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Genomic signatures of rapid adaptive divergence in a tropical montane species

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Mountain regions contain extraordinary biodiversity. The environmental heterogeneity and glacial cycles often accelerate speciation and adaptation of montane species, but how these processes influence the genomic differentiation of these species is largely unknown. Using a novel chromosomelevel genome and population genomic comparisons, we study allopatric divergence and selection in an iconic bird living in a tropical mountain region in New Guinea, Archbold's bowerbird (*Amblyornis papuensis*). Our results show that the two populations inhabiting the eastern and western Central Range became isolated *ca* 11 800 years ago, probably because the suitable habitats for this cold-tolerating bird decreased when the climate got warmer. Our genomic scans detect that genes in highly divergent genomic regions are over-represented in developmental processes, which is probably associated with the observed differences in body size between the populations. Overall, our results suggest that environmental differences between the eastern and western Central Range probably drive adaptive divergence between them.

1. Introduction

Mountain regions are among the biologically richest areas in the world and of great importance for conservation [1,2]. This extraordinary biodiversity is even more accentuated in tropical mountains where long-term climatic changes interacting with the heterogeneous topography provide multiple opportunities for speciation and adaptation [3,4]. Consequently, tropical mountains house a larger number of restricted-range, ecological specialists than do temperate mountainous regions [4,5]. During the Pleistocene, glacial cycles further accelerated the diversification of mountain species as the climate changes pushed habitats and their inhabitants up and down along elevational gradients [6]. In warmer periods, species may have been split into several 'sky island' populations [7,8] as they became isolated at mountaintops surrounded by unfavourable habitats. Understanding how 'sky island' diversifications influence the genomic landscape and divergent adaptations is important for determining future conservation measures in these species, not least at a time when the global loss of biological diversity is accelerating (e.g. [9]).

Herein we address genomic divergence and adaptation in Archbold's bowerbird *Amblyornis papuensis*, Ptilonorhynchidae (nomenclature follows [10]), supposedly one of the rarest birds in New Guinea [11]. It inhabits frost-prone high mountains at elevations between 2300 and 3660 m, higher than most birds in New Guinea [12–14]. It is resident and divided into two geographically isolated and sedentary populations (*sanfordi* in the eastern Central Range and *papuensis* in the western Central Range) that differ in size and plumage colour [14]. Constituting a classic 'sky island' species, *A. papuensis* provides

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unique opportunities to study the genomic signature of local adaptations in allopatric populations. In the study, we generated a nearly chromosome-level genome of a closely related species, southern white-eared catbird *Ailuroedus stonii*, and studied comparative population genomics of *A. papuensis*. We expect to find that the two populations have diverged during a warm interglacial period and subsequently decreased their population sizes when they retreated to higher elevation. We hypothesize that the populations have evolved genomic adaptations in response to the different environmental pressures in their respective 'sky island' region. Our study provides novel insights into how the Late Pleistocene climate and environmental heterogeneity of tropical mountains contributed to the rapid adaptive divergence between 'sky island' populations.

2. Material and methods

(a) De novo genome and resequencing data generation

We generated a nearly chromosome-level genome of the closely related A. stonii (see the electronic supplementary material for specimen details). We sequenced paired-end (180 bp), matepair (3 and 5-8 kb) and 10× genomics chromium libraries, using Illumina HiSeq X by Science for Life Laboratory (National Genomics Institute, Stockholm). We assembled the genome using ALLPATHS_LG [15] and further improved it by Hi-C sequencing and using the HiRise assembly pipeline (Dovetail Genomics [16]). In total, we obtained 218 Gb data. We extracted DNA from toepads of eight taxonomically well-identified and vouchered museum study skins of A. papuensis collected between 1938 and 1961 with Illumina NovaSeq 6000 (electronic supplementary material, table S1). We deleted 5 bp from both ends of cleaned reads to reduce 'noise' caused by DNA degradation (a standard procedure for museum specimens [17]). We used BWA mem v. 0.7.12 [18] to map the clean reads against the 23 largest scaffolds, which cover 97% of the A. stonii genome. We called single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) using mpileup in Samtools v. 1.4 [19], applying a minimum genotype quality of 10.

(b) Population structure

Phylogenetic relationships were inferred by analysing 80 157 randomly drawn SNPs with SNAPP v. 1.3.0 in BEAST2 v. 2.4.8 [20,21]. We chose uninformative distributions as priors, sampled mutation rate from an inverse gamma distribution, used a Yule prior for species tree, and set the lambda parameter to a uniform distribution (0–1). We ran the analysis for 2 000 000 iterations (the first 200 000 was discarded as burn-in). Convergence of the Markov chain Monte Carlo chains was assessed by checking that effective sample size values exceeded 200. We plot trees in the posterior sample using DensiTree v. 2.1.11 [22]. We estimated genetic population structure with principal component analysis (PCA) using *smartpca* in Eigensoft v. 6.1.4 [23].

(c) Demographic history

To estimate historical demography, we applied Fastsimcoal v. 2.6 [24] to a two-dimensional, unfolded site frequency spectrum generated from a 76 Mb genomic region containing none of the 5% most highly divergent windows. We kept monomorphic sites and used the reference genome to polarize ancestral states. Four demographic models were tested: no decrease of population sizes after they split and no gene flow between them (M1); no decrease of population sizes but gene flow occurring (M2); changes of population sizes after they split but no gene

flow (M3); changes of population sizes and gene flow occurring (M4) (electronic supplementary material, figure S1).

Akaike information criterion (AIC) [25] was used to select which model fit observed data best. For the best-fit model, we ran 1000 replicates, each including 20 estimation loops with 200 000 coalescent simulations. We calculated statistics for demographic parameters based on the 5% most likely runs.

We used PopSizeABC [26] to estimate temporal fluctuations in population size. We set the recombination rate to 1.0×10^{-8} , mutation rate to 4.6×10^{-9} per generation and a generation time of 5.35 years [27–29]. Summary statistics of the allele frequency spectrum and linkage disequilibrium were calculated at 21 discrete time windows (2400–130 000 years) based on the empirical dataset and then compared with the corresponding statistics calculated from 400 000 simulated datasets.

(d) Environmental heterogeneity analysis

We tested environmental heterogeneity using 19 bioclimatic variables obtained for 1939 and 2938 randomly sampled sites at 2600–2800 m.a.s.l. within the core-distributions (as determined from [12–14]) of the western and eastern populations in World-Clim v. 2.1 database [30] (see the electronic supplementary material). We performed PCA on the Z-transformed dataset in R (*prcomp*) and used two-tailed *t*-tests to test for significance in both the 19 bioclimatic variables and the principal components.

