

1 **The cryptic origins of evolutionary novelty: 1,000-fold-**
2 **faster trophic diversification rates without increased**
3 **ecological opportunity or hybrid swarm**

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25 **Abstract**

26 Ecological opportunity is frequently proposed as the sole ingredient for adaptive radiation into
27 novel niches. Alternatively, genome-wide hybridization resulting from ‘hybrid swarm’ may be the
28 trigger. However, these hypotheses have been difficult to test due to the rarity of comparable
29 control environments lacking adaptive radiations. Here I exploit such a pattern in microendemic
30 radiations of Caribbean pupfishes. I show that a sympatric three-species radiation on San Salvador
31 Island, Bahamas diversified 1,445 times faster than neighboring islands in jaw length due to
32 evolution of a novel scale-eating adaptive zone from a generalist ancestral niche. I then sampled
33 22 generalist populations on seven neighboring islands and measured morphological diversity,
34 stomach content diversity, dietary isotopic diversity, genetic diversity, lake/island areas,
35 macroalgae richness, and Caribbean-wide patterns of gene flow. None of these standard metrics
36 of ecological opportunity or gene flow were associated with adaptive radiation, except for slight
37 increases in macroalgae richness. Thus, exceptional trophic diversification is highly localized
38 despite myriad generalist populations in comparable environmental and genetic backgrounds. This
39 study provides a strong counterexample to the ecological/hybrid-swarm theories of adaptive
40 radiation and suggests that diversification of novel specialists on a sparse fitness landscape is
41 constrained by more than ecological opportunity and gene flow.

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48 **Introduction**

49 Adaptive radiation is one of the most fundamental processes producing bursts of species
50 diversification, trait divergence, and niche evolution across the tree of life (Simpson 1944; Schluter
51 2000). Ecological opportunity, an abundance of available resources in a new environment with
52 few competitors, has long been viewed as the primary force driving diversification through
53 divergent selection on niche use, mediated by competition and predation (Simpson 1944; Schluter
54 2000; Losos and Mahler 2010; Pfennig and Pfennig 2010). This relationship between new
55 ecological space and divergent selection leading to reproductive isolation forms the foundation of
56 the ecological theory of adaptive radiation (Schluter 2000; Losos and Mahler 2010) and ecological
57 speciation theory (McKinnon et al. 2004; Rundle and Nosil 2005; Nosil 2012).

58 At microevolutionary scales, substantial observational and experimental evidence
59 demonstrates that resource abundance drives ecological divergence (Schluter 2000; Parent and
60 Crespi 2009; Nosil 2012). For example, parallel ecological diversification and speciation has been
61 observed repeatedly in laboratory microcosms (Rainey and Travisano 1998; Elena and Lenski
62 2003; Kassen et al. 2004) and natural systems (Gillespie 2004; Langerhans et al. 2007; Losos 2009;
63 Martin 2012) when populations are confronted with similar levels of ecological opportunity,
64 constrained only by altered communities of predators or competitors (Vamosi 2003; Pfennig and
65 Pfennig 2012). Holding lineage-specific factors and biotic communities constant, ecological
66 divergence in response to resource abundance appears much more predictable than originally
67 imagined (Bolnick and Lau 2008; Nosil et al. 2009; Langerhans 2010).

68 In contrast, it is still largely unknown what triggers major evolutionary novelties and large-
69 scale adaptive radiation: why do only some lineages rapidly diversify and colonize novel
70 ecological niches in response to resource abundance while others do not (Roderick and Gillespie

71 1998; Burns et al. 2002,Erwin 2015a)? Many macroevolutionary trends run counter to predictions
72 of the ecological theory of adaptive radiation. First, contrary to Simpson’s paradigm (Simpson
73 1944), major ecological transitions to new adaptive zones are only weakly or not at all associated
74 with the availability of ecological opportunity due to colonization of an isolated habitat, following
75 mass extinction, or the evolution of a key innovation (Erwin 2015a; Harmon and Harrison 2015).
76 For example, for nearly every adaptive radiation containing novel ecological specialists, there is a
77 similar lineage which has failed to diversify in the exact same environment (Givnish et al. 1997;
78 Roderick and Gillespie 1998; Arbogast et al. 2006; Losos 2009; Martin and Wainwright 2011,
79 2013c). Large-scale radiations often originate long before mass extinction events (Schuettpelez and
80 Pryer 2009; Wilson et al. 2012) or the evolution of key innovations (Alfaro et al. 2009,Erwin
81 2015a). Moreover, most classic adaptive radiations do not exhibit an early burst of trait
82 diversification, the rapid niche-filling response predicted by the ecological opportunity hypothesis
83 (Harmon et al. 2010,Erwin 2015a; Harmon and Harrison 2015).

84 Second, the origins of adaptive radiation cannot be explained by the same factors that are
85 associated with speciation and morphological diversification rates. Although there is a strong
86 relationship between area and speciation rate (Losos and Schluter 2000; Kisel and Barraclough
87 2010), island biogeography breaks down when attempting to predict which lineages will radiate
88 and where (Seehausen 2006; Wagner et al. 2012, 2014). Adaptive radiation also appears to defy
89 ecological limits and frequently results in species assemblages exceeding the equilibrium species
90 diversity expected from community assembly processes alone (Gillespie 2004; Gavrilets and
91 Losos 2009; Martin and Genner 2009; Wagner et al. 2014). Thus, while ecological opportunity is
92 sufficient to drive divergent selection among populations, its primary role in triggering
93 macroevolutionary diversification is unclear (Erwin 2015a).

94 An emerging alternative to ecological opportunity for the origins of adaptive radiation is
95 the hybrid swarm hypothesis, which proposes that an influx of genetic diversity and novel allelic
96 combinations after hybridization of distinct lineages (inter- or intraspecific), possibly including
97 segregating postzygotic intrinsic incompatibilities, may trigger rapid diversification (Seehausen
98 2004; Roy et al. 2015; Schumer et al. 2015). Hybridization plays a well-known role in the
99 formation of single ecologically divergent species, even among homoploids (Rieseberg et al. 2003;
100 Schumer et al. 2013). In contrast, although a growing number of studies identify substantial gene
101 flow and adaptive introgression within adaptive radiations (Brawand et al. 2014; Lamichhaney et
102 al. 2015; Malinsky et al. 2015; Martin et al. 2015, 2016; Stankowski and Streisfeld 2015), there is
103 still no evidence that hybridization specifically triggered their diversification, as opposed to being
104 pervasive throughout the history of these lineages (Servedio et al. 2013; Berner and Salzburger
105 2015; Kuhlwilm et al. 2016), and direct tests are needed. In order to directly test these hypotheses
106 about the origins of adaptive radiation and novelty, we need to examine systems where parallel
107 speciation is not the dominant feature and compare variation in ecological opportunity and
108 hybridization across similar environments that differ in the presence of nascent adaptive radiations
109 of specialists.

110 Here I exploit such a pattern of microendemic adaptive radiations and the rare evolution of
111 novel trophic specialists in *Cyprinodon* pupfishes to test the roles of ecological opportunity and
112 hybridization in triggering adaptive radiation and novelty. Pupfishes inhabit coastal areas and salt
113 lakes across the entire Caribbean and Atlantic, from Massachusetts to Venezuela; however, despite
114 the ubiquity of these populations and the abundant ecological opportunity present in most
115 Caribbean salt lakes which lack predators and contain few competing fish species, nearly all
116 populations are generalist omnivores, consuming algae and micro-invertebrates, and sympatric

117 radiations of trophic specialists have evolved only twice: once in 10,000-year-old salt lakes on San
118 Salvador Island, Bahamas and independently in the 8,000-year-old Laguna Chichancanab basin in
119 the Yucatan (Martin and Wainwright 2011). In addition to a generalist algae-eating species present
120 in all lakes (*C. variegatus*), the San Salvador radiation contains two rare specialist species
121 coexisting with generalists in some lakes which have adapted to unique trophic niches using novel
122 skeletal traits: a scale-eating pupfish with enlarged oral jaws [*C. desquamator* (Martin and
123 Wainwright 2013a)] and a molluscivore pupfish with a nasal/maxillary protrusion which may
124 provide jaw stabilization for crushing [*C. brontotheroides* (Martin and Wainwright 2013a)].
125 Similarly, the Chichancanab radiation of five species contains a generalist algae-eating species (*C.*
126 *beltrani*) and at least two trophic specialists – a zooplanktivore (*C. simus*) and a piscivore (*C.*
127 *maya*: (Humphries and Miller 1981; Humphries 1984; Stevenson 1992; Horstkotte and Strecker
128 2005). These trophic niches and skeletal phenotypes in each sympatric radiation are unique among
129 all *Cyprinodon* species; furthermore, scale-eating is unique among over 1,500 species of
130 Cyprinodontiform fishes (Martin and Wainwright 2011, 2013c). These unique traits are
131 hypothesized to be novel, in the sense of a body part evolving quasi-independence or individuation
132 through modification of gene regulatory networks (following Erwin 2015), and different scaling
133 relationships with body size support this idea [Fig. S4; (Lencer et al. 2016)]. These traits are also
134 innovations, in the sense of enabling access to new resources (following Liem 1980; Losos 2009;
135 Blount et al. 2012a), but it is too early to determine if they are key innovations causing an increase
136 in species diversification rate (Hunter 1998; Whittall and Hodges 2007).

