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1 Sexual signals of fish species mimic the spatial statistics of their habitat: evidence for processing

2 bias in animal signal evolution

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12 Abstract

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14 The diversity of animal visual displays has intrigued scientists for centuries. Sexual selection theory has

- 15 explained some of this diversity, yet most of this effort has focused on simple aspects of signal design,
- such as color. The evolution of complex patterns that characterize many sexual displays remains largely
- 17 unexplained. The field of empirical aesthetics, a subdiscipline of cognitive psychology, has shown that
- 18 humans are attracted to visual images that match the spatial statistics of natural scenes. We investigated
- 19 whether applying this result to animals could help explain the diversification of complex sexual signaling
- 20 patterns. We used Fourier analysis to compare the spatial statistics of body patterning in ten species of
- 21 darters (*Etheostoma* spp.), a group of freshwater fishes with striking male visual displays, with those of
- their respective habitats. We found a significant correlation between the spatial statistics of darter patterns and those of their habitats for males, but not for females. Our results suggest that visual characteristics
- 24 of natural environments can influence the evolution of complex patterns in sexual signals.
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26 Introduction

The diversity of visual patterning across animal species remains one of the most striking yet enigmatic of evolution's puzzles. While visual patterns often function as camouflage, or evolve through other modes of natural selection, in many cases they are shaped by sexual selection. Although sexual selection is commonly invoked to explain the exaggeration of a sexual signal (e.g., Andersson 1994), little is known about why particular patterns are selected in some species, while different patterns are selected in others. This question becomes especially perplexing when closely related species exhibit a striking diversity of visual patterns, as in the peacock spiders of Australia, or the manakins of South America.

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35 Some of the top candidate hypotheses explaining the evolution of signal design are the sensory bias and sensory drive models of sexual selection, which explain how environmental conditions can shape animal 36 sensory systems, and thereby preferences for specific signal features¹⁻⁴. These models have been 37 38 especially useful for explaining the evolution of simple signal features, such as the color of a visual 39 display, or the frequency spectrum of an auditory signal¹. These features can be interpreted as 40 components of signal efficacy, which refers to a signal's ability to maximize information transmission⁵. 41 In these models, the detectability of a signal determines its attractiveness, hence the central role of signal 42 detection theory in sexual selection research. However, to date, little work addresses the question of how 43 more complex traits, such as intricate visual patterns, can evolve through sensory drive⁶.

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45 Recently, Renoult & Mendelson expanded the framework of sensory drive to include efficient 46 information processing as an explanation for complex signal design⁵. Efficiency describes the 47 transmission of information at low metabolic cost. The expanded sensory drive framework posits that the 48 neural circuitry underlying sensory perception is tuned to efficiently process habitat-specific features. 49 and that this specialization can lead to preferences for particular visual patterns, as might be displayed 50 by a potential mate. This hypothesis is grounded in information theory⁷, specifically the efficient processing hypothesis of Horace Barlow⁸. Action potentials are metabolically expensive, and neural 51 52 systems reduce metabolic expenditure by reducing the number of action potentials required for signal 53 processing⁹. This reduction is accomplished by leveraging the statistical redundancies in sensory stimuli 54 to create a "sparse" neurological representation (or code); that is, for any given stimulus, relatively few 55 neurons are active at any given time, and those active neurons are highly tuned to the redundant (regular) features of the perceptual environment¹⁰. Visual information in particular contains a great deal of 56 statistical redundancy, or regularity, that visual systems have adapted to efficiently process^{11–13}. Similar 57 adaptations for efficiency have also been shown in auditory and olfactory processing^{14,15}. 58

