



Recent and rapid diversification of the small carpenter bees in eastern North America

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Bees fulfil a critical ecological role as pollinators, significantly contributing to the reproductive success of myriad angiosperm species. Although increasingly appreciated for their agricultural contributions, relatively little is yet known about the natural history of the vast majority of the more than 20 000 wild bee species worldwide. The small carpenter bee genus *Ceratina* occurs globally, and is represented in North America by its most recently diverged subgenera, *Ceratinula* and *Zadontomerus*. Recent genetic analysis of eastern *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) supports the existence of five closely related, yet genetically distinct species living in sympatry. This phylogeographical study employs molecular barcoding of the most comprehensive specimen collection yet assembled to confirm the identities of these recently diverged eastern North American *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species. Delineation of extant population structure, evolutionary history and known range of this emerging model native pollinator are greatly improved by this study. We consider ecological and behavioural factors potentially contributing to the maintenance of genetic identity among these sympatric species. © 2015 The Linnean Society of London, *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society*, 2015, 00, 000–000.

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INTRODUCTION

The study of speciation is a powerful approach to exploring evolutionary, climatic and ecological change (Hampe & Petit, 2005). By understanding the elements contributing to the vicariance, dispersal and displacement of ecologically essential species groups, we gain important insight into current and historical phylogeography (Davies *et al.*, 2013; López-Urbe *et al.*, 2014; Rehan & Schwarz, 2015). Pollinator species are of significant ecological importance, and are highly sensitive to changes in their environment; they are thus among the most informative taxa for gauging biological responses to ecological dynamics (Potts *et al.*, 2010; Winfree *et al.*, 2011).

Bees have coevolved with angiosperms for over 100 Myr and are represented by more than 20 000 species worldwide (Engel, 2000; Michener, 2007). Bees are thus regarded as important pollinators both for their efficiency and for their ubiquity (Kremen,

Williams & Thorp, 2002; Winfree *et al.*, 2011; Brittain *et al.*, 2012; Rogers, Tarpay & Burrack, 2014; Ascher & Pickering, 2015). Directly tied to trophic productivity, bees are vitally important to sustainable commercial agriculture and insect-pollinated ecosystems (Klein *et al.*, 2007). The value of bee pollination to agriculture is estimated at \$200 billion per year worldwide, and is thought to be even greater in natural ecosystems (Gallai *et al.*, 2009). As bees are strongly influenced by climatic and environmental conditions, understanding their phylogenetic relationships and current and historical species ranges can reveal a great deal about climate change, pollinator dispersal patterns and the ongoing evolution of pollinator–plant relationships (Conte & Navajas, 2008; Bartomeus *et al.*, 2011; Russo *et al.*, 2013; López-Urbe *et al.*, 2014; Rehan & Schwarz, 2015).

The small carpenter bees, genus *Ceratina* (Hymenoptera: Apidae: Xylocopinae), are a globally dispersed and highly diverse group of ubiquitous pollinators, occurring on every continent except Antarctica (Rehan, Richards & Schwarz, 2010b; Rehan *et al.*, 2010a; Kennedy *et al.*, 2013). Originating

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in Africa ~55 Mya, *Ceratina* dispersed north and eastward to cover the entirety of Eurasia before arriving in the New World some 43 Mya (Rehan & Schwarz, 2015). Given a cooler climate, these initial individuals probably took to refugia in the Neotropics before dispersing north into the Nearctic as glacial periods came to a close (Rehan & Schwarz, 2015). The extant Nearctic lineages are thought to have originated in the Neotropics, rapidly dispersing north-west as far as Oregon and British Columbia, and north-east into the Great Lakes region and Maritime Canada (Daly, 1973; Sheffield *et al.*, 2009; Rehan & Sheffield, 2011). *Ceratina* has diversified into at least 26 known species in North America, and is currently represented by subgenera *Ceratinula* and the most recently diverged *Zadontomerus* (Daly, 1973; Rehan & Schwarz, 2015).

Although 21 of the 26 described *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species occur west of the Rocky Mountain range, the few known eastern North American species are taxonomically challenging to differentiate from one another (Daly, 1973; Rehan & Richards, 2008; Rehan & Sheffield, 2011). Because of this lack of diagnostic morphology, there were originally thought to be just three eastern species: *Ceratina calcarata*, *C. strenua* and *C. dupla* (Mitchell, 1962; Daly, 1973). It was exactly this type of taxonomic challenge that inspired the development of genetic 'barcoding', in which rapidly mutating mitochondrial DNA, specifically the cytochrome *c* oxidase subunit I (COI) locus, is targeted to assess population structure with high resolution (Hebert, Ratnasingham & deWaard, 2003b; Hebert *et al.*, 2003a, 2004; Beebe & Rowe, 2004). This method of DNA barcoding has been used with great success in both bee and wasp phylogeographical studies (Packer *et al.*, 2008; Raychoudhury *et al.*, 2010; Groom, Stevens & Schwarz, 2015).

Recent genetic analyses of eastern North American *Ceratina* support the existence of two additional species, *C. mikmaqi* and *C. floridana*, both genetically distinct from, but still closely related to, *C. dupla* (the triad are considered a species-complex; Rehan & Sheffield, 2011). Interestingly, while *C. calcarata*, *C. strenua*, *C. mikmaqi* and *C. dupla* have broadly overlapping ranges, *C. floridana* has been primarily identified in the south-east (Rehan & Sheffield, 2011). Taken together, the five species are semi-sympatric east of the Mississippi River and known ecology and nesting biology are similar (Grothaus, 1962; Daly, 1973; Kislow, 1976).