137 Trophic specialists in both sympatric pupfish radiations co-occur in all lake habitats, but
138 are largely reproductively isolated with low levels of hybridization (within-lake interspecific $F_{st} =$
139 0.12-0.49; Strecker 2006a; Martin and Feinstein 2014). The San Salvador radiation is nested within

140 many outgroup Caribbean populations of *C. variegatus*, strongly indicating that these specialists
141 evolved from a generalist ancestor similar in morphology to *C. variegatus* (Martin and Wainwright
142 2011; Martin and Feinstein 2014). Similarly, the Chichancanab radiation is nested within outgroup
143 populations of *C. artifrons* along the Yucatan coast, indicating that these specialists evolved from
144 a generalist ancestor resembling *C. artifrons* (Martin and Wainwright 2011). Unfortunately,
145 Chichancanab was colonized by two invasive fish species in the 1990's which caused the
146 extinction of at least two specialist species (Schmitter-Soto 1999; Strecker 2006b; Martin and
147 Wainwright 2011). Thus, I focus on the San Salvador radiation in this study with occasional
148 comparisons to initial descriptions of the Chichancanab environment before it was impacted by
149 invasives [e.g. (Humphries and Miller 1981)].

150 In summary, two unusual features of Caribbean pupfishes provide an outstanding
151 opportunity for investigating the causes of adaptive radiation and the rare evolution of ecological
152 novelty: 1) major evolutionary novelties evolved within 10,000 years and are restricted to isolated
153 locations, 2) each sympatric radiation is surrounded by a large number of comparable
154 environments inhabited by a generalist lineage comparable to the putative ancestor where rapid
155 adaptive diversification has not occurred. To pinpoint where major ecological novelties evolved
156 and identify which ecological and genomic factors are associated with these transitions, I
157 integrated population genomics, phylogenetic comparative methods, and a Caribbean-wide
158 ecological, morphological, and genetic survey of pupfish populations. I first tested for the presence
159 of exceptional trophic diversification and shifts to new adaptive zones by constructing a time-
160 calibrated *Cyprinodon* phylogeny from 8,352 loci and measuring 28 functional traits in 22 pupfish
161 populations on 7 islands ($n = 493$ individuals across all populations). I then tested whether
162 ecological opportunity and hybridization were associated with the exceptional trait diversification

163 rates detected on San Salvador. To test the role of ecological opportunity, I compared the best
164 indicators of ecological opportunity in this system to the number of sympatric pupfish species
165 within each lake: lake area, macroalgae species richness, and the genetic diversity, stomach content
166 diversity, stable isotope diversity, and morphological diversity of generalist pupfish populations
167 in each lake. To test the role of hybridization, I used genome-wide sampling of genetic markers to
168 estimate whether the species on San Salvador showed evidence of hybrid swarm origins relative
169 to neighboring islands using f_4 statistics, principal components analysis, species tree estimation,
170 and Treemix population graphs.

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172 **Methods**

173 *Sampling*

174 Twelve hypersaline lakes on San Salvador Island were sampled for both generalist and specialist
175 pupfishes (if present), including four lakes containing only generalists, two containing generalists
176 and molluscivores, two containing generalists and scale-eaters, and four containing generalists and
177 both specialist species in July, 2011 (Fig. 1; Appendix S1). Seven hypersaline lakes containing
178 generalist pupfish populations on five neighboring Bahamian Islands (Rum Cay, Cat, Long,
179 Acklins, New Providence) and three lakes in the Dominican Republic (Laguna Bavaro, Laguna
180 Oviedo, Etang Saumatre) were sampled between May – July, 2011 (sampling locations highlighted
181 in Fig. 1 by brown arrows; Appendix S1). Additional outgroup *Cyprinodon* species were sampled
182 from across the Caribbean and Atlantic, spanning the entire coastal range of *Cyprinodon* from
183 Massachusetts to Venezuela (Appendix S1).

184 Neighboring lakes were comparable to those on San Salvador: hypersaline due to limited
185 hydrological connectivity with the ocean dominated by mangroves in predominantly shallow (2 –

186 5 m) karst basins. Physiological parameters, including pH, salinity, alkalinity, and temperature are
187 extremely variable within each lake due to tidal fluctuations and rainfall, but highly comparable
188 across lakes due to their shared carbonate geology and water chemistry (Rothfus 2012). Lakes
189 contained from 0 – 2 insectivorous fish species in addition to *Cyprinodon*: the Bahamian
190 mosquitofish, *Gambusia hubbsi*, and the bighead silverside, *Atherinomorus stipes*, with the
191 exception of both lakes on New Providence Island which contained invasive fishes such as
192 *Oreochromis mossambicus*, *Xiphophorus maculatus*, and *Poecilia reticulata* and the three large
193 lakes in the Dominican Republic, which contained cichlid, eleotrid, and American crocodile
194 (*Crocodylus acutus*) predators and *Limia* spp. and *Gambusia* spp. competitors. Dominican lakes
195 exhibited similar phenotypic and ecological diversity trends to those in the Bahamas and are
196 included for comparison; removing these lakes did not qualitatively affect the results.

197 Between 9 – 48 specimens (mean = 21.6; sd = 8.8) were sampled from generalist
198 populations in each lake by seine-net or hand net and euthanized in an overdose of buffered MS-
199 222 (Finquel, Inc.) following animal care protocols approved by the University of California,
200 Davis Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC protocols #15908 and #17455).

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202 ***Genomic sequencing and bioinformatics***

203 Between 1 - 6 wild-caught fish from each of 22 generalist populations, plus specialist *C.*
204 *desquamator* and *C. brontotheroides* populations on San Salvador, and Caribbean-wide outgroup
205 sampling spanning the entire Caribbean and Atlantic range of *Cyprinodon* ($n = 112$ individuals
206 detailed in Appendix S1) were individually bar-coded and sequenced using the genotyping by
207 sequencing RADseq protocol (Elshire et al. 2011), filtered reads were aligned to the *C. variegatus*
208 reference assembly using bowtie2 (Langmead and Salzberg 2012), and genotypes were called

209 using the Stacks pipeline (Catchen et al. 2013), exporting loci with a minimum depth of 10 reads
210 genotyped in >50% of individuals following the approach of previous RADseq studies (Martin
211 and Feinstein 2014; Martin et al. 2015, 2016; Martin et al. in review). Respectively, 601 million
212 150-bp and 356 million 100-bp raw reads were sequenced and 651 million reads uniquely aligned
213 to the *C. variegatus* assembly. Further details are provided in the supplemental methods.

