

The origin of species

Concept outline

Species are the basic units of evolution

- The nature species



Two phenomena

- The Distinctiveness of Sympatric species F22.2 (phenotypically different, sibling species)
- Geographic variation within species F22.3 (subspecies or varieties)
- (Allopatric)
- The biological species
- Problem with Applying Biological species

The biological species concept

- Gene pools
- Gene flow
- Biological species concept

Group of actually can interbreeding natural population which are reproductively isolated from other such groups

- Problems with applying the biological species concept

Species are groups of organisms that are distinct from other co-occurring species and that are interconnected geographically

The ability to exchange genes appears to be a hallmark of such species.

Species maintain the genetic distinctiveness through barriers to reproduction

- Prezygotic isolating mechanisms
- Prozygotic isolating mechanisms

Prezygotic isolating mechanisms

reproductive isolation
caused by physical barriers
like rivers or mountains



geographic isolation

K. Lynn Searles, 2004

Ecological Isolation



Behavioral Isolation



BEHAVIORAL ISOLATION

Example

Blue-footed boobies select their mates only after an elaborate courtship ritual.

Temporal isolation

Temporal Isolation

3. Temporal isolation - when two or more species reproduce at different times, ex : rainforest orchids.



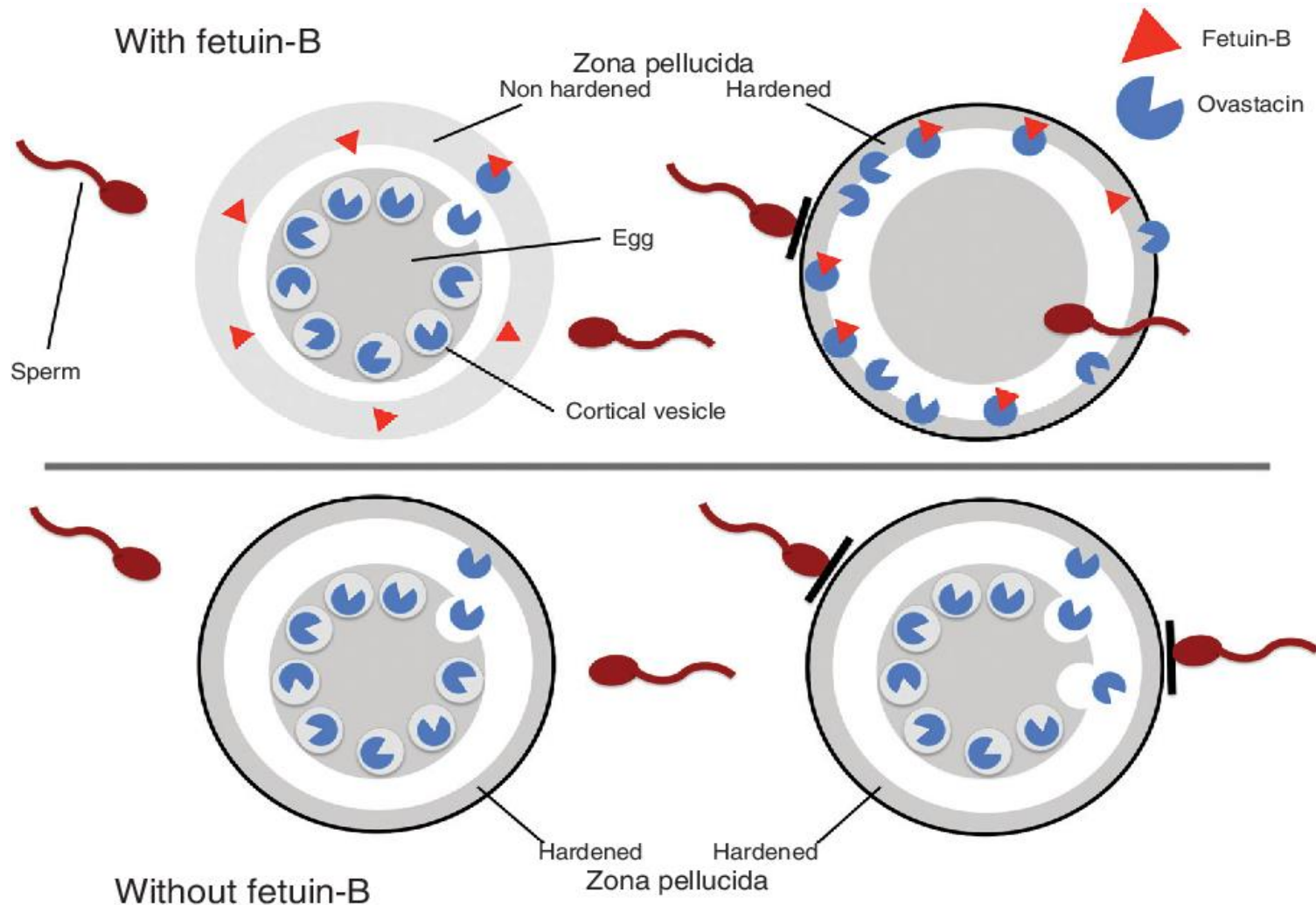
Mechanical Isolation

MECHANICAL ISOLATION

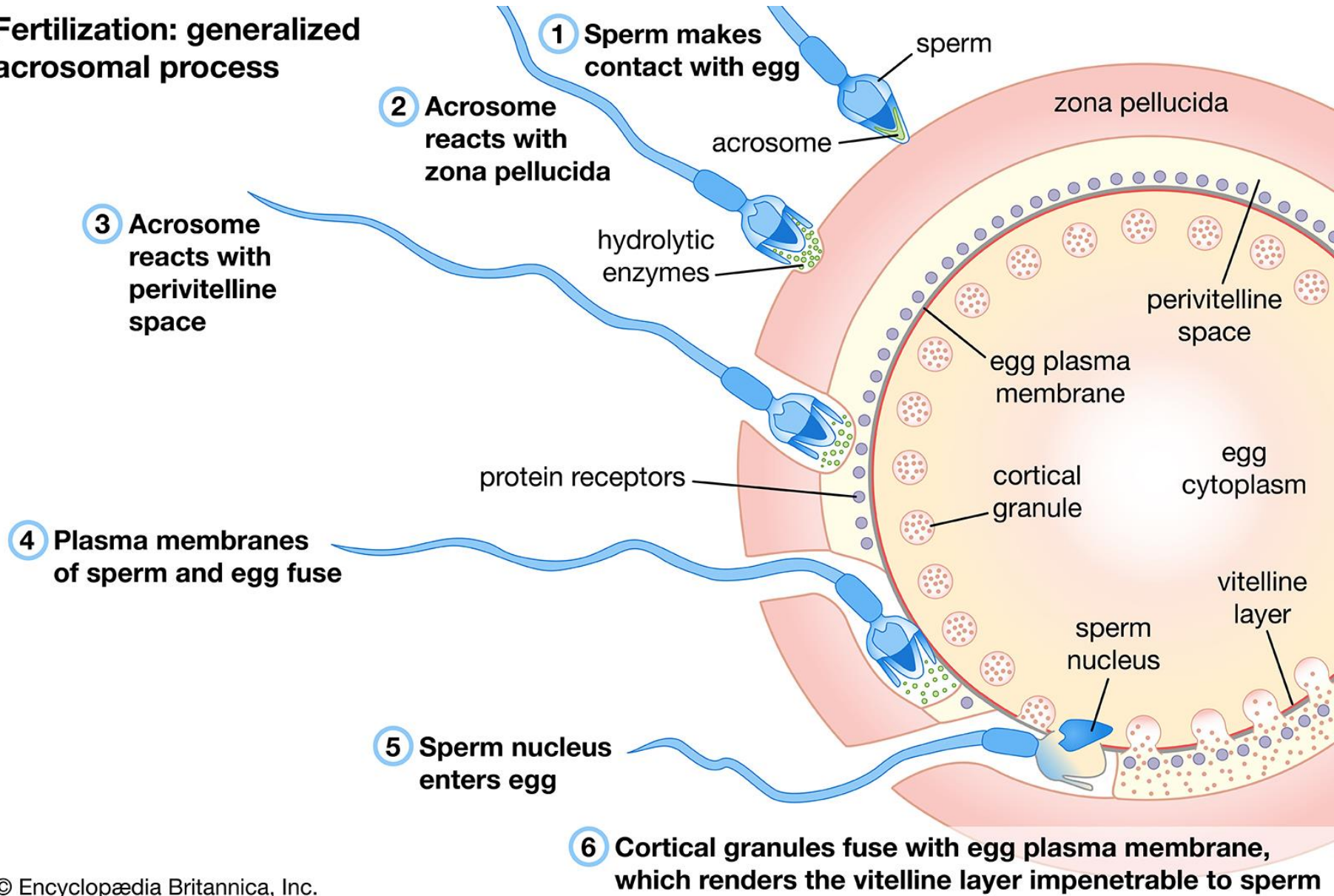
- Differences in morphological features may make two species incompatible
- **EXAMPLE:** The male and female genitalia of each species of damselflies are physically incompatible



