



Phylogeny and comparative biogeography of *Pionopsitta* parrots and *Pteroglossus* toucans

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Abstract

Studies of Neotropical birds, and their distributions and areas of endemism, in particular, have been central in the formulation of hypotheses proposed to explain the high species diversity in the Neotropics. We used mtDNA sequence data (ATPase 6 and 8, COI, and *cyt b*) to reconstruct the species-level phylogenies for two genera, *Pionopsitta* (Aves: Psittacidae) and *Pteroglossus* (Aves: Rampastidae), compare our results with previous morphology-based phylogenetic analyses, and estimate the absolute timing of lineage and biogeographic divergences. Both the *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* phylogenies support a hypothesis of area relationships in which a divergence of the Serra do Mar (Atlantic Forest, Brazil) region of endemism is followed by the divergence of *cis*- and *trans*-Andean regions, then a split between the upper and lower Amazon basin, next the divergence of the Guyana area, and finally diversification of taxa in the upper Amazon basin's areas of endemism. Phylogenies of both genera support a hypothesis of area relationships that is similar to that proposed by Prum [XIX International Ornithological Congress (1988), 2562] for high-vagility species, but while they agree on the relative timing of area divergence (vicariance) events, they yield different absolute time estimates for those divergences when the typical avian mtDNA clock calibration is used. Taken at face value, the time estimates indicate that both genera began to diversify before the start of the Pleistocene, and that climatic and habitat shifts alone do not account for the diversification of these taxa.

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1. Introduction

As a group, birds are among the best-studied organisms, and analyses of their distributions and areas of endemism have been central in the formulation of hypotheses seeking to explain the high diversity of species in the Neotropics (Cracraft, 1985; Haffer, 1969, 1974). The most widely cited is the Refuge Hypothesis, which attributes most species-level diversification to cycles of fragmentation and expansion of lowland for-

ests—and their associated fauna—caused by glacial cycles during the Pleistocene (Haffer, 1969; see chapters in Prance, 1982). However, the emphasis on recent (Pleistocene-era) diversification has subsequently been downplayed by a number of authors including one of the main proponents of the Refuge Hypothesis (Haffer, 1997). Emerging is a more complex view of Neotropical diversification that includes orogeny, riverine barriers, and climatological changes as mechanisms causing speciation over the last 25 million years (Bush, 1994; Cracraft and Prum, 1988). This range of mechanisms implies that biogeographic patterns will be to some extent species-specific, so a comprehensive understanding of diversification in the Neotropics will depend in part on the phylogeographic and phylogenetic study of organisms

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with a range of ecological requirements, population sizes, and dispersal abilities (Bates et al., 1998; Bush, 1994).

Only a handful of published studies have examined species-level phylogenetic relationships among avian taxa of the mainland Neotropics, and they indicate the importance of orogeny, particularly the rise of the Andes separating the *trans*-Andean (Chocó and Mesoamerica) regions of the Neotropics from the *cis*-Andean ones (Amazon and eastern regions of South America) (Burns, 1997; Cracraft and Prum, 1988; Hackett, 1996); the rise of the Isthmus of Panama (Hackett, 1995); riverine barriers (Bates et al., 1999; Capparella, 1988; Hackett, 1993); and climatic changes (Hackett, 1995) as probable mechanisms driving speciation. The importance of ecological gradients and parapatric speciation (Endler, 1982) for Neotropical avian diversification—was downplayed by Cracraft and Prum (1988) based on their phylogenetic

analysis of four clades of birds. Other causes of diversification—e.g., ecological heterogeneity (Tuomisto and Ruokolainen, 1995) and marine transgressions (Nores, 1999)—have been discussed in the literature, but not explicitly evaluated in phylogeographic studies of birds.

Cracraft and Prum (1988) and Prum (1988) were the first to take a phylogenetic approach, to look for concordance in geographical speciation patterns across the Neotropics, based on morphological analysis of a variety of avian taxa (see Figs. 1 and 2). Subsequent phylogenetic analyses of avian and primate datasets have led to several hypotheses, or area cladograms, of the relationships among the Neotropical areas of endemism (Bates et al., 1998; Cracraft and Prum, 1988; Prum, 1988; Silva and Oren, 1996; reviewed by Marks et al., 2002; Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2003). These hypotheses outline the relative timing of vicariance events that fragmented the Neotropical biota, and often posit an early split between *cis*- and *trans*-Andean members of a clade (Bates et al., 1998; Cracraft and Prum, 1988; Prum, 1988). According to data representing some groups, the early *cis/trans* Andean split is preceded by a divergence of Serra do Mar (Atlantic Forest, Brazil) lineages, but in other groups the Serra do Mar divergence occurs later in the history of diversification (Fig. 2; Cracraft and Prum, 1988; Prum, 1988). A few genetic analyses of Neotropical birds have suggested a close area relationship between the Chocó/Central American region and the Imerí region of Amazonas (Hackett, 1993; Marks et al., 2002), but more typical is the grouping of the Imerí, Napo, and Inambari regions as a distinct Amazonas clade. In general, the historical relationships among the Amazonian regions of endemism vary considerably among the hypotheses representing different groups.

Some of the variation among area cladograms implied by different avian phylogenies may be due to differences in dispersal ability. In his analysis of 13 clades of birds from four families, Prum (1988) discerned two biogeographic patterns (Figs. 2B and C), and suggested that they reflect different responses to vicariance events

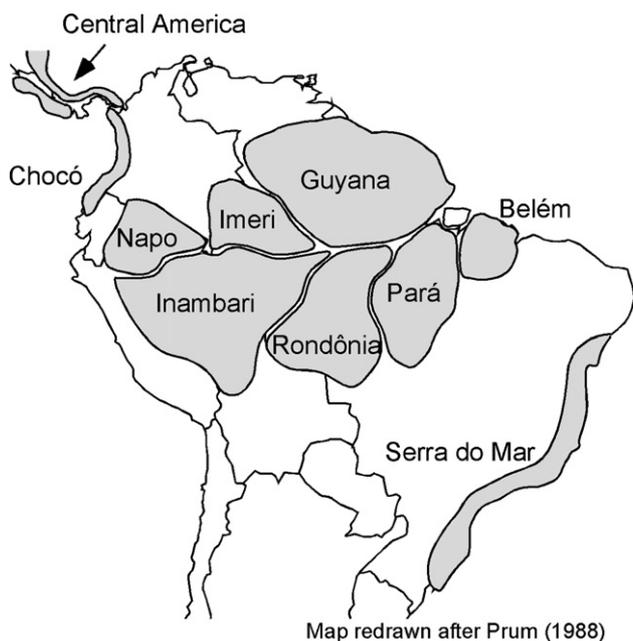


Fig. 1. Areas of endemism for Neotropical lowland forest birds, redrawn after Prum (1988).

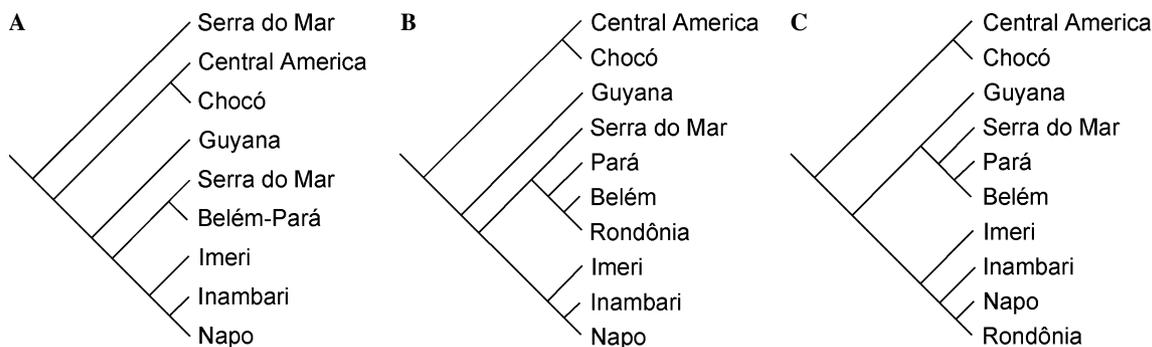


Fig. 2. Hypotheses for area relationships proposed by Cracraft and Prum (1988; a) and Prum (1988; b and c), based on phylogenetic analyses that included *Pionopsitta* parrots and *Pteroglossus* toucans. The appearance of Serra do Mar in two places in hypothesis (A) indicates that the area is a composite, or “biogeographic hybrid” (Cracraft and Prum, 1988). Hypothesis (B) was proposed for “low-vagility” species and (C) for “high-vagility” birds.

by birds of different vagilities (dispersal ability) and population genetic structures. In general, he found that large-bodied canopy birds (e.g., *Ramphastos* toucans), which are presumably good dispersers, support one pattern (Fig. 2C), while smaller toucans and other forest birds, which probably have more limited dispersal abilities, support the somewhat different pattern shown in Fig. 2B. However, some taxa, namely the relatively small *Pteroglossus* toucans, include some species groups that support the “high vagility” pattern while other clades support the “low vagility” pattern.

The area cladograms discussed above describe the relative timing of vicariance events that shaped the biogeographic history of the Neotropics, but do not address the absolute timing of these events. Indeed, as Prum (1988) points out, some of the conflicts between biogeographic patterns shown by different taxa may simply reflect vicariance events that occurred at different times, or to cyclical changes in the permeability of barriers to dispersal over time (Bermingham and Avise, 1986). Marks et al. (2002) note that the phylogeographic pattern of the Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) conflicts with most hypotheses of area relationships, but that this might be due to the fact that their sample of sub-species reflects relatively recent divergences, while many area-relationship hypotheses resulted from sampling at higher taxonomic levels. Phylogenetic analyses of molecular data provide one means of estimating the absolute timing of the biogeographic events that are implied by area cladograms. Although these molecule-based time estimates are not without error (Arbogast et al., 2002; Lovette, 2004; Rambaut and Bromham, 1998; Swofford et al., 1996), they are a substantial improvement on the limited temporal information that can be obtained from morphology-based analyses in the absence of fossil data.

