



What is Evolution

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

He calls the process

"descent with modification"

What is Evolution

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

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

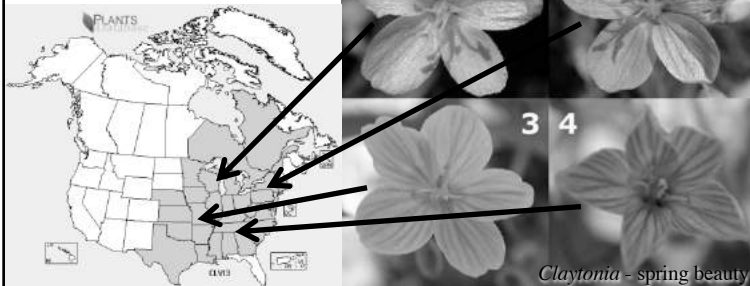
Capstam - pepper

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

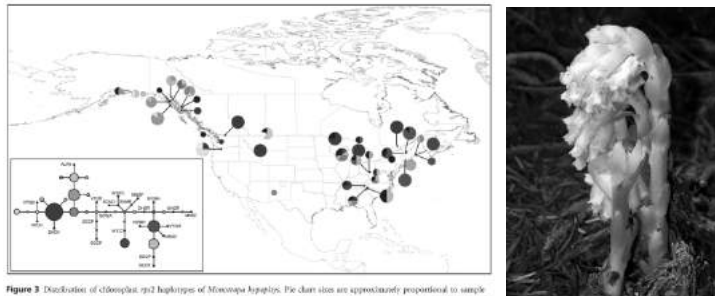


Figure 3 Distribution of chloroplast *rps2* haplotypes of *Monotropa* haplotypes. Pie chart sizes are approximately proportional to sample size, with the smallest circles representing $n = 1$ and the largest representing $n = 8$. The tree shows the phylogenetic relationships between the 42 haplotypes. 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.

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



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



Common garden at Stanford



Foothills of the Sierra Nevada



Timberline, east side of Sierra Nevada



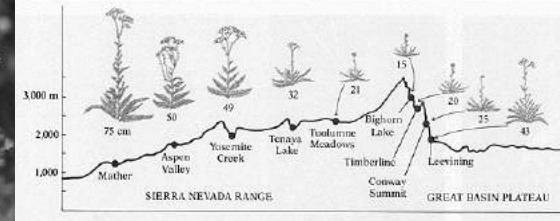
Common garden at Mather

Genetic Variation within Species

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

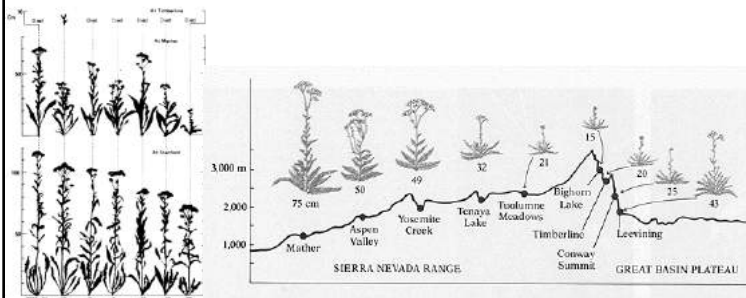


Achillea lanulosa



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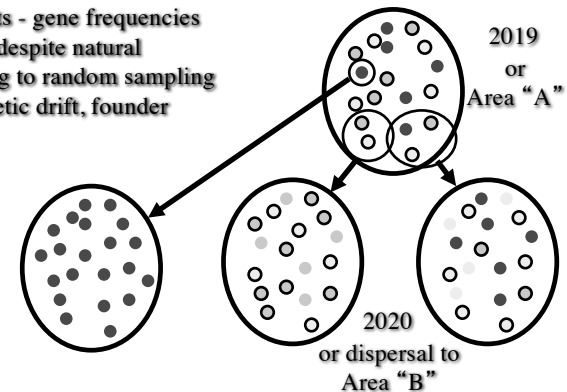
- populations exhibit marked lowering of fitness and adaptation when placed at other sites — clinal genotypic variation or the formation of ecotypes



