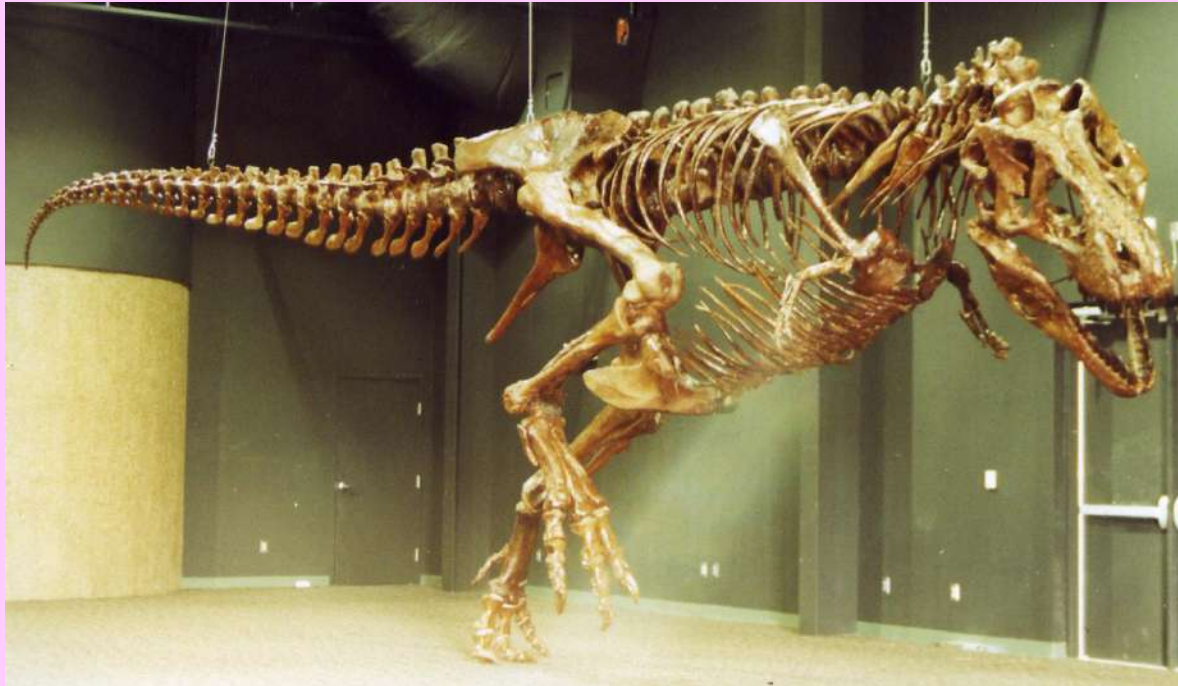


# PATTERNS OF EVOLUTION

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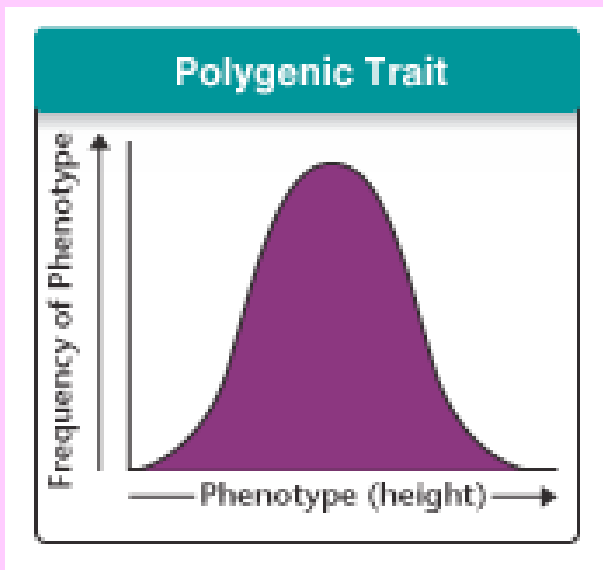
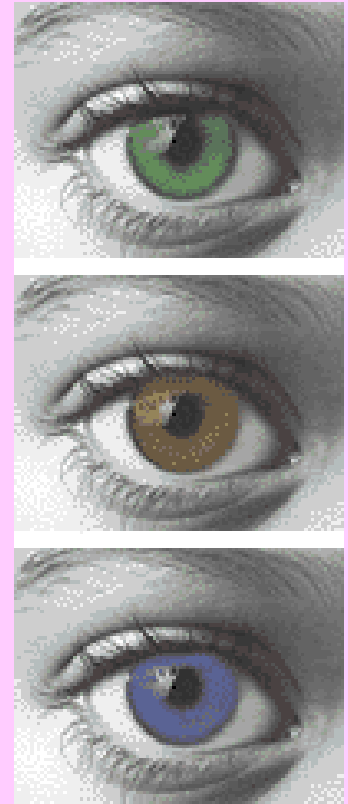


