1   **Limited population structure but signals of recent selection in introduced African Fig**
2   **Fly** *(Zaprionus indianus)* **in North America**
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12   **Running title**
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14   Genomics of invasive *Zaprionus indianus*
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16   **Abstract**
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Invasive species have devastating consequences for human health, food security, and the
environment. Many invasive species adapt to new ecological niches following invasion, but
little is known about the early steps of adaptation. Here we examine population genomics of a
recently introduced drosophilid in North America, the African Fig Fly, *Zaprionus indianus*. This
species is likely intolerant of subfreezing temperatures and recolonizes temperate
environments yearly. We generated a new chromosome-level genome assembly for *Z.*
indianus. Using resequencing of over 200 North American individuals collected over four years
in temperate Virginia, plus a single collection from subtropical Florida, we tested for signatures
of population structure and adaptation within invasive populations. We show founding
populations are sometimes small and contain close genetic relatives, yet temporal population
structure and differentiation of populations is mostly absent across North America. However,
we identify two haplotypes that are differentiated between African and invasive populations
and show signatures of selective sweeps. Both haplotypes contain genes in the cytochrome
P450 pathway, indicating these sweeps may be related to pesticide resistance. X chromosome
evolution in invasive populations is strikingly different from the autosomes, and a haplotype on
the X chromosome that is highly differentiated between Virginia and Florida populations is a
candidate for temperate adaptation. These results show that despite limited population
structure, populations may rapidly evolve genetic differences early in an invasion. Further
uncovering how these genomic regions influence invasive potential and success in new
environments will advance our understanding of how organisms evolve in changing
environments.

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40   **Article Summary**
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42   Invasive species (organisms that have been moved outside their natural range by human
43   activities) can cause problems for both humans and the environment. We studied the genomes

of over 200 individuals of a newly invasive fruit fly in North America, the African Fig Fly. We found genetic evidence that these recently introduced flies may be evolving in their new environments, which could make them stronger competitors and more likely to become pests.

Introduction

Understanding how species expand and adapt to new environments in an era of changing land use, environmental changes, and global commerce is central to controlling the spread of disease (Altizer et al. 2013; Hoberg and Brooks 2015), to maintaining crop security (Oerke 2006; Sutherst et al. 2011) and to preserving biodiversity (Bellard et al. 2012). Many organisms are moving to new, previously unoccupied ranges at rates that continue to accelerate (Ricciardi 2007; Seebens et al. 2015; Seebens et al. 2017; Platts et al. 2019; Sardain et al. 2019) due to changing environmental conditions, habitat alteration, and anthropogenic introductions. Genetic adaptation to new environments may allow some vulnerable organisms to survive in new habitats but may also permit potentially harmful organisms to expand even further (Clements and Ditommaso 2011). The past two decades have produced a wealth of studies characterizing the genetic and genomic basis of adaptation in a variety of organisms, from experimental populations of microbes (Good et al. 2017; Nguyen Ba et al. 2019; Johnson et al. 2021) to natural populations of eukaryotes (Hancock et al. 2011; Jones et al. 2018; Barrett et al. 2019; Lovell et al. 2021 Jan 27; Schluter et al. 2021). Recent and ongoing invasions offer the opportunity to study rapid evolution and adaptation to new environments in nearly real-time (Koch et al. 2020; Pélissié et al. 2022; Parvizi et al. 2023; Soudi et al. 2023). Recently, genomics has helped trace the history and sources of many well-known invasions (Pélissié et al. 2022; Picq et al. 2023) and shown that genetic divergence and even local adaptation are common in invasive populations that have been established for decades or even centuries (Ma et al. 2020; Stuart et al. 2021; Li et al. 2023). However, much remains unknown about the role that evolution plays in allowing invasive organisms to colonize and thrive in new environments. A better understanding of adaptive pathways in invasion may assist in predicting the success of invasions and controlling their outcomes.

The African Fig Fly, *Zaprionus indianus*, serves as a unique model to study how invasion history and local environment influence patterns of genetic variation. The ongoing, recurrent invasion of *Z. indianus* in North America offers a premier opportunity to study the possibility of rapid genetic changes following invasion. The *Zaprionus* genus arose in Africa but *Z. indianus* was first described in India in 1970 (Gupta 1970), where it has adapted to a range of environments (da Mata et al. 2010). It is one of the most ecologically diverse drosophilids in Africa; its ability to utilize up to 80 different food sources (Yassin and David 2010) and its generation time of as few as ~13 days (Nava et al. 2007) likely fueled its spread around the world. In 1999, it was first detected in Brazil (Vilela 1999), where it subsequently spread and caused major damage to fig and berry crops as well as native fruit species (Leão and Tldon 2004; Oliveira et al. 2013; Roque et al. 2017; Zanuncio-Junior et al. 2018; Allori Stazzonelli et al. 2023). It was later found in Mexico and Central America in 2002-2003 (Markow et al. 2014) and eventually Florida, USA in 2005 (Linde et al. 2006). In 2011-2012, its range expanded

northwards in eastern North America (Joshi et al. 2014; Timmeren and Isaacs 2014; Pfeiffer et al. 2019) and eventually reached as far north as Ontario, Canada (Renkema et al. 2013) and Minnesota, USA (Holle et al. 2018). It has also recently been found in the Middle East, Europe, and Hawaii (Parchami-Araghi et al. 2015; Kremmer et al. 2017; Willbrand et al. 2018), suggesting that the invasion is ongoing. *Z. indianus* can damage fig and berry crops (Pfeiffer et al. 2019; Allori Stazzonelli et al. 2023), increasing concerns about its pest potential in its expanding range.

Despite its global success, *Z. indianus* males are sterile below 15 °C, making cold temperatures a limiting factor to their success (Araripe et al. 2004). Within the temperate environment of Virginia, the species exhibits strong seasonal fluctuations in abundance (Rakes et al. 2023). First detection in Virginia is usually in June or July, weeks after the appearance of other overwintering drosophilids, and population sizes climb dramatically through the late summer and early fall, when it often dominates the drosophilid community in temperate orchards. Typically, the peak in early to mid-September is followed by a dip in abundance and then a second peak in October, suggesting a seasonal component to reproduction or fluctuations in factors influencing *Z. indianus'* relative fitness. However, despite its early post-colonization success, it does not appear to survive temperate winters; *Z. indianus* populations became undetectable in Virginia by early December (Rakes et al. 2023). *Z. indianus* were not collected during regular winter sampling in Memphis, Tennessee (Kohlmeier and Kohlmeier 2025), and they were collected in lower numbers during the winter in northern Florida relative to central Florida (Renkema et al. 2018), suggesting that even mild winters (only 8 nights below 0° C) can substantially reduce their numbers. In locations in Minnesota, Kansas, and the northeastern US, *Z. indianus* has been detected one year and then not the next, suggesting that the populations may be extirpated by cold and re-introduced by stochastic dispersal processes (Holle et al. 2018; Gleason et al. 2019; Rakes et al. 2023). While conclusive data are still lacking, these results collectively suggest *Z. indianus* likely repeatedly invades temperate environments each year from warmer refugia. Reinvasion offers an opportunity to recurrently study the genetic impacts of invasion and the potential for post-colonization adaptation across multiple years of sampling.