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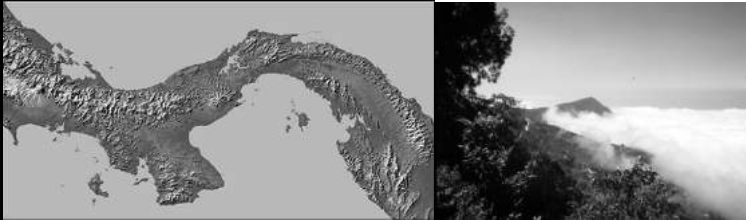


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• effect is greatest in small, isolated populations on "islands" - e.g., cloud forest peaks in central Panama

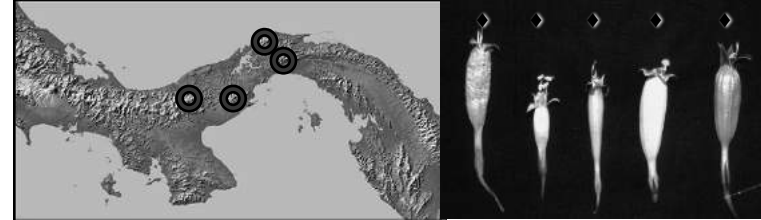


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• widespread lower elevation *Lisianthus skinneri* (♦) and isolated cloud forest taxa (♦)



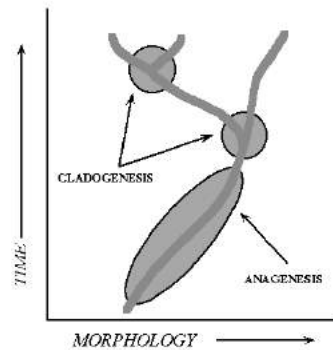
Speciation

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)

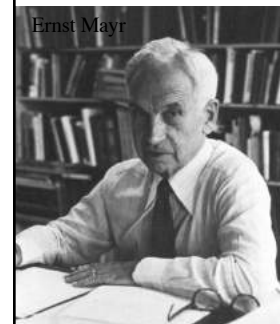
ANAGENESIS VS. CLADOGENESIS



How to Define Species?

Cladogenesis - formation of new species

How do you define species?



• 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

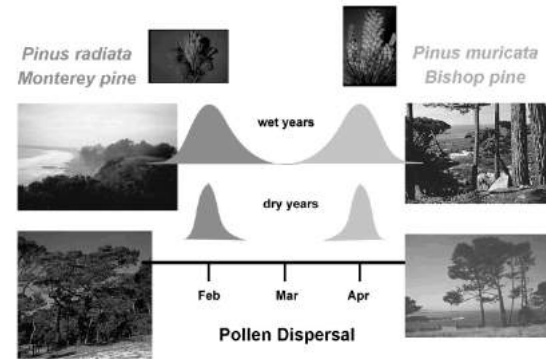


- species adapted to harsh, heavy metal serpentine soils in California ecologically separated from crossing with those that do not

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

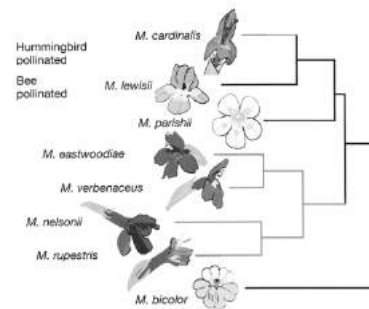


- pollen placement or floral form in pseudocopulatory orchids



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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

Reproductive Isolation

Mechanical isolation - variation in floral form prevents interspecies pollen movement



