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63 **Abstract**

64 Phenotypic variation among populations, as seen in the signaling traits of many species,
65 provides an opportunity to test whether similar factors generate repeated phenotypic patterns
66 in different parts of a species' range. We investigated whether genetic divergence, abiotic
67 gradients, and sympatry with closely related species explain variation in the dewlap colors of
68 Amazon Slender Anoles, *Anolis fuscoauratus*. To this aim, we characterized dewlap diversity in
69 the field with respect to population genetic structure and evolutionary relationships, assessed
70 whether dewlap phenotypes are associated with climate or landscape variables, and tested for
71 non-random associations in the distributions of *A. fuscoauratus* phenotypes and sympatric
72 *Anolis* species. We found that dewlap colors vary among but not within sites in *A. fuscoauratus*.
73 Regional genetic clusters included multiple phenotypes, while populations with similar dewlaps
74 were often distantly related. Phenotypes did not segregate in environmental space, providing no
75 support for optimized signal transmission at a local scale. Instead, we found a negative
76 association between certain phenotypes and sympatric *Anolis* species with similar dewlap color
77 attributes, suggesting that interactions with closely related species promoted dewlap
78 divergence among *A. fuscoauratus* populations. Amazon Slender Anoles emerge as a promising
79 system to address questions about parallel trait evolution and the contribution of signaling
80 traits to speciation.

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83 interactions.

84 Introduction

85 Phenotypic variation within species is pervasive. This variation can occur in the form of
86 *polymorphism*, when conspecific individuals in the same locality exhibit alternative traits (e.g.,
87 Sinervo and Lively 1996; Galeotti et al. 2013). Alternatively, phenotypes can vary between
88 localities across a species' range, a situation traditionally referred to as *polytypism* (Mayr, 1963).
89 Polytypic species show marked population differences in traits such as coloration, vocalization,
90 and chemical defenses, which often vary across short geographic distances (e.g., Schiotz 1971;
91 Galeotti et al. 2003; Seehausen et al. 2008; Prates et al. 2019). Some remarkable cases of
92 polytypism involve sexual signals, used by organisms to attract, identify, and choose suitable
93 mates (Hill 1994; Kwiatkowski and Sullivan 2002; Jiggins et al. 2011). Within-species variation
94 in sexual signals might be unexpected because it could disrupt mate choice (Jiggins et al. 2011;
95 Hoskin et al. 2005; Gleason and Ritchie 1998). Nevertheless, population differences in visual
96 and acoustic signaling traits have been reported in many organisms (e.g., Ryan et al. 1996;
97 Arnqvist and Kolm 2010; Maan and Cummings 2008; Scordato and Safran 2014). Given the
98 potential contribution of sexual signals to premating reproductive isolation, uncovering the
99 factors behind signaling trait divergence can provide insight into how new species arise. In
100 particular, widespread species that show repeated variation in sexual signals in different parts
101 of their range provide promising evolutionary and ecological replicates for testing hypotheses
102 about the origins of trait diversity.

103 Several hypotheses have been proposed to explain how polytypic signaling traits
104 originate. Empirical and theoretical studies have proposed that geographically structured
105 phenotypes can evolve through non-adaptive processes, such as genetic drift in isolated
106 populations or isolation-by-distance across continuously distributed populations (Lande 1982;
107 Campbell et al. 2010; Tazzyman and Iwasa 2010; Gehara et al. 2013). This hypothesis is

108 consistent with observations that signal divergence scales directly with time since population
109 divergence and inversely with gene flow in several species (e.g., Ryan et al. 1996; Bernal et al.
110 2005; Warwick et al. 2015). An alternative hypothesis postulates that signaling trait diversity
111 can be adaptive, particularly when these traits vary along abiotic and biotic landscape gradients
112 (Boughman 2002). For instance, colorful signals vary with the light environment in birds and
113 fishes (Marchetti 1993; Boughman 2001; Seehausen et al. 2008), suggesting optimized signal
114 transmission at a local scale in both terrestrial and aquatic habitats. Lastly, it has been proposed
115 that sexual signals might diverge via reproductive character displacement, particularly when
116 two closely related lineages overlap geographically (Grant 1972). For instance, studies in frogs
117 have found that closely related lineages produce similar calls in allopatry and divergent calls in
118 sympatry (Höbel and Gerhardt 2003; Hoskin et al. 2005), which suggests that biotic interactions
119 may select for increased signal discrimination at a local scale. Although studies focusing on
120 different organisms have provided support for each of these hypotheses, few empirical
121 investigations have attempted to explore their relative contributions to signaling trait diversity
122 within a single polytypic species.

123 Variable colorful signals are common in visually-oriented diurnal organisms, including
124 several lizard clades (Stuart-Fox et al. 2007; Stuart-Fox and Moussaili 2008; Edwards et al.
125 2015). An iconic example of a diverse sexual signal is the dewlap, a colorful and extensible flap
126 of skin positioned along the underside of the throat in some groups of lizards (reviewed in
127 Tokarz 1995). The largest diversity of dewlap color and pattern is seen in *Anolis*, which perform
128 dewlap displays in courtship and agonistic interactions (Nicholson et al. 2007; Losos 2009).
129 Behavioral and physiological experiments, as well as visual modeling, indicate that anole lizards
130 have excellent color discrimination (Hodgkinson and Still, 1980; Macedonia and Stamps, 1994;
131 Fleishman and Persons, 2001; Loew et al., 2002; Macedonia et al., 2013; Baruch et al., 2016;
132 Fleishman et al., 2016), although visual acuity decreases with increasing distances (Fleishman et

133 al., 2020). It has been hypothesized that dewlap coloration is associated with optimizing signal
134 transmission in relation to the light environment (Ng et al. 2013a). In support of this hypothesis,
135 Caribbean anole species that inhabit shaded forests more often have dewlaps with white or
136 yellow skin color (Fleishman 1992), which reflect a high total number of photons and are thus
137 brighter (Fleishman et al. 2009). By contrast, species from open habitats more frequently have
138 dewlaps with red or blue skin color (Fleishman 1992), which are less reflective and, thus,
139 darker (Fleishman et al. 2009). However, other studies have hypothesized that dewlap
140 coloration diversity in *Anolis* has evolved through selection for reduced phenotypic overlap
141 among sympatric species, leading to reproductive character displacement (Webster and Burns
142 1973; Nicholson et al. 2007; Lambert et al. 2013). This hypothesis is consistent with the
143 observation that sympatric anoles rarely share the same dewlap pattern (Rand and Williams
144 1970). In this case, dewlap divergence might be particularly important for co-distributed
145 species with more similar dorsal coloration and body sizes (Fleishman et al. 2009).

146 Despite the presumed role of dewlap coloration in mate choice and reproductive
147 isolation, some anole species show geographic dewlap variation (e.g., Vanhooydonck et al. 2009;
148 Ng and Glor 2011; Prates et al. 2015; Driessens et al. 2017; Ng et al. 2017; White et al. 2019).
149 Among them is *Anolis fuscoauratus*, the Amazon Slender Anoles. Taxonomic compendiums have
150 reported that males of this species have dewlaps with grayish, yellowish, or reddish shades
151 (Avila-Pires, 1995). However, there has been no attempt to systematically characterize dewlap
152 color variation over this species' expansive range, and it is unclear whether different
153 phenotypes are geographically restricted. If populations that share a given dewlap pattern are
154 more closely related to each other than to populations with distinct phenotypes, dewlap
155 variation in *A. fuscoauratus* may reflect genetic divergence and the formation of incipient
156 species. Alternatively, because widespread South American anole species span pronounced
157 environmental gradients (Prates et al. 2018), divergent dewlap phenotypes may have been

158 selected to increase signal transmission at a local scale. Finally, dewlap color diversity might
159 reflect character displacement, because *A. fuscoauratus* co-occurs with at least 11 other *Anolis*
160 species across its distribution in lowland South American rainforests (Avila-Pires 1995; Ribeiro-
161 Júnior et al. 2015; Prates et al. 2017). The apparent dewlap coloration polytypism of *A.*
162 *fuscoauratus* provides a promising system to test hypotheses about how similar factors acting in
163 different parts of a species' range might have generated repeated phenotypic patterns.