DNA barcoding has aided the taxonomic revision of the eastern *Ceratina* species-complex and revealed cryptic species and population structure, but the exact phylogenetic relationships within the eastern species-complex remain unknown (Rehan & Richards, 2008;

Rehan & Sheffield, 2011). Here we provide the first phylogeography of this native pollinator genus in North America, adding new records expanding the known distributions of all eastern *Ceratina* species, and provide population genetic resolution of recently described species *C. mikmaqi* and *C. floridana*. Dates of species divergence are estimated and used to reconstruct the historical biogeography of the eastern North American *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) clade. Factors influencing and maintaining distinct species despite high ecological overlap are considered.

METHODS

SAMPLE SELECTION AND IDENTIFICATION

While previous morphological taxonomic study has established expansive regional ranges for these species, recent taxonomic revisions and molecular genetic characterizations have focused on north-eastern populations around the Great Lakes and east to maritime Canada (Daly, 1973; Rehan & Richards, 2008; Rehan & Sheffield, 2011). To compare genetic divergences across their continental range, specimens of *C. calcarata*, *C. strenua*, *C. mikmaqi*, *C. dupla* and *C. floridana* were barcoded from all states for which samples were available: east of the Mississippi as far south as Florida and west to Nebraska (Figs 1, 2). In total, 172 specimens were morphologically identified to species following Rehan & Sheffield (2011) and voucher specimens are retained in the University of New Hampshire Insect Collections.

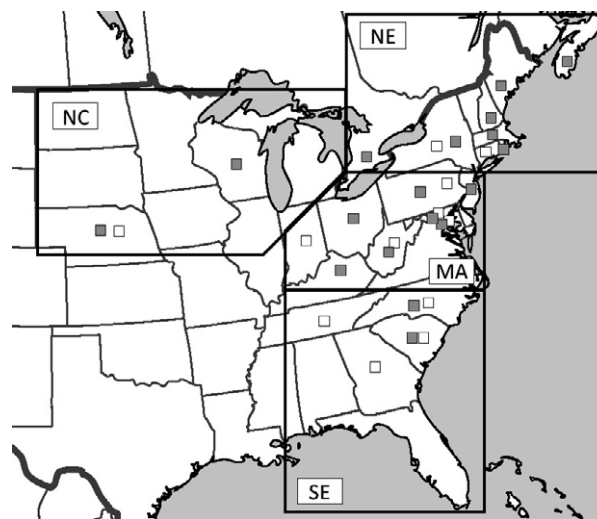


Figure 1. *Ceratina calcarata* (grey squares) and *C. strenua* (white squares) collection locations. Black frames indicate north-east (NE), north-central (NC), mid-Atlantic (MA) and south-east (SE) ecoregions.

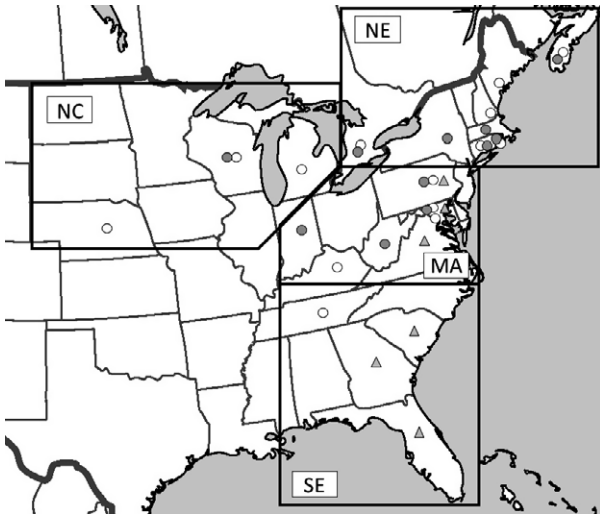


Figure 2. *Ceratina mikmaqi* (grey circles), *C. dupla* (white circles) and *C. floridana* (grey triangles) collection locations. Black frames north-east (NE), north-central (NC), mid-Atlantic (MA) and south-east (SE) ecoregions.

DNA EXTRACTION, AMPLIFICATION AND SEQUENCING

Three legs from the right side of each specimen were used for DNA extraction. DNA was extracted following a modified phenol chloroform-isoamylalcohol procedure (Kirby, 1956). Genetic material was amplified at barcoding region COI, as in Hebert *et al.* (2003a, b), using the Lep1 (F + R) primer pair (Lep1F, 5'-A TTCAACCA ATCATAAAGATATTGG-3'; Lep1R, 5'-T AAACCTCTGGATGTCCAAAAAATCA-3'). PCRs were mixed as follows: 7.2 μ L double distilled H₂O, 2.0 μ L 10 \times buffer, 2.0 μ L MgCl₂, 1.0 μ L Lep1-F, 1.0 μ L Lep1-R, 0.4 μ L dNTPs, 0.4 μ L Taq, 6.0 μ L DNA for a 20- μ L total reaction volume. Reactions were run in an Eppendorf Mastercycler gradient thermocycler following cycling procedures from Hebert *et al.* (2004): 94 $^{\circ}$ C for 1 min; followed by six cycles of 94 $^{\circ}$ C for 1 min, 45 $^{\circ}$ C for 90 s and 72 $^{\circ}$ C for 75 s; followed by 36 cycles of 94 $^{\circ}$ C for 1 min, 51 $^{\circ}$ C for 90 s and 72 $^{\circ}$ C for 75 s; followed by a final extension period of 72 $^{\circ}$ C for 5 min. Amplification success and product size were confirmed via gel electrophoresis (3 μ L sample load, 1% agarose gel, 87 V run, 25–40 min GelRed bath stain). Ninety-six-well plates (twin.tec, semi-skirted, blue, cat. no. 951020362) were loaded with successful reactions and 17 μ L of PCR product for each sample was sent to Eurofins Genomics in Louisville, Kentucky, for PCR cleanup and Sanger sequencing.

