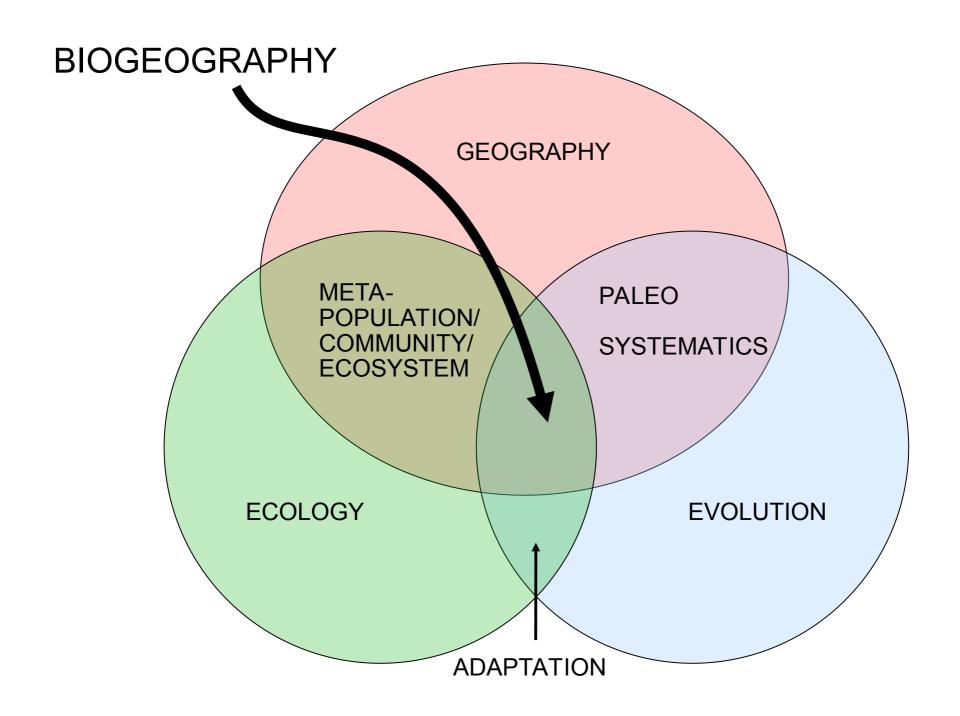
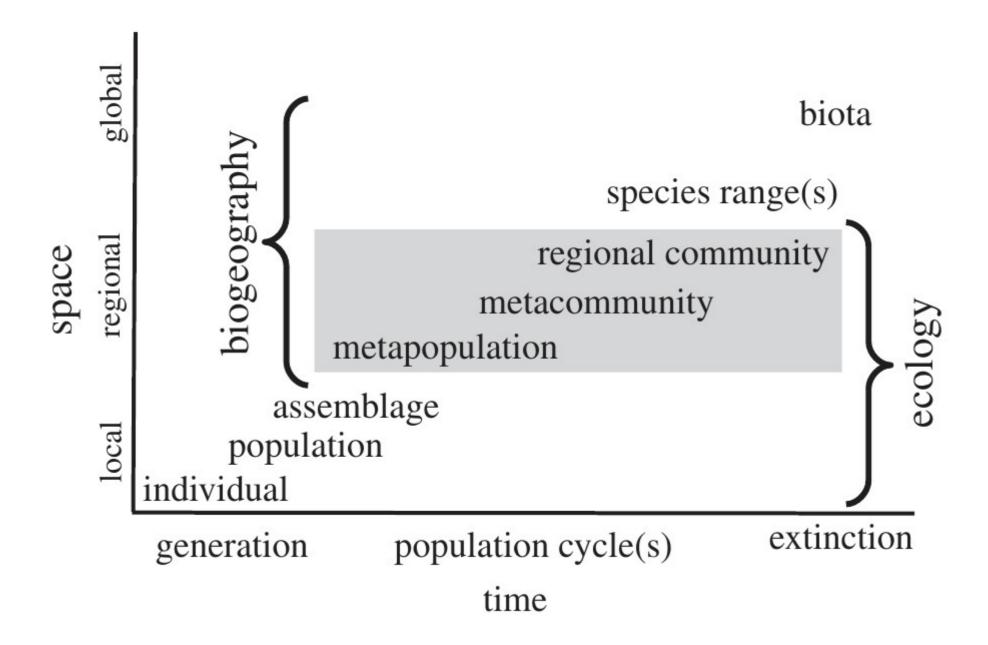
Biogeography:

What is it?

### **Textbook Definitions**

- The science that attempts to document and understand spatial patterns of biological diversity.
- The study of the distribution of organisms, both past and present
- A science that attempts to answer the question: "How does biological diversity vary over the surface of the Earth?" [And Why?]





