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18	test for spatial (in)congruency and identify aggregate diversity hotspots in relation to present
19	land-use and future climate. Simulating extinctions of imperiled species, we demonstrate where
20	losses across diversity dimensions and geography are predicted.
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Using geographic range maps for rodent species, we quantified spatial patterns for eleven dimensions of diversity: taxonomic (species, range-weighted), ecological (body size, diet, habitat), phylogenetic (mean, variance, and nearest-neighbor patristic distances, phylogenetic distance, genus-to-species ratio) and phyloendemism. We tested for correlations across dimensions and used spatial residual analyses to illustrate regions of pronounced diversity. We aggregated diversity hotspots in relation to land-use and climate-change predictions and recalculated metrics following extinctions of IUCN-listed imperiled species.

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40 **Results**

41 Topographically-complex western North America hosts high diversity across multiple 42 dimensions: phyloendemism and ecological diversity exceed predictions based on taxonomic 43 richness and phylogenetic variance patterns indicate steep gradients in phylogenetic turnover. 44 While an aggregate diversity hotspot emerges in the west, spatial incongruence exists across 45 diversity dimensions at the continental scale. Notably, phylogenetic metrics are uncorrelated 46 with ecological diversity. Diversity hotspots overlap with land-use and climate change, and 47 extinctions predicted by IUCN status are unevenly distributed across space, phylogeny, or 48 ecological groups.

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50 Main conclusions

51 Comparison of taxonomic, ecological, and phylogenetic diversity patterns for North American 52 rodents clearly shows the multifaceted nature of biodiversity. Testing for geographic patterns and 53 (in)congruency across dimensions of diversity facilitates investigation into underlying ecological 54 and evolutionary processes. The geographic scope of this analysis suggests that several explicit 55 regional challenges face North American rodent fauna in the future. Simultaneous consideration 56 of multi-dimensional biodiversity allows us to assess what critical functions or evolutionary 57 history we might lose with future extinctions and maximize the potential of our conservation 58 efforts. 59

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INTRODUCTION

Striking patterns and hotspots of biodiversity in relation to climatic, elevational, and
geographic gradients are common across the globe (Badgley & Fox, 2000; Myers, Mittermeier,

63 Mittermeier, da Fonseca, & Kent, 2000; Antonelli et al., 2018). This biodiversity encompasses 64 many aspects of biological complexity, including not only variation in the number of species 65 present, but also variation in species' ecological attributes, functional roles within ecosystems, 66 and phylogenetic history (Pagel, May, & Collie, 1991; Purvis & Hector, 2000; Stevens & Tello, 67 2014). Approaches to quantifying and characterizing variation in biodiversity have increased 68 dramatically (Rosauer, Laffan, Crisp, Donnellan, & Cook, 2009; Tucker et al., 2017), and it is 69 now well accepted that integrating across multiple dimensions of biodiversity (e.g., species 70 richness, phylogenetic, functional ecological) both enriches our understanding of the origin and 71 maintenance of biodiversity patterns (Davies & Buckley, 2011; Fritz & Rahbek, 2012; Rosauer 72 & Jetz, 2014) and informs strategies for biodiversity conservation (Humphries, Williams, & 73 Vane-Wright, 1995; Myers et al., 2000; Dirzo & Raven 2003; Mace, Gittleman, & Purvis, 2003; 74 Cumming & Child, 2009; Chiarucci, Bacaro, & Scheiner, 2011; Stein et al., 2018). While species 75 richness is often not a one-for-one surrogate for other dimensions of biodiversity (Safi et al., 76 2011; Stevens, Tello, & Gavilanez, 2013; Fergnani & Ruggiero, 2015), the degree to which 77 geographic variation across multiple dimensions of diversity represents redundant information 78 versus unique biological patterns remains unresolved (Orme et al., 2005; Devictor et al., 2010; 79 Huang, Stephens, & Gittleman, 2012; but see Tucker & Cadotte, 2013). 80 Where tested, mismatches between taxonomic richness, phylogenetic diversity, and 81 functional ecological diversity, exist for some, but not all groups and settings (Devictor et al., 82 2010; Stevens & Tello, 2014). Variation in the correlation strength between different dimensions 83 of biodiversity may correspond with environmental conditions, regional landscape and 84 biogeographic history, and the composition of the regional species pool (Safi et al., 2011; Davies & Buckley, 2012; Fritz & Rahbek, 2012; Mazel et al., 2014; Villalobos, Olalla-Tárraga, 85 86 Cianciaruso, Rangel, & Diniz-Filho, 2017). Thus identification of areas of spatial (in)congruency 87 between various dimensions of biodiversity provides powerful insight into the underlying 88 processes of species diversification (speciation and extinction), biogeographic dynamics (range 89 shifts and immigration), and community assembly. Biodiversity hotspots that emerge from the 90 intersection of multiple axes of diversity may additionally represent special conservation targets, 91 where taxonomic and ecological diversity, phylogenetic history, and ecosystem function can be 92 simultaneously preserved (Orme et al., 2005; Stein et al., 2018). Demonstrating how these 93 hotspots are threatened – either through imminent species loss (Barnosky et al., 2011; Ceballos et al., 2015), high velocity of climate change (Loarie et al., 2009; Burrows et al., 2011), or
pervasive land-use changes (Sala et al., 2000) – provides additional context for the prioritization
of biological conservation.

