Evolution is Descent with Modification

"Nothing in Biology makes sense except in the light of evolution."

- Theodosius Dobzhansky

Direct Evidence



Who influenced Mr. Verdi? Ward, Lardell, Wenzel

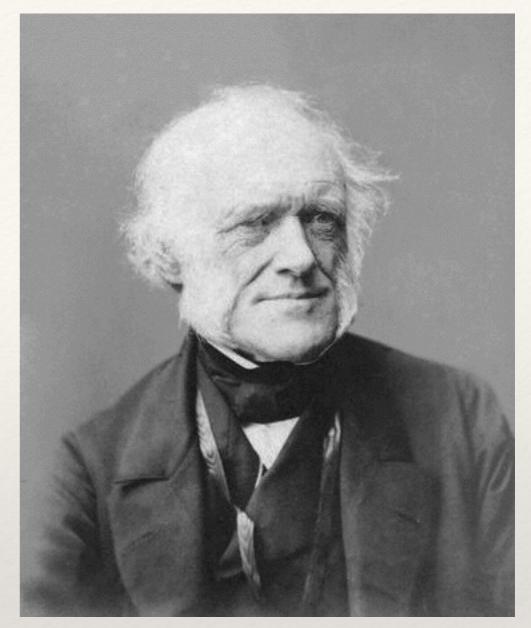


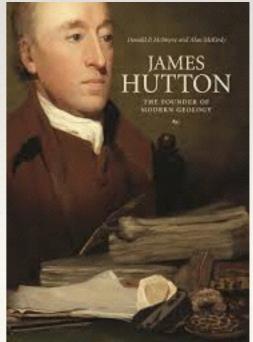


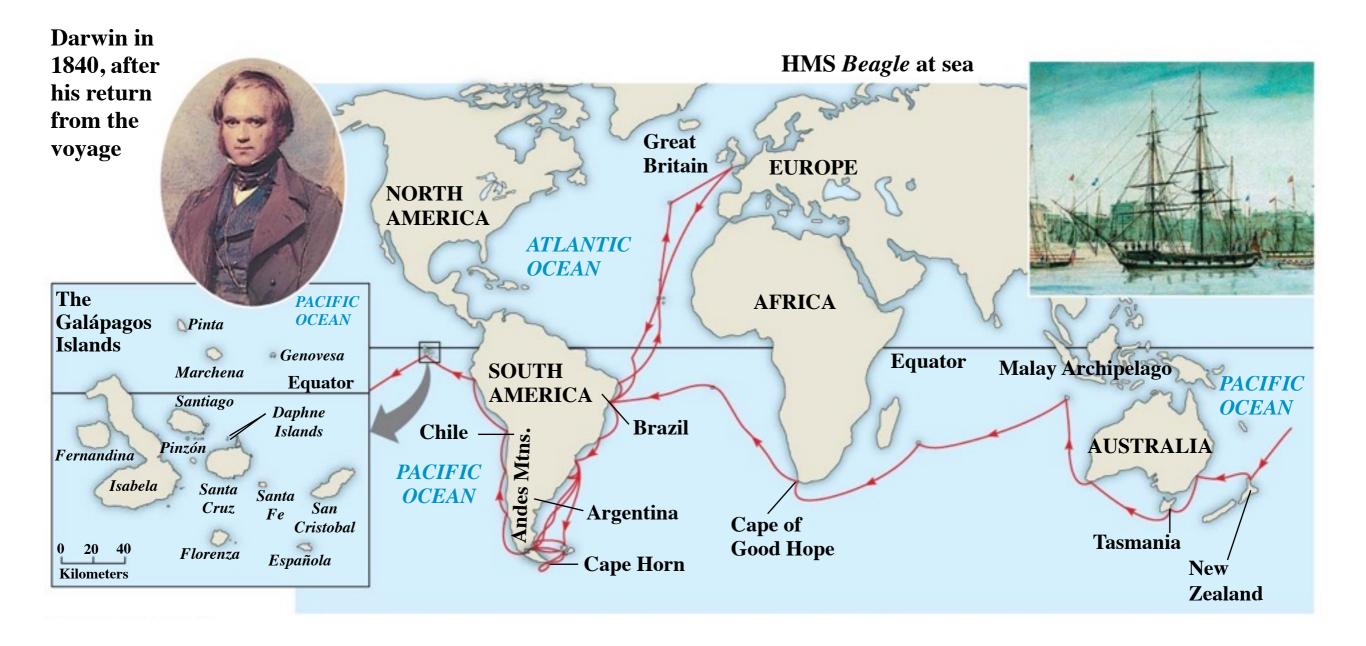


Who influenced Mr. Darwin?

Lyell Hutton LaMarck Cuvier Malthus Wallace?







