The temporal separation of gender in flowering plants: An evolutionary analysis

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Inbreeding avoidance





Dichogamy



Protandry

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Protogyny

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Evaluating inbreeding avoidance

- Survey by Bertin 1993
 - 73% 160 SI species
 - 75% 673 SC species
 - 34% protogynous
- Seen as evidence against inbreeding avoidance

Interference avoidance





Interference avoidance









Functional Analysis: Ultimate



Functional significance

- Interference avoidance predicts:
 - I. Protandry reduces interference
 - 2. Interference increases with inflorescence size
 - 3. Protandry enhances pollen export in large inflorescences
- Enhancement of male reproductive success provides selective advantage of protandry

Chamerion angustifolium

- 10-15 open flowers
- protandrous
- male phase ~2 days
- 45% ovules selfed
- $\delta = 0.945$



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• Array of 16 plants with 2, 6, or 10 flowers/plant









Female outcrossing rate

Treatment	t
Dichogamy	
protandrous	1.14 ± 0.40
adichogamous	0.92 ± 0.13
Inflorescence size	
two-flowered	0.84 ± 0.39
six-flowered	1.99 ± 0.07
10-flowered	0.90 ± 0.25
Position	
top	0.84 ± 0.13
bottom	0.95 ± 0.10



Functional Analysis: Proximate





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Pollen dynamics



- Hermaphrodite
- Female
- Male







Experimental design







P<0.01 P<0.05





P>0.85 P>0.20



Genetic analysis



Evolution of malephase duration

- Influences of pollinator visitation & pollen removal
- Strong influence on male reproductive success
- Response to selection:
 - Heritability
 - Character correlations
 - Trade-offs







Genetic architecture

Male duration	Female duration	Floral width	Floral separation	Display length	Display size
0.23±0.04	-0.17±0.14	-0.13±0.12	0.49±0.22	0.68±0.12	0.22±0.32
	0.17±0.04	0.04±0.11	-0.26±0.22	-0.18±0.15	0.38±0.29
		0.19±0.04	0.26±0.21	0.47±0.16	-0.13±0.10
			0.07±0.03	0.89±0.13	0.68±0.24
				0.18±0.04	0.46±0.23
					0.39±0.18

Artificial selection



Response to selection

Male-phase duration	30 - 25 -	a	ab			
	20 -	Short	Control	Long		
			Selection line			
				Source	F ratio	Р
				Generation	22.39	<0.0001
				Cross	10.35	<0.0001
				Replicate	0.70	>0.40

Response to selection



Correlated characters

Source	F ratio	df	Ρ
Floral width	0.71	2, 45	>0.45
Floral separation	0.02	2, 45	>0.95
Inflorescence length	0.73	2, 44	>0.45
Display size	1.31	2,51	>0.25

Character evolution



Phylogenetic analysis



Considering phylogeny, are dichogamy and self-incompatibility correlated?

- Protogyny reduces inbreeding
 - ✦ associated with SC
- Protandry reduces interference

Associated with SI

Phylogenetic methods

- Expanded Bertin's database:
 - 5,641 species244 families
- Protandry index
- SI index
- Soltis et al. 2000 phylogeny



Correlated evolution





- Protandry
- o Protogyny





к = 0.20



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