164 This study seeks to test whether evolutionary divergence, landscape gradients, and the
165 composition of local *Anolis* assemblages explain sexual signal variation in Amazon Slender
166 Anoles. We first comprehensively surveyed dewlap diversity and geographic variation on the
167 basis of herpetological inventories that we performed over the last two decades in South
168 America. After confirming that dewlap coloration shows large variation across the range of *A.*
169 *fuscoauratus*, we proceeded to test the hypothesis that populations with similar dewlaps are
170 more closely related. To this end, we generated genome-wide data through a reduced
171 representation method to infer patterns of genetic structure and evolutionary relationships. To
172 test the hypothesis that dewlap coloration in Amazon Slender Anoles varies as a function of
173 landscape gradients due to locally adapted signals, we estimated multidimensional
174 environmental space occupancy by different dewlap phenotypes based on geospatial
175 descriptors of climate, topography, and vegetation. Lastly, we leveraged the results of our
176 extensive herpetological inventories to test the hypothesis that dewlap colors in *A. fuscoauratus*
177 vary as a function of local co-occurrences with other *Anolis* species, consistent with a scenario of
178 reproductive character displacement.

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180 **Material and Methods**

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182 *Field assessment of dewlap variation and anole assemblage composition*

183 *Anolis fuscoauratus* is found in both primary and secondary rainforests in South
184 America, where it usually is the most abundant *Anolis* species locally. To characterize
185 geographic dewlap color variation in this species, we used data from our comprehensive
186 herpetofaunal inventories in Amazonia and the Atlantic Forest over the last two decades. To this
187 purpose, we sampled individuals by hand or pitfall traps. No quantitative color data (e.g.,
188 spectrometric measurements) were obtained due to constraints of field sampling and
189 infrastructure. Therefore, in our environmental and species co-occurrence analyses we only
190 included 32 sites for which dewlap color information was available (pictures or field notes)
191 from the 63 sites that were included in genetic analyses (see below).

192 One of the goals of this study was to test whether dewlap variation in *A. fuscoauratus* is
193 linked to the presence of other *Anolis* species across regions. To test this hypothesis, we
194 obtained data on species presence at a given site based on our field inventory data. To reduce
195 the chance of undetected species, we only included data from surveys that lasted a minimum of
196 one week and involved at least three herpetologists searching for animals both night and day.
197 We found all *Anolis* species expected to occur in the sampled regions based on species ranges
198 (Avila-Pires 1995; Ribeiro-Junior 2015). Attesting to the thoroughness of our sampling, over the
199 course of our expeditions we sampled two *Anolis* species thought to have been extinct and one
200 new to science (Prates et al. 2017, 2020). The final dataset included occurrence data for 11
201 other anole species at the 32 sites for which *A. fuscoauratus* dewlap coloration data were
202 available: *Anolis auratus*, *A. chrysolepis*, *A. dissimilis*, *A. nasofrontalis*, *A. ortonii*, *A. planiceps*, *A.*
203 *punctatus*, *A. scypheus*, *A. tandai*, *A. trachyderma*, and *A. transversalis* (Table S1).

204

205 *Genetic sampling and data collection*

206 For genetic analyses, sampled individuals were euthanized by injection of 5% lidocaine
207 solution, fixed in 10% formalin, and preserved in 70% ethanol. Prior to fixation, a sample of
208 liver or muscle tissue was removed and preserved in 95% ethanol. Animal handling procedures
209 were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the City University of
210 New York and Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. Voucher specimens were
211 deposited in the collections of the Herpetology Laboratory and Museum of Zoology of the
212 University of São Paulo and the Federal University of Acre.

213 To improve inferences of genetic structure and phylogenetic relationships in Amazon
214 Slender Anoles, we included in the genetic analyses samples from sites with both known and
215 unknown male dewlap coloration, as well as females, which have rudimentary dewlaps in *A.*
216 *fuscoauratus*. Our combined sampling for genetic analyses included 164 individuals of *A.*
217 *fuscoauratus* sampled at 63 sites (Fig. 2A), encompassing most of the species' distribution
218 (Ribeiro-Júnior 2015). Most of these samples came from sites where dewlap coloration was
219 known (N = 108). We used *Anolis auratus* (N = 2), *A. brasiliensis* (1), *A. chrysolepis* (2), *A.*
220 *meridionalis* (1), *A. ortonii* (1), *A. planiceps* (2), *A. polylepis* (1), *A. quaggulus* (1), *A. scypheus* (1),
221 and *A. trachyderma* (1) as outgroups for phylogenetic analyses (see below) based on
222 relationships found by Poe et al. (2017). Specimen and locality information are given in Table
223 S2.

224 Genomic DNA was extracted from each tissue sample through a protein precipitation
225 extraction protocol following proteinase K and RNAase treatment (Text S1). After examining
226 DNA fragment size using agarose gels, DNA concentration was measured using a Qubit
227 fluorometer (Invitrogen, Waltham) and diluted to ensure a final concentration of 20–50 ng DNA
228 per μl in a total volume of 15 μl (in TE buffer). A double-digest restriction site associated DNA
229 library (ddRAD) (Peterson et al. 2012) was generated at the University of Wisconsin

230 Biotechnology Center. Briefly, DNA extractions were digested with the restriction enzymes PstI
231 and MspI, and the resulting fragments were tagged with individual barcodes, PCR-amplified,
232 multiplexed, and sequenced in a single lane on an Illumina HiSeq 2500 platform. The number of
233 paired-end reads ranged from ~1.15 to 8.85 million per individual, with a read length of 100
234 base pairs. De-multiplexed raw sequence data were deposited in the Sequence Read Archive
235 (BioProject PRJNA492310; BioSample accessions SAMN18340748-18340924).

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237 *Inferring population genetic structure and evolutionary relationships*

238 We used Ipyrad v. 0.7.30 (Eaton and Overcast 2020) to de-multiplex and assign reads to
239 individuals based on sequence barcodes (allowing no mismatches from individual barcodes),
240 perform *de novo* read assembly (minimum clustering similarity threshold = 0.95), align reads
241 into loci, and call single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs). A minimum Phred quality score (=
242 33), sequence coverage (= 6x), read length (= 35 bp), and maximum proportion of heterozygous
243 sites per locus (= 0.5) were enforced, while ensuring that variable sites had no more than two
244 alleles (i.e., a diploid genome). Moreover, for inclusion in the final datasets, we ensured that
245 each locus was present in at least 70% of the sampled individuals. Following the de-
246 multiplexing step in Ipyrad, read quality and length were ensured for each sample using FastQC
247 (available at <http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>).

248 To estimate population genetic structure and admixture in *A. fuscoauratus*, we
249 generated in Ipyrad a final dataset composed of 118,434 SNPs at 16,368 loci (including no
250 outgroups). A single SNP was then extracted from each locus to minimize sampling of linked
251 SNPs. We used VCFtools v. 0.1.16 (Danecek et al. 2011) to filter out SNPs whose minor allele
252 frequency (MAF) was lower than 0.05 (Ahrens et al. 2018). After the filtering steps, 2,157 SNPs
253 were retained across 162 individuals, with around 23 % missing data across samples. To

254 quantify missing data, we used the Matrix Condenser tool (Medeiros and Farrell 2018). Based
255 on the SNP data, we estimated the best-fit number of genetic clusters (K) using sNMF (Sparse
256 Nonnegative Matrix Factorization) (Frichot et al. 2014) as implemented in the R package LEA v.
257 2 (Frichot and François 2015). We tested K = 1–12, with 100 replicates for each K. The run with
258 the lowest entropy value, estimated by masking 5% of the samples, was considered to identify
259 the best K (Frichot et al. 2014). To examine the robustness of sNMF to the regularization
260 parameter (alpha), we ran preliminary analyses with alpha = 1, 25, 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600,
261 and 3200. Best-fit K were consistent across values of alpha, with remarkably similar model fit
262 (entropy score range = 0.49–0.52).