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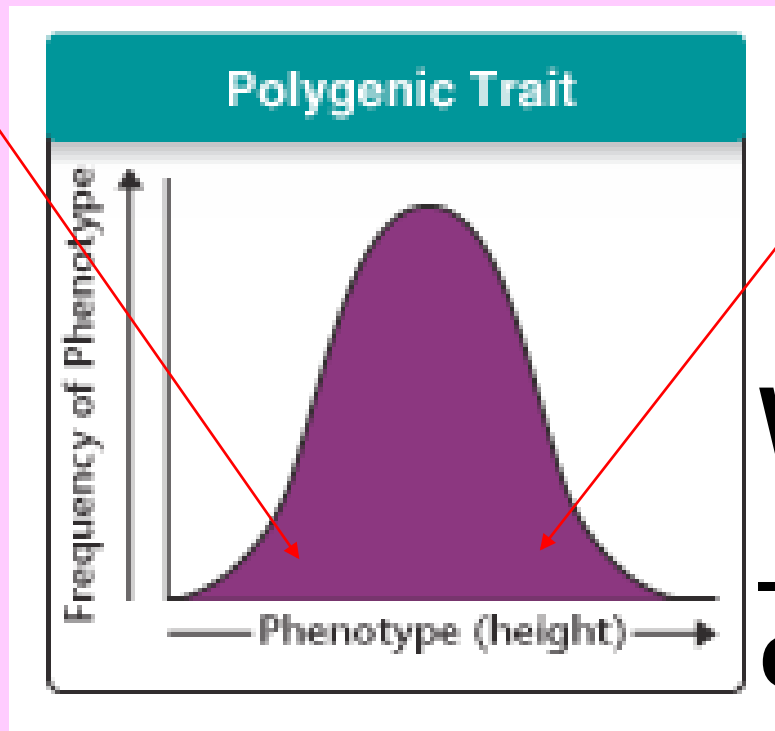
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**POLYGENIC** traits are controlled by two or more genes.

**A bell shaped curve is typical of polygenic traits**



The **FITNESS** of individuals near each other will not be very different, but fitness may vary from one end of curve to the other.



Where fitness varies,  
**NATURAL SELECTION**  
can act!

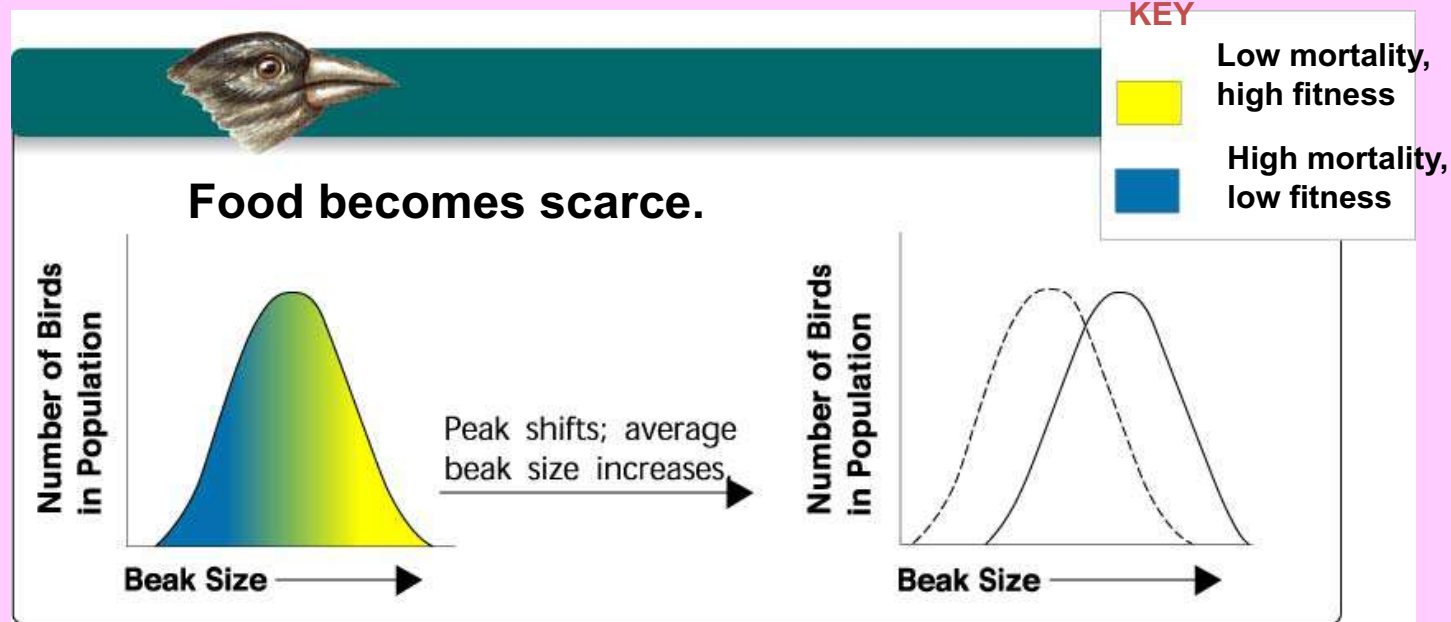
Natural selection can affect the distribution of phenotypes in 3 ways:

DIRECTIONAL selection

STABILIZING selection

DISRUPTIVE selection

# • DIRECTIONAL SELECTION



Individuals at ONE END of the curve have higher fitness than individuals in middle or at other end.