An estimation of absolute timing of vicariance events is particularly useful when phylogenetically independent groups are assessed for evidence of biogeographic concordance (Bermingham and Avise, 1986). Genetic studies indicate that many tropical avian taxa are older and more geographically structured than their temperate zone counterparts (Bates et al., 1999; Capparella, 1988; Hackett and Rosenberg, 1990), and taxonomic distinctions don't always reflect patterns of genetic differentiation (e.g., Marks et al., 2002; Seutin et al., 1993). Molecular data have permitted the rough estimation of divergence times for Neotropical avian taxa, and several studies (e.g., Bates et al., 1999; Capparella, 1988; Hackett, 1993; Hackett and Rosenberg, 1990) have shown species-level diversification to be pre-Pleistocene. However, in some other cases, species-level divergences appear to be Pleistocene in age (Burns, 1997; Hackett, 1995). For example, an allozyme study of *Pteroglossus* toucans found low levels of genetic differentiation within the genus, indicating that the group diversified fairly recently, probably during the Pleistocene (Hackett and Lehn, 1997).

In this study, we revisit the work of Cracraft and Prum (1988) and Prum (1988), using DNA sequence data to reconstruct phylogenies for two of the genera included in their studies. We compare the sequence-based phylogenies for *Pionopsitta* parrots and *Pteroglossus* toucans with the morphological phylogenies, and use the sequence data to estimate the timing of lineage divergences to refine hypotheses of the historical biogeography of these two genera.

One of the difficulties encountered when testing hypotheses of area relationships is that it is sometimes unclear which area(s) of endemism is (are) represented by each terminal taxon. The genus *Pteroglossus*, given the extensive sympatry of member species, is an example of this type of difficulty. Cracraft and Prum (1988) and Prum (1988) “solved” the problem by separately analyzing species groups (or “superspecies”), which were presumed to be monophyletic clades and whose member species are allopatric. Their morphology-based phylogenetic analyses allowed them to determine the relative timing of vicariant events within each clade, but the extensive sympatry among clades indicates that dispersal, and not just vicariance, was an important factor in the diversification of the group and in determining present-day distributions. The molecular phylogenetic analysis presented here includes all of the species simultaneously, which permits an evaluation of the monophyly of the above species groups, and allows a more comprehensive analysis of the historical biogeography of the genus.

2. Methods

2.1. Study taxa and sampling

Members of the genus *Pionopsitta* are medium-sized, stocky, short-tailed parrots typically found in lowland rainforest and tall second-growth forest, sometimes ranging into clearings with scattered trees, and in the case of some species (e.g., *P. haematotis* and *P. pyrilia*) into montane and cloud forest (Forshaw, 1989; Juniper and Parr, 1998). They feed primarily on fruits, berries, and seeds, usually in the forest canopy (Forshaw, 1989; Juniper and Parr, 1998). The genus *Pionopsitta* includes seven species—*P. pileata*, *P. haematotis*, *P. pulchra*, *P. pyrilia*, *P. barrabandi*, *P. caica*, and *P. vulturina*—that are mostly allopatric, and distributed from southern Mexico to southeastern Brazil (Forshaw, 1989; Juniper and Parr, 1998; Sibley and Monroe, 1990). Two of the species are sometimes further divided into two taxa—*P. haematotis* (*P. haematotis* and *P. coccincolaris*; Cracraft and Prum, 1988) and *P. barrabandi* (*P. barrabandi* and *P. aurantiigena*; Gyldenstøpe, 1951). *Pionopsitta vulturina*, an unusual-looking parrot with a bare head that is covered with hairlike bristles instead of feathers,

is sometimes placed in a monotypic genus, *Gypopsitta* (Forshaw, 1989; Sibley and Monroe, 1990). Recently, a new species, *P. aurantiocephala*, was described from Brazil (Gaban-Lima et al., 2002). It resembles *P. vulturina*, but has an orange rather than black head, and more extensive bare skin on the head. This new species is only known from a few localities on the Madeira and Tapajós rivers (Gaban-Lima et al., 2002), in the western part of the range depicted for *P. vulturina* in Fig. 6.

Pteroglossus toucans typically inhabit the canopies of lowland humid forest, second-growth woodland, and forest borders; two species (*P. flavirostris* and *P. castanotis*) also occur in gallery forest and savanna woodland (Hilty and Brown, 1986; Meyer de Schauensee and Phelps, 1978; Ridgely and Greenfield, 2001; Ridgely and Gwynne, 1989). Examination of the stomach contents from 106 individuals in 11 *Pteroglossus* species indicates that these toucans are primarily frugivorous, only occasionally taking insect or vertebrate food items (Remsen et al., 1993).

In his book on the diversification of Neotropical birds, Haffer (1974) presents a detailed discussion of speciation patterns in toucans, integrating information on plumage coloration, bill morphology, voice, and geographic distribution. Haffer recognized nine *Pteroglossus* species, some of which he further divided into subspecies: *P. viridis*, *P. inscriptus* (*P. i. inscriptus* and *P. i. humboldti*), *P. bitorquatus* (*P. b. bitorquatus*, *P. b. sturmii*, and *P. b. reichenowi*), *P. flavirostris* (*P. f. flavirostris*, *P. f. mariae*, and *P. f. azara*), *P. aracari*, *P. castanotis*, *P. pluricinctus*, *P. torquatus* (*P. t. torquatus*, *P. t. sanguineus*, *P. t. erythrogygius*, and *P. t. frantzii*), and *P. beauharnaesii*.

sii. Haffer grouped these species into three superspecies: the *P. viridis* superspecies (*P. viridis* and *P. inscriptus*), the *P. bitorquatus* superspecies (*P. bitorquatus* and *P. flavirostris*), and the *P. aracari* superspecies (*P. aracari*, *P. castanotis*, *P. pluricinctus*, and *P. torquatus*). The remaining species, *P. beauharnaesii*, was considered to be a more divergent, and presumably older, species (Haffer, 1974). Haffer's classification of the genus *Pteroglossus* is summarized in Table 1.

Sibley and Monroe's (1990) classification differs from Haffer's, giving species status to *P. mariae*, *P. azara* (which includes Haffer's *P. f. flavirostris* and *P. f. azara*), *P. sanguineus*, *P. erythrogygius*, and *P. frantzii*. The name *P. azara* (sensu Sibley and Monroe, 1990) is used by Ridgely and Greenfield (2001), but the same taxon is referred to as *P. flavirostris* by Meyer de Schauensee and Phelps (1978), as well as by Hilty and Brown (1986). The latter name is used in this paper, to facilitate comparisons with the analyses of Cracraft and Prum (1988) and Prum (1988), who use Haffer's nomenclature.

In their phylogenetic analysis, Cracraft and Prum (1988) followed Haffer's nomenclature and considered the *P. viridis* and *P. bitorquatus* species groups separately; the *P. aracari* superspecies was not included in their study. They also noted that the monotypic genus, *Baillonius*, appears to be the sister-group to *Pteroglossus*; a similar relationship is indicated by allozyme data (Hackett and Lehn, 1997).

Frozen tissue samples for this study were obtained from the tissue collections at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences (ANSP), Louisiana State University's Museum of Natural Science (LSU), the National

Table 1
Classification of *Pteroglossus* toucans, following Haffer's (1974) monograph

Superspecies	Species	Subspecies		Area
<i>P. viridis</i>	<i>P. viridis</i>		**	Guyana
	<i>P. inscriptus</i>	<i>P. i. inscriptus</i>	**	Pará
		<i>P. i. humboldti</i>	**	Inambari
<i>P. bitorquatus</i>	<i>P. bitorquatus</i>	<i>P. b. bitorquatus</i>		Pará
		<i>P. b. sturmii</i>	**	Pará
		<i>P. b. reichenowi</i>		Pará
	<i>P. flavirostris</i>	<i>P. f. flavirostris</i>	**	Imerí
		<i>P. f. mariae</i>	**	Inambari
		<i>P. f. azara</i>		
<i>P. aracari</i>	<i>P. aracari</i>		**	Pará
	<i>P. castanotis</i>		*	Rondônia
	<i>P. pluricinctus</i>		**	Imerí
	<i>P. torquatus</i>	<i>P. t. torquatus</i>	**	Central America
		<i>P. t. sanguineus</i>	**	Chocó
		<i>P. t. erythrogygius</i>	*	Chocó
		<i>P. t. frantzii</i>	**	Central America
	<i>P. beauharnaesii</i>		**	Inambari
<i>Baillonius bailloni</i>		*	Serra do Mar	

Baillonius bailloni is known to be a close relative of *Pteroglossus* and was a member of the ingroup in phylogenetic analyses. Taxa represented by one sample in this study are indicated by single asterisks; two asterisks indicate taxa represented by two or more samples. The area of endemism (see Fig. 1) at the center of each taxon's distribution is listed.

