

Hybridisation between related taxa has a range of possible biological consequences, ranging from the production of sterile offspring, through introgression of alleles into populations, to the formation of new species. Examples of plant and animal species hybridising with related taxa abound in the New Zealand region. We review New Zealand's plant and animal hybridisation and the evidence for it. Hybridisation has been demonstrated with cytogenetic and DNA sequence evidence. Vjwu"vjq"ko rqtvcppeg"qh"j { dtkf kuc\kqp"vjq"j cxg"dgpp"xtk ò n É "g ljc # ↗ ckp+pcp+nc g kp ° gQE"xpq o hybridisation has been demonstrated with cytogenetic and DNA sequence evidence. Vjwu"vjq"ko rqtvcppeg"qh"j { dtkf kuc\kqp"kp"vjq"gxqnw\kqp"qh"Pgy"\gc\cpf\qtc"cpf"hwpc" is highlighted.

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Hybridisation is the mating and production of offspring between individuals from genetically distinct populations (Harrison 1993). Hybridisation has been variously viewed as either an evolutionary dead-end, or an important evolutionary process, both in the formation of novel species and in the creation of new species (Kraus & Miyamoto 1990; important evolutionary process hybridisation can create new species (Kraus & Miyamoto 1990;

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<sup>5</sup>Dkqphqt o cykeu"Kpuvkiwsg."Uejqqn"qh"dkqnjikecn"Uekgpegu."Wpkxgtukv{"qh"Cwm\cpf."Rtkxcvg"Dci";.;"Cwm\cpf"Ockn"Egpvtg."Cwm\cpf"3364."Pgy"\gc\cpf"

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Arnold et al. 1991; DeMarais et al. 1992; Bullini 1994; Rieseberg et al. 1995; Coyne & Orr 2004; Schwarz et al. 2005), reinforce barriers between gene pools (Howard 1993; Coyne & Orr 3; :9."4226="Ugtxgfkq" ("Pqqt"4225+."nk o kv"urgekcvkqp"cpf"fcfcvckqp"\*Unevmkp"3; :9+."uy c o r" endangered species (Rhymer & Simberloff 1996) or form a bridge for transfer of adaptations among lineages (Arnold 2004).

" Ykj "vjg"cfxgp"qh"pg y "igpgyke"vqqnu."Pg y "\gcncpf"dkqnq i kuvu"j cxg"vcmgp"vjg"qr rqtwpkv{ " to investigate old hypotheses and erect new ones concerning hybridisation. Multilocus monogewnt" o ctmgtu"rgt o kv"fgygevkqp"qh"dqv j"qp i qkpi"cpf"j kuvqtkecn"igpg"lqy"co qpi"nkpgc i gu"cpf" detection of lineages that have arisen via hybridisation. New Zealand has a long history of hybridisation studies in plants especially but there are now many animal examples and even evidence of virus recombination on our shores. In addition, New Zealand has the advantage qh"i qqf"vk o g"mggrkp i "hqt"eqpuvtckpkp i "vjg"ci g"qh"ltuv"eqpvcev"hqt" o cp{ "j { dtkfukup i "vczcl"V jg" arrival of exotic species has been well documented and geological studies give us some ability to date the fragmentation, expansion and hybridisation of our native species. New Zealand mathematicians who are developing novel methods to study hybridisation will continue to give wu"ko rcev"kp"vjg"kpvgtpcvkqp"uekgpvkLe"eq o o wpky{ "hqt"gzc o rng"J wuqp"4227="Ykpm y qt vj"gv" cnl"4227="Dctqpk"gv"cnl"4228="OeDtggp" ("Nqemj ctv"4228="Dqtfg ykej" ("Ug o rng"4229="Lqn{ "gv" al. 2007, in press a; Holland et al. 2008).

Hybridisation has been at the centre of three debates in evolutionary biology: species concept."urgekgu"eqpugtxcvkqp."cpf"qtkikp"qh"pg y "lqtc"cpf"hcwpc0"Kp"gecj"qh"vjgug"vj tgg"ctgcu." New Zealand studies offer new information or a different perspective.

