What Is a Species?

(a) Endangered species



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(b) Not endangered



"Hybrid vigor": Liger



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Hybrid Inviability or Infertility



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Table 18.1

Reproductive Isolating Mechanisms

Extrinsic isolating mechanism



Intrinsic isolating mechanisms



Geographic isolation

Individuals of two populations cannot interbreed if they live in different places (the first step in allopatric speciation).

Ecological isolation

Even if they live in the same place, they can't mate if they don't come in contact with one another.

Temporal isolation

Even if they come in contact, they can't mate if they breed at different times.

Behavioral isolation

Even if they breed at the same time, they will not mate if they are not attracted to one another.



Mechanical isolation

Even if they attract one another, they cannot mate if they are not physically compatible.



embryo will not form if the egg and sperm do not fuse properly.

Gametic isolation



Hybrid inviability or infertility

Even if fertilization occurs successfully, the offspring may not survive, or if it survives, may not reproduce (e.g., mule).

Even if they are physically compatible, an

Behavioral Isolation: "Spider mating dance" "Peacock spider" <u>Peacock spider mating behavior</u> <u>Video with sound</u> <u>Greater sage grouse</u> Bowerbird



From beetles

From flies (Drosophila)

Adaptive Radiation

(a) Drosophila plantibia



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(b) Drosophila cyrtoloma



Speedy Speciation

(a) Amphilophus citrinellus



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(b) Amphilophus zaliosus









Smilodon (mammal) vs. *Thylacosmilus* (marsupial) Example of convergent evolution





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A Simple Cladogram



Classical Taxonomy and Cladistics



(b) Cladistic view of relationships among tetrapods



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