Museum of Natural History (USNM), the Field Museum of Natural History (FMNH), and the University of Kansas Natural History Museum (KU). The *Selenidera culik* sample, used as the outgroup for *Pteroglossus* analyses, was contributed by J. Jennings (Emerald Forest Bird Gardens). Information pertaining to the samples, including museum catalog numbers, is provided in Table 2. With only a few exceptions, at least two samples from each terminal taxon in the ingroups were analyzed. Some of the ANSP samples were somewhat degraded due to a freezer meltdown, but for the most part yielded useable DNA extracts; samples that produced dirty or inconsistent sequence were omitted from analyses and are not listed in Table 2. The COI fragment could not be amplified for one of the *P. castanotis* samples (Pct1641) so that sample was omitted from analyses; however the Pct1641 ATPase6,8 sequence was phylogenetically consistent with the other *P. castanotis* sample analyzed and has been deposited in GenBank. One of the *P. beauharnaesii* samples (Pbe9295) yielded an ATPase6,8 sequence that was phylogenetically inconsistent with the same sample's sequences from other gene regions, and with the Pbe4950 sequences; we therefore omitted Pbe9295 from the analyses, though its COI and *cyt b* sequences have been deposited in GenBank. In addition, only the COI fragment of Pba3172, *P. barra-bandi*, produced reliable results and is reported here. We were able to include all of the named species and subspecies of *Pionopsitta* except for *Pi. pyrilia* and the newly discovered *Pi. aurantiocephala*. Representatives of all of the species included in Haffer's classification of *Pteroglossus* were included, as well as all the subspecies belonging to *Pt. inscriptus* and *Pt. torquatus* (see Table 1).

2.2. Laboratory methods

Total genomic DNA was extracted from frozen tissue (blood, in the case of *S. culik*) by incubating a sample aliquot overnight in CTAB buffer (Murray and Thompson, 1980) and Proteinase K, followed by a standard phenol-chloroform extraction and dialysis. Two mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) fragments—the complete ATP synthase 6 and 8 genes (ATPase 6,8) and a 622 bp portion of cytochrome oxidase I (COI) were amplified via the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). In addition, a 694 bp fragment of the cytochrome *b* (*cyt b*) gene was sequenced for a subset of the samples (see Table 2), selected to include one member of each of the clades identified using the other two mtDNA coding regions.

The primers CO2GQL and CO3HMH (Eberhard and Bermingham, 2004) were used to amplify a 1074 bp fragment that includes the full ATPase 6 and ATPase 8 genes. The COI fragment was amplified using primers COIa and COIf (Palumbi, 1996), and the *cyt b* fragment was amplified and sequenced using primers CB1 and CB3 (Palumbi, 1996). PCRs using AmpliTaq (Perkin-

Elmer) were initiated using five cycles with an annealing temperature of 50 °C followed by 30 cycles at 56 °C.

Amplification products were run out in agarose gels to confirm that a fragment of the appropriate size had been amplified in sufficient quantity, and then cleaned and purified using GELase (Epicentre Technologies) following the manufacturer's protocol. PCR fragments were then sequenced using either Dyedeoxy or dRhodamine (Applied Biosystems/Perkin-Elmer) cycle sequencing reactions and an ABI 377 automated sequencer. The amplification primers were used for sequencing both the heavy and light strands of the PCR fragments, and an additional internal primer, A6PWL, was used to sequence the ATPase6,8 region.

To obtain an independent molecule-based estimate of phylogenetic relationships within *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus*, nuclear intron fragments from the glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (*Gapdh*) and Enolase genes were sequenced for a subset of samples. Primers *GapdL890* and *GapdH950* were used for amplification and sequencing of the *Gapdh* fragment, and *EnoH* and *Eno1L* for the *Eno1* fragment (Friesen et al., 1997). PCRs were done using AmpliTaq or AmpliTaq Gold (Perkin-Elmer), beginning with 5 min at 94 °C, followed by 30 cycles with an annealing temperature of 50 °C. In some cases, the initial PCR product had to re-amplified (30 cycles at 50 or 56 °C) prior to sequencing. With the toucan samples, the Enolase primers produced two fragments; only the longer one (which showed up as a brighter band in agarose gels), was sequenced. Preliminary phylogenetic analyses of these nuclear sequences showed that they provided almost no resolution of relationships within our study genera (data not shown), so sequences were not obtained for a full complement of taxa for further analysis.

All of the mtDNA sequences have been deposited in GenBank (Accession Nos. listed in Table 2); *Gapdh* and Enolase intron sequences representing *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* have also been deposited (Accession Nos.: AY661261–AY661264 and AY661394–AY661402 for *Gapdh*; AY661241–AY661246 and AY661388–AY661393 for Enolase).

2.3. Sequence analysis

Sequences generated by the automated sequencer were aligned and proofread using Sequencher (v.3.1.1, GeneCodes). The ATPase6,8 and COI sequences were then concatenated for initial phylogenetic analyses. Based on these analyses, a subset of samples (one representative from each terminal taxon/clade) was selected for sequencing of the *cyt b* fragment. Phylogenies were reconstructed using the ATPase+COI dataset (which includes all samples) as well as with the ATPase+COI+*cyt b* dataset (which includes single representatives of each taxon identified through analysis of the

Table 2

Map codes (corresponding to numbers in Fig. 6), species, sample identification numbers, museum voucher numbers, and collecting localities for the *Pionopsitta*, *Pteroglossus*, and outgroup samples used in this study

Species	Sample ID	Sample source	Voucher number	Map code	Collecting locality	GenBank Accession Nos.			
						ATPase6	ATPase8	COI	cyt <i>b</i>
<i>Pionopsitta</i>									
<i>P. haematotis</i>	Pho5768	ANSP	5768	1	Panama: Veraguas Province	AY660908	AY660941	AY661224	AY661237
	Pho5770	ANSP	5770	1	Panama: Veraguas Province	AY660909	AY660942	AY661225	—
<i>P. [h.] coccincolaris</i>	Pho2185	LSU	B-2185	2	Panama: Darién Province	AY660906	AY660939	AY661222	AY661236
	Pho2201	LSU	B-2201	2	Panama: Darién Province	AY660907	AY660940	AY661223	—
<i>P. pulchra</i>	Ppu2103	ANSP	2103	3	Ecuador: Esmeraldas Province	AY660912	AY660945	AY661228	—
	Ppu2104	ANSP	2104	3	Ecuador: Esmeraldas Province	AY660913	AY660946	AY661229	—
	Ppu2295	ANSP	2295	3	Ecuador: Esmeraldas Province	AY660914	AY660947	AY661230	AY661239
	Ppu2345	ANSP	2345	3	Ecuador: Esmeraldas Province	AY660915	AY660948	AY661231	—
<i>P. barrabandi</i>	Pba3172	ANSP	3172	4	Ecuador: Sucumbios Province	—	—	AY661214	—
<i>P. [b.] aurantiigena</i>	Pba4280	FMNH	DW-3763 ^a	5	Brazil: Rondônia	AY660899	AY660932	AY661215	AY661234
	Pba4285	FMNH	DW-3802 ^a	5	Brazil: Rondônia	AY660900	AY660933	AY661216	—
<i>P. caica</i>	Pca7569	ANSP	7569	6	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY660901	AY660934	AY661217	—
	Pca7587	ANSP	7587	6	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY660902	AY660935	AY661218	—
	Pca7638	ANSP	7638	6	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY660903	AY660936	AY661219	—
	Pca8290	ANSP	8290	6	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY660904	AY660937	AY661220	AY661235
	Pca8547	ANSP	8547	6	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY660905	AY660938	AY661221	—
<i>P. [G.] vulturina</i>	Gvu6888	USNM	572509	7	Brazil: Pará	AY660897	AY660930	AY661212	AY661233
	Gvu6905	USNM	572510	7	Brazil: Pará	AY660898	AY660931	AY661213	—
<i>P. pileata</i>	Ppi280	KU	88415	8	Paraguay: Caazapá	AY660911	AY660944	AY661227	AY661238
<i>Pionus chalcopterus</i>	Pch2779	ANSP	2779	—	Ecuador: Guayas Province	AY660916	AY660949	AY661232	AY661240
<i>Pteroglossus</i>									
<i>P. bitorquatus</i>	Pbt21	FMNH	DW-3647 ^a	15	Brazil: Rondônia	AY661272	AY661309	AY661344	AY661376
	Pbt31	FMNH	DW-3794 ^a	15	Brazil: Rondônia	AY661273	AY661310	AY661345	—
<i>P. flavirostris</i>	Pfl2620	ANSP	2620	9	Ecuador: Morona-Santiago Prov.	AY661277	AY661314	AY661348	—
	Pfl4478	LSU	B-4478	10	Peru: Loreto Department	AY661279	AY661316	AY661350	AY661379
	Pfl27737	LSU	B-27737	11	Peru: Loreto Department	AY661278	AY661315	AY661349	—
<i>P. mariae</i>	Pma726	KU	84580	13	Peru: Madre de Dios Department	AY661286	AY661323	AY661357	AY661382
	Pma749	KU	LS-243 ^a	13	Peru: Madre de Dios Department	AY661287	AY661324	AY661358	—
<i>P. beauharnaesii</i>	Pbe4950	LSU	B-4950	12	Peru: Loreto Department	AY661270	AY661307	AY661342	AY661375
	Pbe9295	LSU	B-9295	14	Bolivia: Pando Department	—	—	AY661343	—
<i>P. torquatus</i>	Pto3778	ANSP	3778	17	Panama: Colón Province	AY661295	AY661332	AY661366	AY661386
	Pto26569	LSU	B-26569	17	Panama: Colón Province	AY661294	AY661331	AY661365	—
<i>P. [t.] frantzii</i>	Pto16075	LSU	B-16075	16	Costa Rica: Puntarenas Province	AY661292	AY661329	AY661363	—
	Pto16076	LSU	B-16076	16	Costa Rica: Puntarenas Province	AY661293	AY661330	AY661364	AY661385
<i>P. sanguineus</i>	Psa2387	ANSP	2387	18	Ecuador: Esmeraldas Province	AY661290	AY661327	AY661361	—
	Psa2403	ANSP	2403	18	Ecuador: Esmeraldas Province	AY661291	AY661328	AY661362	AY661384
<i>P. erythropterygius</i>	Per3582	ANSP	3582	19	Ecuador: Azuay Province	AY661276	AY661313	AY661347	AY661378
<i>P. aracari</i>	Par7570	ANSP	7570	24	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY661268	AY661305	AY661340	AY661374
	Par8299	ANSP	8299	24	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY661269	AY661306	AY661341	—
<i>P. pluricinctus</i>	Ppl3282	ANSP	3282	21	Ecuador: Sucumbios Province	AY661288	AY661325	AY661359	—
	Ppl5734	ANSP	5734	20	Ecuador: Sucumbios Province	AY661289	AY661326	AY661360	AY661383