263 We implemented a phylogenetic approach to assess whether individuals with similar
264 dewlaps are more closely related to each other than to other color phenotypes across the range
265 of *A. fuscoauratus*. We refrained from using species-tree methods because these approaches
266 assume that shared molecular polymorphisms among lineages reflect incomplete lineage
267 sorting and not gene flow. Our clustering analyses identified six broad geographic demes (see
268 Results), and treating sampled sites as “species” would split localities inferred to belong to the
269 same genetic pool. In addition, treating those six demes as “species” would not address our
270 question of whether lizards with similar dewlaps are more closely related, because each deme
271 included multiple phenotypes (see Results). Consequently, we implemented an individual-based
272 phylogenetic approach that allows us to identify finer levels of phylogenetic structure and test
273 whether phenotypically similar individuals cluster together in the phylogeny. To this end, we
274 generated in Ipyrad a second dataset composed of 135,952 SNPs at 17,302 RAD loci (now
275 including outgroup taxa and linked SNPs), ensuring that each locus was present in at least 70%
276 of the sampled individuals. We performed phylogenetic inference under Maximum Likelihood
277 on the concatenated dataset using RaxML-HPC v. 8.2.12 (Stamatakis 2014) through the CIPRES

278 Science Gateway (Miller et al. 2010). The GTRCAT model of nucleotide evolution was used and
279 node support was estimated with 1,000 bootstrap replicates.

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281 *Estimating environmental space occupancy across phenotypes*

282 Previous studies that performed spectral measurements *in situ* suggested that ambient
283 light varies between forest strata (Fleishman et al. 1997; but see Fleishman et al. 2009 for a
284 negative result). Thus, selection for dewlap detectability might vary with microhabitat use in
285 anoles. In the case of Amazon Slender Anoles, previous studies found uniform microhabitat use
286 among populations across the Amazon basin, with individuals preferably foraging on low vines,
287 small twigs in the understory, and at the base of tree trunks (Avila-Pires 1995; Vitt et al. 2003a;
288 Duellmann 2005). Therefore, geographic dewlap variation in *A. fuscoauratus* does not appear to
289 be explained by differential microhabitat use among populations. We thus focused on whether
290 sexual signal variation in this species is linked to landscape gradients at large spatial scales, an
291 approach that found local adaptation in the dewlap colors of the Caribbean *Anolis distichus* (Ng
292 et al. 2013a). Specifically, we tested whether populations that show distinct dewlap colors
293 segregate in a multidimensional environmental space defined by vegetation cover, climate, and
294 topography. While vegetation cover variables are expected to more closely reflect local light
295 environments, they may not capture all of the variation in vegetation composition and structure
296 across the distribution of *A. fuscoauratus*. We therefore included climate and topography
297 variables in our analyses because these factors are known to strongly affect spatial vegetation
298 patterns across the Amazon basin (ter Steege et al. 2006; Butt et al. 2008; Laurance et al. 2010).

299 We used 17 variables in environmental analyses (Table S3): cover of evergreen
300 broadleaf trees, deciduous broadleaf trees, shrubs, herbaceous vegetation, and regularly flooded
301 vegetation, annual cloud cover, elevation, slope, terrain roughness, and terrain ruggedness

302 (Robinson et al. 2014; Tuanmu and Jetz 2014; Wilson and Jetz 2016; Amatulli et al. 2018), all
303 obtained from the EarthEnv database (<http://www.earthenv.org>). As climatic variables, we
304 used annual mean temperature, maximum temperature of the warmest month, mean
305 temperature of the warmest quarter, annual precipitation, precipitation of the wettest month,
306 and precipitation of the wettest quarter (Karger et al. 2017), obtained from the Chelsa database
307 (<http://chelsa-climate.org>), as well as the climatic moisture index, a metric of relative wetness
308 (Title and Bemmels 2018), obtained from the ENVIREM database (<http://envirem.github.io>).

309 Values were extracted for each environmental variable from the 32 sites for which *A.*
310 *fuscoauratus* dewlap color information was available using the *Point Sampling Tool* plugin in
311 QGIS v. 3.4.5. Because certain variables were correlated (i.e., Pearson correlation coefficient >
312 0.7), and to more easily visualize and compare environmental space occupancy across the range
313 of *A. fuscoauratus*, we performed a principal component analysis (PCA) on the environmental
314 variables and retained the three first principal components (PC) for downstream analyses.
315 Environmental variables were standardized before applying PCA using a z-score
316 transformation. Based on the three first PCs, we generated violin and scatter plots using R (R
317 Core Team 2020) and compared mean values between dewlap phenotypes based on an analysis
318 of variance (ANOVA) using the *aov* R function. We visually inspected quantile-quantile (Q-Q)
319 plots to detect outliers and verify that model residuals were normally distributed. To account
320 for evolutionary relationships in these analyses, we also performed a phylogenetic ANOVA
321 (Garland et al. 1993) using the *phytools* R package (Revell, 2012) based on our SNP-based
322 phylogenetic tree (pruned to include one random terminal sample per site) and 1,000
323 simulations to estimate significance. Lastly, we repeated these analyses by focusing only on the
324 vegetation cover variables (i.e., not including climate or topography) given the potentially more
325 direct effect of vegetation on the light environment.

326

327 *Testing patterns of species co-occurrence*

328 To perform a quantitative test of whether *A. fuscoauratus* dewlaps vary geographically
329 as a function of co-occurrences with other *Anolis* species, we used the probabilistic model
330 implemented in the *cooccur* package in R (Veech 2013; Griffith et al. 2016). To test for negative
331 or positive associations between classes (e.g., species), this method calculates the observed and
332 expected frequencies of co-occurrence between pairs of classes; the expected frequencies are
333 calculated assuming that the distribution of a class is independent of, and random relative to,
334 that of another class. The method returns the probabilities that lower or higher values of co-
335 occurrence (relative to expected values) could have been obtained by chance (Griffith et al.
336 2016). Our field surveys of dewlap color diversity and variation in *A. fuscoauratus* found three
337 phenotypes over this species' range: gray, yellow, and pink (see Results). We treated each of
338 these phenotypes as a distinct class in all co-occurrence analyses.

339 We initially ran an analysis to test for negative co-occurrences between each of the three
340 *A. fuscoauratus* color phenotypes (gray, N = 11 sites; pink, N = 12 sites; yellow, N = 9 sites) and
341 each of the five most common co-distributed *Anolis* species. Each of these species was detected
342 in at least eight of the 32 sites where *A. fuscoauratus* dewlap data were available and represent a
343 broad range of dewlap coloration, as follows: *A. ortonii* (red dewlap background, N = 12 sites), *A.*
344 *punctatus* (yellow, N = 19 sites), *A. tandai* (blue, N = 12 sites), *A. trachyderma* (yellow and
345 orange, N = 8 sites), and *A. transversalis* (yellow, N = 13 sites). Behavioral and physiological
346 experiments and visual modeling have shown that anole lizards can perceive and discriminate
347 all of the colors present in the dewlaps of *A. fuscoauratus* and co-distributed *Anolis* species
348 (Hodgkinson and Still, 1980; Macedonia and Stamps, 1994; Fleishman and Persons, 2001; Loew
349 et al., 2002; Macedonia et al., 2013; Baruch et al., 2016; Fleishman et al., 2016).

350 We performed a second analysis grouping all 11 *Anolis* species detected in sympatry
351 with *A. fuscoauratus* into two groups: one group (N = 24 sites) of species where males have
352 dewlaps with brighter, more reflective background skin colors (as per Fleishman 1992;
353 Fleishman et al. 2009), namely *A. dissimilis* (white), *A. planiceps* (orange), *A. punctatus* (yellow),
354 *A. trachyderma* (yellow and orange), and *A. transversalis* (yellow); and a second group (N = 20
355 sites) of species whose dewlaps have relatively darker, less reflective background skin colors
356 (Fleishman 1992; Fleishman et al. 2009), namely *A. auratus* (blue), *A. chrysolepis* (blue), *A.*
357 *nasofrontalis* (pinkish-brown), *A. ortonii* (red), *A. scypheus* (red and blue), and *A. tandai* (blue).
358 By grouping species into color classes, we were able to incorporate data from species with
359 narrow distributions that were represented by fewer than eight sites (namely *A. auratus*, *A.*
360 *planiceps*, *A. dissimilis*, *A. nasofrontalis*, *A. planiceps*, and *A. scypheus*). Moreover, this approach
361 accommodates the possibility that the dewlaps of *A. fuscoauratus* are influenced by multiple
362 similar *Anolis* species jointly, rather than individual species only.

363 In a third analysis, we grouped the 11 sympatric *Anolis* species based on relative dewlap
364 background color brightness and degree of overall morphological similarity to *A. fuscoauratus*.
365 In South America, *Anolis* species belong to two major clades: *Draconura* (Poe et al. 2017),
366 represented in our study area by generally small, slender, brown or gray anoles including *A.*
367 *fuscoauratus* and seven other species (*A. auratus*, *A. chrysolepis*, *A. ortonii*, *A. planiceps*, *A.*
368 *scypheus*, *A. tandai*, and *A. trachyderma*); and *Dactyloa* (Poe et al. 2017), represented in our
369 study area by four anoles with generally green or greenish-gray bodies (*A. dissimilis*, *A.*
370 *nasofrontalis*, *A. punctatus*, and *A. transversalis*, the latter two attaining larger body sizes than all
371 other sampled *Anolis*). Based on overall morphological similarity (which correlates with clade
372 membership), we expected that dewlap variation in *A. fuscoauratus* might be more strongly
373 affected by sympatric *Draconura* than *Dactyloa* species. Therefore, in this third co-occurrence
374 analysis, we grouped *Anolis* species into three classes: *Draconura* with bright background

375 dewlaps colors (N = 9 sites), *Draconura* with darker background dewlap colors (N = 19 sites),
376 and *Dactyloa* (N = 23 sites).

377 Environmental data, species co-occurrence data, filtered genetic data, and detailed
378 specimen information are available as Supplementary Information online and through the
379 Dryad Digital Repository (available at <https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.0zpc866x8>) and GitHub
380 (available at github.com/ivanprates/2021_fusco_dewlaps). R and Unix shell scripts used to
381 prepare and filter the data and perform all analyses are available online through GitHub.

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383 **Results**

384

385 *Dewlap variation among populations of Anolis fuscoauratus*

386 Our field inventories found remarkable geographic turnover in dewlap color over the
387 range of *Anolis fuscoauratus*. Across South American lowland forests, we found three dewlap
388 phenotypes, each present at multiple sites: gray, pink, and yellow (Fig. 1). Each of these three
389 phenotypes was sampled in regions separated by hundreds to thousands of kilometers (Fig. 2A).
390 Individuals from sites close to each other often had similar dewlap colors, but there were also
391 instances of phenotypic turnover within tens of kilometers. Based on samples from two to 24
392 individuals per site (mean = 8.3; sample sizes given in Table S1), intra-site variation was small
393 (Fig. 1). In no circumstance did we observe more than one color phenotype (gray, pink, yellow)
394 at the same site. Among the 32 sites with documented dewlap information, anoles from 11 sites
395 had gray dewlaps, those from 12 had pink dewlaps, and those from nine had yellow dewlaps.
396 Three sites were visited twice over six years, at the same time of the year (January); local

397 dewlap patterns remained the same over time. Dewlap color at sites was consistent between
398 juvenile and adult males, suggesting no ontogenetic changes.

399 Dewlap coloration was consistent across sites in all of the other anole species that co-
400 occur with *A. fuscoauratus*, with the exception of two populations of *A. punctatus* (Amazon green
401 anoles). Across most of the range of *A. punctatus*, individuals have yellow dewlaps; however, in
402 one population from the Içá River (state of Amazonas, Brazil), the lizards had light green
403 dewlaps, and in one from the Aripuanã River (state of Mato Grosso, Brazil) they had creamy-
404 white dewlaps (Rodrigues et al. 2002). Of the two unique *A. punctatus* populations, only the Içá
405 River population overlapped with the known *A. fuscoauratus* dewlaps and was included in the
406 co-occurrence analyses (both light-green and yellow were classified as bright dewlap colors).

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408 *Patterns of genetic structure*

409 Cluster analyses using sNMF inferred six major genetic clusters across the geographic
410 distribution of *A. fuscoauratus* (Fig. 2B-C), with some admixture or mixed assignments (as
411 indicated by the ancestry coefficients of individuals) across clusters. Dewlap phenotypes (gray,
412 pink, yellow) did not compose distinct genetic clusters; instead, all six clusters were made up of
413 anoles with two or three different dewlap color phenotypes, and each phenotype was found in
414 three to six genetic clusters. The three dewlap phenotypes occurred in both admixed and non-
415 admixed individuals.

416 Inferred genetic clusters segregated in geographic space (Fig. 2B-C). Samples from the
417 coastal Atlantic Forest formed one cluster (represented by lighter green in Fig. 2B-C), whereas
418 the five remaining clusters occur in different parts of Amazonia: 1) the Guiana Shield in
419 northern South America (cream); 2) westernmost Brazilian Amazonia (blue); 3) southwestern

420 Brazilian Amazonia, west of the Madeira river (lighter purple); 4) south-central Brazilian
421 Amazonia, east of the Madeira river and west of the Tapajós river (darker purple); and 5)
422 central Amazonia south of the Amazon river, extending to Ecuador in the west and to the Xingu
423 River in the east (darker green). Admixture was inferred primarily between clusters that have
424 adjacent geographic distributions (Fig. 2C).

425

426 *Phylogenetic patterns*

427 Similar to the genetic cluster analyses, phylogenetic analyses inferred that none of the
428 three *A. fuscoauratus* dewlap phenotypes (gray, pink, and yellow) forms a clade. Instead, each
429 phenotype is located in multiple parts of the tree (Fig. 2D; a phylogeny including outgroup taxa
430 and support for all nodes is provided in Text S2). Samples from the same site shared the same
431 dewlap coloration and grouped together. At deeper phylogenetic levels, major clades included
432 samples having two or three different dewlap phenotypes; within each major clade, samples
433 with the same phenotype often were not closely related (Fig. 2D).

434 Mirroring the results from the genetic cluster analyses, major clades corresponded to
435 different parts of the geographic distribution of *A. fuscoauratus*. Samples from the Atlantic
436 Forest (indicated in lighter green in Fig. 2) and Guiana Shield in northern Amazonia (cream)
437 group together. The clade formed by these samples is sister to a clade formed by the remaining
438 Amazonian samples. Within the latter clade, samples from westernmost Brazilian Amazonia (in
439 western Acre; blue) group together, as do samples from southwestern Brazilian Amazonia (in
440 eastern Acre; lighter purple) and south-central Brazilian Amazonia (in Rondônia; darker
441 purple). Samples from central Brazilian Amazonian (darker green) comprise two primary clades
442 that together are paraphyletic relative to the other Amazonian clades. Relationships among
443 these major clades generally received high bootstrap support (Fig. 2D).

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445 *Environmental space occupancy*

446 Climate, topography, and vegetation cover vary over the distribution of *A. fuscoauratus*.
447 For instance, annual mean temperature at sampled sites ranged from 20.2 to 26.4 °C, annual
448 precipitation from 1258 to 3511 mm, elevation from 22.5 to 913.0 m, and cover of evergreen
449 broadleaf trees from 3 to 100 % (raw data for all 17 environmental variables are presented in
450 Fig. S1). After implementing PCA on the environmental data, the first three principal
451 components explained 37, 22, and 15 % (total of 74 %) of the environmental variation across
452 sampled sites, respectively (PCA loadings presented in Table S4). PC1 increased with higher
453 elevation, higher topographic complexity, and lower temperature, describing a lowland to
454 highland axis; PC2 increased with higher precipitation and cloud cover, describing a dry to wet
455 axis; and PC3 increased with more open and deciduous vegetation, describing an axis of
456 evergreen forest to savanna and deciduous forest.

457 Plots of these first three PC axes indicated that each of the three dewlap phenotypes of
458 *A. fuscoauratus* occur at localities that together exhibit a similar range of environmental
459 conditions, with large overlap in environmental space (Fig. 3). An ANOVA based on all sampled
460 sites found no significant differences between phenotypes in PC1 ($F_{2,29} = 0.28$; $p = 0.76$), PC2
461 ($F_{2,29} = 1.68$; $p = 0.20$), or PC3 ($F_{2,29} = 2.38$; $p = 0.11$). After eliminating four outlier sites based on
462 the inspection of Q-Q plots, there was a statistically significant difference in PC3 (savannah and
463 deciduous forest to evergreen forest) across phenotypes ($F_{2,25} = 3.47$; $p = 0.047$); however, post-
464 hoc analyses using Tukey's test did not support significant differences between groups in
465 pairwise comparisons ($p > 0.05$ in all tests).

466 The same pattern of environmental overlap between color phenotypes was found when
467 accounting for evolutionary relationships within *A. fuscoauratus* (phylogenetic ANOVA, PC1:

468 $F_{2,29} = 0.28$; $p = 0.81$, PC2: $F_{2,29} = 1.68$; $p = 0.28$, PC3: $F_{2,29} = 2.38$; $p = 0.16$). Likewise, there were
469 no significant differences between phenotypes when focusing on vegetation cover alone (i.e.,
470 not including climate or topography) when accounting for evolutionary relationships
471 (phylogenetic ANOVA, PC1: $F_{2,29} = 0.96$; $p = 0.45$, PC2: $F_{2,29} = 0.02$; $p = 0.99$, PC3: $F_{2,29} = 0.69$; $p =$
472 0.6) or not (ANOVA, PC1: $F_{2,29} = 0.96$; $p = 0.40$, PC2: $F_{2,29} = 0.02$; $p = 0.98$, PC3: $F_{2,29} = 0.69$; $p =$
473 0.51).

474

475 *Species co-occurrences*

476 Co-occurrence analyses (Fig. 4) invariably found each of the three *A. fuscoauratus*
477 phenotypes to be negatively associated with one another ($p < 0.010$), reflecting our field
478 observation of a single phenotype at each sampled site.

479 Analyses including the three *A. fuscoauratus* dewlap phenotypes and the other five most
480 common sympatric *Anolis* species (Fig. 4A) found a negative association between *A.*
481 *fuscoauratus* with yellow dewlaps and *A. trachyderma* ($p = 0.047$); these two classes never co-
482 occurred. *Anolis trachyderma* and *A. fuscoauratus* both exhibit brown dorsal coloration, slender
483 bodies, and yellowish dewlaps. The distributions of the other two *A. fuscoauratus* phenotypes
484 (gray and pink) were not associated negatively or positively with the five most common
485 sympatric *Anolis* species (p -values ranging from 0.104 to 1). This analysis also found a positive
486 association between the occurrences of *A. tandai* (blue dewlaps) and *A. transversalis* (yellow
487 dewlaps) ($p = 0.003$), as well as between *A. ortonii* (red dewlaps) and *A. punctatus* (yellow
488 dewlaps) ($p = 0.005$), consistent with the observation that these species pairs frequently co-
489 occurred at sampled sites.

490 When grouping the other 11 *Anolis* species based solely on dewlap coloration (Fig. 4B),
491 we found a negative association between *A. fuscoauratus* with gray dewlaps and anole species
492 that have dewlaps with darker colors ($p = 0.005$). Other relationships were not significant (p -
493 values ranging from 0.059 to 0.994). When grouping the other 11 *Anolis* species considering
494 both relative color brightness and *Anolis* clade (*Draconura*: small, slender, brown anoles more
495 similar to *A. fuscoauratus*; *Dactyloa*: greenish anoles that often attain larger body sizes than *A.*
496 *fuscoauratus*) (Fig. 4C), we found a negative association between *A. fuscoauratus* with gray
497 dewlaps and *Draconura* species that have darker dewlap colors ($p = 0.011$). We also found a
498 negative association between *A. fuscoauratus* with yellow dewlaps and *Draconura* species that
499 have brighter dewlap colors ($p = 0.029$). Other relationships were not significant (p -values
500 ranging from 0.071 to 1).

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502 Discussion

503 On the basis of biodiversity inventories at dozens of rainforest sites in northern South
504 America, we found extensive dewlap color variation in *A. fuscoauratus* among sites, but limited
505 variation within sites (Fig. 1). Similar dewlaps occur at sites hundreds to thousands of
506 kilometers apart. In some cases, these sites are separated by unsuitable habitat; for instance,
507 yellow and gray dewlaps occur in both Amazonia and the Atlantic Forest, two rainforest regions
508 separated by open and dry grasslands and scrublands in which Amazon Slender Anoles do not
509 occur (Fig. 2). A reduced representation genomic dataset indicated that phenotypically similar
510 populations are often not closely related (Fig. 2), consistent with a history of repeated origin (or
511 loss) of each of the three dewlap phenotypes. Moreover, a genetic cluster analysis indicated
512 mismatches between dewlap phenotype and genetic structure: genetic clusters were composed
513 of individuals with different dewlap colors, and each dewlap phenotype was distributed across

514 multiple genetic clusters (Fig. 2). Estimates of environmental space occupancy found no
515 separation by phenotype (Fig. 3), providing no clear support for the hypothesis of local
516 adaptation to abiotic landscape gradients. By contrast, dewlap variation was associated with the
517 presence of other *Anolis* species across the geographic distribution of *A. fuscoauratus*.
518 Specifically, co-occurrence analyses found that *A. fuscoauratus* with yellow (bright) and gray
519 (darker) dewlaps occur less frequently than expected at sites where sympatric species have
520 relatively brighter or darker dewlap colors, respectively (Fig. 4).

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522 *Population isolation and sexual signal divergence*

523 A pattern of geographically clustered phenotypic variation, as we report in Amazon
524 Slender Anoles, could be generated by genetic isolation between populations due to stochastic
525 or non-adaptive evolutionary processes. For instance, genetic drift can lead to the fixation of
526 alternative phenotypes in isolated populations, a process that has been invoked to explain
527 sexual signal divergence in island species (Gehara et al. 2013). This scenario predicts genetic
528 discontinuity (i.e., allele frequency differences) between phenotypically distinct populations.
529 However, our analyses often inferred different phenotypes of *A. fuscoauratus* as part of the same
530 genetic cluster, which contradicts the hypothesis of phenotypic divergence between genetically
531 isolated populations. Alternatively, trait diversity can arise as a result of isolation-by-distance.
532 In this case, phenotypic divergence is predicted to correlate with geographic separation
533 (Campbell et al. 2010). However, our field surveys found dewlap turnover among sites that
534 were assigned to the same genetic cluster and are separated by only tens of kilometers of
535 rainforest habitat, with no apparent geographic features that would constitute barriers to gene
536 flow. Moreover, distinct genetic clusters occurring in distant geographic regions often showed
537 similar phenotypes. Taken together, these findings suggest that genetic or geographic isolation

538 is insufficient to explain the sexual signal diversity seen in Amazon Slender Anoles. Discordance
539 between population genetic divergence and geographic trait variation has been documented in
540 many studies investigating phenotypes ranging from bird bill morphology and plumage (Mason
541 and Taylor 2015) to fish body shape (Faulks et al. 2015). Such mismatches between genetic and
542 phenotypic structure have been attributed to phenotypic plasticity or convergent local
543 adaptation (reviewed by Zamudio et al. 2016), two processes that might also contribute to
544 dewlap polytypism in *A. fuscoauratus* (see below).

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546 *Environmental factors and sexual signal variation*

547 A pattern of phenotypic divergence not accompanied by genetic divergence, as seen in *A.*
548 *fuscoauratus*, can result from environmental factors that vary geographically. For instance,
549 dewlap color variation might stem from local differences in diet. In birds and fishes, pigments
550 that bestow yellow, orange, and red coloration depend on dietary sources of carotenoids, in
551 certain cases leading to geographic population variation (Endler 1980; Hill et al. 2002; Hill
552 2008). In the case of anoles, these colors can also be produced via endogenously synthesized
553 pteridins (Macedonia et al. 2000; Steffen and McGraw 2007; Alfonso et al. 2013). Experiments
554 with *A. distichus* and *Anolis sagrei* found no change in dewlap color or pattern under alternative
555 dietary regimes of carotenoid supplementation (Steffens et al. 2010; Ng et al. 2013b). Moreover,
556 breeding experiments showed that dewlap coloration is heritable in *A. distichus* and *A. sagrei*
557 (Ng et al. 2013b; Cox et al. 2017). While these studies suggest that dewlap colors are genetically
558 determined and not plastic in *Anolis*, no such data are currently available for *A. fuscoauratus*.
559 Future experimental studies could elucidate whether dietary pigments contribute to dewlap
560 diversity in Amazon Slender Anoles, which show higher levels of geographic color variation than
561 the previously studied species.