97 Here we assess the geographic patterns of multiple dimensions of species biodiversity 98 within North American rodents, emphasizing four broad categories of diversity: (1) taxonomic, 99 (2) geographic range size, (3) ecological, and (4) phylogenetic diversity. By quantifying these 100 different dimensions, we ask the following questions: (1) Which geographic regions harbor the 101 highest taxonomic, ecological, and phylogenetic diversity? (2) Are there hotspots of multi-102 dimensional diversity? (3) What are the geographic patterns of (in)congruency among 103 dimensions? (4) Which regions and dimensions are likely to be most affected by current 104 environmental and climatic change, including predicted species loss? In addressing these 105 questions, we do not expect to find congruence among all dimensions of biodiversity, and we 106 expect landscape properties and history to play determining roles in both spatial congruency and 107 biodiversity hotspots. For example, we predict that the mountains will be regions of high 108 diversity across multiple axes as a result of both ecological processes (e.g., species 109 accommodation across heterogeneous habitats) and evolutionary processes (e.g., speciation 110 across geographic barriers) (e.g., Simpson, 1964; Badgley et al., 2017). However, phylogenetic 111 diversity need not mirror ecological diversity, as physiographic barriers to gene flow may result 112 in geographically restricted, but not necessarily ecologically disparate, species. We also predict 113 that regions with a shared geologic and climate history will exhibit similar patterns regardless of 114 topographic complexity. For example, we expect both high- and low-relief northern latitudes to 115 have low species richness due to recent glaciation, low ecological diversity due to strong 116 environmental filtering, but potentially high phylogenetic variance as taxa from different rodent 117 families dispersed into the region following glacial retreat. Finally, we expect regions with small 118 species ranges and highly endemic faunas to be threatened across multiple biodiversity axes by 119 environmental and climate change. This may not always align with the regions experiencing the highest rates of climate change; however, in less seasonal climates, even a small amount of 120 121 climate change may be detrimental or even insurmountable to already geographically-restricted 122 taxa (e.g., Deutsch et al., 2008).

Study System—The reasons for selecting rodents for a large-scale and multi-faceted
analysis of biodiversity are many. North American rodents represent almost half of continental

mammalian species richness and ~5.5% of global extant mammal diversity (Burgin, Colella,
Kahn, & Upham, 2018; Mammal Diversity Database, 2019). Nearly 20% of North American
species are currently threatened (Wilson & Reeder, 2005; IUCN, 2017). By looking at North
America, we are approximating the Nearctic; however, choosing to 1) include all of Mexico
based on a priori knowledge from the paleontological record, in addition to modern distributions
of diversity, demonstrating its importance for rodent evolution and 2) exclude Greenland,
because of its low diversity and present-day ice cover.

132 We focus on this clade because of its excellent phylogenetic coverage (Fabre, Hautier, Dimitrov, & Douzery, 2012), well-documented body size and geographic range size information, 133 134 and detailed species-level descriptions of dietary and habitat preferences. A within-rodent 135 approach allows us to more finely partition diet and habitat categories than possible for broader 136 taxonomic studies. North America taxa in particular have detailed information at the species 137 level that are lacking or inconsistently known in other continental settings with high rodent 138 diversity (IUCN, 2017). The biogeographic history of this clade has also been well studied in 139 North America over multiple spatio-temporal scales (Riddle, Jezkova, Hornsby, & Matocq, 140 2014). Over evolutionary timescales, species richness, ecological diversity, and diversification 141 rates for rodents have varied in relation to climate and landscape changes (Finarelli & Badgley, 142 2010; Zelditch, Li, Tran, & Swiderski, 2015; Badgley et al., 2017; Samuels & Hopkins, 2017; 143 Smiley, 2018). Over Quaternary timescales, range dynamics, dietary shifts, extinctions, 144 extirpations, and re-colonizations have been documented for rodents in relation to glacial-145 interglacial climate oscillations (Lessa, Cook & Patton, 2003; Barnosky, Koch, Feranec, Wing, 146 & Shabel, 2004; Blois, McGuire, & Hadly, 2010; Grayson, 2011; Jezkova, Olah-Hemmings, & 147 Riddle, 2011; Terry, Li, & Hadly, 2011; Riddle et al., 2014; Terry, Guerre, & Taylor, 2017). 148 Finally, over the past century, the influence of climate, land-use, and vegetative change has 149 further altered present-day rodent communities (Moritz et al., 2008; Rowe, Terry, & Rickart, 150 2011; Rowe & Terry, 2014; Terry & Rowe, 2015; Walsh et al., 2016). Rodents are additionally 151 of broad interest, because they serve as a critical food base for many other vertebrate groups 152 (Wolf & Ripple, 2016). Their top-down effect on plant communities is likewise critical; soil 153 aeration, seed dispersal and burial are all key functions that rodents play across ecosystem types 154 (Laundré & Reynolds, 1993; Chambers & MacMahon, 1994). Rodents therefore represent

bellwethers of larger-scale biological change, with benefits of small-mammal conservationcascading up and down the food web.

157 Together, these characteristics make North American rodents an ideal case study to 158 highlight which aspects of biodiversity – including potentially hidden dimensions and regions of 159 diversity – are most vulnerable under present and future land-use and climate change due to 160 anthropogenic influences. Because of links between diversity and stability of ecosystem function 161 (Tilman & Downing, 1994; Thibaut & Connolly, 2013; Schindler, Armstrong, & Reed, 2015), 162 understanding the geographic congruence of diversity measures in the context of regional 163 landscape properties is critical for informing policy and management initiatives at a continental 164 scale (Cadotte, Dinnage, & Tilman, 2012). Furthermore, understanding whether hotspots of 165 biodiversity today represent accumulations of evolutionarily distant taxa, the in situ generation of 166 new species, or some combination of both is important for prioritizing regions for biodiversity 167 conservation (e.g., Mischler, Knerr, González-Orozco, Thornhill, Laffran & Miller, 2014). 168 Finally, evaluating whether ecosystems and biodiversity hotspots can remain functionally intact 169 even with the loss of certain species, is important for looking forward to the coming century 170 when species loss is inevitable.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

173 Analytical Approach

174 To illustrate multiple dimensions of biodiversity within North American rodents, we 175 generated maps of diversity patterns for 350 species using 100 x 100 km equal-area grid cells on 176 a North America Albers Conic equal area projection (following recommendations regarding 177 scale dependence in Hurlbert & Jetz, 2007; Jarzyna & Jetz, 2018). This includes all North 178 American taxa with range data and excludes extinct and recently synonomized taxa (see 179 Supporting Information in Appendix S1 for more details). We used the 'rgeos' (Bivand & Rundel, 2018), 'raster' (Hijmans, 2017), and 'sp' (Pebesma & Bivand, 2005; Bivand, Pebesma, 180 & Gomez-Rubio, 2013) packages in R to extract and manipulate geographic data as well as to 181 182 generate biodiversity maps. All statistical analyses were performed in the R statistical and 183 computing environment (R Development Core Team, 2017). 184 Taxonomic diversity—Within each grid cell, species lists were compiled based on

185 overlapping geographic ranges of extant, native species as classified and provided by the IUCN

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Red List database (IUCN, 2017). To be considered within cell, a species must span at least 10%
of a grid cell, unless it is the only grid cell that species occupies; in which case, it was also
retained for our analysis. We quantified taxonomic diversity, also known as species richness, as
the number of species co-occurring within each grid cell.

