

Long-term morphological stasis maintained by a plant–pollinator mutualism

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Many major branches in the Tree of Life are marked by stereotyped body plans that have been maintained over long periods of time. One possible explanation for this stasis is that there are genetic or developmental constraints that restrict the origin of novel body plans. An alternative is that basic body plans are potentially quite labile, but are actively maintained by natural selection. We present evidence that the conserved floral morphology of a species-rich flowering plant clade, Malpighiaceae, has been actively maintained for tens of millions of years via stabilizing selection imposed by their specialist New World oil-bee pollinators. Nine clades that have lost their primary oil-bee pollinators show major evolutionary shifts in specific floral traits associated with oil-bee pollination, demonstrating that developmental constraint is not the primary cause of morphological stasis in Malpighiaceae. Interestingly, Malpighiaceae show a burst in species diversification coinciding with the origin of this plant–pollinator mutualism. One hypothesis to account for radiation despite morphological stasis is that although selection on pollinator efficiency explains the origin of this unique and conserved floral morphology, tight pollinator specificity subsequently permitted greatly enhanced diversification in this system.

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Long-term morphological stasis is a hallmark of the fossil record, but we still lack general explanations for this pattern. The presence of morphological stasis is especially perplexing when clades have diversified in terms of their ecology (1–6). There have been two main competing hypotheses to explain clades that accumulate phenotypic variation at a slow rate. The first hypothesis invokes genetic and developmental constraints that restrict the production of phenotypic variation (1, 7, 8). The second major explanation is that stasis is a result of stabilizing selection (3, 9, 10). Here, we investigate the species-rich clade (~1,300 species) Malpighiaceae to explore the relative importance of intrinsic (e.g., developmental and genetic) vs. extrinsic (e.g., stabilizing selection due to ecological interactions) factors in reducing a clade's rate of phenotypic change. Members of this clade are widespread and locally common elements in the forests and savannas of the Old and especially New World tropics and subtropics (11). The members exhibit remarkable variety in habit (i.e., herbs, shrubs, trees, and vines) and fruit morphology (i.e., berries, drupes, nutlets, and samaras). The floral morphology of these members, however, is highly conserved throughout the New World range (Fig. 1). It has been hypothesized by Anderson (12), although never explicitly tested, that this floral stasis has been actively maintained by their principle pollinators. These plants' characteristic, bilaterally symmetrical flowers have specialized glands borne on the calyx, which secrete oil that is the primary reward offered to their specialist pollinators: females of ~300 oil-bee species in the tribes Centridini, Tapinotaspidini, and Tetrapediini (13–15, Fig. 1). These solitary bees are restricted to the Neotropics and use floral oils, often mixed with pollen, for larval provisioning and nest cell lining (16). Species in six other plant families are known to have at least some

Neotropical representatives that produce floral oils and are visited by these three oil-collecting bee tribes. None of them, however, are as diverse as Malpighiaceae, which are also the oldest of the seven oil-bee–pollinated clades (17).

Malpighiaceae provide a natural test of the role of intrinsic versus extrinsic factors in generating morphological stasis; this is particularly relevant in the context of Anderson's earlier hypothesis outlined above, but also more generally in the context of developmental constraints that have been hypothesized to limit floral form (18). The evolution of floral symmetry within the large asterid clade, which includes snapdragons and mints, is highly homoplastic, but a limited subset of the possible floral forms are found to occur, most of which have five corolla lobes, two dorsal (adaxial) petals, and a medially positioned ventral (abaxial) petal (18). Although developmental constraint has been invoked to explain these findings, this hypothesis has not been critically tested. An alternative hypothesis to explain uniform floral symmetry patterns is selection on pollinator efficiency (19), which may subsequently lead to increased diversification rates via species selection on pollinator specificity (20). Here, we analyze morphological diversification patterns in Malpighiaceae to test the hypothesis that floral morphological stasis is driven and maintained by their specialist oil-bee pollinators. This finding may in turn shed light on the significant increase in net species diversification rate that coincided with the origin of the Malpighiaceae and their pollinator mutualism (21).

Significance

Long-term morphological stasis is a major feature of the paleontological record, but the explanation for this pattern has been controversial. Here, we use the species-rich plant clade Malpighiaceae to determine whether long-term floral stasis is maintained by selection or developmental and genetic constraint. Our results, which use an explicit phylogenetic framework and comparative methods, strongly support selection. We hypothesize that this floral morphology has been maintained over tens of millions of years via their specialized pollinator interaction with oil-collecting bees. To our knowledge, this study in which stasis has been connected to such a plant–pollinator mutualism, is unique, and opens the door to future research on how this association may have enhanced diversification in this plant lineage.