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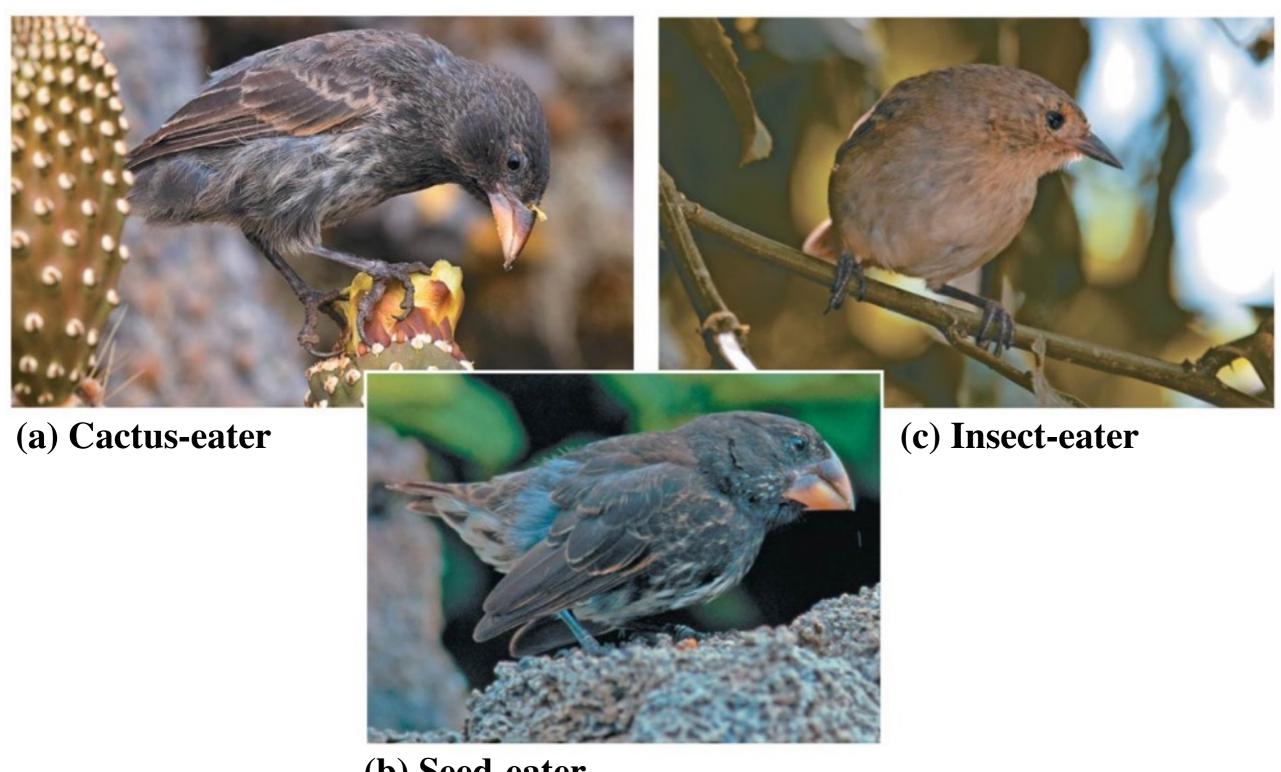
- 1. Agenda:
- 2. Review and additions
- 3. Discuss reading
- 4. Lecture on Evidence
- Pass out texts and demo eText

Learning Goal

Analyze the overwhelming amount of evidence that supports evolution.

5 postulates +...

- * Evolution occurs as the unequal reproductive success of individuals ultimately leads to adaptations to their environment.
- * Over time, natural selection can increase match between organisms and their environment.



(b) Seed-eater

With your buddy, come up with a definition of adaptation



(a) Cactus-eater

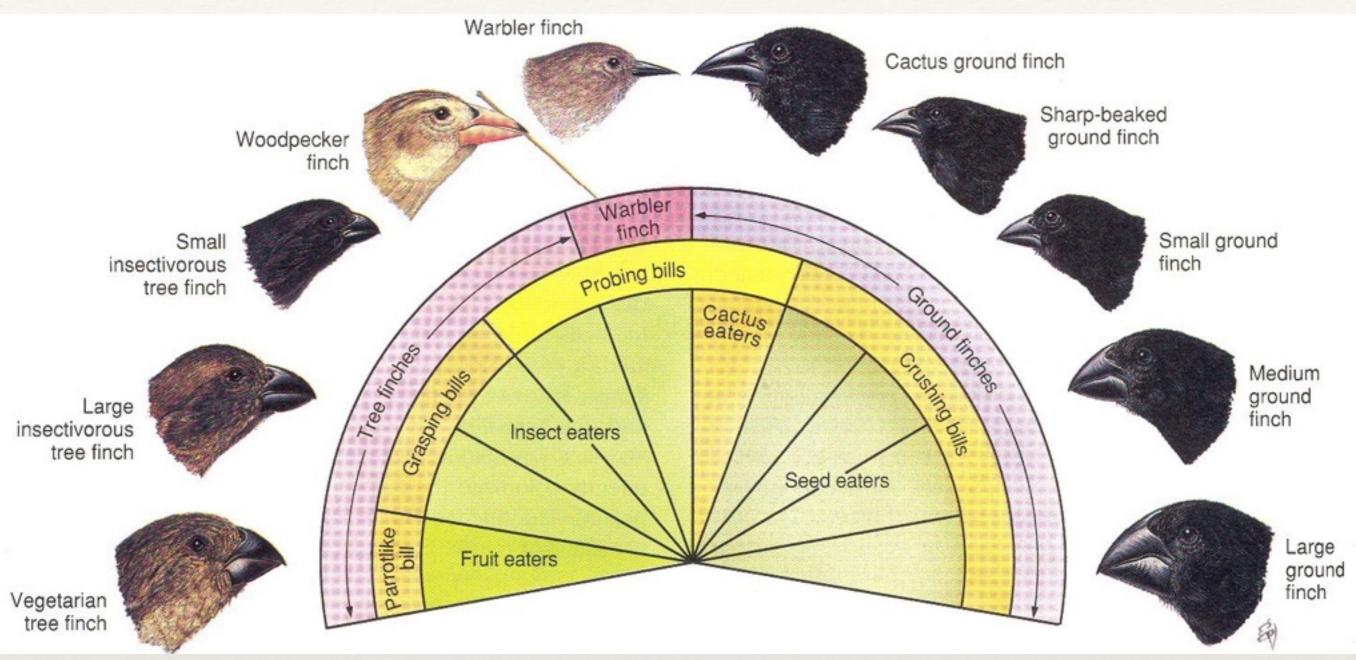


(b) Seed-eater



(c) Insect-eater

Adaptation



Adaptations - <u>inherited</u> characteristics of organisms that <u>enhance</u> their survival and reproduction in <u>specific</u> environments

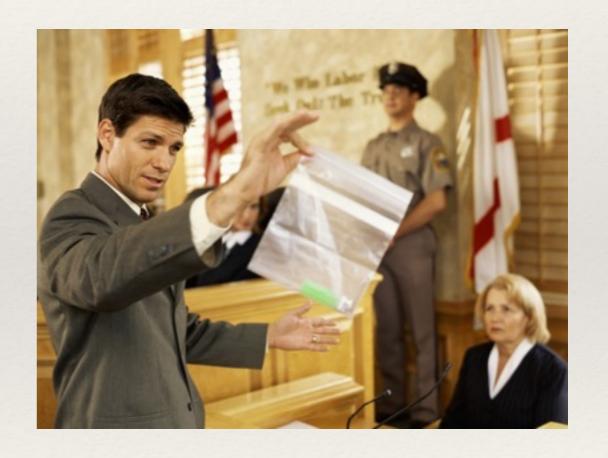
On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection

Darwin perceived adaptation to the environment and the origin of new species as closely related processes

"Thus, from the war of nature, from famine and death, the most exalted object of which we are capable of conceiving, namely, the production of the higher animals, directly follows. There is grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having been originally breathed into a few forms or into one; and that, whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being, evolved."

