

## Podcast: What would have happened if Darwin and Mendel had been on Twitter?

Kat Arney sits down with historian [Professor Greg Radick](#) to chat about the scientific relationship between the 'grandfather of genetics,' Gregor Mendel, and the 'grandfather of evolution,' Charles Darwin. We know that Mendel read Darwin's books, but did Darwin read Mendel? And where would we be now if these two great men had been on Twitter?

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**25 Genomes project** Also in this episode, [Dan Mead](#) from the Wellcome Sanger Institute reveals an ambitious project that Darwin would have loved: aiming to read the DNA of all the species in the world. Plus, fascinating tales of fly genitals, bee balls and elusive bats.

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