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60 The field of human empirical aesthetics uses Barlow's efficient processing hypothesis to explain why humans find certain visual stimuli, like works of art, more appealing than others¹⁶. A number of studies 61 have found that humans prefer, and find more pleasurable, images that are more efficiently processed^{17–} 62 63 ¹⁹. In parallel, other studies have shown that visual art has fractal-like statistics similar to natural scenes, whereas less aesthetic images, such as those of laboratory objects (i.e. spectrometers, lab benches, etc...) 64 do not. Psychologists hypothesize that people prefer art with the spatial statistics of natural scenes 65 because our brains have evolved to efficiently process them²⁰⁻²⁴. Results from cognitive psychology 66 67 therefore suggest a processing bias rooted in the reward (pleasure) of efficient information processing^{5,25}. Renoult & Mendelson hypothesize that this processing bias is not limited to humans, predicting that other 68 69 animals should also prefer the fractal-like statistics of their habitats, and that this preference could help 70 explain the evolution and diversification of complex animal signal patterns⁵.

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72 To date, psychological studies of efficient processing have considered natural scenes to be homogeneous, 73 disregarding potential variation between habitats. However, other studies have shown that habitats can 74 differ significantly in spatial statistics, and specifically in the statistics that measure visual redundancies^{26,27}. Such studies quantify the intuitive: an image of the forest understory, with highly 75 repeating vertical contrast (trees), will have different spatial statistics than an image of a desert, or a 76 77 beach. Thus, organisms occupying habitats with different spatial redundancies are predicted to have environment-dependent differences in visual processing. In keeping with a hypothesis of sensory drive, 78 79 these processing differences could lead to environment-dependent differences in pattern preferences, 80 with the most efficiently processed (and thus preferred) environments being those inhabited by a given 81 perceiver or by its ancestors. A hypothesis of signal diversification based on processing bias therefore predicts that the spatial statistics of complex visual signals whose function is attraction, as in courtship, 82 83 will match those of the local habitat⁵. Here, we test that prediction in a diverse genus of freshwater fish 84 with complex visual courtship signals.

Darters (Percidae: *Etheostoma*) are an especially appropriate system in which to study the diversity of 86 visual patterns in the context of sensory drive and processing bias. Darters are a diverse group of benthic 87 freshwater fish, found throughout the eastern United States²⁸. Phylogenetic evidence suggests that the 88 most recent common ancestor of darters existed between 30 and 40 million years ago, and darters are the 89 second most species rich group of freshwater fish in North America^{29,30}. During their breeding season 90 (typically March through May), male darters of most species exhibit species-specific nuptial coloration 91 92 used in courtship and competition, while females typically remain drab and cryptic. In addition to their 93 striking male color displays, different species of darters exhibit marked variation in patterning (Figure 94 1). Mate choice assays in some darter species have shown that both males and females prefer the nuptial coloration and pattern of conspecifics^{31–35}. While the most closely related darter species have similar 95 96 habitat preferences, distantly related species have divergent habitat preferences that distinguish many 97 sympatric species within a community $^{36-38}$. These distinct habitats could exhibit distinguishable spatial statistics that might drive divergence in pattern preferences and ultimately divergence in the patterns of 98 99 male sexual signals.

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- Figure 1. Example images for males of each species included in this study.
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In this study, we investigated for the first time whether differences in environmental visual statistics 104 105 correlate with observable differences in the visual statistics of sexually selected phenotypes. We captured digital images of ten species of darters that occur in five different classes of aquatic habitats, as well as 106 107 images of their habitats. We used Fourier analysis to characterize the spatial statistics of habitats and the darter species that reside in them and tested for a correspondence between these statistics. Fourier 108 analysis, which decomposes a signal into its component frequencies, is one of the most commonly used 109 methods for analyzing visual images and a central tool in the field of empirical aesthetics^{23,24,39–41}. For 110 visual images, it indicates how luminance contrast (i.e., energy) is distributed across a range of spatial 111 112 sinusoidal frequencies. Lower spatial frequencies correspond to large scale features in an image, such as the horizon line; higher spatial frequencies correspond to fine scale features, such as grains of sand. When 113 114 plotted on log-log axes, the relationship between frequency and energy can be approximated by an affine function; the slope of this function is referred to as the slope of the Fourier power spectrum (1/f); hereafter, 115 "Fourier slope"; Figure 2). Many studies use the Fourier slope to examine similarities between 116 aesthetically pleasing images and natural scenes^{18,21,42}. We applied these methods to darter color patterns 117 and their preferred habitats, testing a hypothesis of sensory drive. 118