SEQUENCE QUALITY AND ALIGNMENT

COI sequence data were visually inspected for quality in BioEdit (Hall, 1999), and chromatogram

residues were manually edited for base call accuracy. A set of 172 new sequences (GenBank accession numbers KP747134–KP747305) were combined with 194 sequences previously published in Rehan & Sheffield (2011). This total set of 366 sequences was aligned via ClustalW using default settings (Thompson, Higgins & Gibbons, 1994), then trimmed to a consensus region of 575 unambiguous, gap-free base pairs for further analysis. These sequences were then screened via BLAST database search for *Wolbachia* contamination following Groom, Stevens & Schwarz (2013). Three outgroup COI haplotypes were included to root the ingroup, including two western *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species, *C. acantha* and *C. nanula*, and one species from a sister subgenus, *Ceratina* (*Ceratinula*) *cockerelli* (Rehan *et al.*, 2010a, b). *Ceratina cockerelli* is sympatric in southern distribution to the eastern *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species group (Daly, 1973).

HAPLOTYPE DIVERSITY AND POPULATION GENETIC ANALYSES

Minimum spanning trees (MSTs) were constructed using Haploview (Salzburger, Ewing & VonHaeseler, 2011) and were partitioned both by species and by regional collection location (i.e. north-east 'NE', north-central 'NC', mid-Atlantic 'MA', and south-east 'SE'; Figs 1, 2). These regional assignments are representative of biologically distinct ecoregions, which are well defined by the US Environmental Protection Agency (http://www.epa.gov/wed/pages/ecoregions/na_eco.htm; McMahon *et al.*, 2001) and utilized in other studies (White *et al.*, 2009). All population genetic analyses were performed in Arlequin v. 3.5.1.2 (Excoffier & Lischer, 2010). At the intra-population level we ran Tajima's *D* and Fu's *F_S* tests of neutrality, based on 1000 simulations, for each species. Analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) was performed to compare genetic variation within and among each species, and within and among the regional populations of each species. Species regional population genetic structure was assessed using Wright's *F*-statistics calculated over the course of 1000 permutations, capturing *F_{ST}* and pairwise differences between populations. To test whether populations were significantly differentiated from each other based on haplotypes, an exact test of sample differentiation was performed.

MOLECULAR CLOCK ESTIMATES

Fossil records for samples of North American *Ceratina* do not exist, and thus we estimated species divergence times using an approximate mitochondrial mutation rate. Because base composition can

strongly influence mutation rate (Montooth & Rand, 2008), we followed Groom *et al.* (2015), who performed a similar analysis, and compared the AT percentage of our *Ceratina* dataset with that of their *Lasioglossum* population. *Ceratina* AT content comprised ~74% of its dataset, identical to that of *Lasioglossum* (Groom *et al.*, 2015). As in Groom *et al.* (2015) we used *D. melanogaster*'s mitochondrial mutation rate (6.2×10^{-8} mutations per site per generation; Haag-Liautard *et al.*, 2008) to aid in our divergence time estimations. We assumed one generation per year as reported for eastern North American *Ceratina* species (reviewed by Rehan & Richards, 2010b).

MOLECULAR PHYLOGENETIC ANALYSIS

Phylogenetic analyses were performed using Bayesian inference implemented in BEAST v.1.8.2 (Drummond *et al.*, 2012) with a lognormal relaxed molecular clock (normal rate = 6.2×10^{-8} , SD = 1×10^{-6}) for 60 million iterations, sampling every 6000th iteration under a Yule Process speciation tree model. A lognormal relaxed clock was employed for the data set to allow for rate variation among species (Duchêne, Lanfear & Ho, 2014). Data included 102 unique ingroup haplotypes obtained from the total trimmed sequences (Supporting Information, Table S1), as well as two western *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species, *C. acantha* and *C. nanula*, and one *Ceratina* (*Ceratinula*) *cockerelli* sequence as outgroups. The most suitable substitution prior was determined as HKY + I + G by an Akaike information criterion (AIC) in jModelTest v.2.1.7 (Darriba *et al.*, 2012). Codon positions were partitioned to place unique weight on the third position [i.e. (1 + 2), 3]. With no calibration data, the 'treeModel.rootHeight' prior was left unassigned, such that branch lengths would be proportional to age, given an estimated COI mutation rate (i.e. clock.rate). Analyses were performed in triplicate to ensure congruence. Subsequent log files were analysed in Tracer v.1.6 (Rambaut *et al.*, 2014) to assess acceptability of estimated sample size (ESS > 200). TreeAnnotator (included in the BEAST software package) was used to select a Maximum Clade Credibility (MCC) phylogeny from 10 000 trees (following a one thousand tree burn-in) generated during the Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) process. This MCC tree was then annotated in FigTree (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/>) to display posterior probability.

