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Skeletal Biomineralization: Patterns, Processes and Evolutionary Trends

This book examines a broad range of topics covered in evolutionary biology courses. Part one sets the historical, physical, and chemical framework for the origin of life, and provides in-depth coverage of genome evolution, metabolic pathways, the genetic code, and cellular organization in primeval life. Part two concentrates on the genetic processes underlying the diversity of gene organization, function, and expression; adaptation and neutral evolution; gene frequency changes in populations; and tempo and modes of speciation. Part three emphasizes patterns and trends in evolution as deduced from morphological and molecular phylogenetic analyses and from geological and paleontological studies. The final two chapters describe major evolutionary concepts as seen in the emergence of the human family from its ancestral vertebrate beginnings to Homo sapiens. The text is enhanced by numerous tables and illustrations, many from the original research literature. Extensive references, reading lists, and summaries accompany each chapter, providing students with the opportunity to explore further the ongoing challenge of the evolutionary biology of past and present life on Earth.

Evolution, Brain, and Behavior

Abstract: The control of sex determination and gonadal differentiation, although extensively studied, is not well understood. The mechanisms leading to assignment and development of sex and sexual characteristics consist of levels of genetic signaling, frequently with multiple genes working in concert to influence the final outcome. In these studies, cloning methods were used to identify conserved cDNAs in the sex determination pathway from a species which has evolved over 250 million years, the little skate Leucoraja erinacea. As a primitive gnathostome, a broader understanding of the sex determination pathway in these animals may lead to improved understanding of the process in vertebrates, and yield an evolutionary link between the invertebrate and vertebrate phyla. Five genes involved in sex determination and gonadal differentiation in higher vertebrates were identified and characterized from the little skate. Homologs to vasa, a germ cell marker, gata6 an early gonadal development gene, and three sox genes (sox6, sox17, and sox30) that are involved in testis function were elucidated and patterns of expression determined. The vasa homolog was found in adult and embryonic gonads and embryonic yolk sac. Expression of vasa in the yolk sac decreased as germ cells moved into the gonads from the yolk sac, following which expression in embryonic gonads was seen. The gata6 homolog was found in most tissues, but the highest level of expression was in the gonads. The expression patterns of the sox genes were similar to expression patterns in other organisms, suggesting that at least some of the genes involved in sex differentiation were established early in vertebrate evolution. Homology modeling of conserved protein motifs showed conservation of putative protein structure, suggesting conservation of protein function. Homologs to the all five genes studied are reported in both invertebrate and vertebrate species, with conservation of structure and in many cases function, suggesting that key processes of sex differentiation are conserved throughout the animal kingdom. The use of these and other molecular markers of sex to classify embryos under different experimental conditions may lead to better understanding of the interaction of internal developmental regulators in this and other species.

General Technical Report PNW-GTR

This book explores ways in which systematic patterns are used to infer evolutionary processes. Among evolutionary biologists and systematists there is a constant interchange between those that study the process of evolution (e.g., mutation, selection, speciation) and those that study its patterns (e.g., variation, geographic distribution, ontogeny, phylogeny). Because patterns influence the development of theories, and processes yield patterns, it is not always easy to distinguish one from another. This book is dialectic and helps crystallize a continuing debate over the relationship of patterns to process theories. Contributions by leading systematists, evolutionary biologists, and philosophers illustrates the debate over how and if evolutionary processes can be inferred from systematic patterns illustrates a continuing interplay between systematics and evolutionary theory.
Biodiversity of Sensory Systems in Aquatic Vertebrates

Special Papers in Palaeontology, Patterns and Processes in Early Vertebrate Evolution

Process and Pattern in Evolution

Patterns and Processes in Early Vertebrate Evolution

Comparative Vertebrate Reproduction is the only comprehensive textbook covering major topics in the reproductive biology of vertebrates, from sexuality and gametogenesis to reproductive ecology and life history tactics. The work draws heavily on recent reviews and papers while placing topics in a historical context and conceptual framework. In addition, the author provides detailed comparative surveys of each of the major topics discussed. Comparative Vertebrate Reproduction has been written as a textbook for upper-level undergraduate and graduate-level students in biology, zoology, physiology, animal science, and veterinary medicine. The work also serves as an excellent reference for researchers in medical and veterinary schools working in reproductive medicine.