Evidence that supports evolution

- * Direct observation of evolution
- Homology
- Molecular Homologies
- * Comparitive Embryology
- Vestigial Structure
- * Fossils
- Biogeography



Direct Evidence

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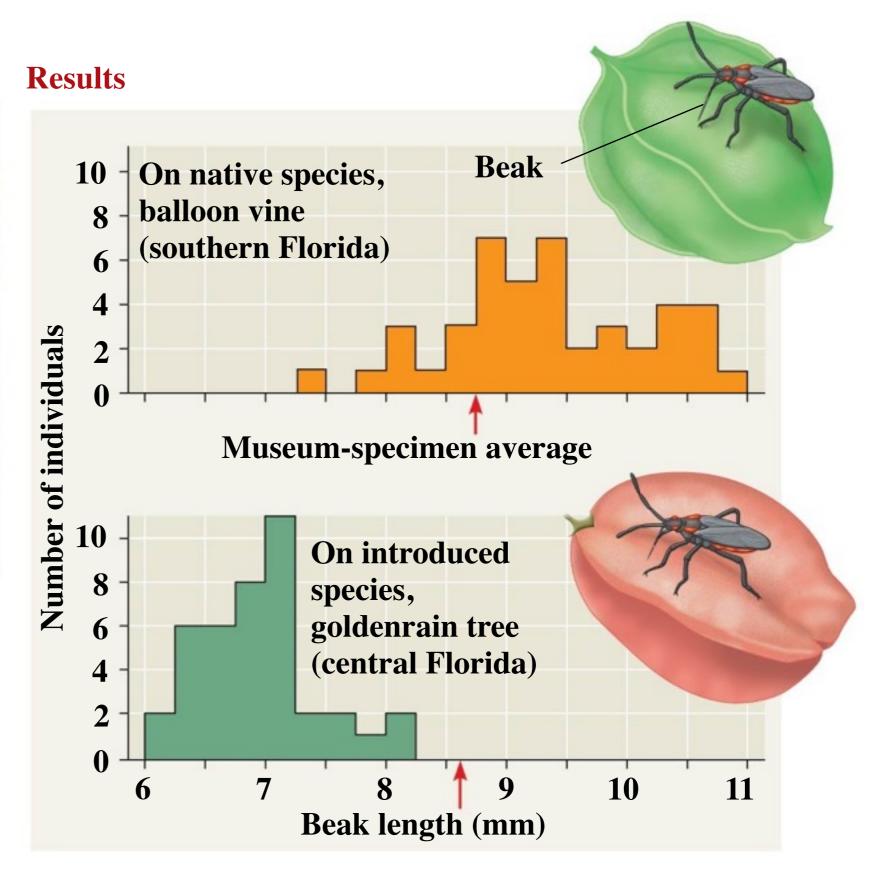
- * Watch Populations Evolve in our lifetime!
- * Ones you know
- * MRSA
- * Flu Virus