(e) Selection analysis

The landscape of genomic divergence between the two populations was estimated by calculating F_{ST} and D_{XY} values in nonoverlapping 50 kb windows (estimations using PopLDdecay [31] showed linkage disequilibrium to decay within this window size). We identified highly divergent genomic regions using Z-transformed F_{ST} . To determine the cutoff value, we generated 2000 genome-wide nominal values through simulations under the inferred demographic history (M4). We used the top 5% percentile value of the simulated distributions as cutoff. The chicken gene set (Gallus.gallus.5.0.cds) in BLAST+ v. 2.6.0 [32] was used to annotate these regions and the identified genes subjected to enrichment analysis using Panther [33]. We also searched for evidence of selective sweeps in each population using SweeD [34]. To test if the observed pattern of divergent selection is driven by stochastic processes, we ran permutation tests by generating 10 000 random samples with the same numbers of genes as observed in the F_{ST} , D_{XY} and SweeD analyses, respectively. For each generated sample we annotated the genes for their relevant functions in gene ontology (GO) to obtain null distributions for the proportion of development genes given a certain total number of genes. We compared the observed number of genes to the null distributions and regarded observed values larger than the 95th percentile of the null distribution to be statistically significant.

3. Results and discussion

The novel *A. stonii* genome has a size of 1092 Mb and consists of 2364 scaffolds (N50 scaffold size is 75 Mb and N50 contig size is 436 kb). The 23 largest scaffolds cover 97% of the genome, and 22 of these match chicken chromosomes 1–20 (electronic supplementary material, table S2). We used these scaffolds for downstream analyses and refer to them using chicken chromosome numbers.

The SNAPP result showed that the eight individuals of *A. papuensis* fall into two clades, each receiving 100% support, corresponding to the two recognized subspecies *papuensis* and *sanfordi* (figure 1*a*,*b*). The PCA analysis also showed a

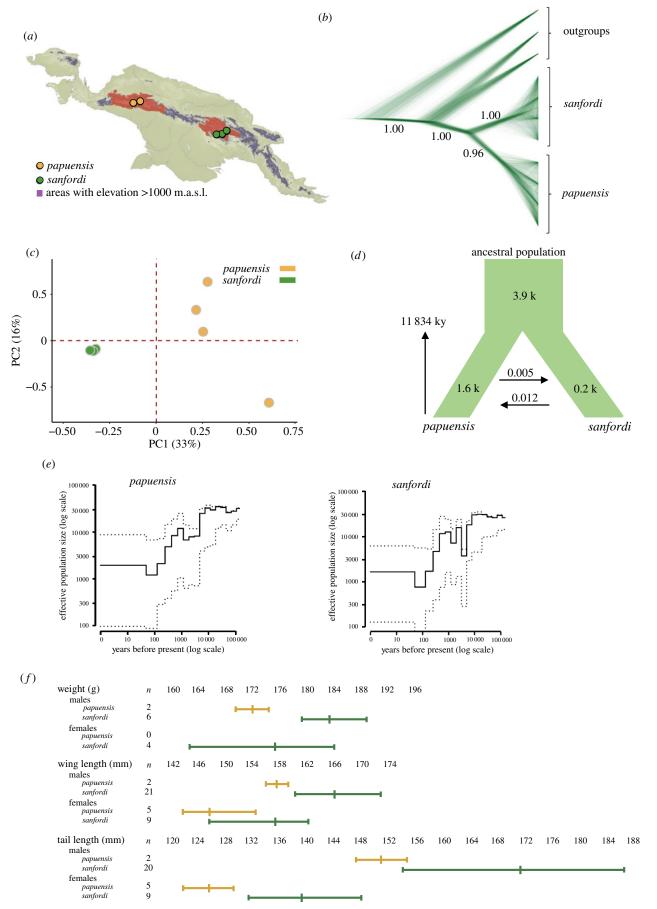


Figure 1. (a) Amblyornis papuensis occupies high mountainous mossy beech (*Nothofagus*) forests in the western (*papuensis*) and eastern (*sanfordi*) parts of the Central Range in New Guinea (reddish shade, from [14]). Coloured dots represent sampling sites and purple colour elevations greater than 1000 m.a.s.l. (b) Phylogenetic relationship within *Amblyornis papuensis* inferred by SNAPP (based on 80 157 randomly sampled SNPs). *Amblyornis macgregoriae*, *Amblyornis subalaris* and *Amblyornis inornata* serve as outgroups. Bootstrap values greater than 0.95 are indicated. (c) Principal component analysis of 2 467 355 SNPs. (d) Estimates of demographic parameters based on the best-fit model (M4) inferred with Fastsimcoal. (e) Temporal variation in effective size (N_e) inferred by PopSizeABC. (f) Size comparisons of adult individuals of the western (*papuensis*) and eastern (*sanfordi*) populations (from [27], see also the electronic supplementary material, table S7).