562 Alternatively, mismatches between genetic and phenotypic structure, as seen in Amazon
563 Slender Anoles, may stem from adaptive divergence with gene flow (reviewed in Zamudio et al.
564 2016). In Caribbean anoles, highly reflective (brighter) dewlap colors (e.g., white and yellow)
565 are more frequent in species that inhabit dense forests, while less reflective (darker) dewlap
566 colors (e.g., red and blue) appear more common in species from dry scrublands (Fleishman
567 1992). A similar pattern may hold for populations within species. In *Anolis cristatellus* and *A.*
568 *distichus*, for instance, dewlap spectral properties co-vary with habitat type at the intraspecific
569 level, suggesting that signaling traits are locally adapted for increased detectability (Leal and
570 Fleishman 2004; Ng et al. 2013a). Importantly, local adaptation in sexual signals can disrupt
571 mate choice and promote reproductive isolation among populations, leading to speciation
572 through sensory drive (reviewed in Boughman 2002). However, we found no association
573 between dewlap color and spatial gradients of climate, topography, and vegetation cover in *A.*
574 *fuscoauratus*. This result is inconsistent with the hypothesis that local adaptation to landscape
575 gradients was a driver of sexual signal diversity in this species. It is worth noting that Amazon
576 Slender Anoles are restricted to moist forests; the driest habitats where we sampled this species
577 were forest patches in forest-savanna transitional areas (e.g., in Brazil's state of Roraima). By
578 contrast, previously studied anole species with locally adapted dewlaps have ranges that span
579 mesic forests to open xeric habitats (Leal and Fleishman 2004; Ng et al. 2013a). Therefore,
580 environmental factors may be a more important driver of dewlap variation in *Anolis* species that
581 are more ecologically diverse than is *A. fuscoauratus* (e.g., Fleishman et al. 2009). Likewise,
582 iconic cases of locally adapted phenotypes occur along pronounced environmental transitions,
583 including dorsal coloration matching dark versus light soils in lizards and rodents (Roseblum
584 2006; Hoekstra et al. 2006) and armor plate patterning in conspecific freshwater and marine
585 fish populations (Colosimo et al. 2015). Consequently, if phenotypic and environmental

586 variation are coupled across the distribution of *A. fuscoauratus*, it may be challenging to detect
587 this relationship if the relevant spatial abiotic gradients are subtle.

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589 *Species co-occurrence and sexual signal divergence*

590 Our results suggest that sexual signal variation in Amazon Slender Anoles may be tied to
591 spatial turnover in the composition of ecological assemblages. Specifically, we found negative
592 associations between the distributions of the gray and yellow *A. fuscoauratus* phenotypes and
593 *Anolis* species with similarly bright or dark dewlap colors. These associations may be influenced
594 by the degree of overall morphological similarity among species. For instance, we found
595 negative associations between *A. fuscoauratus* dewlap phenotypes with other Amazonian
596 *Draconura* species, which also have brown or gray dorsa and slender bodies, but not with the
597 more distantly related Amazonian *Dactyloa* species, which are green and stockier. These
598 findings suggest that dewlap colors in *A. fuscoauratus* may adapt to reduce sexual signal
599 similarity with co-distributed species at a local scale, potentially decreasing the frequency of
600 cross-species interactions (e.g., Rand and Williams 1970; Webster and Burns 1973; Lambert et
601 al. 2013). Other studies have invoked reproductive character displacement to explain divergent
602 signaling traits among closely related lineages in sympatry. This is the case, for instance, with
603 colorful signals in Australian agamid lizards (Edwards et al. 2016) and vocalizations in birds
604 and frogs (Wallin 1986; Höbel and Gerhardt 2003; Hoskin et al. 2005; Kirshel et al. 2009).
605 Moreover, our results are consistent with studies showing that local selective regimes can lead
606 to phenotypic mosaics when species interactions vary geographically (Thompson 2005; Brodie
607 Jr et al. 2002).

608 Our co-occurrence results pose the question of why *A. fuscoauratus* seems to be the only
609 Amazonian *Anolis* whose signaling traits vary as a function of the distributions of closely related

610 species whereas the vast majority of other species have uniform dewlap coloration. One
611 possibility is that dewlap diversity in Amazon Slender Anoles is related to relationships of
612 behavioral dominance among species. *Anolis fuscoauratus* is the smallest and most slender of
613 lowland Amazonian anole species (Avila-Pires 1995; Prates et al. 2017, 2020). By evolving
614 divergent dewlaps, *A. fuscoauratus* might reduce agonistic interspecific interactions and thus
615 avoid aggression from its larger relatives. Integrative behavioral and phenotypic experimental
616 approaches could be used to test the hypothesis that body size predicts dominance (or
617 subordination) and dewlap coloration divergence among sympatric *Anolis* species, in Amazonia
618 and elsewhere.

619 In contrast to the gray and yellow dewlaps, we found no evidence of geographic
620 associations between *A. fuscoauratus* with pink dewlaps and co-distributed *Anolis* species. This
621 pattern may indicate that pink dewlaps have intrinsic spectral properties that result in lower
622 interference with sympatric anoles (e.g., Fleishman 1992; Fleishman et al. 2009). For instance,
623 beyond relative brightness, *Anolis* dewlap colors vary along additional axes that contribute to
624 signaling, such as chroma (“colorfulness”) (Fleishman et al. 2009). Furthermore, pink dewlaps
625 might be associated with factors not considered in this investigation, including signal detection
626 by non-target viewers. For instance, geographic differences in predation intensity have led to
627 polytypic signaling traits in fishes and frogs (Trillo et al. 2013; Heinen-Kay et al 2015; Johnson
628 and Candolin 2017), albeit not in brown anoles, *A. sagrei* (Baeckens et al. 2018). Future studies
629 of *A. fuscoauratus* will benefit from characterizing dewlap color spectra, identifying key
630 predators, and quantifying differences in predation intensity among dewlap color phenotypes
631 and localities, for instance using clay models (Steffen 2009; Paemelaere et al. 2013).

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633 *Sexual signal divergence and reproductive isolation*

634 Our genetic analyses suggest that patterns of genetic structure do not match phenotypic
635 structure among populations of Amazon Slender Anoles, contradicting the expectation that
636 populations with distinct sexual signals are reproductively isolated. Yet, it is widely accepted
637 that the dewlap plays a key role in promoting reproductive isolation in *Anolis* lizards (reviewed
638 by Tokarz 1995; Losos 2009). Supporting this view, behavioral experiments with *A. cybotes*, *A.*
639 *marcanoii*, and *A. grahami* found stronger responses of individuals to dewlap displays of their
640 own species than to those of other species (Losos 1985; Macedonia and Stamps 1994).
641 Nevertheless, it is unclear whether dewlap divergence can ultimately disrupt gene flow between
642 lineages. In the case of Amazon Slender Anoles, multiple dewlap phenotypes are present within
643 each of the six genetic clusters across the species range, suggesting that genetic divergence
644 within *A. fuscoauratus* is not associated with differences in dewlap coloration at broad or
645 narrow spatial scales. It is worth noting that, despite dewlap color variation, populations across
646 the range of *A. fuscoauratus* have homogeneous hemipenes, a trait linked to reproductive
647 isolation in lizards (D'Angiolella et al. 2016). Signal variation among interbreeding populations,
648 as seen in *A. fuscoauratus*, has been documented in other *Anolis* species (Thorpe and Stenson
649 2003; Stapley et al. 2011; Ng and Glor 2011; Ng et al. 2017) as well as other organisms that rely
650 on visual signals, such as birds and fishes (Hermansen et al. 2011; Morgans et al. 2014). These
651 studies support the idea that divergent signaling traits do not necessarily impose strong
652 barriers to interbreeding and gene flow, even when sexual signals are locally adapted (Muñoz et
653 al. 2013; Ng et al. 2016).

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655 *Concluding remarks*

656 On the basis of phenotypic, genetic, and ecological data, we found evidence that certain
657 dewlap colors in a widespread anole lizard species are negatively associated with the local

658 occurrence of phenotypically similar closely related species. Our finding of extensive
659 mismatches between genetic and phenotypic structure in Amazon Slender Anoles at both broad
660 and narrow spatial scales raises questions about the presumed role of the dewlap in
661 reproductive isolation in anole lizards (Tokarz 1995; Losos 2009). Correspondingly, our results
662 also call into question the extent to which dewlap coloration is informative for species
663 delimitation and taxonomy in *Anolis*, as previously suggested based on other anole species
664 complexes (Prates et al. 2015).

