Primate Evolution
with emphasis on the origin of Homo sapiens

Caveat lector: This diagram was generated by a geologist, not a primatologist.

Key points:
- Primates have diversified greatly during the Cenozoic.
- The ancestry of Homo sapiens is recorded by a lengthy succession of fossil species and genera.
- The modern primates that we know today are the survivors among a larger array of earlier primates, some whom went extinct.