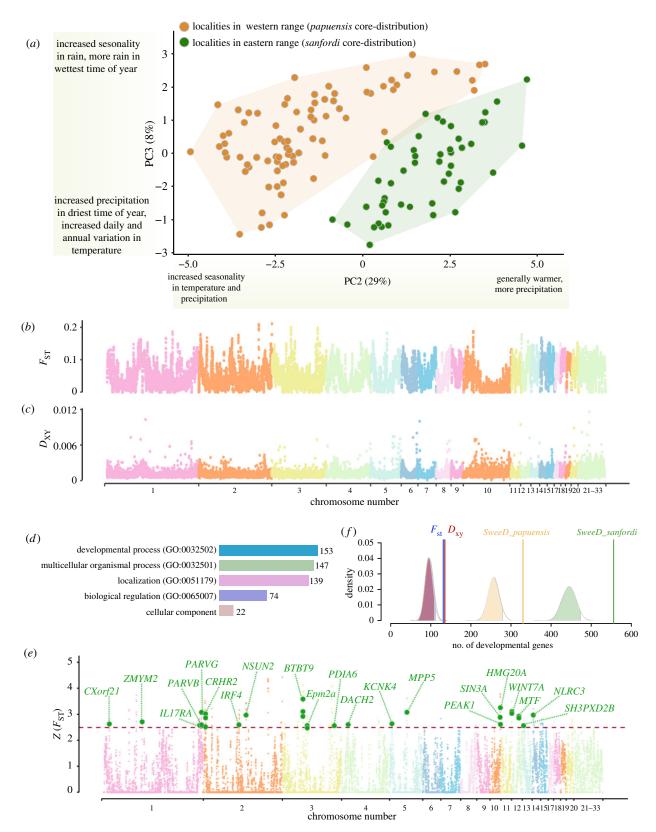


Figure 2. (a) PCA of 19 bioclimatic variables observed at localities within core-distributions of *papuensis* and *sanfordi* (for component loadings see the electronic supplementary material, table S6). (b) and (c) Genome-wide variation in F_{ST} and D_{XY} . (d) G0 enrichment results from the genes identified within the top 5% highly divergent genomic regions between the populations. (e) Genome-wide distribution of $Z(F_{ST})$ in 50 kb windows. Genes linked to developmental G0 terms are indicated (the dotted line indicates the $Z(F_{ST})$ value for windows showing top 1% differential selection between the populations). (f) Permutation tests to explore the probability of whether stochastic processes alone can explain the numbers of genes related to development observed in analyses of divergent selection between papuensis and sanfordi ($Z(F_{ST})$) and of selective sweeps within each of them. Null distributions are shown with the 95th percentiles shaded. Vertical lines show observed values.

clear separation between the two populations in the first two PCs (figure 1*c*; electronic supplementary material, figure S2). Although the individual span in nucleotide diversity is larger

among the individuals of *papuensis* than *sanfordi*, the average nucleotide diversity is similar in the two populations (0.08% in *papuensis* and 0.09% in *sanfordi*) as is the average

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standardized multilocus heterozygosity (1.01 in *papuensis* and 1.00 in *sanfordi*).

The AIC comparison supports model M4, decreasing population sizes with gene flow as the best-fit (figure 1*d*; electronic supplementary material, table S3). Based on this we estimated that the two populations split around 11.8 kya (95% confidence interval (CI): 10.2–12.4 kya) with a negligible gene flow (0.005 individuals per generation from *papuensis* to *sanfordi* and 0.012 in the opposite direction, figure 1*d*; electronic supplementary material, table S4). After their split, the populations underwent an almost 10-fold decrease of their effective sizes (figure 1*e*).

The preferred habitats of *A. papuensis* are montane forests dominated by *Nothofagus* trees [14]. Today these forests are found between 1800 and 3000 m.a.s.l. [35], similar to the elevational distribution of *A. papuensis* [14]. During glaciations, glaciers covered several mountaintops and pushed the *Nothofagus* forests downwards to 800–1800 m.a.s.l. [36,37]. This expanded the area of habitats suitable for *A. papuensis*, allowing an increase of its population size. The gradually warmer Late Pleistocene climate pushed the cold-adapted *Nothofagus* forests to higher elevations. The split between the two *A. papuensis* populations is estimated to about 11.8 kya and is probably a consequence of the steady decrease of suitable habitats.

We observed significant differences between the coredistributions of papuensis and sanfordi in 10 out of 19 bioclimatic variables (electronic supplementary material, tables S5 and S6). When plotting PC2 and PC3 (proxies for temperature and precipitation), the localities in the eastern and western Central Range form two almost non-overlapping clusters (figure 2a). The loading scores also differ significantly between these areas (two-tailed t-test, PC2: t_{249} = 34.8, p < 0.001; PC3: $t_{249} = 10.2$, p < 0.001). Although seasonality in both temperature and precipitation show the largest differences together with the annual precipitation (electronic supplementary material, table S5), the combined effect of the bioclimatic variables is a relatively colder and more humid climate in the eastern Central Range, where sanfordi lives. Adaptation to local environmental conditions often explains intraspecific size variation in birds [38]. The two populations of A. papuensis exhibit considerable phenotypic differences, with sanfordi being generally larger than papuensis, particularly in the tail and wing lengths (figure 1f; electronic supplementary material, table S7) [27]. It is plausible that the observed phenotypic differences relate to variation in local climate (electronic supplementary material, table S5).

Given a recent split time, we found a high level of genetic divergence between the two populations, indicated by an average $F_{\rm ST}$ value of 0.0523 (95% CI: 0.0518–0.0528) and $D_{\rm XY}$ of 0.00123 (95% CI: 0.00122–0.00124), respectively (cf. figure 2b,c). Considering the negligible gene flow between the two populations, this divergence may have arisen by a strong genetic drift owing to isolation in different skyisland regions and drastically decreasing population sizes.

Notably, we found that the top 5% highly divergent windows (with $Z(F_{\rm ST}) > 1.76$), contain a large number of genes involved in developmental processes (153 of 493 genes, 31%). This proportion is significantly larger than expected from the genome background (3568 of 17770 genes, Fisher's test $p = 9.09 \times 10^{-6}$). Our permutation tests further showed that this proportion of developmental genes is larger than expected by random chance alone (figure 2f). Consistently, the GO enrichment analysis of the 493 genes shows that 33% of the significantly over-represented GO terms are related to

development processes (figure 2d,e; electronic supplementary material, table S8). A similar over-representation of developmental genes as for $Z(F_{ST})$ is also observed in the D_{XY} analysis (electronic supplementary material, table S9). In addition, we found that the selective sweeps are stronger in sanfordi than in papuensis, shown by a larger average composite likelihood-ratio (CLR, 0.11 versus 0.04, Wilcoxon, p < 0.0001) as well as a larger number of highly selected regions (4104 versus 2184, χ^2 607.00, p < 0.0001, electronic supplementary material, figures S3 and S4). A functional annotation of these highly selected regions reveals a larger proportion of development genes than would be expected by random (figure 2*f*). Although our results show that divergent selection of the two populations has especially targeted developmental genes, we also observe other signals of selection in, e.g. biological regulation and multicellular organismal processes. The total genomic divergence is surely attributable to multiple forces, including interspecific competition, trophic niche utilization, sexual selection, etc. However, as developmental genes take the largest proportion of selective genes, we conclude that adaptive divergence in the developmental genes is the major component shaping the genomic landscape of divergence between the two populations. Previous studies of highelevation animals have shown that changes in body size is linked to increased selection in developmental genes, e.g. in yak [39], ground tit [40], Tibetan chicken [41] and Eurasian tree sparrow [42]. We thus postulate that the phenotypic and genomic differences observed between the two populations of A. papuensis are likely to be either causal or indirect consequences of their adaptation to high-elevation environments. Based on these differences, as well as their geographical isolation, we suggest treating these populations as separate species, A. papuensis (Rand, 1940) and A. sanfordi (Mayr & Gilliard, 1950). This could help when determining future conservation policies for these very rare New Guinean birds.

Ethics. All research in this paper is based on pre-existing museum collections that have been collected under appropriate permits over many decades.

