

1 **Genome-wide signals of drift and local adaptation during rapid lineage divergence**
2 **in a songbird**

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22 **Abstract**

23 The formation of independent evolutionary lineages involves neutral and selective
24 factors, and understanding their relative roles in population divergence is a fundamental
25 goal of speciation research. Correlations between allele frequencies and environmental
26 variability can reveal the role of selection, yet the relative contribution of drift can be
27 difficult to establish. Recently diversified systems such as that of the Oregon junco
28 (Aves: Emberizidae) of western North America provide ideal scenarios to apply
29 genetic-environment association analyses (GEA) while controlling for population
30 structure. Genome-wide SNP loci analyses revealed marked genetic structure consisting
31 of differentiated populations in isolated, dry southern mountain ranges, and more
32 admixed recently expanded populations in humid northern latitudes. We used
33 correlations between genomic and environmental variance to test for three specific
34 modes of evolutionary divergence: (i) drift in geographic isolation, (ii) differentiation
35 along continuous selective gradients, and (iii) isolation by adaptation. We found
36 evidence of strong drift in southern mountains, but also signals of local adaptation in
37 several populations, driven by temperature, precipitation, elevation and vegetation,
38 especially when controlling for population history. We identified numerous variants
39 under selection scattered across the genome, suggesting that local adaptation can
40 promote rapid differentiation over short periods when acting over multiple independent
41 loci.

42 *Key words:* local adaptation, isolation by adaptation, drift, selective gradients,
43 redundancy analysis, postglacial expansion

44 **Introduction**

45 Lineage diversification involves both selective and neutral factors, and elucidating their
46 relative strengths and interactions in the process of evolutionary divergence is essential
47 to understand the mechanisms underlying the early stages of speciation (Coyne and Orr
48 2004; Nosil 2012). Lineage differentiation can be driven by divergent natural selection
49 (Darwin 1859; Coyne and Orr 2004), a mechanism that is at the core of ‘ecological
50 speciation’ models, in which reproductive isolation arises as a by-product of
51 cumulative, ecologically adaptive changes (Mayr 1947; Schluter 2000; Rundle and
52 Nosil 2005). In turn, accumulation of genetic differences caused by drift in geographic
53 isolation or in isolation-by-distance (IBD, Wright 1943; Wright 1946) has been
54 proposed as a mode of divergence driven by neutral factors (Mayr 1954, 1963), a
55 mechanism that can be particularly strong in populations of small effective size (e.g.
56 Carson 1975; Templeton 1981; Uyeda et al. 2009). Selection and drift can also act
57 jointly and even interact during evolutionary divergence in a number of ways.
58 Geographic distance usually implies environmental differences that may drive
59 adaptation to local conditions and ecological differentiation, even if populations are
60 connected by moderate gene flow (Schluter 2000; Rundle and Nosil 2005). The
61 evolution of local adaptation can in turn result in isolation-by-adaptation (IBA), a mode
62 of divergence where adaptive changes lead to intrinsic barriers to gene flow, enabling
63 genome-wide differentiation at both neutral and selected loci (Nosil et al. 2008; Funk et
64 al. 2011). Consequently, geographic distance and ecological divergence may promote
65 similar patterns of genetic diversity among populations, so that teasing apart the roles of
66 neutral evolution and ecological adaptation in evolutionary diversification requires
67 approaches that account for both environmental heterogeneity and neutral population

68 structure (Wang and Bradburd 2014; Frichot et al. 2015; Rellstab et al. 2015; Forester et
69 al. 2016).

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71 Our capacity to assess the relative roles of adaptation and neutral differentiation in
72 driving population divergence has benefitted from our increased ability to survey
73 genome-wide variation thanks to the development of next generation sequencing (NGS)
74 techniques (McCormack et al. 2013; Faria et al. 2014). The increasingly large number
75 of loci afforded by NGS provides improved resolution to detect neutral population
76 structure and patterns of gene flow among differentiated lineages. In addition, highly
77 differentiated loci identified as outliers in an F_{ST} distribution can be interpreted as
78 potential targets of divergent selection standing out in a background of balanced or
79 neutrally maintained genomic variation (Faria et al. 2014; Rellstab et al. 2015).

80 However, methods of outlier detection relying solely on allele frequencies are sensitive
81 to the confounding effects of historical factors, such as past sudden changes in
82 population size or strong drift in small populations that may result in high rates of false
83 positives (Edmonds et al. 2004; Kawecki and Ebert 2004; Billiard et al. 2005; Christmas
84 et al. 2016). Moreover, changes in allele frequencies due to local adaptation can
85 sometimes go undetected by outlier analyses (Pritchard and Di Rienzo 2010; Bierne et
86 al. 2011; Rellstab et al. 2015; Forester et al. 2017). Alternative approaches that integrate
87 environmental parameters by identifying allele frequencies that correlate with
88 ecological variability have proven useful to detect signals of adaptation, especially when
89 selective forces are weak (Frichot et al. 2015; Rellstab et al. 2015; Forester et al. 2017).
90 These methods, known as genetic-environment association (GEA, Hedrick et al. 1976;
91 Mitton et al. 1977) analyses, have the potential to reveal genetic patterns of
92 differentiation due to local adaptation while testing for the role of multiple, specific

93 environmental variables as drivers of selection (Forester et al. 2017). Importantly, GEA
94 methods can correct for population history by controlling for general patterns of neutral
95 genomic variation (Rellstab et al. 2015; Forester et al. 2016), allowing us to separate the
96 respective effects of drift and selection in generating and maintaining variability. GEA
97 analyses have greatly benefitted from the development of high-throughput sequencing
98 techniques, resulting in a number of studies focusing on the genomic variability
99 associated with environmental parameters in groups as diverse as plants (Lasky et al.
100 2012; Jones et al. 2013; De Kort et al. 2014; Nadeau et al. 2016; Sork et al. 2016),
101 fungus (Ojeda Alayon et al. 2017), wolves (Forester et al. 2017) and birds (Manthey and
102 Moyle 2015; Safran et al. 2016; Szulkin et al. 2016; Termignoni-García et al. 2017).

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104 Recently diversified systems provide an ideal scenario for studying the relative roles of
105 selective and neutral factors in incipient divergence and speciation. Specifically, GEA
106 methods are particularly suitable when the system under study (i) is composed of
107 closely related populations, among which the signals of selection are still recent and
108 detectable; (ii) includes broad geographic distributions encompassing heterogeneous
109 habitats across ecological clines (*i.e.* selective gradients) but also spatially
110 discontinuous habitats so that adaptive and neutral divergence can be assessed in
111 different spatial settings; (iii) shows large variability in the degree of geographical
112 isolation among populations, from extensive gene flow to total isolation; and (iv)
113 presents low variability in secondary sexual traits so that differential sexual selection
114 can be ruled out as a major driver of population divergence.

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116 The Oregon junco complex (*Junco hyemalis oregonus*) of western North America
117 provides a particularly well suited system to carry out genome-environment association

118 analysis. The complex originated recently as part of the postglacial radiation of dark-
119 eyed juncos across North America following a northward recolonization of the
120 continent as ice sheets retreated after the last glacial maximum, c.a. 18,000 years ago
121 (Milá et al. 2007; Friis et al. 2016; Milá et al. 2016). Among dark-eyed junco forms, the
122 Oregon junco group presents the highest variability in terms of phenotype and
123 ecological range, encompassing a broad latitudinal range from Baja California to Alaska
124 (Fig. 1A). All forms of the Oregon junco share a characteristic dark hood, yet there is
125 considerable population variation in plumage color, mainly of the hood, dorsum and
126 flanks, and the complex has been traditionally divided into at least 7 subspecific forms
127 (Dwight 1918; Miller 1941; Nolan et al. 2002), which include, from south to north:
128 *townsendi*, from the San Pedro Mártir mountains in northern Baja California, Mexico;
129 *pontilis*, distributed just north of *townsendi* in the Sierra Juárez mountains, also in Baja
130 California, Mexico; *thurberi*, from the mountains of southern California and Sierra
131 Nevada; *pinosus*, a coastal form from central California, predominantly distributed in
132 the Santa Cruz mountains; *montanus*, distributed across the interior of Oregon,
133 Washington and British Columbia; *shufeldti*, a more coastal form from Oregon and
134 Washington; and *oreganus* from coastal British Columbia and southern Alaska (Miller
135 1941; Nolan et al. 2002; Fig. 1A, Fig. 2A, Table 1).

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137 The diverse spatial configuration of populations and environmental variability across
138 the Oregon junco distribution are critical aspects that will affect our capacity to
139 disentangle the roles of adaptive and neutral factors in explaining genomic variance.
140 Here we use a conceptual framework to classify into three main settings the distinct
141 spatial scenarios observable in the Oregon junco with respect to gene flow and
142 environmental variation. These include (i) geographically isolated populations in similar

143 habitats, as in the case of the Baja California *townsendi* and *pontilis* forms, where low
144 levels of local adaptation and low rates of gene flow should result in limited adaptive
145 divergence and high neutral divergence by drift (Fig. 2A); (ii) parapatric populations
146 under divergent ecological conditions, as exemplified by the *pinosus* and *thurberi* forms
147 in California, where divergence is expected to increase due to local adaptation, while
148 geographic proximity and moderate gene flow should lead to intermediate levels of
149 neutral differentiation by drift (Fig. 2B); and (iii) populations found along a continuous
150 environmental gradient, as in the northernmost forms of Oregon junco (*thurberi*,
151 *shufeldti*, *montanus* and *oreganus*) where neutral divergence is expected to be low due
152 to high levels of gene flow, while local adaptation along the gradient may result in a
153 pattern of high differentiation in adaptive variation (Fig. 2C).

