

1 **Exploring the shell-based taxonomy of the Sri Lankan land snail *Corilla* H. and A. Adams, 1855**
2 **(Pulmonata: Corillidae) using mitochondrial DNA**

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26 **Abstract**

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28 The land-snail genus *Corilla* is endemic to Sri Lanka and India's Western Ghats. The ten extant Sri Lankan
29 species belong to two distinct shell forms that are associated respectively with lowland and montane
30 rainforest. We here present the first molecular phylogenetic analysis for *Corilla*. Our dataset includes nine

1 nominal Sri Lankan species and is based on three mitochondrial genes (CO1, ND1 and 16S). Although the
2 deeper nodes in the trees are not fully resolved, the results do suggest speciation in *Corilla* has involved
3 repeated, ecologically-driven convergence in shell form. The mtDNA data agree with the current shell-based
4 taxonomy for *C. adamsi*, *C. beddomeae*, *C. carabinata*, *C. humberti* and *C. colletti*, consistently supporting
5 the first four as monophyletic, and supporting the last also as monophyletic in nearly all analyses. *Corilla*
6 *adamsi*, *C. beddomeae* and *C. colletti* may each contain at least one additional, previously-undescribed
7 species. The relationship between northern and eastern *C. odontophora* couldn't be reliably resolved, but our
8 results suggest that they are distinct species and that there is further species-level or intraspecific
9 (geographical) differentiation within eastern *C. odontophora*. The current, morphologically-defined species
10 limits of the three remaining nominal species, *C. gudei*, *C. erronea* and *C. fryae*, are inconsistent with the
11 mtDNA sequence data. Northern and southern *C. gudei* appear to be distinct species: the sister taxon of
12 southern *C. gudei* is *C. humberti*, and in the Bayesian trees alone the sister taxon of northern *C. gudei* is the
13 lowland *C. carabinata*. *Corilla erronea* and *C. fryae* constitute a well supported clade in which both nominal
14 species are paraphyletic. While most intra-clade CO1 *p*-distances are moderate to relatively large, the
15 phylogenetic structuring within the clade does not seem to correspond to any obvious morphological,
16 elevational or geographical patterns. These results are difficult to interpret, and further detailed study is
17 needed before the taxonomic status of *C. erronea* and *C. fryae* can be resolved.

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21 **1. Introduction**

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23 The native land-snail fauna of the Western Ghats-Sri Lanka biodiversity hotspot is phylogenetically diverse
24 and is dominated by species endemic to the region, many of them belonging to genera endemic or largely
25 endemic to the Western Ghats and Sri Lanka (Raheem et al., 2014). One of the genera endemic to the hotspot
26 is *Corilla* H. & A. Adams, 1858, the sole representative of the stylommatophoran family Corillidae, a
27 putative Gondwanan relict (Naggs & Raheem, 2005). Species of *Corilla* inhabit tropical rainforest and moist
28 monsoon forest, where they are usually found on the forest floor, among leaf litter and decaying wood. The
29 current species-level taxonomy for *Corilla* largely follows Gude's (1896a, 1896b, 1914) revisionary work,

1 and is based entirely on shell morphology, the key characters being shell shape and size, the form of the lip,
2 the arrangement of the folds inside the mouth of the shell (the palatal and parietal folds) and shell sculpture.
3 Species identification within this taxonomic framework is generally straightforward, but the status of these
4 nominal species as monophyletic taxa has not been investigated and molecular phylogenetic studies of this
5 genus have still to be carried out.

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7 Taxonomic diversity in *Corilla* is concentrated in Sri Lanka, where ten of the 11 extant species occur,
8 all endemic to the island (Gude, 1914; Barnacle, 1956) and all highly restricted in distribution (Figs. 1A, B).
9 The Sri Lankan species belong to two distinct shell forms that are associated respectively with the forests of
10 the lowlands (lowland rainforest and moist monsoon forest occurring up to an elevation of 1000 m, Legg and
11 Jewell, 1995) and the mountains (submontane and montane rainforest above elevations of 1000 m, Legg and
12 Jewell, 1995). The lowland species are *Corilla adamsi* (Gude, 1914), *C. carabinata* (Férussac, 1821), *C.*
13 *colletti* Sykes, 1897 and *C. lesleyae* Barnacle, 1956, all of which are parapatric/allopatric. The montane
14 species comprise three parapatric/allopatric taxa, *C. gudei* Sykes, 1897, *C. humberti* (Brot, 1864), *C.*
15 *odontophora* (Benson, 1865), and three partly sympatric ones, *C. beddomeae* (Hanley in Hanley & Theobald,
16 1876), *C. erronea* (Albers, 1853) and *C. fryae* Gude, 1896. The shells of the lowland species are wide-lipped
17 and dull yellow or red-brown in colour, whereas montane species possess narrow-lipped shells that are black
18 or dark brown (Figs. 1C, D). These differences may have evolved once, reflecting sustained independent
19 diversification within lowland and montane rainforest regions. Or, they may have evolved several times with
20 closely-related species diverging in bioclimatic distribution and morphology and distantly related species
21 converging on similar bioclimatic distributions and morphology. Exploring the evolutionary basis of these
22 differences will provide new insights into the relationship between species diversification and the evolution
23 of habitat-specific morphological characters in rainforest taxa. This is a neglected topic in rainforest research
24 (but see Dowle et al., 2015) – the major focus among workers has been on issues such as the phylogenetic
25 relationships between lowland and montane taxa, the role of specific extrinsic factors (e.g. palaeo-climatic
26 change, tectonic changes such as mountain uplift) in speciation, and the timing and rate of diversification
27 (e.g. Moritz et al., 2000; Elias et al., 2009; Santos et al., 2009; Fjeldså et al., 2012; Leubert and Wiegand,
28 2014).

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1 Here we explore the taxonomy and diversification of Sri Lankan *Corilla* using a phylogenetic analysis
2 of three mitochondrial gene fragments. We focus on two questions:

- 3 1. Did the lowland and montane shell forms evolve once or several times?
- 4 2. To what extent do the current, shell-based species-level taxa (nominal species) correspond to well
5 supported mtDNA clades?

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9 **2. Material and methods**

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11 The ingroup consisted of nine of the ten nominal species of Sri Lankan *Corilla* (the other Sri Lankan species,
12 *C. lesleyae* and the Indian species *Corilla anax* (Benson, 1865) were not sampled), and four other land
13 stylommatophoran taxa, *Albinaria caerulea* (Deshayes, 1835) (Clausiliidae), *Cornu aspersum* (Müller, 1774)
14 (Helicidae), *Sculptaria damarensis damarensis* H. Adams, 1870 (Sculptariidae) and *Halongella*
15 *schlumbergeri* (Morlet, 1886) (Plectopylidae) (**Table1**). *Lissachatina fulica* (Bowdich, 1822) (Achatinidae)
16 was used as the outgroup. The inclusion of *Sculptaria* and the plectopylid *Halongella* in the ingroup was
17 based on the classifications of [Nordsieck \(1986\)](#) and [Bouchet and Rocroi \(2005\)](#). These authors treated the
18 Corillidae, Sculptariidae and Plectopylidae as three distinct, but putatively-related families and placed them
19 together to form the superfamily Plectopyloidea. The other ingroup taxa and the outgroup were selected on
20 the basis of [Wade et al.'s \(2001, 2006\)](#) molecular phylogenetic trees for stylommatophoran pulmonates. For
21 *Corilla*, the monophyly of the nine nominal species was evaluated by sampling two to six populations from
22 across the range of each species, with 42 individuals being sampled in total (**Table1**). The type localities of
23 *C. colletti* (“Balangoda, Ceylon”, [Sykes, 1897](#)) and *C. fryae* (“Albion Estate, Lindula District”, [Gude, 1896a](#))
24 were sampled. *Corilla odontophora* was originally described from three localities (“Near Fort McDonald,
25 Bandarawella and Bibiligamua, at 4,500 feet”, [Benson, 1865](#)) and we sampled in the vicinity of two of these
26 (i.e. haplotypes *C. odontophora* 1a and 1b are from “Bibiligamua” and haplotype *C. odontophora* 2 from
27 “Fort McDonald”). The type locality of *C. carabinata* is unknown ([Férussac, 1821](#)) and data are inadequate
28 or inaccurate for the remaining sampled species. For *C. adamsi*, *C. erronea* and *C. humberti* the type locality
29 was simply indicated as ‘the island of Ceylon’ ([Albers, 1853](#); [Pfeiffer, 1854](#); [Brot, 1864](#)). The type localities

1 for *C. beddomeae* (“Haycock Mountain”, a hill in southern Sri Lanka with a maximum elevation of 661 m,
2 [Gude, 1896b](#)) and *C. gudei* (“Kurunegala, at 1,500 feet”, [Sykes, 1897](#)) are almost certainly incorrect; these
3 two localities lie well outside the known range of *C. beddomeae* and *C. gudei*, both of which are montane
4 rainforest species and have not been recorded below 900 m (\approx 2950 ft).