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<sup>1</sup>Hemideina ricta and H. femorata \*Oqticp/Tkejctfu" ("Vq y pugp"3; :7+<sup>2</sup>Galaxias depressiceps and G. anomalus (Allibone et al. 1996); <sup>3</sup>Kunzea sinclairii and Leptospermum scoparium (Harris et al. 1992); <sup>4</sup>Asplenium × lucrosum (Perrie et al. 2005); <sup>5</sup>Hemideina thoracica (Morgan-Richards et al. 2000; Morgan-Richards & Wallis 2003); <sup>6</sup>Hemideina maori (King et al. 1996, 2003); <sup>7</sup>Galaxias depressiceps and G. sp D (Esa et al. 2000); <sup>8</sup>Kikihia species (Marshall et al. 2008); <sup>9</sup>Pseudopanax lessonii and P. crassifolius (Shepherd & Perrie unpubl. data); <sup>10</sup>Phormium tenax and P. cookianum (Smissen & Heenan 2007; Smissen et al. 2008); <sup>11</sup>Carpophyllum angustifolium and C. maschalocarpum (Zuccarello et al. unpubl.); <sup>12</sup>Helichrysum lanceolatum × A. bellidoides (Smissen et al. 2007); <sup>13</sup>Nothofagus fusca, N. truncata, N. solandri var. cliffortioides \*Vjq ougp"4224="Mpcrr"4229+<sup>14</sup>Himantopus novaezelandiae and H. leucocephalus (Greene 1999; MacAvoy & Chambers 1999; Wallis 1999); <sup>15</sup>Metrosideros spp. (Gardner et al. 2004); <sup>16</sup>Raoulia spp. \*Uokuugp"gv"cnl"4225="Hqtf"wpqrwdn"fcvc+<sup>17</sup>Hoheria glabrata and H. lyallii (Heenan et al. 2005); <sup>18</sup>Coprosma spp. (Wichman et al. 2002); <sup>19</sup>Grahamina capito and Fosterygion varium (Hannan 2005); <sup>20</sup>Brachaspis nivalis and B. collinus\*\*Vtg y kem"4223+<sup>21</sup>Anas chlorotis, A. superciliosa and A. platyrhynchos (Kennedy & Spencer 2000; Barton 2003); <sup>22</sup>Cyanoramphus forbesi and C. novaezelandiae chathamensis (Chan et al. 2006); <sup>23</sup>Acanthoxyla \*Oqticp/Tkejctfu" ("Vtg y kem"4227="Dwemng ("gv"cnl"4222:+<sup>24</sup>Pratia angulata and P. perpusilla (Murray et al. 2004); <sup>25</sup>Anaphalioides hookeri (inferred parentage A. bellidoides and A. trineria (Murray )-4C20n241j 05(Pratia )-4Six); ((eciT0 1; (of 1 Tf 11.61

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(III). Each section is further subdivided, but the physical location and consequences of hybridisation are not discussed here.

In particular, hybridisation of New Zealand species that in the recent (pre-human) past were geographically isolated has been well documented. Native species have come face to face with exotic species (Gillespie 1985; Gibbs 1987; Hitchmough et al. 1990) and range changes have occurred. For example, the introduced *Pratia angulata* has hybridised with the endemic *P. angulata* (Fig. 7.91ata). The introduction of *P. angulata* to New Zealand in the late 1800s has led to significant range changes and hybridisation with the native *P. angulata*. The introduced *P. angulata* has spread across the North Island, particularly in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions, and has hybridised with the native *P. angulata* in these areas. The hybridisation has resulted in a change in the morphology and behaviour of the native *P. angulata*, which has become more similar to the introduced *P. angulata*. This has led to concerns about the survival of the native *P. angulata* population.

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picornaviruses, coronaviruses, alphaviruses and retroviruses (Lai 1992). Retroviruses, in rctvkewnct."ctg"tgpq y pgf" hqt"tgcvxgn{ "tcrkf"tgeq o dkpcvkqp"tcvgu."qp"v j g"qtf g"qh"4 "rgt"mknqdcug"rgt"tgrnkecvkqp"e{eng"J w" ( "Vg o kp"3 ; ;2+0" Tgvtqxktn"tgeq o dkpcvkqp"qeewtu"kp" c"j quv" cell during reverse transcription when the infecting virion has a heterozygous genome (Hu ( "Vg o kp"3 ; ;2+0

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Viral recombination can repair substitution errors made by the enzyme reverse transcriptase, or can modify particular viral properties, such as virulence (Lai 1992). In this way, viruses are able to adapt to new environments, such as a new host species (Poss et al. 2007). Whatever the result of the crossover event, recombination is instrumental in the evolutionary history of viruses. In addition, viral recombination increases the genetic diversity of circulating viruses within a population, which has implications for vaccine use and development in New Zealand.