- * Finches
- From Text Soapberry
 - Guppies

Field Study



Soapberry bug with beak inserted in balloon vine fruit



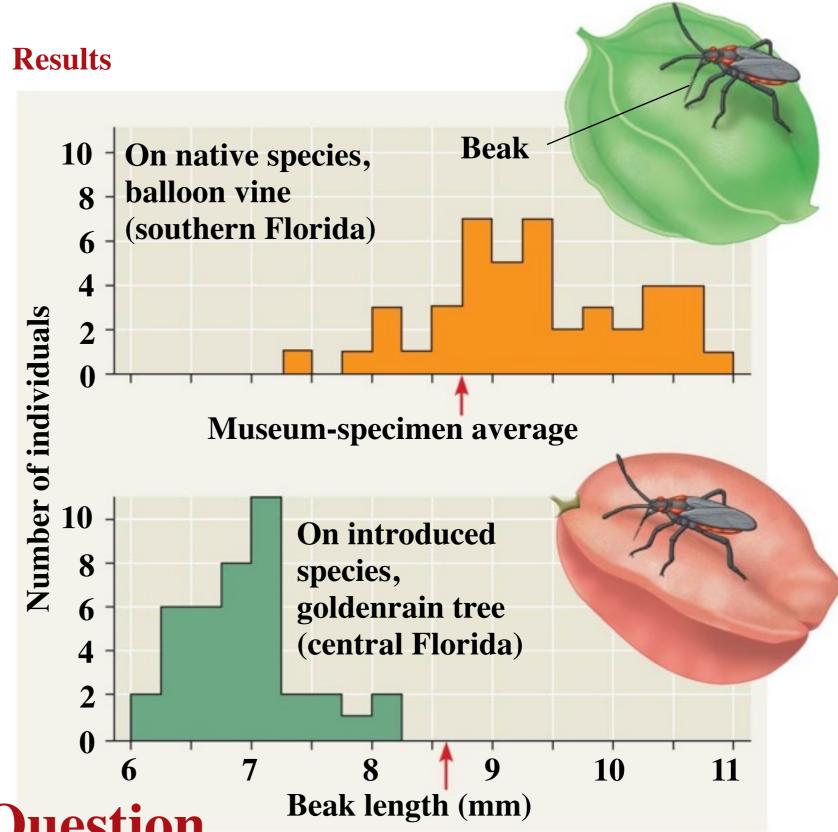




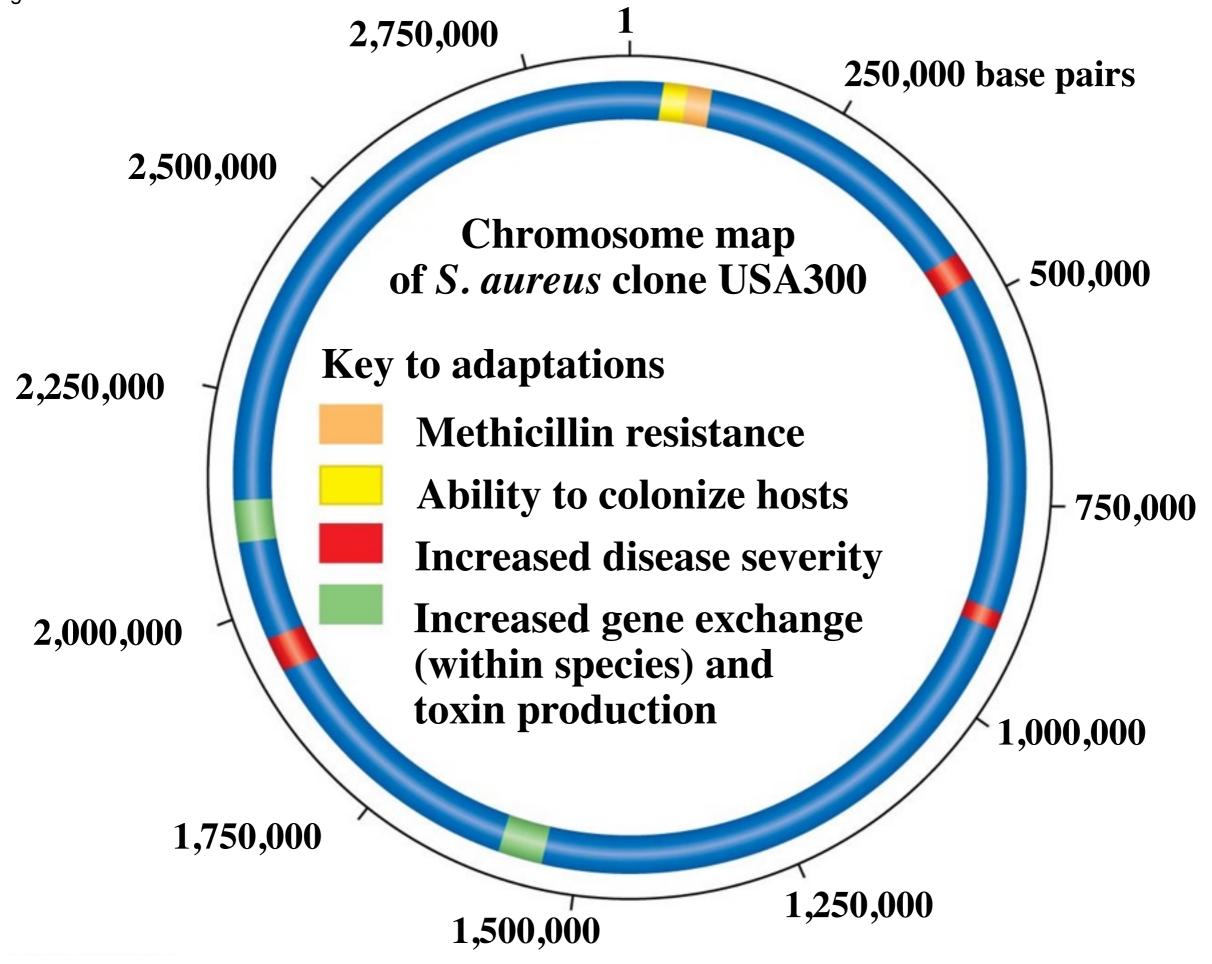
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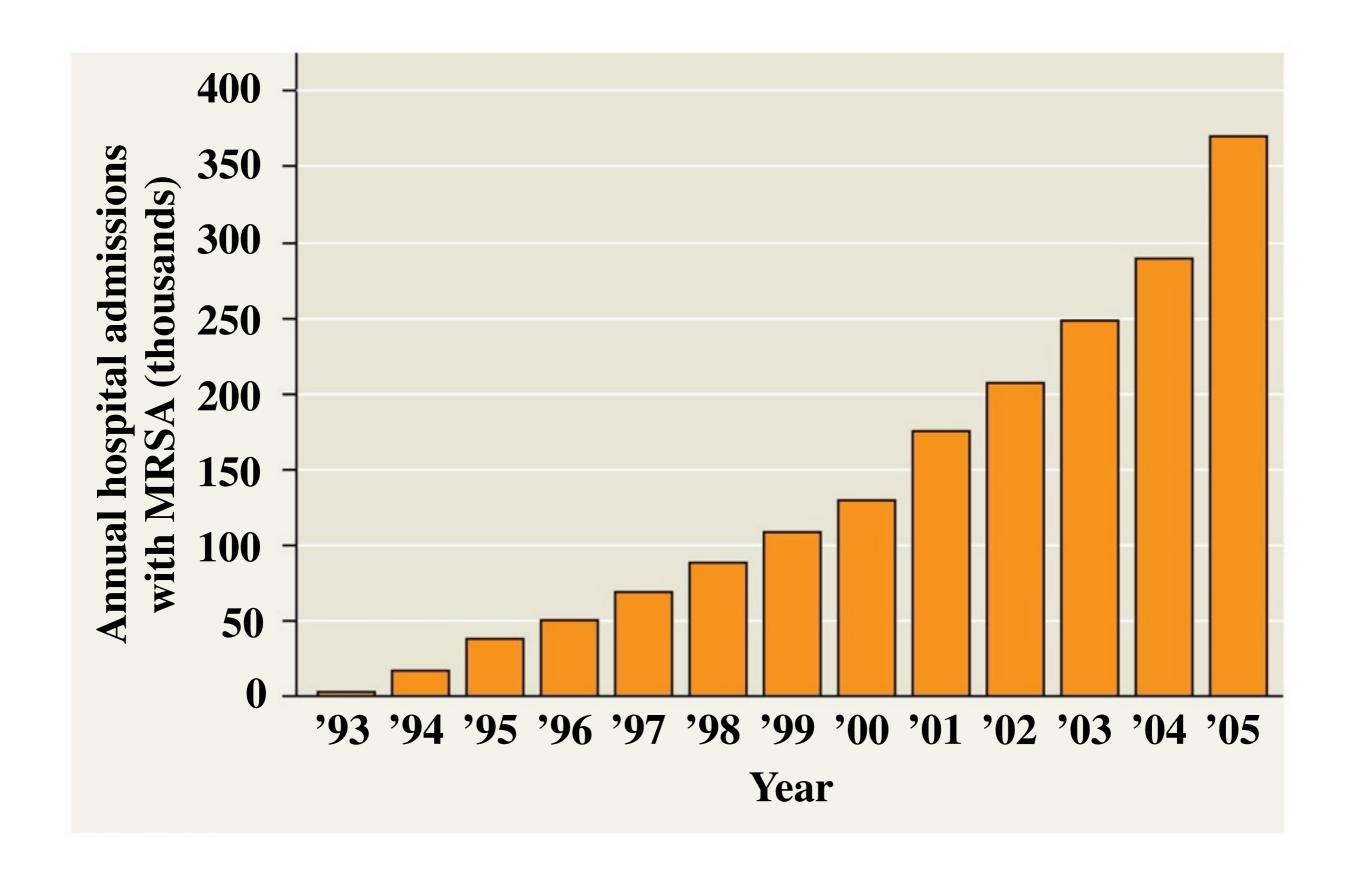