Mimulus cardinalis

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

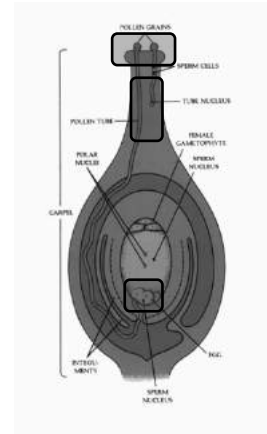
Mimulus lewisii

Reproductive Isolation

Gametic incompatibility - at three levels in *Heliconia*



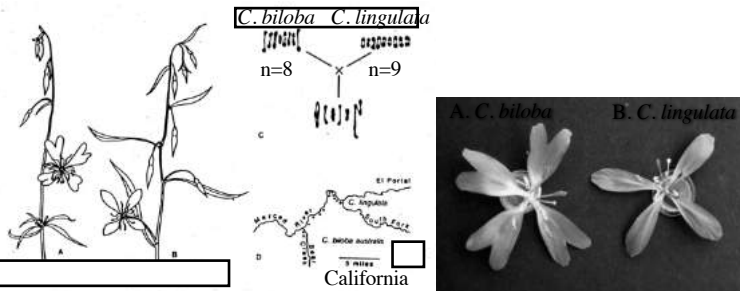
- pollen - stigma: no recognition (lipids)
- pollen tube - style: pollen tube rupture (arabinogalactan protein growth regulation)
- gamete - gamete: sperm-egg rejection



Reproductive Isolation

Hybrid sterility - F₁ sterility

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



Reproductive Isolation

F₂ breakdown - F₁ fertile, but subsequent generations show lethal effects

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



Models of Speciation

Speciation or Cladogenesis - most models or processes of speciation are based on biogeography ('patry' - homeland)

Allopatric speciation

ranges do not touch or overlap
no gene flow



- geographical
- catastrophic or quantum – will not talk about

Parapatric speciation

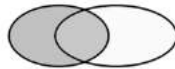
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- diploid hybrid (homoploid)

Sympatric speciation

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gene flow is not prevented by geography



- polyploid

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- allopatric speciation refers to lineage splitting facilitated by complete geographical separation

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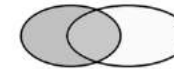
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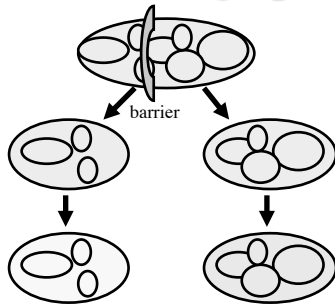
- called the geographical or conventional model of speciation — it is the best documented and most important

Sympatric speciation

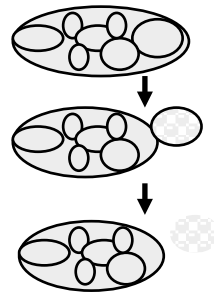
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Geographic Speciation

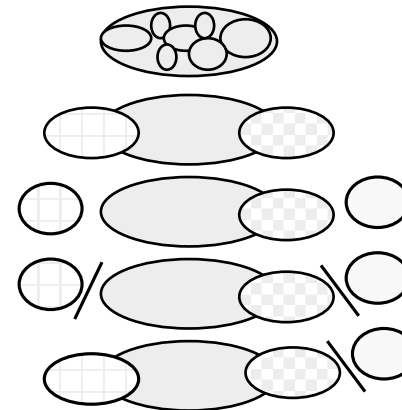


- 'dumb-bell' model: ancestral species forms two new species by division



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

Geographic Speciation



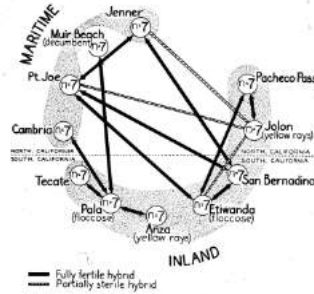
- freely interbreeding series of populations
- races form in response to n.s. and environmental variation
- differentiation and migration lead to geographically isolated races or subspecies
- reproductive isolation forms within or between subspecies and races
- range expansion allows new species to co-exist

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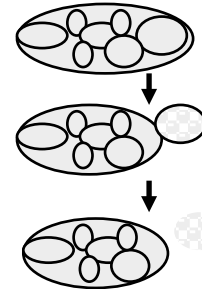


The degree of reproductive isolation among geographical sets of populations within an actively evolving species complex is often tested by crosses

Layia - tidy tips



Geographic Speciation



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

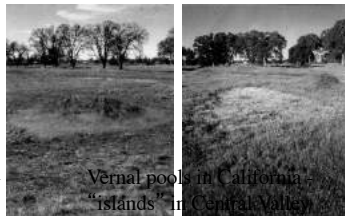
Geographic Speciation



Tepuis in Venezuela - continental “islands”



Hawaiian Islands - oceanic “islands”