Ecological diversity—To capture the diversity of functional roles that species play within their local ecosystems, we collected three primary types of ecological information: i) body size, ii) diet category, and iii) habitat affinity (Supporting Tables S1.1 and S1.2). Species-level trait data were compiled from the literature, refined, and cross-checked using a variety of sources, including volumes on North American mammals (Wilson & Ruff, 1999; Kays & Wilson, 2009), comprehensive body size databases and references (Silva & Downing, 1995; Smith et al., 2007), and previous studies (Badgley & Fox, 2000).

197 Because body size has been shown to reflect many aspects of a species' ecology and play 198 a major role in community structure, function, and dynamics (Brown & Nicoletto, 1991; Smith et 199 al., 2004; Ernest, 2005), we assessed the number and evenness of body size classes present 200 within grid cells across the continent. We binned species into ten groups according to Jenks 201 natural break classification for the logged distribution of body sizes across all North American 202 species (Supporting Table S1.2) using the 'classInt' package in R (Bivand, 2018). We also 203 binned species on the basis of dietary functional group (13 categories total, including granivores, 204 frugivores, insectivores, and succulent specialists) and habitat affinity (30 categories total, 205 including forest, coastal, tundra, shrubland, and freshwater habitats), both of which are axes 206 along which niche partitioning and competitive exclusion can occur in rodent communities (e.g., 207 Brown & Lieberman, 1973; Price & Brown, 1983). While an individual species may span several 208 diet and habitat categories, we chose the dominant category represented in the literature and 209 quantified ecological diversity based on the number of categories filled per grid cell. We then 210 calculated the evenness of all three ecological measures using Simpson's evenness metric, or the 211 Probability of Interspecific Encounter (PIE), as formulated by Hurlbert (1971). Species-212 depauperate grid cells (i.e., less than five species present) were excluded from analyses. 213 Range-related diversity patterns—We first calculated the mean and minimum 214 geographic range area of species present in a grid cell. We then combined taxonomic richness 215 and range data to calculate range-weighted taxonomic richness, a metric that assigns greater

proportional weight to spatially-restricted than geographically-widespread species and reflects
endemism (Crisp, Laffan, Linder, & Monro, 2001; Rosauer & Jetz, 2014).

218 Phylogenetic diversity patterns—To investigate phylogenetic diversity for rodents, we 219 used the maximum likelihood phylogeny generated by Fabre et al. (2012) from a supermatrix of 220 mitochondrial and nuclear genes (obtained via personal communication). As North American 221 rodents do not form a monophyletic group, we pruned the phylogeny to our dataset; 99% of 222 species for which geographic distributions were available were also present in the phylogeny (n 223 = 348; see Supporting Appendix S1 for additional taxonomic considerations). We used four 224 metrics to quantify phylogenetic diversity (Faith, 1992; Tucker et al., 2017) for the assemblages 225 occupying each 100 x 100 km grid cell: i) the mean of all pairwise branch lengths (mean patristic 226 distance, MPD); ii) the mean of pairwise shortest branch lengths (patristic nearest neighbor 227 distance, PNN); iii) the variance of pairwise branch lengths (variance in patristic distance, VPD); 228 and, iv) Faith's Phylogenetic Diversity (PD). MPD and PNN describe the distribution of 229 divergence dates among species, with PNN specifically highlighting recent divergences. The use 230 of MPD is further justified because it is not mathematically correlated with richness. VPD 231 describes the regularity of species composition, or how evenly evolutionary history is distributed 232 among species within a set (Tucker et al., 2017). In conjunction with ecological diversity, VPD 233 provides useful information about the overall structure of biodiversity across spatial scales. 234 While known to correlate strongly with species richness (Fritz & Rahbek, 2012), Faith's PD was 235 also included and describes the accumulated evolutionary history represented by a set of species 236 (Faith, 1992). We additionally used a purely taxonomic approach and calculated genus-to-237 species ratios (GSR) for each suite of species to demonstrate the distribution of shallower 238 (species-level) divergences relative to deeper (genus-level) divergences.

Finally, we integrated range size data with phylogenetic branch lengths to calculate phylogenetic endemism (PE; Rosauer et al., 2009), a metric that identifies regions that host both phylogenetically isolated and spatially restricted biota (Rosauer & Jetz, 2014; Gonzalez-Orozco et al., 2016). All phylogenetic analyses were conducted in R, using the 'ape' package (Paradis, Claude, & Strimmer, 2004).

Multi-dimensional hotspots and imperiled-species assessment—To assess congruency in spatial patterns of taxonomic, ecological, and phylogenetic diversity, we applied a Dutilleul's ttest (Dutilleul, Clifford, Richardson, & Hemon, 1993), which is a modified test of association 247 between spatially autocorrelated variables, using the 'SpatialPack' package in R (Osorio,

248 Vallejos, & Cuevas, 2014). Due to the large number of comparisons conducted, we applied a

Bonferroni sequential adjustment to test for significant relationships (Rice, 1989). For diversity
 metrics that were significantly correlated (i.e., adjusted p-value < 0.05) or exhibited a clear linear
 relationship with species richness, we also mapped residuals to identify areas where ecological or

252 phylogenetic diversity differ from expectations based on species richness in a cell (e.g., Fritz &

253 Rahbek, 2012; Fergnani & Ruggiero, 2015).

To identify regions that represent high multi-dimensional biodiversity, we generated aggregate hotspot maps (e.g., Stein et al., 2018). Hotspots of species richness comprised cells within the top 10% for taxonomic richness, range-weighted taxonomic richness, and phylogenetic endemism. Likewise, hotspots of ecological richness comprised cells within the top 10% for body size, diet, and habitat richness. Finally, regions that harbor elevated deep diversity (top 10% of MPD and VPD) and elevated shallow diversity (bottom 10% of PNN and GSR) were identified as phylogenetic diversity hotspots.