Data accessibility. Raw Illumina sequences are deposited in Sequence Reads Archive, National Center for Biotechnology Information, SRA accession no. PRJNA601961. The *A. stonii* genome assembly and data related to the analyses are deposited in Dryad Digital Repository: https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.37pvmcvjr [43].

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1. MATERIAL AND METHODS (DETAILED DESCRIPTION)

Samples information, extraction, sequencing, reference mapping and variant calling As a reference genome for subsequent mapping we built the *de novo* genome of a *Ailuroedus* stonii individual collected 28 May 1985 at Kerea, 50 km N of Port Moresby on the Vanapa River, 9°04'30''S, 147°10'30''E, Central Province, Papua New Guinea, (tissue sample Museum Victoria Z43608 = voucher specimen Australian National Wildlife Collection ANWC B24961). DNA was extracted from cryofrozen tissue using the KingFisher duo extraction robot and the KingFisherTM Cell and Tissue DNA Kit according to the manufacturer's instructions. A total of 217.65 Gb of high-quality sequence data was obtained by sequencing five DNA libraries (one short-insert-sized, paired-end [180 bp] library, two mate-pair [3 and 5-8 kb] libraries, one 10X Genomics Chromium Genome library, and one Hi-C library) on an Illumina HiSeq X platform at the National Genomics Institute. The Hi-C sequencing was made by the Science for Life Laboratory (National Genomics Institute, Stockholm). In the first step a library was prepared using the Omni-C (Dovetail Genomics) kit. This is a proximity-ligation protocol using a sequence-independent endonuclease, generating data for identification of topologically-associated functional domains and scaffolding. The library was sequenced by the means of restriction enzyme digestion, followed by proximity ligation to capturing genome organisation within a ligated molecule. Ligated library molecules were then sequenced as paired-end reads to reveal which of the genome were physically proximal in the nuclei at the time of sampling.

Low quality and duplicated reads were filtered out before an initial assembly done by the Science for Life Laboratory (National Genomics Institute, Stockholm) using the ALLPATHS_LG assembler (Butler et al. 2008). The final genome assembly was done using the HiRise pipeline (Dovetail Genomics, Putnam et al. 2016) and resulted in a genome length of 1,092 Mb (6,982X estimated physical coverage). The assembly resulted in 2,364 scaffolds covering 1,092 Mb with a scaffold N50 of 75 Mb and contig N50 of 436 kb. The 23 largest scaffolds cover 97% of the genome and we used these for the downstream analyses. They were annotated by blasting the window sequences to the chicken genome (Gallus.gallus.5.0.cds) using BLAST+ v2.6.0 (Camacho et al. 2009). For 22 scaffolds we found almost perfect matches with individual chicken chromosomes 1 to 20 (in two cases two scaffolds matched different parts of the same chicken chromosome). The remaining scaffold seemingly comprises genomic regions corresponding to chicken chromosomes 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 33. We stress that when using chromosome numbers in the text and figures these are only tentative and refer to the chicken genome.

Amblyornis papuensis is a rare bird species, both in the wild and in museum collections. It occupies parts of the New Guinea Highlands (Central Range) and has two subspecies, Amblyornis p. papuensis in the west of the species' range in Indonesia (Wissel Lakes, in Weyland Mts area; Nassau Range and Oranje Mts; Bele R and L Habbema region), and Amblyornis p. sanfordi in the east of the range in Papua New Guinea (Mt Hagen, Mt Giluwe, Tari Gap, and S Karius Range) (Frith & Frith 2020). We are not aware of any fresh sample of the species, but by courtesy of American Museum of Natural History, New York, Australian National Wildlife Collection, Canberra, Natural History Museum, Tring, and Yale Peabody Museum, New Haven, we have obtained toe pads of eight museum study skins, amounting to four each of the two subspecies. DNA was extracted from the samples using the Qiagen QIAamp DNA Mini Kit following the protocol described in Irestedt et al. (2006). The sequencing libraries were prepared using the protocol published by Meyer and Kircher (2010). Each library was then amplified in four independent PCR reactions with unique indexes and these uniquely tagged products were pooled and cleaned. Finally, the samples were pooled and sequenced at equal molarity on one lane on the Illumina NovaSeq platform. The Illumina sequencing reads were processed using a custom-designed workflow available

at https://github.com/mozesblom to remove adapter contamination, low-quality bases and low-complexity reads. Overlapping read pairs were merged using PEAR (Zhang et al. 2014) and SuperDeduper (Petersen et al. 2015) was used to remove PCR duplicates. Trimming and adapter removal was done with Trimmomatic v0.32 (Bolger et al. 2014; default settings) and overall quality and length distribution of sequence reads were inspected with Fastqc v0.11.5 (Andrews 2010) before and after the cleaning. As erroneous DNA degradation patterns almost exclusively appear at the ends of sequence reads (Schubert et al. 2012), we shortened all reads obtained from museum study skins by deleting 5bp from both ends in order to reduce this "noise".

We used BWA mem v0.7.12 (Li & Durbin 2009) to map the polished reads against the 23 largest scaffolds (including 97% of the whole genome) of the *Ailuroedus stonii* genome. The mapping resulted in a mean coverage of 20.6X (range 15-31X) for the eight individuals. We chose to reduce the number of scaffolds in order to speed-up the variant calling. High-quality SNPs were called from the BAM-files using mpileup in Samtools v1.4 (Li et al. 2009) and including individual biallelic genotypes with a depth between 10 and 100 reads per individual and a quality of 10 or more. A total of 2,467,355 high-quality SNPs were used for downstream analyses.

Population structure and demographic history

Population genetic structure was inferred from the full data set of 2,467,355 SNPs with a principal component analysis (PCA) using *smartpca* in EIGENSOFT v6.1.4 (Price et al. 2006). Figure 1c shows a striking difference in the variation of individual PCA scores within the *papuensis* and *sanfordi* populations, respectively. We believe this reflects the considerably larger variation in heterogeneity distributions among the *papuensis* individuals than among those of *sanfordi* (electronic supplementary material, figure S5).