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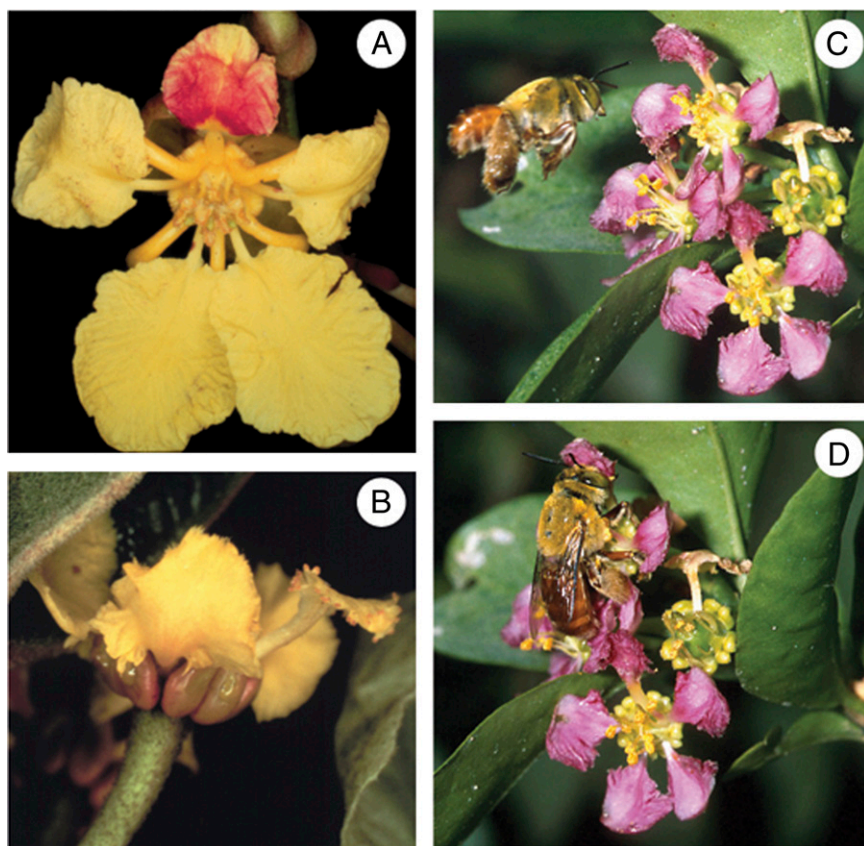


Fig. 1. Stereotyped floral morphology of the ~1,300 species of New World Malpighiaceae showing the prominent dorsal banner petal that is highly differentiated from the other four petals (A). All petals are conspicuously clawed at the base (A), which allows their primary oil-bee pollinators access to the large paired, multicellular abaxial oil glands, borne on four or all five of the sepals (B) (15, 25). A female oil bee orients toward the banner petal (C) and lands at the center of the flower and grasps the thickened claw of that petal with her mandibles (D). She then reaches between the claws of the lateral petals and scrapes the oil from the glands with her modified front and mid legs. She then transfers the oil and pollen to her hairy hind legs and takes the mixture to her nest, where it serves in nest construction and as food for her larvae. A and B are of *Mezitia angelica* W. R. Anderson, courtesy of C. Gracie (New York Botanical Garden). C and D are of a Centridini oil bee visiting *Malpighia emarginata* DC, courtesy of G. Gerlach (Munich Botanical Garden, Munich).

In Malpighiaceae the Old World members of the family are derived from seven independent migrations from the New World (22; Fig. 2, nos. 1, 3, 5–9). In each case specialist oil-bee pollination was lost because oil-collecting bees, which visit Malpighiaceae, do not occur in the Old World (12, 16, 23). In addition, two New World clades, *Psychopterys* (Fig. 2, no. 4) and the lasiocarpoids (i.e., the genera *Lasiocarpus* and *Ptilochaeta*) (Fig. 2, no. 2), have also lost the oil-bee association, although the evolutionary and ecological circumstances of their shift away from oil-bee pollination are unclear. These nine losses of specialized pollinators provide a rare opportunity to examine the cause and consequences of morphological stasis (24). The stereotypical floral morphology of New World Malpighiaceae could be due to genetic or developmental constraints that have restricted the evolution of other floral forms, or the result of ongoing stabilizing selection in response to their specialized oil-bee pollinators (25). If genetic or developmental constraints were primarily responsible for the stereotypical floral morphology of New World Malpighiaceae, we would expect only minor changes in floral architecture in clades that have lost the oil-bee association. Alternatively, if selection by oil bees were actively maintaining the New World floral morphology, we would expect floral morphology to be significantly more labile following release from these specialized pollinators, particularly for traits specifically associated with this mutualism.

Results and Discussion

A robust, reliably dated phylogeny from four genes (11) (*Materials and Methods*) provides the context for assessing whether the nine clades that lost their association with oil-bee pollinators experienced accelerated rates of floral evolution (Fig. 2). To properly root and date our phylogeny, we first clarified the closest relatives of Malpighiaceae. Previous phylogenetic studies (26–28) have identified the radially flowered, species poor clades Centropetalaceae (~5 species) and Elatinaceae (35 species) as successive sisters to the species rich Malpighiaceae (~1,300 species) (species diversity counts are from refs. 29 and 30). Centropetalaceae was not placed with confidence, however. To resolve this uncertainty, we collected nucleotide sequence data from the plastid inverted repeat region (IR; i.e., 19 plastid genes plus intervening spacers; ~25,000 base pairs), which has been shown (31) to have great utility for resolving ancient rapid radiations like Malpighiales (32). Results from our analyses (Fig. S1) were identical to recent studies but were better supported in key parts of the phylogeny (21, 28). Here, Elatinaceae + Malpighiaceae is established as a well-supported (86 maximum-likelihood bootstrap percentage, 1.0 Bayesian posterior probability) sister clade to Centropetalaceae.

