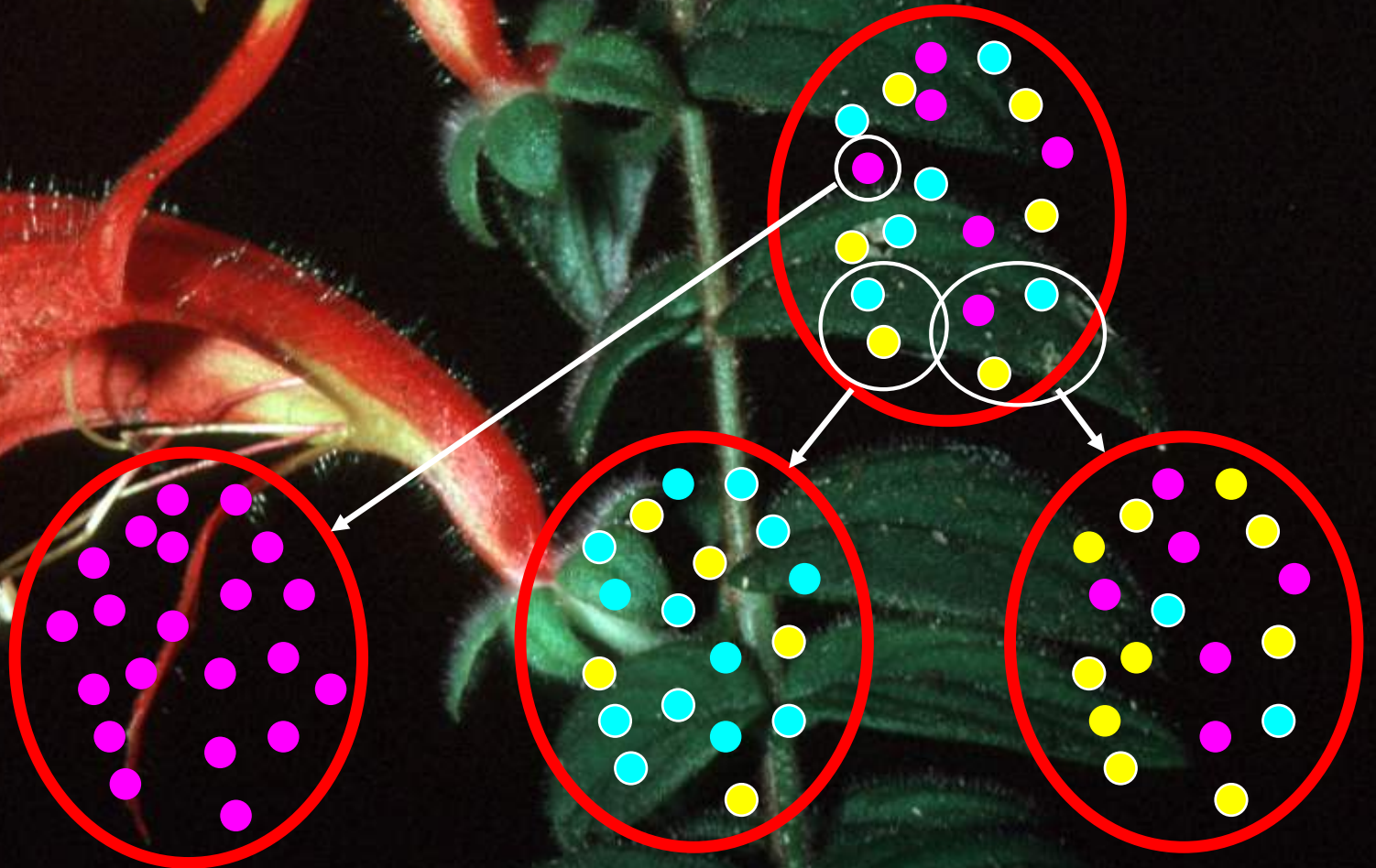


# Speciation





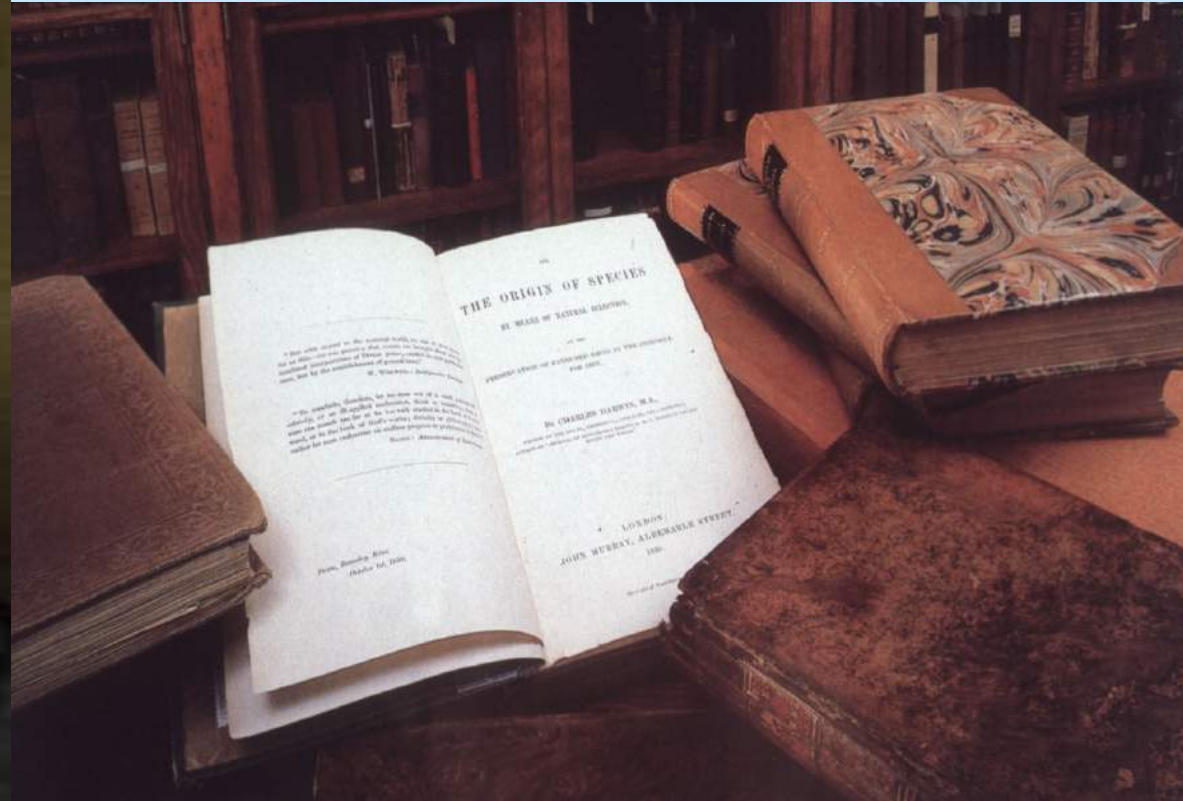
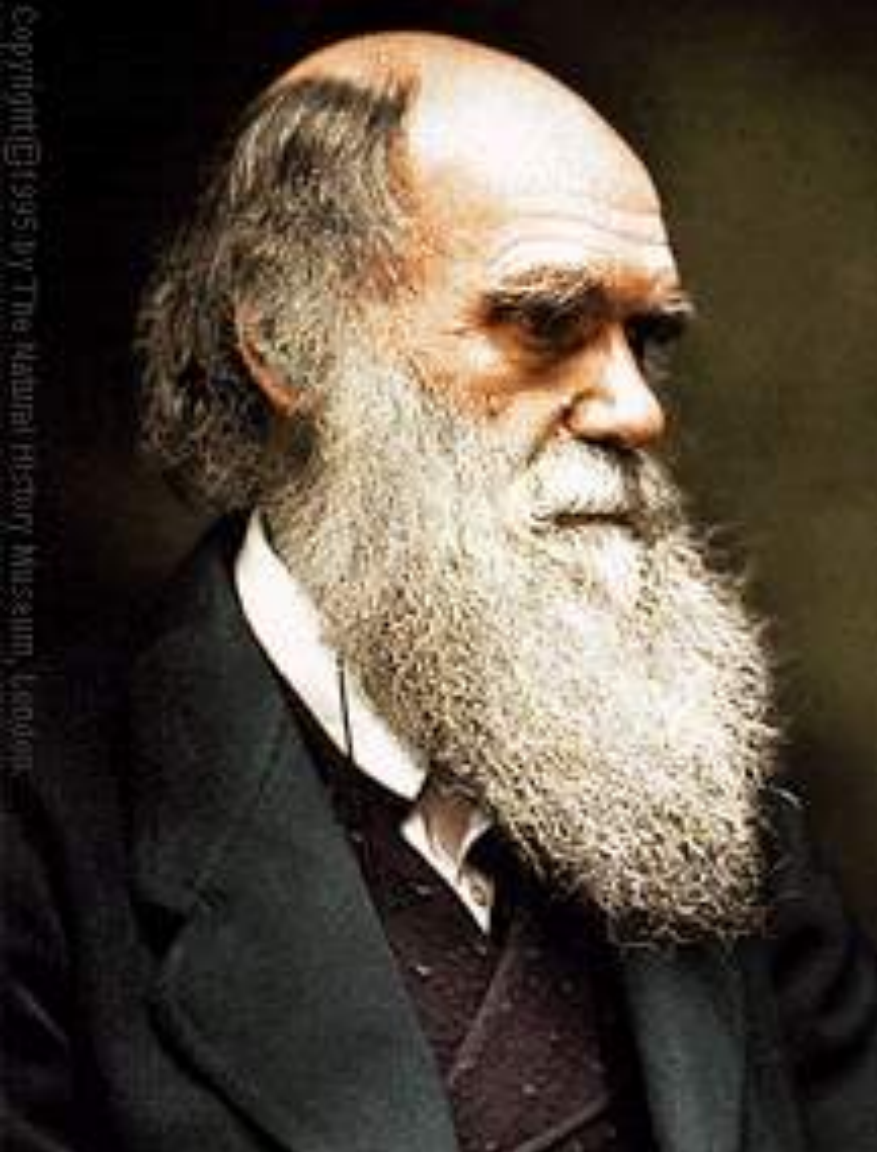
# What is Evolution

Darwin himself never uses the word "evolution" in *Origin of Species*.

He calls the process

"descent with modification".

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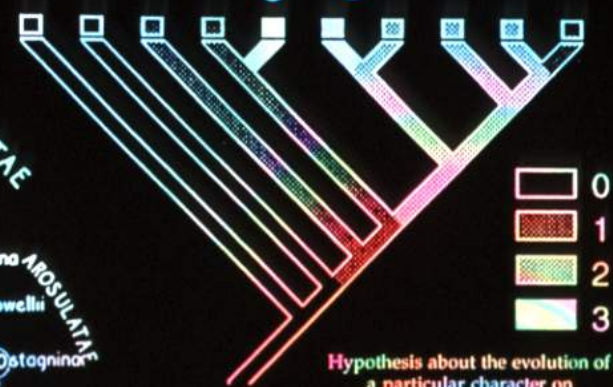


# What is Evolution

Systematics often divided into two areas: **phylogenetics** or **pattern** and **biosystematics** or **process**

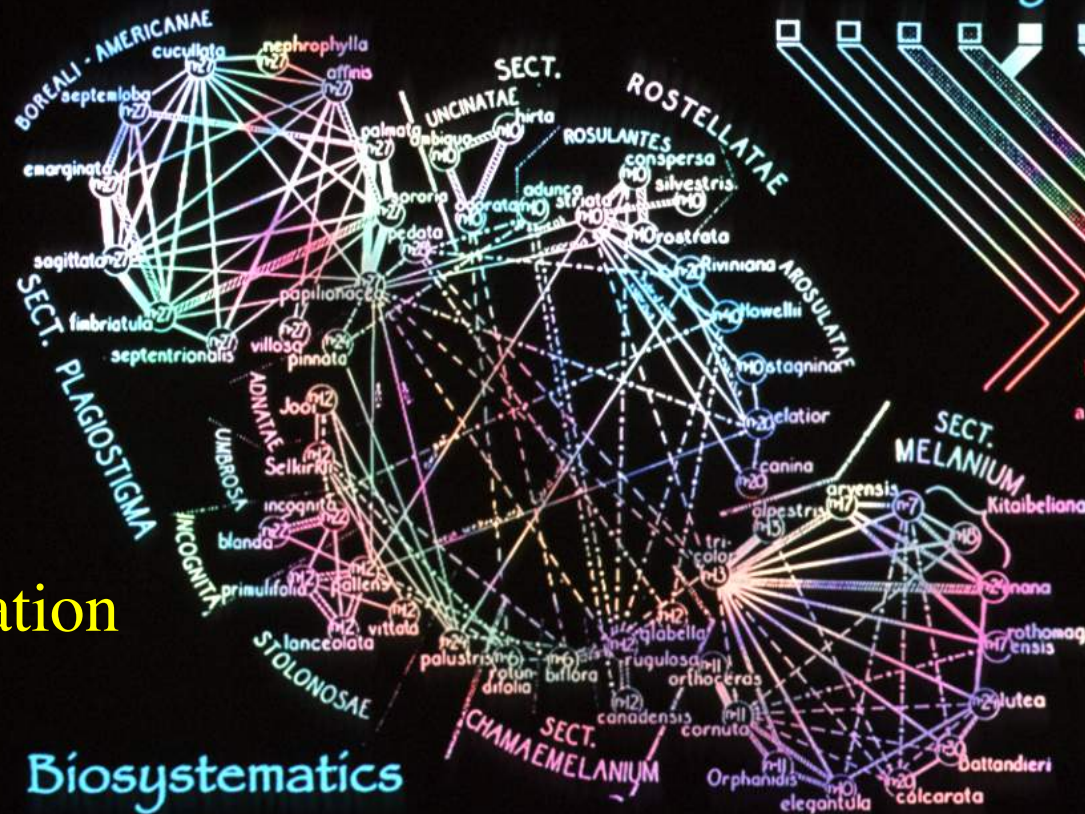
Phylogenetics

tree



Hypothesis about the evolution of a particular character on a phylogeny (states of the character are indicated by shades)

- Free interchange of genes
- Very sterile narrowest
- completely sterile
- Hybrid seeds do not germinate
- Crossing failed
- Limits of taxonomic sections
- Limits of taxonomic subgroups



reticulation

Biosystematics

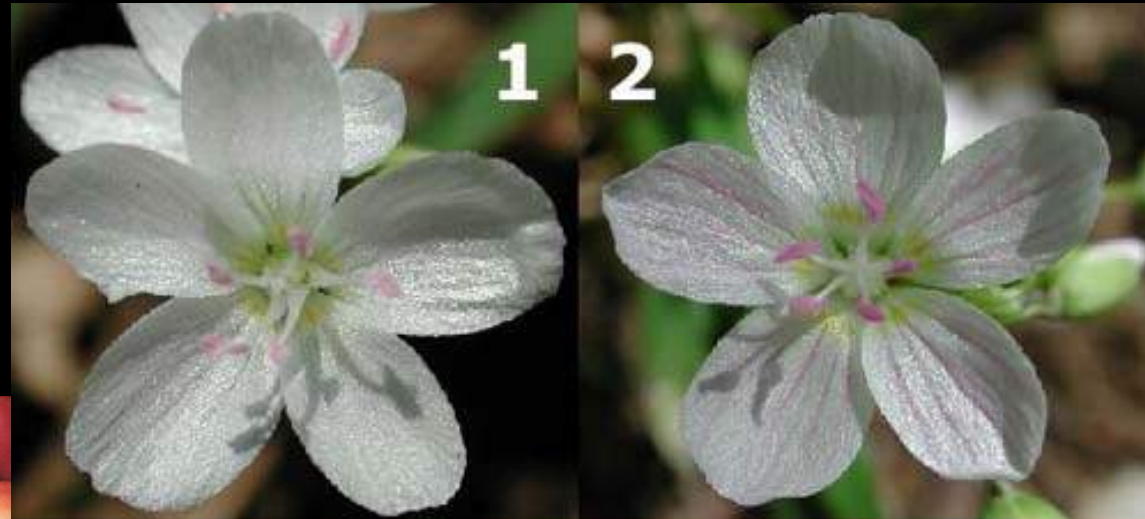
Fig. 64. Crossing polygon of the genus *Viola*.