261 Given that multi-dimensional hotspots likely represent regions of particular conservation 262 concern, we also relate hotspots to the current and future geography of habitat transformation (e.g., Sala et al., 2000) and climate change velocity (Loarie et al., 2009; Burrows et al., 2011). 263 264 Mapping the geographic distribution of biodiversity hotspots in relation to regions of high human 265 impact and rapidly shifting climates serves to identify regions disproportionately at risk 266 (Ohlemüller et al., 2008; Garcia et al., 2014; Finnegan et al., 2015). We assigned human-267 impacted habitats to cells for which the maximum land-cover type was cropland, pasture, or 268 urban using a business-as-usual scenario of modern (1970) and future (2080) land use from the 269 IMAGE 3.0 database (https://data.knmi.nl/datasets). We determined regions of high climate 270 velocity using the GCM ensemble-based forward velocity datasets for moderate (RCP4.5) and 271 high (RCP8.5) emissions scenarios (Carroll, Lawler, Roberts, & Hamann, 2015; 272 https://adaptwest.databasin.org). Forward velocity refers to the rate (km/yr) at which organisms 273 in the current landscape would have to migrate in order to maintain constant climate conditions in 2080. We designated cells as having a high velocity if they were within the 90th percentile of 274 275 velocity values under the moderate emissions scenario. 276 Finally, to demonstrate potential losses of biodiversity, be it taxonomic, ecological, or

277 phylogenetic, we simulated future extinctions by culling currently imperiled rodent species and

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278 reanalyzing diversity patterns. We defined imperiled species as those categorized by the IUCN

279 Red List as Critically Endangered, Endangered or Vulnerable. To demonstrate the impact of

280 species loss, we compared both geographic diversity patterns and distributions of diversity

- 281 metrics across taxa for the current biodiversity state versus a future 'post'-extinction state.
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283 Sensitivity Analyses

Using the following approaches, we additionally tested the sensitivity of our analysis to two factors: 1) influence of wide-ranging species and 2) choice of phylogeny.

Wide-ranging species—To test the sensitivity of these metrics to wide-ranging species 286 287 (Jetz & Rahbek, 2002), we performed additional analyses that excluded species with geographic 288 range sizes above the 90% quantile, such as Castor canadensis and Peromyscus maniculatus. A total of 35 species with ranges greater than 2,620,000 km² were excluded and all analyses were 289 290 re-run to test for statistical over-representation of wide-ranging taxa in correlation tests of spatial 291 congruence across different dimensions of biodiversity. We note that range-weighted diversity 292 and phylogenetic endemism measures mitigate the potential impacts of wide-ranging taxa by 293 down-weighting those taxa in diversity calcuations.

294 Phylogeny choice—To test the sensitivity of phylogenetic metrics to tree choice, we 295 conducted all phylogenetic analyses (MPD, VPD, PNN, PD, PE) using an alternative molecular-296 based 4254-taxon mammal phylogeny from Faurby and Svenning (2015a), updated to version 297 1.2 in the Phylacine database (Faurby, Davis, Pedersen, Schowanek, Antonelli, & Svenning, 298 2018). From a posterior distribution of 1000 trees, we generated the maximum clade credibility 299 tree for use in our analyses, calculated with the R package 'phangorn' v2.5.5 (Schliep, 2011) and 300 pruned it to North American rodent taxa. When reanalyzing geographic patterns of phylogenetic 301 diversity, 36 taxa were excluded due to lack of phylogenetic information in the Faurby and 302 Svenning tree.

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RESULTS

Taxonomic richness varies considerably over the North American continent, ranging from fewer
 than five species per 100 x 100 km grid cell (Arctic) to over 45 species per cell (intermontane

307 west) (Figure 1a). The species-rich western region (including the Rocky Mountain Front Range,

308 the Great Basin and the Sierra Madres) also hosts species with small mean and minimum range

sizes (Figure 1b). Small geographic ranges contribute to elevated range-weighted taxonomic
richness (Figure 1c) and phylogenetic endemism (Figure 3e), highlighting regions with small
ranging and phylogenetically isolated taxa along the Pacific Coast and in Mexico.

312 Ecological richness metrics (based on body size, diet, and habitat affinity) demonstrate 313 similar east-to-west gradients in diversity. The number of body size classes varies with longitude 314 and latitude, peaking in the Great Basin and southern Mexico (Figure 2a). High dietary richness 315 is found in southwest deserts of the USA, while habitat richness is highest in western regions 316 with increased topographic relief and habitat heterogeneity (Figure 2b-c). In contrast, ecological 317 evenness varies little and remains high across the continent for all three metrics (Fig 2d-f), 318 suggesting that communities are composed of equally-filled body size, diet, and habitat 319 categories within the local environment. A few notable exceptions are low (0.5-0.7) body size 320 evenness localized to the Baja Peninsula and southeastern California and a moderate increase 321 (from 0.6 to 0.8) in dietary evenness from Great Plains to intermontane west communities.

322 Each phylogenetic diversity metric reveals a distinct pattern across North America 323 (Figure 3). While MPD varies little with geography (Figure 3a), VPD (Figure 3b) is lowest in the 324 Great Plains (low relief, environmentally homogeneous) and parts of the Great Basin and 325 southwestern deserts (high relief, environmentally heterogeneous), indicating relatively uniform 326 distributions of branch lengths independent of absolute branch length in these regions. PNN and 327 GSR are both low in the intermontane west of the USA, indicating concentrations of recently-328 diverged taxa in these regions spanning multiple genera (Figure 3c-d). In contrast, low PNN 329 values in the eastern USA do not correspond with low GSR values, where fewer species are 330 found within genera, but these species tend to have at least one within-genus nearest neighbor. 331 Faith's PD tightly follows the species richness geographic pattern, with highest values along the 332 southern Rocky Mountain Front Range. Finally, strong gradients in phylogenetic diversity exist 333 in Canada due to low taxonomic richness, especially in the Arctic.