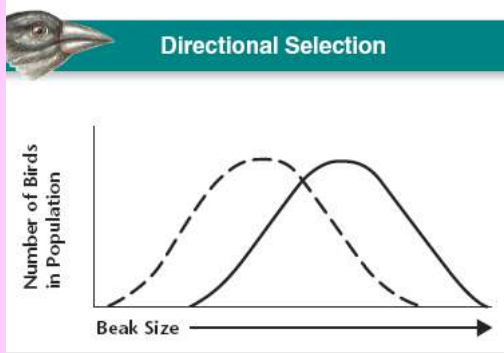
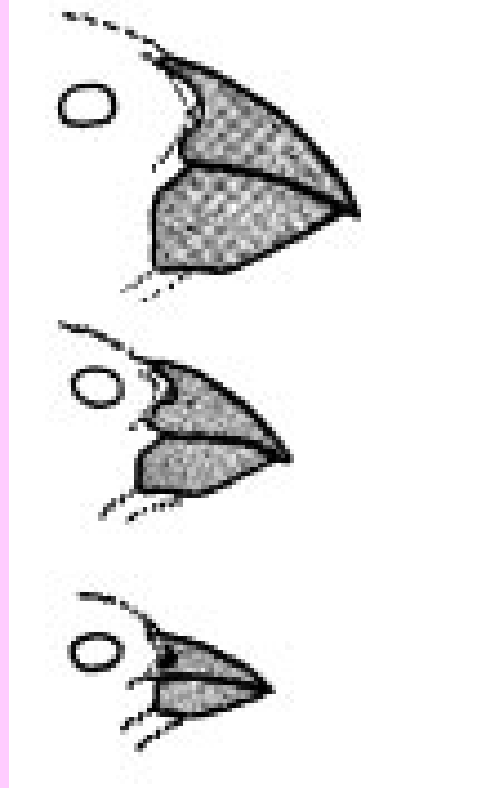
Graph shifts as some individuals fail to survive at one end and succeed and reproduce at other

# EXAMPLE OF DIRECTIONAL SELECTION

**Beak size varies in a population**

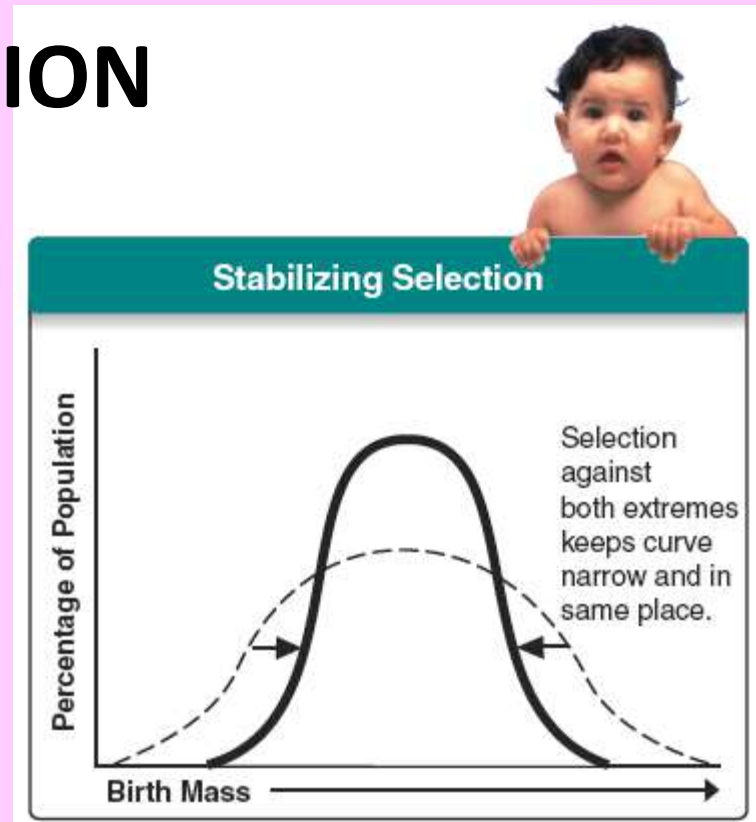
**Birds with bigger beaks can feed more easily on harder, thicker shelled seeds.**