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155 Here we use the Oregon junco complex to study how geographic isolation, population
156 history, and local ecological adaptation have driven population differentiation across the
157 range, using extensive population sampling and genome-wide SNPs obtained from
158 ‘genotyping by sequencing’ (GBS, Elshire et al. 2011). A draft consensus genome of
159 junco has also been sequenced and assembled to be used as a reference. We first assess
160 patterns of neutral genetic structure across the complex using selectively neutral SNPs,
161 and we then look for correlations between environmental variables and allele
162 frequencies across the Oregon junco distribution using redundancy analysis (RDA). We
163 also use climatic variables to test for significant niche divergence while controlling for
164 spatial autocorrelation. Finally, we map GBS sequences harboring significant outlier
165 SNP loci to the zebra finch (*Taeniopygia guttata*) reference genome in order to recover
166 the chromosomal position of polymorphic sites and explore how adaptive variation is
167 distributed across the genome.

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169 **Materials and methods**

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171 *Population sampling*

172 Oregon junco populations were sampled across the geographical range of the species
173 using mist nets in order to obtain biological samples for DNA extraction (Fig. 1A).
174 Each captured individual was aged, sexed, and marked with a numbered aluminum
175 band. A blood sample was collected by venipuncture of the sub-brachial vein and stored
176 in Queen's lysis buffer (Seutin 1991) or absolute ethanol at -80°C in the laboratory. All
177 sampling activities were conducted in compliance with Animal Care and Use Program
178 regulations at the University of California Los Angeles, and with state and federal
179 scientific collecting permits in the USA and Mexico. A high-quality tissue sample for
180 whole-genome sequencing was obtained from a red-backed junco (*J. hyemalis dorsalis*)
181 specimen (MLZ 69090) provided by the Moore Laboratory of Zoology, Occidental
182 College, that was collected at Dude Mountain, Coconino County, Arizona. Genomic
183 DNA was extracted from blood and tissue samples using a Qiagen DNeasy kit
184 (QiagenTM, Valencia, CA).

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186 *Whole-genome sequencing and assembly*

187 We assembled a draft dark-eyed junco genome by combining low-coverage genomes of
188 eight different junco individuals, which we then used as a conspecific reference in the
189 SNP calling process. Libraries for seven of the genomes were prepared with the Kapa
190 Library Preparation Kit (Kapa Biosystems, Inc.) using TruSeq-style adapters (Faircloth
191 and Glenn 2012). They were pooled after random shearing and individual barcoding and
192 sequenced in a single lane of an Illumina HiSeq platform. The eighth genome was

193 sequenced at a higher coverage by means of two 101-bp paired-end shotgun libraries
194 and two 101-bp mate-paired libraries with insert sizes of 8 Kb in length at MacroGen
195 Inc. The TruSeq Nano DNA Kit (Illumina) was used for the preparation of the shotgun
196 libraries, while the mate-paired libraries were prepared with Nextera Mate Pair Kit
197 (Illumina). We used FASTQC (Andrews 2010) to evaluate the quality of the sequenced
198 data, and quality filtering was carried out with NextClip (Leggett et al. 2013) in the case
199 of the mate paired libraries. For the rest of them we used Trimmomatic (Bolger et al.
200 2014), applying a sliding window filtering approach with a size of 4 bp and a phred
201 quality score threshold of 25. We also set a minimum length of 50 bp, below which
202 reads were filtered out after trimming. We used the software SOAPDENOV02 (Luo et
203 al. 2012) to perform the assembly. The average insert size for each library was
204 estimated in a preliminary run, and we set a Kmer size of 27 and minimum edge
205 coverage of 2. Gaps that emerged during the scaffolding process were removed with the
206 GapCloser tool from SOAPDENOV02. Finally, we filtered out all the scaffolds shorter
207 than 500 bp so the genome was functional as a mapping reference. The final assembled
208 genome had 37,904 scaffolds with an N50 of 147,816 bases, a L50 of 1,951 scaffolds, a
209 total size of 1.09 Gb, 17.5 Mb of missing sites, and an overall coverage of ~56X, as
210 computed with VCFTOOLS version 0.1.13 (Danecek et al. 2011).

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212 *Genotyping-by-sequencing*

213 We used genotyping-by-sequencing (Elshire *et al.* 2011) to obtain individual genotypes
214 from 127 Oregon juncos belonging to the following subspecific taxa: *townsendi* (n=16),
215 *pontilis* (n=16), *thurberi* (n=35), *pinosus* (n=16), *montanus* (n=16), *shufeldti* (n=12),
216 *oreganus* (n=16) (Table 1). GBS libraries were prepared and sequenced at Cornell
217 University's Institute for Genomic Diversity, using the restriction enzyme PstI for

218 digestion. Sequencing of the 127 individually-barcoded libraries was carried out in three
219 different lanes (along with other 149 junco samples intended for other studies) of an
220 Illumina HiSeq 2000, resulting in an average of 229.2 million good single-end reads
221 100 bp in length per lane. Samples of the same form were distributed among at least two
222 of the lanes to avoid sequencing bias, except in the case of *shufeldti* individuals, which
223 were all introduced in the last set of sequenced samples.

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225 *Alignment and variant calling*

226 We evaluated GBS read quality using FASTQC after sorting them by individual with
227 FASTXTOOLKIT (Gordon and Hannon 2010), and performed the trimming and
228 filtering treatment using PRINSEQ (Schmieder and Edwards 2011). All resulting reads
229 were 69 bp long and had a mean genotyping phred quality score of at least 30, with no
230 positions below 20. The reads were then mapped against the assembled junco genome
231 using the mem algorithm in the Burrows-Wheeler Aligner (BWA, Li and Durbin 2009).
232 Two samples were excluded at this step due to too low read mapping (1 *thurberi* and 1
233 *montanus*). We used the Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK, McKenna et al. 2010)
234 version 3.6-0 to realign reads around indels using the IndelRealigner tool and then we
235 applied the HaplotypeCaller tool to call the individual genotypes. We finally used the
236 GenotypeGVCFs tool to gather all the per-sample GVCFs files generated in the
237 previous step and produce a set of joint-called SNPs and indels in the variant call format
238 (*vcf*) (GATK Best Practices, DePristo et al. 2011; Auwera et al. 2013). Because GBS
239 data do not provide enough coverage for base quality score recalibration, we used
240 VCFTOOLS to implement a ‘hard filtering’ process, customized for each of the
241 downstream analyses (Table 2).

242

243 *Genetic structure analyses*

244 To explore genome-wide population structure among all Oregon junco forms, we ran a
245 principal components analysis (PCA) based on SNP data. Using VCFTOOLS we
246 retained all samples with less than 25% missing data after a ‘soft filtering’ (coverage
247 range between 2 and 100, minimum phred quality score of 40), resulting in a dataset of
248 88 samples, and between 8 and 12 individuals per population (24 in the case of
249 *thurberi*). We filtered out all the sites with any non-genotyped individuals or a minor
250 allele frequency (MAF) below 0.02. We also applied a threshold for SNPs showing
251 highly significant deviations from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) with a p-value
252 of 10^{-4} to filter out false variants arisen by the alignment of paralogous loci, resulting in
253 a matrix of 11,261 variants. We then excluded SNPs putatively under selection using
254 BayeScan (Foll and Gaggiotti 2008). BayeScan computes per-SNP F_{ST} scores and
255 decomposes them into a population-specific component shared by all loci that
256 approximates population related effects, and a locus-specific component shared by all
257 populations, which accounts for selection. The program compares two models of
258 divergence, with and without selection, and assumes a departure from neutrality when
259 the locus-specific component is necessary to explain a given diversity pattern (Foll
260 2012). We used BayeScan with default settings and a thinning interval size to 100 to
261 ensure convergence. For each SNP we obtained the posterior probability for the
262 selection model and the F_{ST} coefficient averaged over populations. For outlier detection
263 and exclusion, we implemented a false discovery rate of 0.3. To filter out the SNPs
264 under linkage disequilibrium (LD) we used the function `snpGdsLDpruning` from the
265 `SNPrelate` package (Zheng 2012) in R Studio (R Studio Team 2015) version 1.0.136
266 with R (R Core Team 2013) version 3.2.2. We applied the correlation coefficient
267 method with a threshold of 0.2 (`method="corr", ld.threshold=0.2`), resulting in a final

268 data matrix of 9,436 SNP loci (Table 2). We then used the function `snpGdsPCA` also
269 available in `SNPrelate` to perform the PCA and obtain the eigenvectors to be plotted.
270
271 We examined population structure with `STRUCTURE` (Pritchard et al. 2000), using a
272 smaller, more heavily filtered SNP data matrix to reduce the computational time of the
273 analysis. Using `VCFTOOLS`, we retained the eight samples of each population (16 in
274 the case of *thurberi*) with the lowest proportion of missing sites for a final number of 64
275 samples. We constructed a data matrix of biallelic SNPs excluding those out of a range
276 of coverage between 2 and 100, or with a genotyping phred quality score below 70.
277 Positions with less than 90% of individuals genotyped were removed from the data
278 matrix, along with those presenting a MAF below 0.02. Once again, we implemented a
279 threshold for SNPs showing highly significant deviations from Hardy-Weinberg
280 equilibrium (HWE) with a p-value of 10^{-4} , and performed the filtering for non-neutral
281 positions and linkage disequilibrium exactly as done for the PCA, to obtain a final data
282 matrix of 34,367 SNP loci (Table 2). We converted the *vcf* file to `STRUCTURE` format
283 using `PGDspider` (Lischer and Excoffier 2012) version 2.0.5.1. Bash scripts to perform
284 the analyses were created with `STRAUTO` (Chhatre and Emerson 2016) and we ran the
285 program five times per K, with K ranging from 1 to 10 after running a preliminary
286 analysis to infer the lambda value. The burn-in was set to 50K iterations and the
287 analysis ran for an additional 100K iterations. Similarity scores among runs and
288 graphics were computed with `CLUMPAK` (Kopelman et al. 2015).