We also used the coalescent-based program SNAPP v1.3.0 in BEAST2 v2.4.8 (Bouckaert et al. 2014; Bryant et al. 2012) to perform a Bayesian MCMC analysis of the SNP data. The analyses may be interpreted with some caution as SNAPP assumes a strict isolation model with constant population sizes, a condition that is may not be met in several of the populations (see Results). To make the analysis computationally feasible we first randomly sampled 1% SNPs from the full data set and then filtered the non-biallelic variants. In the end, 80,157 biallelic SNPs shared by the two populations of Amblyornis papuensis and three outgroup species (Amblyornis macgregoriae, A. subalaris and A. inornata) were retained for analysis. All individuals were assigned to different "populations" to avoid inferring a certain topology on the analysis. We chose wide and uninformative distributions as priors of the model parameters. The forward and backward mutation rates were set to be estimated during the course of the MCMC chain, and the rate parameters were sampled from an inverse gamma distribution. For the Yule prior for the species tree the lambda parameter, that governs the rate of divergence, was uniformly distributed in the range of zero to one. We run the analyses for 2,000,000 iterations and assessed convergence of the MCMC chains by plotting likelihood scores against iterations and checking that all parameter ESS values were 200 or larger. Trees were sampled for every 1,000 iteration and we discarded the first 10% as burn-in. We ran the analysis three times to ascertain stability of the results. We plotted the distribution of species trees in the posterior sample using DensiTree v2.1.11 (Bouckaert 2010).

The standardized multilocus heterozygosity was calculated from the 2,467,355 SNPs data set using the R script inbreedR (https://rdrr.io/cran/inbreedR/src/R/).

We studied the demographic history of *Amblyornis papuensis* using different, complementary methods. PopSizeABC (Boitard et al. 2016), an approximate Bayesian computation pipeline, was used to estimate temporal variation in effective population size (N_e) in each lineage. PopSizeABC estimates variation in population size for a group of

individuals and traces the temporal variation up until a few thousand years ago. PopSizeABC uses the SNP data set (2,467,355 SNPs) to calculate summary statistics of the genome-wide site frequency spectrum (SFS) and the average zygotic linkage disequilibrium (LD) at specific time bins (Boitard et al. 2016). These statistics are first calculated for an empirical data set, and then compared with the corresponding statistics calculated from a large number of simulated data sets. The simulated data sets are obtained by cutting the empirical data set into segments of 2 million bp each and then randomly select 100 such segments. Ne was estimated in 21 discrete time windows between 2,400 to 130,000 years BP. In the analyses we set the recombination rate to 1.0*10⁻⁸, and the genomic mutation rate per generation to 4.6*10⁻⁹ (Smeds et al. 2016). The general biology and life-history parameters for Amblyornis papuensis are largely unknown, and this is also true for the generation length (measured as the average age of parents of the population). The generation length depends not only on the age of first reproduction, but also on adult survival and maximum longevity. Bird et al. (2020) estimated that Amblyornis papuensis has a generation length of 5.35 years, which we have used herein. We compared the summary statistics for the empirical data sets with 400,000 simulated data sets to identify the simulations that are most similar. These were then selected by applying a simple rejection method with an acceptance (tolerance) rate of 0.01.

We also used Fastsimcoal v2.6 (Excoffier et al. 2013) to infer the demographic history of Amblyornis papuensis. We generated a two-dimensional, unfolded site frequency spectrum (SFS) using the doSaf and realSFS functions in ANGSD v0.917 (Korneliussen et al. 2014) for a 76 Mb region of scaffold 446 that does not contain any highly (top 5%) selected 50 kb windows. We compared four demographic models combining two hypothetical demographic events: a bottleneck (present or not) in the ancestral population and presence or not of bidirectional gene flow between the current populations. All parameters were selected from uniform distributions. For each demographic inference, we ran two separate analyses with 100 replicates each, and we set the number of coalescent simulations (-n) to 200,000. We used the Akaike (1974) information criterion (AIC) to evaluate which model had the higher likelihood. For this model, we run simulations in 1,000 replicates, each including 20 estimation loops with 200,000 coalescent simulations. To determine the best parameter estimates, we selected the 5% most likely replicate runs (that is, those with the smallest difference between the estimated and observed likelihood) and used this subset to calculate the mean for all demographic parameters, along with their 95% confidence intervals (based on 200,000 resamples). We re-calculated estimates of divergence time in units of years, effective population sizes, and migration rates by scaling with a neutral mutation rate of 4.6*10⁻⁹ (Smeds et al. 2016) and a generation time of 5.35 years (see above).

Environmental heterogeneity analysis and selection

To compare local climatic conditions for the two populations in New Guinea we used QGIS v3.10.6 to collect 19 bioclimatic variables (BIO1-BIO19, 5 minutes data) from the WorldClim v2.1 database for the period 1970-2000 (Fick & Hijmans 2017) for a large number of randomly sampled localities within each of the two population's core distribution. Totally 19 bioclimatic variables were scored for 1,939 (western distribution) and 2,938 (eastern distribution) localities situated between 2,600 and 2,800 m a.s.l. Although *Amblyornis papuensis* occurs at both lower and higher altitudes than this (Frith & Frith 2020), we chose to restrict the elevational range to get comparable climatic data from each area. The Z-transformed data for all localities in each core area was subjected to principal component analysis (*prcomp*) in R. Differences in component mean values were tested for statistical significance with two-tailed *t*-tests. To test the robustness of our results we repeated the analysis for a wider elevational span – for localities situated between 2,300-3,300 m a.s.l. The resulting plot of PC2 and PC3 are almost identical (see figure S2 below).

To evaluate the contribution of divergent selection to the genetic differentiation between *papuensis* and *sanfordi* we calculated the Z-transformed $F_{\rm ST}$ value $Z(F_{\rm ST})$ of the populations of each non-overlapping 50 kb window. Estimations of the patterns of linkage disequilibrium (LD) with PopLDdecay (Zhang et al. 2019) show that LD is not a problem when applying a window size of 50 kb. The 50 kb windows with $Z(F_{\rm ST})$ over 1.76 (the top 5%) were arbitrarily defined as outlier regions. We annotated these by blasting the window sequences to the chicken genome (Gallus.gallus.5.0.cds) using BLAST+ v2.6.0 (Camacho et al. 2009). Identified genes within the top 5% selected windows were then referred to gene ontology (GO) categories using Panther Classification System (Mi et al. 2019).

We localized targets of strong selective sweeps by analyzing SNP patterns using the site frequency spectrum (SFS). The selective sweeps should be complete to be efficiently detected, i.e., the beneficial mutation should be fixed in the population and not be fixed for too long. The sweeps should also be strong in relation to recombination as the method we used utilize the neutral genomic regions that are around the beneficial mutation. SweeD (Pavlidis et al. 2013) calculates SFS in a grid (i.e. windows) across each scaffold and implements a composite likelihood ratio (CLR) test based on the sweepfinder algorithm (Nielsen et al. 2005). The CLR uses the variation of the whole or derived SFS of a whole scaffold to compute the ratio of the likelihood of a selective sweep at a given position to the likelihood of a null model without a selective sweep (Badouin et al. 2017). The null hypothesis relies on the SFS of the whole-genome sequence rather than on a standard neutral model, which makes it more robust to demographic events such as population expansions (Nielsen et al. 2005; Pavlidis et al. 2010). CLRs were computed at 4kb equidistant points between the first and last SNP in every scaffold. Based on the results of the $F_{\rm ST}$ analysis of selection we can safely assume that parts of the genomes have evolved under positive selection. This allows us to define a significance threshold from the data set itself. We compared the mean CLR across all points in the two populations, as well as the number of points with a CLR score larger than two times the standard deviation of the mean for the population.

