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# CARL LINNAEUS: A TIMELINE

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## PART I - HIS LIFE

- 1707 Born in the village of Råshult in southern Sweden (23 May)
- 1709 Family moves to Stenbrohult where his father is appointed vicar and establishes a garden
- 1716 Attends Latin school – studies Latin, religion, and science
- 1727 Arrives in Lund to study medicine
- 1728 Moves to Uppsala and continues his studies
- 1729 Meets Olof Celsius, Professor of Theology and botanist
- 1730 Offers very popular demonstrations in the botanical garden
- 1730 Appointed Lecturer in Botany at the University of Uppsala
- 1732 Collecting trip to Lapland for the Royal Academy of Sciences (12 May - 10 October)
- 1734 Collecting trip to Dalarna in central Sweden
- 1735 Receives M. D. degree at Harderwijk, Holland
- 1735 Lives in Holland; visits Germany, Paris, and London
- 1735 Defends his doctoral thesis on malaria
- 1736 Moves to physician and naturalist's George Clifford's home
- 1736 Travels to England
- 1738 Travels to Paris and returns to Sweden
- 1738 Establishes private medical practice in Stockholm
- 1739 Appointed chief physician to Swedish navy
- 1739 Marries Sara Elisabeth Moraea
- 1739 Becomes first president of Royal Swedish Academy Sciences
- 1739 Appointed physician to the Admiralty
- 1741 Son Carl is born (he will be known later in scientific names as L. f.)
- 1741 Appointed Professor of Practical Medicine at Uppsala
- 1741 Travels to Gotland and Oland
- 1742 Restores botanical garden at Uppsala
- 1742 Exchanges jobs and becomes Professor of Botany
- 1744 Appointed Secretary of the Academy of Sciences at Uppsala
- 1746 Travels to Västergötland
- 1748 His father dies
- 1749 Travels to Scania
- 1750 Appointed Rector of Uppsala University
- 1757 Knighted by King Adolph Frederick and becomes Knight of the Polar Star
- 1758 Systema Naturae (10<sup>th</sup> edition)
- 1758 Purchases Hammarby manor as a summer residence
- 1761 Ennobled (knighted) by the King of Sweden and takes the name Carl von Linné
- 1763 Excused from professorial duties because of ill-health
- 1772 Delivers valedictory oration, Deliciae Naturae
- 1774 Suffers first of a series of strokes and is partially paralyzed
- 1778 Dies on his farm (Hammarby) near Uppsala (10 January)
- 1778 Funeral ceremony at Uppsala Cathedral (22 January)
- 1778 Carl succeeds him as Professor

- 1784 Sir James Edward Smith purchases the herbarium, library, and manuscripts  
 1788 Linnean Society in London is founded.  
 1828 Society purchases his collections from Sir James

## PART II - HIS WORKS

- 1729 Praeludia sponsaliorum plantarum (his first academic paper)  
 1731 Hortus Uplandicus (first exposition of sexual system)  
 1735 Systema naturae (1<sup>st</sup> of 18 editions)  
 1736 Musa Cliffortiana (his first monograph)  
 1736 Fundamenta Botanica (sets out rules of sexual system)  
 1736 Musa Cliffortianus  
 1736 Bibliotheca Botanica  
 1737 Hortus Cliffortianus  
 1737 Genera Plantarum  
 1737 Flora Lapponica  
 1737 Critica Botanica  
 1737 Flora Lapponica  
 1737 Fundamenta Botanica  
 1737\* Genera Plantarum ... (1<sup>st</sup> of 9 editions)  
 1738 Hortus Cliffortianus (flora of patron's garden and greenhouse)  
 1738 Classes Plantarum  
 1745 Flora Suecica  
 1745 Öländska och Gothländska Resa  
 1745 Flora Suecica  
 1746 Fauna Suecica  
 1747 Flora Zeylandica  
 1748 Hortus Upsaliensis  
 1749 Flora Oeconomia  
 1749 Amoenitates Academicae (10 vols., to 1790)  
 1749 Oeconomia Naturae  
 1749 Materia Medica, Vol.1  
 1751 Philosophia Botanica (sets forth rules of nomenclature)  
 1751 Skänkska Resa  
 1753 Demonstrationes Plantarum  
 1753 Species Plantarum ... (starting point of botanical nomenclature)  
 1754 Herbarium Amboinense  
 1754 Flora Anglica  
 1755 Flora Suecica  
 1756 Flora Palestina  
 1756 Flora Monspeliensis  
 1756 Flora Palestina  
 1757 Calendarium Flora (a farmer's almanac)  
 1758 Systema Naturae (10<sup>th</sup> edition, vol. 1)  
 1758 Opera Varia  
 1759 Systema Naturae (10<sup>th</sup> edition, vol. 2)  
 1759 Plantarum Jamaicensium  
 1760 Plantae Rariores Africanæ  
 1760 Culina Mutata  
 1760 Flora Belgica  
 1762 Plantae Esculentæ Patriæ  
 1762 Termini Botanici (lists 673 botanical terms to be used on field trips)  
 1762 Species Plantarum (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, vol. 1)  
 1763 Species Plantarum (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, vol. 2)  
 1764 Genera Plantarum (6<sup>th</sup> edition)  
 1767 Mantissa Plantarum  
 1767 Fundamenta Agrostographiæ

1767 Systema Naturae (12<sup>th</sup> edition, vol. 2)  
1768 Dissertatio Botanico-medico Sistens Rariora Norvegiae  
1768 Systema Naturae (12<sup>th</sup> edition, vol. 3)  
1771 Mantissa Plantarum Altera  
1774 Systema Vegetabilium  
1775 Plantarum Surinamenses

[Book titles shortened]

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