Sixty-five morphological characters were scored for Malpighiaceae (15) in three groups (vegetative, $n = 8$; flowers/inflorescence, $n = 52$; fruits, $n = 5$) (Table S1) and examined in a likelihood framework using GEIGER (33) (*Materials and Methods*). A likelihood ratio test indicated a dramatic increase in the rates of floral

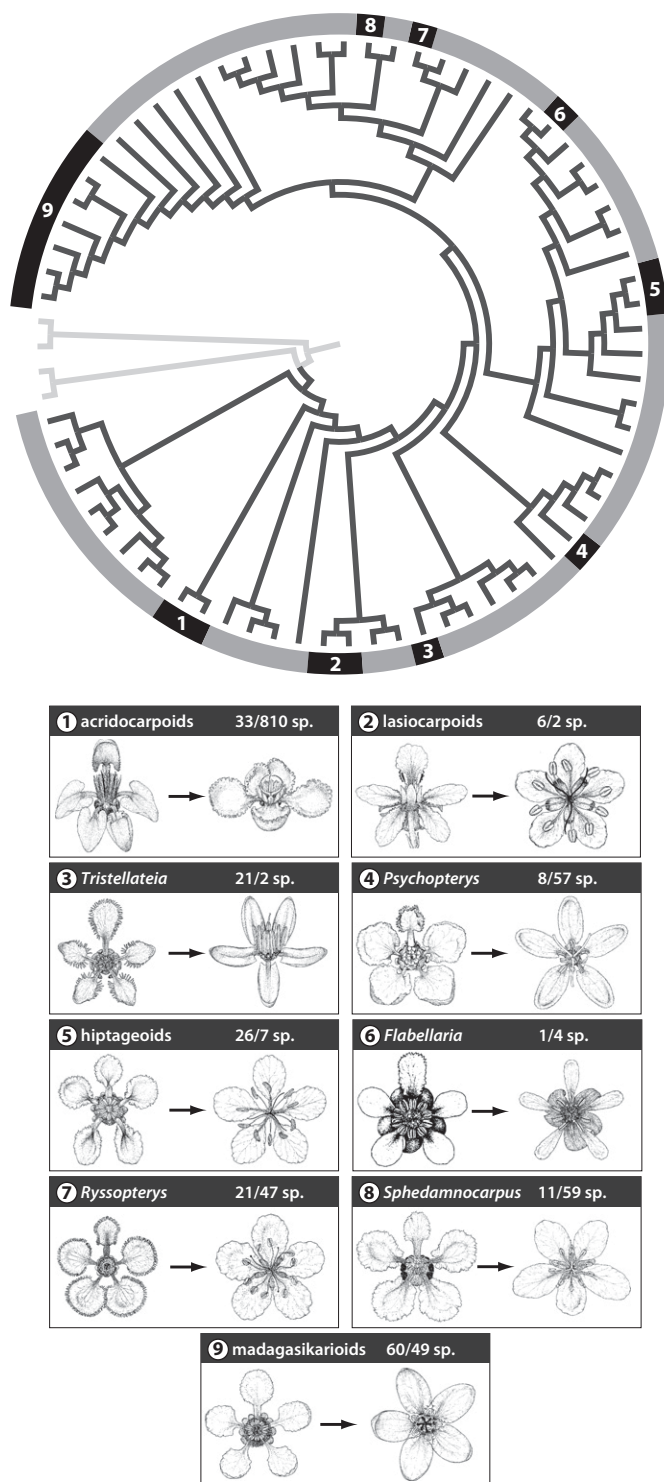


Fig. 2. Phylogeny and floral evolution in Malpighiaceae. The nine panels below the phylogeny illustrate the stereotypical floral morphology of the New World oil-bee associated flowers (Left) contrasted with a representative of its sister clade that has lost the oil-bee association (Right). These nine clades are numbered 1–9 and in black around the periphery of the phylogeny; the remaining oil-bee-associated Malpighiaceae are highlighted in gray; the branches of the non-Malpighiaceae outgroup species are white. The numbers to the left of the backslash represent the species diversities of the nine clades that have independently lost the oil-bee association, and numbers to the right of the backslash represent species diversity of their oil-bee associated sister clades. See Fig. S2 for full chronogram.

evolution in non-oil-bee clades (P value < 0.0001 ; mean increase in floral trait variation is ~ 10 -times higher in non-oil-bee-associated clades). In contrast, the data supported a single-rate model for vegetative and fruit evolution (all P values > 0.05). Although this finding suggests an absence of accelerated morphological evolution for these trait classes, we cannot exclude that this was because of the smaller number of vegetative and fruit characters scored (χ^2 test for potential sample size bias between vegetative, floral, and fruit characters, P value = 0.3). However, it is clear that eight floral differences showed significantly elevated rates of change in clades that have lost oil-bee pollinators. Specifically, we found elevated rates of change in the following traits: oil glands (Table S1, trait 34), presence or absence of petal claws (Table S1, trait 38), floral symmetry (Table S1, trait 40), breeding system (Table S1, trait 26), inflorescence structure (Table S1, trait 15), and style and stigma morphology (Table S1, traits 65, 66, and 68). Importantly, the first three of these traits are thought to be crucial to successful pollination by oil bees (15, 25). Floral glands have been lost entirely or converted to producing sugar rather than oil (34) in all of the Old and New World clades that have lost oil-bee pollination. Likewise, clawed petals have been greatly reduced or lost entirely in many of the oil-bee free clades (Fig. 2). Although more work is needed on the pollination of non-oil-bee-associated taxa, it is likely that in some cases pollen is the principal pollinator reward (35–37).