# Genetic Variation within Species

Evolution requires source of **genetic variation** and a **driving force**

Genetic variation within species is the rule - **human selection** or **natural selection** or **random events** involved



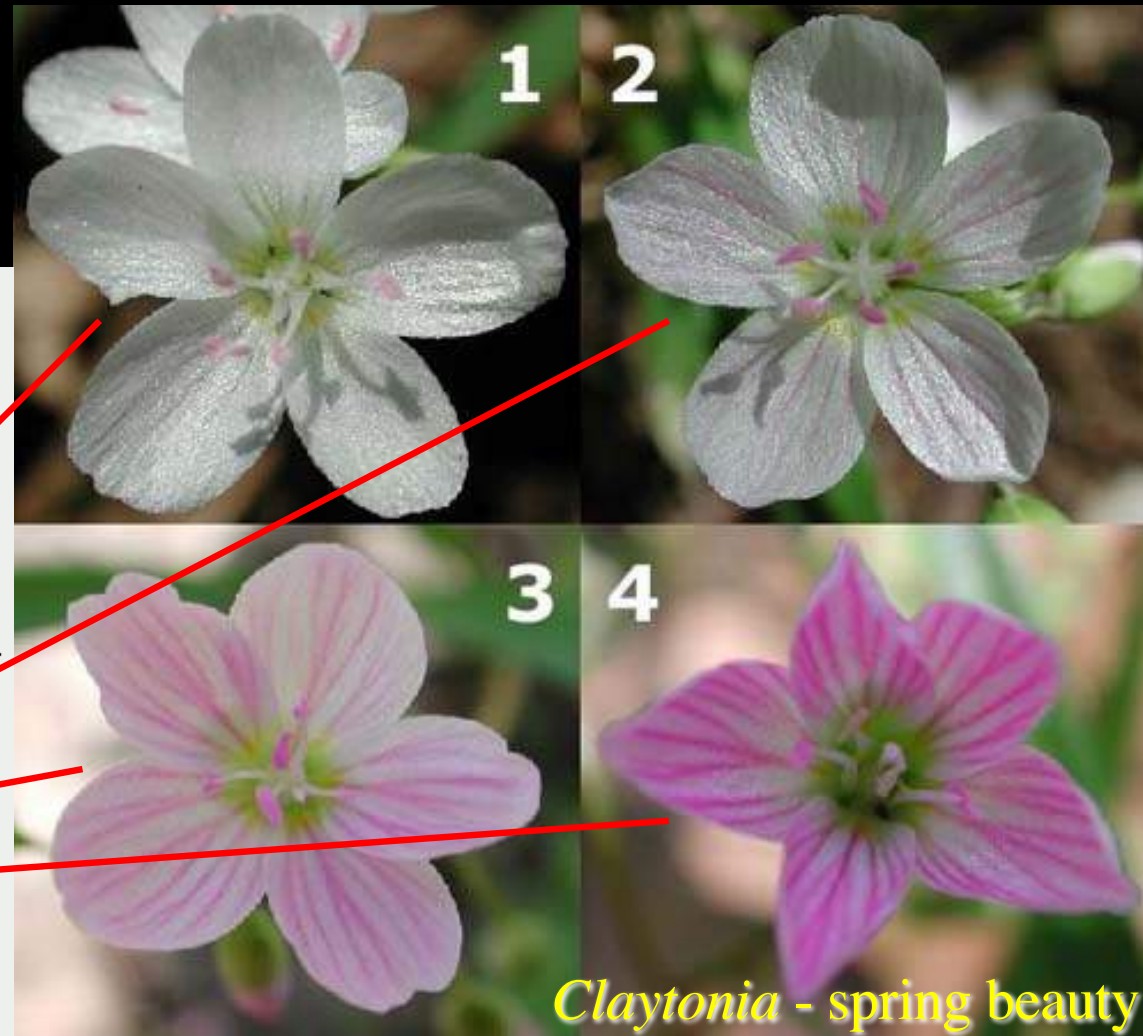
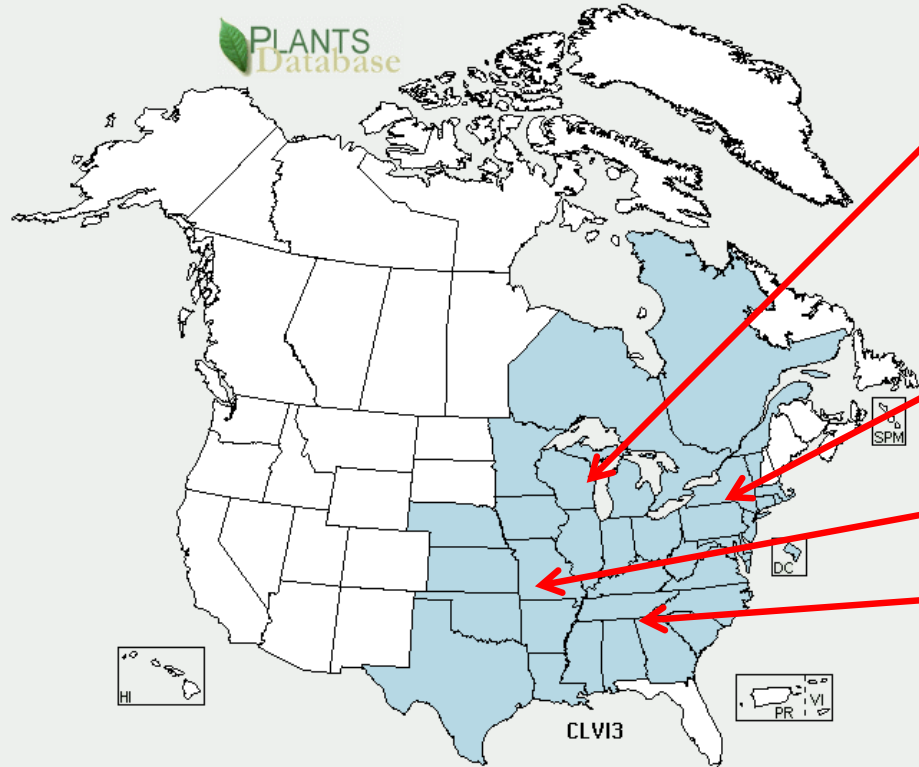
*Capsicum* - pepper

*Claytonia* - spring beauty

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**Variation** seen in flowers,  
pollinators, light regimes,  
moisture regimes,  
chromosome number



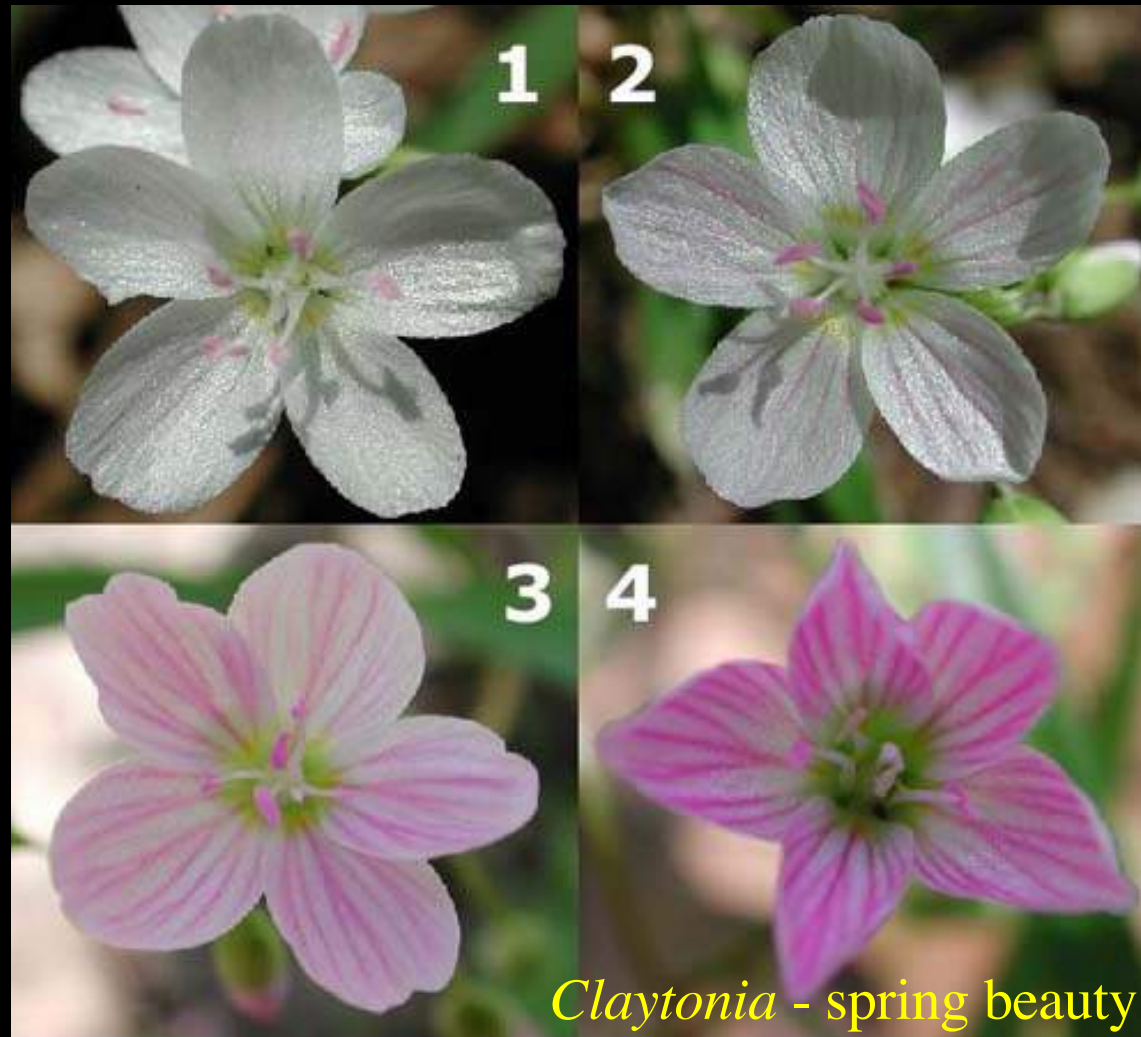


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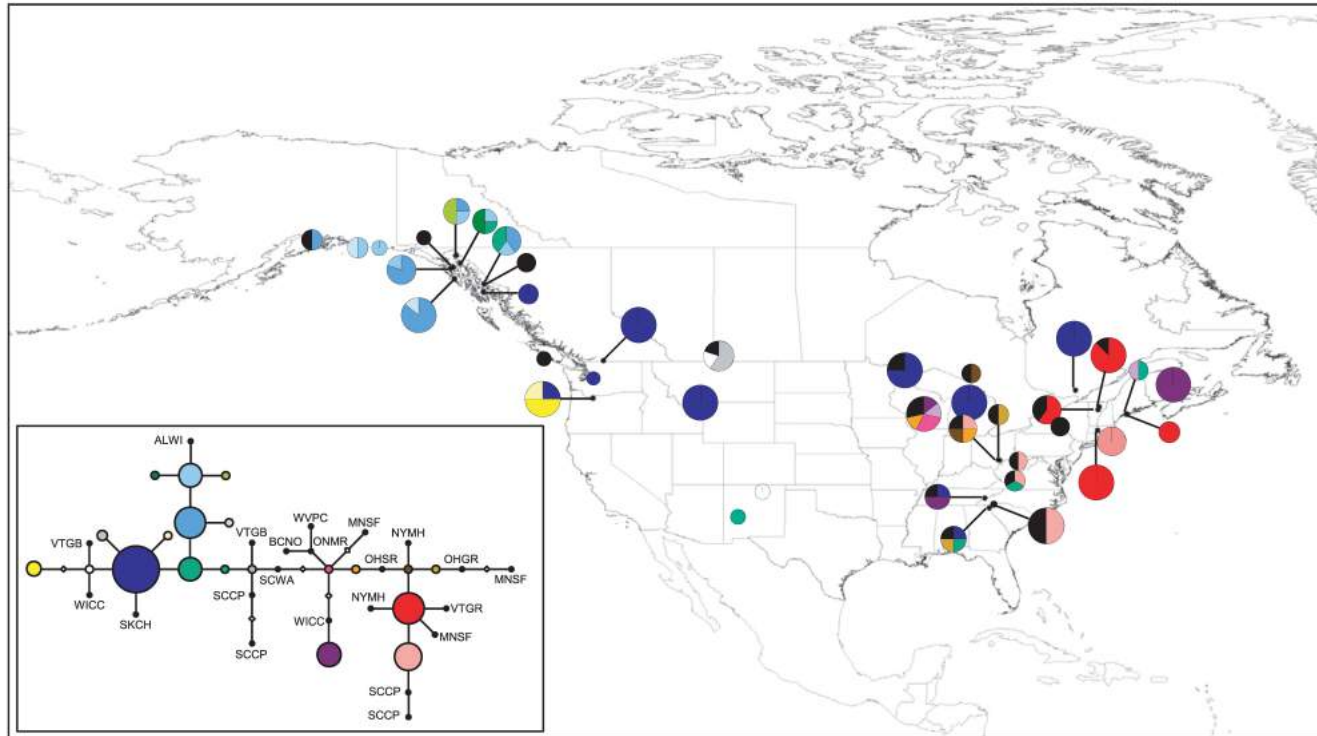
**Natural selection** -  
mechanism by which  
populations become modified  
in response to the  
environment

**Adaptation** - adjustment of  
the population to the  
environment



# Genetic Variation within Species

- Modern genetic tools indicate **substantial genetic variation** within and among populations of species – raw material for natural selection or random events to act upon



**Figure 3** Distribution of chloroplast *rps2* haplotypes of *Monotropa hypopitys*. Pie chart sizes are approximately proportional to sample size, with the smallest circles representing  $n = 1$  and the largest representing  $n = 8$ . The inset shows the phylogenetic relationships between the 42 haplotypes. Open diamonds represent missing haplotypes and small black circles represent unique haplotypes, i.e. those found in a single individual. The population of origin of each unique haplotype is indicated.