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290 *Redundancy analysis and variance partition*

291 When applying GEA methods there are two main potentially confounding effects
292 related to neutral factors: (i) structure among populations derived from strong drift in

293 isolation may result in genetic patterns similar to those related to adaptive divergence;
294 and (ii) demographic expansions along latitudinal axes may create gradients of allele
295 frequencies at neutral loci correlated with latitude, that in turn would correlate with any
296 environmental variable that changes with latitude, mimicking a pattern of selective
297 sweep and local adaptation (Excoffier and Ray 2008; Excoffier et al. 2009; Rellstab et
298 al. 2015; Forester et al. 2016). Redundancy analysis (Van Den Wollenberg 1977;
299 Legendre and Legendre 1998) is a canonical ordination method that allows computing
300 the variance of a set of response variables explained by a number of constraining or
301 explanatory variables. In addition, partial RDA enables computation of this shared
302 variance between two sets of variables while conditioning or holding constant the
303 effects of a third set of covariables. Here we used RDA and partial RDA as
304 implemented in the R package *vegan* (Oksanen et al. 2016) to explore the associations
305 between genetic variability and environmental data. Ecological data were obtained from
306 7 of the 19 variables available in the BioClim database (Hijmans et al. 2005),
307 specifically chosen in accordance to their relevance to junco ecology (Miller 1941;
308 Nolan et al. 2002). They measured mean temperature and precipitation over the year
309 (BIO1 and BIO12); mean temperature and precipitation over the warmest quarter
310 (BIO10 and BIO18), which corresponds to the birds' breeding season; isothermality,
311 referring to how the range of day-to-night temperature differs from the range of
312 summer-to-winter, where a value of 100 indicates equality between them; and
313 seasonality of temperature and precipitation (BIO4 and BIO15). We also included three
314 vegetation variables from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
315 (MODIS) satellites as available in <https://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov>: percent tree cover
316 (TREE), Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI, a measure of canopy
317 greenness), and NDVI's annual standard deviation (std_NDVI). Finally, we included

318 the high-quality elevation data provided by the NASA Shuttle Radar Topographic
319 Mission (ELEV), downloadable from <http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/srtm> for a total of
320 eleven variables (Table 3). All ecological variables were centered and standardized.
321 Following Blanchet et al. (2008), we implemented a forward selection method using the
322 forward.sel function from the R-package packfor (Dray et al. 2009) to reduce the
323 number of variables in the model. This procedure applies two stopping criteria: a
324 significance level for each tested variable, which we set at 0.01; and a maximum limit
325 for global adjusted R^2 , equal to the adjusted R^2 of the RDA model including all initial
326 variables. In doing so we prevent inflation of the overall type I error and of the amount
327 of explained variance. After this, we excluded those retained variables with a variance
328 inflation factor (VIF) over 10 (Borcard et al. 2011) to avoid high collinearity. Despite
329 signs of low orthogonality observable among variables in the partial RDA (especially
330 among BIO18, TREE and NDVI, see Results) we chose not to exclude more variables
331 or to apply dimension-reduction treatments like PCA to the environmental space of
332 variables so as to assess their specific and relative contributions to differentiation
333 patterns (McCormack et al. 2010) and discuss signals of adaptation with higher
334 confidence. The final selected ecological variables were used as explanatory variables in
335 two RDAs, with and without subtracting the effects of neutral processes, which were
336 approximated by the first two principal components of the PCA of population structure
337 based on selectively neutral loci (see above). As response variables, we used the same
338 SNP dataset used for the PCA, but excluding LD and neutrality filters. SNP data were
339 coded as counts of the alternative allele for each position (*i.e.*, 0, 1 or 2 copies) with
340 VCFTOOLS and transformed following Patterson et al. (2006). Statistical significance
341 was obtained using a permutation-based procedure with 10,000 permutations, assuming
342 $\alpha = 0.01$. We also used variance partitioning as implemented in the vegan R-package to

343 estimate (i) the total proportion of genomic variation explained by ecological variables
344 alone; (ii) by neutral structure alone; and (iii) the effects of both sets of variables.

345 Finally, we repeated the whole RDA treatment for a subset of 87 SNPs identified as
346 selectively divergent by BayeScan, with no conditional treatment. The analyses were
347 conducted in R version 3.2.2 (code included in Appendix I, Supplementary Material).

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349 *Niche divergence tests*

350 To further explore patterns of ecological divergence in the Oregon Junco, we tested for
351 niche divergence applying the method developed by McCormack et al. (2010), a method
352 that allows us to examine each environmental variable separately. To avoid a loss of
353 statistical power due to multiple analyses, we conducted three specific comparisons of
354 forms presenting different patterns of genetic divergence and geographical settings,
355 including: (i) *townsendi* and southern *thurberi* forms, in order to estimate niche
356 divergence between geographically isolated, genetically differentiated forms; (ii) the
357 ecologically divergent *pinosus* with the parapatric northern *thurberi* form, to further test
358 a possible case of isolation-by-adaptation; and (iii) northern and southern populations of
359 *thurberi*, as conspecific extremes of a potential adaptive gradient. We used occurrence
360 points from our own georeferenced field sampling records, and this set of occurrence
361 records was further revised to avoid spatial autocorrelation and to match the spatial
362 resolution of environmental variables (1-km grid). Our final dataset comprised 80
363 localities: *pinosus* (n = 14), *thurberi* north (n = 26), *thurberi* south (n = 19), and
364 *townsendi* (n = 21). We decided to improve quality (geographic accuracy) vs. quantity
365 (number of occurrence records), by using fewer data but with higher spatial accuracy
366 (Engler et al. 2004). To generate a background dataset for each population, we drew
367 1000 random points from a background representing the geographic range of each junco

368 population. In order to select an appropriately sized area for the niche divergence tests,
369 we included accessible habitats according to the dispersal ability of each population
370 (Soberon and Peterson 2005). We generated background samples from a 100-km
371 “buffer zone” around known occurrences (Warren et al. 2008). For populations with
372 small ranges or small dispersal ability (*thurberi* south, *pontilis* and *townsendi*) we
373 restricted the buffer zone to 10 km to reduce spatial inaccuracies in the null distribution
374 (Barve et al. 2011), after testing different buffer sizes to test the robustness in delimiting
375 accessible areas for juncos. Next, we extracted the environmental data (same as the data
376 used for the RDA, see above) for both occurrence points and random background points
377 from within the geographic range of each junco form. Niche divergence and
378 conservatism were tested by comparing the observed environmental differences among
379 forms against a null model of background divergence (generated by calculating the
380 difference between background points using a bootstrapping approach and 1000
381 resamples) for each environmental variable using a two-tailed test. We conducted all the
382 analyses in R 3.2.2.

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384 *Genome scans*

385 We performed genome scans for different Oregon junco forms using BayeScan.
386 In order to obtain the chromosomal positions of the SNPs, we mapped the GBS reads
387 against the zebra finch (*Taeniopygia guttata*) genome v87 available in Ensembl (Yates
388 et al. 2016), applying the same set of tools and parameters as for mapping against the
389 junco genome. Using the same set of samples as in the PCA and the RDA, we
390 conducted the analysis for all forms together; for *townsendi* against *pontilis*; and for
391 *townsendi* against all *thurberi* (see Table 2 for final dataset sizes). For each of these
392 matrices, we retained only biallelic SNPs with coverage between 2 and 100 and a

393 genotyping phred quality score over 40. Positions with less than 25% of the individuals
394 genotyped were removed from each data matrix, along with those presenting a MAF
395 below 0.05. Once again, we implemented a p-value threshold for HWE of 10^{-4} to filter
396 out false variants arisen by the alignment of paralogous loci. We ran BayeScan with the
397 same settings used for filtering out SNPs under selection in population structure
398 analyses, but implemented a more conservative 10% FDR for outlier detection. Genome
399 scan plots were conducted in R 3.2.2 using the package qqman (Turner 2014).

