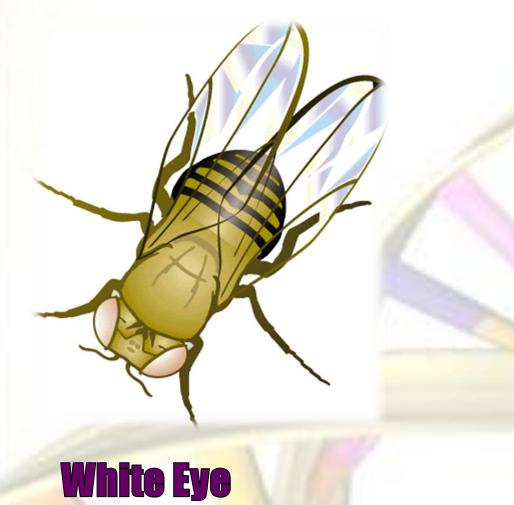








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(Eye Shape)









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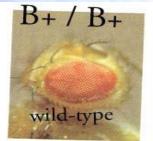
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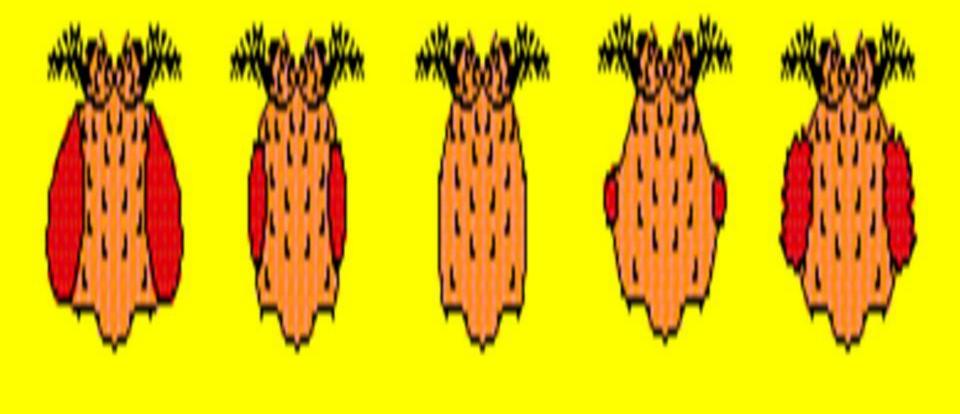


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Eye Shape Mutations



Wild Type Bar Eyes Eyeless Lobe Eyes Star Eyes



Body Golor

Yellow Body

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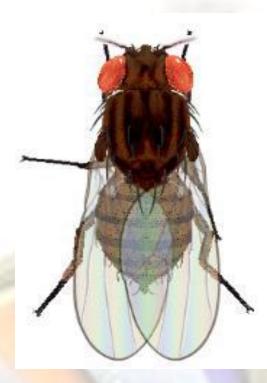




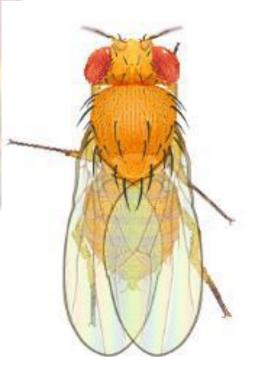


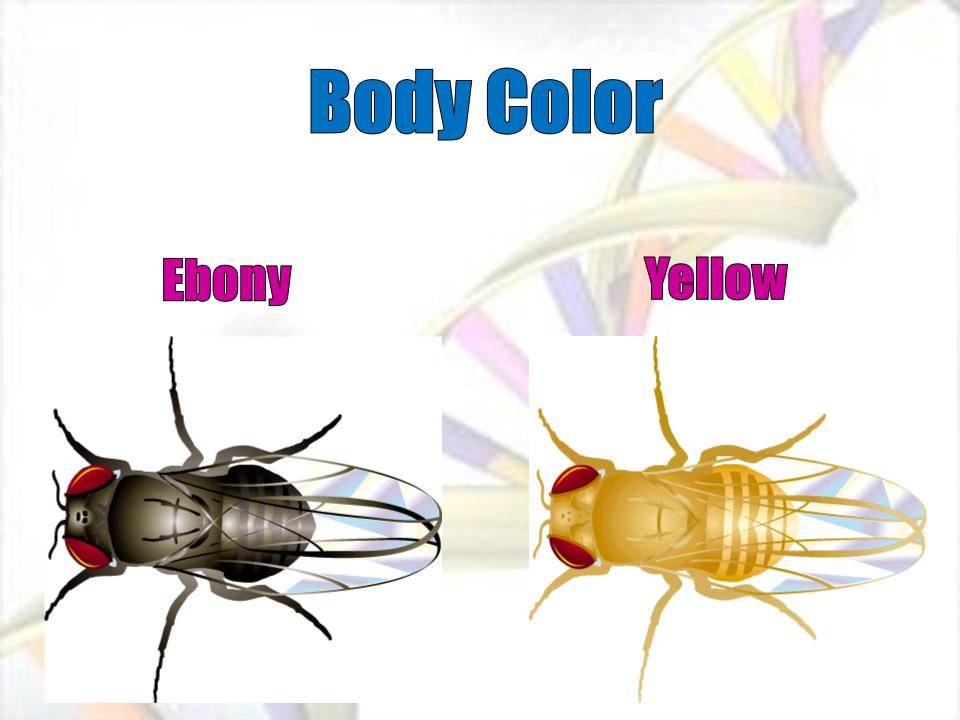
Body Golor





Yellow





Genetic Mutations of the Fruit Fly

Wingless

Bar-Eyed

Sepia Eyed

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Drosophila melanogaster Phenotypes





