Preventio of gameat fusion



Fertilization: generalized acrosomal process



Postzygotic Isolation mechanisms

Postzygotic Isolating Mechanisms

Hybrid Inviability –
Hybrids (offspring of
mixed species) die as
embryos or at an early
age.



Hybrid Sterility –
Hybrids develop into
adults but cannot
reproduce.



Reproductive Isolating Mechanisms

(1)



Prezygotic isolating mechanisms

Geographic isolation
Species occur in different places

Ecological isolation
Species utilize different resources in the habitat

Behavioral isolation
Species have different mating rituals

Temporal isolation
Mating or flowering occur during different seasons or at different times of the day

Mating

Mechanical isolation
Structural differences prevent mating or pollen transfer

Prevention of gamete fusion
Gametes fail to attract each other or function poorly

Reproductive Isolating Mechanisms (2)

Postzygotic isolating mechanisms

Fertilization

Hybrid embryos do not develop properly

Hybrid adults do not survive in nature

Hybrid adults are sterile or have reduced fertility

Fertile hybrid offspring



We have learned a great deal about how species form.

- Reproductive Isolation may evolve as By-product of Evolutionary change F 22-7

Selection may reinforce Isolating mechanisms

- The role of natural selection in speciation
- Random changes may cause Reproductive isolation
- Adaptation and Speciation