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Common Garden Question

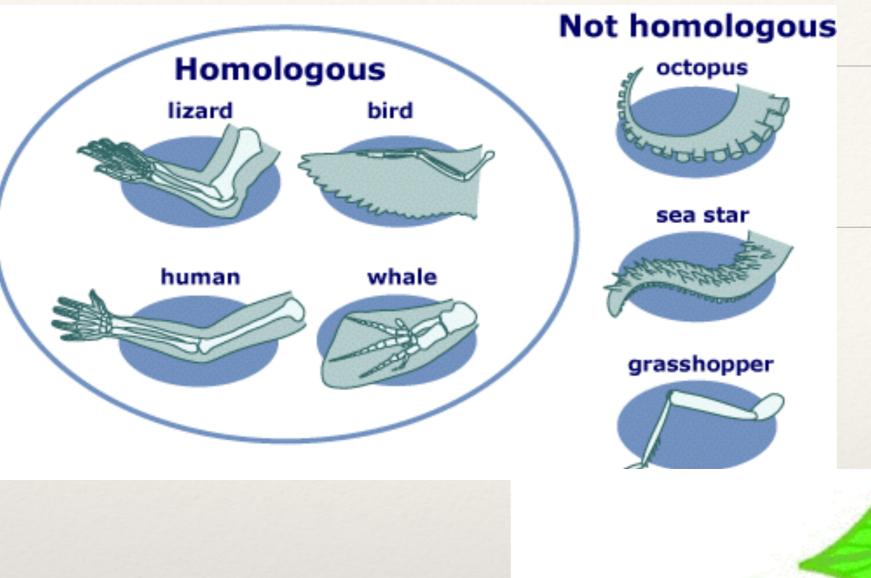




Homology



- * Homologies are similarity due to common ancestry
- Evolutionary theory predicts that related organisms will share similarities that are derived from common ancestors