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Species	Sample ID	Sample source	Voucher number	Map code	Collecting locality	GenBank Accession Nos.			
						ATPase6	ATPase8	COI	cyt <i>b</i>
<i>P. castaneotis</i>	Pct18	FMNH	SML86-102 ^a	23	Brazil: Rondônia	AY661275	AY661312	AY661346	AY661377
	Pct1641	ANSP	1641	22	Ecuador: Morona-Santiago Prov.	AY661274	AY661311	—	—
	Pvt7304	ANSP	7304	27	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY661296	AY661333	AY661367	—
<i>P. viridis</i>	Pvt7310	ANSP	7310	27	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY661297	AY661334	AY661368	—
	Pvt7952	ANSP	7952	27	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY661298	AY661335	AY661369	—
	Pvt8451	ANSP	8451	27	Guyana: Potaro-Siparuni	AY661299	AY661336	AY661370	AY661387
<i>P. inscriptus</i>	Pin39	FMNH	DW-3578 ^a	28	Brazil: Rondônia	AY661284	AY661321	AY661355	AY661381
	Pin56	FMNH	SML86-209 ^a	28	Brazil: Rondônia	AY661285	AY661322	AY661356	—
	Pin1577	ANSP	1577	26	Ecuador: Morona-Santiago Prov.	AY661280	AY661317	AY661351	—
<i>P. [i.] humboldti</i>	Pin1601	ANSP	1601	26	Ecuador: Morona-Santiago Prov.	AY661281	AY661318	AY661352	AY661380
	Pin1661	ANSP	1661	26	Ecuador: Morona-Santiago Prov.	AY661283	AY661320	AY661354	—
	Pin3305	ANSP	3305	25	Ecuador: Sucumbios Province	AY661282	AY661319	AY661353	—
<i>Baillonius bailloni</i>	Bba20868	LSU	B-20868	—	Unknown (captive)	AY661267	AY661304	AY661339	AY661373
<i>Selenidera culik</i>	ScuEF14	EFBG	—	—	Unknown (captive)	AY661300	AY661337	AY661371	AY661372

Notes. ANSP, Academy of Natural Sciences Philadelphia; EFBG, Emerald Forest Bird Gardens; FMNH, Field Museum of Natural History; KU, University of Kansas Natural History Museum; LSU, Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science; USNM, National Museum of Natural History.

^a Also listed are the GenBank accession numbers for sequences obtained from the samples.

^a Tissues not catalogued, personal collector or field collection voucher information is provided.

ATPase + COI dataset; see Table 2). Sequences from the different gene regions were concatenated for most phylogenetic analyses, because the mitochondrial gene regions are fully linked and thus represent a single phylogenetic marker. This was confirmed for the ATPase + COI + cyt *b* dataset with partition-homogeneity tests, implemented in PAUP* (version 4.0b8, Swofford, 1999), of both the *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* datasets, which showed that the gene regions were not significantly heterogeneous ($P = 1.00$ and $P = 0.99$, respectively).

PAUP* and Sequencer 5.0 (<http://nmg.si.edu/Sequencer.html>) were used to calculate descriptive statistics about nucleotide variation. Phylogenies were reconstructed using neighbor-joining (NJ), maximum parsimony (MP), and maximum likelihood (ML) algorithms in PAUP*, as well as the Bayesian approach implemented in MrBayes (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001). The program Modeltest (Posada and Crandall, 1998) and the Akaike Information Criterion were employed to assess different models of sequence evolution, and model parameters, for the ML analyses of the ATPase + COI + cyt *b* datasets. For the *Pionopsitta* dataset, the TrN + I model (Tamura and Nei, 1993) was selected, with the proportion of invariant sites set to 0.69. For the *Pteroglossus* dataset, the TIM + I + G model (Rodriguez et al., 1990) was selected, with the proportion of invariant sites set to 0.68 and a gamma shape parameter of 2.0513. Outgroup rooting was used to root trees. The MP and NJ analyses were done with all characters weighted equally. Parsimony trees were found using heuristic searches and random branch addition. Neighbor-joining trees were obtained using Tamura–Nei distances (Tamura and Nei, 1993). Uncorrected “*p*” distances are presented in the text unless noted otherwise, to interpret genetic divergence in the context of the original avian molecular clock calibrations (Shields and Wilson, 1987; Tarr and Fleischer, 1993).

For the Bayesian Markov chain Monte Carlo searches, a general time-reversible model was specified, with site-specific variation partitioned by codon position. Four chains were run for 5,000,000 generations and sampled every 1000 generations. In both the *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* analyses, stationarity was reached by 10,000 generations, so the first 10,000 generations were discarded, and the remaining trees were used to obtain a majority-rule consensus.

Nodal support was assessed by bootstrap analysis in the MP, NJ, and ML analyses (1000, 10,000, and 100 bootstrap replicates, respectively), and posterior probabilities in the Bayesian analyses. The posterior probabilities indicate the proportion of the time that a given clade occurs among the trees sampled in the Bayesian analyses (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001). Alternative topologies of the *Pteroglossus* tree were compared using the non-parametric Shimodaira–Hasegawa (S–H) test (Shimodaira and Hasegawa, 1999) in PAUP*, using RELL

bootstrapping (1000 replicates) and the likelihood parameters used in the ML analyses.

Because of differences between the parrot and toucan clades regarding the timing of area divergences (see Section 3), we also examined rates of synonymous and non-synonymous substitution in the two genera. For each genus, K_A (the number of non-synonymous substitutions per non-synonymous site) and K_S (the number of synonymous substitutions per synonymous site) were calculated for all of the pairwise species comparisons, using the method of Li (1993) and Pamilo and Bianchi (1993) as implemented in Sequencer.

2.4. Biogeographic analysis

The *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* phylogenies were used to estimate the timing—both relative and absolute—of vicariance events hypothesized to have caused phylogenetic divergences. The current distributions of taxa (see Fig. 6) were used to determine the area(s) of endemism (see Fig. 1). A taxon was assigned to the region (or regions) of endemism most broadly overlapping the central part of its distribution. These taxon-area associations are summarized in Table 1, and resulted in area cladograms that could be compared with the hypotheses of area relationships proposed by Prum (1988) and Cracraft and Prum (1988) for the same genera (Fig. 2). This approach makes the simplifying assumption that the contemporary geographic ranges of species are similar to those of their ancestors. Given the lability of geographic ranges, this assumption can be problematic (Losos and Glor, 2003), as discussed below.

Based on the area relationships suggested by our *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* area cladograms, we constructed a general area cladogram. This area hypothesis was used as a framework in which to examine our phylogeny-based estimates of the absolute timing of vicariance events. The nodes on our area cladogram were numbered sequentially with 1 indicating the earliest vicariance event. Using this numbering scheme, the nodes on the *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* phylogenies were then numbered such that all nodes indicating the same putative vicariant event (e.g., separation of the *cis*- from the *trans*-Andean areas) have the same number. For each of the numbered nodes on the phylogenies, we calculated the mean genetic distance (based on the ATPase+COI+cyt *b* dataset) between taxa spanning that node. The distances were then plotted against node number, to compare the genetic divergences in geographically matched pairs of *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* lineages.

We used the observed genetic distances to estimate the time at which lineages diverged, under the assumption that mitochondrial DNA accumulates base changes at a clock-like rate. For both the *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* ATPase+COI+cyt *b* datasets, the assumption of

clock-like sequence change was first tested by using a Likelihood Ratio Test (LRT; Felsenstein, 1981) to compare the likelihood scores of ML trees found by heuristic searches in PAUP* with a molecular clock enforced vs. not enforced. The LRTs were done using ModelTest v.3.1 (Posada and Crandall, 1998). Within the genus *Pionopsitta* (i.e., excluding the outgroup, *Pionus*), the parrot sequences have evolved at a clock-like rate, as indicated by the lack of statistical difference between trees found with vs. without a clock enforced ($P=0.11$). A similar test using the *Pteroglossus* data (excluding *S. culik*) also indicates clock-like sequence evolution within the genus ($P=0.06$). A molecular clock calibration is not available for either parrots or toucans, so we used a 2% divergence per million years (my) calibration that has been found to hold for other birds (geese, Shields and Wilson, 1987; Hawaiian honeycreepers, Tarr and Fleischer, 1993; but see Lovette, 2004).

As an alternative way to evaluate the concordance between our phylogenetic data and our proposed area hypothesis, we reconstructed the history of each genus' biogeographic associations using TreeMap (Page, 1995). This program uses the reconciled trees approach (Page, 1994) to reconstruct the historical associations between the bird lineages and geographic areas, given a phylogeny for the bird genus and a cladogram representing hypothesized area relationships, with each terminal taxon assigned to an area of endemism as described above (see Table 1). The method maximizes the number of vicariance events (or “co-speciation events” in a host–parasite framework) and permits lineage duplication, but does not accommodate dispersal (Page and Charleston, 1998). The significance of the observed fit between the bird and area cladograms was evaluated with a randomization test implemented in TreeMap. The randomizations were performed using the proportional-to-distinguishable model, and statistical significance was determined by comparing the observed number of vicariance events with the histogram of expected vicariance frequencies generated by the randomization.