**Suppose a food shortage causes small and medium size seeds to run low.**



**Birds with bigger beaks would be selected for and increase in numbers in population.**

- **STABILIZING SELECTION**



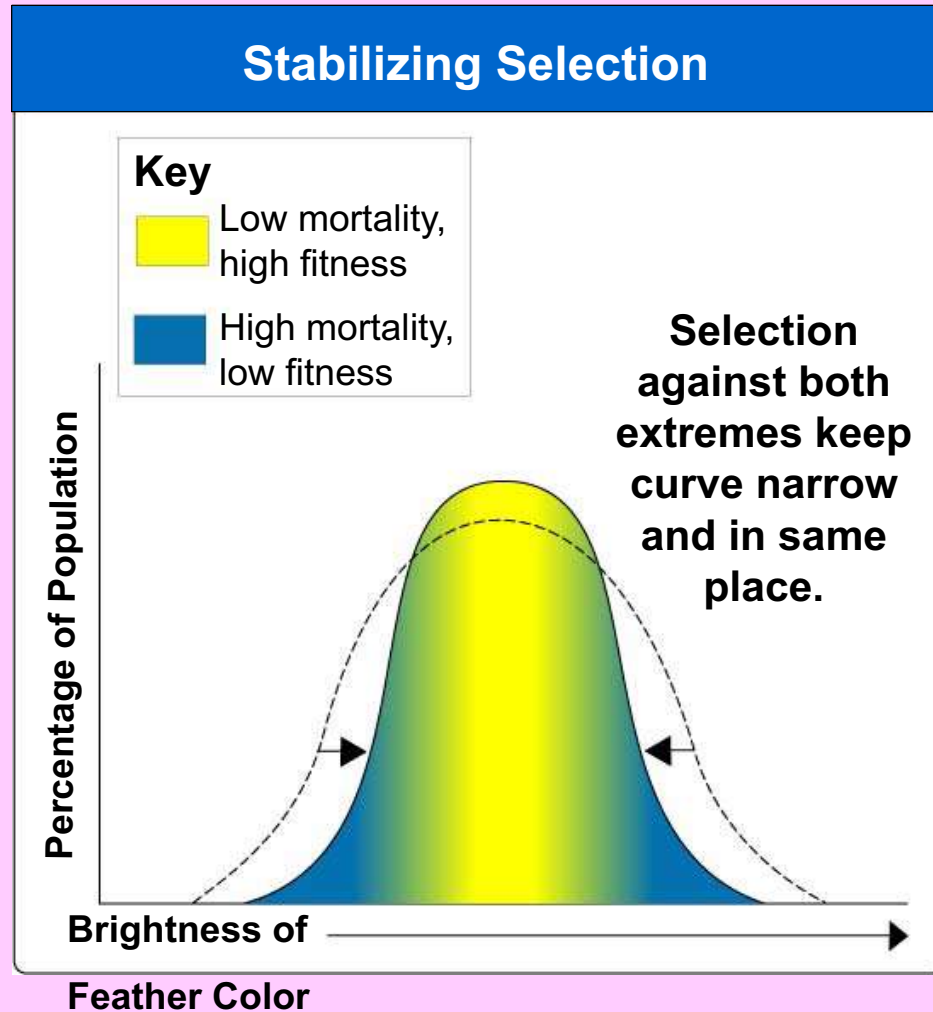
Individuals in **CENTER** of the curve have higher fitness than individuals at either end

Graph stays in same place but narrows as more organisms in middle are produced.

# STABILIZING SELECTION

## Section 16-2

Male birds use their plumage to attract mates. Male birds in the population with less brilliant and showy plumage are less likely to attract a mate, while male birds with showy plumage are more likely to attract a mate.



Male birds with showier, brightly-colored plumage also attract predators, and are less likely to live long enough to find a mate. The most fit, then, is the male bird in the middle--showy, but not too showy.