Prehistoric Life

Visual Processes in Vertebrates

Major Patterns in Vertebrate Evolution

A major synthesis of 25 years of intensive research about the montane ash forests of Victoria, which support the world’s tallest flowering plants and several of Australia’s most high profile threatened and/or endangered species.

Patterns and Processes of Vertebrate Evolution: by R.L. Carroll

Patterns and Processes of Vertebrate Evolution

Prehistoric life is the archive of evolution preserved in the fossil record. This book focuses on the meaning and significance of that archive and is designed for introductory college science students, including non-science majors, enrolled in survey courses emphasizing paleontology, geology and biology. From the origins of animals to the evolution of rap music, from ancient mass extinctions to the current biodiversity crisis, and from the Snowball Earth to present day climate change this book covers it, with an eye towards showing how past life on Earth puts the modern world into its proper context. The history of life and the patterns and processes of evolution are especially emphasized, as are the interconnections between our planet, its climate system, and its varied life forms. The book does not just describe the history of life, but uses actual examples from life’s history to illustrate important concepts and theories.

Taphonomy

Monitoring and Predicting Traffic Induced Vertebrate Mortality Near Wetlands

The purpose of this book, now in its third edition, is to introduce the morphology of vertebrates in a context that emphasizes a comparison of structure and of the function of structural units. The comparative method involves the analysis of the history of structure in both developmental and evolutionary frameworks. The nature of adaptation is the key to this analysis. Adaptation of a species to its environment, as revealed by its structure, function, and reproductive success, is the product of mutation and natural selection—the process of
evolution. The evolution of structure and function, then, is the theme of this book which presents, system by system, the evolution of structure and function of vertebrates. Each chapter presents the major evolutionary trends of an organ system, with instructions for laboratory exploration of these trends included so the student can integrate concept with example.

**Functional Morphology in Vertebrate Paleontology**

This volume presents the proceedings of the NATO Advanced Study Institute on “Advances in Vertebrate Neuroethology” held at the University of Kassel, Federal Republic of Germany in August 1981. During the last decade much progress has been made in understanding the neurophysiological bases of behavior in both vertebrates and invertebrates. The reason for this is that a number of new physiological, anatomical, and histochemical techniques have recently been developed for brain research which can now be combined with ethological methods for the analysis of animal behavior to form a new field of research known as “Neuroethology”. The term Neuroethology was originally introduced by S.L. Brown and R.W. Hunsperger (1963) in connection with studies on the activation of agonistic behaviors by electrical brain stimulation in cats. Neuroethology was more closely defined by G. Hoyle (1970) in the context of a review on cellular mechanisms underlying behavior of invertebrates. Since the 6th annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience held in Toronto in 1976, Neuroethology has become established as a session topic.

**Carrion Ecology and Management**

This book draws together a wide range of papers from researchers around the world that address the conservation and biodiversity of vertebrates, particularly those in terrestrial habitats. Collectively, the papers provide a snap-shot of the types of studies and actions being taken in vertebrate conservation and provide topical examples that will make the volume especially valuable for use in conservation biology courses.

**Programme and Abstracts, NAPC 2005**

**Ecological Communities**

In 1927, Hartwig Kuhlenbeck published a series of lectures on the central nervous system of vertebrates and gave neurobiology its standard reference for decades. The present work, now complete in 5 volumes, represents a monumental expansion of the early lectures.