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215 ***Testing for exceptional diversification rates: phylogenetic and comparative analyses***

216 I first used BEAST (Drummond and Rambaut 2007) to estimate a time-calibrated phylogeny for
217 Caribbean *Cyprinodon* populations from 8,352 concatenated RADseq loci (following Martin et al.
218 2015), detailed in the supplemental methods and presented in Fig. S1. I then used two
219 complementary approaches to assess the distribution of trait diversification rates across this
220 phylogeny. First, I used reversible-jump MCMC sampling of multi-rate Brownian motion models
221 for each trait on the maximum likelihood phylogeny (Eastman et al. 2011). Nearly all nodes in the
222 time-calibrated tree were resolved with posterior probabilities of 1 (Fig. S1); therefore,
223 phylogenetic uncertainty was not accounted for in these analyses and only a single tree was used.
224 Reversible-jump sampling allows for ‘jumps’ among models with varying numbers of parameters
225 in addition to varying the values of these parameters while sampling likelihood space, enabling
226 the MCMC sampler to explore shifts among different diversification rate regimes on different parts
227 of the phylogeny without *a priori* specification of these shifts as required in earlier methods
228 (O’Meara et al. 2006). This approach also naturally results in model-averaged parameter estimates
229 (Burnham and Anderson 2002). For each residual trait measured in 29 taxa (see below:
230 *Morphological diversity*), I used the *auteur* suite of methods (Eastman et al. 2011), part of the
231 *geiger2* package (Harmon et al. 2008) in R (R Core Team 2015), to run rjMCMC chains and

232 estimate the placement and magnitude of shifts in diversification rate across the tree. Each chain
233 was run for 10,000 generations, sampling every 100 steps from a relaxed Brownian motion model
234 allowing for the possibility of instantaneous jumps between rate regimes (*type* = “jump-rbm”). The
235 first 50% of each chain was discarded as burn-in and shifts in rate regimes were visualized on the
236 phylogeny for each trait. Chains were run multiple times for each trait to assess convergence.
237 Median diversification rates and their placement on the phylogeny for rapidly-diversifying traits
238 was generally robust across runs; however, this is primarily an exploratory technique for
239 visualizing the highest densities of major trait diversification shifts and no explicit model
240 comparisons were performed (e.g. Santini et al. 2013).

241 Second, I used reversible-jump MCMC sampling of the more generalized Ornstein-
242 Uhlenbeck (OU) model of trait diversification. In addition to a Brownian motion parameter (σ^2)
243 modeling diffusion rate, the OU model includes the elastic pull of a stabilizing selection regime
244 acting on a trait with two additional parameters: α , the strength of selection on the trait, and θ , the
245 location of the fitness optimum (Hansen 1997; Martins and Hansen 1997; Butler and King 2004).
246 Stronger selection on a trait as it nears its fitness optimum constrains the stochastic diffusion rate
247 of σ^2 over time, erasing the phylogenetic signal of a trait (Hansen et al. 2008). Although a single
248 fitness optimum can be fit to an entire clade, the ecological theory of adaptive radiation predicts
249 that multiple fitness peaks will drive ecological divergence and speciation (Schluter 2000),
250 indicating that multi-optima OU models are needed to model adaptive radiation. Indeed, multiple
251 fitness peaks on a complex fitness landscape were directly measured in this system (Martin and
252 Wainwright 2013c), demonstrating that fitness peaks were non-Gaussian and connected by varying
253 depths of fitness valleys and ridges on a single adaptive landscape for the entire three-species
254 radiation, in contrast to instantaneous transitions among single-optimum Gaussian fitness regimes

255 along branches specified by the multi-rate OU. Nonetheless, OU models may provide a rough
256 approximation of stabilizing selection acting on different phenotypic optima over evolutionary
257 time and enable estimation of the temporal dynamics of adaptive regime shifts across the
258 *Cyprinodon* phylogeny.

259 To specifically explore jaw length, the trait with the largest shift in diversification rate on
260 San Salvador, I used bayou to conduct reversible-jump MCMC sampling of multi-rate OU models
261 (Uyeda and Harmon 2014) in R. I first specified an uninformative prior on the OU models, using
262 half-cauchy priors for α and σ^2 , a normal prior for θ , a conditional Poisson distribution for the
263 number of shifts between selective regimes ($\lambda = 15$, $\max = 200$), and a maximum of one
264 shift per branch. I also explored more restrictive priors for the number of shifts, but found
265 convergence across runs to be less stable. I ran two chains of 1,000,000 generations each, sampling
266 every 100 steps, and combined chains after discarding the first 50% as burnin-in. Convergence
267 was assessed using Gelman and Rubin's R statistic. Repeated runs indicated that convergence was
268 quickly reached and all runs indicated a robust shift to a new adaptive regime for scale-eaters.
269 Results were plotted as a 'traitgram' (Ackerly 2009) using bayou's built-in plotting function
270 (Uyeda and Harmon 2014).

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272 ***Testing the ecological opportunity hypothesis: morphological, dietary, and genetic diversity***

273 To test the hypothesis that ecological opportunity is associated with exceptional diversification
274 rates on San Salvador Island, I used linear models to measure the effects of morphological
275 diversity, dietary diversity, genetic diversity, lake/island areas (from the Google Maps Area
276 Calculator Tool: daftlogic.com), and macroalgae species richness on the number of pupfish species
277 coexisting within a lake (ranging from 1-3 species; Tables 1-2). Multiple regression models were

278 compared using stepwise addition and removal of predictors with the stepAIC function in the
279 MASS package in R (Venables and Ripley 2013). The fit of significant one-way models was
280 compared to full models including all interaction terms. Estimation of predictor variables is
281 described below.

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283 *Morphological diversity*

284 Multiple individuals from 21 lake populations ($n = 493$ individuals total; 9 – 48 samples per
285 population; mean = 21.6; sd = 8.8) were cleared and alizarin-stained for measurement of 28
286 functional skeletal traits (Figs. S2-S4). For each population, adult specimens were cleared and
287 double-stained with alizarin and alcian blue in order to visualize skeletal morphology (Dingerkus
288 and Uhler 1977). The skull of each specimen was photographed on both lateral sides with jaw
289 adducted for a clear view of the quadroarticular region, framing only the head and pectoral girdle
290 for maximum resolution of smaller features (Fig. S3). Specimens were photographed and
291 measured on both lateral sides of the head and the mean was used to reduce measurement error.
292 Thirty-two landmarks (Fig. S3) were digitized using tpsdig2 software (Rohlf 2001) and converted
293 to 29 linear distances (Table S1) describing functional traits and the most divergent traits among
294 the three San Salvador species.

295 After removing or remeasuring outlier measurements in the dataset, log-transformed linear
296 distances were regressed against log-transformed head size of *C. variegatus* individuals as an index
297 of overall size (Fig. S4). Size-corrected residuals were used for surveys of morphological diversity
298 across generalist populations. Residuals from a separate linear regression calculated from the mean
299 of each population were used for phylogenetic comparative analyses so that each taxon was
300 weighted equally for the size-correction procedure.

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302 *Dietary diversity*

303 For a subset of the generalist individuals sampled from each population, dietary diversity was
304 estimated from stomach content analyses ($n = 359$ individuals total) and stable isotope analyses of
305 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ($n = 487$ individuals total; Fig. S5). These complementary approaches reflect
306 short-term fine-grain and long-term coarse-grain estimates of dietary diversity, respectively (Post
307 2002; Layman 2007). Stomach items were separated into broad taxonomic categories (e.g.
308 macroalgae, seagrass, polychaete, ostracod, gastropod) and total surface areas of each component
309 were estimated under 10-50x magnification using a Sedgwick-rafter cell [following (Martin and
310 Wainwright 2013c)]. Dietary diversity within each population was estimated from Simpson's
311 inverse diversity index, the probability that two randomly sampled items do not belong to the same
312 category (DeJong 1975). For stable isotope analyses, dried muscle samples from the caudal
313 peduncle region of each fish were analyzed for natural abundances of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ at the UC
314 Davis Stable Isotope Facility on a PDZ Europa ANCA-GSL elemental analyzer interfaced to a
315 PDZ Europa 20-20 isotope ratio mass spectrometer.

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317 *Genetic diversity*

318 Genetic diversity across lake populations of generalist *Cyprinodon* was estimated by exporting
319 170 loci genotyped completely in 22 populations to avoid any biases introduced by missing data
320 and using Stacks to calculate π , the average number of pairwise differences between sequences
321 drawn at random within the population (Catchen et al. 2013). Estimates of genetic diversity were
322 similar and qualitatively unchanged when running analyses with more permissive filtering criteria,
323 at the island-level, and without genome alignment.

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325 ***Testing the hybrid swarm hypothesis: major axes of genetic variation and introgression***

326 *Principal components analysis*

327 The main prediction of the hybrid swarm hypothesis is that hybridization will facilitate the
328 evolution of ecological specialists. To test for this pattern, I first estimated principal components
329 of genetic variation across the Caribbean, excluding San Salvador populations. 11,706 SNPs
330 genotyped in at least 50% of individuals with a minimum depth of 10 aligned reads were exported
331 for principal component analyses of genetic variance using probabilistic *pca* in the Bioconductor
332 *pcaMethods* package (Stacklies et al. 2007) in R. Only 1 SNP per locus was exported to reduce
333 linkage disequilibrium within this dataset. I then projected all three San Salvador species ($n = 75$
334 individuals) onto the first two principal components of Caribbean-wide genetic variation to assess
335 whether specialists shared a greater proportion of their ancestry with any of the outgroups sampled.
336 This approach has previously been used to visualize patterns of shared ancestry within a focal
337 population while avoiding biases introduced by uneven sampling among groups inherent to
338 principal components analysis (e.g. see discussion in McVean 2009; Lazaridis et al. 2014; Martin
339 et al. 2015).