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2. Data repositories

Raw Illumina sequences are deposited in Sequence Reads Archive, National Center for Biotechnology Information, SRA accession [NCBI does not allow a temporary link to the data itself, only to metadata: ftp://ftp-trace.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/review/

SRP242614_20210119_164248_5db09cb32d8e4e9ff6be1f76a085f9ce].

The *Ailuroedus stonii* genome assembly and data related to the analyses are deposited in Dryad [temporary link during the review process:

https://datadryad.org/stash/share/WUc1va-3KDbDtUlhKeF5H05snl8ZauRh-5jiOekyNFc].

3. SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

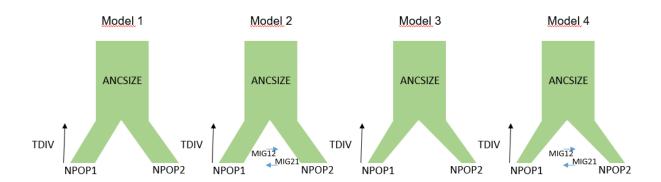


Figure S1: The observed site frequency spectrum (SFS) was compared with simulations using four models of hypothesized demographic events. All models postulate a split of an ancestral population into two daughter populations. The models differ in that two (M3 and M4) hypothesize a decrease of the effective population size after the split, and two (M1 and M2) hypothesize occurrence of gene flow between the daughter populations.

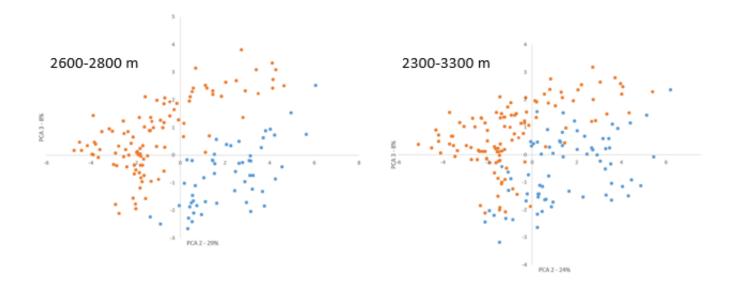


Figure S2: Results of principal component analyses of 19 bioclimatic variables (BIO1-BIO19, 5 minutes data) obtained for a large number of random localities within each of the two populations' core-areas in the Central Range in New Guinea. Orange dots represents localities within the western Central Range (papuensis core-distribution) and blue dots localities within the eastern Central Range (sanfordi core-distribution). The left figure shows the result when restricting the localities to those at elevations between 2,600-2,800 m a.s.l. The right figure shows the results for a wider elevational range, 2,300-3,300 m a.s.l. The two analyses yield highly similar results and we have based our results on the more narrow elevational range where the vast majority of the individuals in each population lives.

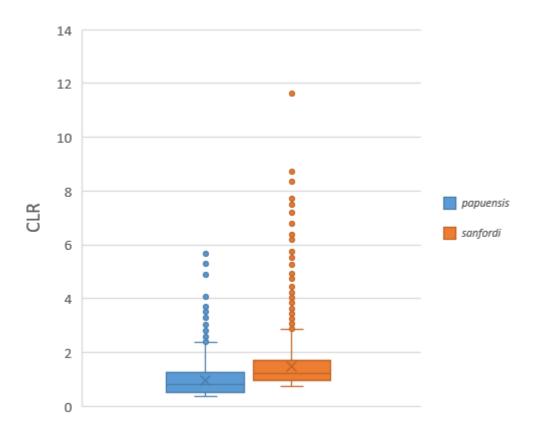


Figure S3: Box-plots of CLR (composite likelihood ratio) values for regions across the whole genome exhibiting signs of strong selective sweeps (CLR > 2*s.d.) in populations papuensis (n = 2,184) and sanfordi (n = 4,104), respectively. The average CLR value across the genome is almost three times larger in the sanfordi population than in papuensis (0.11 vs. 0.04, Wilcoxon, p <0.0001).

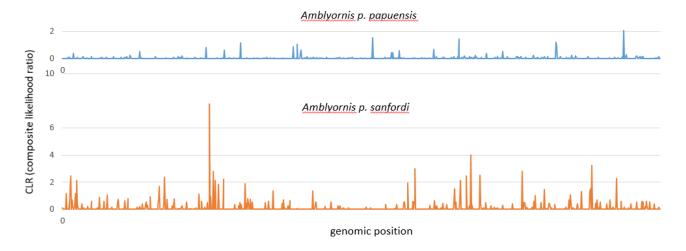


Figure S4: Genome-wide analyses of selective sweeps with SweeD shows that the number of windows exhibiting signs of selective sweeps are more common in *sanfordi*, and that the CLR (composite likelihood ratio) values are also higher in this population. The average CLR per window is 0.04 for *papuensis* and 0.11 for *sanfordi* (the difference is not statistically significant) and the number of regions with a CLR larger than 2*s.d. are 2,184 (2.4%) in *papuensis* and 4,104 (4.4%) in *sanfordi* (χ^2 607.00, p < 0.0001). The figure shows a genomic region that constitutes ca. 10% of the total genome.



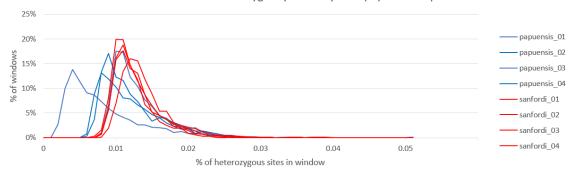


Figure S5: Comparison of heterogeneity distributions in the eight individuals studied. The individuals of the *sanfordi* population shows a larger degree of similarity than those of the *papuensis* population.

1. SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Table S1: Samples sequenced in the study. Abbreviations: AMNH, American Museum of Natural History, New York; ANWC, Australian National Wildlife Collection, Canberra; BMNH, Natural History Museum, London; YPM, Peabody Museum, Yale University, New Haven.