Genetic *s*tudies *of Z. indianus* are limited but provide important context to understand its worldwide invasion. The invasion of North America likely resulted from separate founding events on the East and West coasts (Commar et al. 2012). Comeault et al. (2020) showed that North American populations are genetically distinct from those from Africa. Invasive populations of *Z. indianus* have an approximately 30% reduction in genetic diversity relative to ancestral African populations (Comeault et al. 2020), though invasive populations of *Z. indianus* maintain levels of genetic diversity that are often higher than those of non-invasive congeners. Despite the loss of diversity, *Z. indianus* is extremely successful in temperate habitats (Rakes et al. 2023). Further studies demonstrated that genetically distinct populations from eastern and western Africa likely admixed prior to a single colonization of the Americas (Comeault et al. 2021). How the high degree of genetic diversity in invasive populations

129 influences the potential for ongoing evolution in North America, which is in a critical early stage
130 of invasion, remains understudied.
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Here, we assembled and annotated a chromosome-level genome assembly for *Z.*
indianus and used the newly improved genome to answer several questions with the whole
genome sequences of over 200 North American flies collected from three locations over four
years. First, do recolonizing North American *Z. indianus* populations demonstrate spatial or
temporal population structure and if so, do specific regions of the genome have an outsized
contribution to population structure? Second, is the invasion and recolonization history
recapitulated in population genetic data? And third, do temperate populations show signatures
of selection relative to native and tropical invasive populations?
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141 **Materials and Methods**
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143 *Hi-C based genome scaffolding*
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An inbred line was generated from flies originally captured from Carter Mountain Orchard, VA
(37.9913° N, 78.4721° W) in 2019. Wild caught flies were reared in the lab for approximately
one year prior to initiating isofemale lines. The offspring of the isofemale lines were propagated
through 10 rounds of full-sib mating. The resulting lines were then passaged for approximately
one additional year in the lab and the most vigorous remaining line ("24.2") was chosen for
sequencing.
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Third instar larvae from a single inbred line were snap frozen in liquid nitrogen and sent
to Dovetail corporation (now Cantata Bio, Scotts Valley, CA) for chromatin extraction, Hi-C
sequencing and genome scaffolding. Briefly, chromatin was fixed in place with formaldehyde in
the nucleus and then extracted. Fixed chromatin was digested with DNase I, chromatin ends
were repaired and ligated to a biotinylated bridge adapter followed by proximity ligation of
adapter containing ends. After proximity ligation, crosslinks were reversed and the DNA
purified. Purified DNA was treated to remove biotin that was not internal to ligated fragments.
Sequencing libraries were generated using NEBNext Ultra enzymes and Illumina-compatible
adapters. Biotin-containing fragments were isolated using streptavidin beads before PCR
enrichment of each library. The library was sequenced on an Illumina HiSeqX platform to
produce approximately 30x sequence coverage.
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The input *de novo* assembly was the *Z. indianus* "RCR04" PacBio assembly (assembly
ASM1890459v1) from Kim et al. (2021). This assembly and Dovetail OmniC library reads
were used as input data for *HiRise*, a software pipeline designed specifically for using
proximity ligation data to scaffold genome assemblies (Putnam et al. 2016). Dovetail OmniC
library sequences were aligned to the draft input assembly using *bwa* (Li and Durbin 2009).
The separations of Dovetail OmniC read pairs mapped within draft scaffolds were analyzed by
HiRise to produce a likelihood model for genomic distance between read pairs, and the model

was used to identify and break putative misjoins, to score prospective joins, and make joins
above a threshold. See Figure S1 for link density histogram of scaffolding data.

Annotation

Repeat families found in the genome assemblies of *Z. indianus* were identified de novo and
classified using the software package *RepeatModeler* v. 2.0.1 (Flynn et al. 2020).
RepeatModeler depends on the programs *RECON* v. 1.08 (Bao and Eddy 2002) and
RepeatScout v. 1.0.6 (Price et al. 2005) for the de novo identification of repeats within the
genome. The custom repeat library obtained from *RepeatModeler* was used to discover,
identify and mask the repeats in the assembly file using *RepeatMasker* v. 4.1.0 (Smit et al.
2015).

RNA sequencing was conducted on three replicates of 3rd instar larva and three
replicates of mixed stage pupa that were snap frozen in liquid nitrogen. RNA extraction and
sequencing was performed by GeneWiz (South Plainfield, NJ). New larval and pupal RNAseq
reads were combined with adult RNA sequencing from Comeault et al. (2020) for annotation.
Coding sequences from *D. grimshawi, D. melanogaster*, *D. pseudoobscura, D. virilis, Z.*
africanus, Z. indianus, Z. tsacasi and *Z. tuberculatus* (Kim et al. 2021) were used to train the
initial *ab initio* model for *Z. indianus* using the *AUGUSTUS* software v. 2.5.5 (Keller et al.
2011). Six rounds of prediction optimization were done with the software package provided by
AUGUSTUS. The same coding sequences were also used to train a separate *ab initio* model
for *Z. indianus* using *SNAP* (version 2006-07-28) (Korf 2004). RNAseq reads were mapped
onto the genome using the *STAR* aligner software (version 2.7) (Dobin et al. 2013) and intron
hints generated with the *bam2hints* tools within *AUGUSTUS*. *MAKER* v. 3.01.03 (Cantarel et
al. 2008), *SNAP* and *AUGUSTUS* (with intron-exon boundary hints provided from RNAseq)
were then used to predict for genes in the repeat-masked reference genome. To help guide
the prediction process, Swiss-Prot peptide sequences from the UniProt database were
downloaded and used in conjunction with the protein sequences from *D. grimshawi, D.*
melanogaster, D. pseudoobscura, D. virilis, Z. africanus, Z. indianus, Z. tsacasi and Z.
tuberculatus to generate peptide evidence in the *MAKER* pipeline. Only genes that were
predicted by both *SNAP* and *AUGUSTUS* were retained in the final gene sets. To help assess
the quality of the gene prediction, AED scores were generated for each of the predicted genes
as part of the *MAKER* pipeline. Genes were further characterized for their putative function by
performing a BLAST search of the peptide sequences against the UniProt database. tRNA
were predicted using the software *tRNAscan-SE* v. 2.05 (Chan and Lowe 2019).
Transcriptome completeness was assessed with *BUSCO* v. 4.0.5 (Manni et al. 2021) using the
eukaryota_odb10 list of 255 genes.

Wild fly collections

Flies were collected by aspiration and netting from Carter Mountain Orchard, VA (in 2017-2020
and from Hanover Peach Orchard, VA in 2019-2020. Flies were sampled from Coral Gables,

FL in June 2019 using traps baited with bananas, oranges, yeast, and red wine. See Table 1
for the number of individual flies sequenced from each location and timepoint. Flies were
frozen in 70% ethanol at -20°C (2017-2018) or dry at -80 °C (2019-2020) prior to sequencing.
Collections performed in July and August were called "early season." In 2019, the earliest
collections were not made until September (typically when *Z. indianus* abundance peaks,
Rakes et al. 2023), and were assigned "mid-season." Collections from October and November
were called "late season." For some analyses, the mid-season collection and early collections
were combined, as they were the first collections available each year.

Location	Latitude, longitude	Year	Season	Sampling date (# flies)	Number sequenced	Number after filtering
Coral Gables, FL, USA (FL)	25.535, -80.493	2019	-	1 Jun	25	24
Carter Mountain, Virginia, USA (VA-CM)	37.991, -78.472	2017	early	6 Jun (1) 22 Jun (7) 7 Jul (12)	20	17
		2017	late	9 Nov	20	19
		2018	early	5 Jul (2) 12 Jul (1) 19 Jul (1) 26 Jul (3) 2 Aug (1) 16 Aug (12)	20	20
		2018	late	1 Nov	20	19
		2019	mid	6 Sep	20	20
		2019	late	26 Oct	20	14
		2020	early	17 Jul	20	18
Hanover Peach Orchard, Virginia, USA (VA-HPO)	37.572, -77.266	2019	mid	3 Sep	20	19
		2020	early	16 Jul (5) 3 Aug (25)	30	29

Table 1. Sample information for new samples collected for this study. See Table S1 for
previously sequenced samples incorporated into this analysis.

Individual whole genome sequencing

The sex of each wild-caught fly was recorded, then DNA was extracted from individual flies
using the DNAdvance kit (Beckman Coulter, Indianapolis, IN) in 96 well plates, including an