Figure 2. The Fourier slope of images from two different habitat types. The blue line represents the entire power spectrum, while the orange x's are the bin locations. The black line is the fit of the bins, and represents the slope used for this analysis. For habitat images, the bins are evenly distributed between 10 and 200 cycles per image.

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127 Slope of the Fourier power spectrum

We found significant variation in the Fourier slope across species for both males (p = 2e-16, n = 302, F = 16.2, df = 9, Figure 3) and females (p = 3.47e-9, n = 274, F = 7.08, df = 9, Figure 3). Overall, males had a higher slope than females (males: -3.09 +/- 0.342 SD, females: -3.27 +/- 0.306 SD, n = 576); this difference was significant in 5 out of 10 species (two-tailed Student's t-test with Bonferroni correction, species' results provided in Supplementary Table 2). Differences in the Fourier slope across habitat classes were also significant (p = 2e-16, n = 2388, F = 58.8, df = 4, Figure 4).







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141 Figure 4. Distribution of Fourier slopes for images of five habitat types. Dashed lines represent the median for each group,

142 and dotted lines represent the interquartile range.

Our model of darter Fourier slopes included habitat slope as a fixed effect, as well as phylogeny and 144 145 capture site as random effects (models without both random effects had a higher DIC). For the following results, the mean effect size (β) is reported with its 95% credible interval (CI). Results where the CI 146 includes zero indicate a statistically nonsignificant result with $\alpha = 0.05$. The correlation between the 147 Fourier slope of color patterns and that of their corresponding habitat classes was significant for males 148 149 $(\beta = 0.436, CI = [0.0442, 0.834], pMCMC = 0.0262, DIC = 60.4, Figure 5a), but not for females (\beta = 0.0436, CI = [0.0442, 0.834], pMCMC = 0.0262, DIC = 60.4, Figure 5a), but not for females (\beta = 0.0436, CI = [0.0442, 0.834], pMCMC = 0.0262, DIC = 60.4, Figure 5a), but not for females (\beta = 0.0436, CI = [0.0442, 0.834], pMCMC = 0.0262, DIC = 60.4, Figure 5a), but not for females (\beta = 0.0436, CI = [0.0442, 0.834], pMCMC = 0.0262, DIC = 60.4, Figure 5a), but not for females (\beta = 0.0436, CI = [0.0442, 0.834], pMCMC = 0.0262, DIC = 60.4, Figure 5a), but not for females (\beta = 0.0436, CI = [0.0442, 0.834], pMCMC = 0.0262, DIC = 60.4, Figure 5a), but not for females (\beta = 0.0436, CI = 0.0442, 0.834], pMCMC = 0.0262, DIC = 60.4, Figure 5a), but not for females (\beta = 0.0436, CI = 0.0442, 0.834], pMCMC = 0.0262, DIC = 60.4, Figure 5a), but not for females (\beta = 0.0442, 0.834], pMCMC = 0.0442, 0.8$ 0.295, CI = [-0.389, 1.03], pMCMC = 0.3709, DIC = 36.72, Figure 5b). We did not find a strong effect 150 of the sample site on the Fourier slope of the fish for either males or females (males: $\beta = 0.0327$, CI = 151 [0.0111, 0.0594], females: $\beta = 0.0323$, CI = [0.0089, 0.0618]). The effect of phylogeny was minimal for 152 males and its exclusion from our model did not change the significance of our results ($\beta = 0.00516$, CI = 153 [1.5e-17, 0.0252]). Additionally, for females the effect of phylogeny was minimal ($\beta = 0.0467$, CI = 154 [0.0023, 0.121]), and its exclusion from our model did not produce a significant correlation between the 155 Fourier slope of females and that of their habitats. 156

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160 Figure 5. Scatterplots comparing mean Fourier slopes of fish versus habitat for males (a) and females (b) in ten species of 161 *Etheostoma*. Error bars represent the standard error. For the males, *E. pyrrhogaster* and *E. chlorosomum* have nearly identical 162 values, and appear superimposed on top of each other. This is also the case for *E. camurum* and *E. blennioides*. These species 163 are marked by (*).