As in other biogeographic studies that have taken an approach similar to ours, the use of phylogenetic data to reconstruct area relationships assumes that the organisms in question have undergone allopatric speciation. Although this assumption is difficult to test, we followed methods outlined by Barraclough and Vogler (2000) to determine whether our data are consistent with an allopatric mode of speciation. Distribution maps for the species included in our study were drawn to the same scale, and a grid superimposed on the map was used to estimate the area (in grid units) of each species' range. For each sister clade in the phylogeny, the degree of sympatry was calculated as the area of overlap divided by the range size of the clade with the smaller range. The resultant values range from 0.0 to 1.0, and were plotted

against the genetic distances between corresponding sister clades (see Barraclough and Vogler, 2000).

3. Results

3.1. Phylogeny of *Pionopsitta*

Phylogenetic analysis of the 2168 bp ATPase + COI + cyt *b* *Pionopsitta* dataset yielded trees with identical topologies, regardless of the reconstruction algorithm used. The ML tree shown in Fig. 3 is topologically identical to the single tree found in an exhaustive parsimony search, and is also identical to the Bayesian tree, as well as neighbor-joining trees reconstructed using a variety of distance corrections (not shown). Bootstrap and posterior probability values show high support for all nodes. *Pionopsitta pileata*, from the Atlantic forests of southeastern Brazil, diverges early in the history of the genus. *Pionopsitta* [*Gypopsitta*] *vulturina* falls well within the genus *Pionopsitta*, and is sister to *P. caica*. Since only a COI sequence was obtained for the *P. b. barrabandi* sample, it could not be included in the ATPase + COI + cyt *b* dataset, but its position according to analysis of the COI

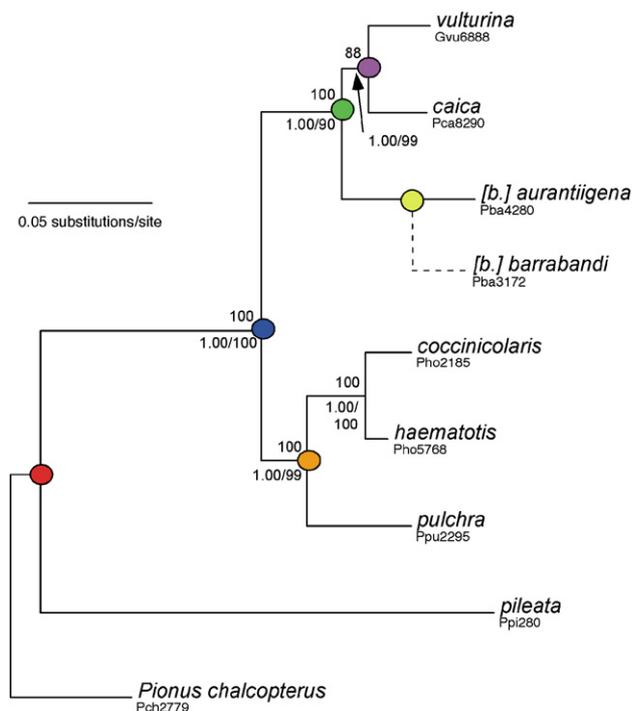


Fig. 3. Phylogenetic tree for *Pionopsitta* parrots obtained in a maximum likelihood analysis of the 2168 bp ATPase + COI + cyt *b* dataset. A topologically identical tree was obtained in a Bayesian analysis, and an exhaustive parsimony search found a single most parsimonious tree with the same topology. Values above the nodes are maximum likelihood bootstrap values (100 replicates); values below the nodes are Bayesian posterior probability values, followed by parsimony bootstrap values (1000 replicates). The phylogenetic position of *P. [b.] barrabandi* according to the COI data is indicated with a dotted line (see text). Nodes are color-coded to correspond with Figs. 5–7.

data is indicated in Fig. 3. In phylogenies reconstructed using only the COI data (not shown), the node connecting *P. b. barrabandi* and *P. b. aurantiigena* is well-supported in bootstrap analyses (96 and 98% for neighbor-joining and parsimony trees, respectively), and the taxa show 1.5% sequence divergence in COI.

Across the board, *P. pileata* is more diverged from the other *Pionopsitta* taxa than is the outgroup, *Pionus chalcopterus*. This is true even if a Tamura–Nei correction is used in calculating pairwise genetic distances. Furthermore, the genetic distance between *P. pileata* and *Pionus* (11.1%) is less than any of the distances between *P. pileata* and other *Pionopsitta* taxa (range: 12.8–13.6%). Excluding *P. pileata*, the genetic distances between *Pionopsitta* taxa, calculated with the ATPase + COI + cyt *b* dataset, range from 2.4% (*P. h. haematotis* vs. *P. h. coccinularis*) to 9.1% (*P. pulchra* vs. *P. barrabandi* and *P. [G.] vulturina*), with a mean distance of 7.0%. The mean divergence between *Pionopsitta* taxa (excluding *P. pileata*) and the outgroup, *P. chalcopterus*, is 10.8%. The divergence of *P. pileata* is also reflected in the Enolase (nuclear intron) sequence data; the mean distance between *P. pileata* and two other *Pionopsitta* species for which the intron was sequenced (*barrabandi* and *caica*) is 6.4%, while the mean distance between *P. chalcopterus* and those species is only 3.1%.

3.2. Phylogeny of *Pteroglossus*

Analysis of the ATPase + COI + cyt *b* *Pteroglossus* dataset using Bayesian, MP, ML, and distance algorithms produced well-supported phylogenetic trees that are topologically consistent with each other. The topology of the ML tree shown in Fig. 4 is nearly identical to the Bayesian tree and the consensus of the two best MP trees (the only difference being in the relationships within the *aracari/castanotis/pluricinctus* clade). Of the three superspecies described by Haffer (1974; see Table 1), only the *viridis* group is shown to be monophyletic according to the sequence data. The *aracari* and *bitorquatus* groups are polyphyletic, and *P. beauharnesii*, which Haffer thought to be systematically isolated, is closely allied to the members of the *bitorquatus* superspecies. Genetic distances between taxa in the *Pteroglossus* clade, calculated with the ATPase + COI + cyt *b* dataset, range from 0.5% (*P. mariae* vs. *P. flavirostris*) to 7.9% (*B. bailloni* vs. *P. torquatus*), and the mean divergence between *Pteroglossus* species and the outgroup, *S. culik*, is 11.5%.

In all analyses, *B. bailloni* falls within the *Pteroglossus* clade, sister to the species that compose Haffer's (1974) *P. viridis* superspecies. This node, which places *B. bailloni* within *Pteroglossus* rather than sister to it, receives moderate support (91% bootstrap support in the ML analysis, 0.67 posterior probability in the Bayesian analysis, and 88% bootstrap support in the parsimony

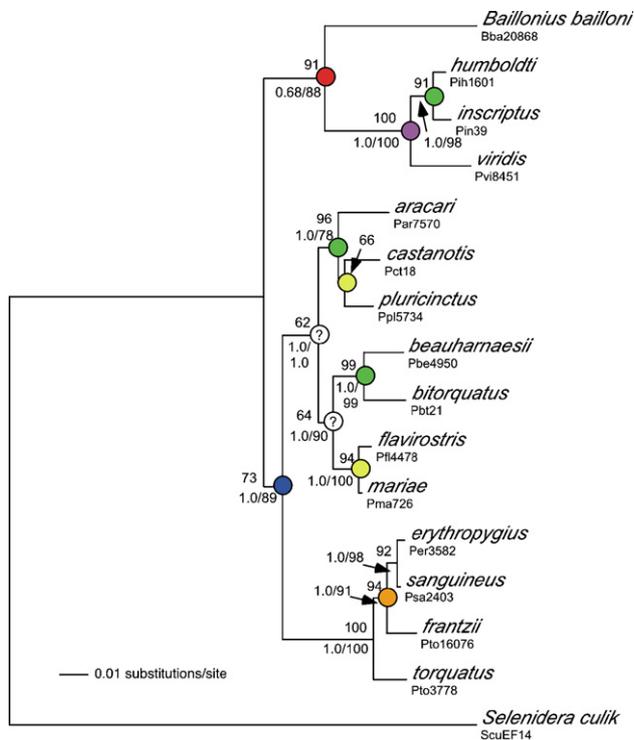


Fig. 4. Phylogenetic tree for *Pteroglossus* toucans obtained in a maximum likelihood analysis of the 2168 bp ATPase + COI + cyt *b* dataset. The trees obtained in a Bayesian analysis differ only in the relationships within the *aracari/castanotis/pluricinctus* clade; a heuristic parsimony search found two most parsimonious trees that are nearly identical to the one shown, differing only in relationships within this same clade. Values above the nodes are maximum likelihood bootstrap values (100 replicates); values below the nodes are Bayesian posterior probability values, followed by MP bootstrap values (1000 replicates). Only a likelihood bootstrap value is given for the *castanotis/pluricinctus* clade, since it was not retained in the Bayesian and parsimony bootstrap analyses, which grouped *aracari* and *castanotis* with weak support (70 and 54 in the Bayesian and parsimony analyses, respectively). Nodes are color-coded to correspond with Figs. 5–7.

analysis). While this result is consistent across reconstructions, our data do not permit us to reject an alternative tree topology that places *B. bailloni* outside, and sister to, the *Pteroglossus* clade. Using an S–H test to compare the tree shown in Fig. 4 with a tree in which *B. bailloni* is sister to the *Pteroglossus* clade, there is no significant difference between the two topologies ($P=0.159$).