To assess whether different dimensions of biodiversity represent novel or redundant information, we also tested the spatial congruence of these patterns and, using a Bonferoni sequential correction, found significant correlations between less than 15% of the diversity metric pairs (Figure 4a, Supporting Table S1.3). Lack of significant correlation between metrics is reflected in non-congruent geographic gradients at both continental and regional scales. The notable exception is Faith's PD which exhibits significant positive correlations (r = 0.94, 340 adjusted p-value = 0.001) and similar spatial patterns with species richness and its correlates, 341 including body size, diet, and habitat richness. The residuals from regression models of 342 ecological diversity against species richness also exhibit spatial variation, including lower than 343 expected body size richness in the taxonomically diverse desert southwest (Figure 4b) and higher 344 than expected dietary richness in the Great Plains and intermontane west (Figure 4c). Likewise, 345 habitat richness was lower than expected in the Sierra Madres, but higher than expected along 346 strong regional ecotones (e.g., Northern Great Basin, Rocky Mountain Front Range). While not 347 significantly correlated using a Bonferroni sequential adjustment, higher species richness 348 generally corresponded with higher range-weighted species richness and phylogenetic 349 endemism, and lower GSR at the continental scale (r > 0.8). These three metrics include species 350 richness in their calculation; however, correlation need not be expected (Tucker & Cadotte, 351 2013; Reig 1989) and spatial differences in gradients, especially the location of high richness, 352 exists among these metrics (Figure 1 and Fig 3e,f). Phylogenetic endemism was generally 353 uncorrelated with other phylogenetic metrics and therefore reveals novel information about 354 geographic patterns of species relatedness and diversity. Finally, phylogenetic diversity metrics 355 were only weakly correlated, suggesting each metric also reflects a unique aspect of clade diversity and history. 356

357 Sensitivity tests that excluded wide-ranging species revealed where our analysis might be 358 influenced by the over-representation of species with ranges spanning much of the continent. 359 While we find an increase in the number of significantly correlated relationships among diversity 360 dimensions (Supporting Table S1.4), the spatial patterns remain similar (Supporting Figure 361 S1.1). Losses of ecological diversity patterns at high latitudes and in eastern USA are notable, 362 where taxonomic lists are comprised of numerous wide-ranging taxa. In comparison with the full 363 dataset, MPD, PNN and VPD also differ in spatial patterns in these northern and eastern regions; 364 however, phylogenetic diversity hotspots remain in the intermontane West and Mexico, where 365 species ranges are smaller on average (Figure 1b). Measures of phylogenetic diversity calculated 366 from the phylogenies of Fabre et al. (2012) and Faurby and Svenning (2015a) exhibited highly 367 correlated patterns (r > 0.89; p << 0.001). Therefore, all results and discussion herein pertain to 368 the Fabre et al. (2012) phylogeny; for further information about tree choice and interpretation of 369 phylogenetic diversity metrics across trees, see Figure S1.2 in the Supporting Information. In

combination, these sensitivity analyses show that the results of the (in)congruency analysisremain robust to the influence of wide-ranging taxa and choice of phylogeny.

372 Despite their different spatial patterns at the continental scale, high diversity values 373 across multiple metrics are roughly congruent, concentrated in the western USA and Mexico. 374 Aggregate hotspots of taxonomic (raw and range-weighted) richness and phylogenetic endemism 375 (Figure 5a) overlap broadly with aggregate hotspots of ecological diversity along body size, diet, 376 and habitat axes (Figure 5b). In contrast, hotspots of shallow (bottom 10% PNN and GSR) and 377 deep (top 10% MPD and VPD) phylogenetic diversity are not spatially congruent (Figure 5c). 378 Summing across all biodiversity hotspots, the Great Basin, the southwest deserts, and the Sierra 379 Madres capture a high degree of taxonomic, ecological, and phylogenetic diversity (Figure 5d). 380 Comparing multi-dimensional biodiversity hotspots with regions that have undergone human-381 driven land-use change (agriculture, pasture, or urbanization) in the last century (Figure 5e) 382 reveals considerable overlap: 33.3% and 34.4% of hotspot area overlaps with highly affected 383 regions due to modern and future human land-use, respectively. Overlap of multi-dimensional 384 diversity hotspots with regions predicted to experience rapidly changing climates over the 385 coming decades may also be high, depending on the emissions scenario (Figure 5f); 10.4% and 386 37.9% of hotspot area overlaps with high climate change velocity under moderate and high CO₂ emission scenarios, respectively. 387

388 Under hypothetical future extinctions of imperiled IUCN species due to these and other 389 drivers, the impact of species loss on taxonomic, ecological, or phylogenetic diversity is 390 geographically concentrated along the western coast of the USA and Mexico, in southern 391 Mexico, and in Florida (Figure 6a-b). Typically, only a single species went extinct in a cell; 392 however, up to three species were lost in southern California and up to six species were lost 393 within regions of southern Mexico (Supporting Figure S1.3). For cells that experienced 394 extinction, we found significant differences in several diversity metrics pre- and post-extinction 395 (Supporting Figure S1.4). Lost species represent a mix of deep and shallow divergence events, 396 and all but one had restricted geographic range areas (Figure 6a-b). The loss of ecological 397 diversity varied in geographic extent and intensity, with body size, dietary and habitat richness 398 loss in certain regions (e.g., southwestern Mexico) but not in others (e.g., Florida) during species 399 extinction (Figure 6c). Ecological loss was distributed across all body size classes and dietary 400 categories, but was most pronounced among mid-size rodents and insectivore and carnivore

specialists (Figure 6d). Lost species span several different habitat categories; in particular, a
large percentage (64%) of species occupying particularly fragmented and fragile cloud forest
habitats of central Mexico are imperiled.