Taxon	Sample ID	Locality	Date	Sex	Material	Coverage
Amblyornis papuensis papuensis	AMNH 342259	Indonesia, Papua Prov., Bele River, 2200 m	4 Dec 1938	male	toe pad	15.3
Amblyornis papuensis papuensis	AMNH 342261	Indonesia, Papua Prov., Bele River, 2200 m	23 Nov 1938	female	toe pad	20.4
Amblyornis papuensis papuensis	YPM 75437	Indonesia, Papua Prov., Ilaga	6 Sep 1960	male	toe pad	27.4
Amblyornis papuensis papuensis	YPM 75438	Indonesia, Papua Prov., Ilaga	9 Sep 1960	male	toe pad	31.1
Amblyornis papuensis sanfordi	BMNH 195317217	Papua New Guinea, Mount Giluwe	1953	male	toe pad	19.5
Amblyornis papuensis sanfordi	ANWC B01296	Papua New Guinea, Southern Highlands, Kare, Mendi, -6.0684, 143.7019	5 Sep 1961	female	toe pad	20.7
Amblyornis papuensis sanfordi	AMNH 705703	Papua New Guinea, Western Highlands prov., Base Camp, Tomba, Mt. Hagen, 9-10,000 ft	12 Jul 1950	male	toe pad	14.8
Amblyornis papuensis sanfordi	AMNH 705710	Papua New Guinea, Western Highlands prov., Base Camp, Tomba, Mt. Hagen, 8,700 ft	20 Jul 1950	female	toe pad	15.5

Table S2: The 23 largest scaffolds were analysed, corresponding to 97% of the total genome length. Blasting to the chicken genome showed that most scaffolds match chicken chromosomes.

scaffold	length (bp)	inferred chicken chromosome
1	31'822'539	8
2	20'509'599	4
37	21'332'042	10
40	11'197'321	19
80	11'492'157	17
81	35'485'005	6
130	12'831'607	18
131	16'864'701	14
166	25'960'477	9
229	15'015'738	20
284	65'164'962	5
285	56'874'832	21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 33 [3]
331	116'393'903	3
346	38'874'525	7
370	19'267'510	13
405	73'802'003	4 [1]
445	80'441'600	10
499	21'120'569	12
527	75'446'723	1 [12]
541	20'950'921	11
605	14'570'870	15
631	155'504'331	2 [19, 20]
1402	119'797'195	1 [8, 9, 23]
Sum	1'060'721'130	

Table S3: The demographic models tested using Fastsimcoal. The models differ in their combination of a hypothesized population change after the split between the populations, and the presence of gene flow (electronic supplementary material, figure S1). Model M4, inferring size changes of the populations and presence of gene flow after they split, received the highest likelihood by AIC comparison.

	Holocene population change	Recent migration	log-likelihood	Parameters	AIC	DeltaAIC	Weight
M4	yes	yes	-24802625.61	12	49605275.22	0	1
M2	no	yes	-24806934.34	7	49613882.68	8607	0
M3	yes	no	-24819587.29	9	49639192.59	33917	0
M1	no	no	-24820216.90	5	49640443.79	35169	0

Table S4: Inferred demographic parameters under model M4 (Figure 1d). The parameter TDIV is scaled by a generation length of 5.35 years.

Parameters	Point estimation	95% C.I.			
		lower bound	upper bound		
Size of ancestral population (ANCSIZE), number of individuals	3870	3554	4187		
Effective population size papuensis (NPOP1), number of individuals	1645	1444	1846		
Effective population size sanfordi (NPOP2), number of individuals	182	162	211		
Divergence time between papuensis and sanfordi (TDIV), years	11834	10174	12457		
Geneflow between <i>papuensis</i> and <i>sanfordi</i> , number of individuals/generation (MIG12)	0.005	0.005	0.007		
Geneflow between <i>sanfordi</i> and <i>papuensis</i> , number of individuals/generation (MIG21)	0.012	0.011	0.014		

Table S5: Test of means of 19 bioclimatic variables observed at randomly sampled localities within the distributions (between 2,600-2,800 m a.s.l.) of populations *papuensis* (western New Guinea, 1939 localities) and *sanfordi* (eastern New Guinea, 2938 localities), respectively.

	western Nev	western New Guinea		w Guinea			
	mean	s.d.	mean	s.d.	t	p (two-tailed)	Bonferroni corrected
BIO1: Annual Mean Temperature	13.13	1.711	13.00	0.892	0.92	0.3587	n.s.
BIO2: Mean Diurnal Range	10.77	0.289	11.02	0.337	-9.11	0.0000	p < .00001
BIO3: Isothermality	91.33	0.760	91.44	0.555	-1.85	0.0655	n.s.
BIO4: Temperature Seasonality	31.78	2.663	37.81	3.137	-23.13	0.0000	p < .00001
BIO5: Max Temperature of the Warmest Month	19.09	1.685	18.94	0.960	1.09	0.2772	n.s.
BIO6: Min Temperature of the Warmest Month	7.30	1.701	6.89	0.882	3.30	0.0010	n.s.
BIO7: Temperature Annual Range	11.79	0.330	12.05	0.359	-8.58	0.0000	p < .00001
BIO8: Mean Temperature of the Wettest Quarter	13.19	1.705	13.34	0.900	-1.31	0.1904	n.s.
BIO9: Mean Temperature of the Driest Quarter	12.98	1.684	12.53	0.890	3.60	0.0003	p < .01
BIO10: Mean Temperature of the Warmest Quarter	13.43	1.717	13.39	0.894	0.23	0.8176	n.s.
BIO11: Mean Temperature of the Coldest Quarter	12.72	1.722	12.53	0.889	1.55	0.1217	n.s.
BIO12: Annual Precipitation	3018.87	184.026	2789.25	164.736	14.70	0.0000	p < .00001
BIO13: Precipitation of the Wettest Month	309.54	14.761	320.11	12.333	-8.69	0.0000	p < .00001
BIO14: Precipitation of the Driest Month	221.48	18.862	150.18	21.160	39.77	0.0000	p < .00001
BIO15: Precipitation Seasonality	11.73	1.923	24.13	3.616	-47.87	0.0000	p < .00001
BIO16: Precipitation of the Wettest Quarter	881.64	36.784	875.61	29.034	2.04	0.0422	n.s.
BIO17: Precipitation of the Driest Quarter	679.20	50.741	481.24	63.722	38.43	0.0000	p < .00001
BIO18: Precipitation of the Warmest Quarter	801.98	35.816	799.40	55.669	0.62	0.5374	n.s.
BIO19: Precipitation of the Coldest Quarter	703.40	60.569	486.47	68.856	37.40	0.0000	p < .00001

Table S6: Principal component analysis of 19 bioclimatic variables observed at random localities within each population's core distribution area. For a detailed description of methods, see the text in electronic supplementary material.