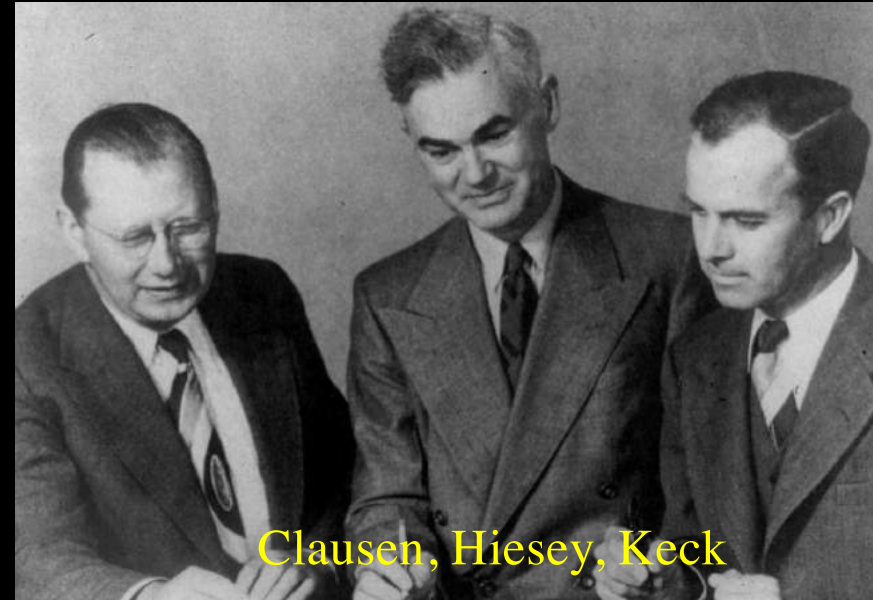


*Hypopitys monotropa* -  
pinesap



# Genetic Variation within Species

- three American botanists documented this linkage with their studies on a variety of plant species in California during 1940-1950s
- their work on the *Achillea millefolium* (yarrow) and *Potentilla glandulosa* (sticky cinquefoil) complexes are the best known



Clausen, Hiesey, Keck



*Potentilla*



*Achillea*



# Genetic Variation within Species

- used a **reciprocal transplant** design by setting up **common garden** sites across an elevation gradient from coastal California, through the Coast Range, and up and over the Sierra Nevada

Clausen, Keck & Heisey's California Transect Study Sites



Coastal California, near Big Sur



Coast Ranges, inland from Big Sur



Foothills of the Sierra Nevada



Timberline, east side of Sierra Nevada



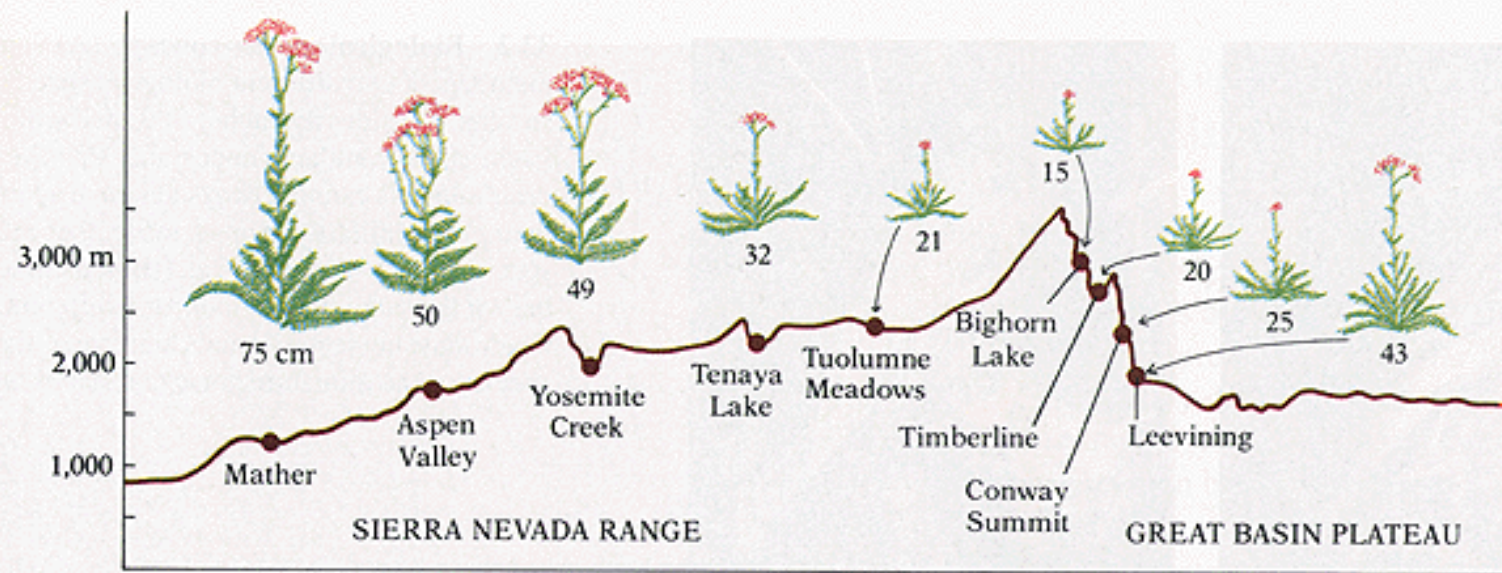
Common garden at Stanford



Common garden at Mather

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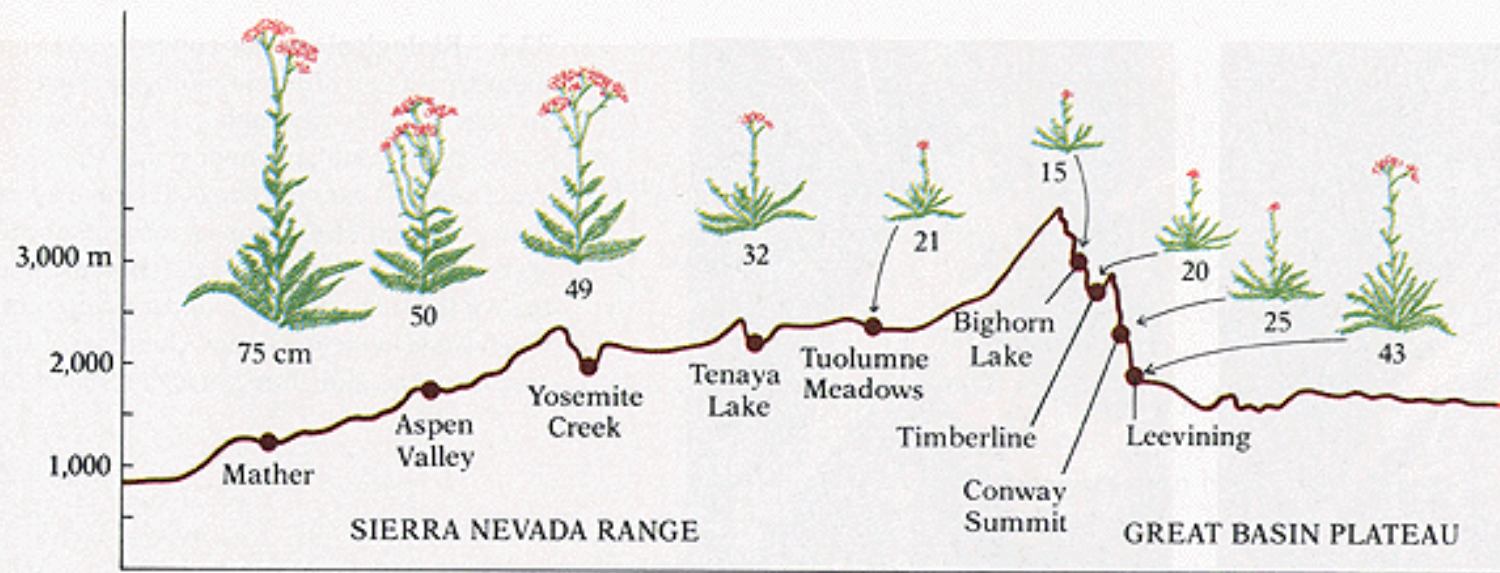
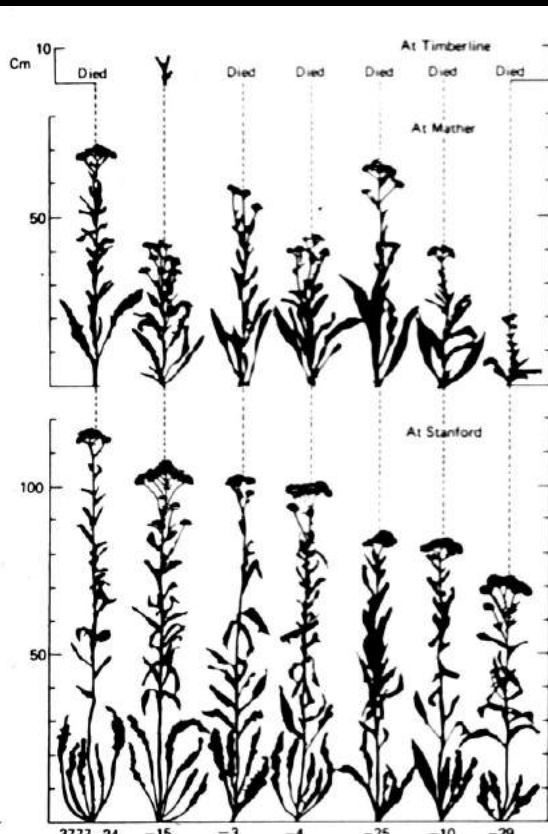
- *Achillea lanulosa* exhibits **clinal phenotypic variation** in natural populations across the elevational gradient in the Sierra Nevada





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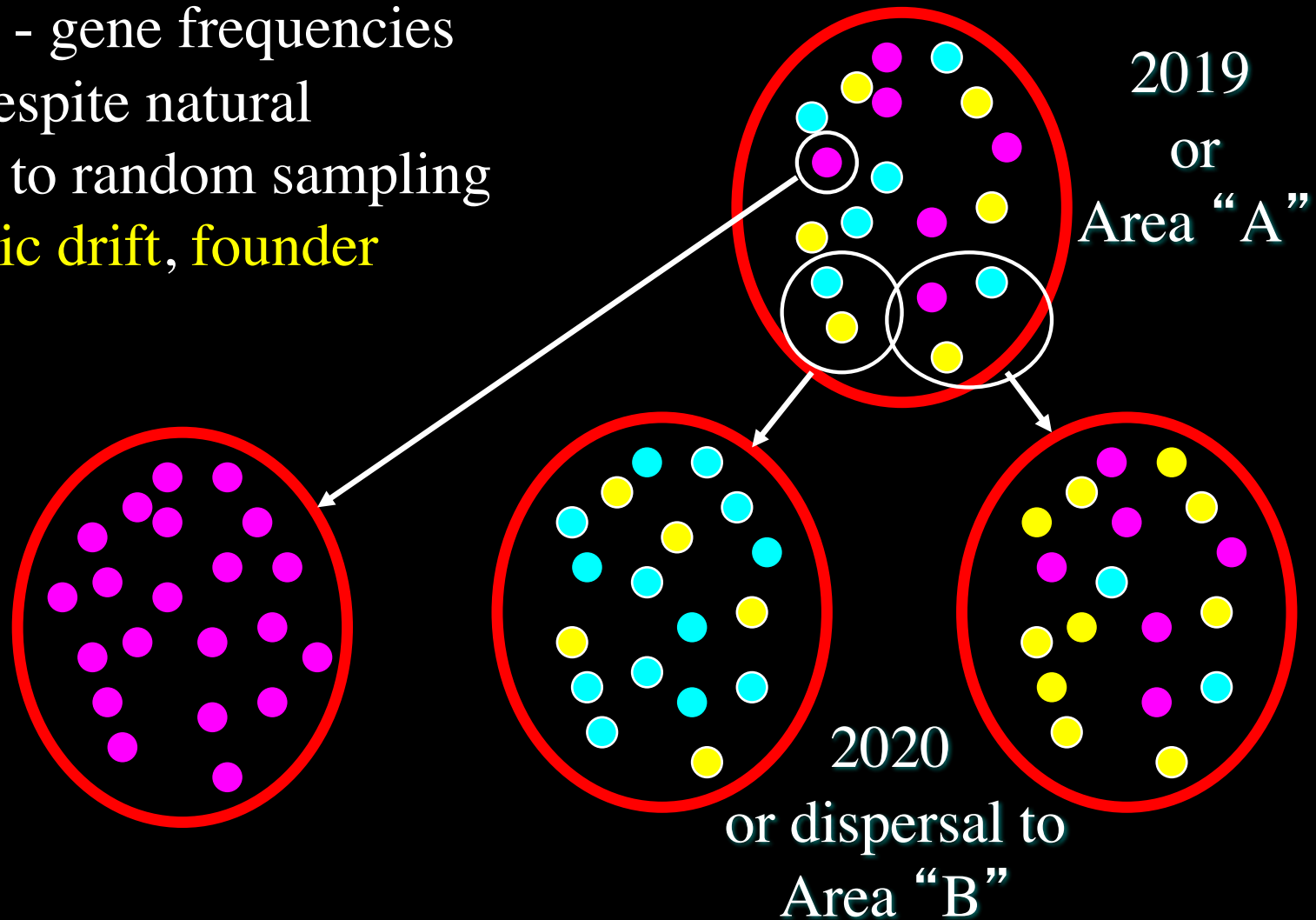
- populations exhibit marked lowering of fitness and adaptation when placed at other sites — **clinal genotypic variation** or the formation of **ecotypes**



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- effect is greatest in small, isolated populations on “**islands**” - e.g., cloud forest peaks in central Panama



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- widespread lower elevation *Lisianthus skinneri* (◆) and isolated cloud forest taxa (◆)

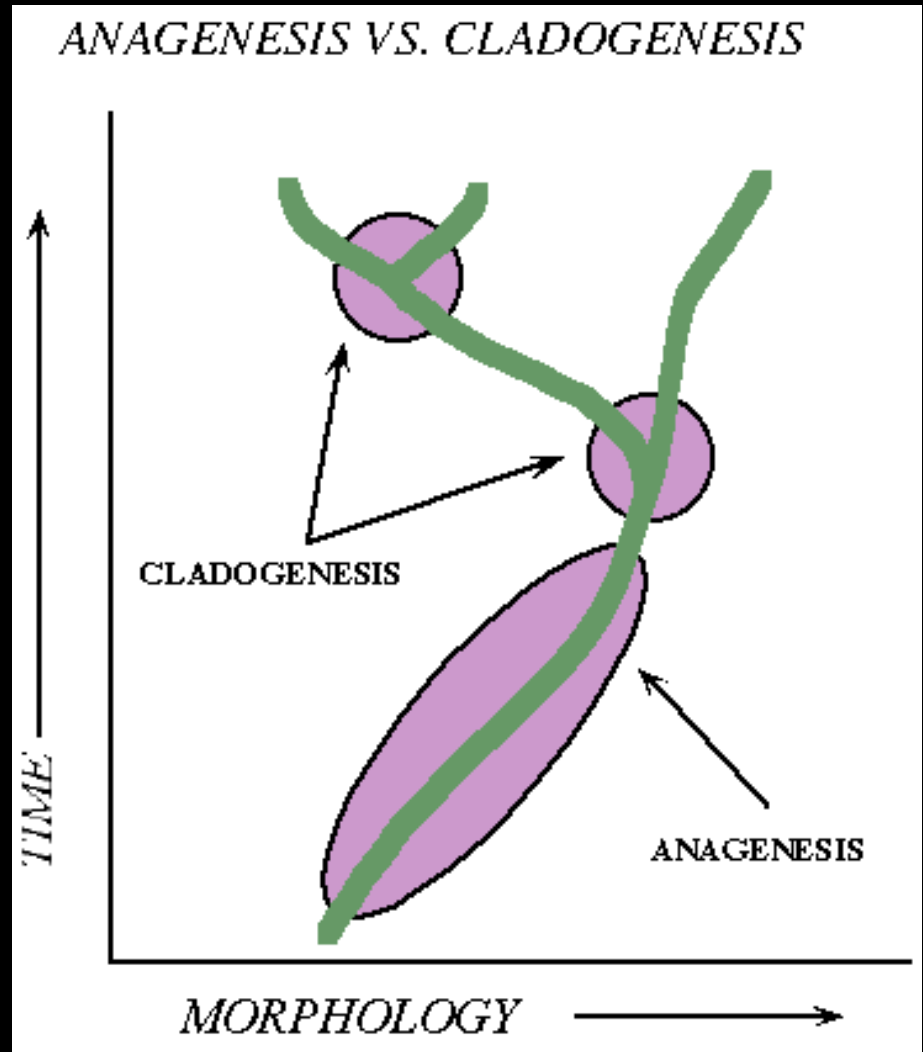




# Speciation

**Cladogenesis** - formation of new species

- **anagenesis** - evolution within a species lineage — (Darwin's **modification**)
- **cladogenesis** - evolution to form new species lineages or speciation — (Darwin's **descent**)