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6 Phylogenetic analyses were based on nucleotide sequences of three mtDNA gene fragments: the
7 protein-coding cytochrome *c* oxidase 1 (CO1, ~680 bp) and NADH dehydrogenase 1 (ND1, ~470 bp), and
8 the ribosomal 16S rRNA (16S, ~480 bp) (**Table 2**). New sequence data were generated for *Corilla*,
9 *Halongella* and *Sculptaria*; data for *A. caerulea*, *Cornu aspersum* and *L. fulica* were obtained from GenBank
10 (**Table 1**). For each individual, genomic DNA was extracted from a *c.* 6-10 mm³ piece of foot tissue with the
11 Nucleospin® Tissue kit (Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany), following the manufacturers’ standard
12 protocol, or using a CTAB (hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide) protocol ([Goodacre and Wade, 2001](#)).
13 PCR amplifications were done by adding 1 µl of DNA extract to 10-µl volumes containing 1 µl of 10x
14 Qiagen® CoralLoad PCR Buffer (including 1.5 mM MgCl₂), 0.2 mM of dNTP (GE Healthcare,
15 Buckinghamshire, U.K.), 0.2 µM of each of the primers, 0.25 U of Qiagen® Taq DNA polymerase (Qiagen,
16 Venlo, the Netherlands), and 0.625 mM of Qiagen® MgCl₂ solution (i.e. with the MgCl₂ in the buffer the
17 total was 2.125 mM MgCl₂ per reaction volume). When amplifying ND1, the amount of MgCl₂ solution was
18 increased to 1.25 mM (i.e. total of 2.75 mM MgCl₂ per reaction volume). For CO1 the PCR mix also
19 contained 5.5 µg of Ambion® Ultrapure Bovine Serum Albumin (Life Technologies, Ghent, Belgium). The
20 PCR temperature profile for 16S consisted of: first, an initial denaturation for 5 min at 95 °C; then, 35 cycles
21 of 45 s at 95 °C, 30 s at an annealing temperature of 45 °C, and 2 min at 72 °C; and finally, an extension step
22 of 10 min at 72 °C. These conditions were the same for the other markers apart from the annealing
23 temperature (i.e. 40-45 °C for CO1 and 50 °C for ND1). Amplification products were purified using the GFX
24 PCR DNA Purification Kit (GE Healthcare), following the manufacturer’s instructions, and purified DNA
25 was diluted in 15 µl of sterile water.

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27 Both DNA strands were sequenced on an ABI3130xl Genetic Analyzer using ABI PRISM BigDye®
28 Terminator v. 1.1. Cycle Sequencing Kit (Life Technologies). Sequences have been deposited in GenBank
29 (**Table 1**, accession numbers: CO1 XXXXXXXXX–XXXXXXX; ND1 XXXXXXXXX–XXXXXXX; 16S

1 XXXXXXXXX–XXXXXX). Sequence data for each of the marker regions were assembled using SeqScape v.
2 2.5 (Life Technologies) and the chromatograms were checked by eye for inconsistencies. Assembled data
3 were aligned using MAFFT v. 7 (Kato and Standley, 2013) and trimmed to equal length. Alignments were
4 carried out with default parameters on the MAFFT online server (<http://mafft.cbrc.jp/alignment/server>),
5 using the Q-INS-i alignment strategy for the 16S data and the L-INS-i strategy for the other data. Using
6 BioEdit v. 7.0.9.0 (Hall, 1999), alignments were checked by eye, all alignment gaps were removed and
7 concatenated datasets were assembled. Alignments are available at the NHM data portal
8 (<http://data.nhm.ac.uk>).

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10 Two main sets of replicated phylogenetic analyses were run: one using the complete dataset (46 ingroup
11 sequences and one outgroup) and a second omitting two of the samples of *C. colletti*, *C. colletti* 5 and 6 (44
12 ingroup sequences and one outgroup). The second set of analyses was carried out because support for the
13 basal split within *Corilla* declined when *C. colletti* 5 and 6 were included. In order to assess the stability of
14 relationships within *Corilla* in the absence of the five other stylommatophoran genera, all phylogenetic
15 analyses were re-run using the *Corilla* sequences alone; trees were rooted on *C. beddomeae* (recovered as the
16 sister clade of all other Sri Lankan *Corilla* in the analyses that also included the five other
17 stylommatophorans).

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19 Phylogenetic analyses were carried out employing Bayesian (Huelsenbeck et al., 2001) and Maximum
20 Likelihood (ML; Felsenstein, 1981) approaches, the software programmes used being respectively MrBayes
21 v. 3.2 (Ronquist et al., 2012) and RAxML v. 8 (Stamatakis, 2014a). Analyses were run on the CIPRES
22 Science Gateway v. 3.3 (<http://www.phylo.org/index.php>, Miller et al., 2010). The concatenated mtDNA
23 dataset was divided into seven data blocks: six separate blocks for the first, second and third codon positions
24 of CO1 and ND1 and a seventh block for 16S. This scheme was analysed using PartitionFinder version 1.1.1
25 (Lanfear et al., 2012) and the best-fit combinations of partitioning schemes and nucleotide substitution
26 models were selected. The settings common to all PartitionFinder analyses were branchlengths = linked,
27 model_selection = BIC (Bayesian Information Criterion), and search = all. For MrBayes datasets the models
28 option in PartitionFinder was set at 'mrbayes' (i.e. the option specifying the 24 nucleotide models available

1 in MrBayes), and for RAxML datasets this option was set at ‘GTR+G’ (the GTR model with gamma-shaped
2 rate variation across sites), with RAxML also being implemented at the command line (Lanfear, 2013).

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4 Each MrBayes analysis involved two independent MCMC runs (with four chains per run) for 20-40
5 million generations, sampling every 1000 generations, and discarding the first 25% of samples as burn-in;
6 each analysis was repeated at least once. All analyses were run until the average standard deviation of split
7 frequencies dropped and remained below 0.01; convergence was also assessed by examining the other
8 diagnostics (i.e. the Potential Scale Reduction Factor for the various model parameters including the branch
9 and node parameters) and summary statistics (e.g. plot of the generation vs. the log probability of the data
10 given the parameter values) reported to the MrBayes log file, as well as by analysing the trace files generated
11 by the MCMC runs using Tracer v. 1.6 (Rambaut et al., 2014). Each RAxML analysis involved a single
12 programme run and consisted of a rapid bootstrap analysis with the extended majority rule boot stopping
13 criterion (maximum of 1000 bootstrap replicates), followed by a search for the best-scoring ML tree
14 (Stamatakis et al., 2008; Pattengale et al., 2010; Stamatakis, 2014b); each run was repeated at least once. As
15 recommended by Stamatakis (2014b), the model of nucleotide substitution used for the RAxML analyses
16 was GTR+G. Trees were rooted on the outgroup taxon *L. fulica* using the tree-viewing software FigTree (v.
17 1.4, Rambaut, 2006-2012). Branches with bootstrap values $\geq 70\%$ and posterior probabilities ≥ 0.95 were
18 considered to be well/strongly supported (Hillis and Bull, 1993; Alfaro and Holder, 2006), and we treated
19 branches with bootstrap values $< 70\%$ and posterior probabilities < 0.95 as not being reliably resolved.

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21 Substitution saturation of the third codon position of CO1 and ND1 was assessed for the 42 *Corilla*
22 sequences using Xia’s method (Xia et al., 2003; Xia and Lemey, 2009) and the software DAMBE v.5.5.1
23 (Xia, 2013). For both CO1 and ND1, there was little saturation of the third codon position assuming a
24 symmetrical topology (Iss < Iss.c, $p < 0.01$, number of OTUs = 8), but substantial saturation assuming an
25 asymmetrical tree topology (Iss < Iss.c, $p > 0.01$, number of OTUs = 8). Therefore, all Bayesian and ML
26 analyses were undertaken both including and excluding the third codon position of CO1 and ND1.

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1 Pairwise uncorrected *p*-distances were calculated for CO1 using MEGA6 (Tamura et al., 2013) and
2 were summarised on the basis of selected clades/samples. Additional support for these clades/samples was
3 obtained by examining the 16S and ND1 alignments of *Corilla* (42 sequences) for differences in indels.

7 3. Results

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9 The phylogenetic analyses of the two mtDNA datasets (including and excluding the two samples of *C.*
10 *colletti*, 5 and 6, see **Table 3** for properties) yielded similar results (**Table 4**). When the third codon positions
11 of the protein coding genes were excluded the resulting trees were less well resolved and branch support
12 generally declined (**Table 4**). Nevertheless, the results were consistent with the analyses based on the
13 complete CO1 and ND1 datasets, so unless stated otherwise we focus here on the complete datasets.

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15 The monophyly of *Corilla* was well supported in all our analyses (**Table 4, Fig. 2**). The relationships
16 among *Corilla* and the other ingroup taxa (*A. caerulea*, *Cornu aspersum*, *H. schlumbergeri* and *S.*
17 *damarensis damarensis*) were not reliably resolved in the ML analyses. In the Bayesian analyses, while
18 *Corilla* always formed a well supported clade with *Cornu aspersum* and *A. caerulea*, the relationships among
19 *Corilla*, *S. damarensis damarensis* and *H. schlumbergeri* were not reliably resolved.