A particularly interesting trait in this regard is floral symmetry. In five of the Old World clades [i.e., the hiptageoids (i.e., *Flabellariopsis* plus *Hiptage*) (Fig. 2, no. 5), *Flabellaria* (Fig. 2, no. 6), *Ryssopterys* (Fig. 2, no. 7), and the madagasikarioids *sensu* (11) (Fig. 2, no. 9)] and mainland African sphegamnocrarpoids (i.e., *Philgamia* plus *Sphegamnocrarpus*, not illustrated), and the two New World clades that have lost oil-bee pollination [i.e., the lasiocarpoids (Fig. 2, no. 2) and *Psychopterys* (Fig. 2, no. 4)], the corolla has become radially symmetrical. The remaining three Old World clades [i.e., the acridocarpoids *sensu* (11) (Fig. 2, no. 1), *Tristellateia* (Fig. 2, no. 3), and Malagasy sphegamnocrarpoids (Fig. 2, no. 8)] have maintained bilaterally symmetrical corollas, but the flowers have been reoriented such that they display two dorsal (adaxial) petals and a ventrally positioned medial petal that may serve as a landing platform, rather than a single dorsal banner petal and no clear landing platform. Although such reorientations appear to be rare across angiosperms (18), they may be more readily accomplished in Malpighiaceae, where two dorsal petal primordia are the norm early in development and the dorsal medial position of the mature banner petal appears to be achieved by a twisting of the flower stalk later in development (23). Indeed, recent developmental genetic studies (38–40) have shown that the expression of *CYCLOIDEA2*-like (*CYC2*-like) genes, which are responsible for establishing floral symmetry in a wide range of angiosperms, has been altered in Malpighiaceae. This finding provides a potential mechanistic basis for changes in floral symmetry coinciding with the loss of oil-bee pollinators (39), and shows that development per se does not significantly constrain changes in this trait.

One additional floral trait, anther vestiture (Table S1, trait 46), shows a lower rate of evolution in clades that have lost the oil-bee association. This lower rate may be because anther hair type is not under significant stabilizing selection in oil-bee taxa, but under strong stabilizing selection in relation to non-oil-bee pollinators. In any case, it is clear that the general pattern is conservatism in floral form among taxa that are oil-bee pollinated, with “release” in taxa that have lost this association.

Together, these results firmly support the hypothesis by Anderson (12) that selection by oil-collecting bees has actively maintained the conservative floral form of most New World Malpighiaceae throughout their evolutionary history. Direct fossil evidence dates this mutualism to at least 35 Myr (41), but molecular dating estimates for oil bees and their host plants

suggest that this association likely arose much earlier, at least 75 Myr (17, 22, 42, 43). These results argue against a primary role for intrinsic factors, such as genetic or developmental constraints, in shaping floral evolution in Malpighiaceae. If these morphologies were intrinsically constrained we would not expect such dramatic floral evolution in clades that have lost their oil-bee pollinators. Moreover, the major architectural rearrangements we document following the loss of oil-bee pollinators are widely distributed across the timeline of Malpighiaceae diversification, occurring as recently as the Miocene, which indicates that such changes can occur within relatively short periods of time (Fig. S2). It is possible that our findings may also apply to the asterids, where developmental constraint has previously been suggested (18). Perhaps, instead, the limited number of floral forms in this large clade reflects active maintenance by more specialized pollinators, particularly bees, which appear to have radiated with eudicots (43).

Our analysis demonstrates that floral stasis in Malpighiaceae is better explained by extrinsic (e.g., stabilizing selection due to ecological interactions) rather than intrinsic (e.g., developmental and genetic) factors. Studies of adaptive radiation have commonly highlighted cases in which phenotypic change and net diversification rate (i.e., speciation–extinction) are positively correlated (44). These examples mainly involve competitive ecological interactions and sexual selection, with classic examples including the Caribbean *Anolis* lizards and African rift lake cichlids. Examples of putative adaptive radiations also extend to plant–pollinator interactions, where several studies have identified strong associations between floral traits and species diversification, including shifts from biotic to abiotic pollination (45), nectar spur evolution (46, 47), transitions to bilateral flower symmetry (19), and floral pigment evolution (48).

In contrast, some recent analyses have suggested that the evolution of phenotypic differences and the accumulation of species (diversification) might be inversely correlated during a radiation (49). Malpighiaceae may represent one such example. It has recently been shown that a significant increase in net species diversification rate coincided with the origin of Malpighiaceae and their pollinator mutualism (21). One possibility is that speciation in New World Malpighiaceae is explained by the small geographic range of most solitary bee pollinators and territoriality in male oil bees (50–53), combined with the wide geographic ranges of numerous Malpighiaceae clades (30), which together could facilitate allopatric speciation within the group. Diversification rates in plant clades with zygomorphic flowers like Malpighiaceae have been shown to be significantly increased (19, 54); this has been cited as an example of species selection (20). This finding could be explained by increased oil-bee pollinator specificity in Malpighiaceae clades coupled with a higher probability of speciation in isolated plant populations. Even though future analyses of other traits, like floral oil chemistry, in Malpighiaceae could reveal hitherto overlooked trait differences, our study raises the intriguing possibility that a highly specialized mutualism may explain how apparent morphological stasis can be coupled with species diversification. This possibility should also be investigated in other large plant clades that engage in tight mutualisms, including figs–fig wasps, yuccas–yucca moths, and *Phyllanthus–Epicephala* moths.

Materials and Methods

Phylogenetic Analyses to Identify the Closest Relatives of Malpighiaceae. We used the ASAP (amplification, sequencing, and annotation of plastomes) method (55) to sequence the IR from 29 species of Malpighiales. These species were carefully selected to span the basal nodes of all major clades identified from a prior 13-gene analysis of the order (28). We also obtained publicly available IR sequences for Malpighiales [*Manihot esculenta* Crantz (GenBank accession no. EU117376), *Ochna mossambicensis* Klotzsch (HQ664566), *Phyllanthus calycinus* Labill. (HQ664567), and *Populus alba* L. (AP008956)], and

for close relatives of Malpighiales, including Celastrales [*Euonymus americanus* L. (HQ664608)] and Oxalidales [*Oxalis latifolia* Kunth (HQ664602)]. Available IR data from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (L.) Heynh. (AP000423), *Beta vulgaris* L. (EF534108), *Calycanthus fertilis* L. (AJ428413), *Cucumis sativus* L. (AJ970307), *Lotus japonicus* L. (AP002983), and *Vitis vinifera* L. (DQ424856) were used as more distant outgroups. *Calycanthus* was used for rooting purposes based on broader angiosperm relationships (29). Total cellular DNA extractions, PCR amplification, and sequencing protocols, including chromatogram assembly, followed Wurdack and Davis (28).

We analyzed the IR data set using maximum likelihood in RAxML v7.2.6 (56) under the optimal model of sequence evolution [i.e., the General Time Reversible model, with Γ distributed-rate heterogeneity and an estimated proportion of invariable sites (GTR+I+ Γ)] as determined by the Akaike Information Criterion criterion using MODELTEST v3.06 (57, 58). Maximum-likelihood bootstrap percentages were estimated from 1,000 bootstrap replicates as a single partition (i.e., a single parameterized model for the entire dataset).

Bayesian analyses were implemented in a parallelized version of Bayes-Phylogenies v1.1 (59) using a reversible-jump implementation of the mixture model described by Venditti et al. (60). This approach is advantageous because it allows the fitting of multiple models of sequence evolution to the data without a priori partitioning. For each partition, the GTR model plus a Γ distribution with four rate categories was enforced. Two independent Markov-chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) analyses were performed to determine consistency of stationary-phase likelihood values and estimated parameter values between runs. Each MCMC analysis consisted of 10 million generations, with sampling of trees and parameters every 1,000 generations. Convergence was assessed using Tracer v1.5 (61). Bayesian posterior probabilities were determined by building a 50% majority rule consensus tree after discarding the burn-in generations (i.e., the first 2,000 sampled trees).

Phylogenetic and Divergence Time Estimation for Malpighiaceae Using BEAST.

Our analyses of morphological diversification in Malpighiaceae required a time-calibrated phylogeny. We used the Bayesian method implemented in BEAST v1.6.1 (62) to simultaneously estimate the phylogeny and divergence times of Malpighiaceae using a recently published four-gene dataset for the family that included plastid *matK*, *ndhF*, and *rbcL*, and nuclear *PHYC* (11) (Fig. S2). A likelihood-ratio test rejected a strict clock for the entire dataset (P value < 0.001), and we therefore chose the uncorrelated-rates relaxed-clock model, which allows for clade-specific rate heterogeneity.

One hundred forty-four taxa representing all major clades of Malpighiaceae (i.e., all genera) plus 18 outgroup species were selected for the divergence time analysis (Fig. S2). Centroplacaceae (*Bhesa* and *Centroplassus*) and Elatinaceae (*Bergia* and *Elatine*) were included as outgroups on the basis of the broader Malpighiales analyses described in the section above. In addition, we included several more distant outgroups to help stabilize the ingroup topology, including other Malpighiales (Chrysobalanaceae (*Atuna*), Euphorbiaceae (*Acalypha* and *Endospermum*), Goupiaceae (*Goupia*), Ochnaceae (*Ochna*), Phyllanthaceae (*Phyllanthus*), Picrodendraceae (*Androstachys*), Putranjivaceae (*Putranjiva*), and Violaceae (*Hymenanthera*)), Celastrales (*Denhamia*), and Saxifragales (*Peridiscus*). *Peridiscus* was used for rooting our phylogeny (29). Our ingroup sampling of Malpighiaceae represents the broadest taxonomic, morphological, and biogeographic diversity within the clade, plus their most closely related non-oil-bee-associated outgroups. These four gene regions were analyzed simultaneously as a single partition using the GTR+I+ Γ model as determined using the model selection method described above.

Three fossil calibration points served as minimum age constraints for Malpighiaceae and were fit to a log-normal distribution in our BEAST analysis (Fig. S2). The phylogenetic placement of these calibration points are described in more detail elsewhere (22, 63, 64). A fossil species of *Tetrapteryx* from the early Oligocene (33 Myr) (65) of Hungary and Slovenia provides a reliable age estimate for the stem node of the two *Tetrapteryx* clades (66, 67). *Eoglandulosa warmanensis* Taylor and Crepet from the Eocene Upper Claiborne formation of northwestern Tennessee (43 Myr) (41, 68) provides a reliable stem node age for *Byrsonima*. Finally, *Perisyncolporites pokornyi* Germeraad et al. (69) is found pantropically and provides a reliable stem node age for the stigmaphyllon clade (49 Myr) (70, 71–74). The root node, which we set to a normal distribution of 125 ± 10 Myr, corresponds to the approximate age of the eudicot clade. This finding represents the earliest known occurrence of tricolpate pollen, a synapomorphy that marks the eudicot clade, of which Malpighiales are a member (75).