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402 **Results**

403

404 *Neutral genetic structure*

405 The plot of the first two principal components from the PCA revealed four distinct
406 clusters in the Oregon junco group. The most differentiated groups were *townsendi* and
407 *pontilis* from Baja California, which formed two highly divergent clusters with respect
408 to each other and to other populations. A third, highly differentiated group corresponded
409 to *pinosus* from coastal California, showing less differentiation than the Baja California
410 forms with respect to a fourth cluster, which included all the remaining forms in the
411 PCA (Fig. 1B). Within this fourth cluster, southern *thurberi* individuals presented
412 certain degree of differentiation from the rest of the forms, a pattern more conspicuous
413 when plotting the third and fourth components, which also revealed a slight signal of
414 divergence in the *oreganus* form (Fig. S1 in Supplementary Information).

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416 The STRUCTURE results were generally congruent with the PCA. The $K = 2$ plot
417 recovered *townsendi* as an independent population, which shared a considerable amount

418 of variance with *pontilis*. In the analysis for $K = 3$, *pontilis* separated, and $K = 4$
419 identified the same four main clusters seen in the PC1 vs. PC2 plot (Fig. 1B), revealing
420 *pinosus* as an independent genetic cluster. The plot for $K = 5$ clearly captured the
421 differentiation of the southern *thurberi* form in a fifth cluster, and in $K=6$, *oreganus*
422 appears as an independent northern group with all individuals from northern *thurberi*
423 and especially *montanus* and *shufeldti* forms showing an increasing probability of
424 assignment to the *oreganus* cluster from south to north (Fig. 2).

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426 Patterns of divergence in Nei's distances and F_{ST} values among forms were highly
427 congruent with previous results, with *townsendi*, *pontilis* and *pinosus* showing the
428 highest values for both indices, and northern forms showing lower levels of
429 differentiation, especially between southern and northern *thurberi* individuals (Table
430 S1).

431

432 *Forward selection of explanatory variables*

433 Out of eleven potentially relevant ecological variables for juncos, six were retained after
434 the forward selection method intended for excluding non-significant effects. Retained
435 variables included isothermality (BIO3), mean temperature of the warmest quarter
436 (BIO10), mean precipitation of the warmest quarter (BIO18), vegetation cover (TREE),
437 greenness (NDVI), and elevation (ELEV) (Table 3). None of these variables was
438 excluded due to excessive correlation as VIF values were below 10 (maximum
439 recovered VIF = 5.75).

440

441 *Redundancy analysis and variance partition*

442 All six ecological variables retained in the forward selection method were included as
443 explanatory variables in the RDA and the partial RDA models. RDA computes, in
444 successive order, a series of axes that are linear combinations of the explanatory
445 variables, and that best explain the variation in the matrix of response variables
446 (Borcard et al. 2011). Six RDA axes (named RDA1 to RDA6 hereafter, ordered by the
447 amount of variance explained by each one, as reflected by the adjusted R^2) explained
448 6.26% of the total genetic variance in the non-conditioned model, and 1.18% when
449 removing the effects of neutral genetic structure (Table 4). The amount of explained
450 variance increased to 36.61% when using only BayeScan outliers as response variables
451 (Table 4, Table S2). The permutation tests for the RDA models yielded a p-value below
452 0.001 in all three analyses, confirming the significance of the constraining variable
453 effects.

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455 Loadings of ecological explanatory variables on each of the axes varied across the three
456 different RDA models (Fig 4, Table 4, Table S2). In the non-conditioned RDA, the
457 RDA1 axis had a large negative contribution of TREE and NDVI, and loaded positively
458 on elevation (Fig. 4A). The RDA2 axis loaded mostly on BIO3 and BIO10. The plot of
459 per-individual projections on these two axes revealed a pattern generally similar to the
460 PCA. The forms *townsendi*, *pontilis* and to a lesser extent *pinosus*, showed distinctive
461 high values of correlation with both axes. The remaining forms showed similar
462 correlation patterns with respect to RDA1, with southern *thurberi* individuals showing a
463 clear association with RDA2 (Fig. 4A).

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465 In the partial RDA, RDA1 had a large contribution of BIO3, while RDA2 loaded mostly
466 on BIO10 and to a lesser extent, BIO18 and TREE (Fig. 4B). Plotting these first two

467 RDA axes revealed patterns of genetic correlation especially related to the first RDA
468 axis for *pinosus*, which consequently presented the strongest association with
469 isothermality. The individuals from the southern population of *thurberi* showed a more
470 pronounced negative association with RDA2 than in the non-conditioned RDA, further
471 evidence of a positive correlation with mean temperature of the warmest quarter.
472 Northern forms of the Oregon junco (northern *thurberi*, *shufeldti*, *montanus* and
473 *oreganus*) also separated along the second RDA axis, with the northernmost *oreganus*
474 showing the strongest association with the particularly conspicuous mean precipitation
475 of the warmest quarter gradient, a pattern that was not visible in the non-conditioned
476 RDA. *Townsendi* from Baja California occupied positions closer to the origin of
477 coordinates, suggesting a lower association between environmental and genetic variance
478 (Fig. 4B).

479

480 In the RDA based on outlier loci potentially under selection, the first axis showed
481 moderate negative contributions from TREE and NDVI, and also a positive contribution
482 of ELEV (Fig. 4C). Variance in BIO18 was almost entirely captured by RDA2, which
483 also had a relatively high, negative contribution from BIO3. The plot showed a pattern
484 of correlation between *pontilis* and *townsendi* along RDA1, while genetic variance in
485 *oreganus* appeared strongly associated with the gradient of mean precipitation of the
486 warmest quarter along RDA2. The rest of Oregon junco forms (and one atypical
487 *oreganus* individual) were distributed in an opposite fashion, with small differences in
488 their patterns of correlation with environmental variability captured in the second axis
489 of the RDA (Fig. 4C).

490

491 The variance partition analysis showed that climate and neutral structure together
492 explained 7.17% of the total genetic variability (fractions A+B+C, Fig. 5). Since
493 variable sets are not orthogonal, a 5.08% of variation was explained jointly by the
494 environmental data and the first two components of the PCA based on neutral genetic
495 positions (fraction B, Fig. 5). As recovered in the partial RDA, environmental variables
496 alone explained 1.18% of the total variance (fraction A, Fig. 5), while the non-
497 overlapping fraction of neutral genetic structure explained 0.91% of the variability in
498 the SNP dataset (fraction C, Fig. 5). The p-value computed through the 10,000-step
499 permutation test for each individual fraction was below 0.001 in all cases, thus
500 confirming the significant effects of both variable sets.

501

502 *Niche divergence tests*

503 We tested for niche divergence and conservatism on each of the environmental
504 variables. We found significant niche divergence between *pinosus* and northern *thurberi*
505 for three of the six environmental variables analyzed (isothermality, mean precipitation
506 of the warmest quarter and elevation; Table 5). When considering northern *thurberi* vs.
507 southern *thurberi*, we found significant divergence for mean temperature of the warmest
508 quarter and conservatism for isothermality (Table 5). NDVI was the only variable that
509 exhibited significant divergence between *townsendi* and *thurberi* south (Table 5).

510

511 *Genome scans*

512 The BayeScan survey comparing all Oregon junco forms together detected 32 SNPs
513 potentially under divergent selection, and 5 significant SNPs potentially under
514 balancing selection. In the two pairwise comparisons *townsendi* vs. *pontilis* and
515 *townsendi* vs. *thurberi*, 20 and 30 significant SNPs with signs of having diverged under

516 selection were detected, respectively, and no significant SNPs under balancing selection
517 were found in either case. SNPs potentially differentiated under divergent selection
518 appeared distributed across the genome in all comparisons, without obvious signs of
519 heterogeneity among regions (Fig. 6). Chromosomes 1B and 16 harbored no SNPs so
520 they are not shown in the plot.

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522

523 **Discussion**

524

525 *Neutral population structure and local adaptation explains genomic variance among*
526 *Oregon junco forms*

527 Our results reveal that both neutral and selective factors have played a role in driving
528 divergence among Oregon junco populations, and that the relative contributions of
529 geographic isolation and environment-driven selection are not uniform across the
530 distribution range of the complex. Environmental variables explained 1.18% of genomic
531 variation when controlling for population structure, and environment and neutral
532 structure together accounted for 7.17% of the variability in the 11,256 SNP matrix. The
533 remaining 92.83% of the variance corresponds potentially to loci under balancing
534 selection or selective pressures not represented in our ecological variables, and to
535 neutral variation shared by all Oregon junco forms because of their close relatedness
536 and/or gene flow among them. The amount of variance explained solely by
537 environmental variables in our study was comparable to the values reported in studies
538 applying RDA to detect specific correlations between genomic variation and a given set
539 of potentially correlated variables, as shown in plants (e.g. Lasky et al. 2012; Vincent et
540 al. 2013; De Kort et al. 2014) or other avian species (Safran et al. 2016; Szulkin et al.

541 2016). Previous studies on birds have used simple spatial variables such as geographic
542 distance to control for the effects of spatial autocorrelation (Safran et al. 2016; Szulkin
543 et al. 2016). Here, we controlled for genome-wide patterns of neutral variation by
544 subtracting the variance captured by the first two PCs of a PCA based on neutral
545 genome-wide SNPs, a method which should better account for population history and
546 structure, including changes in effective population size, geographic isolation and
547 related effects (Forester et al. 2016). Since spatial autocorrelation is usually reflected by
548 neutral genetic structure, we did not include spatial covariates to avoid over-
549 conditioning the model (Rellstab et al. 2015). Given that only a small fraction of the
550 surveyed genome is expected to be related to genes coding for climatic adaptation or
551 linked to them (Meirmans 2015), a significant 1.18% of association between genomic
552 variation and environmental variability in the conditioned (partial) RDA over only
553 11,261 genome-wide distributed SNPs is a compelling signal of local adaptation.