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21 The sister-group relationship between *C. beddomeae* and all other Sri Lankan *Corilla* was consistently
22 well supported in the Bayesian analyses. It was well supported (bootstrap value $\geq 76\%$) in the ML analyses
23 only when *C. colletti* 5 and 6 were excluded (analyses 4 and 8 in **Table 4**). This sister-group relationship was
24 only weakly supported in the ML analysis of the complete dataset (analysis 2, **Table 4**), whereas all the
25 deeper nodes within *Corilla* were not reliably resolved in the ML analysis excluding the CO1 and ND1 third
26 codon positions (analysis 6, **Table 4**). While most of the deeper nodes within the sister clade of *C.*
27 *beddomeae* (Clade A of **Fig. 2**) were not reliably resolved in both Bayesian and ML analyses, the Bayesian
28 analyses (analyses 1, 3, 5 and 7 in **Table 4**) always recovered a well supported sister-group relationship
29 between the lowland *C. adamsi* and all the remaining species in Clade A (Clade B in **Fig. 2**).

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2 The monophyly of four of the nine nominal species, *C. adamsi*, *C. beddomeae*, *C. carabinata* and *C.*
3 *humberti*, was consistently well supported. The monophyly of a fifth nominal species, *C. colletti*, was also
4 well supported in nearly all analyses. When all the samples of *C. colletti* were included (analyses 1, 2, 5 and
5 6 in **Table 4**) two deeply-divergent and well supported sister clades were usually recovered for *C. colletti*:
6 one clade from the western part of the range (*C. colletti* 1-4) and one from the east (*C. colletti* 5 and 6). In
7 the ML analysis excluding the CO1 and ND1 third codon positions, the western clade of *C. colletti* was well
8 supported, but relationships between it and *C. colletti* 5 and 6 were not reliably resolved.

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10 Our results are consistent with the non-monophyly of each of the remaining nominal species of *Corilla*.
11 Both *C. erronea* and *C. fryae* were paraphyletic and together formed a well supported clade (*C. erronea*-
12 *fryae* clade of **Fig. 2**) with substantial mtDNA diversity (e.g. compare with *C. carabinata*). In the case of *C.*
13 *gudei*, the southern haplotype (*C. gudei* 3) was consistently well supported as sister to *C. humberti*, whereas
14 in the analyses including the complete CO1 and ND1 datasets (analyses 1-4 in **Table 4**), the two northern
15 haplotypes (*C. gudei* 1 and 2) formed a well supported sister-group relationship with *C. carabinata*. For *C.*
16 *odontophora*, the three eastern haplotypes (*C. odontophora* 1a, 1b and 2) formed a well supported clade, but
17 their relationship to the northern haplotype (*C. odontophora* 3) was not reliably resolved.

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19 *Corilla beddomeae* comprised two relatively deeply divergent and well supported clades, corresponding
20 to haplotypes from the western extremity of the range (*C. beddomeae* 1a and 1b) vs. all the other haplotypes
21 (*C. beddomeae* 2a-5). *Corilla adamsi* also comprised two relatively deeply divergent lineages, the northern
22 haplotype (*C. adamsi* 1) vs. a well supported clade of the southern haplotypes (*C. adamsi* 2-4). Less marked
23 divergences were present in the southern clade of *C. adamsi* (*C. adamsi* 2 vs. 3 and 4), and in eastern *C.*
24 *odontophora* (one population represented by *C. odontophora* 2 vs. a second population, *C. odontophora* 1a
25 and 1b). *Corilla carabinata* comprised a well supported clade of northern haplotypes (*C. carabinata* 2-5) and
26 its sister, the haplotype from the south (*C. carabinata* 1).

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28 The Bayesian and ML analyses of the 42 sequences of *Corilla* on their own (see [Supplementary Table](#)
29 [S1 for dataset properties and Supplementary Table S2 for support values of selected clades](#)) were consistent

1 with the analyses of *Corilla* and the five other stylommatophoran genera. The key findings were that clades
2 A and B (**Fig. 2**) were consistently well supported and that the clade comprising *C. carabinata* and northern
3 *C. gudei* was well supported in all but one of the analyses.

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5 *P*-distances for the CO1 gene (see **Table 5** for summary, and [Supplementary Table S3](#) for data in full)
6 were large between the two sister clades within *C. beddomeae* (range = 0.126-0.150, mean = 0.136), between
7 northern and southern *C. adamsi* (range = 0.150-0.179, mean = 0.167), and between eastern and western *C.*
8 *colletti* (range = 0.111-0.131, mean = 0.122). These *p*-distances are comparable, in most cases, to *p*-distances
9 among nominal species (e.g. *C. adamsi* vs. *C. beddomeae*, range = 0.176-0.218, mean = 0.194). *P*-distances
10 were also large between northern and southern *C. gudei* (range = 0.157-0.163, mean = 0.160), between
11 northern and eastern *C. odontophora* (range = 0.166-0.170, mean = 0.168), between *C. adamsi* 2 and each of
12 the two haplotypes *C. adamsi* 3 and 4 (range = 0.124-0.126, mean = 0.125), and between *C. odontophora* 2
13 and each of the two haplotypes *C. odontophora* 3a and 3b (0.181). In comparison, *p*-distances were smaller
14 between *C. humberti* and southern *C. gudei* (range = 0.070-0.072, mean = 0.071); these were more similar to
15 the *p*-distances among the haplotypes of species such as *C. carabinata* (range = 0-0.041, mean = 0.022) and
16 among the haplotypes of certain, other clades (e.g. western *C. colletti*, range = 0.002-0.089, mean = 0.069).
17 Although *p*-distances between southern and northern *C. carabinata* were relatively small (range = 0.037-
18 0.041, mean = 0.038), they were nevertheless two orders of magnitude greater than those between the two
19 haplotypes of northern *C. carabinata* (range = 0-0.009, mean = 0.005). *P*-distances between *C. colletti* 3 and
20 the other members of the western clade of *C. colletti* (1, 2 and 4) were larger (range = 0.057-0.089, mean =
21 0.078), but of a similar order of magnitude to the *p*-distances among the latter three haplotypes of *C. colletti*
22 (range = 0.002-0.089, mean = 0.060). *P*-distances among sequences in the *C. erronea-fryae* clade varied
23 substantially (range = 0.002-0.102, mean = 0.070), with most being in the range = 0.078-0.102; *p*-distances
24 were small only between haplotypes *C. erronea* 3 and *C. fryae* 2 (0.037) and among haplotypes *C. erronea* 1
25 and 2 and *C. fryae* 1a and 1 b (range = 0.002-0.015).

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27 The clades within *C. adamsi*, *C. beddomeae*, *C. carabinata* and *C. colletti* are characterised by
28 differences in 16S indels (**Table 6**). Northern and southern *C. adamsi* differed at seven indel positions, the
29 two sister clades within *C. beddomeae* at eight indels, southern and northern *C. carabinata* at two indels and

1 western and eastern *C. colletti* at one indel. In addition, northern and southern *C. gudei* differed from each
2 other at seven indels and eastern and northern *C. odontophora* at five indels. The ND1 sequence alignment of
3 *Corilla* (440 bp in length) contained an indel at positions 383-385 and only *C. colletti* 3 had a codon (GAA)
4 at this indel.

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8 **4. Discussion**

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10 The monophyly of *Corilla* was well supported in both Bayesian and ML analyses. Although the Bayesian
11 analyses suggest that the Plectopyloidea (the superfamily comprising the Plectopylidae, Corillidae and
12 Sculptariidae, [Nordsieck, 1986](#), [Bouchet and Rocroi, 2005](#)) are non-monophyletic, overall our data shed little
13 light on the relationships among *Halongella* (Plectopylidae), *Sculptaria* (Sculptariidae) and *Corilla*
14 (Corillidae).

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16 We found strong support for the montane species *C. beddomeae* being sister to all other Sri Lankan
17 *Corilla*. Several studies on the diversification of rainforest taxa have shown that while montane taxa have
18 frequently evolved from lowland ancestors ([Moritz et al., 2000](#); [Fjeldså et al., 2012](#); [Wesener et al., 2011](#)),
19 some diverse lowland taxa have a montane origin ([Elias et al., 2009](#); [Santos et al., 2009](#); [Fjeldså et al., 2012](#);
20 [Leubert & Wiegand, 2014](#)). The pattern for *Corilla* is unclear because the deeper nodes in both Bayesian and
21 ML trees were not reliably resolved. Nevertheless, the results do suggest that lowland and montane shell
22 forms have evolved on at least two separate occasions. Speciation thus appears to have involved repeated,
23 ecologically-driven convergence in shell morphology; to our knowledge the only broadly comparable data
24 are for two distantly-related lineages of the pulmonate land snail *Placostylus* on New Caledonia ([Dowle et](#)
25 [al., 2015](#)). Improving phylogenetic resolution is essential for a clearer understanding of diversification in
26 *Corilla*.