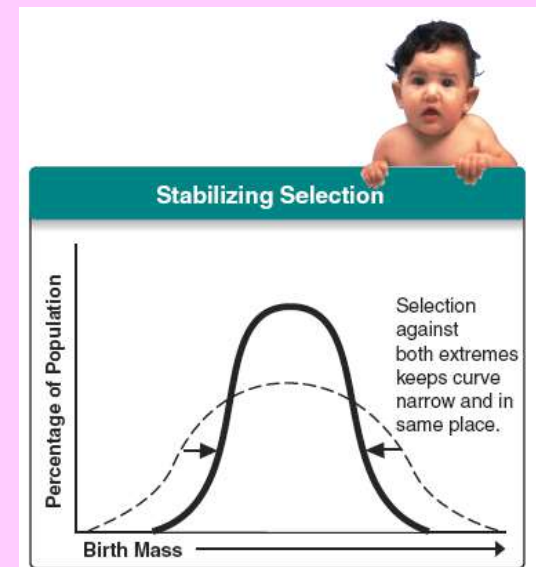
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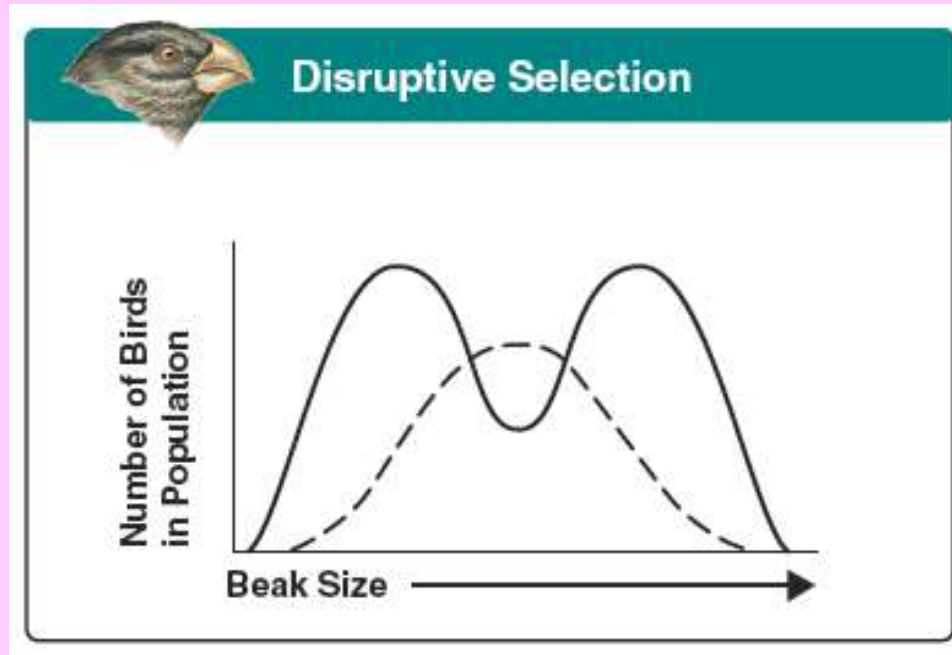
**Human babies born with low birth weight are less likely to survive.**

**Babies born too large have difficulty being born.**

**Average size babies are selected for.**



- **DISRUPTIVE SELECTION**



Individuals at **EXTREMES** of the curve have higher fitness than individuals in middle.

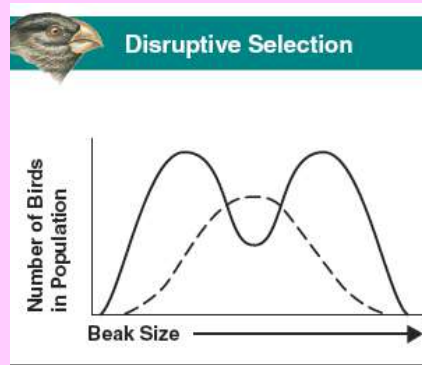
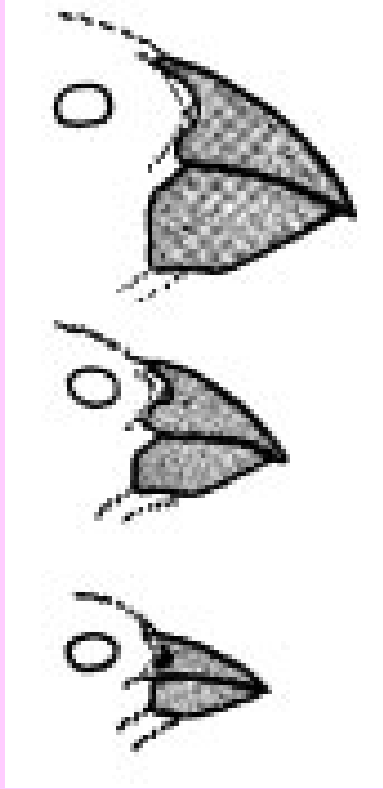
Can cause graph to split into two.

Selection creates **TWO DISTINCT** PHENOTYPES

# EXAMPLE OF DISRUPTIVE SELECTION

**Suppose bird population lives in area where climate change causes medium size seeds become scarce while large and small seeds are still plentiful.**

**Birds with bigger or smaller beaks would have greater fitness and the population may split into TWO GROUPS. One that eats small seeds and one that eats large seeds.**



**Large scale evolutionary patterns and processes  
that occur over long periods of time =  
Macroevolution**

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1. **Mass extinction**
2. **Adaptive radiation (Divergent evolution)**
3. **Convergent evolution**
4. **Coevolution**
5. **Punctuated equilibrium**