Pitcher Plant leaves modified into pitchers to catch insects



Venus' Flytrap leaves modified into jaws to catch insects



Poinsettia bright red leaves resemble flower petals



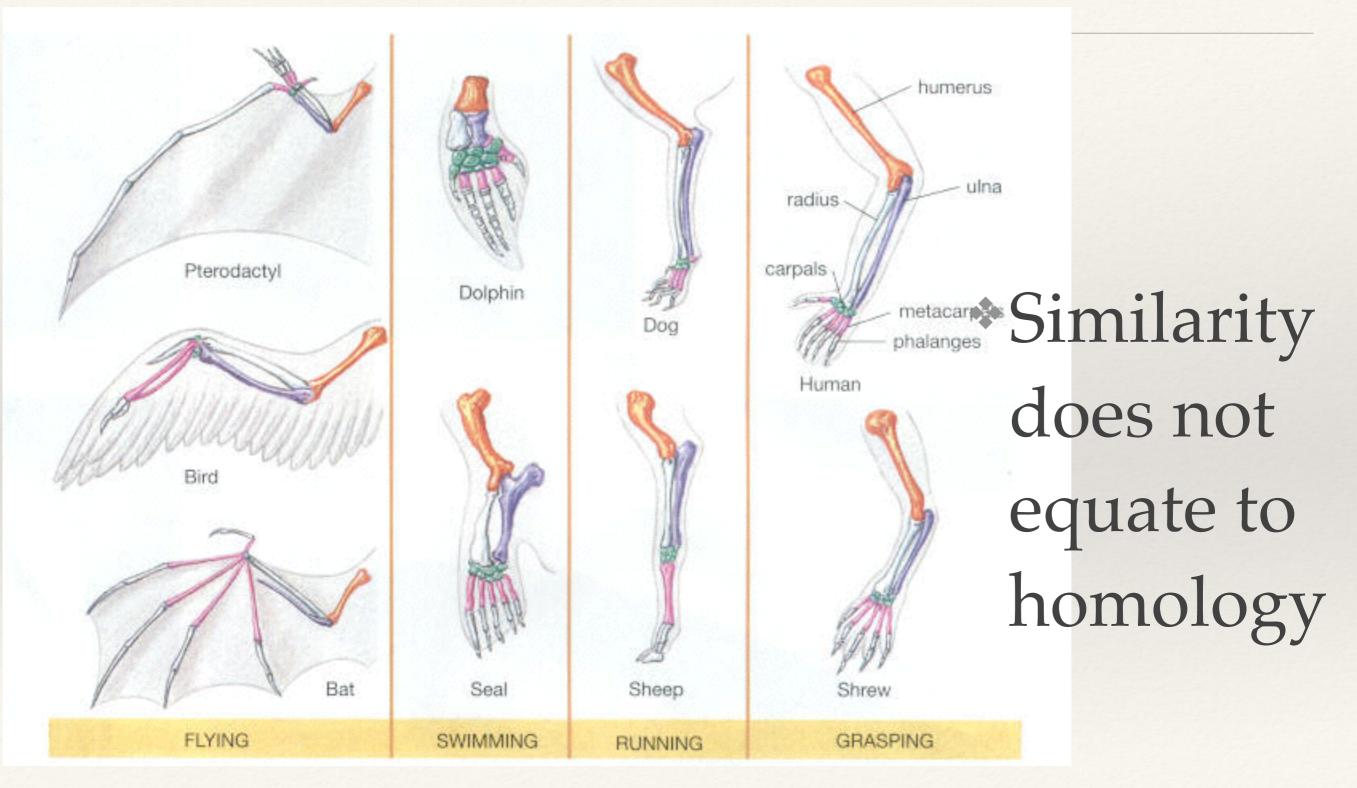
Cactus leaves have become spines

Molecular Homology

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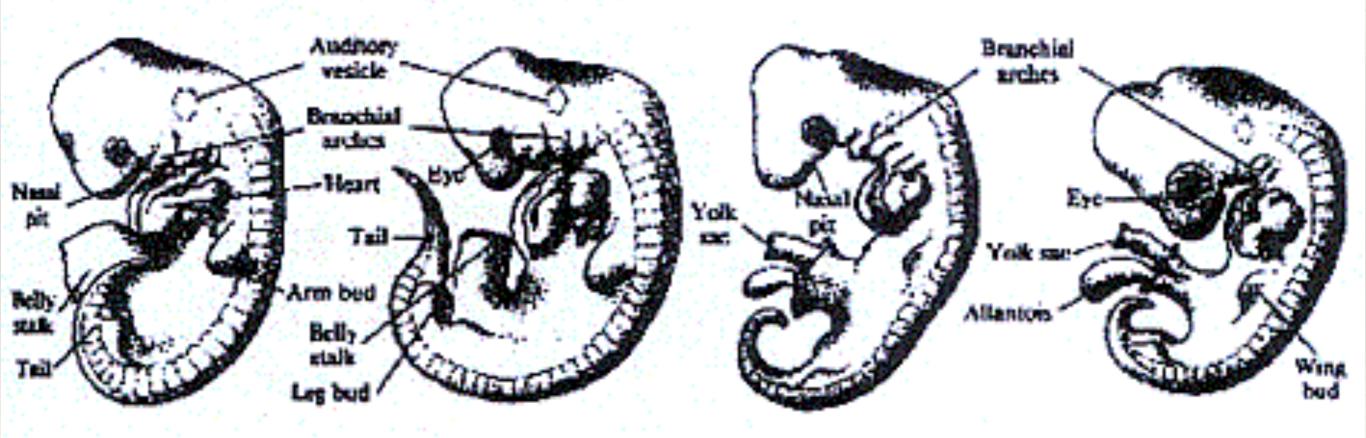


Comparitive Embryology

* ORP is bunk!

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Figure 2: Homologous Similarity Among Vertebrate Embryos