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341 *Species tree inference*

342 Concatenation approaches may be consistently misleading estimators of the species tree, even with
343 large amounts of data (Degnan and Rosenberg 2006, 2009; Kubatko and Degnan 2007; Heled and
344 Drummond 2010; Liu et al. 2015). To estimate the species tree for Caribbean pupfishes, I used
345 SNAPP, which integrates over all sampled gene trees (Bryant et al. 2012). To limit the
346 computational demands of this analysis, I restricted the dataset to 1,534 SNPs genotyped

347 completely in 21 focal Caribbean populations (Appendix S1: $n = 70$ individuals; mean = 3.3 per
348 population) and pooled closely related saline lake populations on Crooked/Acklins Islands, New
349 Providence Island, and Long Island were each pooled. Only 1 SNP was sampled per RAD locus
350 to reduce linkage disequilibrium. Using BEAST2 (v. 2.2.0; Bouckaert et al. 2014) with the SNAPP
351 plug-in (Bryant et al. 2012), two chains were run for 150,000 and 275,000 generations,
352 respectively, and converged after 60,000 and 100,000 generations of burn-in, assessed using
353 Tracer (v. 1.6; Drummond and Rambaut 2007). Due to slow run times on an 8-core Pentium i7
354 machine (1 million generations every 8,000 hours or 333 days), large effective sample sizes of
355 parameters were not obtainable, which ranged from 3 – 170, affecting several theta parameters.
356 After discarding burn-in, trees were sampled every 100 generations from both runs and visualized
357 using Densitree in BEAST2 (Bouckaert et al. 2014).

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359 *Tests of asymmetric gene flow using f_4 statistics*

360 Species trees may still be an inadequate model to understand population history if secondary or
361 continuous gene flow is present (Pickrell and Pritchard 2012). I used f_4 statistics to test for
362 additional gene flow between branches within four-population maximum likelihood trees
363 containing the two specialist species relative to Caribbean outgroups of the form: ((*C.*
364 *brontotheroides*, *C. desquamator*); (Caribbean outgroup 1, Caribbean outgroup 2)). This statistic
365 measures asymmetry in allele frequency correlations between the (A,B) and (C,D) clades on the
366 four-population tree ((A,B);(C,D)) and is expected to be zero in the absence of gene flow with
367 only incomplete lineage sorting (but may be sensitive to ancestral population structure: Reich et
368 al. 2009; Durand et al. 2011). Similar to the ABBA-BABA/D-statistic, the f_4 statistic tests for
369 evidence of secondary gene flow in focal taxa, but does not require a rooted four-taxon tree (Martin

370 et al. 2015). Treemix software [v. 1.12; (Pickrell and Pritchard 2012)] was used to calculate f_4
371 statistics from 4,213 SNPs genotyped in all focal Caribbean populations (pooled as described for
372 SNAPP analyses) and sampled once per RAD locus.

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374 *Treemix population graphs*

375 To visualize secondary gene flow among Caribbean populations, I used Treemix [v. 1.12; (Pickrell
376 and Pritchard 2012)] to estimate maximum likelihood trees with varying numbers of migration
377 events connecting populations after their divergence, forming graphs of interconnected
378 populations. The number of migration events was estimated by comparing the log likelihood of
379 graph models following global realignment and jackknife estimation in windows of size 1 using
380 the 4,213 SNP dataset (following Martin and Feinstein 2014). To estimate the number of migration
381 events connecting populations, I used an approach similar to Evanno et al. (2005) and compared
382 the rate of change of the log likelihood with the addition of each migration event.

383

384 **Results**

385 *Exceptional trophic diversification rates within San Salvador Island pupfishes*

386 I found strong evidence for exceptional rates of trophic diversification and shifts to new adaptive
387 zones localized to San Salvador Island, Bahamas (Fig. 2) despite extensive sampling of saline
388 lakes with identically depauperate fish communities on 5 neighboring Bahamian islands and the
389 three largest Caribbean saline lakes found in the Dominican Republic (Fig. 1). Sampling from the
390 posterior distribution of multi-rate Brownian motion models indicated that the fastest trait
391 diversification rates occurred for jaw length on the internal branch leading to all three populations
392 of the scale-eating pupfish, *C. desquamator*, endemic to San Salvador (Fig. 2a, Table S1). These

393 analyses must be interpreted with caution due to the small size of our phylogeny and violation of
394 *auteur*'s assumption of a bifurcating phylogeny (see Fig. 5); however, the relative rate difference
395 observed was substantially larger than the largest effect size used in *auteur* simulations and larger
396 effect sizes increase precision in the inferred placement of true rate shifts in this model (see Fig. 2
397 in Eastman et al. 2011). Nonetheless, comparative methods for population networks are needed.

398 Accelerated trait diversification rates were most pronounced for jaw length and the width
399 of the articular coronoid process (Fig. 2c, Table S1), which forms the base of the jaw closing lever
400 and reflects the biomechanical tradeoff between fast scale-eating strikes and powerful shell-
401 crushing force in the San Salvador specialists. Only two of the 28 traits measured showed
402 decelerated trait diversification rates on San Salvador relative to other islands (Fig. 2c, Table S1).
403 Sampling from the generalized Ornstein-Uhlenbeck model of trait evolution strongly supported a
404 shift to a new adaptive regime for scale-eating (Fig. 2b). The highest posterior probability of a
405 shift to a new fitness optimum was observed for jaw length along the internal branch leading to
406 scale-eating pupfish (posterior probability = 0.25; Fig 2b). This new scale-eating optimum jaw
407 size was nearly three standard deviations away (in mean standardized units) from the jaw length
408 optimum estimated for generalist pupfish, indicating a major phenotypic transition (Fig. 2b).

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410 ***Increased ecological opportunity is not associated with adaptive radiation and trophic novelty***

411 The ecological theory of adaptive radiation predicts that such exceptional rates of morphological,
412 ecological, and sympatric species diversification on San Salvador should be associated with
413 increased ecological opportunity. In contrast, I found no association between the presence of
414 ecological specialist pupfishes and variation in nearly every standard index of ecological
415 opportunity. First, the predicted island biogeographic relationship between island size and

416 speciation rate (Losos and Schluter 2000; Kisel and Barraclough 2010; Wagner et al. 2014) does
417 not hold up in this system. There was no correlation between lake area and the number of sympatric
418 pupfish species and a negative correlation between island area and sympatric pupfish species
419 (Table 1, Fig. 3a-b). Second, despite theoretical predictions (Weinreich and Chao 2005), genetic
420 diversity within lake populations, an indicator of effective population size, was not associated with
421 the number of sympatric pupfish species (Fig. 3c). Comparable levels of genetic diversity were
422 also observed in the Chichancanab radiation (CHM unpublished data). Instead, low genetic
423 differentiation among Caribbean islands is consistent with previous demonstrations of pervasive
424 gene flow among islands and may continually renew genetic diversity within saline lakes (Martin
425 and Feinstein 2014; see also Martin et al. 2016). Third, in contrast to many similar studies
426 demonstrating a positive correlation between ecological opportunity and intraspecific or
427 interspecific morphological and dietary diversity (Losos and Schluter 2000; Burns et al. 2002;
428 Parent and Crespi 2009), an extensive survey of generalist populations across San Salvador and
429 neighboring islands provided no evidence of increased ecological or phenotypic diversity in San
430 Salvador lakes supporting specialists (Tables 1-2, Figs. 4, S2, S5). The diets of generalist pupfish
431 should most directly reflect the availability of accessible resources within an environment, the best
432 possible measurement of ecological opportunity. Furthermore, in contrast to expectations of
433 character displacement (Pfennig and Pfennig 2012), there was no significant difference in dietary
434 or morphological diversity between generalist populations on San Salvador with and without
435 specialist pupfish species present (Table S2), suggesting that San Salvador generalist populations
436 provide a good ecological baseline for comparison to other islands. There was no association
437 between lakes supporting specialists and stomach content diversity, nitrogen isotopic diversity
438 [indicating relative trophic position (Post 2002)], carbon isotopic diversity (indicating dietary

439 carbon sources), or morphological diversity of generalist populations (estimated from principal
440 component axes and discriminant axes separating the three San Salvador species based on 28
441 skeletal traits: Figs. 4, S2, S5; Tables 1-2).