Vernal pools in California - “islands” in Central Valley

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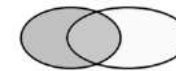
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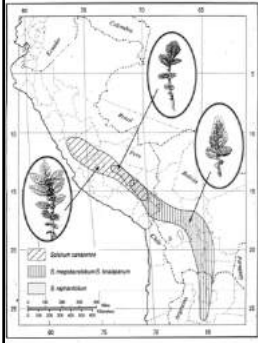
Two types of sympatric speciation where gene flow is not prevented by geography are:

- (1) diploid or homoploid hybrid speciation
- (2) allopolyploid speciation

Homoploid Hybrid Speciation

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

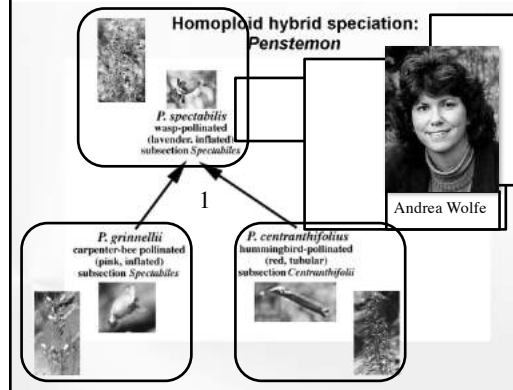
Spooner, Smith, Sytsma 1991



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



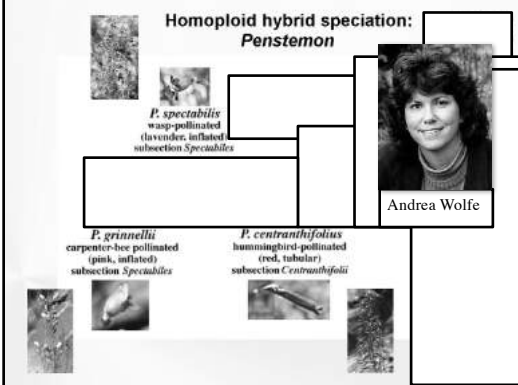
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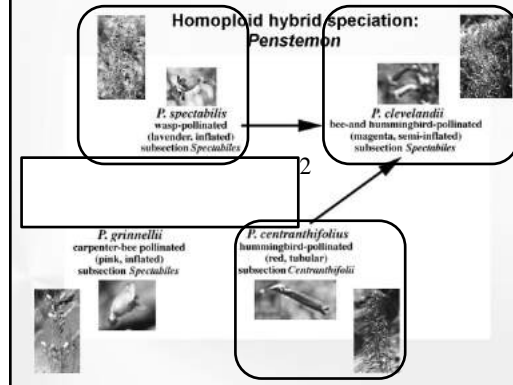
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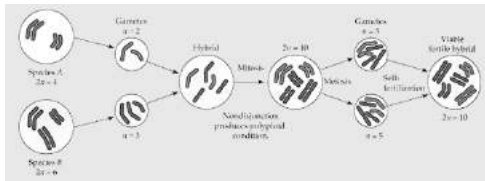
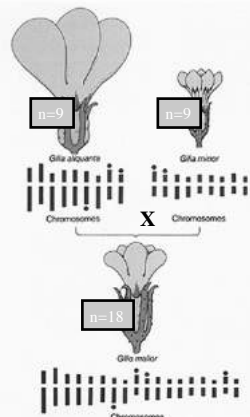


- but supports example #2
- *P. clevelandii* is a diploid hybrid species

Polyloid 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



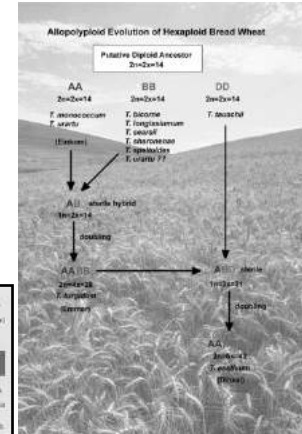
2 species with same "n"

2 species with different "n"

Polyloid Speciation

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

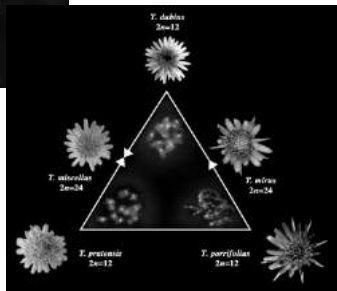
Two successive rounds of hybridization followed by polyploidization have given bread wheat the genomes of three diploid species — it is a hexaploid (6 sets of chromosomes, or 2 from each diploid parental species).