# Mass Extinctions

**At several times in Earth's history large numbers of species became extinct at the same time**

**Caused by several factors:**

- **erupting volcanoes**
- **Plate tectonics (continents were moving)**
- **Changing sea levels**
- **Asteroids hitting the Earth**
- **Global climate change**

[The 6th Extinction](#)

**Example:**

**At the end of the MESOZOIC Era-  
more than HALF of all plants and animals  
were wiped out... including the dinosaurs**



# Effects of mass extinctions:

Opens habitats and provides opportunities for remaining species

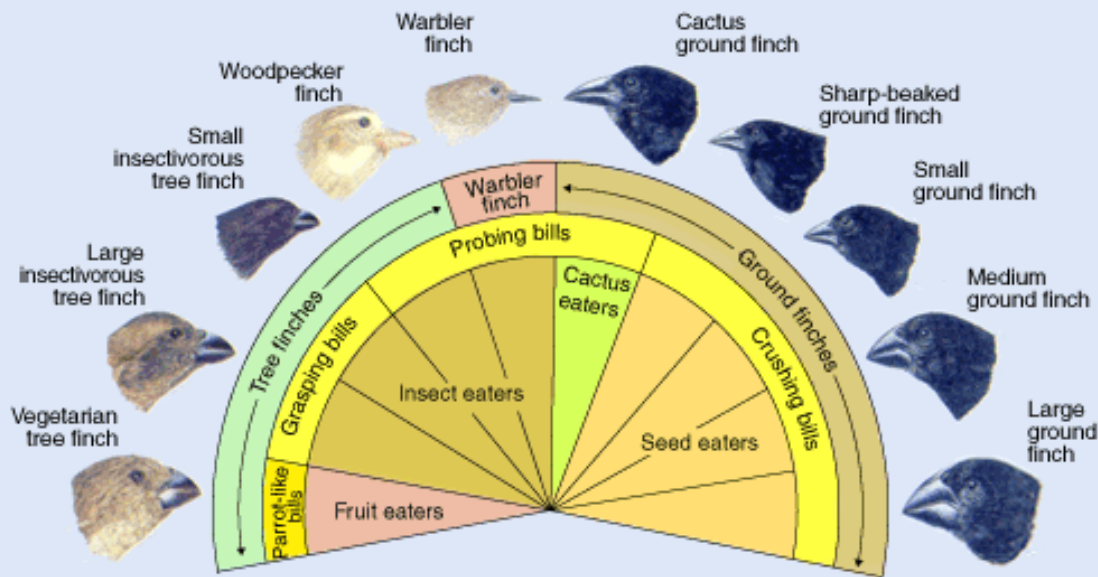
After mass extinctions there is often a burst of evolution that produces many new species

EX: Cenozoic era that followed  
= “Age of Mammals”

Mammals species  
increased dramatically



When a single species or small group of species has evolved through natural selection into diverse forms that live in different ways = adaptive radiation OR divergent evolution



**Ex:**  
**Galápagos finches**

**More than a dozen species evolved from one sp**



**Sometimes different organisms  
evolution in different places or  
at different times but in  
ecologically similar  
environments...and end up  
looking very similar.**

**Process by which unrelated  
organisms come to resemble  
each other = convergent evolution**

**Example:**



Shark

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**Sharks, penguins,  
dolphins have all  
developed  
streamlined bodies  
and appendages to  
move  
through water.**



Penguins

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Dolphins

Mike Bacon/Tom Black & Associates

**The process by which two  
species evolve in response  
to changes in each other  
over time**

**= coevolution**



[Bozeman Biology Coevolution](#)

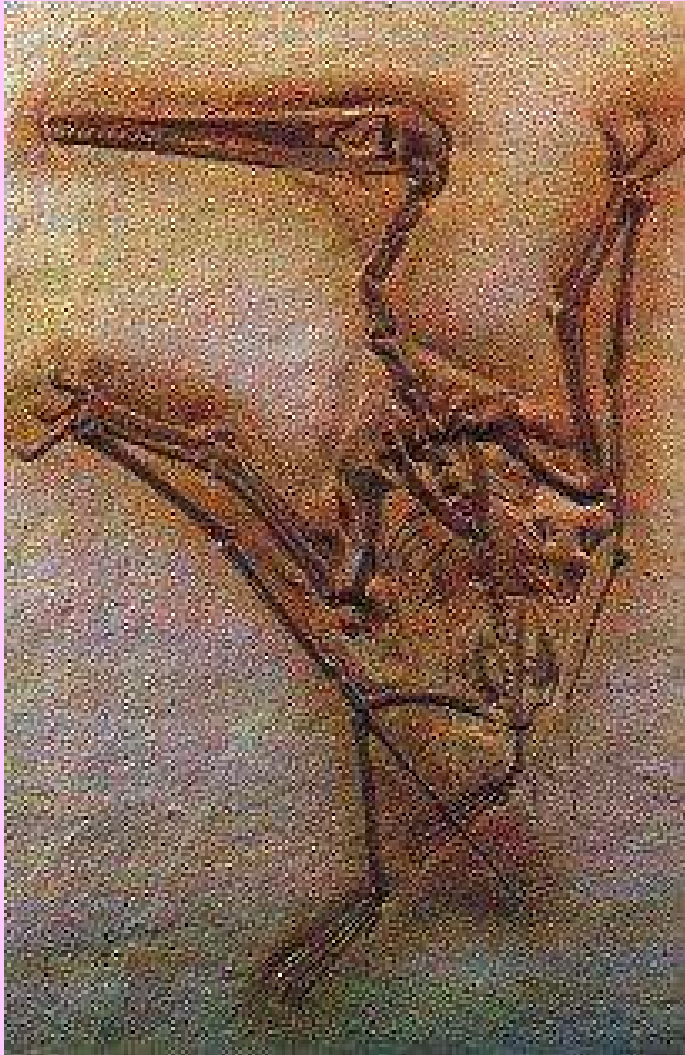
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# How fast does evolution operate?

