### (Darwin as edited by Suzy)

"Sexual selection depends on the success of certain individuals over others of the same sex, in the arena of competition for reproduction; while natural selection depends on the success of individuals of either sex, at all ages, in all arenas of competition for general conditions of life. "

Sexual selection is a special case or a subset of Natural Selection







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Polygynandry -

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Promiscuous -

Monogamous -

Bateman's Gradient













some of the mutations inhibited mating

some of the mutation combinations were lethal

he should only have counted DfDm (not and WildType)

He assigned more fathers than mothers which is impossible

He had small sample size

He counted each fly as a "sample" not vial, thus inflated sample size (pseudoreplication) only two of his 9(?) experiments showed the trend

there were some issues with his stats

He (or we) interpreted results as behavior without observing behavior



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- Strong variation in male mating success
- Males vary in body size, body mass and age



 Males compete for positions in the dominance hierarchies in prerut

(McElligotetal. 2001, Behav. Ecol Sociobiol)















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### Male mating success related to body size and not body mass

 Body mass related to prerut dominance which was related to mating success

Rut dominance most strongly related to mating success

Mating success



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tails, see Tables 2, 3 and 4





### Ecological factors influence the strength of sexual selection

Environment-Dependent Sexual Selection: Bateman's Parameters under Varying Levels of Food Availability Tim Janicke, Patrice David, and Elodie Chapuis The American Naturalist 2015 185:6, 756-768





#### Chacma Baboon

### Additional factors influence mating/reproductive behavior

Context dependence of female reproductive competition in wild chacma baboons Alice Baniel; Guy Cowlishaw; Elise Huchard Animal behaviour. , 2018, Vol.139, p.37-49







Berglund (1991) Evolution 45:770-774.





### Is isogamy enough to drive all of this? Is sexual selection always stronger in males?





In pipefish, males incubate the young. Both sexes show a non-zero slope but females are steeper than males. (Jones et al. Proc. R. Soc. Lond. B (2000) 267, 6770)

# When Sex Selection is "reversed" sex-roles will be "reversed"

- 1) Stronger female-female intrasexual competition and aggression.
- 2) More critical choice of mates by males
- 3) Higher variance in female mating success
- 4) More pronounced female secondary sexual traits

### The Strength of Sexual Selection Affects Sex-role Behaviors

Conve	entional
Investment in gamete	F>M
Mate choice	F>M
Controlled fertilization	F>M
Offspring investment	F>M
ansfer of resources during copulation	M>F
Competition for mate	M>F
Courtship effort	M>F
Sexual Coercion	M>F
Infanticide	M>F
Post-copulatory competition	M>F
Post-copulatory choice	F>M

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Bushcricket

Ritchie, Sunter, and Hockham High low 20 Total # of rejections 10-0 s s Male Female female Male Season

Ecological factors influence the relative strength of sexual selection



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### **Required Reciprocity**



FAIR TRADE: *Chelidonura hirundinina* sea slugs perform several simultaneous sperm exchanges. Everybody wants to be male, and nobody wants to be female



DUELING FLATWORMS: *Pseudobiceros bedfordi*, each attempt to play the male role in a one sided sperm exchange. (white paired penises)

## Sexual Conflict



- There can be mutual benefits to a male and female who mate.
- This is more likely in monogamy with biparental care.
- In many mating systems it is in the Darwinian Fitness interest of males to mate often, but mating often for females is not advantageous and can be harmful.
- Thus there is a *conflict of interests* between the sexes.

### Sexual Conflict in Drosophila





• Female survivorship decreases with number of "matings" .

• Male's produce toxin aimed at competing sperm from other males, female mortality is an incidental consequence as far as the males are concerned, it does not decrease his reproductive success in the future.



Under what situations would you expect there to be a genetic basis for the choice made by females?















### **Direct Benefits**



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### Based on signal "indices" a female can identify males with good genes



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### Based on "handicap signals" a female can identify males with good genes



### **Bower Fish**

#### M. R. KIDD, C. E. KIDD and T. D. KOCHER



### Successful Spawners had lower parasite load





### Zahavi's handicap theory



# **Beauty Kills**







(rev. in, Zuk & Kolluru, 1998. Exploitation of sexual signals by predators and parasites. *Quart Rev Biol*)







### Genetic evidence for Runaway Selection





### Culturally based preference







#### Females learn from mothers



Verzijden et al (2008) Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology