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555 *Genetic-environment association patterns in the diversification of the Oregon junco*

556 The RDA revealed a number of strikingly different patterns of covariation between
557 genetic variance and ecological variables likely to have played a role in Oregon junco
558 diversification, especially when the effects of population history were removed. The
559 forms *pontilis* and *townsendi* from Baja California, markedly isolated in terms of
560 geography and neutral genetic variability, presented a low genetic-environment
561 association when controlling for population history. This suggests that the
562 differentiation between *townsendi* and *pontilis* is due largely to geographic isolation, in
563 this case caused by unsuitable desert habitat in the lowlands surrounding their
564 respective mountain ranges, a pattern also known as isolation by resistance (IBR,
565 McRae and Beier 2007). In this scenario, our results suggest that differentiation is

566 caused by drift under conditions of small population size and reduced gene flow, rather
567 than divergent selection due to local adaptation, fitting the classic allopatric speciation
568 model (Mayr 1942, 1963; Coyne and Orr 2004). This hypothesis is consistent with the
569 niche divergence test comparing *townsendi* with southern *thurberi*, for which all tested
570 variables but NDVI showed no signal of divergence beyond expectations based on
571 background divergence.

572

573 The form *pinosus* showed considerable neutral genetic structure and a conspicuous
574 pattern of genetic-environment association in both non-conditioned and partial RDA.
575 When controlling for population structure, *pinosus* individuals showed high positive
576 correlation values with isothermality, while correlating negatively with elevation.
577 Indeed, *pinosus* presents the highest isothermality values, and the second lowest
578 elevation after *oreganus*, reflecting a tolerance for low elevation conditions that are
579 absent in neighboring *thurberi*, a pattern also recovered in the niche divergence test.
580 Unlike other differentiated forms like *pontilis* and *townsendi*, *pinosus* does not show
581 high geographic isolation, and zones of intergradation with *thurberi* have been
582 described (Miller 1941). Neutral population divergence despite the absence of
583 geographic barriers to gene flow along with signs of local adaptation is a pattern
584 consistent with isolation-by-adaptation, where barriers to gene flow may have arisen as
585 individuals adapted to the distinct habitat of the coastal mountains of California. Niche
586 distinctiveness and the genetic-environment association pattern of this form is thus
587 congruent with a combination of warm latitude, low elevation and coastal influence that
588 has seemingly resulted in the adaptive differentiation of *pinosus* from the rest of the
589 Oregon junco taxa. As a result, differentiation by drift may have led to positive
590 correlations between adaptive and neutral genetic divergence (Nosil et al. 2008).

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592 The southern *thurberi* individuals from Mount Laguna showed high overlap in terms of
593 neutral genetic structure with northern *thurberi* and other boreal forms, and only slight
594 differences in their genetic-environment association patterns when no controls for
595 confounding factors were implemented. The Mount Laguna site represents the
596 southernmost tip of the *thurberi* range in Southern California, which extends northward
597 and reaches Oregon, forming a relatively continuous distribution (Miller 1941; Nolan et
598 al. 2002), suggesting potentially high gene flow. However, the partial RDA revealed a
599 distinctive pattern of high correlation with the mean temperature of the warmest quarter
600 for the southern *thurberi* juncos, differentiating them from the rest of Oregon forms.
601 They also correlated negatively with the mean precipitation of the warmest quarter. This
602 pattern seems congruent with the habitat of Mount Laguna, and in general with the
603 southern inland range of Oregon juncos, quite arid during summer but subject to
604 snowfalls in winter due to the high elevations (Miller 1941), contrasting sharply with
605 the more climatically moderate coastal and northern populations. The limited neutral
606 genetic structure between *thurberi* range extremes but considerable differentiation in the
607 genetic-environment association patterns is consistent with a process of local adaptation
608 across a selective gradient (Forester et al. 2016), in which selection is the prominent
609 evolutionary force driving differentiation (Haldane 1948; Slatkin 1973; Nagylaki 1975;
610 Felsenstein 1976) while neutral alleles may move freely across space. The niche
611 divergence test comparing southern and northern *thurberi* populations was significant
612 for mean temperature of the warmest quarter.

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614 The boreal Oregon junco forms including *oreganus*, *montanus*, *shufeldti*, and *thurberi*
615 individuals from Tahoe, California, presented a more conspicuous pattern of local

616 adaptation along a shallow selective gradient. These forms showed very low neutral
617 genetic structure or differences in ecological covariances in the non-conditioned RDA,
618 yet showed an increasing signal of association following their latitudinal distribution in
619 the partial RDA. A strong association pattern emerged especially for mean precipitation
620 of the warmest quarter and for correlated environmental variables of tree cover and
621 greenness, matching quite precisely their latitudinal distribution along a gradient of
622 increasing humidity and vegetation cover. The ecology-related differences in genetic
623 variance, consistent with the taxonomic classification of these forms, is especially
624 relevant considering the relative phenotypic similarity of these taxa, and their apparent
625 intergradation (Miller 1941; Nolan et al. 2002).

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627 GEA methods present a number of limitations, including potentially high rates of type I
628 error (see Supplementary Materials for details). Here, rather than detecting specific loci
629 under selection, we aimed to explore how selection and neutral processes shape the
630 variability in Oregon juncos, but the risk of finding false significant associations
631 between genetic variance and ecological parameters persists. To further test the
632 environmental associations revealed in this study, we implemented a highly
633 conservative approach using only BayeScan outliers as response variables in the model.
634 The non-conditioned RDA based on 87 SNP loci identified by BayeScan as potential
635 targets of divergent selection yielded relatively lower resolution than the partial RDA.
636 BayeScan has been shown to produce relatively few false positives, but it is also a
637 conservative approach, the sensitivity of which decreases with selection strength
638 (Narum and Hess 2011). The RDA suggests that BayeScan correctly identified outliers
639 related to low temperatures and high precipitation for *oreganus* samples, a pattern
640 congruent with the habitat and with the outcomes of previous analyses for this form. It

641 also detected highly differentiated positions in *pontilis* and *townsendi* that correlate with
642 RDA1, but in this case associations with specific environmental variables were lower,
643 and the pattern disappears in the RDA based on the entire SNP dataset when correcting
644 for population structure. This may suggest that BayeScan failed to exclude the effects of
645 demographic history, or in turn, that controlling for the genetic variance captured by the
646 PCA was overly conservative. BayeScan was also less successful in detecting adaptive
647 divergence in *pinosus*, and especially in northern Oregon junco forms, where selection
648 may be weaker or have acted during a shorter period. Nevertheless, the outlier SNP
649 dataset explained 36.61% of the total climatic variability, a considerable amount
650 compared with the full SNP data RDA models, indicating a good fit of the retained
651 outliers to the linear regression on the environmental parameters.

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653 *Interactions among environment, geography and demographic processes result in three*
654 *different modes of divergence within the Oregon junco lineage*

655 The Oregon junco is one of the six phenotypically and genetically differentiated dark-
656 eyed junco taxa evolved during a northward expansion from Central America after the
657 last glacial maximum, c.a. 18,000 years ago (Milá et al. 2007; Friis et al. 2016). Similar
658 postglacial expansions have been reported for many other bird species (Seutin et al.
659 1995; Milá et al. 2000; 2006; Hansson et al. 2008; Malpica and Ornelas 2014; Alvarez
660 et al. 2015). However, the population structure documented in this study reveals a
661 variety of different spatial, selective and demographic factors not previously
662 documented in other avian taxa. In light of our genetic-environment association
663 analyses, the patterns recovered by the PCA and STRUCTURE analysis reveal at least
664 three different effects of geography and demographic history interacting to varying
665 degrees with selection in the process of Oregon junco diversification. First, the IBR

666 pattern of differentiation presented by *pontilis* and *townsendi* may suggest that these
667 forms are peripheral remnants of an original, broader distribution of the Oregon juncos,
668 thereafter isolated in ‘sky islands’ of Baja California and diverging predominantly by
669 drift. Indeed, in his thorough monograph on the geographic variation in juncos, Alden
670 Miller (1941) had perceptively suggested early on that the habitat of Oregon juncos
671 from Baja California did not seem to account for their phenotypic differentiation from
672 Californian forms, and that their distinctive traits appeared to be predominantly
673 “historical” (p. 306). The spatial configuration and recovered patterns of neutral and
674 adaptive divergence for *pontilis* and *townsendi* fit the first model of neutral divergence
675 of isolated population in approximately similar habitats (scenario A in Fig. 2). Second,
676 the IBA pattern found in *pinosus* suggests that the current area of intergradation
677 corresponds to a secondary contact zone that formed after diverging in relative isolation,
678 maybe linked to the ancient coastal closed-cone pine forest that has allegedly
679 diminished since the Pleistocene (Miller 1941). The mode of divergence between
680 parapatric populations in different habitats (scenario B in Fig. 2) has been only partially
681 fulfilled, since local adaptation seems to have resulted in reduced levels of gene flow,
682 leading to increased neutral genome-wide differentiation (Nosil et al. 2008; Funk et al.
683 2011; Flaxman et al. 2014). Third, the geographic continuum represented by *thurberi*,
684 *shufeldti*, *montanus* and *oreganus* is also captured in the STRUCTURE analysis by a
685 gradual signal of differentiation following a latitudinal distribution, suggesting that
686 ongoing gene flow may occur among forms. Combined with the signal of increasing
687 environmental association recovered in the partial RDA, these outcomes are consistent
688 with a process of differentiation driven by local adaptation along a selective gradient in
689 the direction of the northward expansion, fulfilling the third hypothesized mode of
690 divergence for these forms of Oregon junco (scenario C in Fig. 2). Interestingly,

691 ecological association approaches have been shown to perform better along clines of
692 selection where demographic expansions align with the gradient of ecological variables,
693 usually related to latitude (Frichot et al. 2015), as is the case in the *Junco* system.