Darwin believed evolution happened slowly over a long time

If biological change is at a slow pace, it is called **gradualism**.

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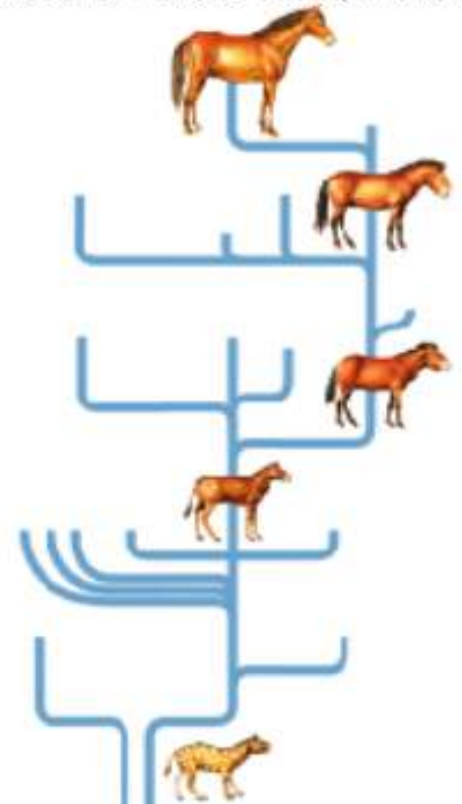
**Fossil record shows  
evolution happens more in**

**\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Pattern of a long stable  
period interrupted by  
brief**

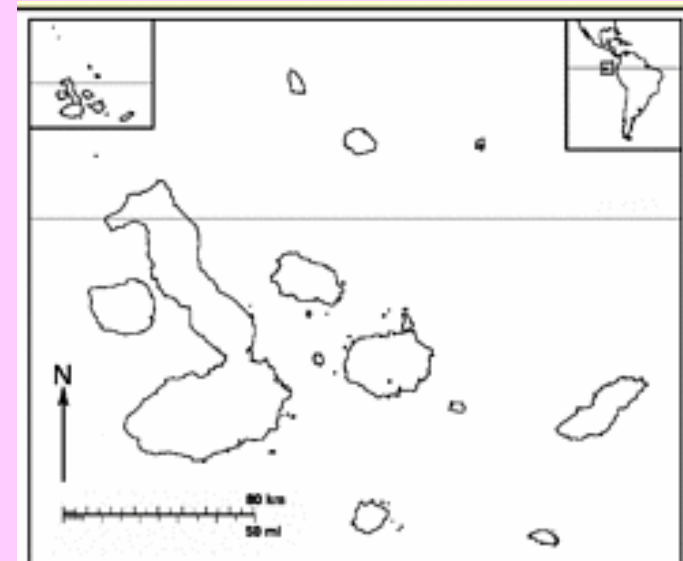
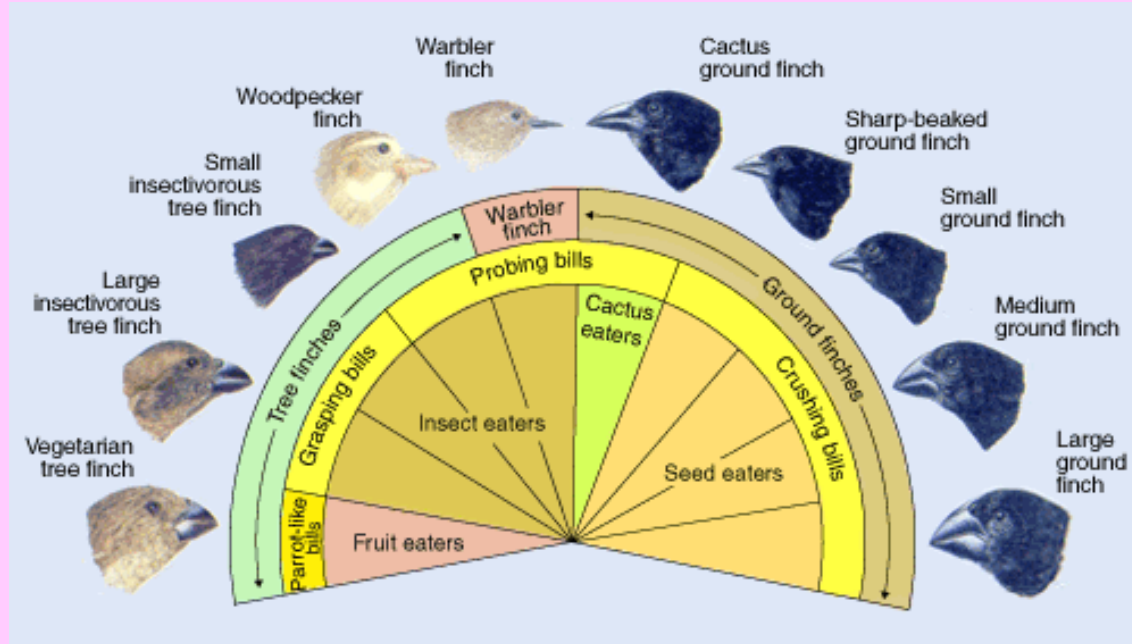
**Punctuated  
Equilibrium  
period of more  
rapid change**