3.3. Biogeography of *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus*

The genus *Pteroglossus* is much more speciose than *Pionopsitta* and a number of *Pteroglossus* species occur in sympatry, complicating the reconstruction of the toucans' biogeographic history. Nonetheless, a number of biogeographic concordances are immediately evident in a comparison of the phylogenies representing the two genera. In both cases, the isolation of lineages restricted to the Serra do Mar area of endemism occurs early. This is followed by a vicariance event that separates the *cis-*

and *trans*-Andean lineages. In *Pionopsitta*, the next divergence is between lineages from upper and lower Amazon basin, followed by divergence of the Guyana shield species and divergence of lineages from the northern and southern banks of the upper Amazon River. At approximately the same time as the upper/lower Amazonian vicariance, the Chocó and Central American lineages diverge. The timing of divergence events among *cis*-Andean *Pteroglossus* is less clear, because the sympatry among taxa makes it difficult to assign taxa to particular areas of endemism.

The sequence of vicariance events suggested by our *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* phylogenies are consistent with the area hypothesis shown in Fig. 5, with the exception of the isolation of *Pteroglossus viridis* in the Guianan region, which precedes the upper/lower Amazonian vicariance within the *viridis* clade. The phylogenetic placement of *Pteroglossus aracari* indicates that representatives of this lineage arrived relatively recently to the Serra do Mar region. The hypothesized vicariance events outlined in Fig. 5 are also shown relative to the current distributions of *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* taxa in Fig. 6.

The concordance between the area hypothesis in Fig. 5 and our phylogenetic data are illustrated in Fig. 7, which shows the genetic divergences at geographically matched nodes in the phylogenies of the two genera. Corresponding geographic splits are indicated by color coding that is consistent across figures. In the graph, the nodes are ordered according to the area cladogram shown in Fig. 5. Because of the uncertainties of area assignment (see Section 2) in *Pteroglossus*, and to a lesser extent in *Pionopsitta*, some of the nodes are represented by multiple points in Fig. 7. This results in some scatter, particularly for nodes 3–5, which are the most likely to be affected by errors of area assignment due to sympatry resulting from dispersal and recolonization following allopatric speciation. Although the *x*-axis in the graph is ordinal rather than continuous, the degree of “linearity” of the parrot and toucan distances indicates the degree to which the genetic distance data fit the area hypothesis used to generate the plot. The genetic distance data were also plotted according to the alternative area cladograms shown in Fig. 2, and in all cases the plots showed poorer fits of the distance data to the area hypotheses (not shown). A striking result that is illustrated in Fig. 7 is that for matched geographic splits (inferred vicariance events), the genetic divergences between *Pionopsitta* lineages are consistently greater than the divergences observed in *Pteroglossus*. This difference is statistically significant (two-way ANOVA: effect of genus on genetic divergences across all nodes, $P < 0.0001$).

The molecular genetic distances estimated with the parrot and toucan data were used to estimate the time at which the different geographic divergences occurred. Under the assumption of a common molecular “clock”

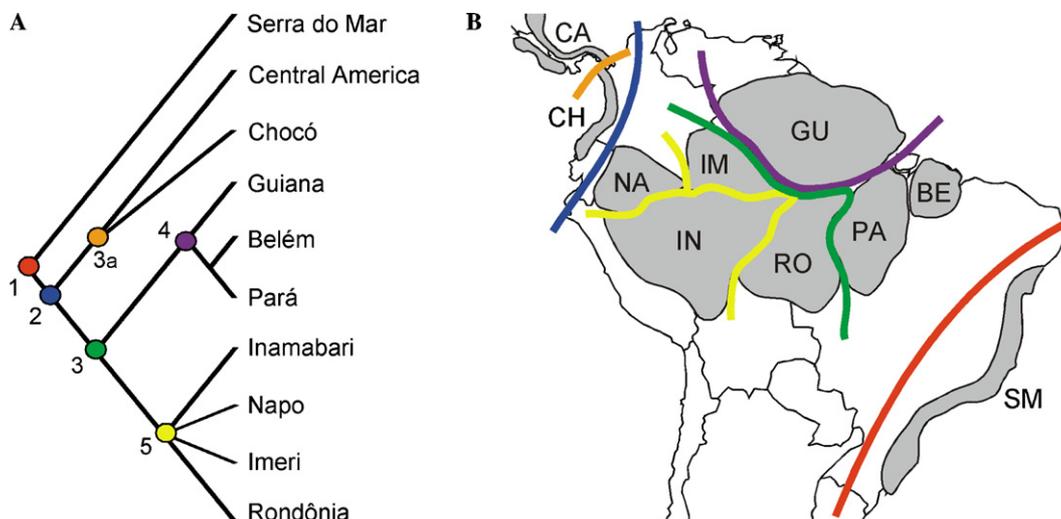


Fig. 5. Cladogram (A) and map (B) of area relationships that are consistent with the *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* phylogenies. The nodes of the cladogram that represent major vicariance events are numbered according to the hypothesized order of occurrence, and color-coded to correspond to the geographical splits indicated in the map.

calibration, the parrot data suggest that the biogeographic breaks are much older than would be estimated based on the toucan data. This discrepancy is greater (by as much as a factor of two) for the older biogeographic breaks and negligible for the more recent ones (Fig. 7). Using the typical avian calibration (2% sequence divergence per my), the *Pionopsitta* data suggest that the Serra do Mar fauna became isolated from its Amazonian relatives approximately 6.6 mya, while the *Pteroglossus* data suggest that this divergence occurred 3.1 mya. The divergence between *cis*- and *trans*-Andean taxa is estimated to have occurred 4.2 and 2.6 mya according to the parrot and toucan data, respectively. In both genera, the data suggest that the most recently derived species arose within the past million years.

To further explore the difference between the levels of divergence observed in the two genera, we compared K_A and K_S between the two genera. Both types of substitution were significantly more frequent in *Pionopsitta* (t test: $t_S = 5.142$, $df = 146$, $P < 0.0001$ and $t_S = 6.322$, $df = 146$, $P < 0.0001$ for K_A and K_S , respectively). The mean K_A/K_S across all the pairwise *Pionopsitta* comparisons was 0.091, and slightly but not significantly lower (0.086) for *Pteroglossus* (t test: $t_S = 0.749$, $df = 146$, $P = 0.4552$). However, the rate at which non-synonymous substitutions accumulate relative to synonymous ones is greater in *Pteroglossus* than in *Pionopsitta* (Fig. 8). This difference is significant, since the 95% confidence intervals for the slope of the two regression lines do not overlap (0.1045–0.1209 and 0.0658–0.0914 for *Pteroglossus* and *Pionopsitta*, respectively). The difference between the two slopes is also significant if a reduced dataset is used, including only the pairwise comparisons between a single taxon from each genus and the other members of its genus (data not shown).

The TreeMap reconstructions show a strong correspondence between the area cladogram shown in Fig. 5 and both the *Pionopsitta* and the *Pteroglossus* phylogenies, given current distributions. A reconciled tree reconstruction for *Pionopsitta* and the area cladogram includes six vicariance events ($P < 0.0001$). Using the area assignments shown in Table 1, a reconciled tree reconstruction for *Pteroglossus* includes seven vicariance events ($0.05 < P < 0.76$). However, given that it was difficult to determine the appropriate area assignment for two *Pteroglossus* taxa—*bitorquatus* and *inscriptus*—that bridge one of the older geographic splits in Fig. 5, significance was also tested under alternative area assignments for these two taxa. If *bitorquatus* is assigned to Rondônia (instead of Pará), seven vicariance events are reconstructed ($0.05 < P < 0.065$); if *inscriptus* is assigned to Rondônia (instead of Pará), eight vicariance events are reconstructed ($P < 0.012$).

Plots of the degree of sympatry (range overlap) against genetic distance between sister species/clades show that in both *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus*, recently diverged lineages are allopatric (Fig. 9). In *Pteroglossus*, sympatry is only observed between older lineages, and the increase in sympatry with increasing genetic distance suggests that range changes have occurred over time, implying dispersal following speciation events. In contrast, even the relatively old *Pionopsitta* lineages maintain allopatry.

4. Discussion

4.1. Phylogeny of *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus*

In general, our molecular phylogeny for *Pionopsitta* is in agreement with the morphology-based phylogeny