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695 A relevant aspect of the marked population structure found among Oregon junco forms
696 is that it is based on a relatively small subset of genome-wide SNPs randomly sampled
697 from across the genome, representing a genomic fraction not greater than 0.2% of the
698 total of 1.2 Gb. The clear signal of divergence mediated by environmental factors
699 recovered also in the RDA indicates that divergence may have taken place at the level
700 of the entire genome, suggesting the role of multiple selective pressures during local
701 adaptation along the latitudinally broad and heterogeneous distribution of the Oregon
702 juncos. The presence of outliers potentially under positive selection scattered across the
703 genome seems to support this hypothesis of selection-driven genome-wide divergence,
704 rather than widespread drift among isolated populations. Other examples of such
705 patterns of genomic differentiation due to divergent selection at early (e.g. Parchman et
706 al. 2013; Brawand et al. 2014; Egan et al. 2015) and intermediate (e.g. Riesch et al.
707 2017) stages of speciation have been reported recently, contrasting with proposed
708 models of speciation initiated by divergent selection in a few, localized genes involved
709 in reproductive isolation (e.g. Nadeau et al. 2012; Poelstra et al. 2014).

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712 **Conclusion**

713 Our analyses reveal the role of both local adaptation and demography in driving rapid
714 diversification during the northward recolonization of western North America by the
715 Oregon junco. The combined effects of a demographic expansion along a selective

716 gradient with a heterogeneous landscape of environmental variability have resulted in a
717 striking array of divergence modes within a single lineage, from isolated forms in Baja
718 California that have differentiated largely by drift in isolated ‘sky islands’, to adaptive
719 diversification along selective gradients with no obvious geographic barriers to gene
720 flow. There is also a compelling example of isolation by adaptation in the case of
721 *pinosus*, where ecological barriers to gene flow seem to maintain its divergence with
722 respect to nearby forms. Genome-wide patterns of divergence indicate that Oregon
723 junco diversification has been driven by multiple ecological factors acting on many loci
724 across the genome, and suggests that selection may promote local adaptation in short
725 periods of time, highlighting the role of adaptive divergence in the early stages of the
726 speciation process. Future analyses of dense sequencing and functional gene
727 characterization will be necessary to further identify adaptive changes promoting
728 barriers to gene flow and reveal the genomic architecture of rapid diversification.

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743 **Data Accessibility**

744 Genomic data will be deposited in Dryad in short.

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749 analyzed environmental data; G. Friis and BM wrote the manuscript with input from all
750 co-authors.

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753 **Table 1.** Oregon junco forms and number of genotyped individuals per locality. State

754 abbreviations are the following: British Columbia (BC) in Canada; Oregon (OR),

755 California (CA) in the USA; Baja California Norte (BCN) in Mexico.

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| <i>Form</i> | <i>State</i> | <i>Localities</i> | <i>Sequenced</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|------------------|
| <i>oreganus</i> | BC | Banks Island, Porcher Island, Susan Island | 16 |
| <i>shufeldti</i> | OR | Willamette N.F. | 12 |
| <i>montanus</i> | OR | Wallowa N.F. | 16 |
| <i>northern thurberi</i> | CA | Tahoe | 18 |
| <i>southern thurberi</i> | CA | Mount Laguna | 17 |
| <i>pinosus</i> | CA | Santa Cruz Mountains | 16 |
| <i>pontilis</i> | BCN | Sierra Juárez | 16 |
| <i>townsendi</i> | BCN | Sierra San Pedro Mártir | 16 |
| Total | | | 127 |

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759 **Table 2.** SNP data matrices used in each analyses. General filters included a depth
 760 range from 2 to 100 and a p-value for Hardy-Weinberg deviation of 10^{-4} .

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| Analysis | Number of samples | Min. phred score | MAF threshold | Number of SNPs | Allowed missing data |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| STRUCTURE | 64 | 70 | 0.02 | 34,367 | 10% |
| PCA | 88 | 40 | 0.02 | 9,436 | 0% |
| RDA: | | | | | |
| On all <i>loci</i> | 88 | 40 | 0.02 | 11,261 | 0% |
| On BayeScan outliers | 88 | 40 | 0.02 | 87 | 0% |
| Genome Scans: | | | | | |
| All lineages | 88 | 40 | 0.02 | 29,868 | 75% |
| <i>townsendi</i> vs. <i>pontilis</i> | 24 | 40 | 0.05 | 22,773 | 75% |
| <i>townsendi</i> vs. <i>thurberi</i> | 24 | 40 | 0.05 | 22,516 | 75% |

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764 **Table 3.** Set of environmental variables included in the initial stepforward selection

765 method. Significant variables retained by the method are shown in bold.

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| Environmental variable | Description |
|------------------------|--|
| BIO1 | Annual mean temperature |
| BIO3 | Isothermality |
| BIO4 | Temperature seasonality (standard deviation *100) |
| BIO10 | Mean temperature of the warmest quarter |
| BIO12 | Annual precipitation |
| BIO15 | Precipitation seasonality (coefficient of variation) |
| BIO18 | Precipitation of the warmest quarter |
| NDVI | Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (greenness) |
| NDVI SD | Annual NDVI standard deviation (greenness seasonality) |
| TREE | Percent tree cover |
| ELEV | Elevation from the NASA Shuttle Radar Topographic Mission |

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768 **Table 4.** RDA loads of the constraining variables in the first two axes and their
 769 explained variance for each one of the RDA models. The total variance explained by the
 770 full model (adjusted R² for the resultant six axes) is shown for each analysis. In all of
 771 the three analyses, the p-value for the full models was below 0.001. See Table 3 for
 772 variable definitions.
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| | Non conditioned RDA | | Partial RDA | | RDA of BayeScan outliers | |
|--|----------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Total explained variance (adjusted R²) | 6.26% | | 1.18% | | 36.61% | |
| Variable | RDA1 | RDA2 | RDA1 | RDA2 | RDA1 | RDA2 |
| BIO3 | 0.124 | 0.239 | 0.839 | -0.427 | 0.214 | 0.763 |
| BIO10 | 0.108 | -0.610 | 0.359 | -0.679 | 0.221 | 0.374 |
| BIO18 | 0.052 | 0.021 | -0.452 | 0.501 | -0.031 | -0.994 |
| ELEV | 0.646 | -0.031 | -0.324 | -0.301 | 0.629 | 0.420 |
| NDVI | -0.641 | 0.588 | -0.320 | 0.199 | -0.731 | -0.277 |
| TREE | -0.710 | 0.320 | -0.270 | 0.326 | -0.776 | -0.423 |
| Variance | | | | | | |
| Eigenvalue | 1304.262 | 567.705 | 481.320 | 350.714 | 63.655 | 12.657 |
| Proportion explained | 0.025 | 0.011 | 0.003 | 0.002 | 0.250 | 0.050 |
| Cumulative proportion | 0.025 | 0.037 | 0.003 | 0.005 | 0.250 | 0.300 |

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776 **Table 5.** Results from the niche divergence test for *pinosus* vs. northern *thurberi*,
 777 northern vs. southern *thurberi* and southern *thurberi* vs. *townsendi*. Variables showing
 778 significant divergence (Diverged) or conservatism (Conserved) are shown in bold (p-
 779 value < 0.05). e.d.b.b.: expected divergence based on background.