Model of Punctuated Equilibrium



Rapid evolution after long periods of equilibrium can occur for several reasons:

- 1) Happens when a small population is ISOLATED from the main population OR
- 2) A small group MIGRATES to a new environment (like Galápagos finches)



## **Chapter 16 – Evolution of Populations:**

# **The students will be able to:**

- Explain Darwin's observations of population variation
- Compare contributions of scientists to our understanding of a changing population
  - (9-12.S.1.2)
- Predict the results of complex inheritance patterns involving multiple alleles and genes (9-12.L.2.1A)
- Predict inheritance patterns using a single allele (9-12.L.2.1)
- Evaluate changes in gene frequencies in populations to determine if Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium exists or evolution has occurred (9-12.L.2.1A.)
- Describe how genetic recombination, mutations, and natural selection lead to adaptations, evolution, extinction, or emergence of new species (9-12.L.2.2)
  - (Directional, stabilizing, disruptive selection, Genetic drift, Founder effect)
- Use comparative anatomy to support evolutionary relationships (9-12.L.2.2) (homologous structures, embryology)
- Predict the impact of genetic changes in populations (9-12.L.2.2) (mutation, natural selection, artificial selection, gene shuffling)
- Predict the results of complex inheritance patterns involving multiple alleles and genes (9-12.L.2.2) (SYNTHESIS)

# **LIFE SCIENCE:**

## **Indicator 2: Analyze various patterns and products of natural and induced biological change**

- **9-12.L.2.2. Students are able to describe how genetic recombination, mutations, and natural selection lead to adaptations, evolution, extinction, or the emergence of new species.**
- **Examples:**
  - behavioral adaptations, environmental pressures, allele variations, bio-diversity
- Use comparative anatomy to support evolutionary relationships.



## **LIFE SCIENCE:**

# **Indicator 3: Analyze how organisms are linked to one another and the environment.**

- **9-12.L.3.1. Students are able to identify factors that can cause changes in stability of populations, communities, and ecosystems.**
- Predict the results of biotic and abiotic interactions.
- Examples:
  - Tolerances (temperature, weather, climate)
  - Migration
  - Fluctuation in available resources (water, food, shelter)
  - Cooperation and competition in ecosystems

# **SOUTH DAKOTA ADVANCED STANDARDS**

## **LIFE SCIENCE**

**Indicator 2: Analyze various patterns and products of natural and induced biological change.**

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- 9-12.L.2.1A. Students are able to predict the results of complex inheritance patterns involving multiple alleles and genes.**
- Examples: human skin color, polygenic inheritance**
- Relate crossing over to genetic variation.**

# **SOUTH DAKOTA CORE SCIENCE STANDARDS**

## **LIFE SCIENCE:**

**Indicator 2: Analyze various patterns and products of natural and induced biological change.**

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(SYNTHESIS)**

# **Core High School Life Science Performance Descriptors**

<b>High school students performing at the ADVANCED level:</b>	<b>predict how traits are transmitted from parents to offspring;</b>
<b>High school students performing at the PROFICIENT level:</b>	<b>predict the impact of genetic changes in populations (mutation, natural selection and artificial selection, adaptation/extinction); predict how life systems respond to changes in the environment;</b>
<b>High school students performing at the BASIC level</b>	<b>identify DNA as the structure that carries the genetic code; identify that genetic traits can be transmitted from parents to offspring;</b>