additional RNase treatment step. DNA concentration was measuring using the QuantIT kit
(Invitrogen, Waltham, MA) and purified DNA was diluted to 1 ng/µL. Libraries were prepared
from 1 ng of genomic DNA using a reduced-volume dual-barcoding Nextera (Illumina, San
Diego, CA) protocol as previously described (Erickson et al. 2020). The libraries were
quantified using the QuantIT kit and equimolar ratios of each individual DNA were combined
for sequencing. The pooled library was size-selected for 500 bp fragments using a BluePippin
gel cassette (Sage Sciences, Beverly, MA). The pooled libraries were sequenced in one
Illumina NovaSeq 6000 lane using paired-end, 150 bp reads by Novogene (Sacramento, CA).
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Existing raw reads from *Z. indianus* collections from North America, South America, and
Africa (Table S1; Comeault et al. 2020; Comeault et al. 2021) were downloaded from the SRA
from BioProject number PRJNA604690. These samples were combined with the new
sequence data and processed together with the same mapping and SNP-calling pipeline.
Overlapping paired-end reads were merged with *BBMerge* v. 38.92 (Bushnell et al. 2017).
Reads were mapped to the genome assembly described above using *bwa mem* v. 0.7.17 (Li
and Durbin 2009). Bam files for merged and unmerged reads were combined, sorted and de-
duplicated with *Picard* v. 2.26.2 (https://github.com/broadinstitute/picard).
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We next used *Haplotype Caller* from *GATK* v. 4.2.0.0 (McKenna et al. 2010) to generate
a gVCF for each individual. We built a GenomicsDBI database for each scaffold, then used this
database to genotype each gVCF. We used *GATK's* hard filtering options to filter the raw
SNPs based on previously published parameters (*--filter-expression "QD < 2.0 || FS > 60.0 ||*
SOR > 3.0 || MQ < 40.0 || MQRankSum < -12.5 || ReadPosRankSum < -8.0") (Comeault et al.
2020). We then removed SNPs within 20 bp of an indel from the output and removed all SNPs
in regions identified by *RepeatMasker*. We analyzed several measures of individual and SNP
quality using *VCFtools* v. 0.1.17 (Danecek et al. 2011). We removed 16 individuals with mean
coverage < 7X or over 10% missing genotypes. Next, we filtered SNPs with mean depths <10
or > 50 across all samples. We removed individual genotypes supported by 6 or fewer reads or
with more than 100 reads to produce a final VCF with 5,185,389 SNPs and 2,099,147 non-
singleton SNPs. See Table 1 and S1 for the final number of individuals included in the analysis
from each population. See Figure S2 for the average SNP depth per sampling time and
location.
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264　*Sex chromosome and Muller element identification*
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samtools v. 1.12 (Li et al. 2009) was used to measure coverage and depth of mapped reads
from individual sequencing. This analysis revealed that the five main scaffolds (all over 25 Mb
in length) had a mean depth of ~16X coverage in both males and females in our dataset,
except for scaffold 3, which had ~16X coverage in females but ~8X coverage in males,
suggesting it is the X chromosome (Figure S3). Some of the previously sequenced samples
had no sex recorded, so we used the ratio of X chromosome reads (scaffold 3) to autosome
(scaffolds 1, 2, 4 and 5) reads to assign sexes to those individuals. Individuals with a ratio
greater than 0.8 were assigned female, and ratios less than 0.8 were assigned male (Figure

S4). For two known-sex individuals, the sex recorded prior to sequencing did not match the
sex based on coverage; for those two samples we used the coverage-based sex assignment
for analyses. We used *D-GENIES* (Cabanettes and Klopp 2018) to create dot-plots comparing
the *Z. indianus* and *D. melanogaster* genome (BDGP6.46, downloaded from ensemble.org) to
confirm the sex chromosome identification and assign Muller elements to *Z. indianus*
autosomes (Figure S5, Table S2). Five additional scaffolds had lengths over 1 Mb. Scaffold 8
is the dot chromosome (Muller element F) based on sequence comparison to *D. melanogaster*
(Figure S5) and had similar coverage to the autosomes (Figure S3). Scaffolds 6,7,9, and 10
had reduced coverage (Figure S3) and contain mostly repetitive elements. Downstream SNP
calling and population genetic analysis included the five large scaffolds (named chromosomes
1-5 from largest to smallest) and excluded all smaller scaffolds.
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286 *Testing for structural variants*
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We used *smoove* v. 0.2.6 (Pedersen et al. 2020) to identify and genotype insertions, deletions,
and rearrangements in the paired-end sequencing data from all individuals as described in the
documentation. As an alternative approach to search for large structural variants, we used
linkage disequilibrium (LD) of randomly sampled SNPs from each chromosome to visually
inspect for linkage due to potential inversions. We generated a list of SNPs segregating in
each focal population with no missing genotypes and randomly sampled 4,000 SNPs from
each chromosome. We used the *snpgdsLDMat* function in *SNPRelate* to calculate LD between
all pairs of SNPs. LD heatmaps were created with the *ggLD* package
(https://github.com/mmkim1210/ggLD).
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To define approximate inversion regions for SNP filtering, we looked for regions with
evidence of high long-distance linkage disequilibrium within North American samples. We note
that our purpose here was to roughly define inversion regions to exclude from population
structure analyses, not to precisely define inversion breakpoints, which will likely require further
long-read sequencing. For each SNP segregating in North America with complete genotyping
information, we randomly chose a second SNP that was 100, 200, 300, 400, or 500 kb away
from the focal SNP (+/- 5%). We calculated LD between the pair of SNPs. We then divided the
genome in 100 kb nonoverlapping windows and for each window determined if at least one
SNP in that window showed evidence of high long-distance LD ($R^2 > 0.75$) at any of the
sampled distances. Because some windows contain spurious examples of long-distance LD,
we defined inversion regions by looking for consecutive strings of at least 10 windows (1 Mb
total) containing high LD SNPs. This approach identified large potential inversion regions on
chromosomes 1, 2, 4, and 5 that corresponded to regions visually identified in LD heatmaps.
We masked SNPs in these regions (82.6 Mb total) for some downstream analyses.
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313 *Population structure*
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We conducted principal components analysis (PCA) using the R package *SNPRelate* v. 1.38.0
(Zheng et al. 2012) in R v. 4.1.1 (R Core Team) using a vcf that excluded singleton SNPs and

potential inversion regions. We LD pruned SNPs with minor allele counts of at least 3 (Linck
and Battey 2019) using *SNPgdsLDpruning* with an LD threshold of 0.2 and then calculated
principal components with *snpgdsPCA* using all four autosomes. For subsequent analyses, we
repeated the LD pruning within subsets of the data (North America only, or Carter Mountain,
VA only). We also calculated principal components using individual chromosomes; for the X
chromosome, only females were used in the analysis. The single fly collected in Kenya 2018
(Comeault et al. 2021) was an extreme outlier in the preliminary PCA and was excluded. We
conducted the initial analysis using all SNPs that met the filtering criteria and then conducted a
second analysis using SNPs that were masked for potential inversion regions as described
above. We conducted discriminant analysis of principal components using the *dapc* function in
package *adegenet* 2.1.10 (Jombart 2008; Jombart and Ahmed 2011). We used the
optim.a.score function to determine the number of PCs to include in the DAPC analysis.
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We used *Plink* v. *1.9* (Purcell et al. 2007; Chang et al. 2015) to LD prune VCF files with
parameters (*--indep-pairwise 1000 50 0.2*) and used *ADMIXTURE* v. 1.3.0 (Alexander and
Lange 2011) to evaluate population structure. Using whole genome data not masked for
inversions, we calculated admixture for each chromosome separately. For the X chromosome,
only females were used. We tested up to $k=10$ genetic clusters and used cross-validation
analysis to choose the optimal k for each chromosome separately. We also ran ADMIXTURE
using all non-inversion autosomal SNPs together.
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We calculated F_{ST} between Virginia samples and those from Florida or Africa using the
snpgdsFST function in *SNPRelate* for all SNPs with a minor allele count > 3. For the X
chromosome, only females were used in F_{ST} calculations. We used the same function to
calculate genome-wide, pairwise F_{ST} between all Virginia collections using autosomal SNPs
with putative inversions masked. To quantify relatedness between individuals, we used the
function *snpgdsibdKING* in *SNPRelate* v. 1.38.0 (Zheng et al. 2012) to determine the kinship
coefficients and probability of zero identity by descent for pairs of individuals using autosomal
SNPs with putative inversions masked. We used thresholds established in Thornton et al.
(2012) to classify relatedness between individuals. We used the *–het* function in *vcftools 0.1.17*
to calculate the inbreeding coefficient for each individual using non-inversion SNPs.
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We generated phylogenetic trees using *Treemix* (Pickrell and Pritchard 2012). We
generated a vcf masked for inversions that contained only Carter Mountain and Florida
samples. We LD-pruned this vcf in PLINK 1.9 with *--indep-pairwise 100 10 0.2* and prepared
Treemix input files with custom scripts. We then ran 100 bootstrap replicates of *Treemix* with
zero migration edges, Florida as the outgroup, and arguments *–bootstrap -k 500.* We used
PHYLIP v. 3696 (Felsenstein 2005) to generate a consensus tree and support for each node.
We plotted a representative output in R using scripts from
https://github.com/andrewparkermorgan/popcorn/.
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358   *Estimation of historic population sizes*
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We used *smc*++ v. 1.15.4 (Terhorst et al. 2017) to estimate historic population sizes for several
subpopulations of individuals using chromosome 4 genotypes since this chromosome lacked
evidence of large structural rearrangements. We used individuals from each African location
and used the earliest sampling available for each year and Virginia orchard. We used *vcf2smc*
to prepare the input files for each autosome separately. We assigned each individual as the
"distinguished individual" and ran the analysis using all possible combinations of distinguished
individual as described in (Bemmels et al. 2021). We used cross validation to estimate final
model parameters with the option (*-cv –folds = number of individuals)*. We assumed a
generation time of 0.08 years (~12 generations per year) based on Nava *et al*. (2007), which
assumes year-round reproduction in tropical regions. We note that for Virginia populations
experiencing temperate conditions in recent years, 12 generations per year is likely an
overestimate due to the shortened breeding season.
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373 *Selection scan*
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We used *WhatsHap* v. 1.7 (Patterson et al. 2015) to perform read-based phasing of the full vcf
including singletons. To polarize the vcf for the genome wide selection scan relative to the
invasion, we reassigned the reference allele of the phased vcf as the allele that was most
common across all African individuals sequenced in previous studies. We calculated allele
frequencies using all African samples in *SNPRelate*, then used *vcf-info-annotator*
(https://vatools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html) to assign the "ancestral" allele in the INFO
column. Lastly we used *bcftools* v. 1.13 (Danecek et al. 2021) to make simplified vcfs
containing only the GT and AA fields for each chromosome separately.
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We used the R package *rehh* v. 3.2.2 (Gautier and Vitalis 2012) to conduct the selection
scan using integrated haplotype homozygosity score (IHS). The test measures the decay of
haplotype homozygosity to look for long, shared haplotypes that are signatures of selective
sweeps when a single haplotype rises to high frequency without being eliminated by
recombination (Sabeti et al. 2002; Voight et al. 2006). We used all flies from Virginia and
conducted the scan using phased, polarized vcfs for each individual chromosome. We used
the *haplo2hh*, *scan,* and *ihh2ihs* functions to implement the scan. For the X chromosome, we
only used a single haplotype for each male in the dataset to avoid double counting haploid
genotypes.
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We also used *BayPass v. 2.41* (Gautier 2015) to calculate signals of selection
comparing flies from Virginia to those from Florida and Africa while accounting for population
structure via the XtX statistic. For this analysis, we used only females so that a single analysis
could be conducted across all chromosomes. We created separate vcf files for each population
and prepared *BayPass* input files using *vcftools –counts2*. We pruned these files for linkage
disequilibrium in *Plink* 1.9 using *--indep-pairwise 50 5 0.2.* We then ran *BayPass* according to
the user manual and modified code from (Whiting et al. 2021) to generate a core model and
covariance matrix and final XtX values. We used 10,000 simulated SNPs to define XtX outliers.
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To look for shared signals across the F_{ST}, XtX and IHS selection/differentiation
analyses, we used a window-based approach. We divided the genome into 1kb windows with
a 500 bp step size and identified all windows that contained at least one SNP that fell in the top
99% of SNPs for the F_{ST}, XtX and IHS tests.