HAPLOTYPE DIVERSIFICATION ESTIMATION

Both a lineage through time (LTT) and Bayesian Skyline Plot (BSP) were generated for eastern North

American *Ceratina* following a modification of the run used to secure initial phylogeny. First, outgroup sequences were trimmed from the dataset, such that resolution would be constrained to ingroup. The HKY + I substitution prior was most strongly supported by jModelTest for the ingroup dataset. Under the Bayesian skyline coalescent tree model, we assigned a tree model root height using time to most recent common ancestor (tMRC) estimated in initial MCMC phylogenetic analysis (treeModel.rootHeight = 1.80×10^5 , SD = 2.5×10^4 Normal prior). Clock.rate prior was again set following previously published mtDNA mutation rates (lognormal relaxed clock, normal rate = 6.2×10^{-8} , SD = 1×10^{-6} ; Haag-Liautard *et al.*, 2008). MCMC was again run, in triplicate, for 60 million generations, sampling every 6000th generation, and subsequent log files were assessed in Tracer for acceptability of estimated sample size (ESS > 200). These data were then used to generate an eastern North America *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*)-specific MCC tree in TreeAnnotator, subsequently annotated in FigTree to display posterior probability (PP) scores and 95% highest posterior density values. Tracer was then used to perform BSP and LTT analyses (Rambaut *et al.*, 2014).

RESULTS

A total of 366 mtDNA barcode sequences were obtained for the eastern North America *Ceratina* species group across each study species' known range (Figs 1, 2). While *C. calcarata*, *C. dupla* and *C. strenua* were sampled across all defined study regions (i.e. NE, NC, MA, SE), *C. mikmaqi* was not collected in the south-east, and *C. floridana* was found only in the south-east and mid-Atlantic.

BEAST analysis recovered eastern North American *Ceratina* as a monophyletic clade (PP = 1.0; Supporting Information, Fig. S1). Within the eastern North American *C. (Zadontomerus)* species group, monophyly of each species was strongly supported [*C. dupla* (PP = 0.999), *C. floridana* (PP = 0.987), *C. calcarata* (PP = 0.999), *C. strenua* (PP = 0.995) and *C. mikmaqi* (PP = 0.997)]. *Ceratina mikmaqi* was strongly supported as basal to the rest of the eastern *Ceratina (Zadontomerus)* species group (PP = 1.0). *Ceratina calcarata* and *C. strenua* were recovered as sister species (PP = 0.799), as were *C. dupla* and *C. floridana* (PP = 0.901), although the *C. calcarata* + *C. strenua* and *C. dupla* + *C. floridana* clades were not well resolved as direct sister clades (PP = 0.37; Supporting Information, Figs S2, S3).

In the 366 COI sequences there were 96 polymorphic sites, with between 14 and 28 unique

haplotypes within any one species (Supporting Information, Table S1). Pairwise comparisons among all individuals revealed significant sequence divergence both between and within species, and between two and six fixed nucleotide differences between species (Supporting Information, Table S2). When applied to our dataset, the *Drosophila melanogaster* mtDNA mutation rate ($6.2 \times 10^{-8} \times 575 \text{ bases} \times 1 \text{ generation/year} = 3.565 \times 10^{-5} \text{ fixed mutations/year}$) estimated approximately one fixed mutation every 28 000 years (i.e. $1 \text{ fixed mutation}/3.575 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mutations/year} = 28\,050 \text{ years/fixed mutation}$). Estimates of population divergence suggest a steady series of speciation events, starting around 175 kya (*C. mikmaqi*), and continuing at 132 kya (*C. dupla* + *C. floridana* and *C. calcarata* + *C. strenua* crown), 92 kya (*C. calcarata* + *C. strenua* crown) and finally 83 kya (*C. dupla* + *C. floridana* crown); LTT plotting reflects this slow, steady increase in genetic diversity (Fig. 3A). Bayesian skyline analysis supports a relatively recent (between 25 and 10 kya) population expansion to the broad range observed today (Fig. 3B).

MST construction revealed distinct population structuring among species (Fig. 4) and within species by region (Supporting Information, Figs S4, S5). AMOVA revealed an overall $F_{ST} = 0.76$ ($P < 0.001$) for the eastern *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species group, and F_{ST} values ranging from 0.68 to 0.82 between each species ($P < 0.001$). Average pairwise base pair differences between species were also significant, with a range of 4.00–9.09 differences between species groups ($P < 0.001$). Tajima's D test of neutrality yielded significantly negative D values for *C. strenua* and *C. dupla*, with slightly but not significantly negative values for all other species (Supporting Information, Table S3). Fu's F_S test of neutrality yielded significantly negative F_S scores for all species ranging from -7.75 to -17.5 (P -values ranging from < 0.001 to 0.006 ; Supporting Information, Table S3).

Each species was assessed by region for analysis of sub-population structure. Within species, *C. calcarata* had an F_{ST} of 0.128 ($P < 0.001$), and between 3.21 and 3.55 average base pair differences between each significantly distinct population (Supporting Information, Table S4). *Ceratina strenua* had no significant fixation indices or average pairwise differences within or between regional populations [overall within-species F_{ST} of 0.075 (all $P \geq 0.05$; Supporting Information, Table S5)].

Ceratina dupla had an overall within-species F_{ST} of 0.321 ($P < 0.001$), with between 1.909 and 3.157 average base pair differences between each significantly distinct population and significant pairwise F_{ST} ranging from 0.193 to 0.395 ($P < 0.05$; Supporting

Information, Table S6). All regional *C. dupla* populations were significantly distinct from each other except between mid-Atlantic and south-east populations. *Ceratina mikmaqi* had no significant fixation indices or average pairwise differences within or between populations [overall within-species F_{ST} of 0.004 ($P = 0.337$; Supporting Information, Table S7)]. *Ceratina floridana* had an overall within-species F_{ST} of 0.162 ($P < 0.001$), with a significant average base pair difference of 2.400 ($P < 0.001$; Supporting Information, Table S8).