**Northwest Forest Plan Research Synthesis**

Carrion, or dead animal matter, is an inherent component of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems worldwide, and is exploited by a wide diversity of organisms from different trophic levels, including microbes, arthropods and vertebrates. Further, carrion consumption by scavengers, i.e. scavenging, supports key ecosystem functions and services such as recycling nutrients and energy, disposing of carcasses and regulating disease spread. Yet, unlike dead plant matter, dead animal decomposition has received little attention in the fields of ecology, wildlife conservation and environmental management, and as a result the management of carrion for maintaining biodiversity and functional ecosystems has been limited. This book addresses the main ecological patterns and processes relating to the generation and consumption of carrion both in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. It also discusses a number of conservation concerns and associated management issues, particularly regarding the increasing role of human-mediated carrion in ecosystems. Lastly, the book outlines future research lines in carrion ecology and management, and identifies the major challenges for scavengers and scavenging processes in the Anthropocene.

**Population Genetics, Ecology and Evolution of a Vertebrate Metacommunity**

**PaleoBios**

This volume addresses major evolutionary changes that took place during the Mesozoic and the Cenozoic. These include discussions on major evolutionary radiations and ecological innovations on land and at sea, such as the Mesozoic marine revolution, the Mesozoic radiation of vertebrates, the Mesozoic lacustrine revolution, the Cenozoic radiation of mammals, the evolution of paleosol biotas, and the evolution of hominins. The roles of mass extinctions at the end of the Triassic and at the end of the Cretaceous are assessed. This volume set provides innovative reviews of the major evolutionary events in the history of life from an ichnologic perspective. Because the long temporal range of trace fossils has been commonly emphasized, biogenic structures have been traditionally overlooked in macroevolution. However, comparisons of ichnofaunas through geologic time do reveal the changing ecology of organism-substrate interactions. The use of trace fossils in evolutionary paleoecology represents a new trend that is opening a window for our understanding of major evolutionary
radiations and mass extinctions. Trace fossils provide crucial evidence for the recognition of spatial and temporal patterns and processes associated with paleoeological breakthroughs.

Vertebrate Taphonomy

Taphonomy studies the transition of organic matter from the biosphere into the geological record. It is particularly relevant to zooarchaeologists and paleobiologists, who analyse organic remains in the archaeological record in an attempt to reconstruct hominin subsistence patterns and paleoecological conditions. In this user-friendly, encyclopedic reference volume for students and professionals, R. Lee Lyman, a leading researcher in taphonomy, reviews the wide range of analytical techniques used to solve particular zooarchaeological problems, illustrating these in most cases with appropriate examples. He also covers the history of taphonomic research and its philosophical underpinnings. Logically organised and clearly written, the book is an important update on all previous publications on archaeological faunal remains.

Comparative Vertebrate Reproduction

We first discussed the possibility of organizing a symposium on helminth communities in June, 1986. At that time, we were engaged in writing a joint paper on potential structuring mechanisms in helminth communities; we disagreed on a number of issues. We felt the reason for such debate was because the discipline was in a great state of flux, with many new concepts and approaches being introduced with increasing frequency. After considerable discussion about the need, scope and the inevitable limitations of such a symposium, we decided that the time was ripe to bring other ecologists, engaged in similar research, face-to-face. There were many individuals from whom to choose; we selected those who were actively publishing on helminth communities or those who had expertise in areas which we felt were particularly appropriate. We compiled a list of potential participants, contacted them and received unanimous support to organize such a symposium. Our intent was to cover several broad areas, fully recognizing that breadth negates depth (at least with a publisher's limitation on the number of pages). We felt it important to consider patterns amongst different kinds of hosts because this is where we had disagreed among ourselves.

Advances in Archaeological Method and Theory

Trends in Vertebrate Morphology

Taphonomic bias is a pervasive feature of the fossil record. A pressing concern, however, is the extent to which taphonomic processes have varied through the ages. It is one thing to work with a biased data set and quite another to work with a bias that has changed with time. This book includes work from both new and established researchers who are using laboratory, field and data-base techniques to characterise and quantify the temporal and spatial variation in taphonomic bias. It may not provide all the answers but it will at least shed light on the right questions.