Eye Shape















Body Colour

















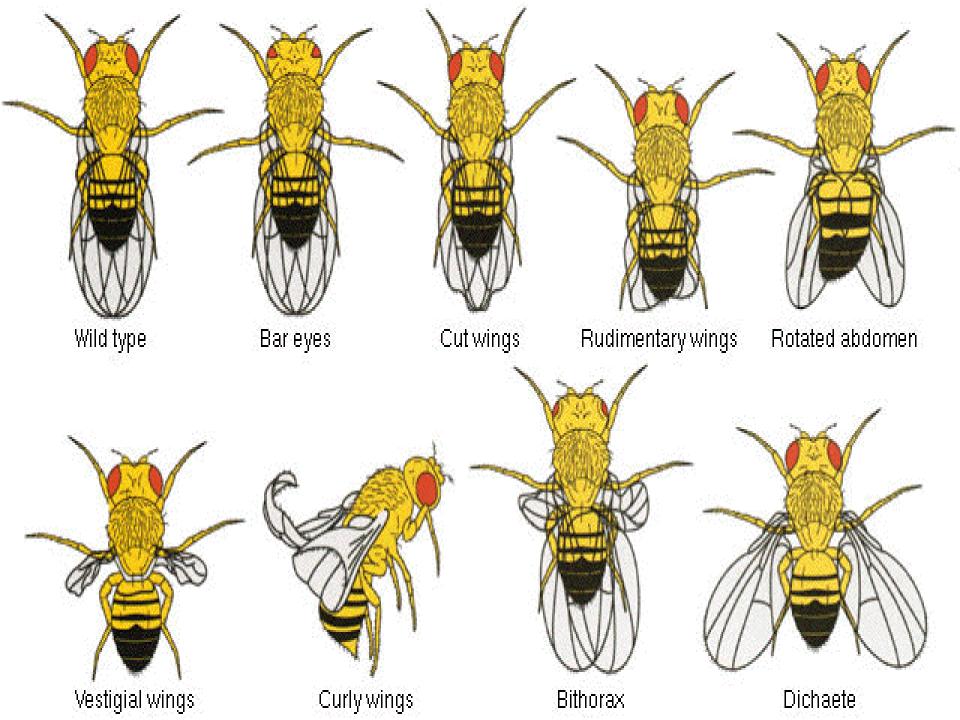




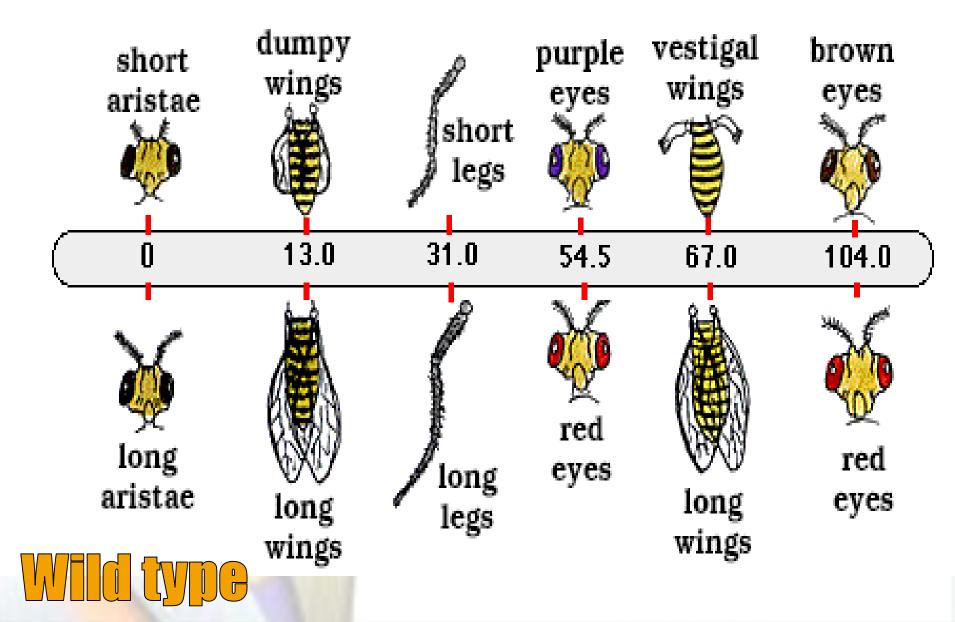












types *D. melanogaster* (clockwise): brown eyes with black body, cinnabar eyes, sepia eyes with ebony body, vermilion eyes, white eyes, and wild-type eyes with yellow body