Man

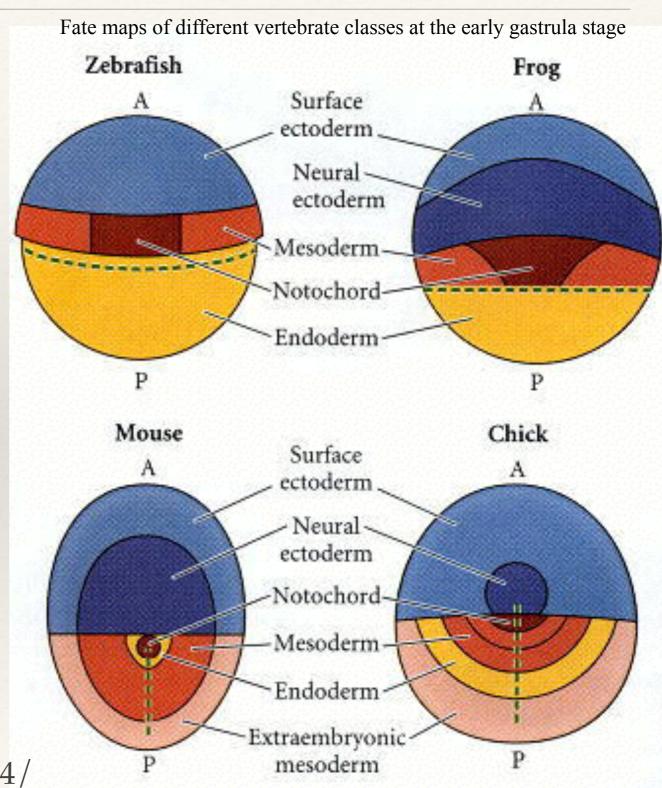
Pig

Reptile

Bird

Fate Mapping the Embryo

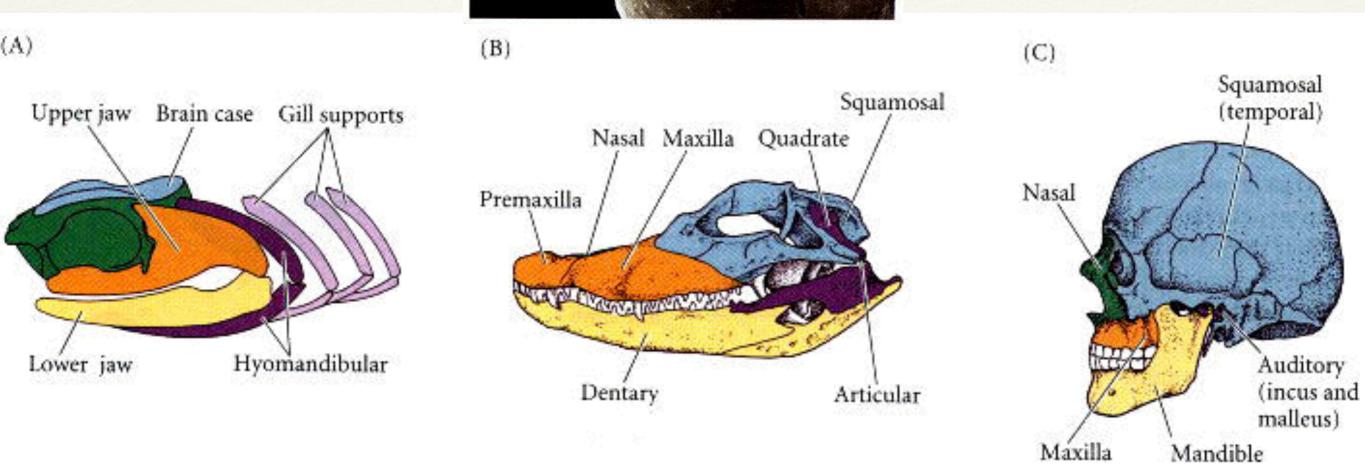
One of the most important programs of descriptive embryology became the tracing of cell lineages: following individual cells to see what they become



http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK9974/

Ambystoma mexicanum gill arches (ectoderm removed





Developmental Biology. 6th edition.

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Sunderland (MA): Sinauer Associates; 2000.

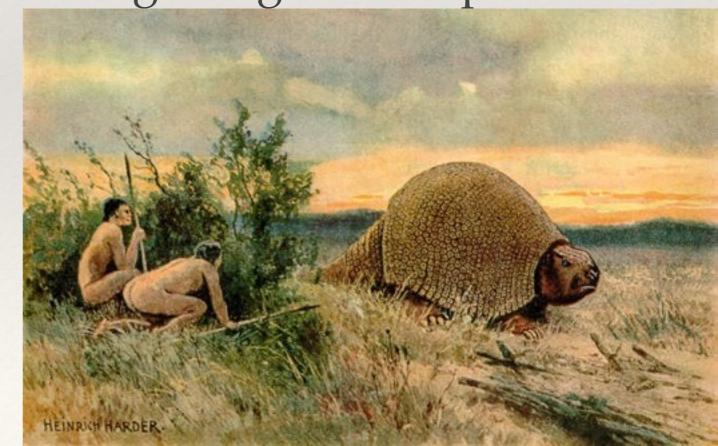
Fossils

 Found fossils of animals that definitely did not exist today

* But they closely resembled living things on the planet

(hugeeeeeee armadillos)

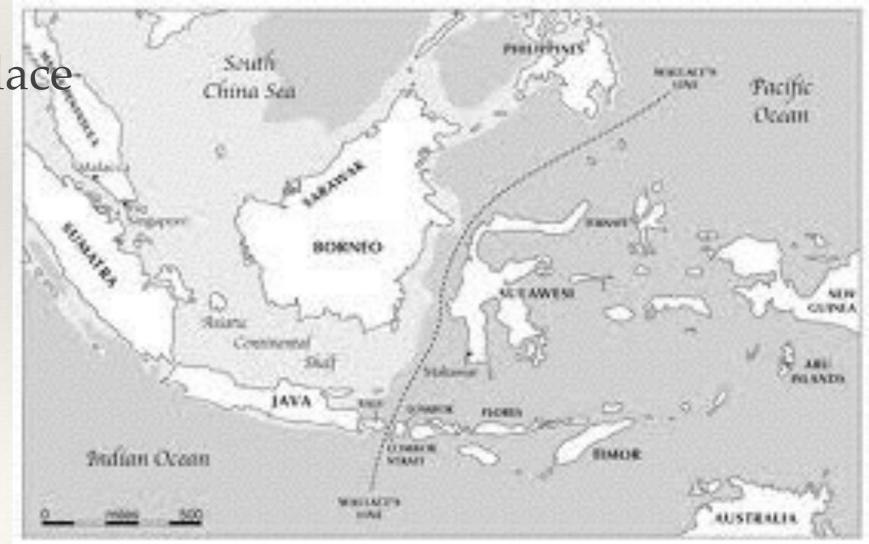




Biogeography

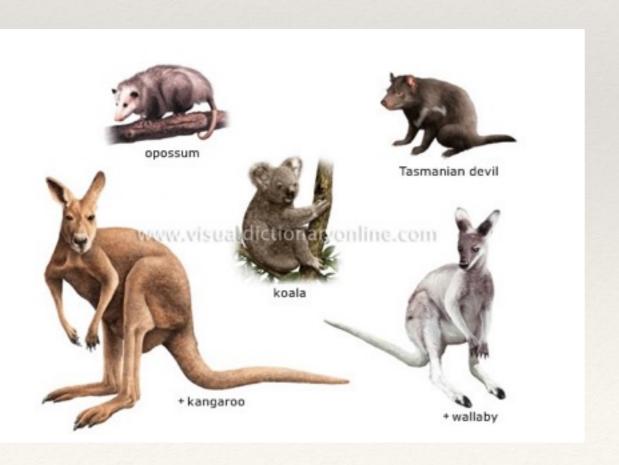
* From island to island and mainland to mainland, species were slightly different from eachother