Dynamic Models of Biodiversity Pattern and Process

Advances in Archaeological Method and Theory, Volume 4 presents the progressive explorations in methods and theory in archeology. This book discusses the increasing application of surface collection in cultural resource management. Organized into eight chapters, this volume begins with an overview of the fundamental aspects of archeoastronomy and explains what kinds of testable hypotheses that archeoastronomy generates. This text then examines the general implications for the study of cultural complexity. Other chapters consider the use of surface artifacts by archeologists to locate sites, establish regional culture histories, and to know where to excavate within sites. This book discusses as well the interpretative interfaces between archeology on the one hand, and ethnology and ethnohistory on the other, that is based on a theoretical stance advocating a fundamental holistic approach to anthropology. The final chapter deals with understanding the ecology of ancient organisms. This book is a valuable resource for archeologists and anthropologists.

Patterns and Processes of Population Change in Selected Nearshore Vertebrate Predators : Restoration Project 03423 Final Report

This volume is the result of a NATO Advanced Study Institute held in England at Kingswood Hall of Residence, Royal Holloway College (London University), Surrey, during the last two weeks of July, 1976. The ASI was organized within the guide lines laid down by the Scientific Affairs Division of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. During the past two decades, significant advances have been made in our understanding of vertebrate evolution. The purpose of the Institute was to present the current status of our know ledge of vertebrate evolution above the species level. Since the subject matter was obviously too broad to be covered adequately in the limited time available, selected topics, problems, and areas which are applicable to vertebrate zoology as a whole were reviewed. The program was divided into three areas: (1) the theory and methodology of phylectic inference and approaches to the analysis of macroevolutionary trends as applied to vertebrates; (2) the application of these methodological principles and an alytical processes to different groups and structures, particularly in anatomy and paleontology; (3) the application of these re sults to classification. The basic principles considered in the first area were outlined in lectures covering the
problems of character analysis, functional morphology, karyological evidence, biochemical evidence, morphogenesis, and biogeography.

The Central Nervous System of Vertebrates

Population genetic structure is widespread in many organisms and can be found at small spatial scales. Fine-scale differentiation is the result of ecological and evolutionary processes working together to produce an overall pattern, but the relative importance of these factors in population differentiation is poorly understood. The goals of my research were to describe patterns of population genetic differentiation and to identify ecological and evolutionary factors important for population divergence. To this end, I investigated several aspects of genetic differentiation for three vertebrates in northern California. The focal species were the terrestrial garter snake (Thamnophis elegans) and the common garter snake (Thamnophis sirtalis) that occupy a series of ponds, lakes and flooded meadows in northern California. I found significant genetic differentiation and isolation by distance, as well as correlated patterns of pairwise divergence in both species. Independent estimates of effective population size and bi-directional migration rates also uncovered source-sink dynamics in both species that suggest frequent extinction-recolonization events within a metapopulation context. The generality of source-sink dynamics for an ecologically similar species within the same ecosystem was explored using a third species, B. boreas. I also identified ecological correlates of several population genetic parameters for all three species. Although F[subscript ST] were similar, B. boreas had larger effective population sizes, lower migration rates, lacked source-sink dynamics, and appeared to be in migration-drift equilibrium, indicative of a temporally stable population structure. A clustering analysis identified a series of block faults as a common barrier to dispersal for both garter snakes, and ecological correlates were found to be more similar among response variables than within species. I then compared degree of genetic differentiation at quantitative traits with that at neutral markers to infer strength of selection and adaptive divergence between two ecotypes of T. elegans. Selection on most traits was relatively weak, but strong diversifying selection was found for background coloration, total number of ventral scales and number of infralabials. Overall, my research documented ecological and evolutionary processes associated with population differentiation in a metacommunity and represents an important contribution toward the unification of ecology and evolutionary biology.