DISCUSSION

Our results confirm the distinct identities of five largely sympatric *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species in eastern North America and support the recent description of *C. floridana* and *C. mikmaqi* as discrete species (Rehan & Sheffield, 2011). Collectively, the eastern North American *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species are very closely related at the COI locus, with a maximum fixed nucleotide difference of 6 bp between *C. mikmaqi* and *C. calcarata*, down to as few as two fixed base pairs between *C. dupla* and *C. floridana*; these numbers are consistent with previous studies (Rehan & Richards, 2008; Rehan & Sheffield, 2011). Our expanded sampling has greatly increased our understanding of the incidental range of each of these species, extending *C. floridana*'s known range into the mid-Atlantic region, and framing *C. mikmaqi* as occurring primarily in the north-east (Figs 1, 2).

SPECIES DISTINCTIONS

Given the broad sympatry of these five species, it is very likely that they are still in the early stages of divergence. *Ceratina dupla* and *C. calcarata* have even been observed to viably hybridize in greenhouse mating experiments (Hung & Norden, 1987). *Ceratina dupla* and *C. mikmaqi* have broadly overlapping ranges but distinctly structured populations ($F_{ST} = 0.77$, $P < 0.001$; sequence divergence = 1.34%). By contrast, *C. mikmaqi* and *C. floridana* were found to have one of the lowest F_{ST} values of any two species considered in the study ($F_{ST} = 0.69$; $P < 0.001$; sequence divergence = 0.69%) despite lowest overlap in species' ranges.

Our Tajima's D and Fu's F_S values were significantly negative on average, suggesting relatively recent population expansion events and genetic drift (Supporting Information, Table S3). Fu's F_S is calculated using only observed vs. expected allelic diversities, so the comparatively less negative scores measured in *C. mikmaqi* and *C. floridana* directly