Genetic diversity statistics

Because we obtained variable sequencing coverage within and across populations (Figure S2)
we used software designed for low coverage and missing data to analyze population genetic
statistics in genomic windows. We used *pixy* v. 1.2.5 (Korunes and Samuk) to calculate Pi, F_{ST}
and D_{XY} in 5 kb windows. Samples were grouped by collection location; only females were
used for analysis of the X chromosome. We used *ANGSD* v. 0.941 (Korneliussen et al. 2014)
to calculate Tajima's D. We first calculated genotype likelihoods from the bam files using
arguments *-doSaf* and *-GL*. We then calculated Tajima's D and theta using the folded site
frequency spectrum across 5 kb windows with 5 kb steps as described in *ANGSD*
documentation using only female samples.

Data management and plotting

We used the R packages *foreach* (Microsoft and Weston 2017) and *data.table* (Dowle and
Srinivasan 2019) for data management and manipulation and used *ggplot2* (Wickham 2016)
for all plotting. The *ggpubfigs* (Steenwyk and Rokas 2021) and *viridis* (Garnier 2018) packages
were used for color palettes.

Results and Discussion

Genome assembly and annotation

High quality genome assemblies and annotations are a critical component of tracking and
controlling invasive species and understanding their potential for evolution in invaded ranges
(Matheson and McGaughran 2022). We conducted Hi-C based scaffolding of a previously
sequenced *Z. indianus* genome (Kim et al. 2021) to achieve a chromosome-level assembly.
There were 1,014 scaffolds with an N50 of 26.6 Mb, an improvement from an N50 of 4.1-6.8
Mb in previous assemblies (Kim et al. 2021). The five main chromosomes (Figure S1, named
in order of size from largest to smallest) varied in length from 25.7 to 32.3 Mb (total length of
five main scaffolds = 146,062,119 bp), in agreement with *Z. indianus* karyotyping (Gupta and
Kumar 1987; Campos et al. 2007). Chromosome 3 was identified as the X chromosome using
sequencing coverage of known-sex individuals (Figure S3, S4). See Table S2 for assignment
of *Z. indianus* chromosomes to Muller elements based on alignment to the *D. melanogaster*
genome (Figure S5).

The annotation using RNAseq from larvae, pupae, and adults predicted 13,162
transcripts and 13,075 proteins, with 93% of 255 benchmarking universal single copy orthologs

(BUSCO) genes (Simão et al. 2015) identified as complete and an additional 1.2% of BUSCO
genes identified as fragmented. This transcriptome-based completeness estimate is lower than
the genome-based estimate of 99% complete (Kim et al. 2021) but is in line with other
arthropod genomes (Feron and Waterhouse 2022). Within the five main chromosomes, 24.6%
of sequences were repetitive; within the entire assembly including all smaller scaffolds, 41%
were repetitive. The five main chromosomes contain 11,327 predicted genes (87% of all
predicted), including 99.5% of all complete BUSCO genes. This improved genome resource
will be valuable for future evolutionary studies *of Z. indianus*, which is becoming an
increasingly problematic pest in some regions of the world (Allori Stazzonelli et al. 2023).
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456 *Limited spatial or temporal population structure in North American Z. indianus*
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To study spatial and temporal patterns of genetic variation in the seasonally repeated invasion
of *Z. indianus*, we resequenced ~220 individuals collected from two orchards in Virginia (Carter
Mountain Orchard and Hanover Peach Orchard) from 2017-2020, as well as one population
collected from Coral Gables, Florida in 2019. Because temperate locations such as Virginia
are thought to be recolonized by southern populations of *Z. indianus* each year (Pfeiffer et al.
2019; Rakes et al. 2023), we sampled both early in the season (~July-August) and late in the
season (~October-November) in each year to capture the founding event, population
expansion, and potential adaptation to the temperate environment.
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We were first interested in studying geographic and temporal variation in population
structure in North American populations of *Z. indianus*. For this analysis, we incorporated
previous sequencing data from the Western Hemisphere and Africa (Table S1 and Comeault
et al. 2020). While previous studies have shown limited structure within North America
(Comeault et al. 2020; Comeault et al. 2021), we wanted to test for structure using deeper
sampling within introduced locations and with greater temporal resolution across the *Z.
indianus* growing season (Rakes et al. 2023). Our initial analyses of population structure using
principal components analysis (PCA) of the whole genome (Figures S6a) and individual
chromosomes (Figure S7a) and *ADMIXTURE* (Alexander and Lange 2011) analysis of
individual chromosomes (Figure S8) confirmed previous results that Western Hemisphere
samples are genetically distinct from African samples. To focus on potential structure within
invasive North American samples, we excluded the African samples and recalculated principal
components. North American samples fell into three large groups when considering PC1 and
PC2 (diagonal bands in Figure S6B), but these clusters generally did not correspond to
sampling locations. In single-chromosome PCA, North American samples formed clusters that
did not correspond to geographic locations for chromosomes 1, 2, 3, and 5; such patterns are
potentially indicative of inversions that influence genotypes of many SNPs simultaneously (Li
and Ralph 2019). This pattern was upheld in the *ADMIXTURE* analysis; notably, for
chromosomes 1, 2, and 5, many individuals showed ~50% ancestry assignment to different
clusters, which could reflect genotypes for large structural rearrangements. These findings led
to further investigations of potential structural polymorphisms (described below) and the