MCMC chains were run for 10 million generations, sampling every 1,000 generations. Of the 10,001 posterior trees, we excluded the first 2,000 as burn-in. Convergence was assessed using Tracer v1.5 (61). The phylogeny and divergence time estimates simultaneously inferred for Malpighiaceae

(Fig. S2) are very similar to those previously published using alternative sampling and methods (11, 22, 63).

Examining Rates of Morphological Trait Evolution of Malpighiaceae. We applied a model testing approach implemented in GEIGER v1.3.1 (33) using a modified version of the function *fitDiscrete* to evaluate the rate of morphological trait evolution in clades that have lost their oil-bee pollinator association. These include seven independent clades representing 16 genera that dispersed to the Old World (*Acridocarpus* + *Brachylophos*; *Aspidopterys* + *Caucanthus* + *Digoniopterys* + *Madagasikaria* + *Rhynchophora* + *Triaspis*; *Flabellaria*; *Flabellariopsis* + *Hiptage*; *Philgamia* + *Sphedamnocarpus*; *Ryssopterys*; and *Tristellateia*) and two independent New World clades representing three genera (*Lasiocarpus* + *Ptilochaeta*, and *Psychopterys*) (11) (see also Fig. 2). Those species that were coded as lacking the oil-bee pollination syndrome included the seven Old World clades that occur where the oil bees are not present and the two New World clades that have lost the oil glands and floral orientation crucial to oil-bee pollination (13–15, 25). We tested for elevated rates of morphological evolution in these non-oil-bee-associated clades compared with the rest of the phylogeny. To avoid bias, the species poor sister clades Centroplacaceae and Elatinaceae were excluded from our analysis of morphological trait disparity (i.e., only Malpighiaceae were included).

Morphological data were coded (11) for 144 accessions representing all genera of Malpighiaceae. Seventy-five discrete (binary or multistate) characters, representing the broad diversity of Malpighiaceae morphology, were scored (Table S1). Ten of these characters were invariable and were removed leaving 8 vegetative, 52 floral, and 5 fruit traits. We treated each of the remaining 65 morphological characters as independent, and modeled each as a discrete character with multiple states. We fit a continuous-time Markov model to these data and assumed that transition rates between all possible character states were equal and that each character state was equally likely to be the ancestral state for that clade. If characters were polymorphic for a particular tip, they were treated as having equal probability for each character state at that tip. For each character, we fit two models of evolution: a single-rate model where the rate of character change was constant

across all clades, and a two-rate model where clades with and without oil-bee pollinators had distinct rates. For the latter model, we considered the loss of oil-bee pollination to have occurred at the middle of each branch leading to the nine clades that have lost this trait. For each of these two models, we found the maximum-likelihood estimates of the character transition rates. We compared the fit of these two nested models using a likelihood-ratio test.

The single-rate model was rejected in favor of the two-rate model for 9 of the 65 characters (all floral) (Table S1). Of these, all but one trait-described rate increases in lineages that have lost specialized pollinators. There were more significant rate shifts in floral characters than expected given a 5% false-discovery rate under the null hypothesis of no change in rates (Binomial test, P value < 0.01). Furthermore, after applying a very conservative Bonferroni correction, two of these comparisons were still significant, both rate increases. We also compared the number of significant results between the three character types using a χ^2 test.

We further compared the fit of both models to assess the overall differences in trait evolution between vegetative, floral, and fruit characters. For each model, we summed the log-likelihoods of all characters in each of these three categories. We then compared the summed likelihoods for each of the two models, again using a hierarchical likelihood-ratio test. Here, the null distribution was a χ^2 distribution with n degrees of freedom, where n was the number of characters in a particular set. When we combined these characters, we found significant support for a two-rate model only in floral traits ($\Delta = 151.4$, χ^2_{52} P value < 0.0001); we could not reject the single-rate model for the other trait categories (vegetative, $\Delta = 11.2$, χ^2_8 P value = 0.2; fruits, $\Delta = 5.8$, χ^2_5 P value = 0.3).