442 The only significant effect uncovered among all univariate and multivariate models was
443 the greater species richness of macroalgae communities within some lakes on San Salvador
444 supporting multiple pupfish species (Fig. 4a, Tables 1-2). However, these additional macroalgae
445 species (e.g. *Ulva fluxuosa*, *Valonia ventricosa*) made up less than 0.1% of total plant biomass and
446 these lakes were still dominated by three macroalgae species (*Batophora oerstedii*, *Cladophora*
447 *crispata*, and *Acetabularia crenulata*) and one marine angiosperm (*Ruppia maritima*) found
448 throughout the Bahamas (Godfrey 1994). Furthermore, only half the lakes containing specialists
449 had higher macroalgae richness (Fig. 4a). It is also notable that only a single macroalgae species
450 (*Chara* sp.) occurs in Laguna Chichancanab (Humphries and Miller 1981), demonstrating that a
451 diverse macroalgae community is not necessary for adaptive radiation. Macroalgae richness also
452 exhibited no significant interactions with dietary diversity or lake size (Table 2) and the only other
453 variable with a marginal effect on sympatric species number was morphological diversity along
454 discriminate axis 1 (LD1), suggestive of slightly increased variation in jaw length (which loads
455 heavily on this axis) in populations with specialists, most likely due to elevated within-lake
456 introgression (demonstrated in Martin and Feinstein 2014).

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458 ***Increased gene flow is not associated with adaptive radiation and trophic novelty***

459 Alternatively, the hybrid swarm theory of adaptive radiation predicts that adaptive radiation should
460 be uniquely tied to admixed populations receiving a large influx of gene flow from highly
461 divergent surrounding lineages (Seehausen 2004). This hypothesis must be evaluated with caution

462 because gene flow is pervasive during adaptive radiation, but is often not unique to the radiating
463 lineage (Abbott et al. 2013; Seehausen et al. 2014; Berner and Salzburger 2015). Indeed, there was
464 substantial evidence for secondary gene flow with the specialist populations on San Salvador based
465 on asymmetric allele frequency correlations with outgroups (significant f_4 statistics in 20 out of 55
466 four-population tests: Table S3), but also with generalist populations on neighboring islands that
467 failed to radiate (Fig. 5). This can be visualized as the likelihood of secondary gene flow connecting
468 island populations in Treemix population graphs (Fig. 5c-d). Support for highly interconnected
469 population graphs did not subside until reaching 20 connections (Fig. 5c-d), supporting widespread
470 gene flow among Caribbean islands in violation of a bifurcating branching structure assumed by
471 phylogenetic models (in contrast to Figs. 2a, 5b, S1). Importantly, the inferred directions of gene
472 flow events among Caribbean islands crisscrossed the entire archipelago, rather than forming an
473 epicenter at San Salvador, in contrast to the predictions of the hybrid swarm hypothesis (Fig. 5c-
474 d).

475 Projections of San Salvador populations onto the first two principal components of genetic
476 variation across the Caribbean indicated a pattern of continuous variation across islands, often
477 diverging from geographic proximity (Fig. 5a). For example, most introgression into San Salvador
478 specialists came from *C. higuey* in the Eastern Dominican Republic (Table S3; Fig. 5), which was
479 only distantly related to western Dominican Republic populations.

480 Species tree analysis illustrated the diversity of majority-consensus phylogenies across the
481 sampled RAD loci, including many different topologies for the sister group relationships among
482 San Salvador specialist populations and outgroups on neighboring islands (Fig. 5b; however, note
483 that a bifurcating tree is an inadequate model of gene flow in this system). For example, there was
484 consistent support for intra-lake clustering of all three species in Crescent Pond, consistent with

485 genome-wide introgression and islands of genetic differentiation (Martin and Feinstein 2014), but
486 diverse topologies supported sister relationships between the San Salvador radiation and a coastal
487 population of *C. variegatus* (Pigeon Creek, San Salvador Island), the closest island Rum Cay, or
488 more distant islands (Fig. 5b).

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490 **Discussion**

491 Overall, these results strongly indicate that an exceptional increase in trait diversification rates and
492 a major ecological transition from an ancestral generalist diet of algae and microinvertebrates to a
493 new adaptive zone for scale-eating occurred only on San Salvador Island, Bahamas. This might
494 reflect the extreme functional demands of scale-eating (Sazima 1983; Janovetz 2005) and the
495 ecological novelty of this niche within pupfishes, which is separated by 168 million years from
496 other extant scale-eating fishes (Martin and Wainwright 2013c). These estimates of relative trait
497 diversification rates are similar to a previous species-level study across *Cyprinodon* using a
498 mitochondrial phylogeny (Martin and Wainwright 2011) and substantially exceed relative
499 diversification rates for the same jaw traits measured in classic examples of adaptive radiation in
500 fishes, including Malawi cichlids [up to 9-fold faster than New World cichlids (Hulsey et al. 2010)]
501 and coral reef fishes [2-fold faster than non-reef (Price et al. 2011)]. Indeed, the observed relative
502 rates of trait diversification are among the fastest ever reported (Barkman et al. 2008; Ackerly
503 2009; Harmon et al. 2010).

504 In contrast to the large literature documenting ecological drivers of speciation (Schluter
505 2000; McKinnon et al. 2004; Rundle and Nosil 2005; Nosil et al. 2009; Parent and Crespi 2009;
506 Nosil 2012), variation in ecological opportunity among depauperate saline lake environments does
507 not appear sufficient to explain the rare occurrence of adaptive radiation in pupfishes. The young

508 age and homogeneity of carbonate saline lakes across the Bahamas suggest that similar levels of
509 ecological opportunity also existed 10 kya at the origins of adaptive radiation on San Salvador;
510 furthermore, field fitness experiments demonstrate that the current environment continues to drive
511 diversification in these lakes in the presence of ongoing gene flow (Martin and Wainwright 2013b;
512 Martin and Feinstein 2014). Additional unmeasured ecological variables also appear comparable
513 between San Salvador and neighboring saline lakes: all lakes are physiochemically similar with
514 shared carbonate geology, the same dominant macroalgae species, and the same 1-2 insectivorous
515 fish species (Godfrey 1994; Rothfus 2012). Primary productivity and pupfish population densities
516 also appeared similar across islands based on observations of terrestrial inputs and catch per unit
517 effort. The exceptional diversification rates observed on San Salvador relative to neighboring
518 generalist populations would suggest the presence of exceptional ecological differences unlikely
519 to be overlooked. Surprisingly, this survey indicates that any ecological differences unique to San
520 Salvador are subtle, if present. Perhaps rare macroalgae taxa are necessary to facilitate additional
521 fitness peaks by providing nutritional or structural substrate for critical species of gastropods or
522 ostracods, the predominant food source of the molluscivore pupfish, or shelter for the scale-eating
523 pupfish to successfully ambush its prey. Although alternative stable ecosystem states often exhibit
524 sensitive dependence on initial ecological conditions (Beisner et al. 2003), such subtle thresholds
525 and sensitivity would be unprecedented within the ecological theory of adaptive radiation
526 (Simpson 1944; Schluter 2000; Gavrilets and Losos 2009; Erwin 2015b; but see Chen et al. 2015).

527 Conversely, the abundance of scales in all pupfish communities and pervasiveness of gene
528 flow would suggest that scale-eating pupfish should colonize the entire Caribbean. There was no
529 unique signature of secondary gene flow into San Salvador as predicted by the hybrid swarm
530 hypothesis (Seehausen 2004); instead, all current evidence suggests that gene flow is ubiquitous

531 and ongoing among islands and lakes (Fig. 5; Martin and Feinstein 2014). If sufficient ecological
532 opportunity and genetic diversity exists in most Caribbean saline lakes, what are the additional
533 constraints on adaptive diversification and dispersal of specialists across the Caribbean? One
534 possibility is that colonization of neighboring populations may be constrained by the extremely
535 low fitness of scale-eater hybrids (demonstrated in Martin and Wainwright 2013b; Martin 2016)
536 and low probability of dispersal of a scale-eater pair to a neighboring lake due to their low
537 frequency in all lake populations [$<5\%$ (Martin and Wainwright 2013c)]. Indeed, fitness
538 experiments with F2 hybrid pupfish on San Salvador indicated that a large fitness valley separates
539 scale-eating from generalist phenotypes, suggesting that survival in the wild is dependent on an
540 extreme scale-eating phenotype with the full complement of adaptive alleles underlying this
541 complex phenotype, whereas intermediate phenotypes reside in a deep fitness valley (Martin and
542 Wainwright 2013a; Martin 2016; Martin et al. in review). Thus, the complex genetic architecture
543 of the scale-eater phenotype and its interaction with fitness may further constrain its evolution,
544 even in the presence of sufficient ecological opportunity.