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28 The mtDNA data agree with the current shell-based taxonomy for *C. adamsi*, *C. beddomeae*, *C.*
29 *carabinata*, *C. humberti* and *C. colletti*, supporting the first four as monophyletic, and supporting the last as

1 monophyletic in most analyses. The relatively deep phylogenetic divergences within *C. adamsi*, *C.*
2 *beddomeae* and *C. colletti* are reflected in large CO1 *p*-distances (i.e. comparable to those among most
3 nominal species) and are characterised by differences in one or more 16S indels. This evidence suggests that
4 these three nominal species may each contain at least one additional species that has yet to be described.

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6 The presence of an extra codon in the ND1 sequence of *C. colletti* 3 together with the relatively small
7 CO1 *p*-distances among members of the western clade of *C. colletti* suggest a possible case of intraspecific
8 geographic differentiation. *C. colletti* 3 is from a site (~1200 m) close to the summit of the Rakwana Massif
9 (**Fig. 1A**), whereas all the other members of the western clade of *C. colletti* are from lowland sites to the
10 south and north. The shallow divergence between southern and northern *C. carabinata* may also indicate
11 intraspecific geographical differentiation. The relationship between the northern haplotype and eastern clade
12 of *C. odontophora* was not reliably resolved. Nonetheless, the mean CO1 *p*-distance between these two
13 groups is similar to most interspecific *p*-distances and to *p*-distances between the deeply-divergent clades
14 within *C. adamsi*, *C. beddomeae* and *C. colletti*. This coupled with the differences in 16S indels points to the
15 possibility that northern and eastern *C. odontophora* are separate species. The deep divergence within eastern
16 *C. odontophora* (*C. odontophora* 2 vs. 1a and 1b, **Fig. 2**) and the correspondingly large mean CO1 *p*-
17 distance also suggests a further species-level split or possible geographical differentiation.

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19 The current, morphologically-defined species limits of the three remaining nominal species, *C. gudei*,
20 *C. erronea* and *C. fryae*, are inconsistent with the mtDNA sequence data. *Corilla gudei* is a montane species
21 restricted to the Knuckles Massif (**Fig. 1A**), an isolated mountain range located to the north of the Central
22 Highlands, and haplotypes from the northern and southern parts of this range were included in the study. The
23 sister taxon of southern *C. gudei* is *C. humberti* from the Central Highlands and in the Bayesian trees alone
24 the sister taxon of northern *C. gudei* is the lowland *C. carabinata*. These findings suggest that northern and
25 southern *C. gudei* are distinct species; the high mean CO1 *p*-distance between northern and southern *C.*
26 *gudei* and the differences observed at seven 16S indel positions provide further support for this. Preliminary
27 data also indicate that the shells of northern and southern *C. gudei* differ very subtly. The shell sculpture of
28 all *Corilla* (**Figs. 1E, F**) consists of striae (shallow incised lines) and/or ribs (raised lines) corresponding to

1 the direction of growth of the shell and running parallel to the edge of the lip (i.e. collabral sculpture *sensu*
2 [Cox, 1960](#)). In northern *C. gudei* the collabral sculpture is generally stronger than in southern *C. gudei*.

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4 The divergence between *C. humberti* and southern *C. gudei* is noticeably shallow in comparison to all
5 other interspecific divergences in the tree (**Fig. 2**) and this is reflected in a relatively small mean CO1 *p*-
6 distance (7.1%); there were also no differences in 16S indels. We would argue, however, that because
7 southern *C. gudei* and *C. humberti* are conchologically very different (*C. humberti* is the only montane
8 species without palatal folds in the mouth of the shell) they are distinct species. These snails also occur in
9 disjunct mountain ranges and have distinct elevational ranges (southern *C. gudei*, 1180-1370 m, *C. humberti*,
10 1640-2025 m).

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12 *Corilla erronea* and *C. fryae* are confusingly similar in their shell morphology (see descriptions by
13 [Albers, 1853](#); [Gude, 1896a](#)), with both species sharing a previously unreported, yet highly distinctive
14 character not found in other extant *Corilla* species (the collabral sculpture of the shell is intersected by faint
15 striae running in the opposite direction, **Fig. 1E**). Following traditional usage and as followed here, *C. fryae*
16 is the name used for specimens from the southwestern sector of the Central Highlands, whereas *C. erronea*
17 refers to individuals from other montane areas. Our results show that specimens identified as *C. erronea* and
18 *C. fryae* constitute a well supported clade in which both nominal species are paraphyletic. The mean CO1 *p*-
19 distance among members of the *C. erronea-fryae* clade is small, but most values range from 7.8%-10.2% and
20 are thus larger than the mean CO1 *p*-distance between *C. humberti* and southern *C. gudei*. While these
21 moderate to relatively large CO1 *p*-distances reflect substantial mtDNA sequence diversity, the phylogenetic
22 structuring within the *C. erronea-fryae* clade does not seem to correspond to any obvious morphological,
23 elevational or geographical patterns. These results are difficult to interpret, and further detailed study is
24 needed before the taxonomic status of *C. erronea* and *C. fryae* can be resolved.

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26 Future research needs to address three crucial issues. First, phylogenetic resolution has to be improved,
27 likely through additional sampling of loci. Second, more populations need to be sampled. Many/most of the
28 populations sampled for this study are represented by only a single haplotype, and most species have been
29 inadequately sampled across their geographical range. For example, southern *C. gudei* was represented by

1 only a single individual, and only two of the three localities given in the original description of *C.*
2 *odontophora* were sampled in this study. Third, detailed studies are needed on the internal anatomy of
3 *Corilla*. Apart from brief descriptions of the genitalia and radula of *C. erronea* and *C. humberti* (Semper,
4 1870, pp. 100-102; Pilsbry, 1894, p. 147-149; Pilsbry, 1905; Godwin-Austen, 1907, p. 199-201), published
5 data on the anatomy of *Corilla* are scarce. At present we do not know which internal anatomical characters if
6 any correspond with key shell-based characters and how useful such anatomical characters might be in
7 discriminating between taxa that are morphologically very similar.

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1 **Figure Captions (Fig. 1 to appear in colour, Fig. 2 in black-and-white)**

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3 **Figure 1. A, B.** Sampled localities (symbols) and distributional limits (dashed lines) of Sri Lankan *Corilla*
4 (see **Table 1** for sample codes). The distributional limits (approximating to extent of occurrence *sensu*
5 [Gaston, 1991](#)) are based on unpublished distributional data from field surveys and museum collections
6 (primarily two Sri Lankan institutions the Colombo Museum and the University of Peradeniya, and the
7 Natural History Museum, London, UK). These data consist of >200 individual records and date mainly from
8 the last 3 decades. **A**, the 3 lowland species (*C. adamsi*, *C. carabinata* and *C. colletti*) and 3 of the montane
9 species (*C. beddomeae*, *C. gudei* and *C. humberti*); **B**, the 3 other montane species (*C. erronea*, *C. fryae* and
10 *C. odontophora*). The type localities of *C. colletti*, *C. fryae* and *C. odontophora* ([Benson, 1865](#); [Gude,](#)
11 [1896a](#); [Sykes, 1897](#)) are shown by open circles and are numbered if they have been sampled in this study.
12 Although they are almost certainly incorrect, the type localities for *C. beddomeae* (□) and *C. gudei* (◇) are
13 also shown. The Central Highlands, Knuckles Massif and Rakwana Massif are the three main mountain
14 masses of Sri Lanka ([Cooray, 1984](#)). **C-F.** Shell morphology of *Corilla*: **C**, shell of the lowland *C. adamsi*;
15 **D**, shell of the montane *C. erronea*; **E**, collabral sculpture (black arrows) of *C. erronea* and striae running in
16 opposing direction (white arrows); **F**, collabral sculpture (black arrows) of *C. gudei*.

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18 **Figure 2.** Bayesian majority consensus tree of the complete concatenated CO1-ND1-16S sequence dataset
19 for *Corilla* and some other stylommatophorans with *Lissachatina fulica* as the outgroup (see **Table 3**).
20 Support values are given as posterior probabilities for Bayesian analyses (only values ≥ 0.95 are shown) and
21 as bootstrap percentages for ML analyses (only values $\geq 70\%$ are shown); maximal support (Bayesian = 1,
22 ML = 100%) is indicated by an asterisk. Montane and lowland taxa are indicated by black and grey shading
23 respectively, and clades A and B by arrows.