	PCA_1	PCA_2	PCA_3	PCA_4	PCA_5	PCA_6	PCA_7	PCA_8	PCA_9	PCA_10	PCA_11	PCA_12	PCA_13	PCA_14	PCA_15	PCA_16	PCA_17	PCA_18	PCA_19
BIO1: Annual Mean Temperature	0.292	0.178			0.106							0.116	0.13	0.194		0.367	0.783	0.137	
BIO2: Mean Diurnal Range	0.145	-0.249	-0.431	-0.292	0.336		0.18										-0.102	0.698	
BIO3: Isothermality			0.2	-0.93			-0.23											-0.153	
BIO4: Temperature Seasonality		-0.326	0.143	0.167	0.439	0.317	-0.727												
BIO5: Max Temperature of the Warmest Month	0.298	0.157			0.171					0.161	0.253	-0.329	-0.33		-0.129			-0.112	-0.7
BIO6: Min Temperature of the Warmest Month	0.265	0.238	0.139						-0.102	0.163	0.26	-0.339	-0.34		-0.135				0.685
BIO7: Temperature Annual Range	0.134				0.357		0.229											-0.668	0.203
BIO8: Mean Temperature of the Wettest Quarter	0.302		0.128		0.126				0.266			0.148	0.445	-0.734		-0.126			
BIO9: Mean Temperature of the Driest Quarter	0.274				0.122				-0.348		-0.562		-0.245	-0.136					
BIO10: Mean Temperature of the Warmest Quarter	0.294		0.112		0.117				0.109			0.2	0.172	0.508		-0.705			
BIO11: Mean Temperature of the Coldest Quarter	0.288											0.168	0.17	0.318		0.568	-0.595		
BIO12: Annual Precipitation	-0.263				0.219	0.194						-0.305							
BIO13: Precipitation of the Wettest Month	-0.226		0.393		0.329	0.406		-0.478		0.199									
BIO14: Precipitation of the Driest Month	-0.193		-0.21		0.105		-0.15		-0.136			-0.327	0.299		-0.408				
BIO15: Precipitation Seasonality	0.146						0.126			-0.14		-0.642	0.449	0.129	0.254				
BIO16: Precipitation of the Wettest Quarter	-0.297		0.222		0.136	0.163	0.271	0.825				0.214							
BIO17: Precipitation of the Driest Quarter	-0.189				0.112				0.109	0.346		-0.104			0.795	-0.123			
BIO18: Precipitation of the Warmest Quarter	-0.194		0.282		0.483	-0.801													
BIO19: Precipitation of the Coldest Quarter	-0.185	0.331	-0.182		0.152	0.101	-0.126		-0.463	-0.394	0.515		0.36						
% explained variation	49.4%	28.7%	7.5%	5.4%	5.1%	2.5%	0.9%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
cumulative % explained variation	49.4%	78.1%	85.6%	91.0%	96.1%	98.5%	99.4%	99.9%	99.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table S7: Size comparisons between adult individuals of the populations in the western (*papuensis*) and eastern (*sanfordi*) parts of Central Range in New Guinea. This summary statistics were extracted from Frith & Frith (2004) and it has not been possible to analyze the data statistically at an individual level. See also figure 1f.

	,	А. р. ра	puens	is	A. p. sanfordi					
	n	mean	min	max	n	mean	min	max		
Males, adults								_		
wing length	2	159	157	160	21	168	161	174		
tail length	2	152	148	156	20	173	155	189		
bill length	2	33.0	32.8	33.1	20	33.5	31.8	35.9		
tarsus length	2	39.6	38.9	40.2	21	43.4	39.4	45.9		
weight	2	173.3	170	175	6	184	180	190		
Females, adults										
wing length	5	148	144	155	9	158	148	163		
tail length	5	126	122	130	9	140	132	149		
bill length	5	33.4	31.0	35.3	9	33.5	31.5	35.6		
tarsus length	5	38.1	36.6	40.7	9	40.4	37.1	42.7		
weight					4	176	163	185		

Table S8: Significantly enriched Gene Ontology (GO) terms of biological processes among the 495 genes identified in the 50kb windows that showed the top 5% strongest signatures of divergent selection (measured as $Z(F_{ST})$) between the populations *papuensis* and *sanfordi*. The table shows the GO terms assigned by Panther, the number of genes in each category and the p-value (adjusted for false discovery rate) for the enrichment of the term. Note that a single gene may be associated with more than one biological process.

GO term	Biological process	No. of genes	FDR corrected p-value
GO:0050804	modulation of chemical synaptic transmission	23	1.51E-02
GO:0099177	regulation of trans-synaptic signaling	23	1.20E-02
GO:0051239	regulation of multicellular organismal process	89	2.09E-03
GO:0050793	regulation of developmental process	74	2.49E-02
GO:0032879	regulation of localization	75	2.57E-02
GO:0065008	regulation of biological quality	114	7.06E-04
GO:0009987	cellular process	354	4.13E-02
GO:0061448	connective tissue development	15	2.42E-02
GO:0048856	anatomical structure development	127	1.28E-02
GO:0032502	developmental process	132	2.81E-02
GO:0048731	system development	107	4.02E-02
GO:0007275	multicellular organism development	116	2.80E-02
GO:0006816	calcium ion transport	16	4.27E-02
GO:0051179	localization	143	1.96E-02
GO:0030001	metal ion transport	28	4.70E-02
GO:0032501	multicellular organismal process	144	4.17E-02
GO:0007611	memory	9	4.38E-02

Table S9: Significantly enriched Gene Ontology (GO) terms of biological processes among the genes identified in the 50kb windows that showed the top 5% strongest signatures of divergent selection (measured as D_{XY}) between the populations *papuensis* and *sanfordi*. The table shows the GO terms assigned by Panther, the number of genes in each biological process, the p-value (adjusted for false discovery rate) for the enrichment of the term, and to which higher GO category the process belongs. Note that a single gene may be associated with more than one biological process.

GO term	Biological process	No. of genes	FDR corrected p-value	Higher GO category
GO:0000904	cell morphogenesis involved in differentiation	29	1.27E-02	developmental process GO:0032502
GO:0009653	anatomical structure morphogenesis	67	2.96E-02	developmental process GO:0032502
GO:0048869	cellular developmental process	87	3.76E-02	developmental process GO:0032502
GO:0065007	biological regulation	275	1.62E-02	biological regulationGO:0065007