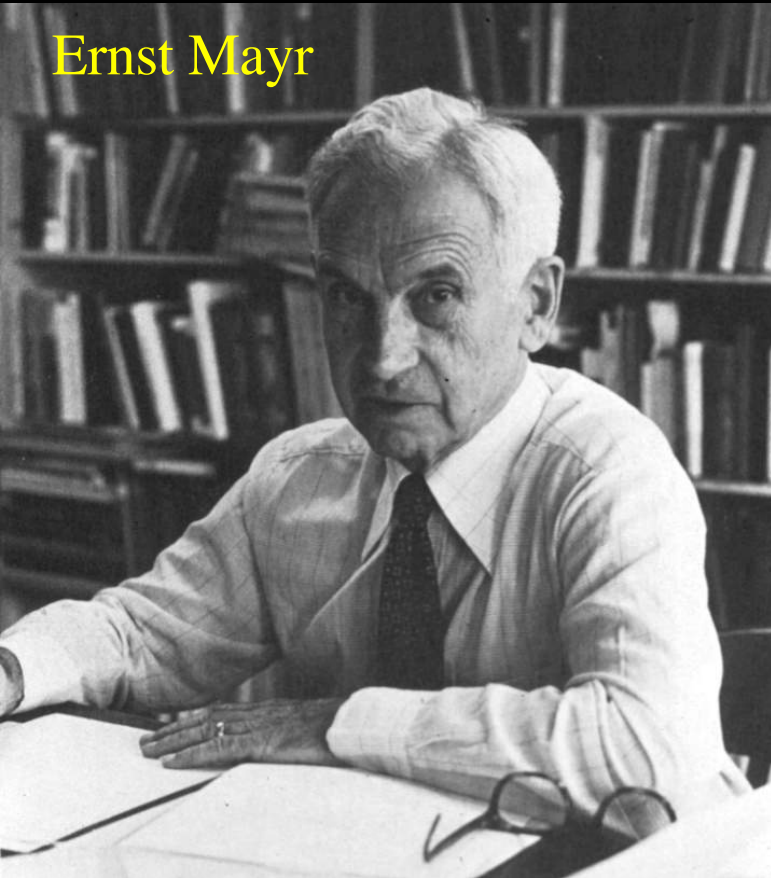


# How to Define Species?

Cladogenesis - formation of new species

How do you **define species**?

Ernst Mayr



- difficult, due to continuum of evolutionary processes and products
- emphasis on reproductive **isolating mechanisms**

## Biological Species Definitions

Species represent groups of populations  
reproductively & potentially reproductively  
isolated from other such groups



# Reproductive Isolation

Many kinds of isolating mechanisms

Ecological or habitat isolation

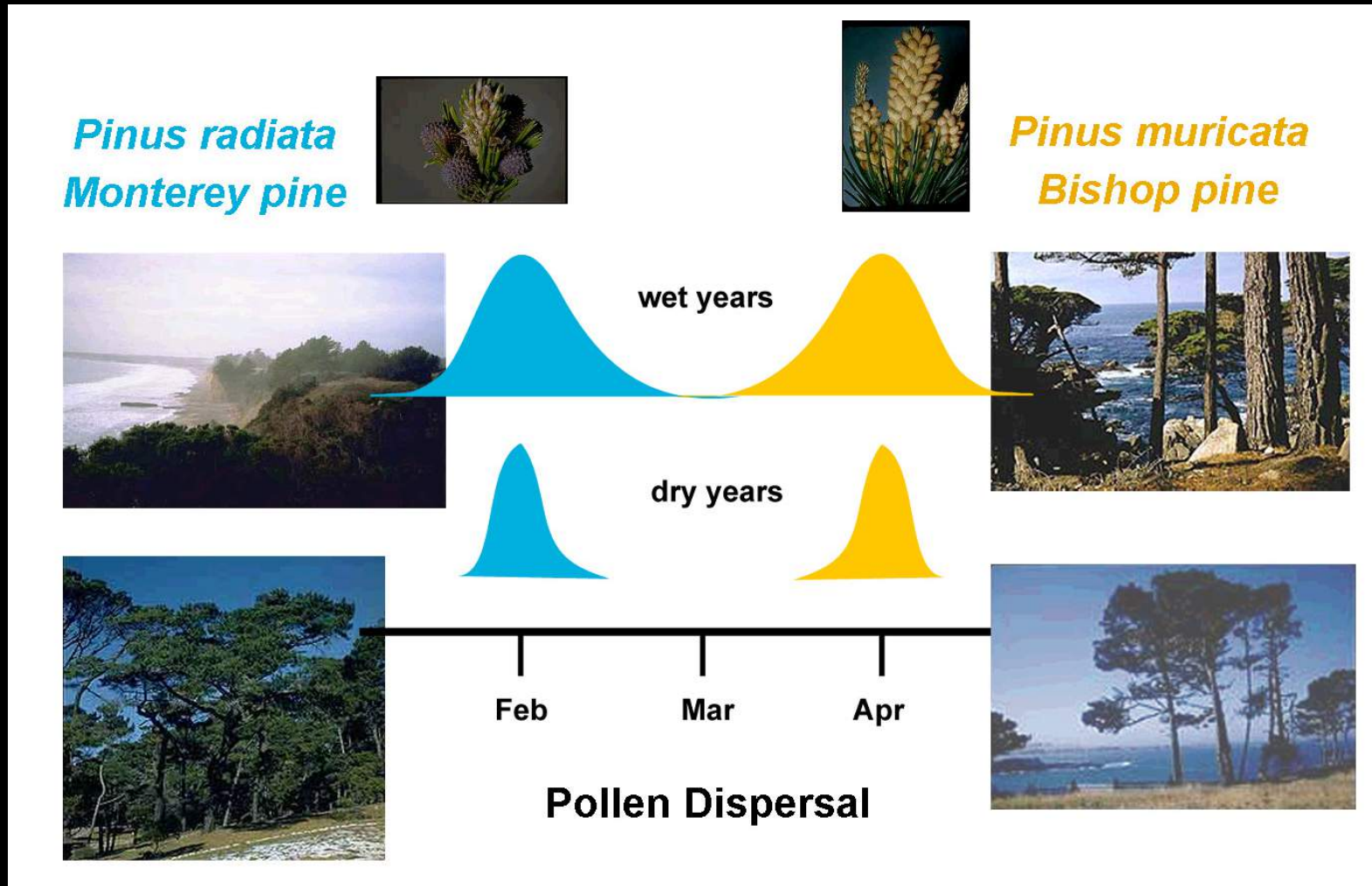


- species adapted to harsh, heavy metal serpentine soils in California ecologically separated from crossing with those that do not

*Ceanothus* (California lilac)  
on Catalina Island

# Reproductive Isolation

Seasonal or temporal isolation - different times of reproduction





# Reproductive Isolation

**Mechanical isolation** - variation in floral form prevents interspecies pollen movement

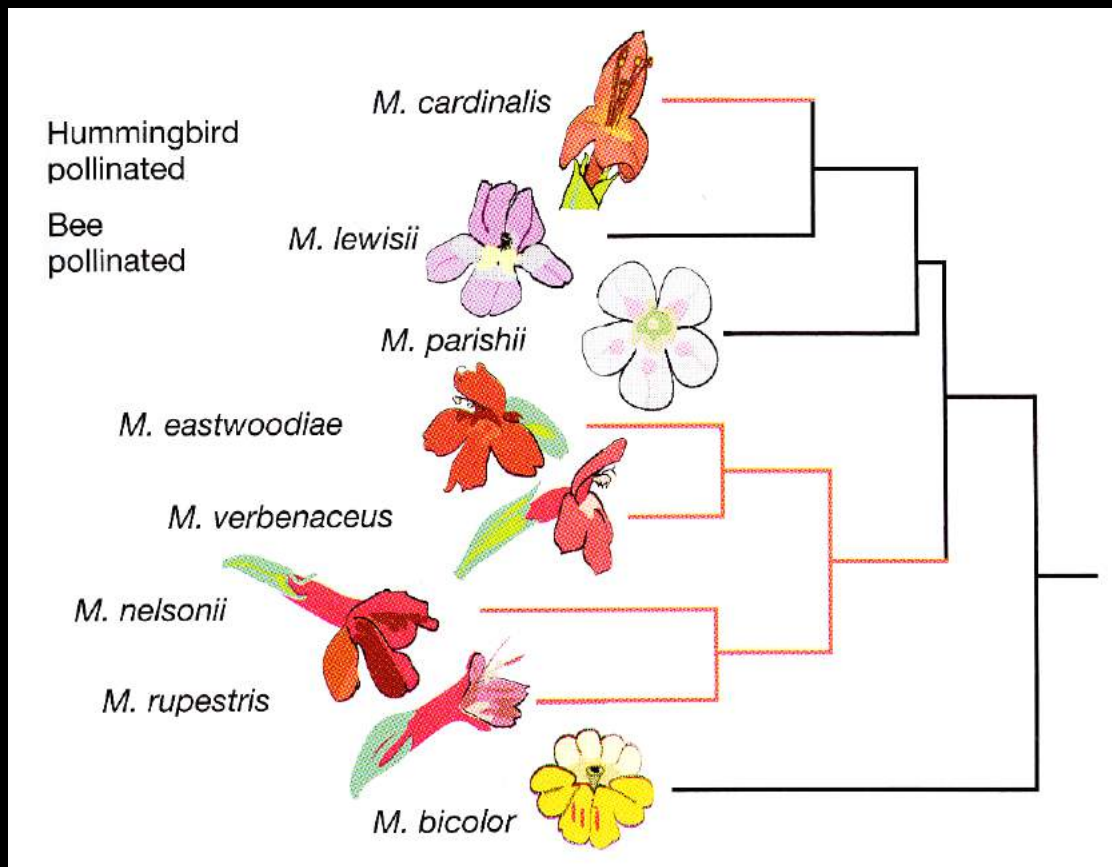


- pollen placement or floral form in pseudocopulatory orchids



# Reproductive Isolation

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- two western U.S. monkeyflowers *Mimulus cardinalis* and *M. lewisii* — a pair of recently speciated species — **are isolated in nature due to different modes of pollination**



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*Mimulus cardinalis*

- few genes generated the floral differences that maintain reproductive isolation - however, species can readily hybridize in the greenhouse



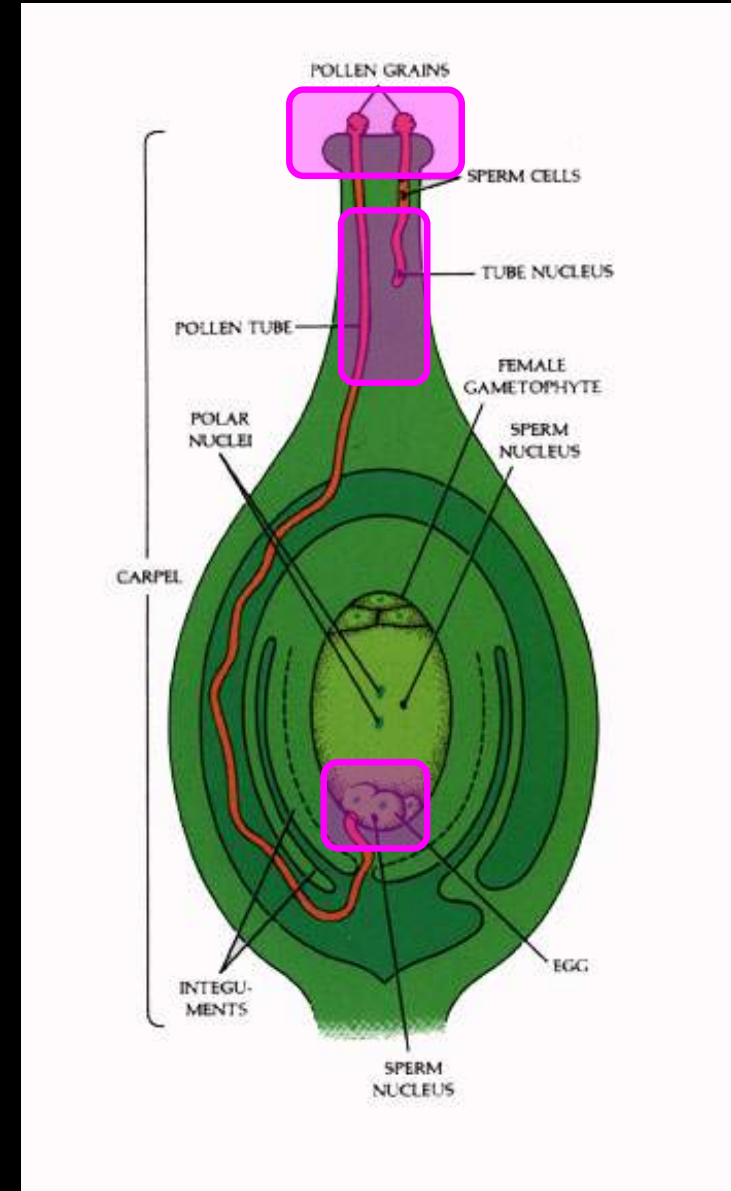
*Mimulus lewisii*

# Reproductive Isolation

Gametic incompatibility - at three levels in *Heliconia*



- **pollen - stigma:** no recognition (lipids)
- **pollen tube - style:** pollen tube rupture (arabinogalactan protein growth regulation)
- **gamete - gamete:** sperm-egg rejection