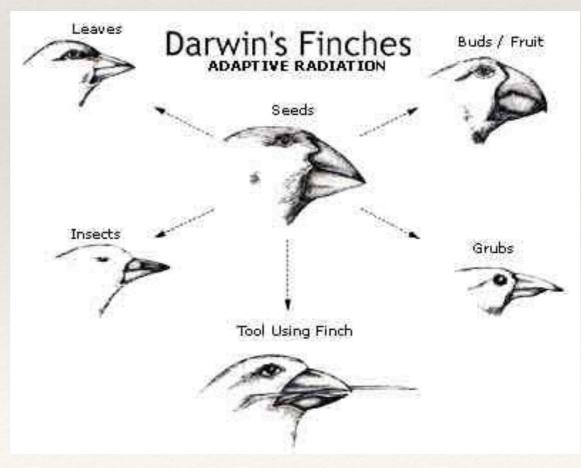
* Alfred Russel Wallace

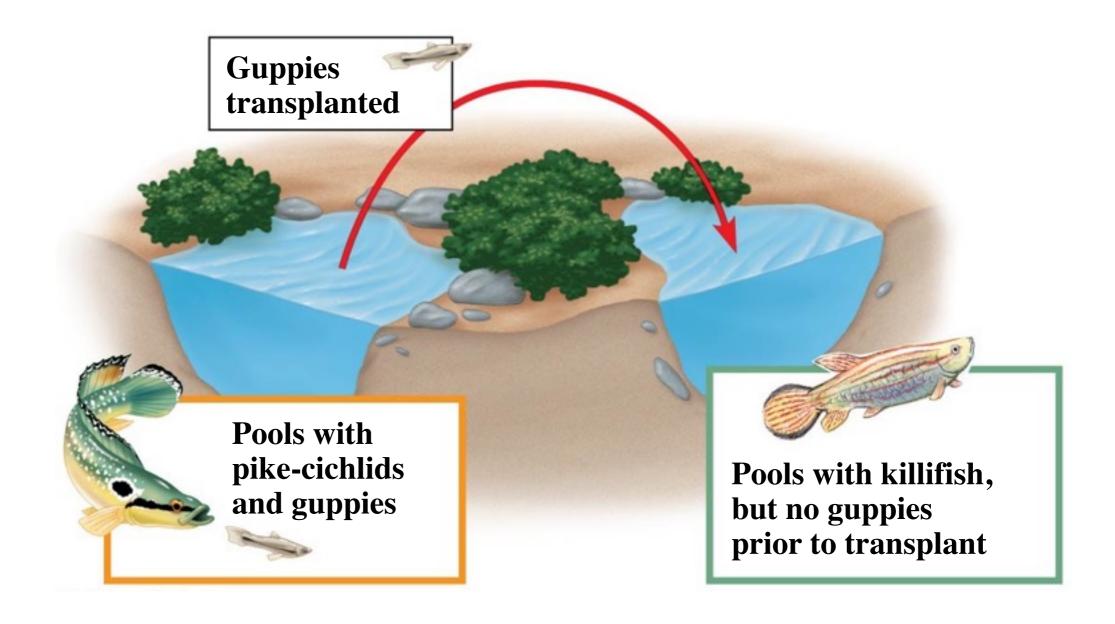


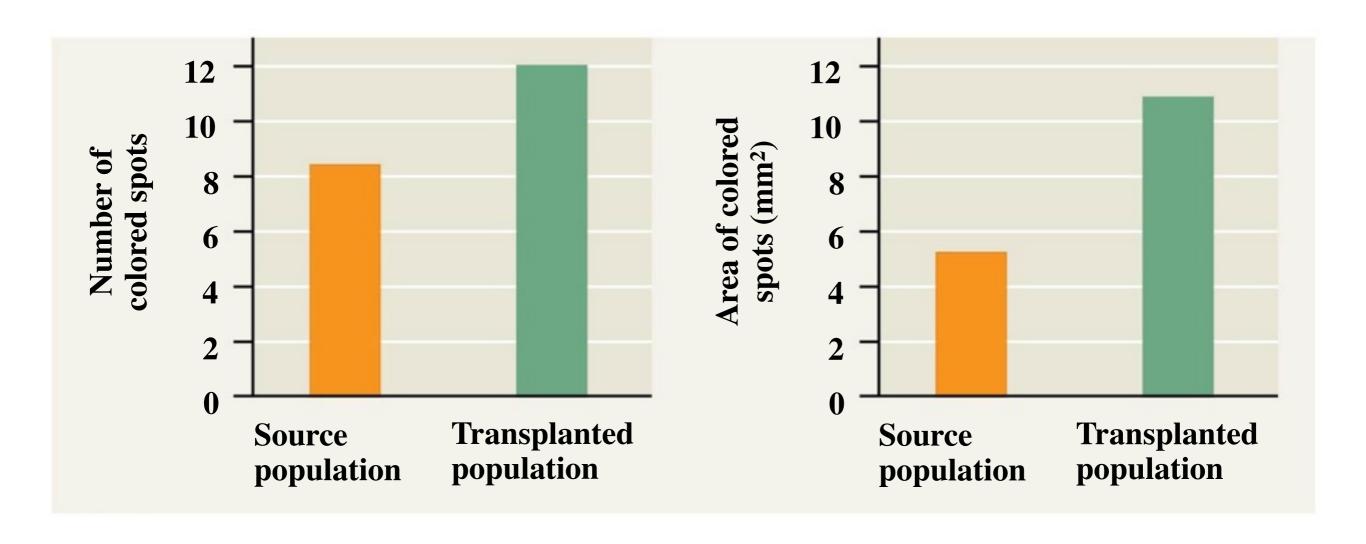
Biogeography

- * Study of range of animals and plants in different places
- * When forms are related, evolve in one location and spread









Observations

Individuals in a population vary in their heritable characteristics.

Organisms produce more offspring than the environment can support.

Inferences

Individuals that are well suited to their environment tend to leave more offspring than other individuals.

and

Over time, favorable traits accumulate in the population.

| Month | 0 | 8 | 12 |
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| Mosquitoes Resistant* to DDT | 4% | 45% | 77% |

Source C. F. Curtis et al., Selection for and against insecticide resistance and possible methods of inhibiting the evolution of resistance in mosquitoes, *Ecological Entomology* 3:273–287 (1978).

*Mosquitoes were considered resistant if they were not killed within 1 hour of receiving a dose of 4% DDT.