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Supporting Information

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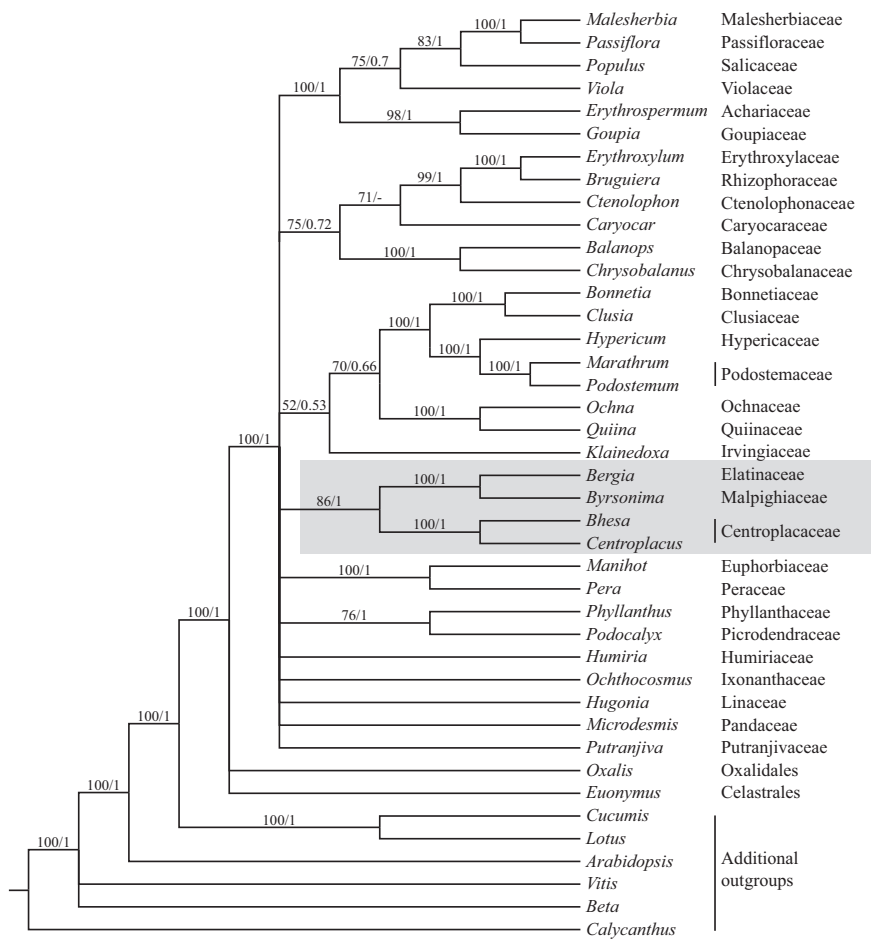


Fig. S1. Malpighiales phylogeny inferred from nucleotide sequences of the plastid inverted repeat region. Fifty-percent maximum-likelihood majority-rule consensus phylogeny is shown here. Well-supported relationships between Centroplacaceae, Elatinaceae, and Malpighiaceae are highlighted in gray. Values are maximum-likelihood bootstrap percentages and Bayesian posterior probabilities, respectively.

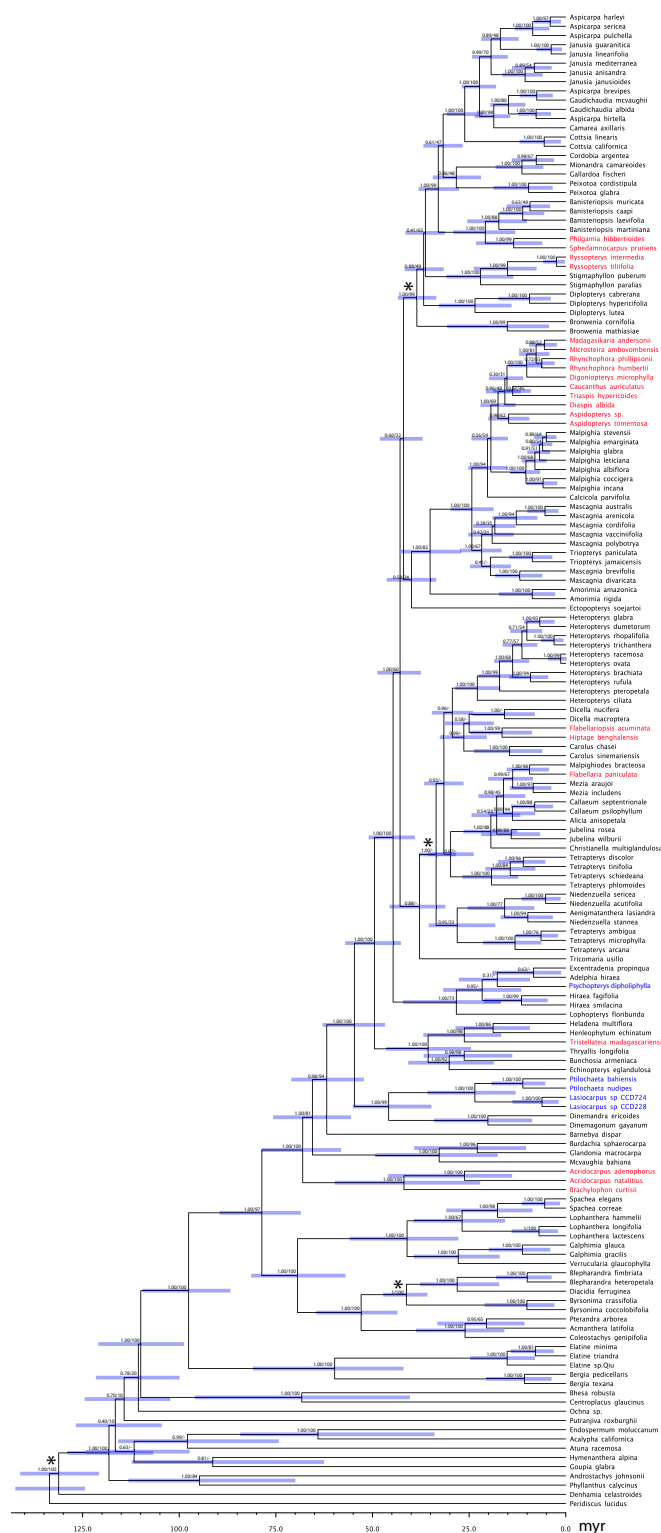


Fig. S2. Phylogeny and divergence time estimates of Malpighiaceae inferred using BEAST. The three fossil calibration points described in the main text are starred. Old World clades that have lost the oil-bee association are shown in red; New World clades that have lost the oil-bee association are shown in blue. Numbers near nodes are Bayesian posterior probabilities/maximum-likelihood bootstrap percentages; a hyphen indicates that the node is not present in the maximum-likelihood 50% majority-rule consensus tree. Divergence time estimates in million years with associated confidence intervals are shown in blue.