545 Ultimately, this comprehensive examination of the origins of novel ecological niches
546 during adaptive radiation rejects the ecological and hybrid swarm theories of adaptive radiation.
547 The paradox is why 1000-fold differences in the diversification of trophic traits are not associated
548 with 1000-fold differences in ecological opportunity or genetic diversity? Admittedly, the
549 relationship between these two variables is unlikely to be one-to-one; however, it is worth
550 emphasizing the dramatic nonlinearity between trait diversification rates and ecological or genetic
551 explanatory variables within this system.

552 An increasing number of case studies suggests that the nonlinear emergence of novel traits
553 leading to evolutionary innovations may be limited by the availability of genetic variation for

554 complex phenotypes in addition to the presence of ecological opportunity (Schuettpelz and Pryer
555 2009; Wilson et al. 2012, Erwin 2015a; Harmon and Harrison 2015). For example, in the Lenski
556 long-term evolution experiment, the evolution of citrate-feeding was limited by the specific
557 mutations necessary for this major metabolic transition despite the continual presence of citrate
558 (Blount et al. 2008, 2012; Quandt et al. 2015), providing a model for the rare origins of trophic
559 novelty in pupfishes despite widespread examples of local adaptation throughout their range (e.g.
560 Tobler and Carson 2010; Martin and Wainwright 2011). In contrast to parallel ecological
561 speciation across similar environments, major ecological novelties, such as scale-eating, may
562 emerge from non-ecological, contingent processes within a long-term background of ecological
563 abundance. The isolation of novel ecological niches on the fitness landscape, as demonstrated for
564 the scale-eating pupfish, may constrain their evolution even in the presence of resource abundance
565 (e.g. scales in all pupfish communities), which could explain the singular evolution of scale-eating
566 among thousands of Cyprinodontiform fishes: perhaps Caribbean pupfishes occupy a sparse fitness
567 landscape dominated by a single wide peak (generalist algae-eating) with very few and difficult-
568 to-access specialist peaks (e.g. scale-eating, molluscivory, piscivory, planktivory). Abundant
569 ecological opportunity alone should not be expected to trigger such rare transitions.

570 Caribbean pupfishes provide a rare opportunity to examine the origins of evolutionary
571 novelty. Such novelties are commonplace in many classic adaptive radiations (Martin and
572 Wainwright 2013c), but can rarely be observed to vary across very similar populations in
573 comparable neighboring environments. Despite Caribbean-wide gene flow and an abundance of
574 competitor-free environments, trophic innovation is confined to a single island, providing a strong
575 counterexample to the prevailing view of ecologically driven diversification and innovation.

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923 **Table 1.** Association between island/lake area, ecological diversity, genetic diversity, and
924 morphological diversity with the number of sympatric *Cyprinodon* species coexisting within a lake
925 ($n = 1 - 3$) across 22 lake populations on 7 islands (Fig. 4). Except for island area, all linear
926 regressions treated each lake population as independent replicates; however, note that degrees of
927 freedom in these tests may be inflated by the additional covariance among populations due to their
928 varying degrees of shared history (Felsenstein 1985; Revell 2009). The only significant positive
929 correlation is highlighted in bold.

variable	correlation with <i>Cyprinodon</i> spp.	r^2	P
log ₁₀ island area	<i>negative</i>	0.695	0.003
log ₁₀ lake area	-	0.006	0.654
genetic diversity	-	0.030	0.284
macroalgae richness	positive	0.416	0.002
stomach content diversity	-	0.003	0.856
δ13C	-	0.001	0.903
δ15N	-	0.012	0.646
PC1 variance	-	0.131	0.107
PC2 variance	-	0.044	0.360
LD1 variance	-	0.017	0.571
LD2 variance	-	0.025	0.496

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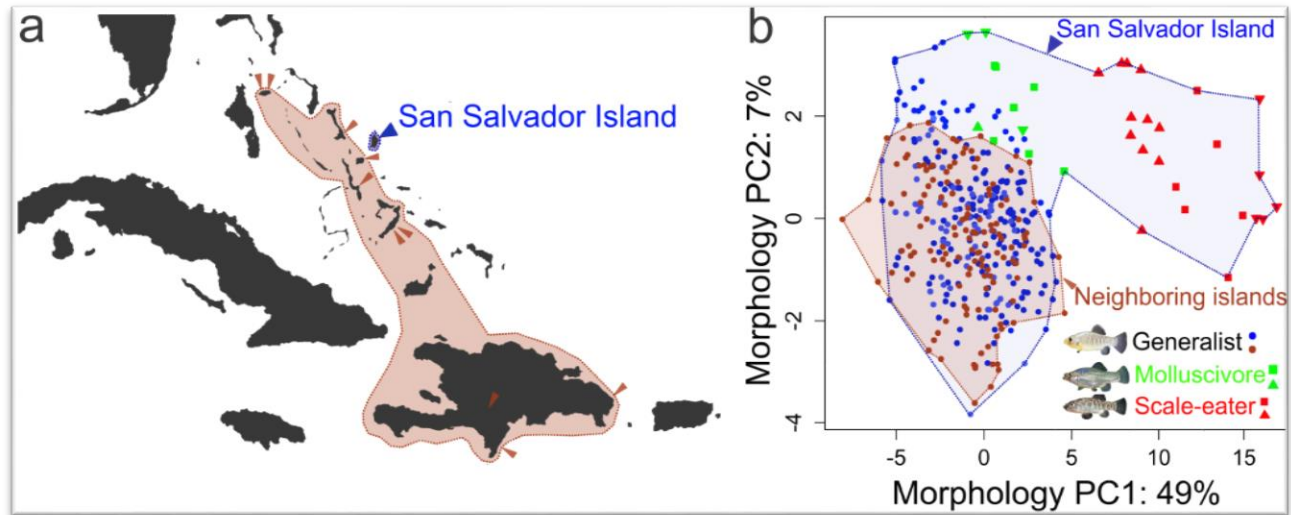
940 **Table 2.** Models incorporating the effects of lake area, ecological diversity, genetic diversity (π),
 941 and morphological diversity on the number of sympatric *Cyprinodon* species coexisting within a
 942 lake (spp. = 1 – 3). Linear regression models treated the ecology of each lake as independent
 943 replicates; however, note that degrees of freedom for comparisons of generalist traits may be
 944 inflated by the additional covariance among populations due to their varying degrees of shared
 945 history (Felsenstein 1985; Revell 2009). Significant models are highlighted in bold and include
 946 presentation of significance, effect sizes, and SE for each term.

model	df	adj.r²	P
spp. ~ log(lake area)+ π +macroalgae richness+stomach content diversity+ $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ + $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ +PC1 variance+PC2 variance+LD1 variance+LD2 variance	10	0.10	0.546
spp. ~ log(lake area)+ π +macroalgae richness+PC1 variance+PC2 variance+LD1 variance+LD2 variance	16	0.32	0.216
spp. ~ macroalgae richness+PC1 variance+ LD1 variance	16	0.53	0.005
macroalgae richness: 0.223 ± 0.07			0.009
PC1 variance: 0.176 ± 0.12			0.162
LD1 variance: 1.054 ± 0.50			0.057
spp. ~ macroalgae richness*PC1 variance*LD1 variance	16	0.49	0.506

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958 **Fig. 1.**

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960 **Fig. 1 a)** Sampling locations of generalist populations across the Caribbean (San Salvador lakes:
961 $n = 12$; lakes on neighboring islands: $n = 10$). **b)** First two principal components of morphological
962 diversity for 28 size-corrected skeletal traits measured on 493 alizarin-stained specimens (Fig. S3).
963 Morphological diversity of generalists on San Salvador (●) is equal to the diversity of generalist
964 morphology on neighboring islands (●). Diversity of all three San Salvador species (blue area)
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966 populations on San Salvador.

