

Speciation

- <u>Defined</u>: evolution of new species from an existing species
- Species: group of organisms that can interbreed and produce fertile offspring
- 5 factors that lead to evolution
 - Natural Selection
 - <mark>Gene</mark> flow
 - Mutations
 - Sexual selection
 - Genetic drift



Gene Flow (Migration)

- Defined: Movement of alleles from 1 population to another
 - Increases variations in a population
 - Keeps differing populations similar
- If gene flow is prevented
 - No variations (alleles)
 exchanged
 - Populations are isolated
 - Organisms adapt to their own environment
 - Can lead to speciation



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- When populations can no longer mate or no longer reproduce fertile offspring
- Final step in the development of a new species
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Kaibab Squirrel (Grand Canyon)



California Salamanders: Evolution in Action



Although isolated, the flies continued to live and reproduce for many generations

When brought back together most separated during reproduction.

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If the mating calls do not attract each other, will they reproduce?

a Hyla versicolor

b H. chrysoscelis
Is gene flow stopped?

Birds of Paradise

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3) Temporal Isolation

 Organisms isolated by differing times of reproduction

If one group mates during the spring...

Is gene flow stopped?

And the other mates during the fall...

Genetic Drift

- **Defined**: Changes in allele frequencies due to chance
 - NOT natural selection
- Bottleneck effect
 - More likely in smaller populations
 - Results in a loss of genetic variation (alleles)
 - Example: Natural disaster
 - Pre-forest fire: Green is best adapted (blend better)
 - Post-forest fire: Brown more likely to reproduce
 - Survival UNRELATED to adaptations

Review

- What is speciation?
- What leads to speciation?
- What is gene flow?
- What happens if gene flow is prevented?
- How are temporal, behavioral, and geographic isolation different?
- How are temporal, behavioral, and geographic isolation similar?
- What are the 5 factors that lead to evolution?

Great moments in evolution