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Figure 1

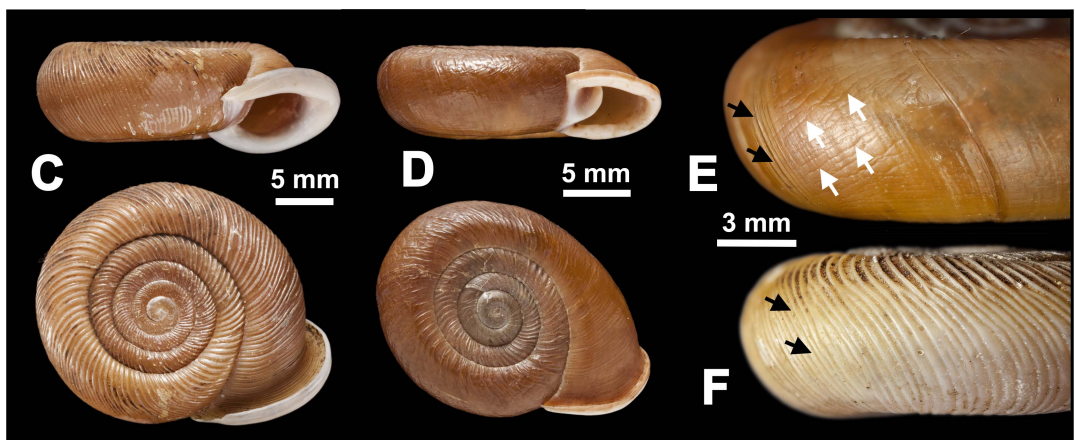
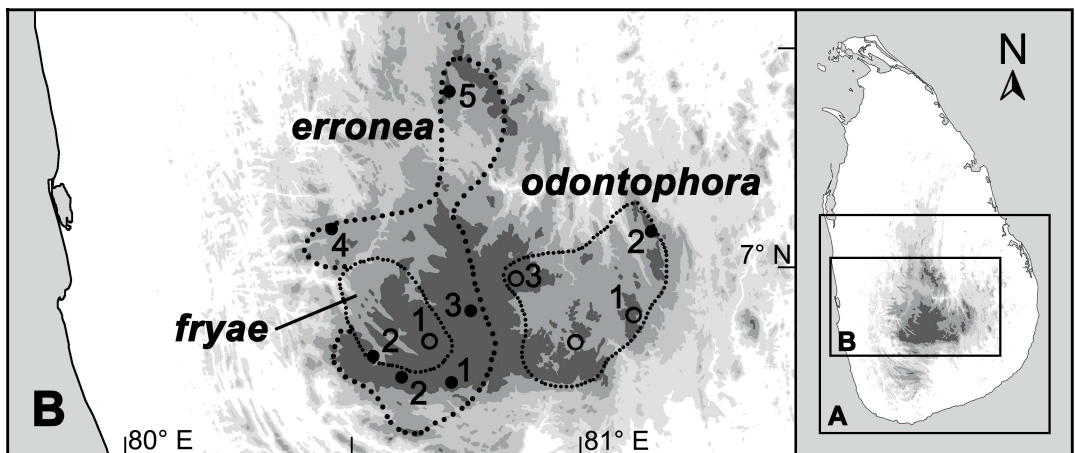
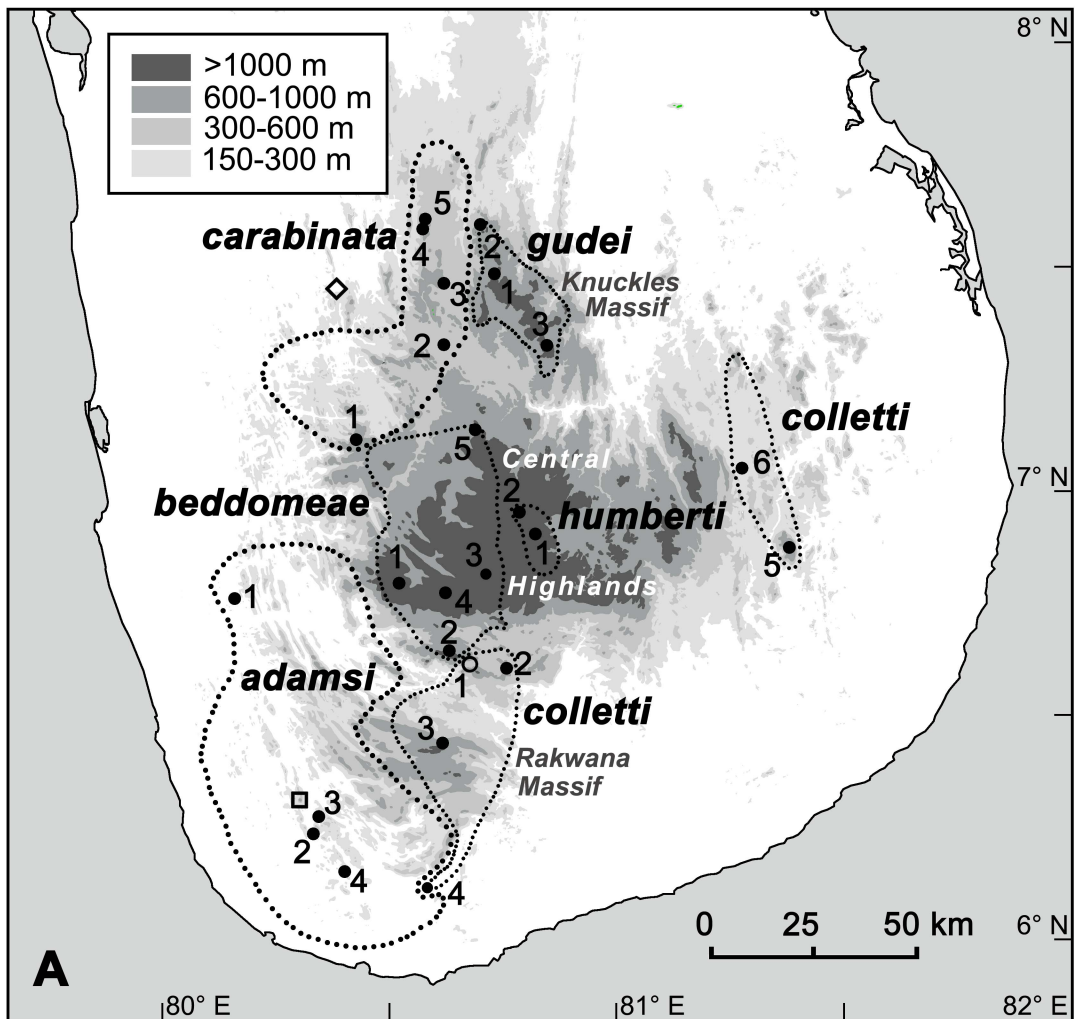


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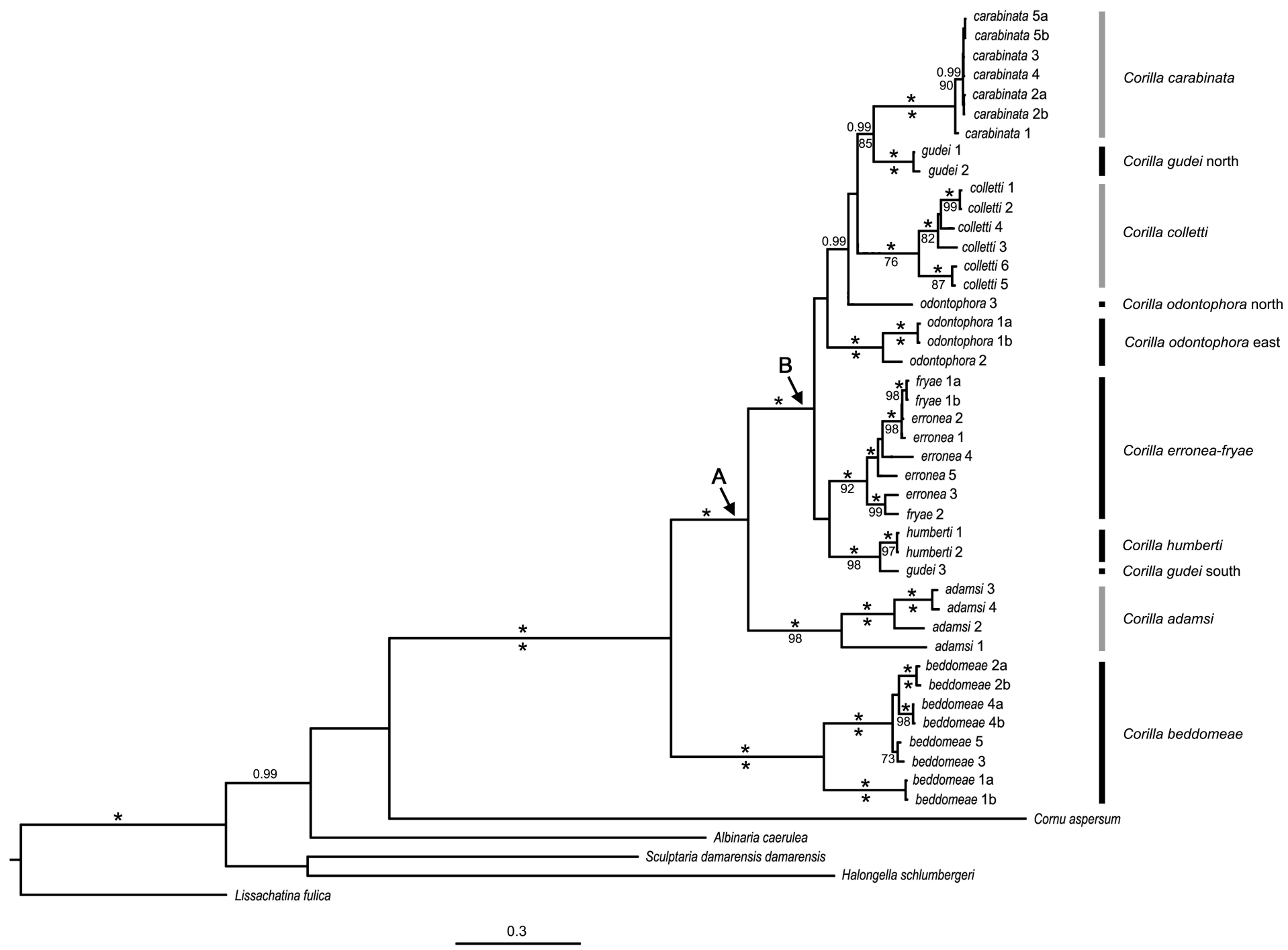