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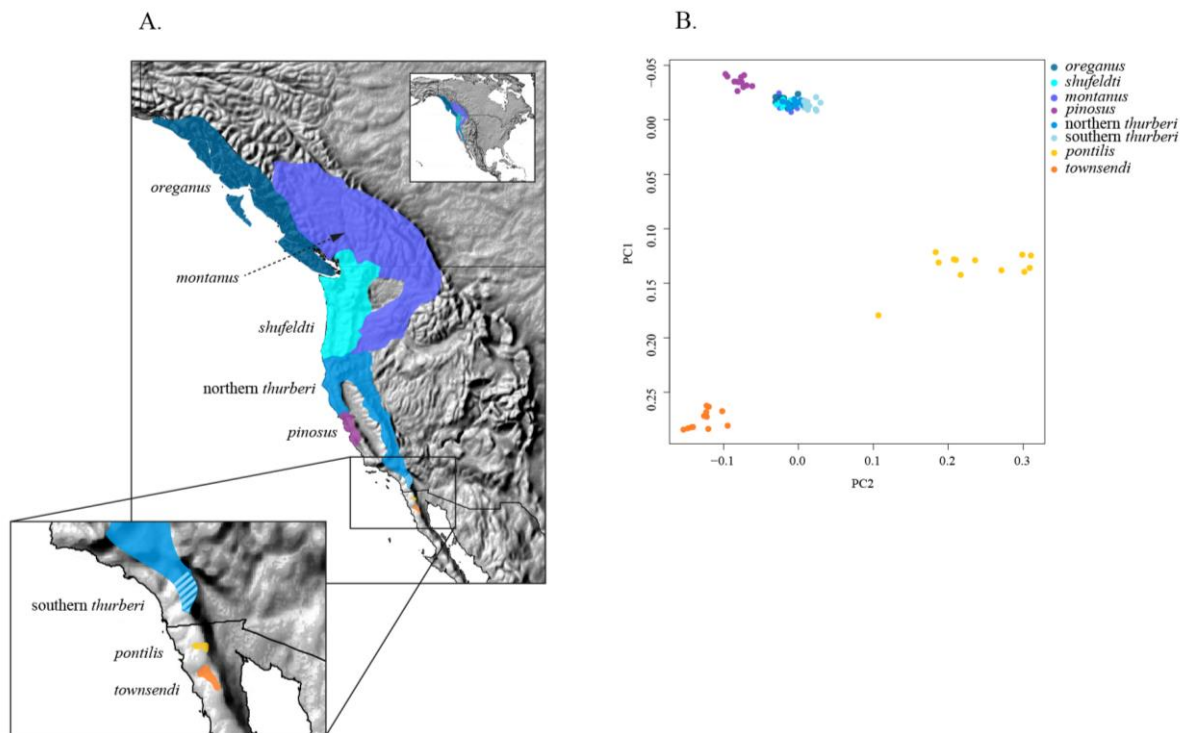
| | Variable | Result | p-value | Observed mean difference | Background mean difference |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>pinosus</i> vs. | TREE | e.d.b.b. | 0.636 | 3.95 | 7.17 |
| northern <i>thurberi</i> | BIO10 | e.d.b.b. | 0.718 | 20.40 | 17.34 |
| | BIO3 | Diverged | 0.000 | 16.78 | 9.45 |
| | BIO18 | Diverged | 0.000 | 41.92 | 27.24 |
| | ELEV | Diverged | 0.032 | 1329.81 | 978.26 |
| | NDVI | e.d.b.b. | 0.550 | 192.67 | 428.18 |
| northern vs. | TREE | e.d.b.b. | 0.580 | 2.11 | 4.52 |
| southern <i>thurberi</i> | BIO10 | Diverged | 0.030 | 41.85 | 23.87 |
| | BIO3 | Conserved | 0.002 | 1.37 | 2.87 |
| | BIO18 | e.d.b.b. | 0.860 | 15.02 | 14.25 |
| | ELEV | e.d.b.b. | 0.474 | 202.60 | 140.29 |
| | NDVI | e.d.b.b. | 0.144 | 258.89 | 1019.97 |
| southern <i>thurberi</i> | TREE | e.d.b.b. | 0.536 | 15.01 | 12.25 |
| vs. <i>townsendi</i> | BIO10 | e.d.b.b. | 0.412 | 47.88 | 43.03 |
| | BIO3 | e.d.b.b. | 0.472 | 2.47 | 2.89 |
| | BIO18 | e.d.b.b. | 0.188 | 74.77 | 67.26 |
| | ELEV | e.d.b.b. | 0.786 | 750.22 | 717.21 |
| | NDVI | Diverged | 0.012 | 1597.62 | 574.28 |

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784 **Figure 1.** Geographic distribution and neutral genetic structure of the Oregon junco
785 forms. (A) Breeding ranges of all the Oregon junco forms. (B) Genetic structure of
786 Oregon junco forms based on a principal components analysis of independent,
787 selectively neutral genome-wide SNPs.

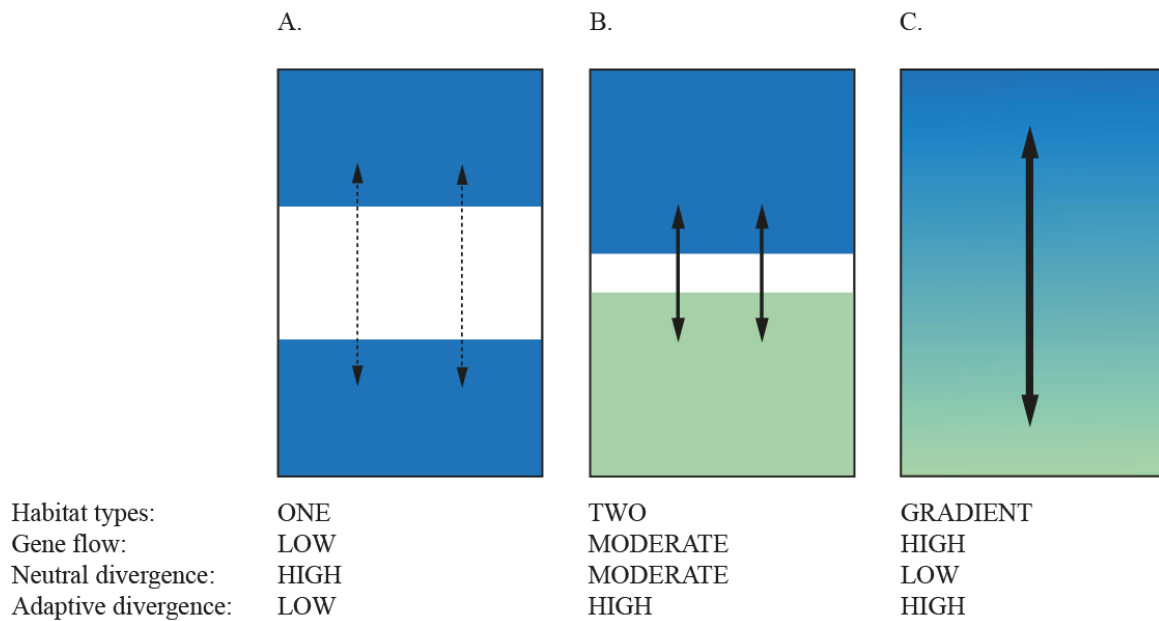


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791 **Figure 2.** Expectations for neutral and adaptive divergence under different
792 environmental and spatial configurations found across the Oregon junco distribution.
793 (A) Geographically isolated populations in similar habitats. (B) Parapatric populations
794 in ecologically divergent habitats. (C) Population continuum across a selective gradient.

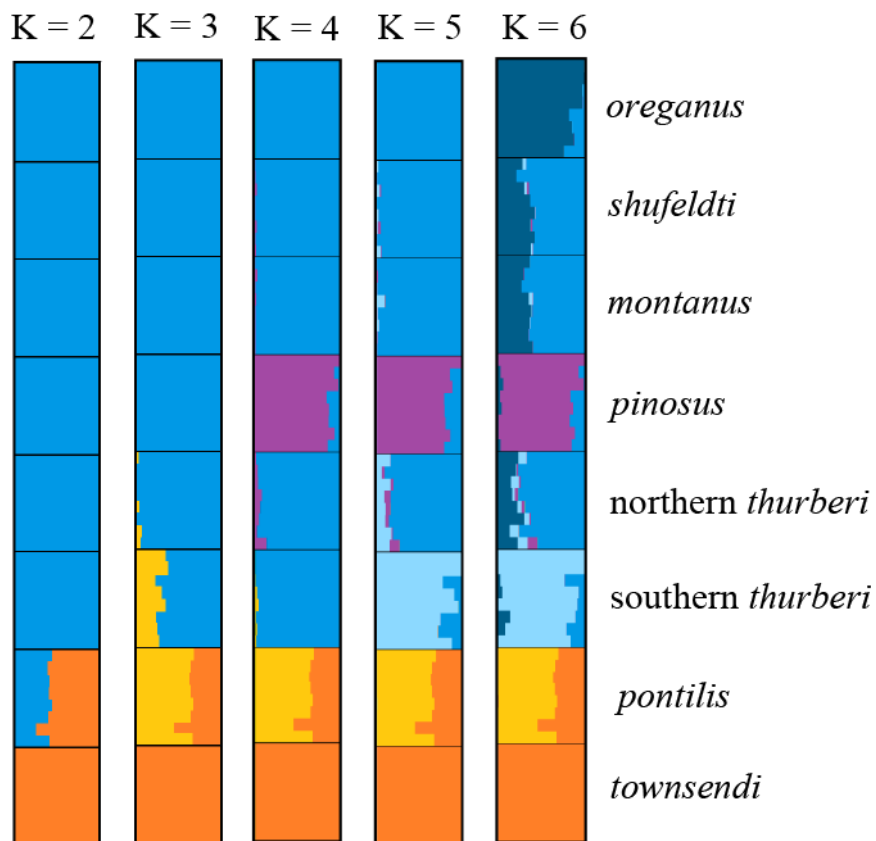


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797 **Figure 3.** Genetic structure of the Oregon junco forms based on 34,367 selectively
798 neutral genome-wide SNPs using the program STRUCTURE. Each horizontal bar
799 corresponds to an individual, with colors corresponding to posterior assignment
800 probabilities to each of a number of genetic clusters (K). Colors correspond
801 approximately to those in Fig. 2A.