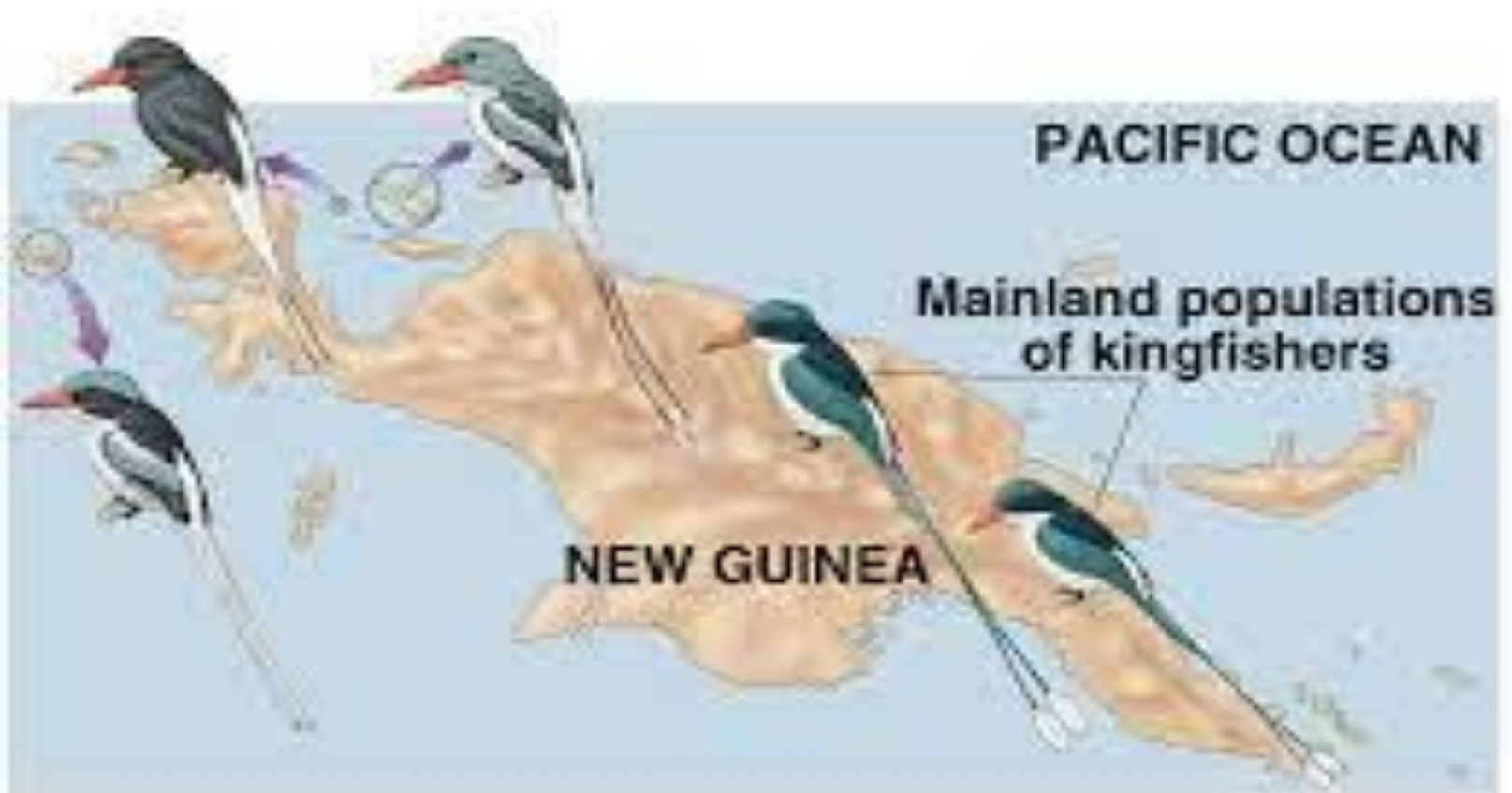
Adaptation and Speciation





The Geography of Speciation

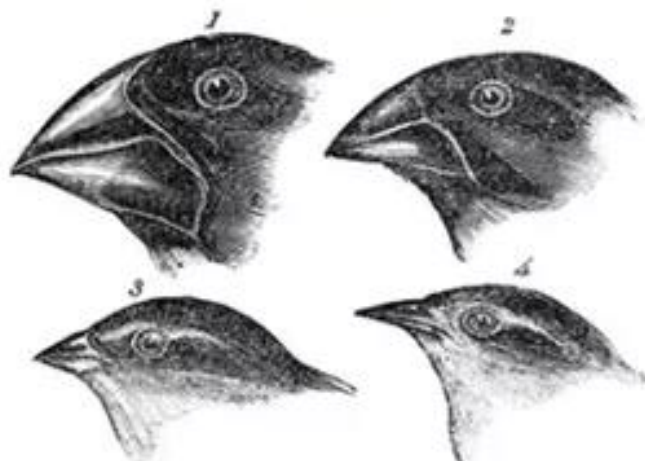
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Allopatric Divergence is the primary means of speciation