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DISCUSSION

Our comparison of taxonomic, ecological, and phylogenetic diversity patterns for North
American rodents clearly shows the multifaceted nature of biodiversity. Familiar patterns emerge
from this analysis, such as a strong, positive relationship between topographic complexity and
taxonomic diversity (Simpson, 1964; Badgley & Fox, 2000; Antonelli et al., 2018; Badgley,
Smiley, & Cable, 2018; Quintero and Jetz, 2018). Yet this study adds several new dimensions of
diversity that, in conjunction, suggest potential mechanisms driving elevated species richness in
topographically complex regions and reduced diversity in others.

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414 Patterns and hotspots of multi-dimensional diversity

415 As predicted, we find that the influence of topography and environmental heterogeneity 416 extends beyond species richness to novel dimensions of biodiversity (Figure 5d): high-relief 417 landscapes and heterogeneous habitats harbor high diversity in rodent body size, dietary, and 418 habitat classes (Figure 3a-c, Figure 5b), as well as phylogenetic endemism (Figure 3e, Figure 419 5a). Furthermore, rodent communities in these regions comprise species that span a broader 420 range of evolutionary history than elsewhere on the continent (Figure 2, Figure 5c). Thus high 421 regional diversity in western North America not only fuels high local diversity during community assembly (Ricklefs, 1987; Mittelbach & Schemske, 2015; Ernest, Brown, Thibault, 422 423 White, & Goheen, 2008), but also highlights the importance of topographically complex 424 landscapes as potential species source regions (e.g., "out-of-the-mountains" model; Badgley et 425 al., 2017) and refugia (Holderegger, Thiel-Egenter, & Whittaker, 2009; Grayson, 2011) over 426 evolutionary timescales.

Previous work has attributed the high taxonomic richness in topographically complex
regions to ecological, evolutionary, and geohistorical mechanisms (Simpson, 1964; Badgley et
al., 2017). We find high dietary and habitat richness (Figure 3a,c), even after removing the effect
of taxonomic diversity (Figure 5c,d), in intermontane regions, adding support to a species
accommodation model for explaining macroecological patterns, with tighter species packing

432 along steep environmental and elevational gradients (Kotler & Brown, 1988; Coblentz & 433 Riitters, 2004). Evolutionary hypotheses additionally propose that topographic relief increases 434 the likelihood of population-level divergence and ultimately speciation events, especially during 435 intervals of climate change and corresponding range shifts (Riddle et al., 2014; Jezkova et al., 436 2011; Machac, Graham, & Storch, 2017; Barnosky & Carrasco, 2002; Flantua and Hooghiesm 437 2018; Quintero and Jetz, 2018). Modern and fossil records have demonstrated that tectonically 438 active landscapes promote diversification pulses and high regional species richness (Cracraft, 439 1985; Hoorn et al., 2010; Finarelli & Badgley, 2010; Moen & Morlon, 2014; Mulch, 2016; Smiley, 2018). Thus, isolated mountain ranges and intervening basins can generate and maintain 440 441 high regional diversity through increases in both deep and shallow divergence events. 442 These evolutionary and geohistorical hypotheses are supported by our results, and notable 443 patterns in phylogenetic diversity arise in relation to topographic complexity. In particular, 444 although MPD does not change substantially across most of the continent, steep gradients in 445 VPD in the intermontane west indicate high turnover in the phylogenetic makeup of species 446 assemblages. High variance could reflect the combined influence of speciation, extinction, and 447 immigration into intermontane regions during intervals of climate change (Davies & Buckley, 448 2011). Patterns of PNN and GSR additionally illustrate hotspots of 'young' diversity (low 449 values) found across the heterogeneous habitats of western USA and the Mexican highlands 450 (Figure 3c,f). Thus, our findings are consistent with mountains as sites of recent radiations and 451 current hotspots of neoendemism (Davis, Koo, Conroy, Patton, & Moritz, 2008; Badgley et al., 452 2018; Antonelli et al., 2018). Topographically complex landscapes can furthermore preserve 453 'old' lineages through various mechanisms (e.g., refugia effect). We find a concentration of 454 phylogenetically distinct and long-branched taxa with small geographic ranges leading to 455 increased phyloendemism in the western USA and Mexican higlands (Figure 3e). 456 While our focus on the intermontane west stems from identifying and examining multi-457 dimensional hotspots, equally interesting hypotheses could be proposed and tested for regions 458 that harbor low diversity across multiple dimensions, such as the Great Plains. Likewise, this 459 analysis is applicable to other topographically-complex landscapes globally. Next steps might 460 include assessing patterns in other mountain ranges and taxonomic groups to 1) investigate

- 461 whether concordant patterns emerge and 2) test if similar ecological and evolutionary drivers of
- 462 high diversity in relation to topographic relief and history are at play. In addition, at the spatial

scale of our analysis, we are not able to distinguish whether taxa co-occur locally or experience
high turnover along elevational gradients within our grid cells. Incorporating elevational range
data to assess patterns of taxonomic, ecological, and phylogenetic diversity along topographic
gradients (e.g., Quintero and Jetz, 2018) would be a promising future direction.

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468 Incongruence in geographic patterns sheds light on potential drivers of diversity gradients

469 While regions of topographic complexity harbor high multi-dimensional biodiversity, 470 spatial congruence across diversity metrics is not the dominant trend (Figure 4), as predicted and 471 previously demonstrated at other spatial and taxonomic scales (Devictor et al., 2010; Safi et al., 472 2011; Huang et al., 2012; Fritz & Rahbek, 2012; Stevens & Tello, 2014; Stein et al., 2018). 473 While many factors may contribute to spatial incongruency, the geographic scope of our study 474 allows us to address whether processes of faunal assembly appear localized or if general patterns 475 emerge across regional scales. Towards this aim, we highlight three observations from our 476 results: 1) regional diversity is shaped by processes of speciation, immigration, and extinction, 477 and the relative contribution of each may lead to incongruency in some regions but not in others; 478 2) phylogenetic and ecological diversity measures are not interchangeable; and, 3) diversity and 479 evenness patterns in the desert southwest depart from regional patterns.