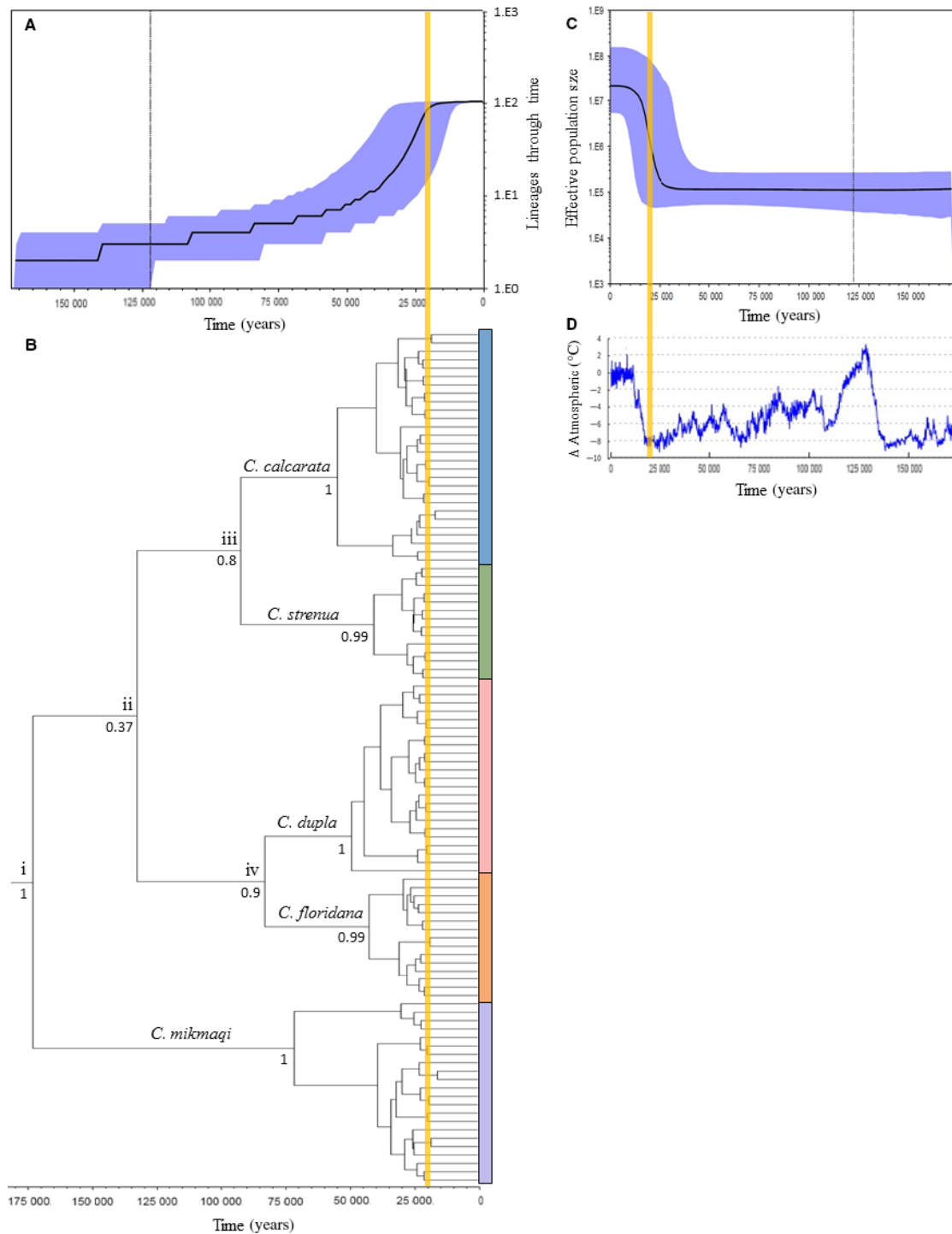


Figure 3. A, log lineage through time (LTT) plot based on Bayesian skyline chronogram. Maximum time is the root height mean and dotted vertical line represents lower 95% highest posterior density. B, maximum clade credibility (MCC) tree for eastern North American *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*). Roman numerals indicate estimated times of divergence for (i) *C. mikmaqi*; (ii) *C. calcarata* + *C. strenua* + *C. dupla* + *C. floridana*; (iii) *C. calcarata* + *C. strenua*; and (iv) *C. dupla* + *C. floridana*. Posterior probability support values for the monophyly of each species are provided. C, Bayesian skyline plot displaying estimated effective population size (N_e) over time. Dotted grey line indicates 95% highest posterior density limit. Timescale maximum is mean root height. D, change in atmospheric temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) over the past 165 kyr (from ice core data; Petit *et al.*, 1999). Yellow bars indicate 20 kya mark.

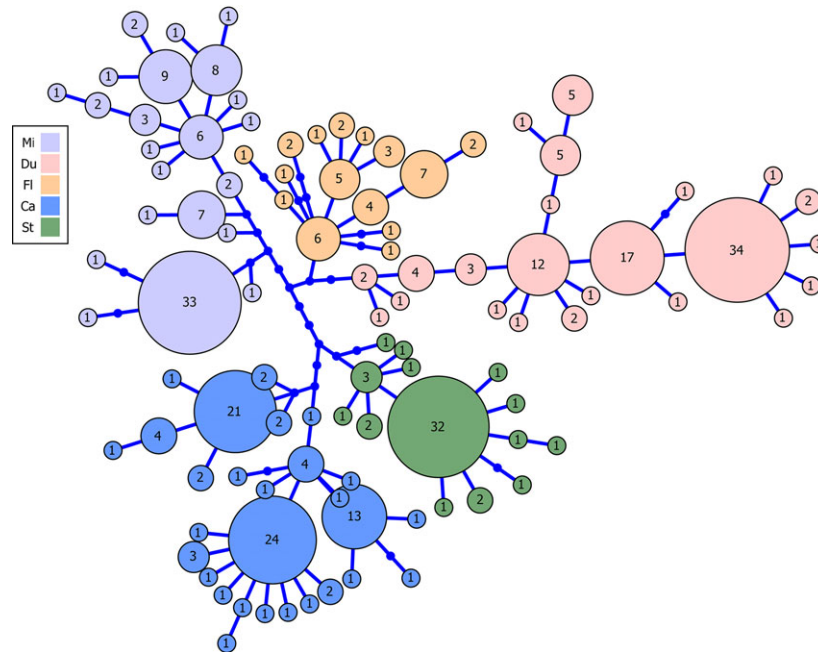


Figure 4. Minimum spanning tree construction of all known eastern North American *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species: *C. mikmaqi* (Mi), *C. dupla* (Du), *C. floridana* (Fl), *C. calcarata* (Ca), and *C. strenua* (St). Each circle represents a unique haplotype; values indicate the number of individuals that share that particular sequence.

support their observed physical range limitations. However, mtDNA is highly susceptible to genetic drift and this tendency to accrue silent site mutations could be contributing, at least in part, to the significantly negative D and F_S values (Beebe & Rowe, 2004).

Species that are morphologically monotonous can be identified by even minimal allelic variation, and DNA barcoding has been used to assess current and historical population structure in other closely related bee species (Packer *et al.*, 2008; Hurtado-Burillo *et al.*, 2013; Groom *et al.*, 2015) as well as within other orders (e.g. Diptera, Smith *et al.*, 2006; Coleoptera, Grebennikov, 2014). However, the barcoding process theoretically relies on relatively high interspecific and relatively low intraspecific variation for best resolution of identities (Packer *et al.*, 2008). As in other bee barcoding studies (Groom *et al.*, 2013) we took measures to confirm our results were not the result of cryptic infection via endosymbiotic bacteria *Wolbachia*, which co-segregates with an organism's mtDNA, obscuring multiple species' true mitochondrial identities (Whitworth *et al.*, 2007). Infection via *Wolbachia* can be acceptably ruled out, as our phylogeny is strongly supported by morphological identity of voucher samples (Rehan & Sheffield, 2011) as well as by Bayesian analysis. Furthermore, BLAST search yielded no *Wolbachia* hits for our sequence set. Expanding our suite of

mitochondrial loci in combination with highly variable microsatellite loci would only deepen our understanding of current and historical population structure and dynamics of our five highly sympatric *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species.

Given the low frequency of fixed nucleotide differences among eastern *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species, speciation events probably occurred relatively recently. Bayesian analysis supports a crown divergence within eastern *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) as recently as 200 kya (mean age of 180 kya; Fig. 3C, Supporting Information, Fig. S2) following an earlier divergence between sister subgenera *Zadontomerus* and *Ceratinula* ~30 Mya (Supporting Information, Fig. S1; Rehan & Schwarz, 2015). Bayesian analysis also supports our significantly negative Tajima's D and Fu's F_S , and suggests an ongoing population expansion event initiated sometime towards the end of the Wisconsin glacial period (Fig. 3A).