665 This investigation highlights several knowledge gaps to be addressed by future studies.
666 First, we still know little about how divergent visual signals affect agonistic interactions and
667 mate choice in *Anolis*, which will require additional behavioral experimentation (e.g., Losos
668 1995). Moreover, the genetic basis of dewlap color variation remains unclear. Genomic analyses
669 of phenotypically diverse species can elucidate the genetic mechanisms behind parallel trait
670 evolution, including the contribution of standing genetic variation (reviewed in Zamudio et al.
671 2016) and differential gene flow across genomic regions in the face of selection (reviewed in
672 Harrison 2012; Harrison and Larson 2014). The geographically variable dewlaps of Amazon
673 Slender Anoles emerge as a promising system to address these questions. Future investigations
674 of this compelling system will benefit from quantitative assessments of sexual signal variation,
675 behavioral experiments, and comparative genomic analyses.

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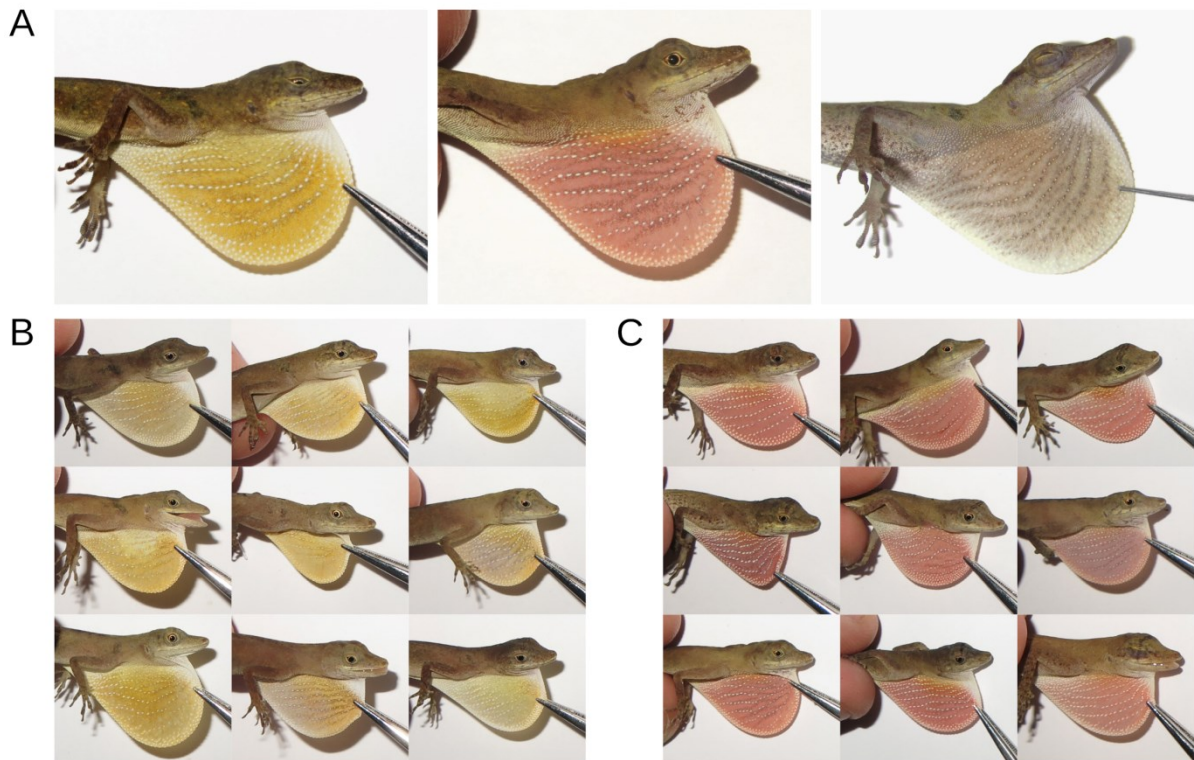
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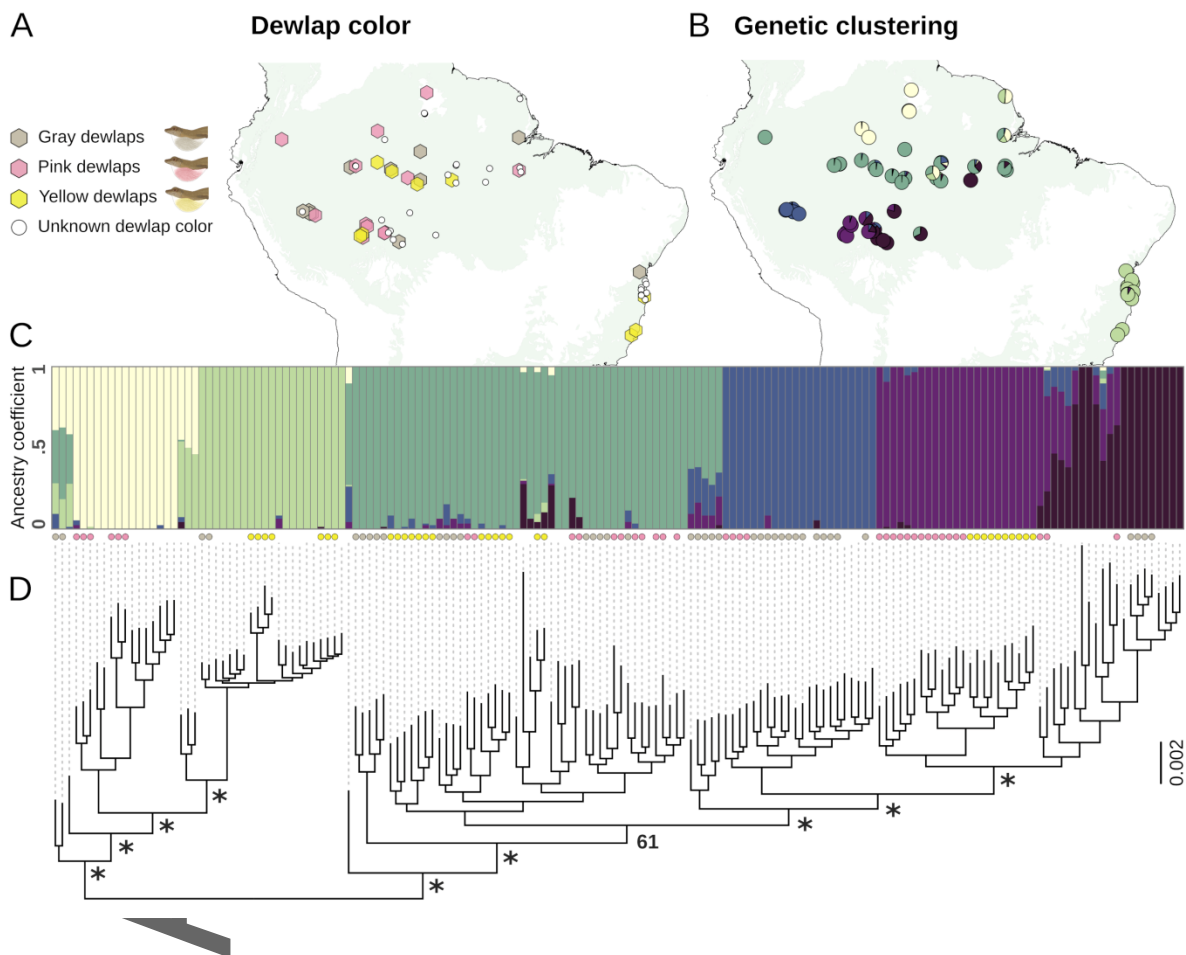
1023 **Fig. 1.** Dewlap phenotypes in Amazon Slender Anoles (*Anolis fuscoauratus*) and examples of
1024 limited intra-site dewlap coloration variation. (A) The three dewlap phenotypes recorded in our
1025 field inventories: yellow, pink, and gray. (B) Intra-site variation in Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil. (C)
1026 Intra-site variation in Senador Guiomard, Acre, Brazil. These two sites are separated by around
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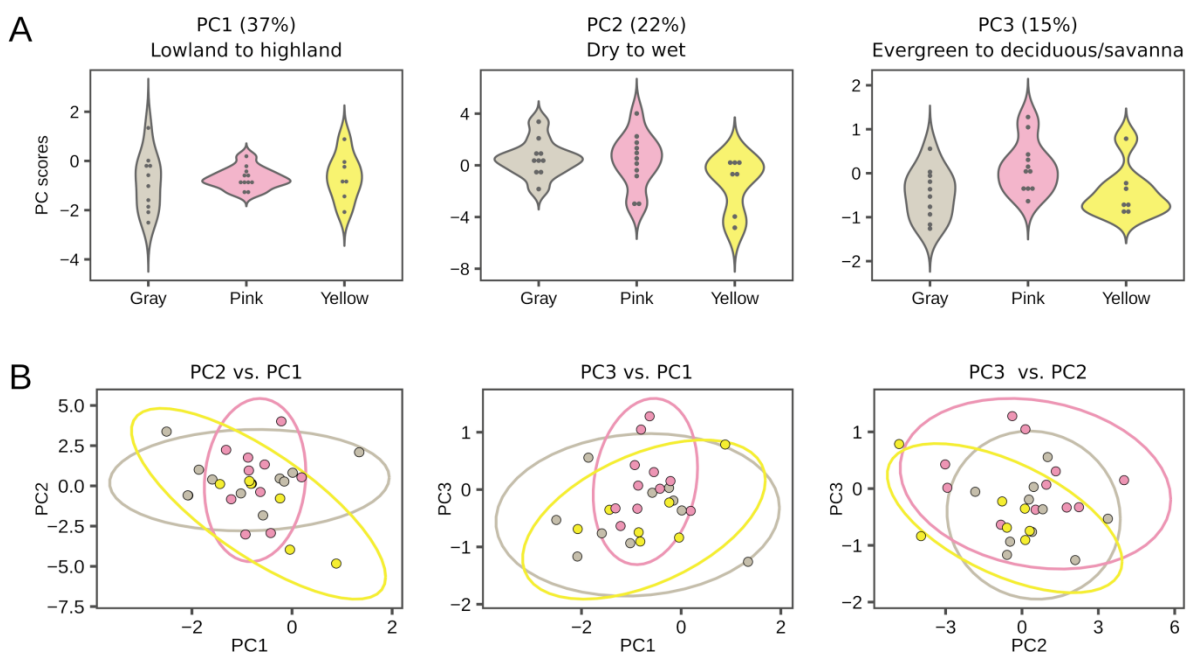
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1029 **Fig. 2.** Spatial patterns of genetic and phenotypic structure in Amazon Slender Anoles. (A)
1030 Geographic dewlap color variation based on field inventories performed over the last two
1031 decades in South American rainforests. (B) Distribution of the six genetic clusters inferred from