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Genetically (and sometimes morphologically) distinct populations can meet and mate in spatio-vg o rqtem{"dqwpf g f"tg i kqpu"ecmngf"j { dtkf"lqpgu" \* J cttkuqp"3 ; ;5+0"V j g"rquvkqp"cpf"y kf vj"qh" c" zone is usually stable over many generations, due to equilibrium between the ability of organisms to disperse and the selective disadvantage suffered by the hybrid offspring (Barton & J gy kw"3 ; ;7+0" Hwtv j gt"uvcdknkv{ "ku"gpuwtgf"y j gp"lqpgu"nkg"kp"fgpuvk{ "vtqw i ju" \* Dctvqp"3 ; 9 ; + "qt" on ecotones (Moore 1977). Most hybrid zones involve secondary contact of populations that jcxg"fkxgti g f"kp"kuqnev kqp" Hqt" gzc o r n g."c"ur gekgu"lqem"qh"i cnczkkf"Lu j gu" \* *G. vulgaris sensu lato* show some limited parapatric overlap in the South Island, as a result of natural secondary contact, and some of these contacts show occasional hybridisation (Allibone et al. 1996). Within the radiation of New Zealand cicadas many parapatric species form hybrid zones upon contact (Marshall et al. 2008). New Zealand tree weta hybrid zones have been described on mountain ranges (*Hemideina maori*, King et al. 1996, 2003) and in lowland forest (*H. thoracica*, Oqt i cp/Tke j ct fu"gv"cnl"4222="Oqt i cp/Tke j ct fu" ( "Ycmku"4225+0"V j g"wug"qh" o wnk r n g"j { dtkf" zones within the same species has allowed inferences about relative disadvantage suffered d{ "j { dtkf"qhhurtkp i "ykvjkp" gce j "lqpgl"V j g"fkurgtucn"cdklnkv{ "qh" *H. thoracica* individuals from different chromosome races is assumed to be identical and thus the difference in zone width is

Because the majority of hybrid zones form following secondary contact and taxa are often destroyed forest in the central North Island and a number of independent genetic studies have shown Asplenium hookerianum (Shepherd et al. 2007). In addition, two chromosome races of the fern *Dactylanthus taylorii* (Holzapfel et al. 2002; Armstrong unpubl.; the parasitic plant *Hemideina thoracica* (Morgan-Richards et al. 2000). Concordance of frequency clines for four other genetic loci cause hybrid disadvantage. Chromosome heterozygotes often suffer reduced fertility compared to chromosome homozygotes due to mal-segregation of chromosomes during gamete production\* o gkquku+0"Vjg"pcttqyguv"qh"vjg"qvjgt"hqwt"htgswgpe{"enkgpu"uggp"kp"vjg"y gvc"cv"Vcwrq"ku" hqto g" d{"vjg" ovFPC="kp"eqptcuv"vq"vjg"ejtqoquqog"tgcetcpigogpv0" Vjku"tgcetcpigogpv"ku"gvjgt"vjg"fkltgev"ecwug"qh"j { dtkf"fkufxcpcvrig."qt"ku"nkpmgf"vq"nqek"vj cv" female tree weta may have lower dispersal rates compared to males, resulting in a narrow ovFPC"enkgpg"tgncvkxg"vq"vjg"enkgpu"kp"pgwtcn"pwengct"nqek"uggp"cv"Vcwrq0

**Historical gene flow (introgression)**

*Nothofagus* is a major component of forests throughout the South Island of New Zealand, and several hypotheses have been proposed to explain its absence across the central portion of the island. To distinguish between hypotheses found that through hybridisation, red beech (*Nothofagus fusca*) and hard beech (*N. truncata*) have absorbed genetic material from mountain beech (*N. solandri* var. *cliffortioides*). A single insertion in the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer is found within

introgression between *M. iolanthe* and members of the genus with similar songs, than lineage uqtvkpi "Dwemng{"gv"cn0"4228+0

### Contemporary gene flow

Despite considerable differences in morphology, *Pseudopanax lessonii*"\*eqcuvcn"Łxg/Łpig."houpara) and *P. crassifolius* \*ncpieg yqqf."jqtqgm+ "hqt o "cp"cttc{ "qh" o qtr jqmq ikecn"kpvt o g-fkcvgu" y jgtgxgt"v jg{ "qeewt"kp"enqug"rtqzk o kv{ "Rtg nk o kpcit{ " i gpgvke" cpcn{ ugu" wukpi "CHNRu" cpf" o ketqucvgnmkvg" FPC" o ctmg tu"kpfkcvg"v jcv" *P. lessonii* and *P. crassifolius* are genetically distinguishable as separate evolutionary lineages, and that the majority of their hybrids are ncvgt" i gpgtcvkqp" j { dtkf u" \*Ujgr jgtf" ( "Rg tkg" wprwdn0+0" H<sub>1</sub>"\*Łtuv" i gpgtcvkqp+ " j { dtkf u" cr rgct" vq" be uncommon, suggesting that *P. lessonii* and *P. crassifolius* only rarely cross directly and