480 Our findings, especially the wedge-shaped relationship between taxonomic richness and 481 MPD, PNN, and VPD, reflect high variability across local and regional assemblages in 482 phylogenetic diversity, especially among taxonomically impoverished regions. As predicted, the 483 Arctic exhibits high phylogenetic variance, in part due to the temporally and spatially 484 asynchronous immigration and refugia histories of disparate phylogenetic lineages into the 485 region following the end-Pleistocene glacial retreat that, via extinctions, 'wiped' the slate clean 486 for incoming taxa (e.g., Lessa et al., 2003; Lyons, 2003; Shafer, Cullingham, Côté, & Coltman, 487 2010). This history of extinction and assembly via immigration contrasts sharply with the pattern 488 of high phylogenetic variance found elsewhere on the continent (e.g., desert southwest) due to a 489 combination of recently diverged taxa (which likely diverged in situ) co-existing with deep, 490 endemic lineages. Further examination of the lack of correspondence between different 491 biodiversity measures and phylogenetic diversity residuals (Supporting Figure S1.5) may help to 492 illuminate the diversification and immigration processes that help generate and maintain

493 biodiversity gradients.

494 Early emphasis on phylogenetic diversity rested on the assumption that closely related 495 species exhibit high functional overlap due to phylogenetic signal (Faith, 1992). Thus, regions of 496 high phylogenetic diversity, especially phylogenetic variance, were assumed to capture a higher 497 degree of ecological diversity and promote functional stability of ecosystems (Cadotte et al., 498 2012). However, we and others (e.g., Fritz & Purvis, 2010, Devictor et al., 2010), do not find that 499 expected correspondence between phylogenetic and ecological diversity (Figure 4), especially 500 across space (Figure 2 and 3), stressing the importance of placing these measures in geographic 501 context. Furthermore, phylogenetic diversity measures are not interchangeable across our 502 dataset, nor are ecological diversity measures, each representing distinct information about the 503 evolutionary makeup and history of a local assemblage (Figs. 3 and 5a,c). Spatial structure 504 within the residuals of ecological versus taxonomic richness demonstrate regions of 'functional' 505 deficits (Safi et al., 2011; Fergnani & Ruggiero, 2015), or areas where more species are 506 presumably packed into a smaller ecological space (negative residuals in Figure 4b-d). 507 Conversely, regions with high ecological diversity for the number of species present (positive 508 residuals in Figure 4b-d) may reflect communities that fill more of the available body size, 509 dietary or habitat space.

510 A good example of how geographic incongruency informs ecological hypotheses across 511 spatial scales is in the desert southwest. Rodent communities in the desert southwest have long 512 been used to test hypotheses centered on community ecology, such as competitive exclusion, 513 niche partitioning, and energetics and resource utilization (e.g., Bowers & Brown, 1982; Holling, 514 1992; Ernest, 2005); however, our analysis reveals that the granivore-dominated communities 515 occurring in this region may follow different assembly rules than elsewhere in North America. 516 Ecological evenness varies surprisingly little at the continental scale, suggesting that despite 517 highly structured richness patterns, ecological roles are partitioned relatively uniformly across 518 body size and functional ecological classes, regardless of how densely packed those classes are 519 locally. In contrast, the southern desert region – characterized by mosaic habitats, high-relief 520 terrain, and elevated taxonomic richness and turnover (Figure 1) – departs notably from these 521 patterns. Body size richness, in particular, is lower than expected based on the number of species 522 present (Figure 4b) and strikingly low body size evenness is found in the desert southwest and 523 around the Gulf of California (Figure 2d). Integrating across different dimensions of diversity 524 elucidates important geographic variation in the structure of faunal assemblages and

demonstrates that the drivers of local patterns (e.g., size-mediated utilization of resources
facilitating coexistence of highly competitive desert granivores; Bowers & Brown, 1982; Ernest,
2005) may not be generalizable at broader spatial scales. Assembling a multi-dimensional
viewpoint of biodiversity gradients and their drivers based on North American rodents is a useful
starting point, and broadening the taxonomic or geographic scope of analyses (e.g., Fergnani &
Ruggiero, 2015) will help us to understand the generality of patterns emerging from this wellknown and diverse group.

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533 Conserving species, ecological diversity, and evolutionary history

534 The threats to biodiversity are numerous, with losses portended not only for taxonomic 535 richness, but also for evolutionary history and ecosystem functioning (Dirzo & Raven, 2003; 536 Cardinale et al., 2006; Dobson et al., 2006; Davis & Buckley, 2011; Stein et al., 2018). Analyses 537 that consider multiple dimensions of biodiversity thus allow us to ask what we might be losing, 538 aside from a raw species count, with future extinctions, and therefore maximize the potential of 539 our conservation efforts. It is clear that phylogenetic and ecological diversity promote ecosystem 540 stability and resilience in myriad ways (Cadotte et al., 2012; Davies, Urban, Rayfield, Cadotte, & 541 Peres-Neto, 2016). Greater diversity in existing form and function, as well as in evolutionary 542 lability and depth, across species within communities translate to a broader range of potential 543 niches and thus increased capacity of communities and their species to respond to changing 544 climates, environments, and resource availability (Hooper et al., 2005; Purvis, Cardillo, Grenyer, 545 & Collen, 2005). Preserving regions with deep and shallow phylogenetic diversity and diverse 546 evolutionary modes (e.g., Davies, 2015) furthermore protects both past evolutionary heritage and 547 future potential centers of species generation. Conservation aimed at protecting (phylo-)endemic 548 species is additionally critical, as these species capture biodiversity components with little 549 representation elsewhere in terms of geographic and phylogenetic space (Rosauer & Jetz, 2014; 550 Myers et al., 2000; Ceballos & Ehrlich, 2006).