HISTORICAL PHYLOGEOGRAPHY

Over the course of its history, North America has experienced repeated periods of glacial expansions and contractions, involving the growth and recession of massive sheets of ice across the continent (Rand, 1948; Pielou, 1992). This process occurs over many thousands of years, broadly affecting the global climate and, during periods of glacial maxima, forcing

all terrestrial life south, into areas of refugia (Pielou, 1992; Hewitt, 1996). As the most recent glacial period began its final thaw around 20 kya (Pielou, 1992), the contraction of the Laurentide ice sheet opened up vast regions of habitable terrain (Rand, 1948; Hewitt, 1996). The Pleistocene climate dynamically shaped the phylogeography of bees around the globe, from the Pacific Islands (sweat bees; Groom *et al.*, 2015) to the Americas (orchid bees; López-Urbe *et al.*, 2014), and sparked vicariance events in other Hymenopteran genera (parasitic wasp genus *Nasonia*; Raychoudhury *et al.*, 2010). In North America, plants and pollinating insects migrated north, their formerly cloistered populations separating widely and diversifying rapidly (Pielou, 1992; Soucy & Danforth, 2002; Hines, 2008; Jaramillo-Correa *et al.*, 2009). This thawing process reached its zenith from 10 to 6 kya (the ‘Hypsithermal’), greatly expanding the habitable range of migrant temperate species in relatively little time, and marking the beginning of our present Holocene (Pielou, 1992).

Prior to the Sangamonian interglacial (~135–120 kya), global temperatures matched, and even temporarily exceeded, those we experience today (Petit *et al.*, 1999). *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) populations may have occupied a very similar range to what we presently observe, with *C. mikmaqi* representing the only extant eastern *Zadontomerus* species at that time (Fig. 3B; node i). Sometime during the Sangamonian interglacial period the shared common ancestor of *C. calcarata* and *C. strenua* began to diverge from the shared common ancestor of *C. dupla* and *C. floridana* (Fig. 3B; node ii). North America then slowly and steadily approached the onset of the Wisconsinan glacial maxima as the climate cooled over a span of 75 000 years (~100–25 kya; Pielou, 1992). Prior to any significant glaciation, *C. calcarata* may have broken away from *C. strenua* (~92 kya; Fig. 3B; node iii) and *C. dupla* from *C. floridana* (~83 kya; Fig. 3B; node iv). During the glacial maxima, these populations would have been forced south, into numerous and potentially ecologically segregated refugia. During the long, final recession of the Laurentide ice sheet (~20–11 kya, initiation indicated by vertical yellow lines in Fig. 3), these groups followed angiosperms north and east as flowering plants rapidly filled in the landscape along distinct natural corridors revealed by the thaw (Hewitt, 1996). Over the course of around 10 000 years, including the Hypsithermal period (Pielou, 1992), these populations probably travelled broadly and rapidly around eastern North America, spreading along the Appalachian Mountain range and eastern seaboard, to what is presently the northernmost extent of their known range in southern Canada (Swenson & Howard, 2005).

ECOLOGICAL NICHES

The ecologies of the eastern *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species (not including *C. floridana*, considered an ecomorph of *C. dupla* until only recently) have been studied in detail (Daly, 1973; Michener, 2007). In each studied species, nesting is initiated when a mature female bores out a brood passage from the soft pith of certain preferred plant species (often staghorn sumac; Rau, 1928; Krombein, 1960; Grothaus, 1962; Rehan & Richards, 2010b). *Ceratina calcarata* begin dispersing around early to mid-May in the north-east, rearing a single brood through June or July (Rehan & Richards, 2010b), but may begin their season as early as March in the south-eastern extent of their range (Kislow, 1976). *Ceratina dupla* have been observed to nest earlier in the season than either *C. calcarata* or *C. mikmaqi*, and each species has displayed unique preferences for brooding in particular plant species (e.g. sumac, teasel or raspberry) and for shady or sunny nest-sites (Grothaus, 1962; Vickruck *et al.*, 2011). In addition, because of its larger body size, *C. calcarata* was found to prefer slightly wider nesting material than *C. dupla* and *C. strenua* within their respective sympatric ranges (Grothaus, 1962; Kislow, 1976). Given relatively recent and rapid population expansion, it is not unlikely that these numerous environmental, intra- and interspecies variations in phenology and nest-site quality have contributed significantly to the vicariance of these distinct but still closely related species groups.

BEHAVIOURAL PLASTICITY

Bees are primarily composed of solitary species (Michener, 2007), but *Ceratina* is one of few genera known to contain socially polymorphic groups. Across the tropics species form both solitary and social nests in sympatry (Sakagami & Maeta, 1987; Rehan *et al.*, 2010a, b; Rehan, Tierney & Wcislo, 2015), allowing for direct observation and comparison of solitary and social reproductive strategies within and between *Ceratina* species (Rehan *et al.*, 2014a). Although solitary as they disperse and establish nests in spring, *C. calcarata* females shift from primarily foraging to prolonged maternal care once they begin to raise a brood (Rehan & Richards, 2010a). *Ceratina calcarata* is thus considered ‘subsocial’, its largely solitary lifestyle punctuated by a period of grooming and guarding its brood to maturity (Rehan & Richards, 2010b). Intriguingly, *Ceratina* females of various species, including *C. calcarata* and *C. japonica*, often rear a dwarf eldest daughter (Sakagami & Maeta, 1987; Rehan & Richards, 2010a). As *Ceratina* mothers directly control the amount of nourishment received

by their offspring, it is thought this underfed female acts as a non-reproductive worker (Rehan, Berens & Toth, 2014b). However, due to a relatively short reproductive season, *C. calcarata* are univoltine in the northern US and Canada (Figs 1, 2). While this allows for some generational overlap and reproductive division of labour it is expected that southern populations of each *Ceratina* species may be operating under a bivoltine reproductive strategy (Rau, 1928; Rehan & Richards, 2010a).

