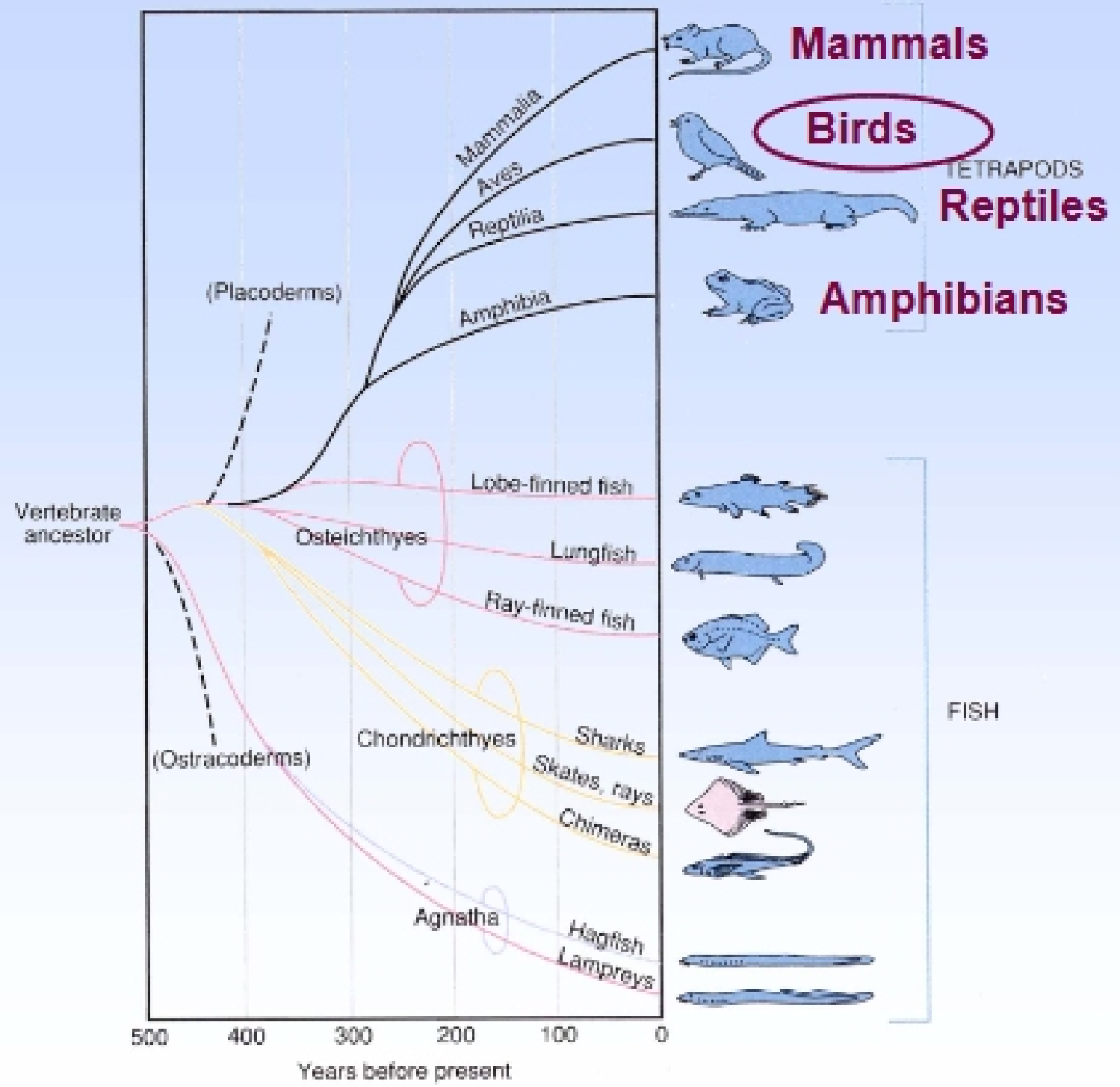



Seabirds




Sumich 1992

Seabirds

Obtain virtually all their
food from the sea

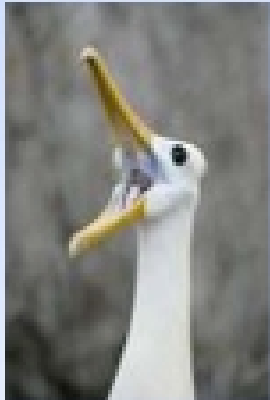
- 8000 species of birds worldwide
- ~275 are “true” seabirds (only 3%!) 
- Oceans cover 70% of the globe
- Why is it hard to be a seabird?

No bird breeds at sea

Tied to land for reproduction 
Food accessible primarily in coastal areas

Five Orders of True Seabirds

Need to know the scientific names of the five orders



- **Procellariiformes = Tubenose birds**
well-developed external nostrils
92 species
albatross, petrel, shearwater



- **Pelecaniformes = Pelicans and relatives**
42 species
pelicans, herons, ibises,

