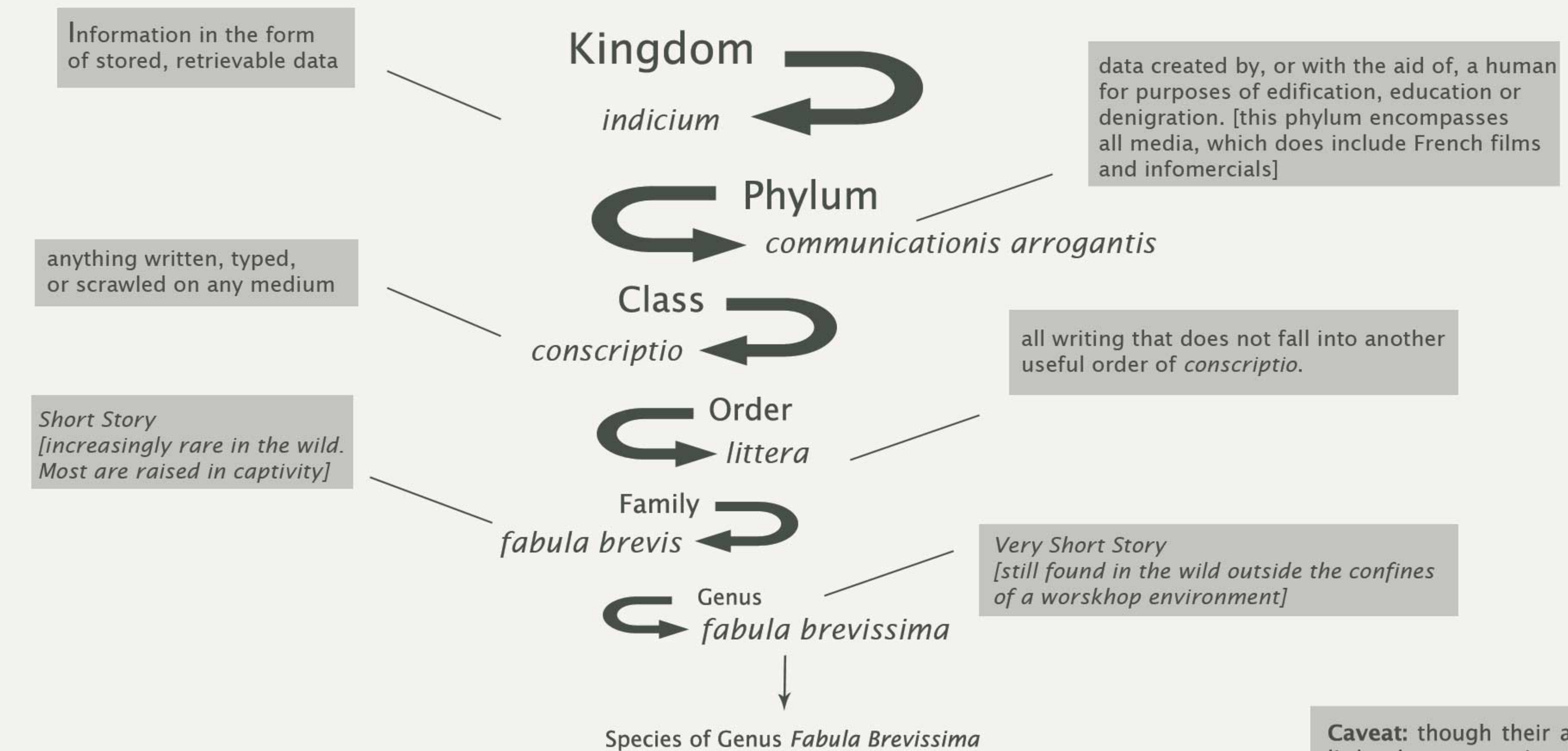


The Taxonomy of Very Short Fiction [from the Taxonomy of Modern Media: a Field Guide]

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Vingette	originally something short enough to be written on a vine leaf, these pieces are sketchy. *
Scene	Runs in packs. When found alone, an image conscious socialite often taken out of context. *
Monologuette	Indigenous to North America, these creatures are often found staring at their reflection in the watering hole instead of drinking. *
Philatory	as the name suggests, "a transparent reliquary designed to contain and exhibit the bones and relics of saints," works that fall into this category are often a showcase for a brief snippet of indulgent writing. *
Flash Fiction	A tiny beast that roams free and is found <i>complete</i> with a head, an abdomen <i>and</i> a rear end.
Micro Fiction	<i>a flash fiction</i> action figure with accessories.
Prose Poem	A headless peacock in full spread.*
Memoirita	This species is sometimes mistaken for the more refreshing happy-hour hybrid. Rather, it is a flightless bird suffering from short-term memory loss.
Six-worder	A literary revolver (ammunition sold separately).
En Bref	Any of the above species after having been translated into French.

Caveat: though their anatomy may differ little, there are major differences in these species regarding construction and language that warrant careful observation.

*An observant scholar will view this list as incomplete. At one time, there were thought to be only one variety of *fabula brevissima*, but new species are being discovered almost every year from all quadrants of the planet

* Often mistaken for and presented as Flash Fiction