Table 1. Taxa used in this study with sample codes, localities and GenBank accession numbers. Taxonomy for *Corilla* follows Gude (1914). Sampled type localities are indicated by an asterisk. The DNA sequence data for *Albinaria caerulea*, *Cornu aspersum* and *Lissachatina fulica* are from complete mt genomes generated respectively by Hatzoglou et al. (1995), Gaitán-Espitia et al. (2013) and He et al. (2014).

Taxon, Sample Code & Locality	GenBank Accession Number		
	CO1	ND1	16S
<i>Corilla adamsi</i>			
1: 1.6 km ne Ingiriya, Kalutara District	pending	pending	pending
2: Homadola, near Udugama, Galle District	pending	pending	pending
3: Kospelaketiya, Kanneliya, Galle District	pending	pending	pending
4: Nakiyadeniya, Galle District	pending	pending	pending
<i>Corilla beddomeae</i>			
1a, 1b: Adam's Peak (eastern face), Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
2a, 2b: 4.8 km n Opanayaka, Hunuwalakanda, Ratnapura District	pending	pending	pending
3: 4 km se Agrapatana, Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
4a, 4b: 7.5 km se Maskeliya, Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
5: 4.5 km se Pupuressa, Kandy District	pending	pending	pending
<i>Corilla carabinata</i>			
1: 1.6 km ne Dedugala, Kegalle District	pending	pending	pending
2a, 2b: Kandy, Kandy District	pending	pending	pending
3: Matale, Matale District	pending	pending	pending
4: 5.1 km e Dodangaslanda, Matale District	pending	pending	pending
5a, 5b: Ambokka-Neugala range, above Selagama, Matale District	pending	pending	pending
<i>Corilla colletti</i>			
1*: Balangoda, Ratnapura District	pending	pending	pending
2: Rajawaka, Ratnapura District	pending	pending	pending
3: above Bulutota, Rakwana, Ratnapura District	pending	pending	pending
4: Makandura, Matara District	pending	pending	pending
5: Maragalakanda range, Moneragala District	pending	pending	pending
6: 5.4 km se Lunugala, Badulla District	pending	pending	pending
<i>Corilla erronea</i>			
1: above Northcove Estate, Bogowantalawa, Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
2: 7.5 km se Maskeliya, Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
3: 4.8 km nw Ambawela, Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
4: 5.1 km sw Aranayaka, Kegalle District	pending	pending	pending
5: Galheeria Estate, above Elkaduwa, Matale District	pending	pending	pending
<i>Corilla fryae</i>			
1a*, 1b*: Albion Estate, 7km sw Lindula, Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
2: Adam's Peak (eastern face), Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
<i>Corilla gudei</i> Sykes, 1897			
1: Laggala, above Illukkumbura, Matale District	pending	pending	pending
2: 2.2 km ne Gammaduwa, Matale District	pending	pending	pending
3: Nawanagala, Kandy District	pending	pending	pending
<i>Corilla humberti</i>			
1: Between Nuwara Eliya and Hakgala, Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
2: Nuwara Eliya, Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
<i>Corilla odontophora</i>			
1a*, 1b*: Namunukula, above Bibilegama (=“Bibiligamua”), Badulla District	pending	pending	pending
2: 5.7 km nw Lunugala, Badulla District	pending	pending	pending
3*: 4 km nw historic site of “Fort McDonald”, Paranagama, Nuwara Eliya District	pending	pending	pending
<i>Albinaria caerulea</i> Locality not indicated	NC_001761	NC_001761	NC_001761
<i>Cornu aspersum</i> Chile	NC_021747.1	NC_021747.1	NC_021747.1
<i>Lissachatina fulica</i> Locality not indicated	NC_024601.1	NC_024601.1	NC_024601.1
<i>Halongella schlumbergeri</i> Cat Ba National Park, Vietnam	pending	pending	pending
<i>Sculptaria damarensis damarensis</i> Khubis Springs, Namibia	pending	pending	pending

Table 2. Primers used in the study. Sources: 1, [Simon et al. \(1994\)](#); 2, [Folmer et al. \(1994\)](#); 3, primers designed for this study by S. T. Williams; 4, [Quintero et al. \(2005\)](#).

Marker	Primer	Direction	Annealing temperature	Sequence (5'-3')	Fragment size
16S	16Sar ¹	Forward	45 °C	CGCCTGTTTAACAAAAACAT	~450 bp
	16Sbr ¹	Reverse	45 °C	CCGGTCTGAACTCAGATCACGT	~450 bp
CO1	LCO1490 ²	Forward	40-45 °C	GGTCAACAAATCATAAAGATATTGG	~650 bp
	HCO2198 ²	Reverse	40-45 °C	TAAACTTCAGGGTGACCAAAAAATCA	~650 bp
	CORR-CO1-F ³	Forward	45 °C	TGATGTGGTATAGTAGGAAC	~460 bp
	CORR-CO1-R ³	Reverse	45 °C	TAATAGCACCTGCTAAGACTG	~460 bp
ND1	MOL-NAD1F ⁴	Forward	50 °C	CGRAARGGMCCTAACAARGTTGG	~430 bp
	MOL-NAD1R ⁴	Reverse	50 °C	GGRGCACGATTWGTCTCNGCTA	~430 bp

Table 3. Properties of the two concatenated datasets. The first dataset consists of 42 *Corilla* samples and 5 other taxa, *Albinaria caerulea*, *Cornu aspersum*, *Lissachatina fulica* (outgroup), *Halongella schlumbergeri* and *Sculptaria damaraensis damaraensis*; the second contains all these samples apart from *C. colletti* 5 and 6. The original concatenated alignments (i.e. including indels) for these two datasets were respectively 2166 bp (with 29 indels in 16S and 1 indel in ND1) and 2163 bp (with 31 indels in 16S and 1 indel in ND1).

	46 ingroup + 1 outgroup	44 ingroup + 1 outgroup
Number of <i>Corilla</i> samples	42	40
Markers	CO1 + ND1 + 16S	CO1 + ND1 + 16S
Number of haplotypes	47 (43 + 44 + 43)	45 (41 + 42 + 41)
Total number of sites	1277 (459 + 429 + 389)	1281 (459 + 429 + 393)
Number of invariable sites	502 (238 + 93 + 171)	503 (238 + 93 + 172)
Number of variable sites	775 (221 + 336 + 218)	778 (221 + 336 + 221)

Table 5. p-distances between 42 *Corilla* sequences based on CO1 (459 bp). Distances have been pooled to correspond with the clades/groups shown in **Fig. 2**, and are gives as ranges (in plain font) and as means (bold font). Distances for members of the same clade/group are in the shaded cells. The letters N, S and E indicate north, south and east respectively.