When hybridisation results in a lineage reproductively isolated from its two parental taxa a pg y "urgekgu"ku"ca o quv"kpuvcpvcpgqwun{"rtqfwegf0" Fwg"vq"vjg"fkhlEwnv{"kp"tgrtqfwekpi"ykvjkwv"dcemetqukpi"vq"rctgpvcn"vczc."vjku"hqto"qh"urgekcvkqp"ku"tctg"eqo rctgf"vq"vjg"tcvg"qh"j{dtkfukcution without speciation. However, it is possible for hybridisation to be followed by chromo-uq o g"fqwdnkpi"cpf"vjg"tguwnkpi"kpfxkfwcn"vq"tgrtqfweg"ugzwcml{"qt"d{"ugnLpi0"Gxkf gpeg"hqtfkrnqkf"j{dtkf"urgekguhqto cvkqp"ku"y gcmgtl"Urgekcvkqp"xc"j{dtkfukcvkqp"ku"o wej"nguu"eqo o qp"kp"cpk o cnu"vjc"cp"kp"rncpnu"dgecwug"kuqncvlp i"o gejcpku o u"uwej"cu"ugnLpi+"ctg"nguu"nkmgn{"vq"evolve in concert with hybridisation. Chromosome doubling in animals can also have a dire effect on sex determination, and animals may be generally more susceptible to changes in gene dosage. *Pratia* discussed earlier is an example of new lineages arising from human induced range changes (Murray et al. 2004). In this case, hybrid lineages are recognised as distinct ejtq o quq o g"tcegu"\*pqv"pg y "urgekgu+. dw"ctg"vjg"tguwnv"qh"kpvturgekLe"etquugu0"Dtgv y kgugt"gv"cn0\*3; ; ; +wug f"gxkf gpeg"htq o "cf flv xg"KVU"ugswgpegu"vq"uwr rqt"vjg"j{rqv j guku"vj cv"*Anaphalioides hookeri* is a hybrid species with parentage *A. bellidiooides* × *A. trinervis*. Since it has a tetraploid chromosome count (2n=4x=56; Groves 1977), it is presumably an example of allopolyploidy (hybridisation followed by chromosome doubling to produce an independent hybrid lineage). In New Zealand buttercups, *Ranunculus nivicola* is an allopolyploid species with *R. verticillatus* and *R. insignis*"rctgpwu"Vjg"fgitgg"qh"er FPC"ujctkpi"dgvy ggp"*R. insignis* and *R. enysii* suggest that these two species have also been hybridising and *R. insignis* may even be of hybrid origin itself (Carter 2006).

" Rqn{rnqkf {"ku"c"eqo o qp"rjgpq o gpq"co qpi uv"Pgy"\gcncpfou"hgtpu0"Cm"urgekgu"qh" Asplenium native to New Zealand are at least tetraploid and, of the 17 species in the Austral group, nine are octoploid. cpDNA and nuDNA (*Leafy*) indicate that most of these octoploids are allopolyploids (Perrie & Brownsey 2005a; Shepherd et al. 2008a). cpDNA of the octoploids is very similar to their parental species, suggesting recent origins with little time to develop autapomorphies (Shepherd et al. 2008b). In some cases, octoploids share multiple chloroplast types with each other and their progenitors, indicating repeated polyploidisation events (*A. gracillimum*, *A. cimmeriorum* (Perrie & Brownsey 2005b)). Allopolyploidy in New Zealand ferns has also been documented using molecular approaches in *Polystichum*, where *P. neozealandicum* is an allo-octoploid of the tetraploids *P. wawranum* and *P. oculatum* (Perrie et al. 2003). Chloroplast sequences indicate that the tetraploid *Hypolepis ambigua* may be composed qh"kpfggrpfgpvn{"fgtkxg f"cmnqrqn{rnqkf"nkgc i gu"qh"wpmpqy p"rctgpvcig"Rgttkg" ("Dtqy pug{"unpubl.}, whereas morphological comparisons suggest that the tetraploid *Pteris macilenta* is almost certainly an allopolyploid derivative of *P. comans* and *P. saxatilis* (Braggins 1975).

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Alternatively, there may have been three (rather than two) sexual species involved in the multiple hybridisation and many origins creating the current diversity.

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In cases such as *Phormium* and *Pseudopanax* ecological selection may be critically important in maintaining species differences in the face of extensive hybridism and an apparent absence of divergence between hybridising species appears to be greater, and intrinsic barriers to gene flow "vq" "tgcvg." dw"ugngevkqp"ci ckpu"tgeq o dkpcpv"igpqv{rgu"ku"uvkn"nkmgm{"vq"dg"ko rqvcpv"kp"nk o kvki"igpg"lqy"Kp"eqpvtcuv."vtgg"y gvc"j cxg"tgncvkxgn{"jki j"ngxgnu"qh"igpgvke"fkxgtukv{"vj cv"fcvg"vq"igqi tcr jke"kuqncvkqp"fwtkpi"vjg"Rnkqegpg."{gv"rqrwnckqpu"kvj"fkuvkpev"mct{qv{rgu"failed to speciate, possibly due to simple mate recognition systems in this genus.

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