masking of SNPs potentially located in large chromosomal rearrangements to examine
population structure.
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After removing regions of the genome that were potentially part of inversions (see
below), PC1 still separated Western Hemisphere and African samples (Figure 1a), and North
American samples remained tightly grouped for PCs 1-4, indicating most genetic variation is
found within African samples. Analysis of only North American samples revealed little genome-
wide separation of populations collected from different locations (Figure 1b), though some
Carter Mountain, Virginia individuals were outliers from the main cluster of points. Many
invasive species evolve complex population structures in the invaded range due to a
combination of bottlenecks, founder effects and rapid local adaptation (Koch et al. 2020;
Atsawawaranunt et al. 2023; García-Escudero et al. 2023). On the other hand, some invasive
species have more homogenous populations across widespread invaded ranges in eastern
North America (Friedline et al. 2019; Barrett et al. 2023). A high rate of migration between
orchards (occurring naturally or due to human-mediated transport) or large founding population
sizes could result in a lack of geographic differentiation between populations.
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507   *Figure 1: Principal component analysis of **Z**. indianus populations using*
508   *autosomal SNPs outside of putative inversions reveals a lack of spatial or*
509   *temporal population structure in invasive populations. Top row shows PC1*

 and PC2; bottom row shows PC3 and PC4. (a-a') All individuals (n=266), color
coded by continent/locale of collection. South America, North America, and
Hawaiian samples are all tightly clustered such that individual points are not
visible. (b-b'). All North American individuals (n=224), color coded by collection
site; HPO and CM are two orchards in Virginia; Northeast refers to samples from
NY, NJ, and PA. (c-c') All individuals from Carter Mountain, Virginia (n=127),
color coded by year of collection. For each analysis, only the individuals shown in
the plot were included in the PC calculation.

We next hypothesized that founder effects during each recolonization event might lead to unique genetic compositions of temperate populations sampled in different years (Uller and Leimu 2011). We calculated principal components using only samples collected from Carter Mountain, VA in 2017-2020. Surprisingly, in these samples, we saw no evidence of population structure between years (Figure 1c), apart from some samples from 2018 that were divergent from the rest; we investigate potential causes of this pattern below. These data suggest that the founding fly populations in Virginia are relatively homogeneous each year at a genome-wide scale, but some years may contain genetically divergent individuals. This result is consistent with the lack of spatial population structure and likewise could indicate large founding populations or ongoing migration. Alternatively, the Virginia populations could be permanently established with little genetic differentiation year-to-year, though this possibility is not supported by field data from temperate locations (Rakes et al. 2023; Kohlmeier and Kohlmeier 2025).

ADMIXTURE revealed two ancestral clusters for global *Z. indianus* populations, separating Africa from North America (Figure 2). Adding increasing numbers of ancestral groups revealed genetic differentiation within North American samples, but this differentiation did not correspond to location or year of collection. Notably, with k=3, some individuals from Carter Mountain in 2018 separated from the other North American samples; these samples correspond to those that were outliers in the PCA. Collectively, our results are consistent with previous findings that African populations are distinct from those in the Western Hemisphere, and we find little evidence of genome-wide population structure over space or time within North American samples.

Figure 2: Admixture analysis of Z. indianus *from different locations.* Each column is an individual, and colors represent assignment to distinct genetic clusters based on all autosomal SNPs outside of inversion. Each row represents a different number of ancestral genetic clusters (k = 2 to 6). FL=Coral Gables, Florida, VA-HPO = Hanover Peach Orchard, Virginia, VA-CM = Carter Mountain, Virginia. African sequences combine five geographic locations from Comeault et al. (2020 & 2021). Cross-validation analysis supported k=2 (top row) as the most likely number of ancestral groups.

Structural polymorphism

The clustering of samples in the single-chromosome PCA (Figure S7), combined with many individuals showing ~50% assignment to genetic clusters within individual chromosomes (Figure S8), suggested that large structural variants may be segregating in *Z. indianus* (Li and Ralph 2019; Nowling et al. 2020). To look for evidence of structural variants via depressed recombination rates, we examined linkage disequilibrium (LD) from 4,000 randomly sampled SNPs on each chromosome. In North American samples, we discovered large blocks of LD spanning substantial portions of chromosomes 1, 2, 3, and 5 (Figure S9), potentially indicative of inversions (Fang et al. 2012; da Silva et al. 2019). However, there was no evidence of long-distance LD in these regions in the African samples (Figure S9). These results suggest inversions on chromosomes 1, 2, 3, and 5 are segregating in North America but are relatively rare in Africa. To approximately define the boundaries of these inversions, we calculated LD

for random pairs of SNPs that were 100-500 kb apart on each chromosome. This analysis
similarly identified large regions containing elevated long-distance LD on chromosomes 1, 2, 4,
and 5 (Figure S10A). We compared the results of the LD analysis to potential inversions called
using paired-end data by *smoove* but found little correspondence (Figure S10B, compare gray
boxes to yellow boxes). As such, we use the LD-based data to mask potential inversion
regions for population structure analyses described above.

Given the relative chromosome sizes in the genome assembly, the linkage blocks on
chromosomes 2 and 5 likely correspond to the previously described inversions *In(V)B* and
*In(II)*A, respectively (Ananina et al. 2007). Since chromosome 1 is the longest chromosome in
our assembly, the linkage likely correspond to the complex *In(IV)EF* polymorphism, made up of
two overlapping inversions (Ananina et al. 2007); different genotypic combinations of two
inversions could explain the six distinct clusters seen in the chromosome 1 PCA (Figure S7b).
The X chromosome has three described inversions in *Z. indianus* (Ananina et al. 2007), which
may explain to the complex pattern of linkage observed in North American samples on this
chromosome (Figure S9, S10) and the clustering of North American samples in the
chromosome 3 PCA (Figure S6B,C). Major chromosomal polymorphisms are known to be
important for local adaptation and phenotypic divergence in a wide variety of species (Joron et
al. 2011; Küpper et al. 2016; Lee et al. 2016; Huang et al. 2020; Nunez et al. 2024), including
inversions that facilitate invasive phenotypes (Galludo et al. 2018; Tepolt and Palumbi 2020;
Tepolt et al. 2022; Ma et al. 2024). These inversions may be new to North America, or they
may have been present at low frequency in the bottlenecked population that founded *Z.*
indianus populations in the Western Hemisphere but then experienced subsequent selection in
the invaded range. Alternatively, they have arisen in a currently unsequenced population and
then been introduced to the Western Hemisphere. Further characterization of these inversions
via additional sequencing and phenotypic characterization to determine whether they influence
Z. indianus' survival or fitness in the invaded range will be a rich area for future studies.

Recolonization, bottlenecks and seasonal dynamics in Z. indianus

Invasive species typically experience a genetic bottleneck due to small founding
population sizes (Barrett 2015; Estoup et al. 2016). We hypothesized that North American
populations would show reduced effective population size (N_e) relative to African populations,
and that Virginia populations would show a further, more recent reduction in N_e relative to
Florida populations as the result of a secondary population bottleneck upon temperate
recolonization. We estimated historic population sizes using *smc++* (Terhorst et al. 2017) using
data only from chromosome 4, which lacks large inversions (Figure 3a). Our prediction was
correct with respect to Africa vs North America: African populations show historical fluctuations
but population sizes typically in the range of ~ 10^4-10^7 individuals (10^6-10^7 for the past ~1,000
years). However, introduced populations in North America demonstrated a dramatic reduction
in population size in the past ~100 years, perhaps reflecting a bottleneck following colonization
of Brazil in the late 1990s (Yassin et al. 2008) and consistent with the previously described
loss of genetic diversity in invasive populations (Comeault et al. 2020). This contraction is

followed by a rebound as introduced populations expanded over the past several decades.
Overall, the ancestral population sizes for Virginia and Florida were quite similar with
overlapping ranges of the estimates, and our prediction of reduced recent population sizes in
Virginia relative to Florida was not well-supported. Given our limited sample sizes and potential
differences in the number of generations per year in temperate and subtropical environments,
detecting fine-scale differences in very recent population fluctuations may be beyond the
detection ability of the software; *smc++* becomes less accurate at timescales less than ~333
generations (~26 years for year-round populations of *Z. indianus*) (Patton et al. 2019). Virginia
populations could be colonized by a large number of individuals, or they may represent
admixed populations reflecting individuals from multiple sources, producing larger effective
population sizes than would otherwise be expected if recolonization occurs from a single
source population undergoing a bottleneck. Admixture and gene flow are important factors
fueling genetic diversity and invasiveness in introduced species (McGaughran et al. 2024) and
could potentially contribute to *Z. indianus'* local success following each recolonization event.