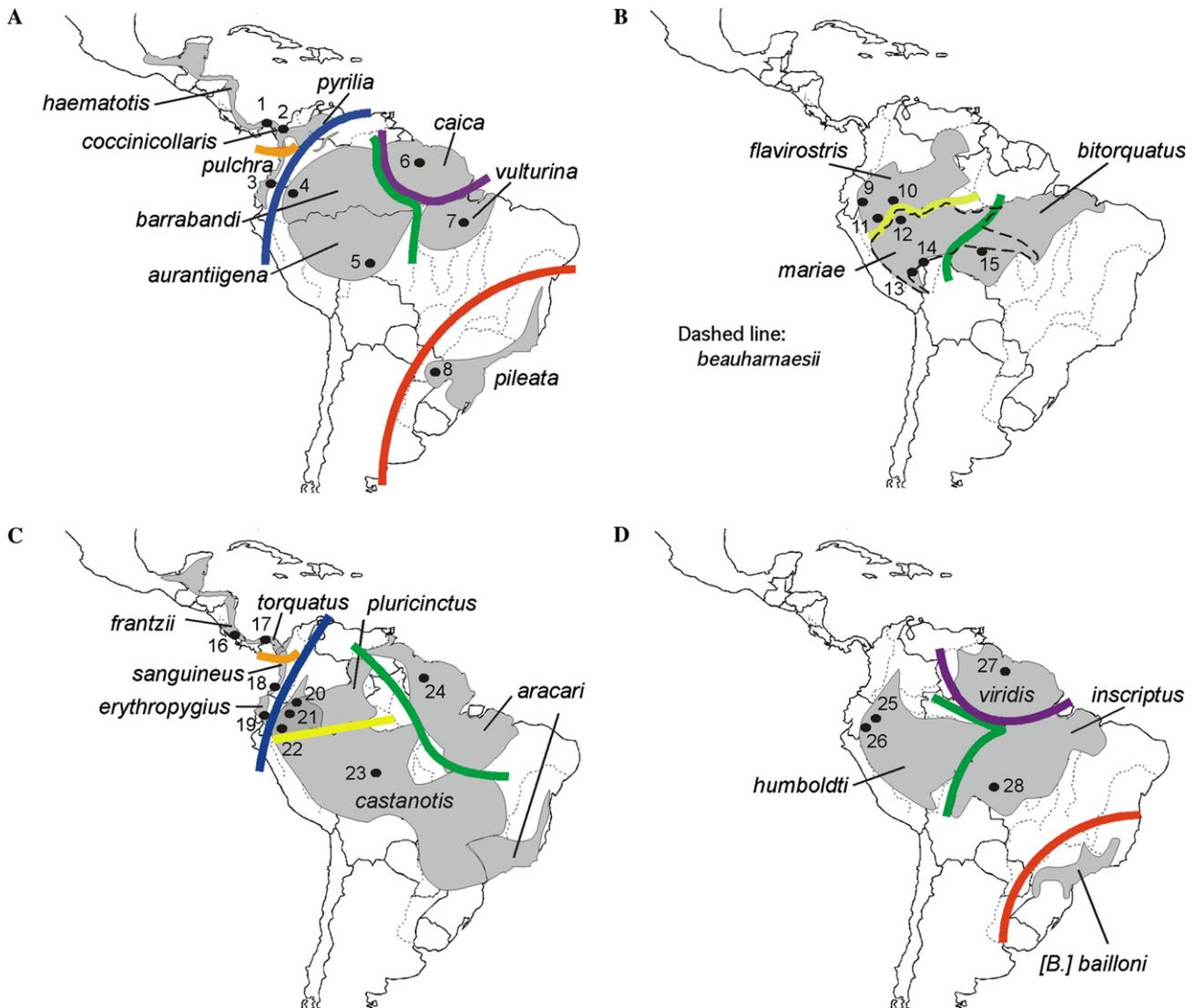


Fig. 6. Distributions of *Pionopsitta* parrots (A) and *Pteroglossus* toucans (B–D). Colored lines indicate vicariance events that are hypothesized to have resulted in phylogenetic divergences, and are color-coded to correspond to the area hypothesis in Fig. 5. Note. Colored lines were drawn along current distributional limits, and do not necessarily coincide with the location of the hypothesized barrier or exact limits between regions of endemism implicated in the hypothesized vicariance event.

presented by Cracraft and Prum (1988). Both analyses support a basal placement of *pileata*, an early split between *cis*- and *trans*-Andean species, and the datasets agree in the relationships among *trans*-Andean species. Our phylogeny differs from theirs in finding *vulturina* and *caica* to be sister taxa (the morphological analysis has *barrabandilaurantiigena* as sister to *vulturina*, with *caica* basal to a *barrabandilaurantiigena* + *vulturina* + *pyrilia* clade). The genetic distance data indicate that *pileata* is not closely related to the other *Pionopsitta* species, and is separated from them by distances as large as those extending to the outgroup genus, *Pionus*. This accords well with Forshaw’s (1989) description of *pileata* as “a rather aberrant species” that is set apart from the rest of the genus by a number of morphological characteristics: presence of sexual dimorphism, a bill that is less

projecting and not laterally compressed towards the tip, a proportionately longer tail, narrower tail feathers, and wings that are narrower and more pointed.

In their analysis of *Pteroglossus*, Cracraft and Prum (1988) followed Haffer (1974) in considering the *viridis* superspecies group to be monophyletic, and this is supported by our data. However, Haffer’s (1974) *bitorquatus* and *aracari* clades are not monophyletic according to the mtDNA phylogeny. Our molecular data place *beauharnaesii* within the *bitorquatus* group, which is itself within a larger clade that includes the members of Haffer’s *aracari* superspecies. The close relationship between *beauharnaesii* and *bitorquatus* agrees with the allozyme data of Hackett and Lehn (1997), however, their data also placed *inscriptus* in the same clade as these two species. Hackett and Lehn’s analysis also

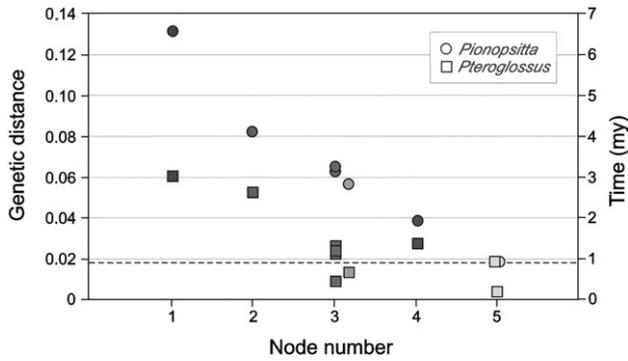


Fig. 7. Genetic divergences (uncorrected “ p ” distances calculated using the ATPase + COI + cyt b dataset) for geographically matched taxon pairs. Points are color-coded to correspond to the nodes and geographic divergences illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6. The *Pionopsitta* distance for node 5 (*aurantiigena* vs. *barrabandi*), is COI only (see text). An estimated time scale (2% sequence divergence per my) is shown on the right vertical axis, and a dashed line at 0.9 my indicates the time at which late-Pleistocene glacial cycles began (Stanley and Ruddiman, 1995; Webb and Bartlein, 1992).

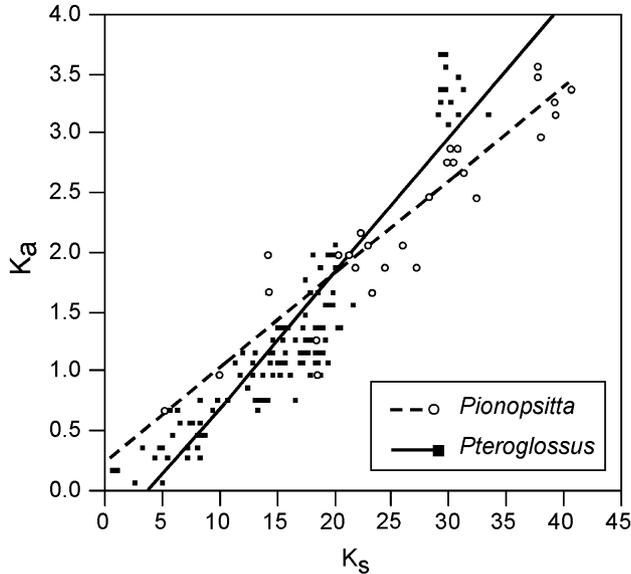


Fig. 8. Number of synonymous substitutions per synonymous site (K_S) and non-synonymous substitutions per non-synonymous site (K_A) for all pairwise comparisons in the ATPase + COI + cyt b dataset for *Pionopsitta* (circles) and *Pteroglossus* (squares). Distances were calculated using the method of Li (1993) and Pamilo and Bianchi (1993). Regression lines are drawn through the points for each of the genera; the 95% confidence intervals around the slopes are non-overlapping, indicating that they are significantly different (see text).

separated *mariae* and *flaviostris*, which, as they point out, conflicts with the similarity in these birds’ plumage; our sequence data show that *mariae* and *flaviostris* are closely related. Like Prum (1988) and Hackett and Lehn (1997), we found the *trans*-Andean species to be monophyletic, and the Chocó species (*P. sanguineus* and *P. erythropygus*) to be sister taxa. Other authors (Barker and Lanyon, 2000; Cracraft and Prum, 1988; Hackett and Lehn, 1997; Haffer, 1974) have consistently pointed

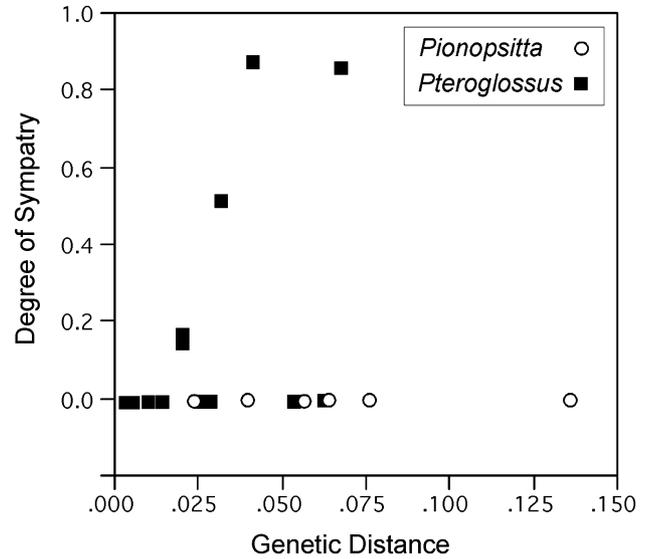


Fig. 9. Plots of the degree of sympatry against relative node age in *Pionopsitta* parrots (circles) and *Pteroglossus* (squares). Degree of sympatry was defined as the proportion of the more restricted species or clade’s range overlapped by its more widespread sister species or clade. The relative node age was defined as the genetic distance (p distance) between the species or clades being compared.

out the close relationship between *Baillonius* and *Pteroglossus*; according to the sequence data, *B. bailloni* falls within, rather than sister to, the genus *Pteroglossus* with moderate nodal support. The sequence data alone, however, do not allow us to reject the traditional placement of *B. bailloni* as sister to the *Pteroglossus*, so we hesitate to recommend referring *B. bailloni* to the genus *Pteroglossus*.