There is growing evidence that bee species occurring at lower, warmer altitudes and latitudes show more developed social structure than even conspecifics living in significantly cooler conditions (Sakagami & Munakata, 1972; Soucy & Danforth, 2002; Cronin & Hirata, 2003; Kocher *et al.*, 2014). In socially polymorphic species (e.g. the halictid bee *Lasioglossum baleicum*), these variations in environmental conditions may shape conspecific behaviour by limiting phenotypic expression of extant social genes (Hirata & Higashi, 2008). Therefore, while ecological specialization probably plays a role in maintaining species identity, latitudinal variation in season length and quality may be shaping the social structure, and thus evolutionary trajectory, within and between North American *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species. Additional phylogeographical and sociogenomic investigation could thus explore the extent to which environment influences the expression of sociality in *C. calcarata* across the broad latitudinal gradient of its endemic range.

CONCLUSIONS

The five eastern North American *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species collectively represent a largely sympatric, widely occurring and richly diverse native pollinator group. These species, still largely uniform in morphology and known ecology, emerged in just the last 200 kyr, and experienced a massive population expansion event as recently as 20 kya. Although collectively semi-sympatric, this group appears to occupy species-specific niches, which may be contributing to what is probably ongoing vicariance. Of the eastern species, *C. calcarata* is emerging as a model organism for the study of social polymorphism and pollinator phylogeography (Rehan & Sheffield, 2011; Rehan *et al.*, 2014b). Further research expanding genetic resources and phenological data will allow for continued exploration of the effects of environmental variation on the dynamics and development of social polymorphism, nesting biology and population structure.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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Figure S1. Maximum clade credibility tree for eastern North American *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*); posterior probability values support eastern *Zadontomerus* subgenus as monophyletic. Outgroups include *C. (Ceratina) cockerelli*, *C. (Zadontomerus) acantha* and *C. (Zadontomerus) nanula*.

Figure S2. Maximum clade credibility tree for all eastern North American *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species. Blue bars indicate 95% highest posterior density confidence intervals for each time estimation.

Figure S3. Maximum clade credibility tree for all eastern North American *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species. Posterior probability values are presented for all haplotypes.

Figure S4. Minimum spanning tree constructions of *C. calcarata* (A) and *C. strenua* (B) haplotypes. Each circle represents a unique haplotype; values indicate numbers of individuals that share that particular sequence. Colours indicate collection location of each individual: north-east (NE), north-central (NC), mid-Atlantic (MA) and south-east (SE).

Figure S5. Minimum spanning trees of *C. mikmaqi* (C), *C. dupla* (D) and *C. floridana* (E) haplotype networks. Each circle represents a unique haplotype; values indicate numbers of individuals that share that particular sequence. Colours indicate region of origin of each individual: north-east (NE), north-central (NC), mid-Atlantic (MA) and south-east (SE).

Table S1. Sequence and haplotype totals for all study species. Previously published sequences are taken from Rehan & Sheffield (2011).

Table S2. Overall population structure of five co-occurring *Ceratina* (*Zadontomerus*) species. Diagonal indicates average pairwise differences within species and value in parentheses indicates percentage sequence divergence within those species; above diagonal are average pairwise differences between species and parentheses indicate percentage sequence divergence between those species; below diagonal are pairwise F_{ST} values, along with fixed nucleotide differences between species in parentheses. Significant values ($P < 0.001$) are indicated in bold. Fixation index over all loci $F_{ST} = 0.76$ ($P < 0.001$).

Table S3. Tajima's D and Fu's F_S tests of neutrality. Sample size, segregating sites (S), Tajima's D score and significance value (D P -value), and Fu's F_S value and significance values (F_S P -value) are presented. Values in bold are statistically significant ($P < 0.05$).

Table S4. *Ceratina calcarata* regional population structure. Diagonal indicates average pairwise differences within populations, and number in parentheses indicates total number of sequences for that region; above diagonal are average pairwise differences between populations; below diagonal are pairwise F_{ST} values. Significant values ($P < 0.05$) are indicated in bold. Fixation index over all loci $F_{ST} = 0.128$ ($P < 0.001$).

Table S5. *Ceratina strenua* regional population structure. Diagonal indicates average pairwise differences within populations, and number in parentheses indicates total number of sequences for that region; above diagonal are average pairwise differences between populations; below diagonal are pairwise F_{ST} values. Values are insignificant ($P \geq 0.05$). Fixation index over all loci $F_{ST} = 0.075$ ($P = 0.115$).

Table S6. *Ceratina dupla* regional population structure. Diagonal indicates average pairwise differences within populations, and number in parentheses indicates total number of sequences for that region; above diagonal are average pairwise differences between populations; below diagonal are pairwise F_{ST} values. Significant values ($P < 0.05$) are indicated in bold. Fixation index over all loci $F_{ST} = 0.321$ ($P < 0.001$).

Table S7. *Ceratina mikmaqi* regional population structure. Diagonal indicates average pairwise differences within populations, and number in parentheses indicates total number of sequences for that region; above

diagonal are average pairwise differences between populations; below diagonal are pairwise F_{ST} values. No values are significant ($P \geq 0.135$). Fixation index over all loci $F_{ST} = 0.004$ ($P = 0.337$).

Table S8. *Ceratina floridana* regional population structure. Diagonal indicates average pairwise differences within populations, and number in parentheses indicates total number of sequences for that region; above diagonal are average pairwise differences between populations; below diagonal are pairwise F_{ST} values. Significant values ($P < 0.001$) are indicated in bold. Fixation index over all loci $F_{ST} = 0.162$ ($P < 0.001$).