Figure 3: Demographic effects of bottlenecks in Z. indianus *populations a)
Population history reconstruction with* smc++ *using genotypes from chromosome
4, which lacks inversions. Introduced-Virginia flies were collected in the early-mid
season (June-September) from two Virginia orchards in 2017-2020 (n=6
populations grouped by orchard and year). Native populations are five distinct
African populations (Kenya, Zambia, Senegal-Forest, Senegal-Desert, and Sao
Tome [Comeault et al. 2020]). Shaded ribbons show minimum and maximum
population sizes estimated in cross-validation analysis. b) Kinship and probability*

 of zero identity by descent for pairs of individual flies from the same collection
location and season within North America calculated with non-inversion
autosomal SNPs. c) Kinship coefficients for pairs of individual flies collected at
Carter Mountain Orchard, Virginia, as a function of the number of days between
sampling. Relatedness was assigned according to thresholds from Thornton et
al. (2012).

We additionally tested for bottlenecks by looking for the presence of relatives within our
samples, which might be a product of small founding populations. Using two measures of
genetic similarity, we discovered many pairs of related flies in our dataset (Figure 3B). Most
dramatically, many flies collected in 2018 appeared to be close relatives (Figure S11),
consistent with the separation of some 2018 samples in the PC and *ADMIXTURE* analyses
(Figures 1c and 2). In collections from late July and early August 2018, 26 pairs of close
relatives involving 13 individual flies were collected. Of those, 21 pairs of relatives were
collected on different days, suggesting the relatedness was not solely a sampling artifact due
to collecting relatives in the same microhabitat of the orchard. The effect of this apparent
bottleneck was sometimes retained throughout the growing season, as a pair of full sibs was
sampled 77 days apart in 2018, two pairs of second-degree relatives were sampled over 110
days apart in 2018, and two pairs of third-degree relatives were sampled 140 days apart in
2017 (Figure 3c). Given that *Z. indianus* are collected in small numbers early in the season
(Rakes et al. 2023) and 2017 and 2018 had particularly early captures (Table 1), we thought a
small founding population size followed by inbreeding could produce individuals sampled
distantly in time that still show close genetic similarity. However, we did not find any significant
difference in inbreeding coefficients between flies sampled at different time points at Carter
Mountain (ANOVA, $F(6,120) = 1.79$, $P = 0.106$). Instead, flies may live for a relatively long time
or have slower generations in the wild, allowing us to capture close relatives separated by
longer time periods. However, we note that the same pattern was not seen in every year of our
collections, suggesting that colonization dynamics might differ dramatically from year to year,
which is expected if recolonization occurs due to chance events each year.

A founder effect could generate temporal population structure by creating populations
that were more similar within a year than between years, creating a positive relationship
between F_{ST} and the elapsed time between collections (Bergland et al. 2014). We tested this
prediction with samples collected from Carter Mountain, Virginia over four years and found a
weak, positive correlation between F_{ST} and the time between sample collections for
comparisons that excluded the unusual 2018 collection containing many relatives (linear
model, df=19, $R^2 = 0.423$, P=0.009, Figure S12). This finding is consistent with trends
observed in *D. melanogaster,* which experiences a strong overwintering bottleneck and shows
temporal patterns of differentiation (Bergland et al. 2014; Nunez et al. 2024). Since this finding
could be caused by an overwintering bottleneck or a recolonization bottleneck, we further
investigated population relationships over time.

We used discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) and phylogenetic trees
to look at relationships between flies captured at Carter Mountain, Virginia, over time relative to
the population from Florida. In North America, *Z. indianus* was first found in Florida and was
later found northwards (Linde et al. 2006; Pfeiffer et al. 2019). If flies are permanently
established in Virginia, we predict that the Virginia populations would become progressively
more different from Florida over time in a "stepping-stone" like pattern as each population
evolves independently. If flies recolonize each year with small founding population sizes, we
expect populations to be more similar to Florida in some years than others due to chance. The
predictions of recolonization were supported by the DAPC analysis, which showed that the
2019 sample shared the most overlap with Florida, while 2018 was the most different (Figure
4a), and there was no clear pattern of temporal differentiation. We also used *Treemix* (Pickrell
and Pritchard 2012) and *PHYLIP* (Felsenstein 2005) to build a consensus phylogenetic tree
from 100 independent bootstraps of the same dataset. The topology of the consensus tree
(Figure 4b) was not consistent with stepwise divergence of the populations over time; the two
earlier timepoints formed a clade and the two later timepoints formed a clade, though the node
for the 2019-2020 divergence was not well supported. The drift parameter was greater in 2017
and 2018 than it was 2019 and 2020, suggesting that populations collected later in time were
more similar to Florida than those collected earlier in time. This result is consistent with a
recolonization model in which the founding population is randomly more representative of the
source population in some years than others, with smaller and earlier founding events in 2017
and 2018 potentially leading to greater genetic drift. Additional demographic simulations will
likely be required to more definitively determine the colonization dynamics of *Z. indianus*.
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Figure 4: DAPC and* Treemix *analyses suggest* Z. indianus *recolonizes
Virginia each year. *All analyses were conducted with autosomal SNPs outside*
of inversions. a) Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) of
samples from Florida and four years of sampling from Carter Mountain, Virginia.

b) Results of a single Treemix *run representative of the consensus tree topology*
from PHYLIP; bootstrap support values from 100 trees are given at nodes.

Signals of recent selection in Z. indianus near potential pesticide resistance genes

We tested for signals of recent natural selection in temperate *Z. indianus* populations from
Virginia. We compared Virginia populations to those from Africa to test for broader invasive-
native population differentiation and compared Virginia to Florida to look for potentially more
recent temperate adaptation. We measured three statistics: SNP-level F_{ST} comparing all flies
collected Virginia to those from Florida or Africa; the XtX statistic from *BayPass* (Gautier 2015)
to test for selection in the presence of population structure, and integrated haplotype
homozygosity score (IHS) to look for long, shared haplotypes that are signatures of recent
selective sweeps when a single favorable haplotype rises to high frequency (Sabeti et al.
2007). We note that our approach would not detect sweeps involving multiple alleles from
standing variation (soft sweeps; Messer and Petrov 2013; Garud et al. 2015), which could be
an important potential component of *Z. indianus* evolution given the high levels of genetic
diversity found in invasive populations (Avalos et al. 2017; Comeault et al. 2020). To compare
results across tests, we looked for 1 kb windows containing SNPs that fell in the top 1% of all
three tests. As expected given the high degree of population structure, SNPs with high F_{ST}
between Africa and Virginia were widespread across all chromosomes, and F_{ST} was
particularly high on the X chromosome (Figure 5a). This observation is in line with the findings
of Comeault et al. (2021), who showed that many X-linked scaffolds showed signs of selection
in invasive populations, and we suggest this pattern is likely related to the smaller effective
population size for X chromosomes (Ellegren 2009) and the presence of several inversions on
this chromosome (this study; Ananina et al. 2007). After accounting for population structure
with *BayPass*, the signal remained high throughout most of the X chromosome, but several
peaks of potential selection were resolved on the autosomes, including prominent peaks on
chromosomes 2 and 5 (Figure 5c). These peaks corresponded to windows with long, shared
haplotypes in Virginia populations (high IHS scores, Figure 5e). The complex population
structure and broadly elevated signals of divergence and selection on the X chromosome
made it difficult to investigate candidate loci further. In contrast, only a small number of
autosomal windows were found to contain elevated signals for all three tests, so we focused
on the two autosomal windows that had the most pronounced signals for the *BayPass* and IHS
analysis: Chromosome 2 at ~26.6 Mb and Chromosome 5 at ~7.9 Mb (asterisks in Figure 5e).

