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Thinking in continua: beyond the "adaptive radiation" metaphor

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Supplementary Table 1. With the growth of quantitative tools for studying speciation rate, diversity, disparity, and adaptedness, scientists increasingly find it necessary to qualify 'adaptive radiation' to be able to express the details of their clade of interest, as these phrases from the recent literature illustrate.

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<th>Category of descriptor</th>
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Truly adaptive radiation


Degree: large
Extensive adaptive radiation


Clear adaptive radiation

Considerable adaptive radiation


Extraordinary amount

Extreme adaptive radiation

Great adaptive radiation
Cox, C. B. and Moore, P. D., Biogeography: An Ecological and


**Huge adaptive radiation**


**Large adaptive radiation**


**Large-scale adaptive radiation**


**Major adaptive radiation**


**Massive adaptive radiation**


**Substantial adaptive radiation**


**Successful adaptive radiation**

Salzburger, W., To be or not to be a hamlet pair in sympatry. *Mol Ecol* 2008. 17: 1397–1399.

**Widest adaptive radiation**


**Degree: small**

Limited adaptive radiation


Little adaptive radiation


"Mini" adaptive radiation


Minor adaptive radiation


Modest adaptive radiation


Incipient adaptive radiation


Clades that do not meet all the criteria of a favored definition

Initial phase of an adaptive radiation


Not yet an adaptive radiation

Young adaptive radiation