	<i>C. adamsi</i> (1)	<i>C. adamsi</i> (2-4)	<i>C. beddomeae</i> (1a, 1b)	<i>C. beddomeae</i> (2a-5)	<i>C. gudei</i> N (1, 2)	<i>C. carabinata</i> (1)	<i>C. carabinata</i> (2a-5b)	<i>C. colletti</i> (5, 6)	<i>C. colletti</i> (1-4)	<i>C. erronea-fryae</i>	<i>C. gudei</i> S (3)	<i>C. humberti</i>	<i>C. odontophora</i> N (3)	<i>C. odontophora</i> E (1a-2)
<i>C. adamsi</i> (1)	-	0.150-0.179	0.179	0.176-0.194	0.172-0.181	0.224	0.218-0.220	0.207-0.216	0.200-0.214	0.172-0.190	0.196	0.183	0.207	0.181-0.198
<i>C. adamsi</i> (2-4)	0.167	0.022-0.124 0.091	0.200-0.207	0.196-0.218	0.176-0.190	0.185-0.205	0.192-0.218	0.207-0.218	0.185-0.209	0.187-0.214	0.187-0.207	0.176-0.187	0.185-0.198	0.183-0.214
<i>C. beddomeae</i> (1a, 1b)	0.179	0.203	0.004 0.004	0.126-0.150	0.176-0.187	0.220-0.222	0.216-0.220	0.222-0.229	0.198-0.218	0.176-0.207	0.19	0.168-0.172	0.216-0.218	0.192-0.235
<i>C. beddomeae</i> (2a-5)	0.186	0.208	0.136	0.000-0.050 0.038	0.192-0.214	0.218-0.233	0.218-0.240	0.200-0.227	0.181-0.220	0.172-0.209	0.196-0.216	0.181-0.205	0.207-0.214	0.166-0.242
<i>C. gudei</i> N (1, 2)	0.176	0.182	0.182	0.201	0.015 0.015	0.161-0.163	0.166-0.170	0.168-0.179	0.163-0.185	0.137-0.159	0.157-0.163	0.153-0.163	0.153-0.159	0.159-0.172
<i>C. carabinata</i> (1)	0.224	0.193	0.221	0.225	0.162	-	0.037-0.041	0.192-0.196	0.187-0.192	0.174-0.203	0.192	0.194-0.198	0.168	0.179-0.205
<i>C. carabinata</i> (2a-5b)	0.219	0.200	0.218	0.230	0.168	0.038	0-0.009 0.005	0.198-0.205	0.181-0.196	0.172-0.198	0.192-0.194	0.194-0.200	0.174-0.181	0.176-0.200
<i>C. colletti</i> (5, 6)	0.211	0.212	0.225	0.215	0.171	0.194	0.202	0.017 0.017	0.111-0.131	0.172-0.194	0.172-0.183	0.174-0.190	0.17	0.179-0.190
<i>C. colletti</i> (1-4)	0.204	0.196	0.207	0.199	0.173	0.190	0.189	0.122	0.002-0.089 0.069	0.155-0.190	0.146-0.168	0.133-0.176	0.157-0.179	0.170-0.192
<i>C. erronea-fryae</i>	0.179	0.201	0.188	0.185	0.148	0.184	0.182	0.182	0.172	0.002-0.102 0.07	0.157-0.168	0.139-0.181	0.148-0.163	0.092-0.179
<i>C. gudei</i> S (3)	0.196	0.200	0.190	0.207	0.160	0.192	0.192	0.178	0.157	0.167	-	0.070-0.072	0.168	0.157-0.190
<i>C. humberti</i>	0.183	0.184	0.170	0.191	0.158	0.196	0.197	0.182	0.155	0.155	0.071	0.004 0.004	0.161-0.163	0.153-0.168
<i>C. odontophora</i> N (3)	0.207	0.194	0.217	0.210	0.156	0.168	0.177	0.170	0.166	0.155	0.168	0.162	-	0.166-0.170
<i>C. odontophora</i> E (1a-2)	0.192	0.196	0.220	0.208	0.167	0.190	0.186	0.184	0.180	0.147	0.179	0.162	0.168	0.011-0.181 0.124

Table 6. Indels in the aligned 16S region of *Corilla* (42 sequences, 462 bp) that define some of the clades discussed in the text. Shading indicates indels consisting of ≥ 2 base positions. Clades/groups follow **Fig. 2**. The letters N, S and E indicate north, south and east respectively.

	12	13	43	44	46	50	51	157	163	198	243	244	245	246	283	284	285	299	303	304	305	306	307	312	325	326	327	346	432
<i>C. adamsi</i> (1)	-	A	T	T	A	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	G	-	-	-	T	-
<i>C. adamsi</i> (2-4)	C/-	T	T	T	-	A	-	-	-	T	G/-	-	-	-	A	-	-	T	-	-	-	-	-	T	-	-	T	T	-
<i>C. beddomeae</i> (1a, 1b)	-	A	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	A	A	T	T	T	T	T	-	T	T	C	-
<i>C. beddomeae</i> (2a-5)	-	-	T	C/T	-	T	-	-	-	T	T	A	T	T	T	-	-	A	-	-	-	A/T	A/T	C/T/-	-	-	T	T	T
<i>C. carabinata</i> (1)	-	-	T	T	-	A	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	A	T	A	-	-	-	-	A	A	-	T	T	T	-
<i>C. carabinata</i> (2a-5b)	-	-	T	T	-	A	C	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	A	A	T	A	-	-	-	-	G	A	-	T	T	T	-
<i>C. colletti</i> (1-4)	-	-	T	T	-	A	T	-	-	-	T/-	-	T/-	A/-	A	A/G	T	A	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	C/T	T	C/T	-
<i>C. colletti</i> (5, 6)	-	-	T	T	-	G	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	A	T	A	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	T	T	C	-
<i>C. erronea-fryae</i>	-	-	T	T	-	A/T	C/T	-	T/-	-	-	-	-	-	A	A/T	-	A	-	-	-	-	A/G/T	A	-	T	T	T	-
<i>C. gudei</i> N (1, 2)	-	-	T	T	-	-	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	A/G	C	G	-	-	-	-	G	A	-	C	T	T	-
<i>C. gudei</i> S (3)	-	-	T	T	-	A	T	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	T	-	A	-	-	-	-	T	A	-	T	T	-	-
<i>C. humberti</i>	-	-	T	T	-	A	T	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	T	-	A	-	-	-	-	T	A	-	T	T	-	-
<i>C. odontophora</i> E (1a-2)	-	-	T	T	-	A	-	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	A	A	-	A	-	-	-	-	A	A	-	T	T	C	-
<i>C. odontophora</i> N (3)	-	-	T	T	-	G	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	G	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	A	T	T	T	C	-

Appendix A. Supplementary Material.

Table S1. Properties of the two concatenated datasets consisting of *Corilla* alone. The first dataset comprises 42 samples and the second 40 samples (i.e. excluding *C. colletti* 5 and 6). The original concatenated alignments (i.e. including indels) for these two datasets were respectively 1361 bp (with 31 indels in 16S and 1 indel in ND1) and 1360 bp (with 29 indels in 16S and 1 indel in ND1).

	42 <i>Corilla</i> samples	40 <i>Corilla</i> samples
Markers	CO1 + ND1 + 16S	CO1 + ND1 + 16S
Number of haplotypes	42 (38 + 39 + 40)	40 (36 + 37 + 38)
Total number of sites	1327 (459 + 437 + 431)	1328 (459 + 437 + 432)
Number of invariable sites	668 (261 + 162 + 245)	673 (261 + 165 + 247)
Number of variable sites	659 (198 + 275 + 186)	655 (198 + 272 + 185)

Table S2. Patterns of support for selected clades recovered in phylogenetic analyses of *Corilla* alone (all alignments gaps have been excluded). Analyses excluding the 3rd codon position of CO1 and ND1 are presented for comparison. Clades follow **Fig. 2**. For properties of the mtDNA datasets including all codon positions of CO1 and ND1 see **Table S1**. The datasets excluding the 3rd codon position of CO1 and ND1 have the following composition: dataset of 42 *Corilla* samples, CO1 = 306 bp, ND1 = 291 bp, 16S = 431 bp; dataset of 40 *Corilla* samples, CO1 = 306 bp, ND1 = 291 bp, 16S = 432 bp. Support values are given as posterior probabilities for Bayesian analyses and as bootstrap percentages for ML. Maximal support (Bayesian = 1, ML = 100%) is indicated by an asterisk and ‘na’ indicates that values were not available because the relevant samples were excluded from the analysis. Trees were rooted on *C. beddomeae* so this taxon is not considered here.

Dataset	C01 (all codon positions), ND1 (all codon positions), 16S				C01 (codon positions 1+2), ND1 (codon positions 1+2), 16S			
	42 <i>Corilla</i> samples		40 <i>Corilla</i> samples		42 <i>Corilla</i> samples		40 <i>Corilla</i> samples	
Constituent samples								
Method	1. Bayesian	2. ML	3. Bayesian	4. ML	5. Bayesian	6. ML	7. Bayesian	8. ML
Clade								
A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
B	*	98	*	98	*	91	*	93
<i>C. adamsi</i>	*	99	*	*	*	98	*	*
<i>C. erronea-fryae</i>	*	98	*	96	*	88	*	88
<i>C. humberti</i> + <i>C. gudei</i> South	*	99	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>C. humberti</i>	*	97	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>C. carabinata</i> + <i>C. gudei</i> North	*	94	*	94	0.94	76	0.96	78
<i>C. carabinata</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>C. gudei</i> North	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>C. colletti</i>	*	99	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>C. odontophora</i> East	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>C. adamsi</i> (2-4)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>C. carabinata</i> (2a-5b)	0.97	84	0.96	87	0.99	94	0.99	76
<i>C. colletti</i> (1-4)	*	96	*	*	0.99	87	*	*
<i>C. colletti</i> (5, 6)	*	*	na	na	*	*	na	na
<i>C. odontophora</i> (1a, 1b)	*	*	*	*	*	90	*	83

Appendix A. Supplementary Material

Table S3. *P*-distances between 42 Corilla sequences based on CO1 (459 bp). Shading indicates distances among members of the same clade and/or nominal species.