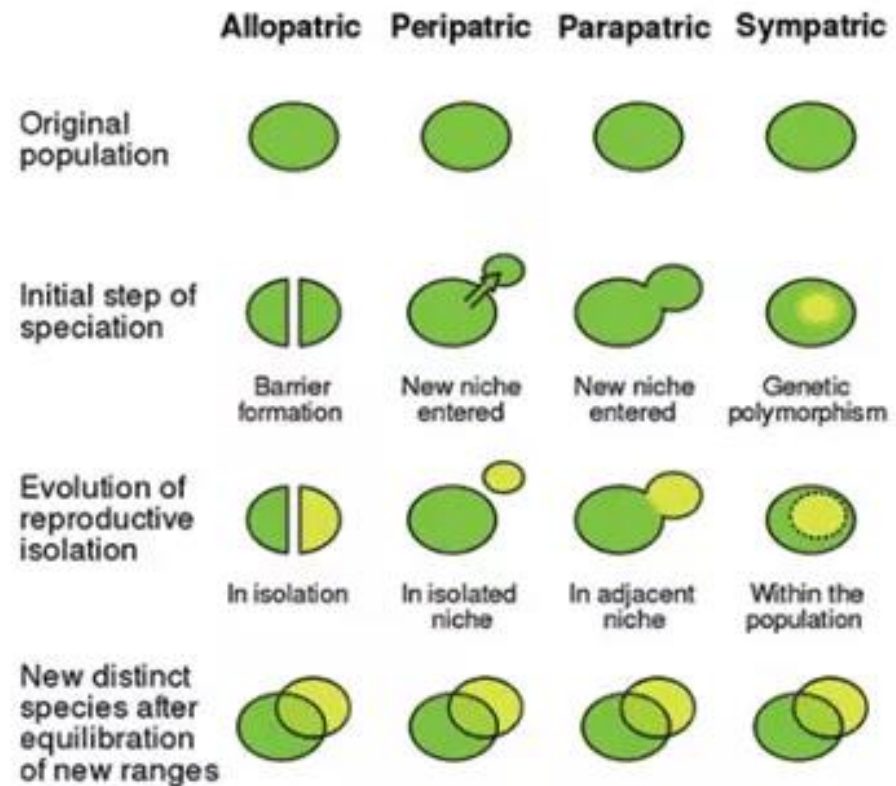
Speciation

definition, causes, process, types, examples



1. *Geospiza magisteria*,
2. *Geospiza parvula*.

3. *Geospiza fortis*,
4. *Certhidea olivacea*.



Whether speciation can occur in sympatry is controversial

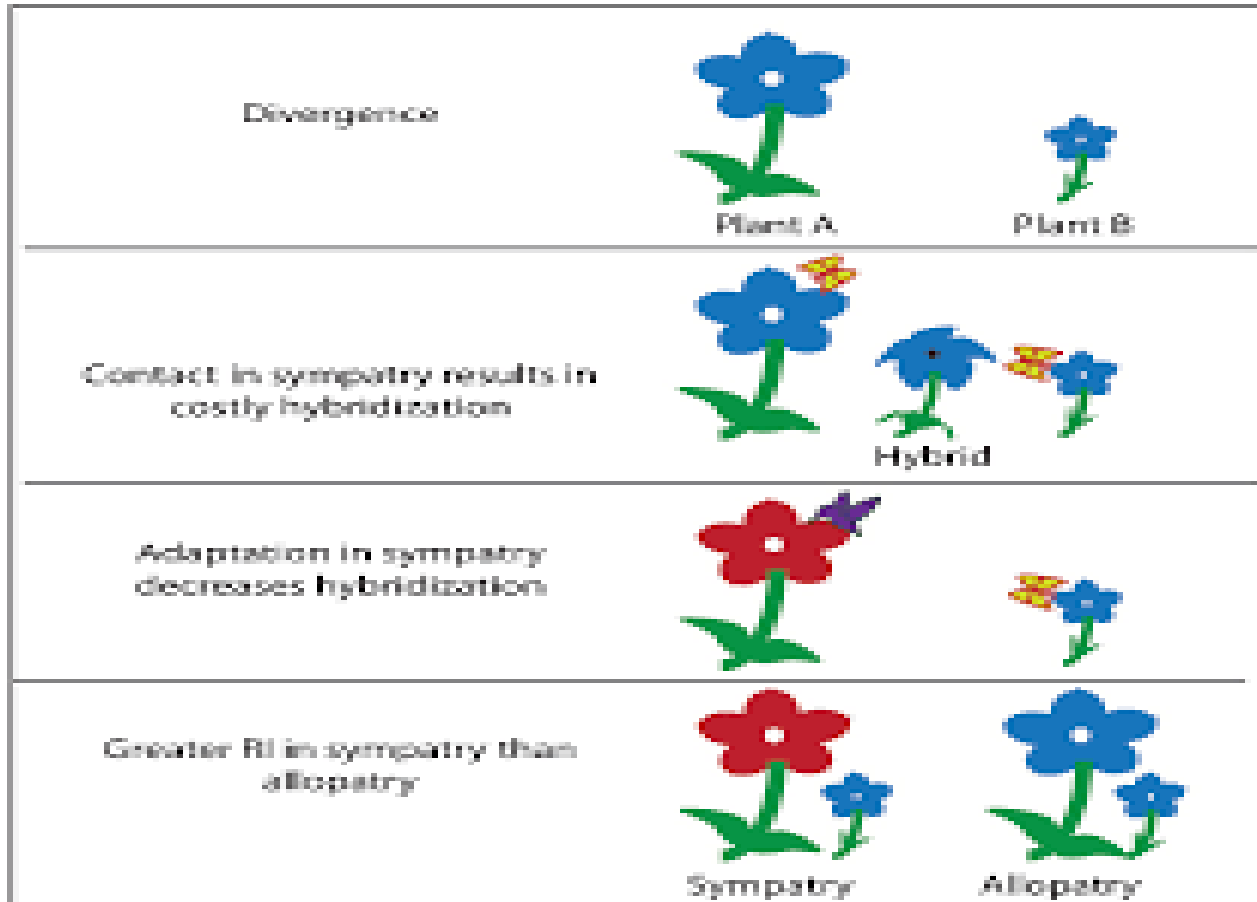


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Genetic changes underlying speciation