### Biogeographer Job Titles

- Spatial or Landscape Ecologist
- Evolutionary Biologist
- Systematist
- Taxonomist
- Paleontologist
- Naturalist
- Cartographer
- Geographer

# Biogeography Journals

#### **Main Sources**

- Journal of Biogeography
- Global Ecology & Biogeography
- Diversity & Distributions
- Ecography
- Frontiers of Biogeography

#### **Others**

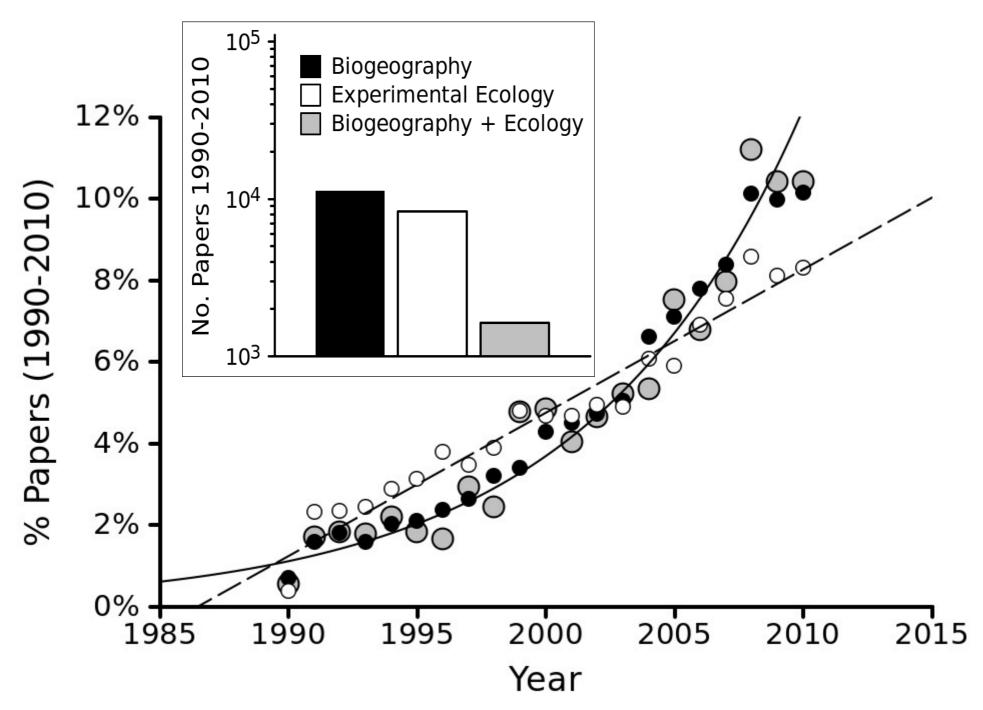
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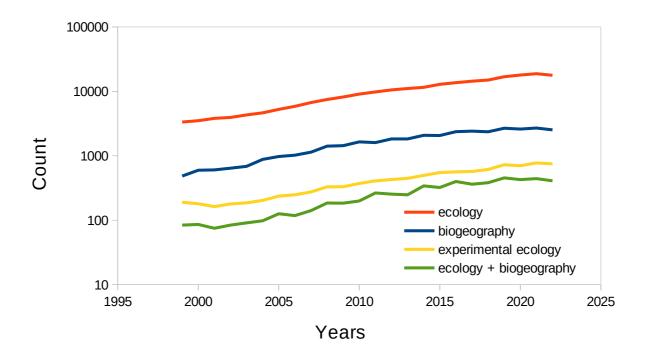
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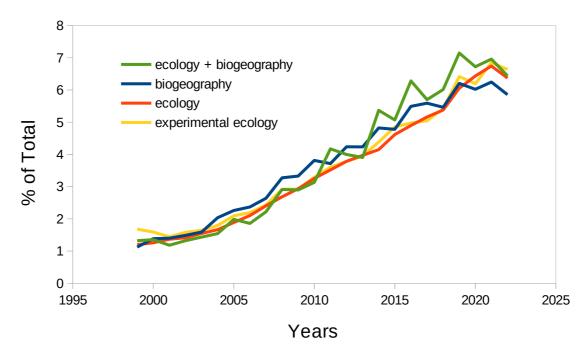
**Evolution** 

Systematics journals

Climate Change journals







# Biogeography "vs." Ecology

### **Biogeography**:

- started with Darwin et al.
- focused on large-scale
- stayed observational
- waited for plate tectonic theory
- pattern implies process
- data-base oriented

#### **Ecology**:

- started with Darwin et al.
- focused on small-scale
- became experimental
- adopted ag-based statistical analyses
- process makes pattern
- becoming data-based oriented