1032 genetic cluster analysis (each cluster shown in a different color); pies indicate the average
 1033 proportions of alleles (i.e., ancestry proportions) from each cluster at a given site (based on all
 1034 individuals sampled at that site). Light green background on the maps depicts rainforest
 1035 distribution. (C) Ancestry proportions from genetic cluster analyses; each bar represents an
 1036 individual. When known, dewlap color is indicated with colored circles below each individual
 1037 bar. (D) Phylogenetic relationships among samples inferred under a Maximum Likelihood
 1038 framework based on the SNP data. For clarity, nodal support is shown only for the relationships
 1039 between major groups inferred by genetic cluster analyses (a complete phylogeny, including
 1040 outgroups, with support for all nodes is provided in Text S2). Asterisks indicate bootstrap
 1041 support > 95.



1043 **Fig. 3.** Environmental space occupancy and overlap between dewlap phenotypes in Amazon
 1044 Slender Anoles. (A) Violin plots showing, for each phenotype, the probability densities of the
 1045 first three axes from an environmental PCA. PC1 describes a lowland to highland axis; PC2
 1046 describes a dry to wet axis; and PC3 describes an evergreen forest to deciduous forest and
 1047 savanna axis. (B) Overlap in environmental space occupancy among dewlap phenotypes based
 1048 on biplots of PC1, PC2, and PC3.

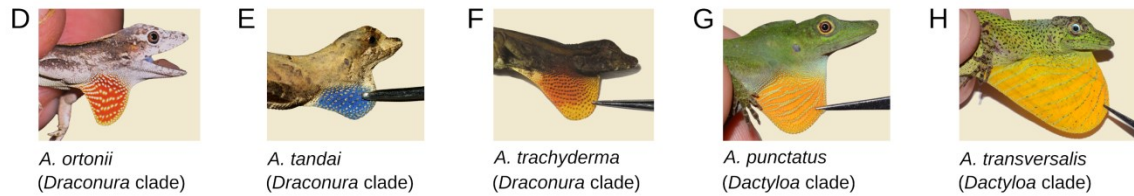
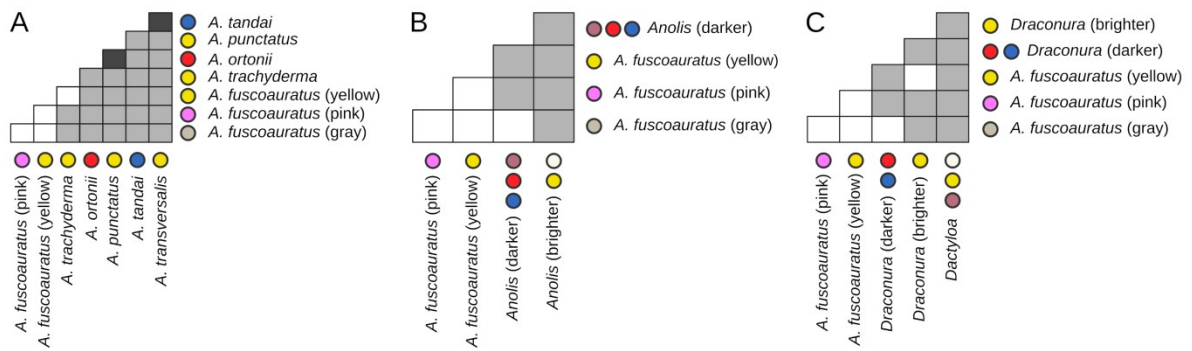


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 1050 **Fig. 4.** Results of co-occurrence tests between *Anolis fuscoauratus* dewlap phenotypes and
 1051 sympatric *Anolis* species. Each square represents a pairwise comparison between each of the
 1052 three *A. fuscoauratus* phenotypes (gray, pink, yellow) and: (A) each of five co-distributed and
 1053 common *Anolis* species (detected in at least eight out of 32 sites); (B) 11 *Anolis* species that
 1054 occur sympatrically with *A. fuscoauratus* grouped into dewlaps with relatively brighter (yellow,
 1055 orange, white) or darker (blue, red, pinkish-brown) colors; and (C) the same 11 species grouped
 1056 based on both relative dewlap color reflectivity and major *Anolis* clade (*Draconura*: brown or
 1057 gray small, slender anoles, more similar and more closely related to *A. fuscoauratus*; *Dactyloa*:

1058 greenish larger, stockier anoles, less similar and more distantly related to *A. fuscoauratus*). The
 1059 dewlaps of the five anole species most frequently found in sympatry with *A. fuscoauratus* are
 1060 also illustrated: (D) *Anolis ortonii*, (E) *Anolis tandai*, and (F) *Anolis trachyderma* (all three in the
 1061 *Draconura* clade); and (G) *Anolis punctatus* and (H) *Anolis transversalis* (both in the *Dactyloa*
 1062 clade).

Co-occurrence matrices

□ Negative ■ Positive ■ Non-significant



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1071 **Supporting Information**

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1073 **Figure S1.** Violin plots depicting the ranges of all 17 environmental variables.

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1075 **Table S1.** Locality information for *Anolis fuscoauratus* and sympatric *Anolis* species used in the
1076 co-occurrence analyses.

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1078 **Table S2.** Specimen and locality information of individuals used in the genetic analyses.

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1080 **Table S3.** Locality information and data used in the environmental analyses.

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1082 **Table S4.** Loadings of variables used in environmental principal component analyses.

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1084 **Text S1.** Protein precipitation protocol used for genomic DNA extraction.

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1086 **Text S2.** Phylogenetic tree including node support values and outgroup taxa.