***Figure 5: Signals of differentiation and selection in temperate* Z. indianus**
populations. *a-b) Genome-wide F_{ST} comparing individual flies sampled in*
Virginia (n= 175) to all flies sampled in Africa (a, n = 34) or Florida (b, n = 26);
colors indicate chromosomes 1-5 in order. Only females were used for the X
chromosome analysis (chromosome 3, green). c-d) BayPass XtX statistic for
comparisons of females from Virginia and Africa (c) and Virginia and Florida (d).
e-f) Integrated haplotype homozygosity score (IHS) testing for long, shared
haplotypes in all flies collected in Virginia. The IHS datapoints in panels (e) and
(f) are the same but presented twice to show alignments with each analysis
above. Gray vertical lines indicate locations of 1 kb windows that contain F_{ST},
XtX, and IHS scores in the top 1% genome-wide; windows were calculated
separately for the Virginia-Africa and Virginia-Florida comparisons. Asterisks in
panel (e) indicate the shared peaks on chromosomes 2 (orange) and 5 (light
blue) discussed in the text and examined in Figure 6.
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We examined the genes annotated in each of these outlier regions and found that both regions included genes in the cytochrome P450 pathway, which is involved in detoxifying endogenous and exogenous compounds including synthetic pesticides (Scott et al. 1998). The IHS peak on chromosome 2 is found near the *Z. indianus* homolog of *D. melanogaster cpr*, a cytochrome P450 reductase essential for electron transfer in the detoxification activities of cytochrome P450 genes (Hannemann et al. 2007). Decreased *cpr* expression has been linked to susceptibility to pesticides in a variety of insect pests and disease vectors (Lycett et al. 2006; Wang et al. 2016; He et al. 2020; Shi et al. 2021; Wang et al. 2025). A proline-to-leucine polymorphism in *cpr* has an XtX score of 7.63, is not found in Africa, and has a frequency of 0.57 in Virginia. Two other SNPs upstream of *cpr* also have large allele frequency differences between Virginia and Africa, offering interesting candidates for further study that might influence gene regulation.

The IHS peak on chromosome 5 is near a cluster of five cytochrome P450 genes. Although additional work will be required to resolve CYP gene orthologs and paralogs in *Z. indianus*, the cluster contains several *Cyp6* genes. One of the largest signals of selective sweeps in the *D. melanogaster* genome is found in *Cyp6g1* (Garud et al. 2015); alleles are *Cypg1* are associated with resistance to DDT and neonicotinoids (Daborn et al. 2001; Schmidt et al. 2010). Therefore, mutations in *Z. indianus CYP6* genes might also be involved in insecticide resistance. For example, in this region, missense variants in *Cyp6a9* and *Cyp317a1* have large allele frequency differences between Virginia and Africa; *Cyp317a1* was associated with permethrin resistance in the Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel (Battlay et al. 2018). *Z. indianus* is a substantial crop pest in Brazil, and several studies have indicated Brazilian *Z. indianus* populations may have evolved some degree of pesticide resistance in response to the use of organophosphorous compounds to protect fig crops (Galego and Carareto 2010; de Oliveira Rios et al. 2024). Although *Z. indianus* is not currently categorized as a pest in the United States (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, 2025) and is not an active target of management in eastern US orchards, many orchards use insecticides to control *D. suzukii* (Tait et al. 2021) and other arthropod pests. Controls for *D. suzukii* are often applied at the time of fruit ripening, which means that other species such as *Z. indianus* that are present during and after ripening may also be impacted by chemical control. Chemicals applied closer to the time of ripening may be more likely to remain on the overripe and decomposing fruit typically used as a breeding substrate for *Z. indianus.* Further investigation will be required to determine if mutations at these loci cause differences in pesticide resistance between African and North American flies. Insecticide resistance is a major challenge in the control of invasive insect pests (Siddiqui et al. 2023), and characterizing resistance may be important for future control of *Z. indianus*.

We confirmed the potential signal of selective sweeps by looking at haplotype structure in these two regions. Each region of high XtX score (Figure 6a-b) was

characterized by a broad peak of extended haplotype homozygosity (EHH) specific to
the allele found in invasive populations (Figure 6c-d), demonstrating that the candidate
alleles have a slow decay of haplotype homozygosity. Visualization of the alleles found
in each haplotype showed long haplotype blocks in North American populations that
were not found in Africa (Figure 6e-f); SNPs within these blocks demonstrate high
linkage disequilibrium in North American flies (Figure 6g-h). Additional analysis revealed
these haplotypes were found in Colombia, suggesting they may have originated after *Z.*
indianus arrived in the Western Hemisphere but may predate *Z. indianus's* arrival in
North America. In invasive copepods, haplotypes under selection in the invasive range
are ancestral polymorphisms under balancing selection in the native range (Stern and
Lee 2020). A similar situation was found for a balanced inversion polymorphism that
fuels invasion in invasive crabs (Tepolt and Palumbi 2020; Tepolt et al. 2022). However,
ancestral polymorphisms selected in the invaded range does not appear to be the case
in *Z. indianus*, as the haplotypes from North America were not found in African flies.
These novel haplotypes could be new mutations or derived due to
hybridization/introgression from another species or divergent population; hybridization
can be an important evolutionary force in invasive species (Ellstrand and Schierenbeck
2000; Fournier and Aron 2021). The *Zaprionus* genus shows signals of historic
introgression among several species, though *Z. indianus* was not directly implicated in a
previous analysis (Suvorov et al. 2022). Therefore, two major haplotypes not found in
Africa have been selected in Florida and Virginia populations, though the source of
these haplotypes remains to be determined.
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Figure 6: Haplotypes near potential pesticide resistance genes with signals
of selection and differentiation*. a-b) BayPass XtX statistics for individual SNPs*
comparing Africa and Virginia populations (see Figure 5a) for peaks on
chromosomes 2 (a) and 5 (b). Horizontal lines indicate the 99.9% quantile of XtX
scores from 10,000 simulated SNPs. c-d) Extended haplotype homozygosity for
the SNP with highest IHS score at each locus (Chr. 2: 26,609,601 and Chr. 5:
7,875,359). The locations of annotated genes are shown below the x-axis. In
panel (c) the gene highlighted in orange is Cytochrome P450 reductase *(cpr). In*
(d) the genes highlighted in color are a cluster of five Cytochrome P450 *genes*
(predicted as Cyp6a14, Cyp6a22, Cpy317a1, Cyp6a13, Cyp6a9 *from left to*
right). Gray lines connect SNP order for panels below to physical locations on
chromosomes. e-f) Haplotypes at each locus: each horizontal row shows