	<i>C. adamsi</i> 1	<i>C. adamsi</i> 2	<i>C. adamsi</i> 3	<i>C. adamsi</i> 4	<i>C. beddomeae</i> 1a	<i>C. beddomeae</i> 1b	<i>C. beddomeae</i> 2a	<i>C. beddomeae</i> 2b	<i>C. beddomeae</i> 5	<i>C. beddomeae</i> 4a	<i>C. beddomeae</i> 4b	<i>C. beddomeae</i> 3	<i>C. gudei</i> 1	<i>C. gudei</i> 2	<i>C. carabinata</i> 1	<i>C. carabinata</i> 2a	<i>C. carabinata</i> 2b	<i>C. carabinata</i> 3	<i>C. carabinata</i> 4	<i>C. carabinata</i> 5a	<i>C. carabinata</i> 5b	<i>C. colletti</i> 3	<i>C. colletti</i> 1	<i>C. colletti</i> 4	<i>C. colletti</i> 2	<i>C. colletti</i> 6	<i>C. colletti</i> 5	<i>C. erronea</i> 1	<i>C. erronea</i> 2	<i>C. fryae</i> 1a	<i>C. fryae</i> 1b	<i>C. erronea</i> 5	<i>C. erronea</i> 4	<i>C. erronea</i> 3	<i>C. fryae</i> 3	<i>C. gudei</i> 3	<i>C. humberti</i> 1	<i>C. humberti</i> 2	<i>C. odontophora</i> 2	<i>C. odontophora</i> 1	<i>C. odontophora</i> 1	<i>C. odontophora</i> 3									
<i>C. adamsi</i> 1																																																			
<i>C. adamsi</i> 2	0.150																																																		
<i>C. adamsi</i> 3	0.179	0.124																																																	
<i>C. adamsi</i> 4	0.172	0.126	0.022																																																
<i>C. beddomeae</i> 1a	0.179	0.203	0.207	0.200																																															
<i>C. beddomeae</i> 1b	0.179	0.200	0.207	0.200	0.004																																														
<i>C. beddomeae</i> 2a	0.194	0.211	0.216	0.218	0.150	0.150																																													
<i>C. beddomeae</i> 2b	0.192	0.214	0.214	0.216	0.146	0.146	0.009																																												
<i>C. beddomeae</i> 5	0.192	0.203	0.209	0.216	0.135	0.133	0.044	0.046																																											
<i>C. beddomeae</i> 4a	0.176	0.200	0.203	0.205	0.129	0.131	0.046	0.048	0.039																																										
<i>C. beddomeae</i> 4b	0.176	0.200	0.203	0.205	0.129	0.131	0.046	0.048	0.039	0.000																																									
<i>C. beddomeae</i> 3	0.183	0.196	0.209	0.211	0.126	0.129	0.050	0.052	0.022	0.044	0.044																																								
<i>C. gudei</i> 1	0.181	0.176	0.190	0.185	0.187	0.185	0.214	0.209	0.203	0.203	0.203	0.207																																							
<i>C. gudei</i> 2	0.172	0.176	0.185	0.181	0.179	0.176	0.203	0.198	0.192	0.192	0.192	0.198	0.015																																						
<i>C. carabinata</i> 1	0.224	0.205	0.190	0.185	0.222	0.220	0.233	0.229	0.227	0.218	0.218	0.227	0.161	0.163																																					
<i>C. carabinata</i> 2a	0.220	0.207	0.192	0.196	0.218	0.216	0.231	0.240	0.231	0.218	0.218	0.231	0.166	0.168	0.037																																				
<i>C. carabinata</i> 2b	0.220	0.207	0.192	0.196	0.218	0.216	0.231	0.240	0.231	0.218	0.218	0.231	0.166	0.168	0.037	0.000																																			
<i>C. carabinata</i> 3	0.218	0.209	0.194	0.198	0.218	0.216	0.235	0.240	0.235	0.222	0.222	0.235	0.168	0.170	0.037	0.004	0.004																																		
<i>C. carabinata</i> 4	0.218	0.209	0.194	0.198	0.218	0.216	0.235	0.240	0.235	0.222	0.222	0.235	0.168	0.170	0.037	0.004	0.004	0.000																																	
<i>C. carabinata</i> 5a	0.218	0.214	0.194	0.198	0.220	0.218	0.233	0.237	0.233	0.220	0.220	0.233	0.168	0.170	0.041	0.009	0.009	0.004	0.004																																
<i>C. carabinata</i> 5b	0.218	0.214	0.194	0.198	0.220	0.218	0.233	0.237	0.233	0.220	0.220	0.233	0.168	0.170	0.041	0.009	0.009	0.004	0.004	0.000																															
<i>C. colletti</i> 3	0.200	0.185	0.198	0.200	0.214	0.214	0.209	0.207	0.220	0.211	0.211	0.209	0.179	0.176	0.190	0.194	0.194	0.196	0.196	0.196	0.196																														
<i>C. colletti</i> 1	0.200	0.187	0.190	0.200	0.198	0.198	0.196	0.194	0.185	0.183	0.183	0.179	0.163	0.163	0.190	0.185	0.185	0.187	0.187	0.183	0.183	0.089																													
<i>C. colletti</i> 4	0.214	0.194	0.203	0.209	0.218	0.216	0.209	0.207	0.211	0.207	0.207	0.203	0.185	0.183	0.192	0.192	0.192	0.194	0.194	0.194	0.194	0.057	0.089																												
<i>C. colletti</i> 2	0.203	0.190	0.192	0.203	0.200	0.200	0.198	0.196	0.187	0.185	0.185	0.181	0.166	0.166	0.187	0.183	0.183	0.185	0.185	0.181	0.181	0.087	0.002	0.087																											
<i>C. colletti</i> 6	0.216	0.214	0.216	0.218	0.229	0.227	0.227	0.224	0.216	0.220	0.220	0.205	0.170	0.179	0.196	0.203	0.203	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.131	0.124	0.124	0.122																										
<i>C. colletti</i> 5	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.209	0.224	0.222	0.218	0.216	0.211	0.211	0.211	0.200	0.168	0.168	0.192	0.200	0.200	0.203	0.203	0.198	0.198	0.126	0.120	0.111	0.118	0.017																									
<i>C. erronea</i> 1	0.181	0.209	0.190	0.190	0.187	0.185	0.192	0.185	0.174	0.179	0.179	0.181	0.144	0.139	0.176	0.181	0.181	0.183	0.183	0.183	0.183	0.176	0.155	0.172	0.157	0.183	0.176																								
<i>C. erronea</i> 2	0.179	0.207	0.187	0.187	0.179	0.179	0.190	0.183	0.174	0.176	0.176	0.179	0.142	0.137	0.179	0.174	0.174	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.155	0.176	0.157	0.187	0.181	0.011																							
<i>C. fryae</i> 1a	0.179	0.207	0.196	0.196	0.181	0.179	0.187	0.181	0.174	0.179	0.179	0.181	0.146	0.142	0.179	0.174	0.174	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.185	0.159	0.181	0.161	0.192	0.185	0.015	0.009																						
<i>C. fryae</i> 1b	0.176	0.205	0.194	0.194	0.179	0.176	0.185	0.179	0.172	0.176	0.176	0.179	0.144	0.139	0.176	0.172	0.172	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.183	0.157	0.179	0.159	0.190	0.183	0.013	0.007	0.002																					
<i>C. erronea</i> 5	0.183	0.205	0.194	0.196	0.194	0.192	0.196	0.198	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.194	0.155	0.153	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.174	0.174	0.179	0.176	0.183	0.172	0.081	0.078	0.078	0.081																				
<i>C. erronea</i> 4	0.190	0.203	0.209	0.214	0.207	0.205	0.190	0.192	0.181	0.181	0.181	0.187	0.155	0.148	0.203	0.194	0.194	0.192	0.192	0.192	0.192	0.192	0.170	0.183	0.168	0.185	0.174	0.102	0.096	0.100	0.098	0.098																			
<i>C. erronea</i> 3	0.172	0.211	0.196	0.200	0.198	0.196	0.209	0.207	0.194	0.198	0.198	0.192	0.155	0.150	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.187	0.187	0.187	0.187	0.187	0.168	0.185	0.170	0.183	0.172	0.085	0.083	0.087	0.085	0.085	0.102	0.037																	
<i>C. fryae</i> 3	0.176	0.209	0.205	0.209	0.183	0.181	0.196	0.194	0.181	0.181	0.181	0.183	0.159	0.155	0.196	0.196	0.196	0.198	0.198	0.194	0.194	0.192	0.166	0.163	0.194	0.179	0.083	0.081	0.085	0.083	0.089	0.102	0.037																		
<i>C. gudei</i> 3	0.196	0.187	0.207	0.207	0.190	0.190	0.216	0.216	0.203	0.205	0.205	0.196	0.157	0.163																																					