Table S1. Morphological characters scored by Davis and Anderson (1)

Traits	Score
1. Habit	0: tree or woody shrub; 1: erect suffrutescent; 2: trailing suffrutescent; 3: vine; 4: herb
2. Stems rooting at nodes	0: no; 1: yes
3. Vegetative hairs	0: unicellular; 1: multicellular
4. Vegetative hairs	0: 2-branched; 1: basifixed; 2: stellate
5. Phyllotaxy	0: opposite or whorled; 1: alternate
6. Stipule position	0: stem between petioles or beside petiole; 1: petiole margin; 2: petiole inner face; 3: not present
7. Stipule connation	0: distinct; 1: connate, same leaf; 2: connate, opposite leaves; 3: connate, opposite and same leaves; 4: not present
8. Stipule persistence	0: long-persistent; 1: soon-deciduous; 2: not present
9. Stipules enclosing buds	0: no; 1: yes
10. Petiole glands	0: absent; 1: present
11. Lamina margin	0: without true teeth; 1: toothed
12. Lamina glands	0: absent; 1: abaxial surface; 2: margin or v. sl. within; 3: adaxial surface
13. Inflorescence position	0: terminal or terminal and axillary; 1: axillary
14. Inflorescence ultimate units	0: pseudoraceme or thyrse; 1: umbel of (2)4(6) flowers; 2: umbel of >six flowers; 3: 1(2) flower(s); 4: verticil of four flowers; 5: spike; 6: consistently two flowers
15. Inflorescence decussate	0: mostly not; 1: all or mostly yes; 2: proximally decussate, distally not; 3: too tight to tell; 4: single flowers
16. Cincinni	0: one-flowered; 1: two to several-flowered
17. Bract and bracteole size	0: full-sized leaves; 1: much reduced; 2: apparently absent
18. Bracts and bracteoles scalelike	0: no; 1: yes; 2: absent
19. Bract persistence	0: persistent; 1: deciduous; 2: absent
20. Peduncle	0: 0–1 mm long; 1: >1 mm long
21. Pedicel	0: well developed, > bracteoles; 1: absent or very short, < bracteoles
22. Bracteole glands	0: eglandular; 1: one or both glandular; 2: bracteoles absent
23. Bracteole persistence	0: persistent; 1: deciduous; 2: absent
24. Bracteoles enclosing buds	0: no; 1: yes; 2: absent
25. Cleistogamous flowers	0: absent; 1: present
26. Breeding system	0: bisexual; 1: morphologically bisexual, functionally unisexual; 2: morphologically bisexual or male; 3: unisexual, dioecious
27. Sepal number	0: 5; 1: 2–4
28. Sepal aestivation	0: imbricate; 1: valvate
29. Sepal margin, glands	0: absent; 1: present
30. Calyx in anthesis	0: erect or appressed; 1: revolute; 2: reflexed
31. Calyx in fruit	0: hardly enlarged; 1: enlarged, papery
32. Calyx glands	0: none; 1: 10 on five sepals; 2: eight on lateral four sepals; 3: four (fused) on lateral four sepals; 4: up to five glands; 5: six on lateral four sepals
33. Calyx gland attachment	0: completely on free sepals; 1: half or more on free sepals; 2: mostly below free sepals; 3: not present
34. Calyx glands long-stalked	0: no; 1: yes; 2: not present
35. Petal number	0: five; 1: two to four
36. Petals in bud	0: exposed; 1: concealed by sepals
37. Petal color	0: yellow; 1: pink (+white); 2: white; 3: lilac
38. Petals clawed	0: yes; 1: no
39. Petal hairs	0: absent; 1: present, abaxial surface; 2: present, adaxial surface; 3: present, margin
40. Corolla symmetry	0: nearly radial; 1: bilateral, NW type; 2: bilateral, <i>Acridocarpus</i> type
41. Disk	0: absent; 1: present
42. Stamen number	0: >10; 1: 10; 2: 7–9; 3: six opposite sepals + posterior petal; 4: five opposite sepals; 5: 1–4
(in bisexual or male flowers)	
43. Stamens sterile	0: none; 1: staminodes opposite five sepals; 2: staminodes opposite anterior-lateral sepals; 3: posterior three staminodes; 4: filament opposite posterior petal without anther; 5: staminodes opposite posterior-lateral sepals; 6: staminodes opposite petals, posterior-lateral sepals; 7: staminodes opposite three anterior sepals; 8: staminodes opposite five petals
(in bisexual or male flowers)	
44. Filament sizes (fertile)	0: subequal; 1: longer opposite sepals; 2: longer opposite some or all petals; 3: longer opposite sepals, posterior-lateral petals; 4: anterior three shorter; 5: posterior three shorter; 6: shorter opposite posterior-lateral petals; 7: very long opposite anterior sepal; 8: stouter opposite posterior-lateral petals; 9: anterior one shorter
45. Filament fusion	0: distinct; 1: connate at base or higher
46. Anther hairs	0: absent; 1: present
47. Anther bristles, apex	0: absent; 1: present
48. Anther wings	0: absent; 1: present

Characters with significant difference between oil-bee pollinated clades are highlighted in bold. An acceleration in trait diversification in oil-bee clades is indicated in blue; a deceleration in oil-bee free clades are in bold and italics.

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