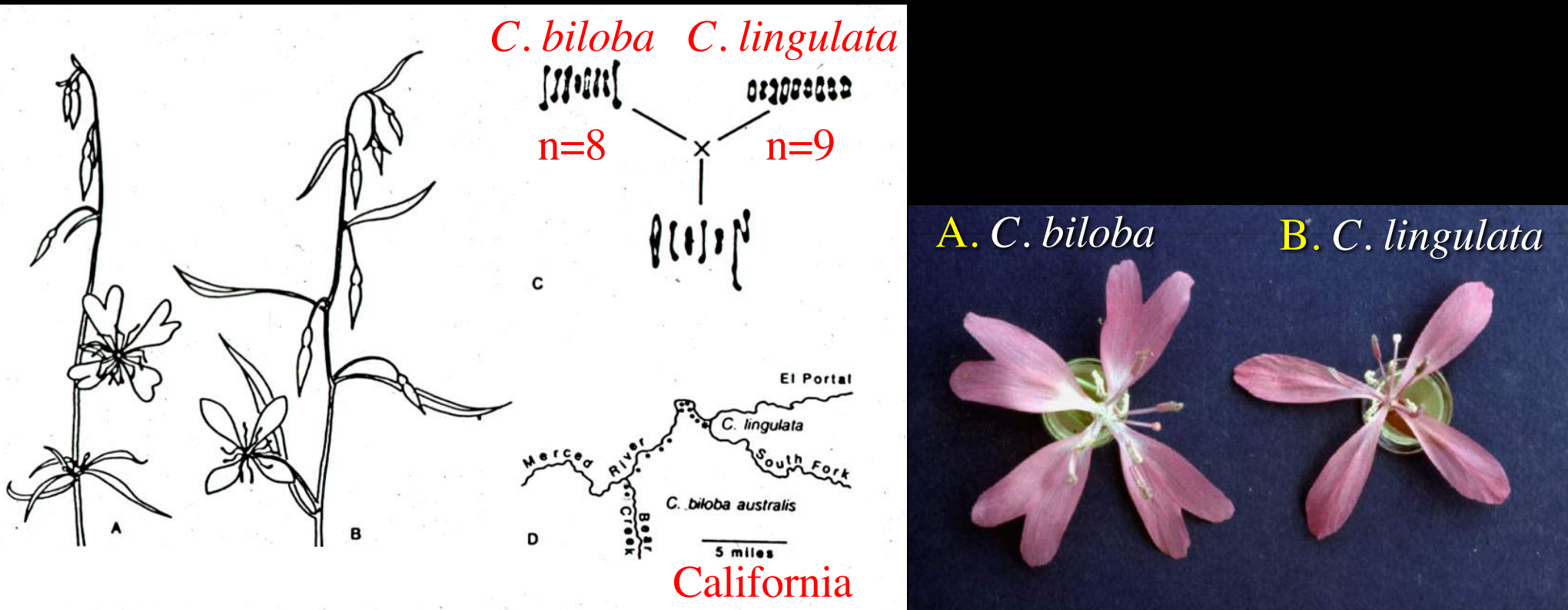




# Reproductive Isolation

## Hybrid sterility - F<sub>1</sub> sterility

- *Clarkia biloba* & *C. lingulata* - sister species, but differ in chromosome number (n=8 vs. n=9) - intersterile



# Reproductive Isolation

**F<sub>2</sub> breakdown** - F<sub>1</sub> fertile, but subsequent generations show lethal effects

- well studied in cultivated species of cotton (*Gossypium*)





# Models of Speciation

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ranges do not touch or overlap

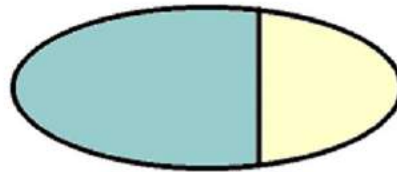
no gene flow



## Parapatric speciation

ranges touch but do not overlap significantly

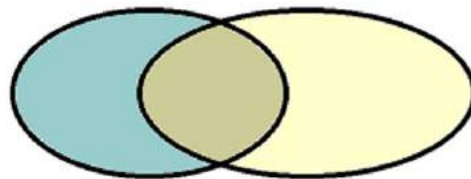
gene flow usually small



## Sympatric speciation

ranges overlap significantly

gene flow is not prevented by geography



- **geographical**
- **catastrophic or quantum** – will not talk about
- **diploid hybrid (homoploid)**
- **polyploid**

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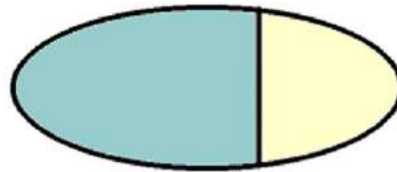
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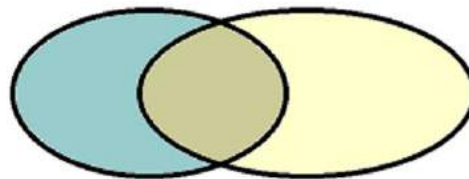
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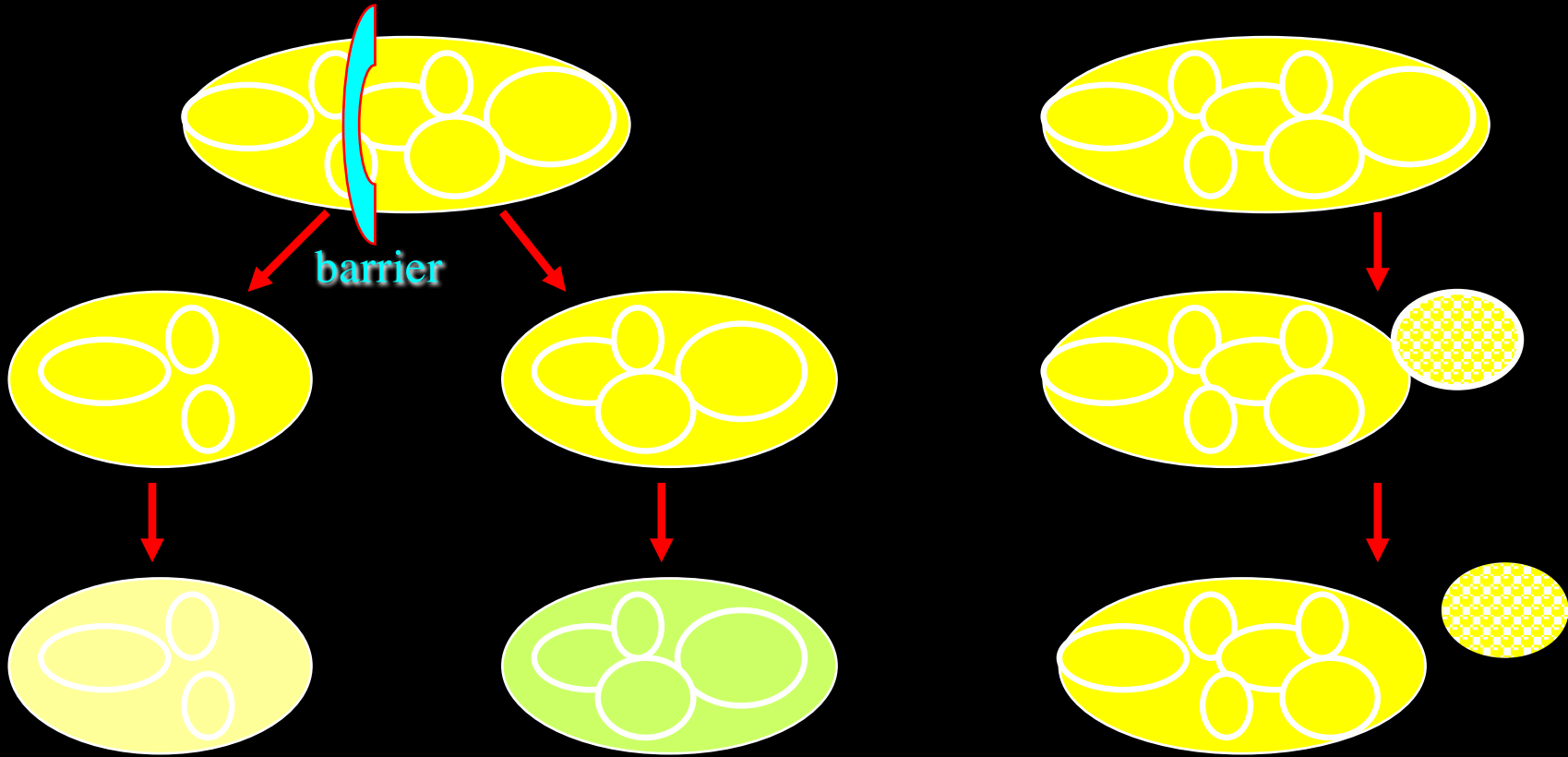
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- **allopatric speciation** refers to lineage splitting facilitated by complete geographical separation
- called the **geographical or conventional model of speciation** — it is the best documented and most important



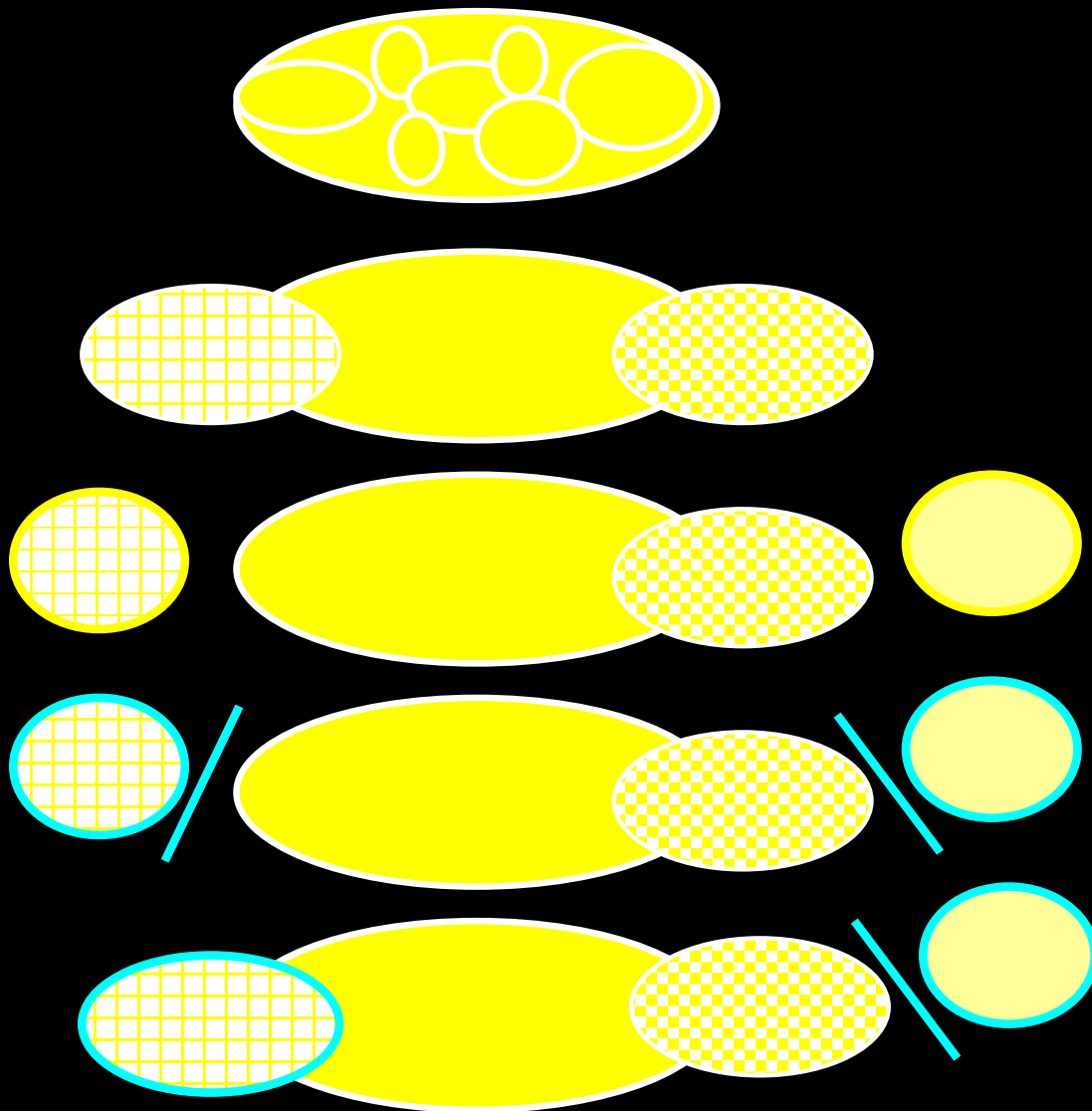
# Geographic Speciation



- 'dumb-bell' model:  
ancestral species forms two  
new species by division

- peripheral isolate model:  
one new species forms at  
edge of retained ancestral  
species

# Geographic Speciation



- freely interbreeding series of populations
- **rac**es form in response to n.s. and environmental variation
- differentiation and migration lead to **geographically isolated** races or subspecies
- **reproductive isolation** forms within or between subspecies and races
- range expansion allows **new species** to co-exist

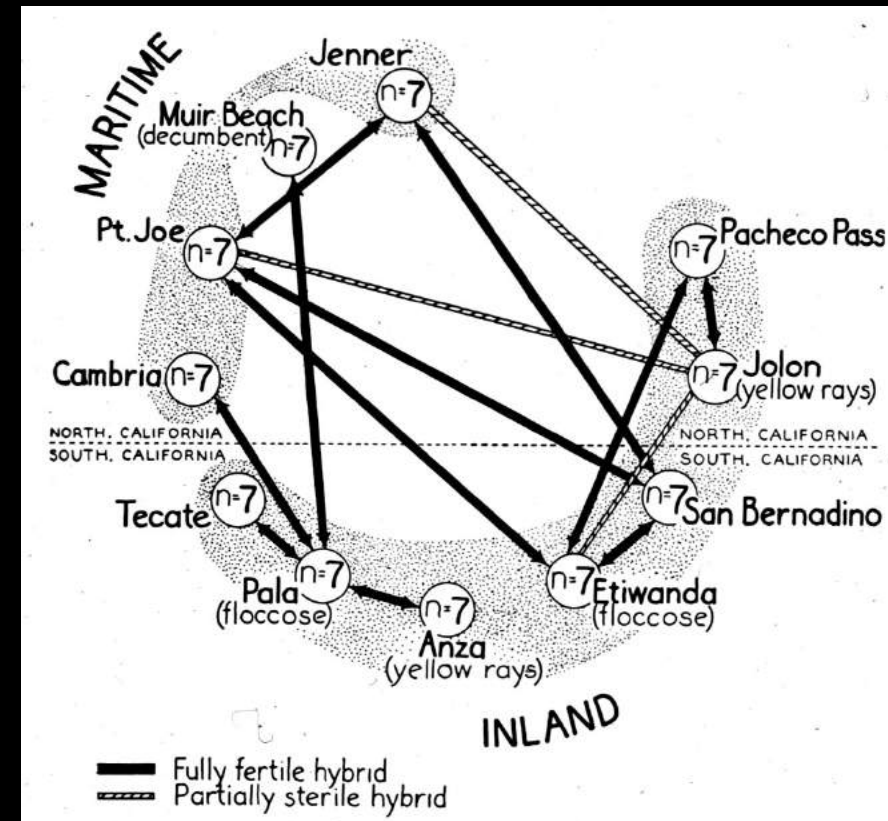


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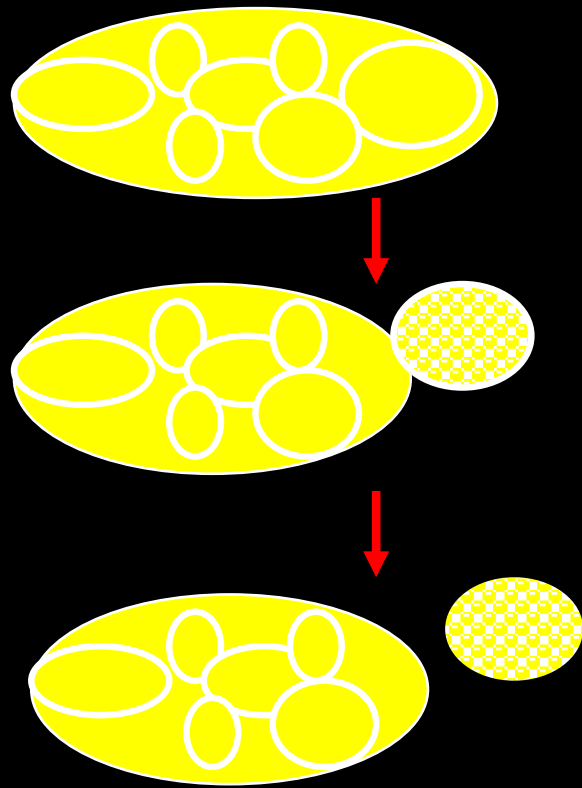
The degree of reproductive isolation among geographical sets of populations within an actively evolving species complex is often tested by **crosses**