551 Biodiversity scenarios can be forecast over the coming century based on the current 552 trajectory of individual taxa (i.e., IUCN Red List Status). We find that future losses felt along 553 phylogenetic and ecological axes are concentrated in the western USA, and notably throughout 554 Mexico, with the highest losses experienced among geographically-restricted species (Figure 6a-555 c). While certain small rodent clades are at risk of being lost entirely to extinction, imperiled 556 species are distributed throughout the rodent phylogeny (Figure 6b). Likewise, loss of ecological 557 diversity is not spread evenly across body size, dietary, and habitat categories. While most 558 ecological categories experience some degree of loss, the greatest impacts are felt by mid-size 559 rodents, rodents at higher-trophic levels, and rodents occupying higher elevation habitats in the 560 tropics (Figure 6d). These findings provide further evidence that not all species are at equal risk 561 of extinction (Ohlemüller et al., 2008; Ripple et al., 2017). Non-uniform species loss across 562 ecological categories influences ecological evenness as well, possibly compounding negative 563 impacts on ecosystem function (Chiarucci et al., 2011). In particular, the loss of functional 564 redundancy places greater burden on the remaining members of the community, with potentially 565 more disastrous consequences if those species also then go extinct (Tilman, Wedin, & Knops, 566 1996; Tilman, Knops, & Wedin, 1997).

567 Looking to the coming century via projections of land-use and climate change, we find 568 that anthropogenic impacts will be felt in many regions that represent multi-dimensional 569 biodiversity hotspots today (Figure 5d-e). It is important to note that today's snapshot of 570 biodiversity has already been highly influenced by anthropogenic drivers over both long (Faurby 571 & Svenning, 2015b; Smith, Elliott-Smith, Lyons, & Payne, 2018) and shallow (Parmesan & 572 Yohe, 2003; Weinzettel, Vačkár, & Medková, 2018) timescales. Climate change velocity, or the 573 rate at which species would have to move to maintain their current climate conditions, reveals 574 especially looming challenges to species response. Not surprisingly, these effects will be more 575 intense and geographically widespread under higher emission scenarios (Figure 5f; Carroll et al., 576 2015). In addition to the direct influence of land-use and climate stressors, indirect and 577 synergistic interactions among different local, regional, and global change factors may lead to 578 unpredictable biodiversity outcomes (Sala et al., 2000; Newbold et al., 2016). For example, with 579 habitat fragmentation and increased urbanization, species are increasingly left without suitable 580 corridors at the regional scale to track thermal niche requirements during climate change 581 (Bennett, 2003; McGuire, Lawler, McRae, Nuñez, & Theobald, 2016). Thus, as the window of 582 opportunity for action begins to close, understanding the geographic context of our existing 583 biodiversity hotspots, and the multiple dimensions of biodiversity that they represent, is key to 584 safeguarding them into the future.

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586 DATA ACCESSIBILITY

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Figure 1. Maps of North American rodent diversity metrics: (a) taxonomic richness, (b) mean geographic range size for each suite of species present within a grid cell overlain by contour lines representing the log of the minimum geographic range size to illustrate a higher concentration of smaller rodent ranges in the western US and Mexico, and (c) range-weighted taxonomic richness (log scale).



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Figure 2. For North American rodent species, categorical richness (a-c) and Simpson's evenness
(d-f) for three indices of ecological diversity, calculated for cells with a minimum of five species
present. Indices include body size class, determined using Jenks natural breaks optimization from
the North American rodent body-size distribution (a, d), diet category (b, e), and habitat affinity
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Figure 3. Six phylogenetic diversity metrics calculated for each suite of North American rodents
present in a 100 x 100 km grid cell: (a) mean pairwise distance (MPD), (b) variance of pairwise
distances (VPD), (c) mean pairwise nearest neighbor distance (PNN), (d) Faith's phylogenetic
diversity (PD), (e) phylogenetic endemism (PE; log scale), and (d) genus-to-species ratio (GSR).

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Figure 4. (a) Pairwise correlations among biodiversity metrics. Correlation coefficients (r) and
significance are determined using a Dutilleul's t-test, with linear regression lines shown for
significant correlations, according to a Bonferroni sequential correction (adjusted p-value <
0.05), only. (b-d): Maps of residuals from a regression model of (b) body size richness, (c)
dietary category richness, and (d) habitat affinity richness against taxonomic richness.



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Figure 5. Multi-dimensional hotspots for cells with the top 10% of values for: (a) taxonomic 618 619 richness, log(range-weighted taxonomic richness), and log(phylogenetic endemism); and, (b) 620 ecological diversity, including body size, diet, and habitat richness. (c) Multi-dimensional 621 hotspots of shallow (bottom 10% PNN and GSR) and deep (top 10% MPD and VPD) 622 phylogenetic diversity. For (a-c), the hotspot locations are unique to each metric; however; 623 colors are transparent to illustrate regions of hotspot overlap. (d) Aggregate (sum) hotspot map 624 for all diversity metrics. This map is overlain by: (e) cells dominated by human land use 625 (cropland, pasture, urban) in 1970 and projected into 2080 (each a translucent green layer) and 626 (f) cells experiencing high climate velocity (now to 2080) under moderate and high emissions 627 scenarios (each a translucent pink layer, the high emissions scenario being more widespread).





629 Figure 6. The geographic regions facing the greatest change under future species extinction are 630 represented by (a) the difference in phylogenetic endemism after the removal of imperiled taxa, 631 where imperiled refers to Vulnerable (VU), Endangered (EN), and Critically Threatened (CR) 632 IUCN status. (b) Phylogenetic endemism captures branch length data from the phylogenetic tree 633 of rodents (pruned from Fabre et al., 2012 to North American taxa used in this study) and 634 geographic range area. In the phylogeny, branch colors correspond to the major rodent families, 635 circle size at the end of each branch is relative to species' range area (points are jittered to better 636 see variation), and color indicates species' IUCN status. (c) Cells with species extinction are 637 shown in dark gray, with cells that further experience loss in ecological diversity (loss of one or 638 more body size classes, diet or habitat categories) are colored accordingly. (d) The proportion 639 lost for each ecological category after extinction of imperiled species within those cells. 640 REFERENCES

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