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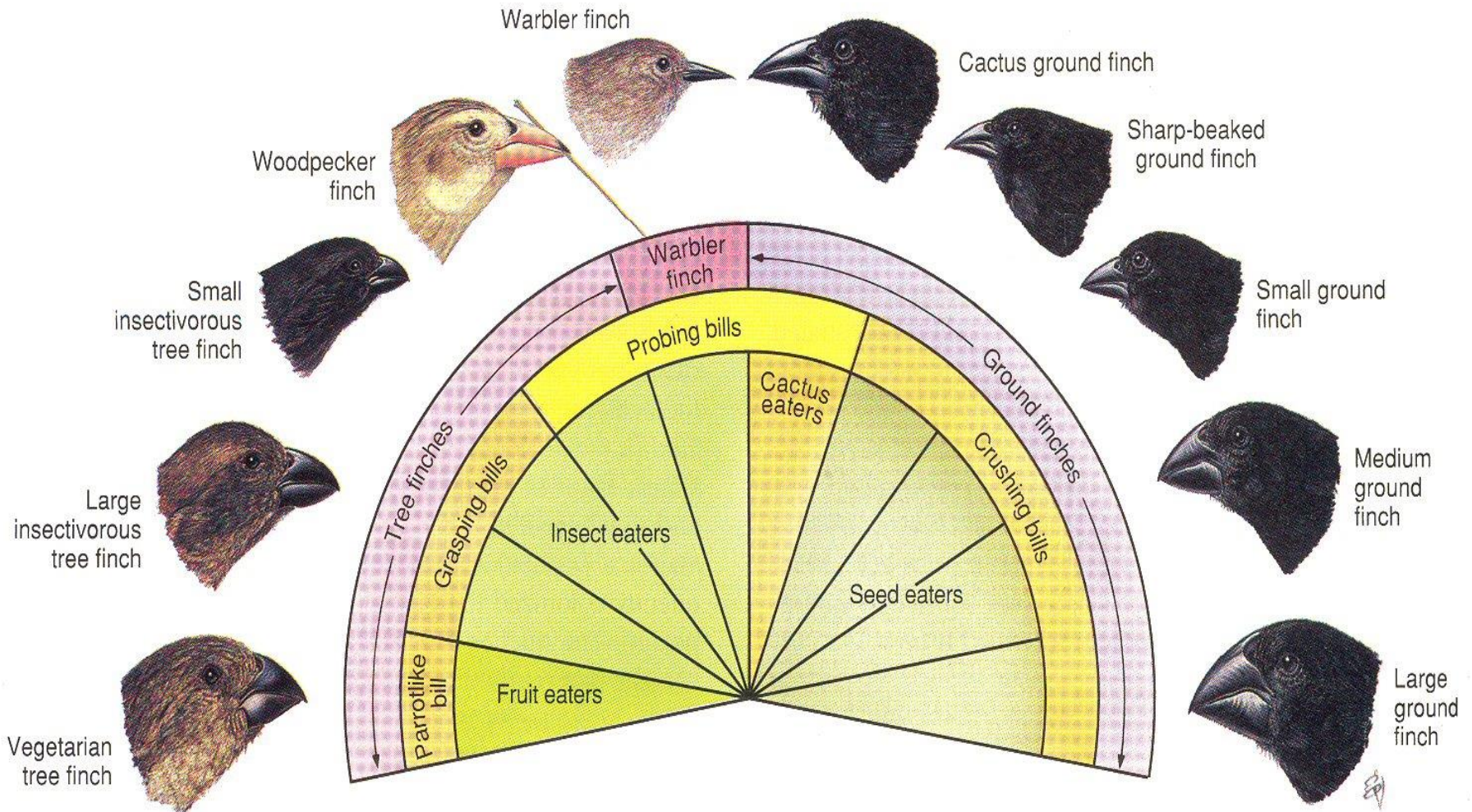
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Do the dark rabbits turn white? No! They get eaten.
(survival of the fittest)