*Layia* - tidy tips



# Geographic Speciation



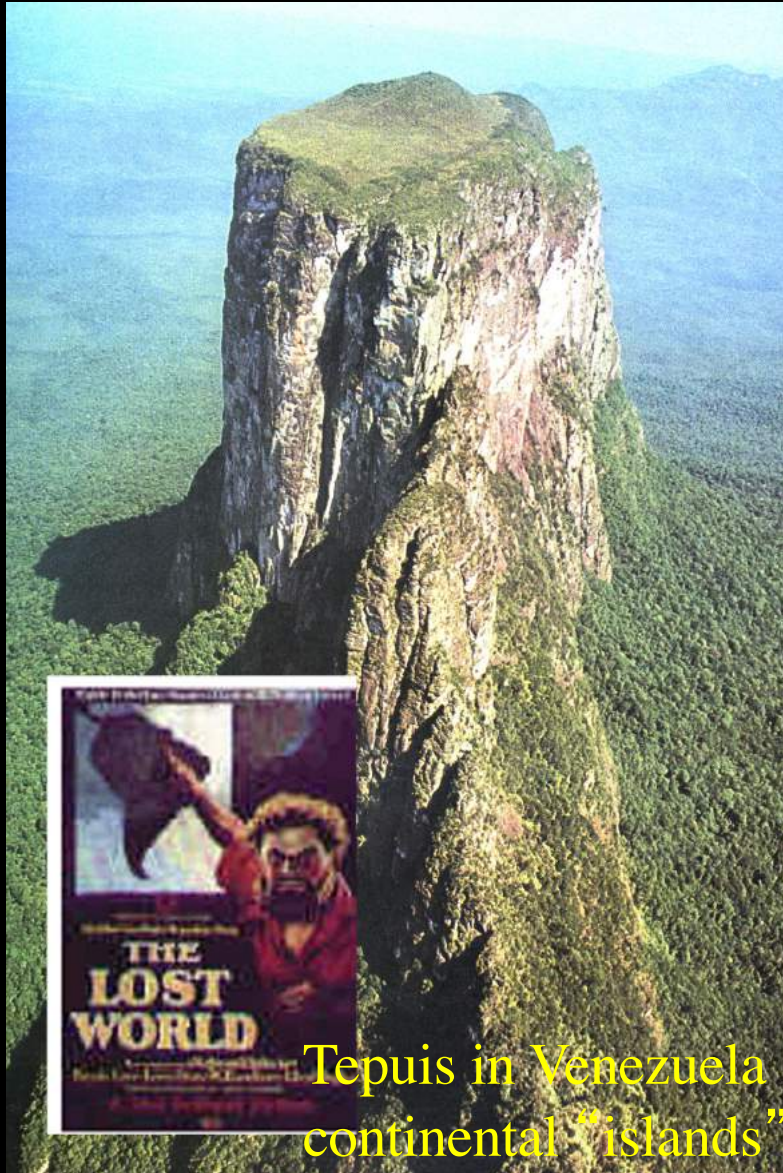
- **peripheral isolate model:** new species forms at edge of retained ancestral species

## “Island” Model of Speciation

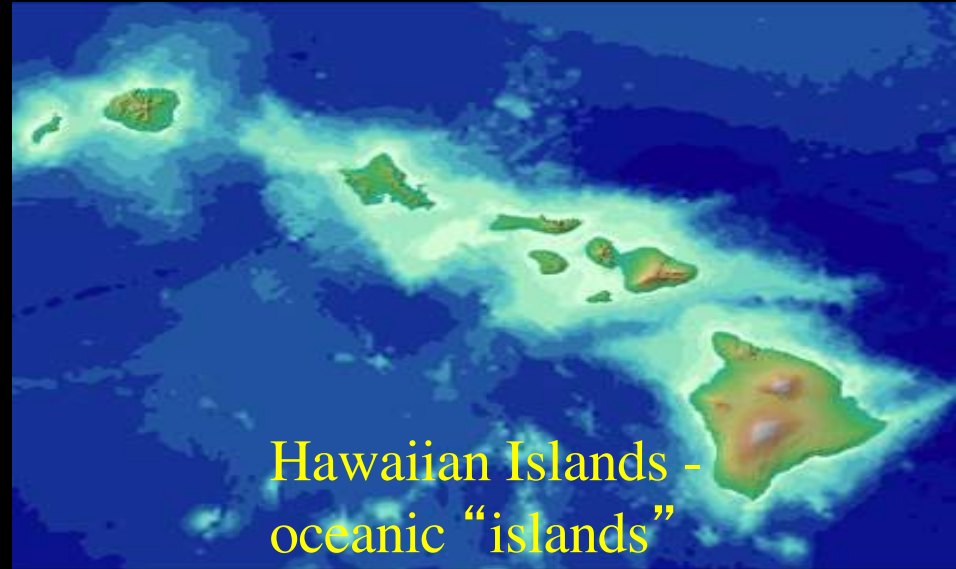
- A rapid form of peripheral isolation and speciation involving “island” like habitats **completely separated** from contact
- The **founder event** often involves a very small subset of the original genetic pool of the ancestral species — thus **differences accumulate rapidly**



# Geographic Speciation



Tepuis in Venezuela -  
continental "islands"



Hawaiian Islands -  
oceanic "islands"



Vernal pools in California -  
"islands" in Central Valley





# Sympatric Speciation

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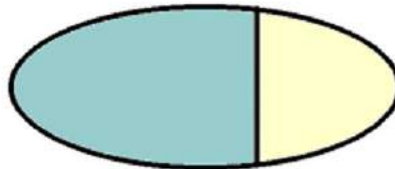
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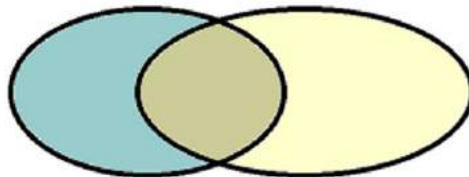
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Two types of sympatric speciation where gene flow is not prevented by geography are:

(1) **diploid or homoploid hybrid speciation**

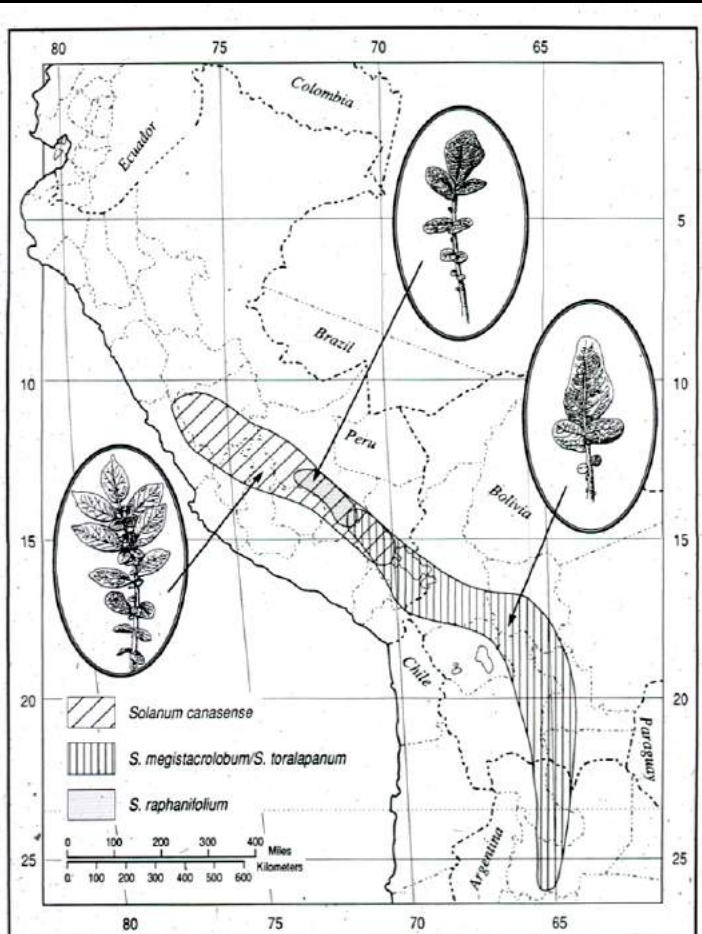
(2) **allopolyploid speciation**

# Homoploid Hybrid Speciation

*S. canescens* X *S. megistacrolobum* → *Solanum raphanifolium*

Spooner, Smith, Sytsma 1991

- ranges overlap
- morphologically intermediate
- DNA says NO! Just an unrelated species



*Solanum raphanifolium*



# Homoploid Hybrid Speciation

## Homoploid hybrid speciation: *Penstemon*



*P. spectabilis*  
wasp-pollinated  
(lavender, inflated)  
subsection *Spectabiles*



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*P. grinnellii*  
carpenter-bee pollinated  
(pink, inflated)  
subsection *Spectabiles*



*P. centranthifolius*  
hummingbird-pollinated  
(red, tubular)  
subsection *Centranthifolii*



- two parental species differ in habitat, floral form, pollinators
- *P. spectabilis* is intermediate in habitat, floral form, and isolated by new pollinator



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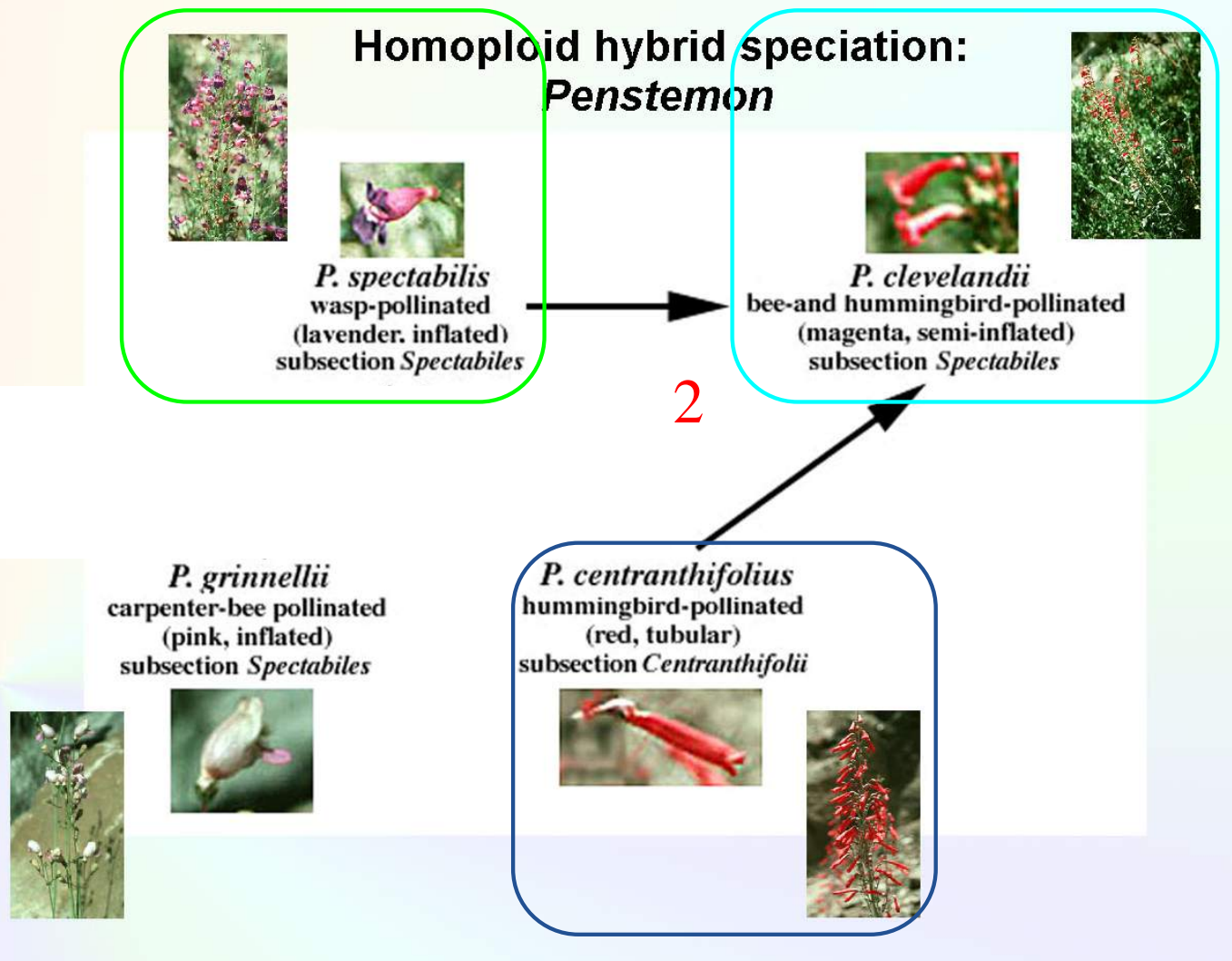


