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Molecular Phylogeny, Historical Biogeography, and Divergence Time Estimates for Swallowtail Butterflies of the Genus *Papilio* (Lepidoptera: Papilionidae) FREE

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Abstract

Swallowtail butterflies are recognized as model organisms in ecology, evolutionary biology, genetics, and conservation biology but present numerous unresolved phylogenetic problems. We inferred phylogenetic relationships for 51 of about 205 species of the genus *Papilio* (sensu lato) from 3.3-Kilobase (kb) sequences of mitochondrial and nuclear DNA (2.3 kb of cytochrome oxidases I and II and 1.0 kb of elongation factor 1 α). Congruent phylogenetic trees were recovered within *Papilio* from analyses of combined data using maximum likelihood, Bayesian analysis, and maximum parsimony bootstrap consensus. Several disagreements with the traditional classification of *Papilio* were found. Five major previously hypothesized subdivisions within *Papilio* were well supported: *Heraclides*, *Pterourus*, *Chilasa*, *Papilio* (sensu stricto), and *Eleppone*. Further studies are required to clarify relationships within traditional “*Princeps*,” which was paraphyletic. Several biologically interesting characteristics of *Papilio* appear to have polyphyletic origins, including mimetic adults, larval host associations, and larval morphology. Early diversification within *Papilio* is estimated at 55–65 million years ago based on a combination of biogeographic time constraints rather than fossils. This divergence time suggests that *Papilio* has slower apparent substitution rates than do *Drosophila* and fig-pollinating wasps and/or divergences corrected using best-fit substitution models are still being consistently underestimated. The amount of sequence divergence between *Papilio* subdivisions is equivalent to divergences between genera in other tribes of the Papilionidae, and between genera of moths of the noctuid subfamily Heliothinae.

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