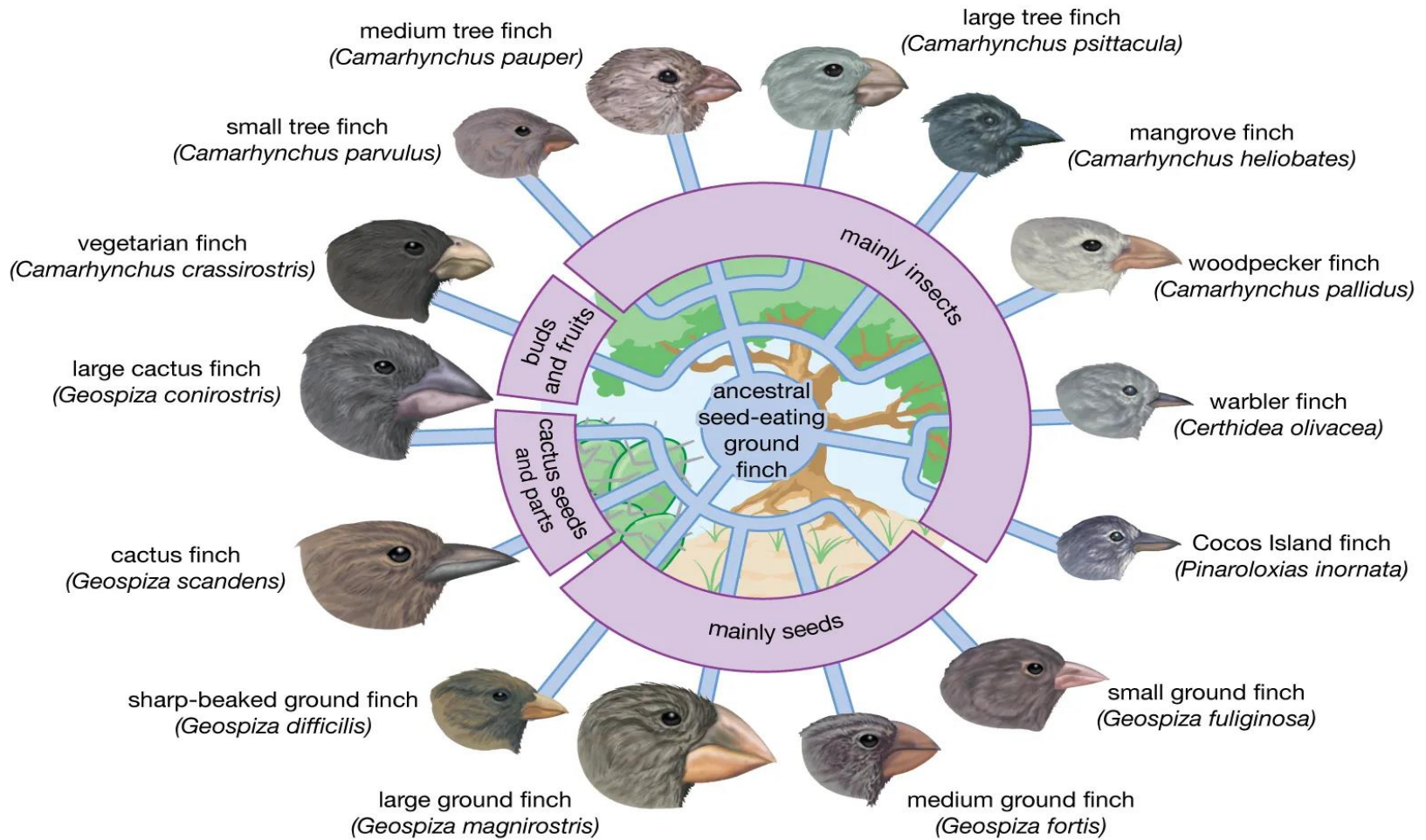
Clusters of species reflect rapid evolution

- Darwin's Finches



Clusters of species reflect rapide of evolution

Adaptive radiation in Galapagos finches



The Pace of Evolution

PACE OF EVOLUTION