Bones and Cartilage

The Trace-Fossil Record of Major Evolutionary Events

This work is the first to focus systematically on a much-debated topic: the conceptual issues of community ecology, including the nature of evidence in ecology, the role of experiments, attempts to disprove hypotheses, and the value of negative evidence in the discipline. Originally published in 1984. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

Pattern and Process in Desert Ecosystems

Hyman's Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy

This new text provides an integrated view of the forces that influence the patterns and rates of vertebrate evolution from the level of living populations and species to those that resulted in the origin of the major vertebrate groups. The evolutionary roles of behavior, development, continental drift, and mass extinctions are compared with the importance of variation and natural selection that were emphasized by Darwin. It is extensively illustrated, showing major transitions between fish and amphibians, dinosaurs and birds, and land mammals to whales. No book since Simpson’s Major Features of Evolution has attempted such a broad study of the patterns and forces of evolutionary change. Undergraduate students taking a general or advanced course on evolution, and graduate students and professionals in evolutionary biology and paleontology will find the book of great interest.

Patterns and Processes of Population Change in Selected Nearshore Vertebrate Predators

Looks at how fossil vertebrates moved, fed and reproduced.

Interpreting the Hierarchy of Nature

This study estimated and compared sea otter populations over time between oiled and unoiled areas in Prince William Sound, collected age at death data from sea otter carcasses found on beaches in the western portion of the Sound, and measured and compared hydrocarbon levels in blood samples from sea otters in oiled and unoiled areas of the Sound.
Green sea urchin abundance and class size was looked at as a measure of sea otter recovery. Harlequin duck populations were tracked to determine the rate of recovery since the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and captive populations at the Alaska SeaLife Center were studied to determine behavioral and CYP1A responses to oil exposure.

**Forest Pattern and Ecological Process**

First published in 1976. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

**Parasite Communities: Patterns and Processes**

**Patterns and Processes of Vertebrate Evolution**

The factors that influenced the evolution of the vertebrates are compared with the importance of variation and selection that Darwin emphasised in this broad study of the patterns and forces of evolutionary change.

**Vertebrate Conservation and Biodiversity**

**Characterization in the Little Skate, Leucoraja Erinacea, of Conserved Sex Determination Genes**

**Advances in Vertebrate Neuroethology**

Bones and Cartilage provides the most in-depth review and synthesis assembled on the topic, across all vertebrates. It examines the function, development and evolution of bone and cartilage as tissues, organs and skeletal systems. It describes how bone and cartilage develop in embryos and are maintained in adults, how bone is repaired when we break a leg, or regenerates when a newt grows a new limb, or a lizard a new tail. The second edition of Bones and Cartilage includes the most recent knowledge of molecular, cellular, developmental and evolutionary processes, which are integrated to outline a unified discipline of developmental and evolutionary skeletal biology. Additionally, coverage includes how the molecular and cellular aspects of bones and cartilage differ in different skeletal systems and across species, along with the latest studies and hypotheses of relationships between skeletal cells and the most recent information on coupling between osteocytes and osteoclasts. All chapters have been revised and updated to include the latest research. Offers complete coverage of every aspect of bone and cartilage, with updated references and extensive illustrations. Integrates development and evolution of the skeleton, as well as a synthesis of differentiation, growth and patterning. Treats all levels from molecular to clinical, embryos to evolution, and covers all vertebrates as well as invertebrate cartilages. Includes new chapters on evolutionary skeletal biology that highlight normal variation and variability, and variation outside the norm (neomorphs, atavisms). Updates hypotheses on the origination of cartilage using new phylogenetic, cellular and genetic data. Covers stem cells in embryos and adults, including mesenchymal stem cells and their use in genetic engineering of cartilage, and the concept of the stem cell niche.

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