4.2. Biogeography of *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus*

Both the *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* phylogenies support a hypothesis of area relationships in which a divergence of the Serra do Mar region of endemism is followed by the divergence of *cis*- and *trans*-Andean regions, then a split between the upper and lower Amazon basin and divergence of the Chocó and Central American lineages, next the divergence of the Guyana area, and finally diversification of taxa in the upper Amazon basin’s areas of endemism. This area hypothesis is similar to the “high vagility” hypothesis proposed by Prum (1988), modified by placing the Serra do Mar split to be the earliest. An early Serra do Mar split is consistent with one of the alternative placements of this area in Cracraft and Prum’s (1988) hypothesis (see Fig. 2A), which considers Serra do Mar to be a biogeographic composite with an avifauna comprising taxa with different biogeographic histories. An early Serra do Mar split was also hypothesized by Bates et al.’s (1998) study of 1717 Neotropical lowland avian taxa. The observation that recently diverged lineages show low levels of range

overlap (Fig. 9) is consistent with our proposed area hypothesis, which implicates vicariance (allopatric divergence) as a primary mechanism for diversification in these genera. However, the difference between genera in the estimated time of hypothesized vicariance events suggests that either (1) the genera diversified as a result of different vicariance events (or other processes) that occurred at different times in the two groups, (2) differential responses to the same vicariant events, or (3) the genera differ markedly in their rates of sequence evolution and/or lineage sorting rates.

The concordance between the *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* data in the sequence—the relative chronology—of inferred biogeographic separation strongly suggests that the same vicariance events underlie major divergences in both genera. However, the absolute time estimates for any given split are quite different for the two datasets. The genetic distances, and estimated time since divergence, between geographically matched lineages are consistently smaller in the toucans. This agrees with Hackett and Lehn's (1997) allozyme study of *Pteroglossus*, which noted low levels of genetic differentiation among species in the genus. Several hypotheses, which are not mutually exclusive, might account for this discrepancy: (1) the rate of mtDNA sequence evolution in *Pteroglossus* is slower than in *Pionopsitta*, possibly due to differing selection on mtDNA in the two groups; (2) because of ecological or behavioral differences, birds in the two genera may respond differently to the presence of a geographic barrier; and (3) within species, *Pionopsitta* populations may be more geographically structured than *Pteroglossus*, resulting in more rapid lineage sorting and greater genetic divergence following vicariance events (Edwards and Beerli, 2000; Hackett and Lehn, 1997). We discuss these hypotheses in greater detail below.

To fully account for the observed difference between the parrot and toucan genetic divergences, *Pteroglossus* mtDNA sequences would have to be evolving at approximately half the rate of *Pionopsitta* mtDNA. Due to the lack of fossil data for Neotropical parrots and toucans, it is impossible to adjust their “molecular clocks” to take into account lineage-specific rate variation, as recommended by Rambaut and Bromham (1998). The 2% mtDNA sequence divergence per million years rate appears to hold across distantly related avian taxa—e.g., geese (Shields and Wilson, 1987) and Hawai'ian honeycreepers (Tarr and Fleischer, 1993)—but there is some evidence of lineage-specific rate variation in birds (see Lovette, 2004), e.g., due to generation time (Mooers and Harvey, 1994) and population size (Johnson and Seger, 2001). Our comparison of K_A and K_S shows that the accumulation of per-site non-synonymous changes relative to synonymous ones is more rapid in *Pteroglossus* than in *Pionopsitta*. According to Ohta's (1973) “nearly neutral” model of molecular evolution, this could result from consistently smaller population sizes in *Pteroglos-*

us compared to *Pionopsitta*; such an effect was found in multiple comparisons of island vs. mainland bird lineages (Johnson and Seger, 2001)s. However, neither the difference in K_A vs. K_S relationships, nor an inferred difference in population sizes, explain the observation of greater divergences in the parrot genus. Allozyme data for *Pteroglossus* do not suggest that toucans have particularly low levels of genetic variation within populations, which might have explained the low levels of variation among populations and species (Hackett and Lehn, 1997). In sum, while we do not have evidence of selection resulting in a higher rate of molecular evolution in *Pionopsitta*, or of low levels of genetic variation in *Pteroglossus*, we cannot reject the hypothesis that *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* have twofold different rates of mtDNA evolution.

A particular animal's dispersal abilities, tolerance of open habitats, home range size, etc., are likely to affect its response to the presence of a barrier such as a river, grassland habitat, or a mountain range. As emphasized by Bermingham and Avise (1986), barriers to dispersal may increase and decrease in permeability as a function of fluctuating climate change (e.g., changes in coastal shelf area, forest elevation, river flow, and morphology) and the dispersal characteristics of organisms. *Pionopsitta* parrots and *Pteroglossus* toucans are broadly similar in several ways. Their body size is similar (100–140 g in *Pionopsitta*; 125–180 g in *Pteroglossus*), both groups live in the forest canopy and are primarily frugivorous, and both are cavity-nesters. Neither group is restricted to closed-canopy forest; members of both genera also occur in second-growth, gallery forest, savannah, and clearings with scattered trees (see Section 1). These broad similarities suggest that members of the two genera would have a similar propensity to cross geographic barriers, however, the natural history of these birds is poorly known and it is quite possible that, for example, *Pteroglossus* toucans are better dispersers than *Pionopsitta* parrots. A greater dispersal ability could increase the “permeability” of an emerging barrier for toucans compared to parrots, and result in the observed differences between estimated timing of vicariance events.

According to the third hypothesis, outlined by Hackett and Lehn (1997) in their paper on genetic differentiation in *Pteroglossus*, the amount of genetic structuring of populations preceding speciation events (“initial genetic conditions”) influences the amount of genetic differentiation between species after speciation (see also Arbogast et al., 2002). Populations characterized by high levels of gene flow (and consequently little phylogeographic structure) would, upon being separated due to a vicariance event, give rise to species initially separated by a relatively small genetic distances. On the other hand, an organism with populations that experience low levels of gene flow would be more genetically structured, and

following a vicariance event, the genetic distance between descendant species would be, from the beginning, relatively large. In a simulation study of rates of nucleotide substitution and lineage sorting of mtDNA, Hoelzer et al. (1998) found that in subdivided populations, rates and patterns of migration can strongly affect the length of the lineage sorting period. Unfortunately, there are no studies of dispersal or within-population genetic differentiation in either *Pteroglossus* or *Pionopsitta*, making it difficult to evaluate this hypothesis.

The second and third hypotheses are likely to be related, and the mtDNA phylogenies and distribution patterns for the two genera are consistent with both. The large amount of sympatry in the *Pteroglossus*, particularly between relatively older lineages, is probably due to dispersal and colonization of new geographic areas following allopatric speciation. That post-speciation dispersal seems to have occurred more in *Pteroglossus* than in *Pionopsitta* suggests that the toucans move around more. In addition to resulting in post-speciation sympatry, this would also tend to reduce population genetic structuring, which would lead to lower levels of genetic divergence among species. Conversely, the allopatry of *Pionopsitta* species suggests that these parrots may, for social or ecological reasons, have a reduced tendency to disperse, which would also tend to increase population genetic structure, in turn resulting in the greater genetic divergences among species that we observe. Stronger competitive exclusion between congeners in parrots compared with toucans could also result in lack of sympatry in the parrots, but would not explain the discrepancy between genetic distances between parrot and toucan lineages that presumably diverged due to the same vicariance event.

The cyclical climatic changes associated with large-scale variations in the Northern hemisphere's ice cover are thought to have been particularly severe during the last 0.9 mya of the late Pleistocene (Stanley and Ruddiman, 1995; Webb and Bartlein, 1992), during which expansions and contractions of forest cover may have promoted allopatric speciation as outlined by the Pleistocene refuge hypothesis. If the divergence time estimates yielded by our data are taken at face value, both *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus* began to diversify prior to the start of the Pleistocene 2.5 mya, and well before the onset of the late-Pleistocene climatic cycles (Fig. 7). In particular, the lineage divergences corresponding to the Serra do Mar and *cis/trans*-Andean vicariance events occurred more than 2.5 mya. The timing of the final uplift of the Northern Andes' Eastern Cordillera, which occurred rapidly between 2 and 5 mya (Gregory-Wodzicki, 2000), brackets the estimated dates of the *cis/trans*-Andean splits in *Pionopsitta* and *Pteroglossus*. Our data on the timing of the upper/lower Amazonian vicariance event are ambiguous, with the *Pionopsitta* data suggesting that it occurred over 3 mya, but the *Pteroglossus* data

placing it squarely within the Pleistocene at about 1 mya. These estimates also apply to the Chocó /Central America divergence, which apparently occurred following the formation of the Isthmus of Panama approximately 3.5 mya (Coates, 1997). The formation of the modern Amazon River during the late Miocene (Lundberg et al., 1998) antedates the diversification among Amazonian taxa in the two genera that we studied, so was probably not the main cause of diversification among; however, our sampling is not detailed enough to carefully test the riverine barrier hypothesis. Data from both genera indicate that the divergence of Guyanan lineages and the diversification of taxa from upper Amazonia occurred within the past 2 mya.

In summary, even given the discrepancies between area divergence times estimated using data from the two genera that we studied, it is clear that Pleistocene climatic and habitat shifts alone cannot account for the diversification of these taxa. The concordance between the two genera in the relative timing of biogeographic splits strongly suggests, as have previous morphology-based analyses (Cracraft and Prum, 1988; Prum, 1988), that the same vicariance events shaped the biogeographic history of both lineages. However, the reasons for the differences between genera in the estimated dates of these vicariance events are difficult to determine, and underscore some of the difficulties of using a molecular clock. The accuracy of molecular clocks stands to be greatly improved by new rate calibrations for a wider range of taxa and the application of new analytical methods (Lovette, 2004). Studies such as ours would also benefit from additional information on the behavior and ecology (e.g., dispersal biology) of the taxa in question, since such data are important for interpreting biogeographic patterns, which are driven by ecological processes.

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