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Tragopogon - goat's beard

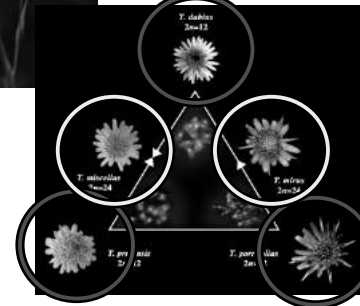


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- Three diploid (2n=12) species were introduced into North America about 200 years ago
- By early 1900s, these species had hybridized with each other and then formed two different allopolyploid (tetraploid) species
- These two new allopolyploid species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

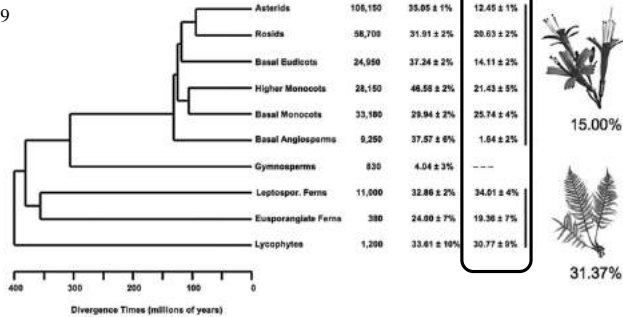
Polyloid Speciation

Loren Rieseberg

The frequency of polyloid speciation in vascular plants

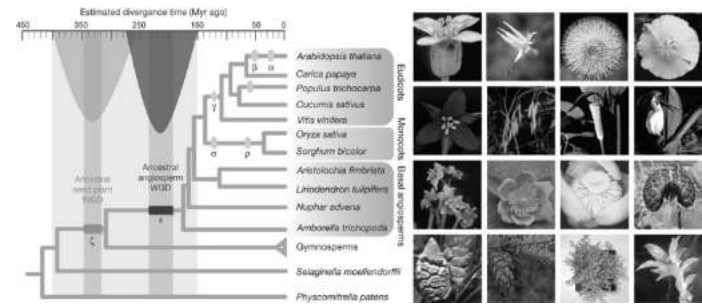
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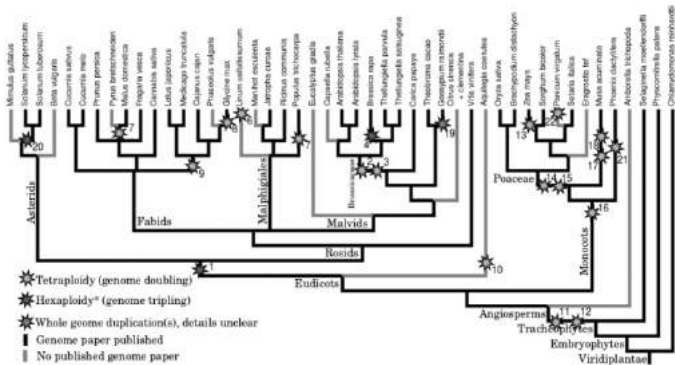
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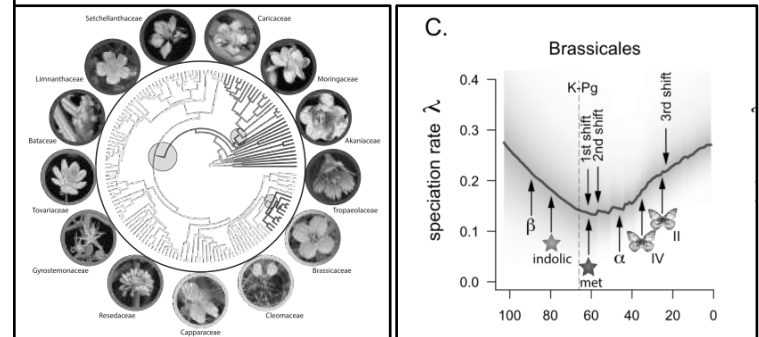
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