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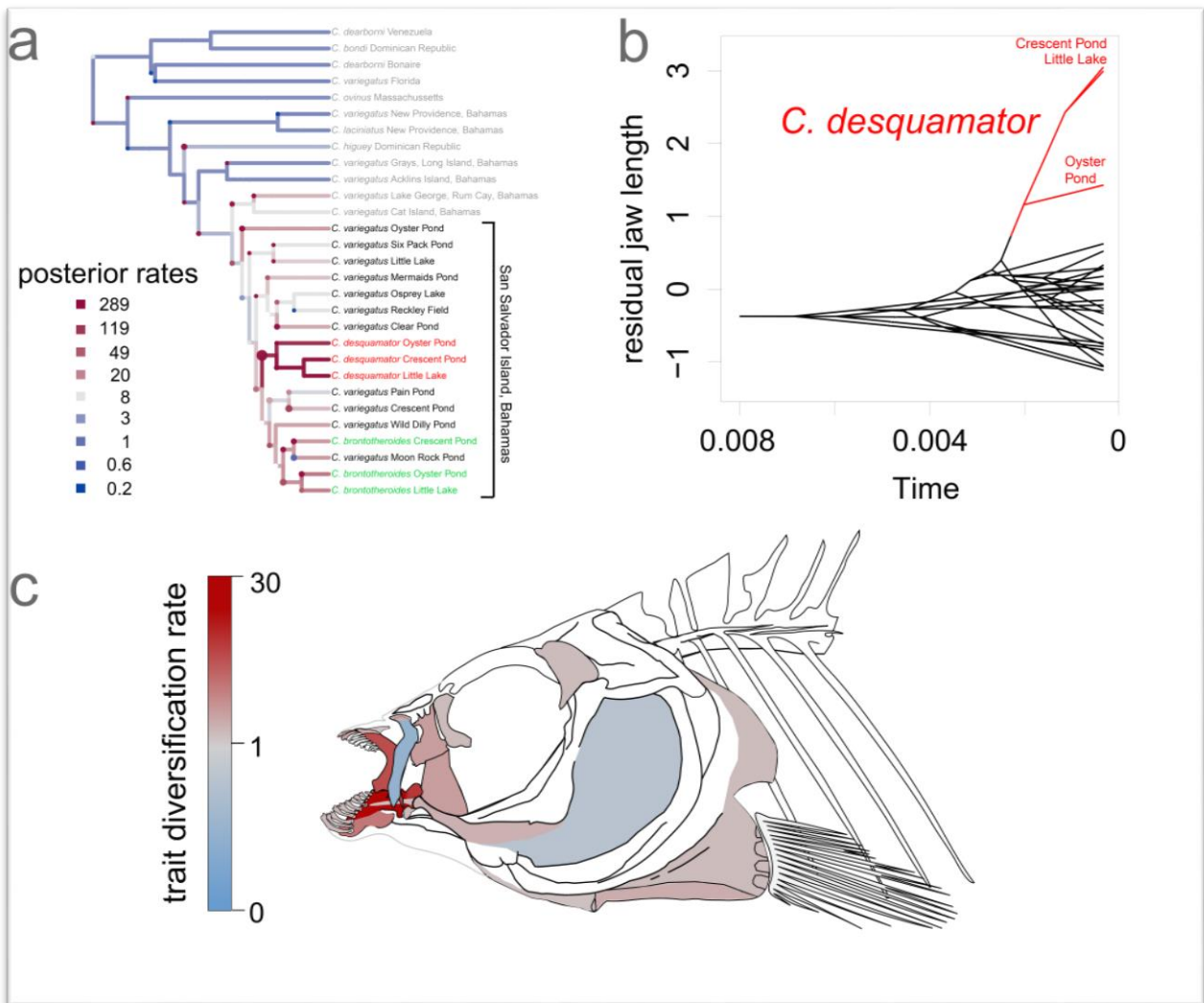
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977 **Fig. 2 a) Shifts in jaw diversification rate** painted along each branch of the phylogeny estimated
978 from mean residual jaw size in each population. Heat colors along each branch indicate median
979 rates estimated from the posterior distribution of models and the size of circles at each node
980 indicate the probability of a shift to a different rate regime. There was a 49% posterior probability
981 of a shift to the highest jaw diversification rate at the root node of all three scale-eating pupfish
982 populations, which was 30.8 times faster than median background diversification rates (Table S1)

983 and **1,445 times faster than the slowest background rate** (legend in panel *a*: 289/0.2) on most
984 neighboring islands. *b*) **Traitgram** illustrating distribution of mean residual jaw lengths across
985 *Cyprinodon*. Red branches indicate the estimated phylogenetic position of a new adaptive regime
986 corresponding to all three scale-eating populations (*C. desquamator*) with greatly enlarged jaws
987 relative to the ancestral adaptive regime for generalist pupfish indicated by the black branches. *e*)
988 ***Cyprinodon* anatomy-gram** illustrating median trait diversification rates on San Salvador relative
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990 and Wainwright 2011). Warm/cool colors indicate faster/slower rates, respectively. Representative
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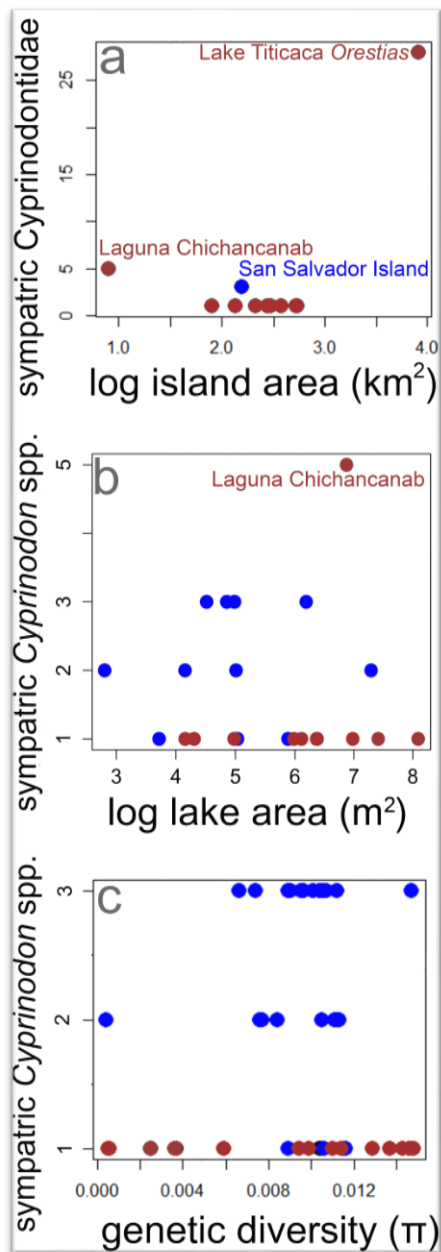
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1008 **Fig. 3** In contrast to the expected speciation-area relationship, there was no correlation between a)
1009 island area, b) lake area, or c) genetic diversity and the number of endemic *Cyprinodon* species
1010 (Tables 1-2). San Salvador populations are highlighted in blue, all other populations on
1011 neighboring islands in brown. The predicted speciation-area relationship was only supported at a
1012 much larger scale by including the distantly-related radiation of *Orestias* pupfishes in Lake