genotypes for a single haploid chromosome phased with read-backed phasing.
Blue indicates the allele more common in African populations and green is the
other allele. Missing genotypes are shown in gray. Panel e shows 223 SNPs and
panel f shows 599 SNPs. g-h) LD (R^2) heatmaps for all SNPs for each haplotype
demonstrate linkage in North American flies.
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To explore population genetic signals around these potential regions of selection, we
broadly grouped flies into three populations—Africa, Florida, and Virginia—and calculated
population genetic statistics in 5 kb non-overlapping windows. F_{ST} between African and North
American populations fell in the top 99% of all autosomal windows for both regions (Figure 7a-
b), suggesting a high degree of genetic divergence. However, absolute genetic divergence
(D_{xy}) between African and North American populations was not especially elevated in these
windows (Figure 7c-d). Nucleotide diversity (pi) was in the lowest 1% of all autosomal windows
for North American samples (Figure 7e-f), as predicted for a sweep that results in shared
haplotypes across many individuals. Tajima's D was also negative and in the lowest 1% of all
autosomal windows for North America, indicative of a recent sweep (Figure 7g-h). Tajima's D
was negative in Africa for these regions, but was it negative across the entire genome (Figure
S15), likely due to combining genetically disparate subpopulations into a single population for
this analysis, producing an excess of rare variants. Relative sequencing depth showed
fluctuations in North American samples that were not seen in Africa (Figure 7h-i), suggesting
the possibility of copy number variants may exist in both regions. Collectively, these tests
provide additional evidence that both regions may have been subject to recent selective
sweeps.
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Figure 7: Population genetic statistics for the regions surrounding
haplotypes on chromosomes 2 and 5. All statistics were calculated for 5 kb,
non-overlapping windows. Panels on left focus on the chromosome 2 region
containing cpr*, and the panels on right focus on the chromosome 5 region*
containing several Cyp genes. Gene locations are shown at the top using same
color scheme as in Figure 6. a-b) F_{ST} comparing combinations of flies from
Africa, Virginia (both focal orchards combined) and Florida. c-d) Absolute
nucleotide divergence (D_{xy}) for the same comparisons. For a-d, horizontal lines
indicate 99th percentile of all autosomal windows. e-f) Nucleotide diversity (π) for
each population. g-h) Tajima's D for the three populations. For e-h, horizontal
lines indicate bottom 1st percentile of all autosomal windows. i-j) Average
sequencing depth per window relative to the mean depth for the entire
chromosome. Relative depths were averaged for all individuals in each
population. See Figure S13 for whole-genome visualization of the same
statistics.
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For comparison, we also examined genetic diversity and population divergence across
the genome (Figure S13) and observed that the X chromosome is an outlier in many regards.
Divergence between Africa and North American samples is greater on the X chromosome
(Figure S13A-B). As previously described (Comeault et al. 2020; Comeault et al. 2021), the X
chromosome has reduced genetic diversity relative to autosomes, especially in invaded
populations (Figure S13C). X chromosomes have smaller effective population sizes in species
with XY sex determination systems and often experience more extreme loss of genetic
diversity upon population contraction (Ellegren 2009). Tajima's D is mostly positive in North
American autosomes, indicative of a strong bottleneck in North American flies. However,
Tajima's D fluctuates between strongly positive and strongly negative in North American
populations along the X chromosome (Figure S13D). These findings, combined with many
regions with high haplotype homozygosity on the X chromosome (Figure 5e-f), suggest
complex evolutionary dynamics on the X that warrant further investigation. Further global
sampling and sequencing of X chromosomes with long reads to resolve inversion genotypes
and CNVs may offer insight towards the potential role of X-linked variants in fueling the
ongoing invasion of *Z. indianus*.
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We lastly compared Virginia to Florida to test for possible recent adaptation within the
invasive range of *Z. indianus*. Virginia has a temperate, seasonal climate with a relatively
limited variety of cultivated produce, and southern Florida is subtropical with an abundance
and diversity of fruits throughout the year. Other factors such as diseases, insecticide use, and
competing species may also differ widely between locales. In the absence of genome-wide
population structure, genomic regions differentiated between these locations are candidates
for local adaptation. We observed elevated F_{ST} throughout much of the X chromosome, with a
pronounced peak at 690 kb (Figure 5b); this peak was found near the most pronounced peaks
in the XtX (Figure 5d) and IHS (Figure 5f) statistics. Examination of this region of the genome
showed several long, shared haplotypes with high linkage in North American populations
(Figure S14); in particular, one haplotype is nearly fixed in Virginia but is segregating in
Florida. It is possible that this haplotype is associated with one of the structural variants on the
X, and differences in inversion allele frequencies between Florida and Virginia could be driving
these patterns. We examined population genetic signals in the region of highest F_{ST} (Figure
S15) and determined that despite high F_{ST} from ~550-650 kb (Figure S15A), D_{xy} between
Florida and Virginia was not high in this region, nor were nucleotide diversity (Figure S15C) or
Tajima's D (Figure S15D) particularly low. In fact, immediately adjacent to the region of high
FST was a region of nearly zero divergence between Florida and Virginia from ~700-800 kb
(Figure S15A-B). This region of low divergence had low nucleotide diversity (Figure S15C) and
negative Tajima's D (Figure S15D), indicating it could be a sweep in North America. However,
it was immediately adjacent to a region of irregular sequencing depth (Figure S15E),
suggesting the signals we observed could be confounded by read mapping artifacts.
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Because the region of high F_{ST} is located near the end of the X chromosome and may
be telomeric and/or centromeric, we more closely examined the normalized depth of
sequencing coverage and presence of repetitive elements (Figure S16). This region contained

a large repetitive element (Figure S16A), and sequencing depth was variable across
populations (Figure S16B), suggesting structural variants such as duplications or deletions
could be influencing mapping and population genetic statistics in this region. For example, at
~610 kb, Florida samples had greater depth than Virginia, but from ~625kb-650kb, Virginia
samples had greater depth than Florida or Africa. All samples had low coverage near the
repetitive element. These findings suggest copy number variation near repetitive elements at
these loci might contribute to the Florida-Virginia divergence; whether the divergence is an
artifact due to sequence misalignments or due to real copy number variation will require further
analysis with long-read sequencing. The region of highest divergence between Florida and
Viriginia contains ~6 genes, including the gene *yin/opt1*, which is important for absorption of
dietary peptides in *D. melanogaster* (Roman et al. 1998). If the Florida-Virginia divergence in
this region is not a sequencing artifact, allelic differences within the invasive range in this gene
could be involved in adaptation to new diets in new environments.

Conclusions

In addition to posing economic, health, and environmental threats, invasive species also
serve as outstanding models for studying rapid evolution in new environments. Here we report
an improved genome assembly and annotation for *Z. indianus*, an introduced drosophilid that
is thought to repeatedly recolonize temperate environments each year and is a potential crop
pest. We use it for a preliminary assessment of potential rapid evolution and genetic variation
in the early stages of invasion. We show that recolonization is likely a stochastic process
resulting in different evolutionary dynamics in different years, even within a single orchard. This
finding demonstrates broad sampling is important for invasive species that are repeatedly
introduced or have multiple introduced populations that may undergo different evolutionary
trajectories in different years or different locations. While some founding populations may be
small, several population genetic patterns we observe could be explained by ongoing gene
flow with the source population or between temperate populations following recolonization,
suggesting gene flow that spreads and maintains favorable alleles could be an important
component in *Z. indianus*'s widespread success, as it is for many invasive species (Díez-del-
Molino et al. 2013; Medley et al. 2015; Arredondo et al. 2018). Demographic simulations and
additional whole genome data will be required to better describe the recent histories of and
potential gene flow between invasive populations and to infer colonization routes within North
America.

Though we find limited population structure across space or time in introduced North
American populations, we identified two selective sweeps in regions containing genes in the
cytochrome P450 pathway, implicating pesticide resistance as a potential cause of recent
sweeps in the invaded range. These haplotypes were not found in African samples, suggesting
these alleles may have evolved in the past ~25 years since *Z. indianus* invaded the Western
Hemisphere, though we can't rule out their origin in another undescribed population. Additional
work will be required to characterize insecticide resistance in *Z. indianus* and compare
resistance across alleles to test the hypothesis that these alleles are involved in a recent

sweep involving pesticide resistance. We also find a region on the X chromosome that shows potential evidence of a selective sweep in temperate regions, potentially due to copy number variation, but the signal could be an artifact of genome assembly issues and sequencing near repetitive elements. Further investigation will be required to resolve the signals in this region. Studying how genetic variation in this region of the genome influences survival in temperate environments will be an important direction of future research. We additionally find that the X chromosome has an unusually complex evolutionary history in *Z. indianus*. It may have several segregating inversions and CNVs, has strong signatures of selection, and shows regions of high divergence both between African and North American populations and within North America. Specifically, long-read sequencing strategies will be important to understand likely inversions both on the X and throughout the *Z. indianus* genome that are common in the invaded range. Large inversions can link together adaptive alleles and are often important drivers of evolution in rapidly changing environments (Thompson and Jiggins 2014), so these regions will be important to track over larger spatial and temporal scales in future studies.

These results underscore the complexity of genetic dynamics during invasions and the need for further studies to explore the adaptive potential and ecological impacts of *Z. indianus* in its invasive range. *Z. indianus* provides a unique system in which we can study independent invasion events across multiple years and locations. One limitation of our study is sample size for each year and location: our ability to estimate allele frequencies or detect subtle changes in allele frequencies across time or space is limited. Sampling strategies that incorporate more individuals, such as pooled sequencing (Bergland et al. 2014; Kapun et al. 2021; Machado et al. 2021; Nunez et al. 2024), will be required to detect these more subtle changes, if they occur, and to understand how they may contribute to rapid adaptation to new environments. The recurrent nature of *Z. indianus* colonization may also offer insight towards the predictability of rapid evolution of invasive species.

Data Availability

New individual sequencing data has been deposited in the SRA under project number # PRJNA991922. RNA sequencing from larval and pupal samples, and larval Hi-C data used for scaffolding are deposited under the same project number. The genome sequence has been deposited at DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under the accession JAUIZU000000000. The metadata for all sequencing samples (including date and location of collection); the annotation information for transcripts, proteins and repeats; and VCFs of SNPs and structural variants have been deposited to Dryad: https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.q2bvq83v3. All code to reproduce analyses has been deposited to Zenodo via Dryad. All code for analysis is also available at: https://github.com/ericksonp/Z.indianus_individual_sequencing/tree/main

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