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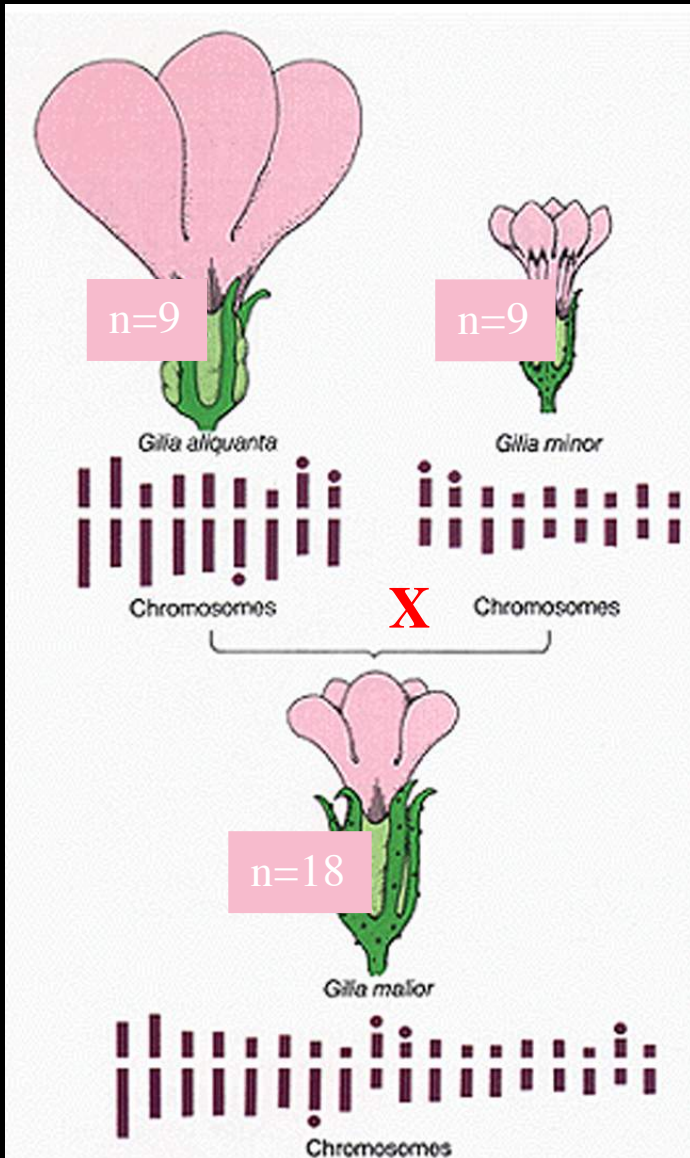


- but supports example #2
- *P. clevelandii* is a diploid hybrid species

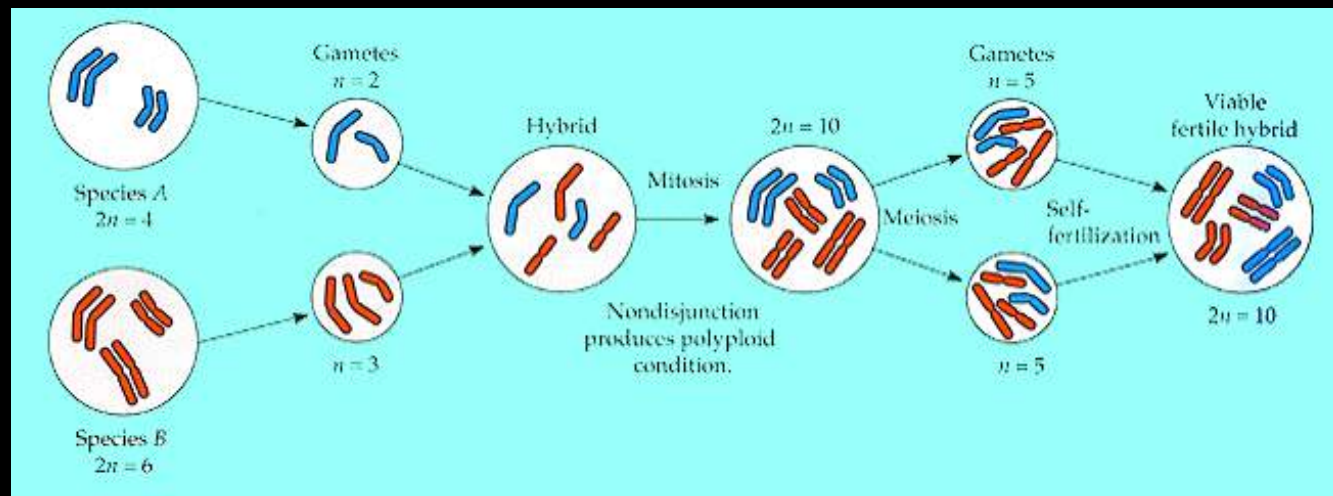
# Polyploid Speciation

A very common and instantaneous form of speciation in plants (and a few animals) is **allopolyploidy**.

- **hybridization** occurs between two species
- meiotic incompatibilities makes **hybrid sterile**
- doubling of chromosomes occurs (**polyploidy**)
- allopolyploid is **fertile** and **reproductively isolated** from both parental species



2 species with same "n"



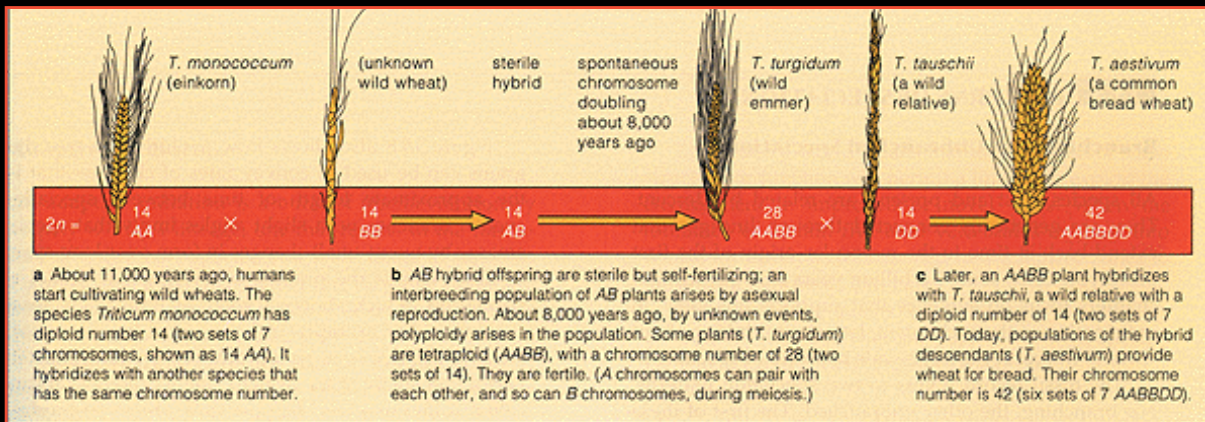
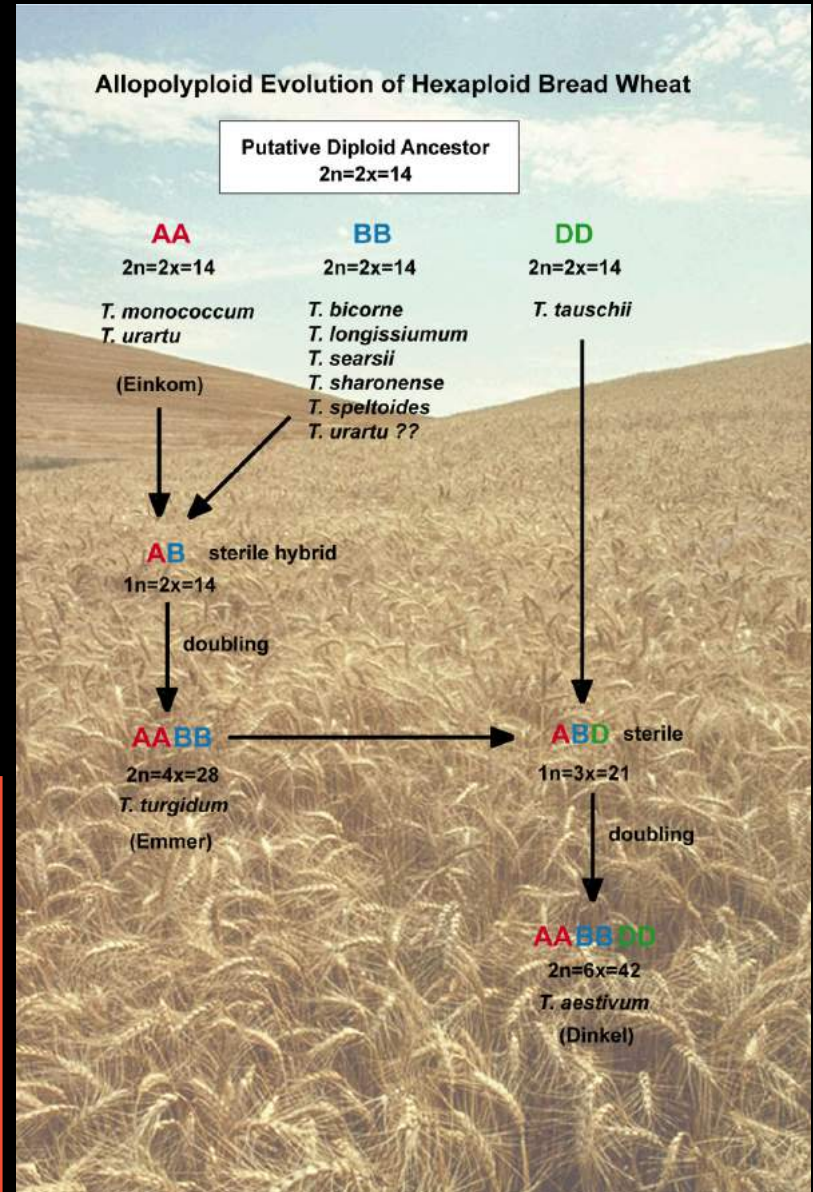
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# Polyploid Speciation

Under human selection in the Middle East, **bread wheat** (*Triticum aestivum*) has evolved in about 11,000 years.

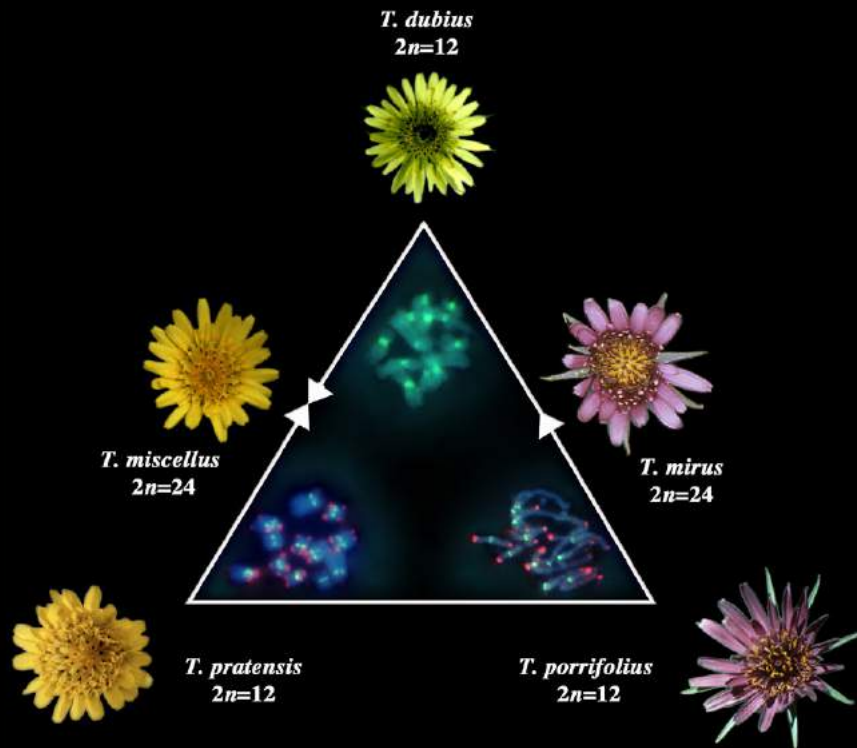
Two successive rounds of hybridization followed by polyploidization have given bread wheat the genomes of three diploid species — it is a **hexaploid** (6 sets of chromosomes, or 2 from each diploid parental species).



# Polyploid Speciation

Even more recent speciation has occurred in the goat's-beards in North America.

*Tragopogon* - goat's beard



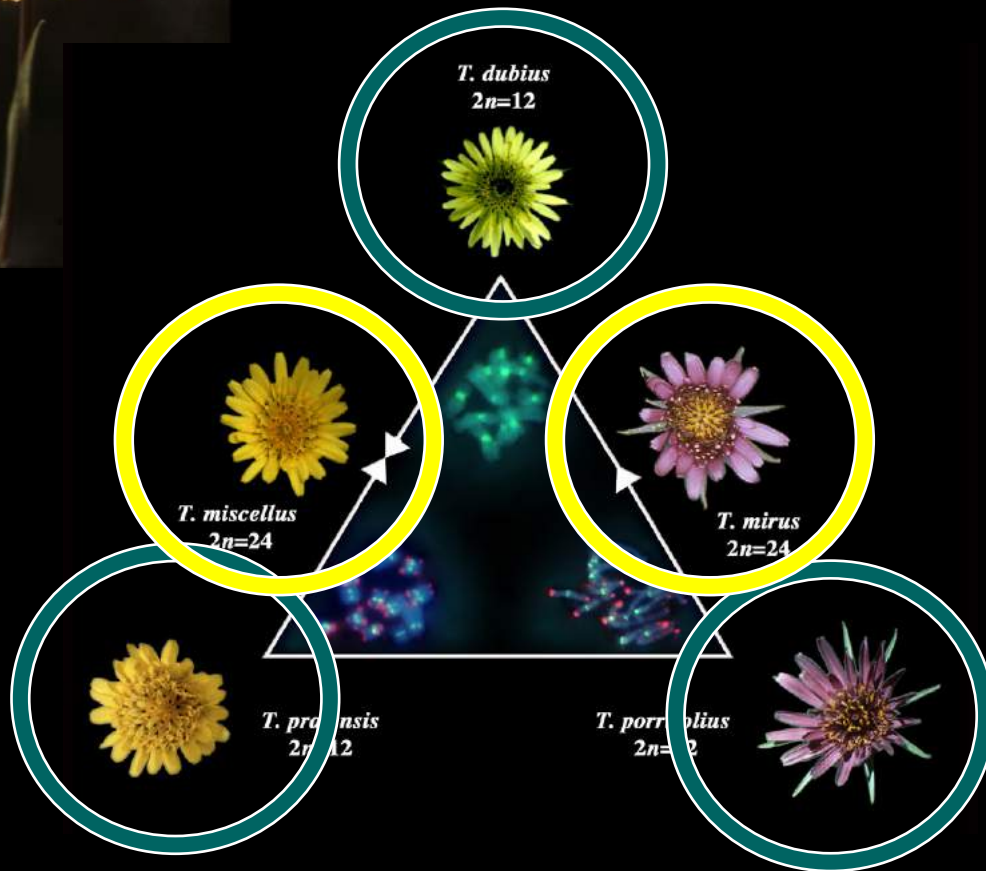
Pam & Doug Soltis



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- Three **diploid** ( $2n=12$ ) species were introduced into North America about 200 years ago
- By early 1900s, these species had hybridized with each other and then formed two different allopolyploid (**tetraploid**) species
- These two new allopolyploid species have **evolved numerous times** (!) in areas where the diploid species overlap in geographical range in North America