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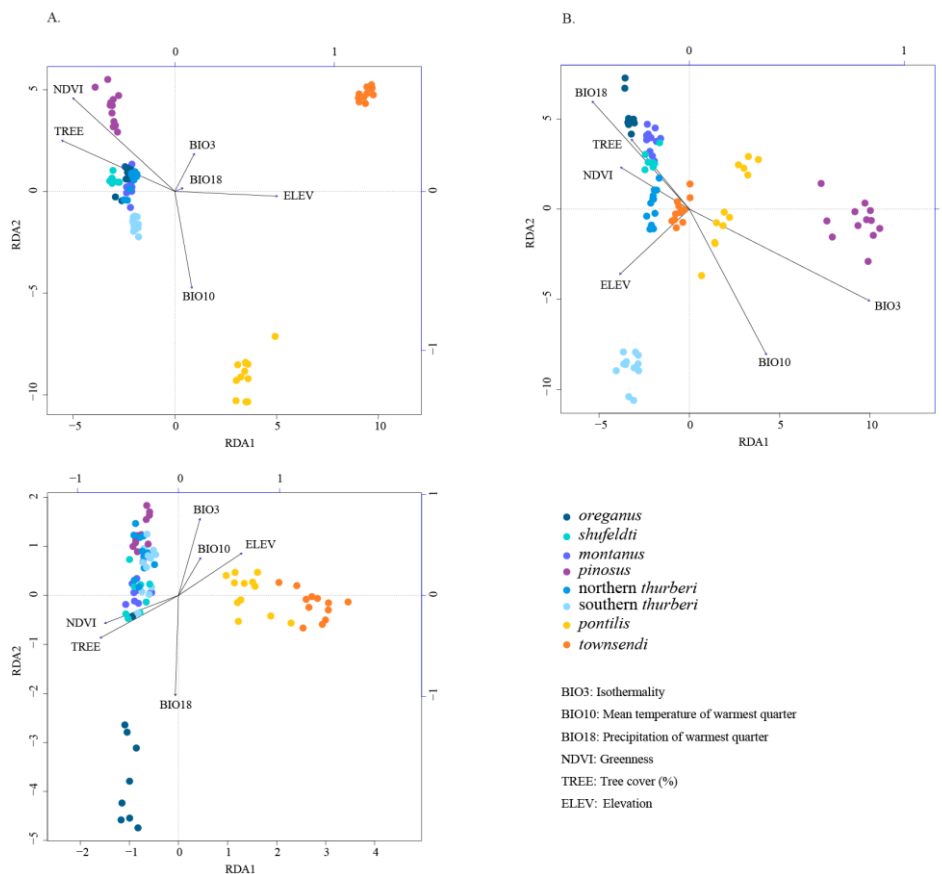


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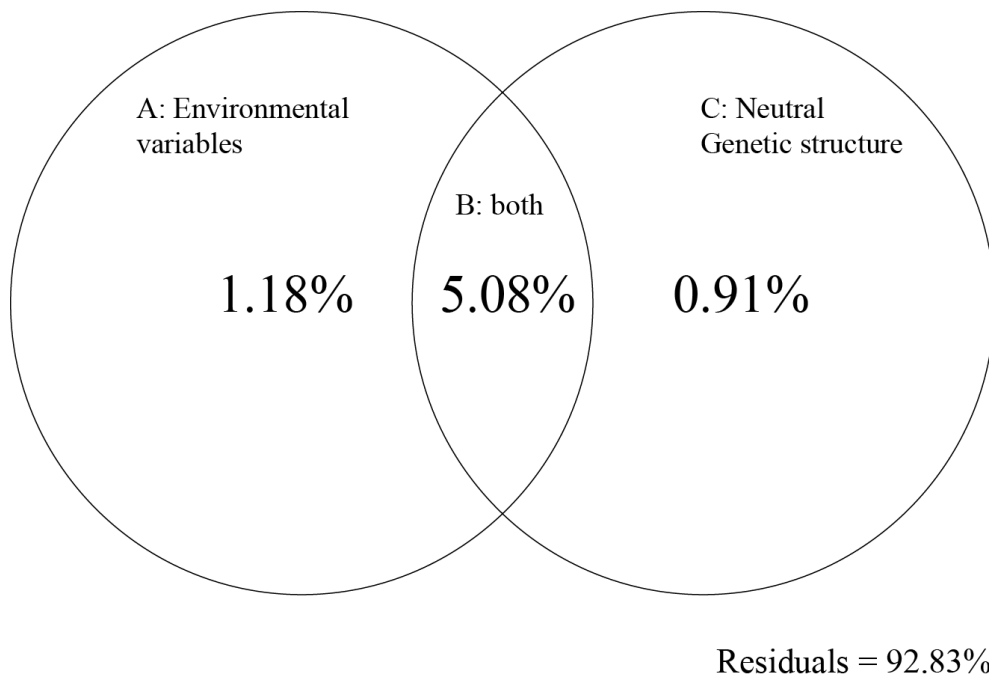
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806 **Figure 4.** Genetic-environment association analyses in the Oregon junco. Points
807 represent the projection of individual genotypes on the first two RDA axes. Marker
808 colors correspond to those on the range map on Fig. 2A. The explanatory variables are
809 shown within the space defined by RDA1 and RDA2 by labeled vectors. Their
810 contribution to each axis is represented by the length of their orthogonal projections
811 over the scale bars along top and right sides of the graphs. Arrows indicate the direction
812 of the gradient of variation for the corresponding environmental parameter. The value
813 for each sample point on each explanatory variable can be obtained by an orthogonal
814 projection on the corresponding plotted vector. (A) First two RDA axes of a non-
815 conditioned RDA based on 11,261 SNPs. (B) First two RDA axes of a partial RDA
816 based on 11,261 SNPs conditioned by neutral genetic structure, approximated by the
817 first two PCs of a PCA based on neutral markers. (C) First two RDA axes of a non-
818 conditioned RDA based on 87 SNP outliers identified in a BayeScan analysis.



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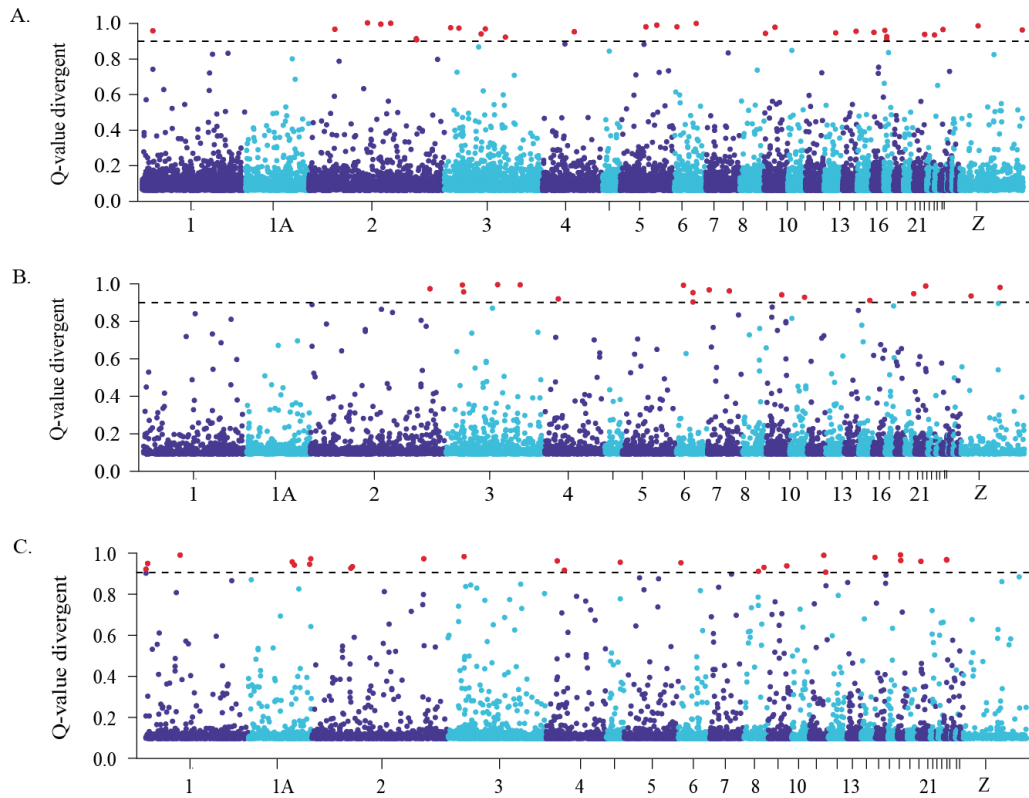
820 **Figure 5.** Plot of the fractions of the genetic variability in Oregon samples explained by
821 (A) environmental variables alone; (B) the overlap of both environmental variables and
822 neutral structure; and (C) neutral genetic structure alone; and the unexplained genetic
823 variability (residuals). P-values computed through a 1000-step permutation test for the
824 fractions A, B and C, were below 0.001 in all cases.
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828 **Figure 6.** Plot of per-SNP posterior probability of divergence mediated by selection
829 (shown as 1 – Q-value as computed by BayeScan) in (A) all Oregon junco forms
830 together; (B) *townsendi* against *pontilis* and (C) *townsendi* against all *thurberi*. Loci
831 above the dotted line (in red) are those below a false discovery rate of 10%.
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