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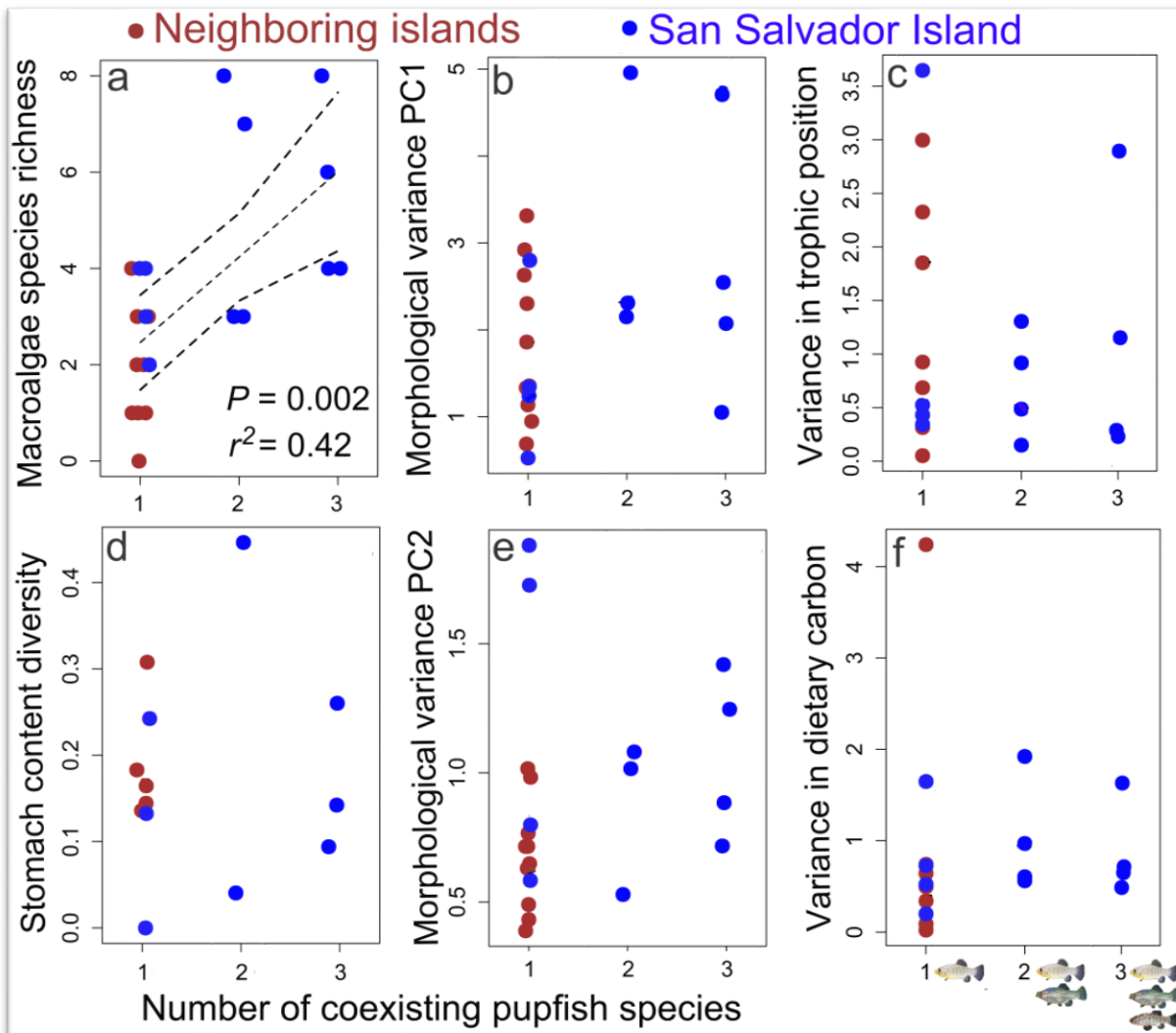
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1038 **Fig. 4 a)** Macroalgae species richness was significantly correlated with the number of coexisting
1039 pupfish species within a lake (dashed lines indicate best-fit regression line and 95% confidence
1040 interval; Table 1). All other ecological and morphological variables were not correlated with the
1041 number of coexisting pupfish species: *b,e*) morphological diversity on the first two principal
1042 component axes ($n = 493$ individuals, 21 populations), *d*) stomach content diversity (Simpson's
1043 index: $n = 359$ individuals, 13 populations), and *c,f*) dietary isotopic diversity ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$: trophic

1044 position and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$: dietary carbon) of generalist populations in Caribbean salt lakes ($n = 487$
1045 individuals, 20 populations). Only generalist populations were compared among all sites.

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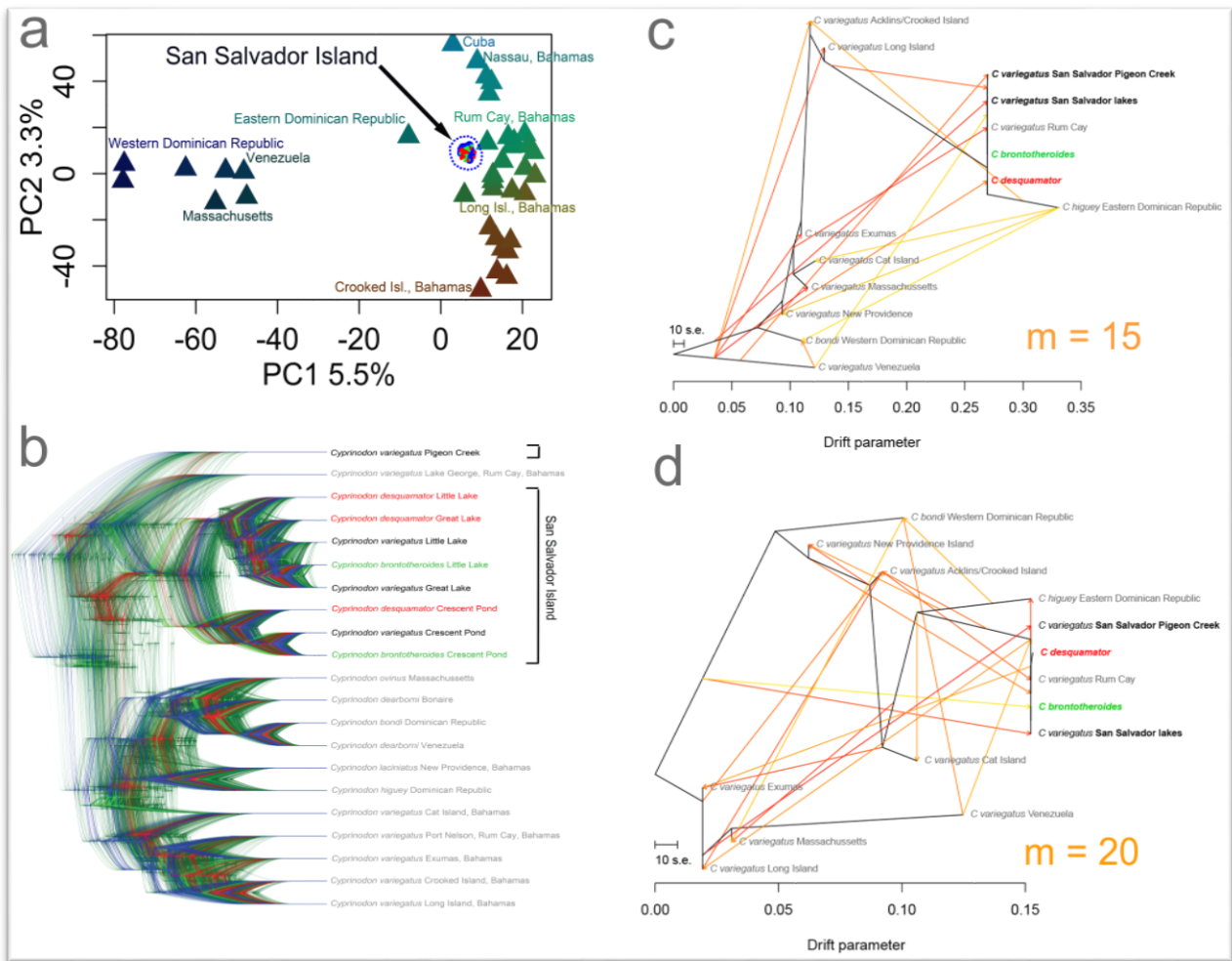
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1070 **Fig. 5 a)** Genetic variation within San Salvador populations relative to the genetic variation across
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 1072 33; ●molluscivore $n = 24$; ●scale-eater $n = 19$) were projected onto the first two principal
 1073 component axes of Caribbean-wide genetic variation (excluding San Salvador Island). Outgroup
 1074 populations (▲) are colored according to their values along each principal component axis. **b)**
 1075 **Distribution of gene tree topologies** estimated from 1,534 RAD loci (1 SNP per locus) using
 1076 SNAPP plugin in BEAST2 (Bryant et al. 2012). **c-d)** Treemix population graphs (Pickrell and

1077 Pritchard 2012) illustrating gene flow among Caribbean populations based on stepwise fitting of
1078 migration events (shown as colored arrows, heat color indicates amount of gene flow) to a
1079 maximum likelihood phylogeny for 4,213 SNPs genotyped in all populations. Graphs are
1080 illustrated with 15 and 20 migration events (*c* and *d*, respectively). Following the approach of
1081 Evanno for choosing the number of genetic clusters in a dataset (Evanno et al. 2005), the rate of
1082 change of the likelihood began to decline as the number of migration events approached 20 ($m =$
1083 10: $\ln L = 97$; $m = 15$: $\ln L = 350$; $m = 20$: $\ln L = 552$; $m = 25$: $\ln L = 550$).

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