# Polyploid Speciation

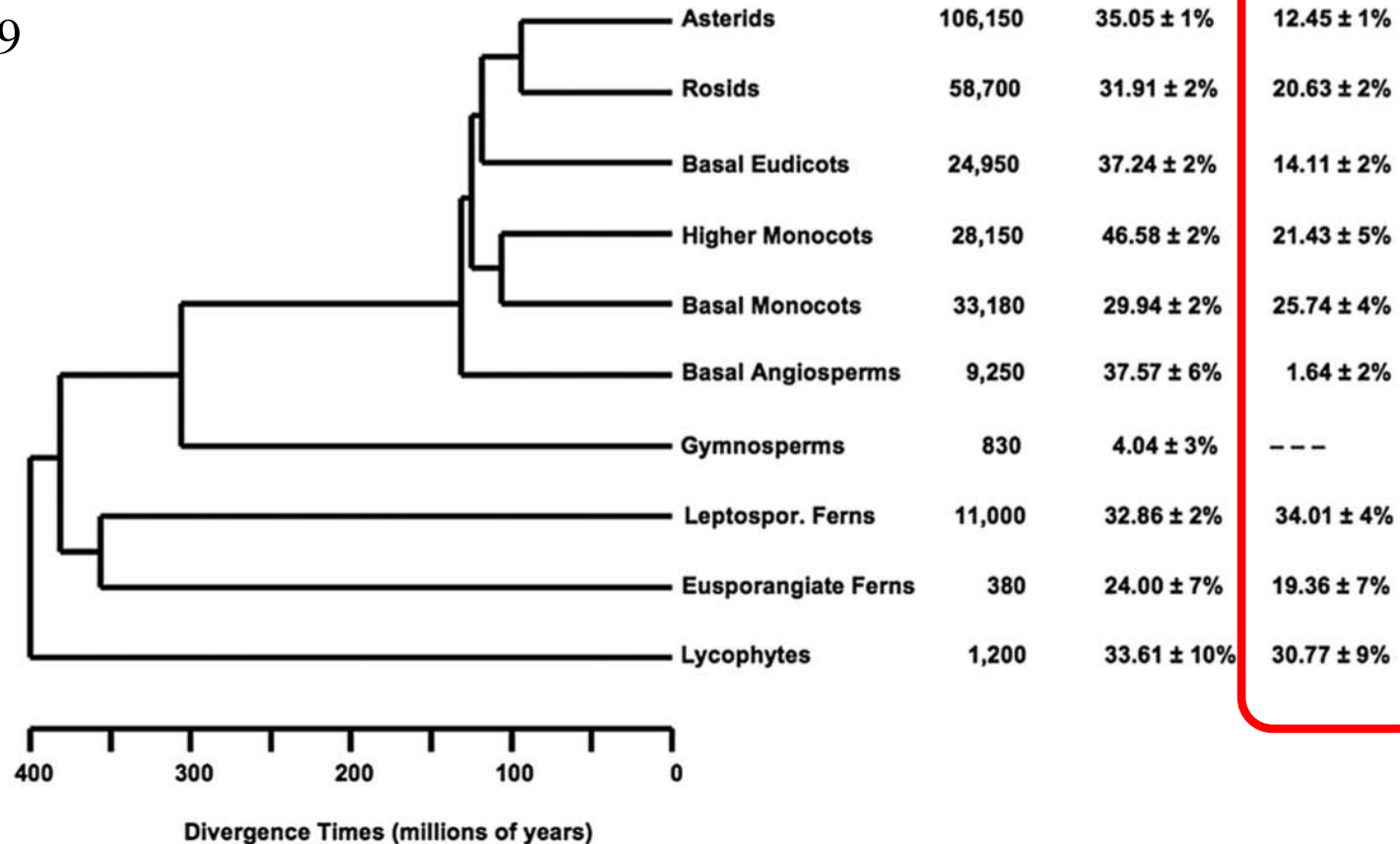
Loren Rieseberg



## The frequency of polyploid speciation in vascular plants

Troy E. Wood<sup>a,b,1</sup>, Naoki Takebayashi<sup>c</sup>, Michael S. Barker<sup>b,d</sup>, Itay Mayrose<sup>e</sup>, Philip B. Greenspoon<sup>d</sup>, and Loren H. Rieseberg<sup>b,d</sup>

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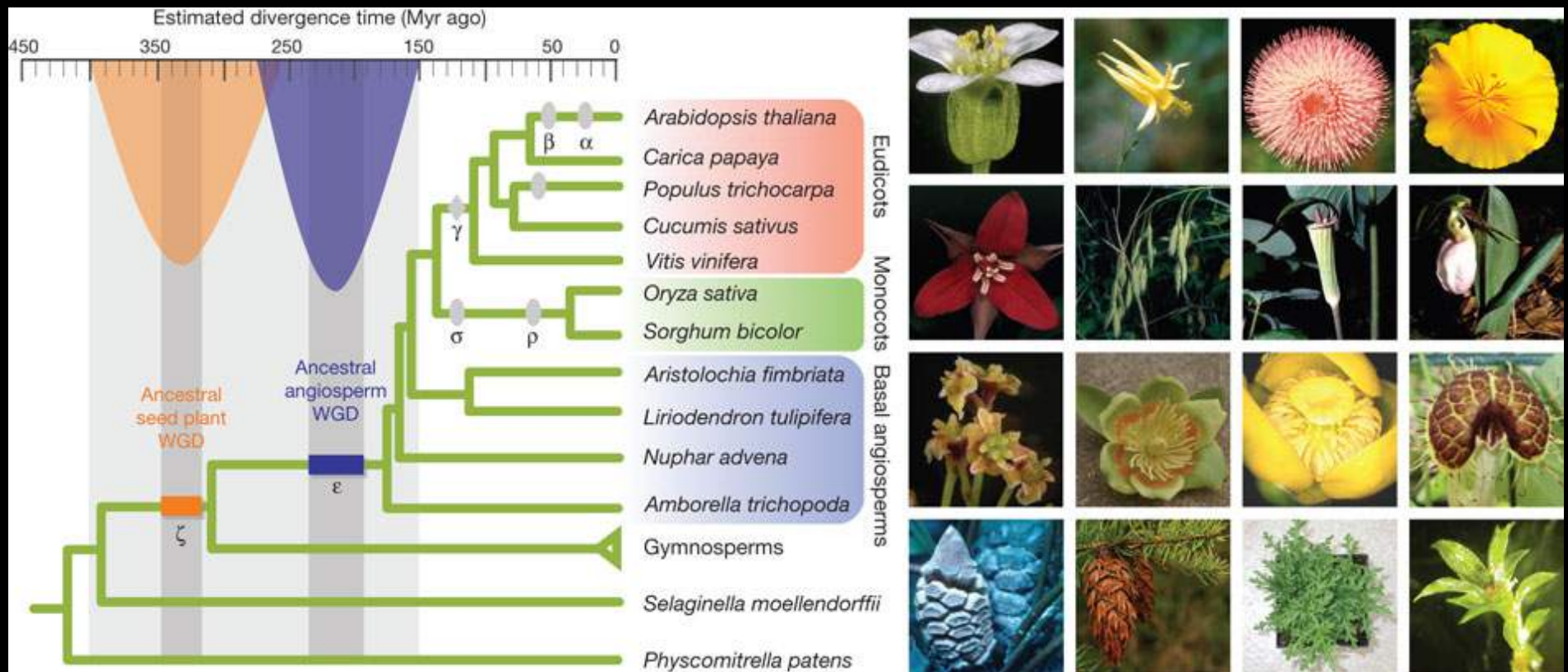
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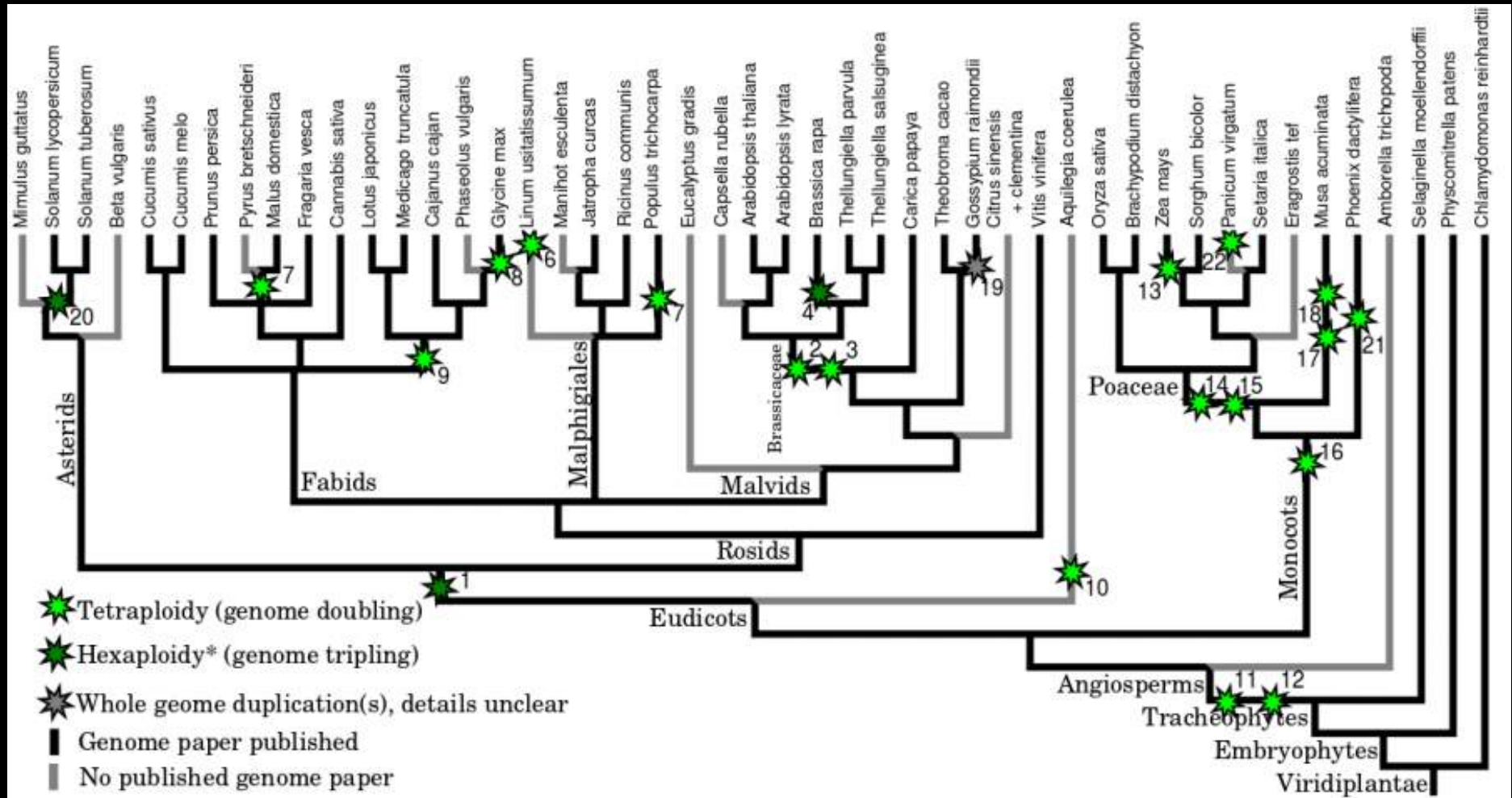
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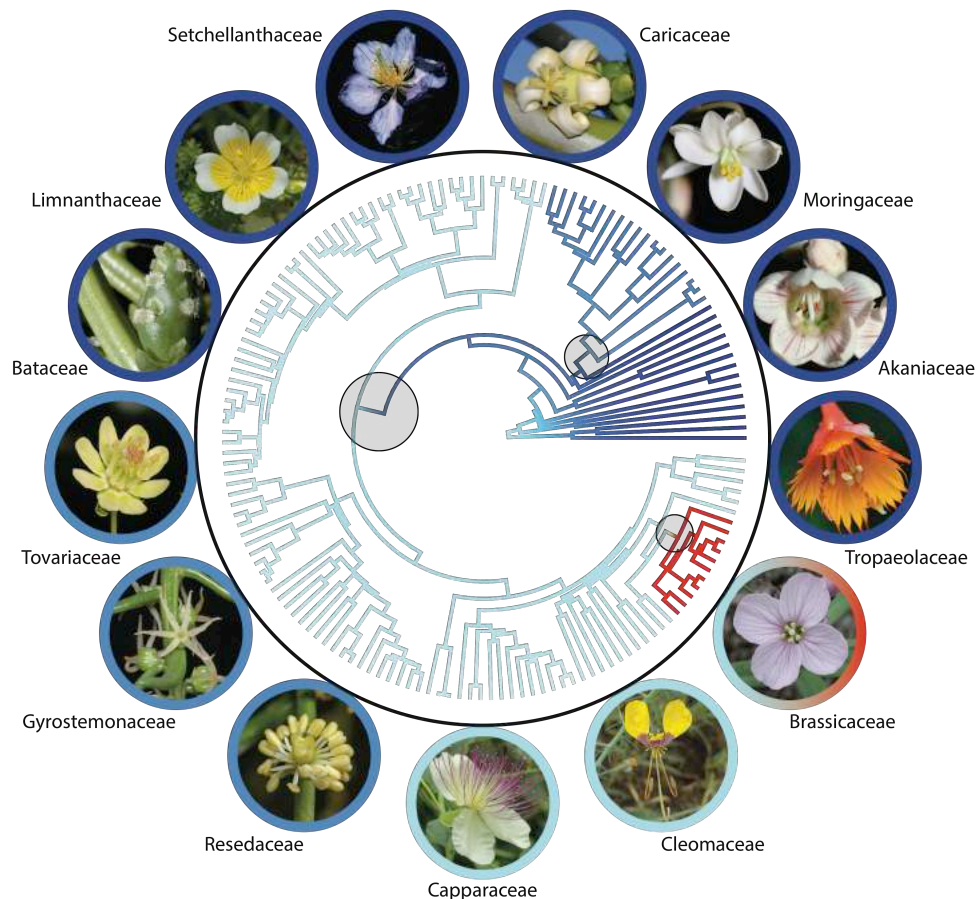
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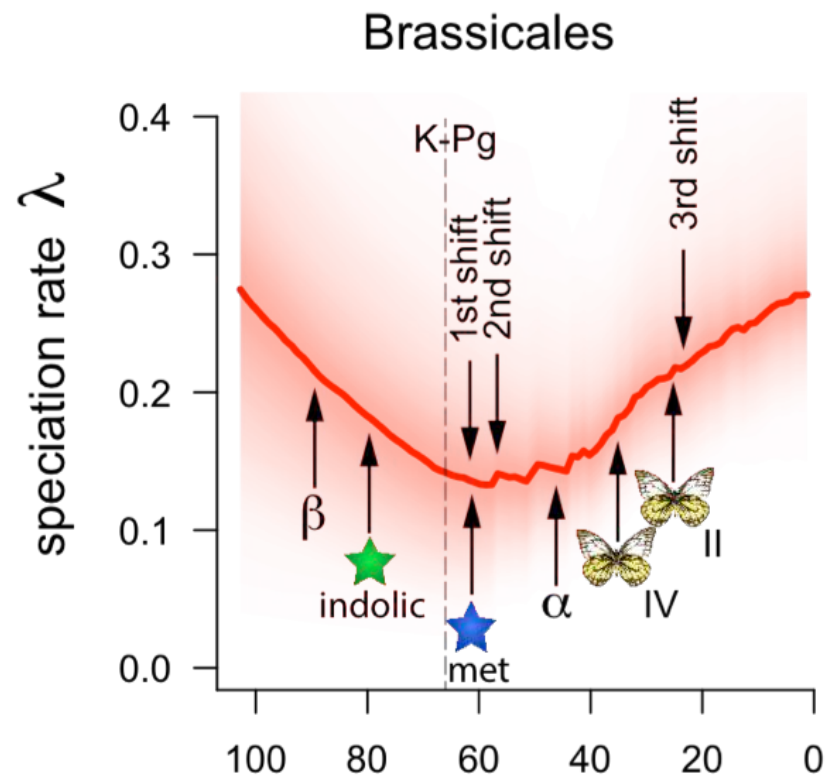


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