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166 **Discussion**

Sensory drive posits that animal signals are shaped by the environments in which they are transmitted^{1,3,4}. 167 Environmental features affect not only signal transmission but also the sensory and perceptual systems 168 169 of receivers, which in turn can affect the course of signal evolution. Therefore, one of the central predictions of sensory drive is that signals evolving due to sexual selection will vary predictably with the 170 environment in which they evolve³. Our results support this prediction. We have shown that the habitats 171 occupied by different darter species have different visual statistics, measured as the distribution of 172 173 luminance contrast across different spatial frequencies (i.e., Fourier slope). We also found a significant 174 correlation between the Fourier slope of a species' habitat and that of male nuptial patterns. Our results 175 are therefore consistent with a hypothesis of sensory drive that incorporates efficient information processing in receivers as a driving force in preference and signal evolution⁵. 176

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178 The framework established by sensory drive is crucial to our understanding of sexual selection, because 179 it can explain not only why signals become elaborate, but also why they take their particular form^{1,3,4,43}. 180 To date, however, that framework has been rooted primarily in signal detection theory, which does not account for more complex features integrated at higher levels of perceptual processing. In a review of 181 182 the state of animal coloration research, Endler and Mappes noted that the effect of perceptual processing on the evolution of color patterns is virtually unknown⁶. In addition, of the 154 studies investigating 183 sensory drive analyzed by Cummings and Endler, none leveraged perceptual processing to understand 184 how spatial structure in visual patterns evolve¹. Instead, the bulk of research focused on signal detection 185 via retinal photoreceptors. Information theory is a broader context that motivated the efficient processing 186 187 hypothesis of Barlow⁸, which emphasizes energy efficiency in information processing. Rooting the 188 framework of sensory drive in information theory thus suggests a novel way forward for understanding how complex sexual signals evolve and a new mechanism through which sensory drive can shape signal 189 190 design.

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192 Extending sensory drive to include processing efficiency is motivated by work in empirical aesthetics, 193 which demonstrates that people prefer images that match the spatial statistics of natural (terrestrial) 194 scenes. Much of this work is based on the Fourier slope. Images of terrestrial habitats tend to have a 195 Fourier slope around -2 with surprising regularity. In contrast, images of non-natural items (e.g., anthropogenic landscapes and objects) have a Fourier slope that deviates from $-2^{44,45}$. One notable 196 exception is works of art, which tend to have a slope similar to that of natural terrestrial habitats ^{20,23,42}. 197 For instance, Redies et al. found that artists' portraits of human faces mimic the Fourier slope of natural 198 199 landscapes more closely than images of human faces do²¹. Beyond works of art, people also tend to prefer 200 synthetic images with a Fourier slope around -2^{40} .

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202 A preference for Fourier slopes characteristic of natural habitats is thought to arise from the pleasure of efficient processing, as our perceptual systems have evolved to efficiently process the predictable 203 redundancies of the scenes in which we evolved^{11,23,46}. The Fourier slope is a straightforward way of 204 measuring those redundancies and has been shown to correlate with aspects of visual processing. For 205 206 instance, people are able to discriminate different textures based solely on differences in their Fourier slope²⁶. Moreover, neurons active in the early stages of visual processing in vertebrates are specialized 207 208 to respond to contrast at specific spatial frequencies. Notably, these specializations correspond to the spatial frequencies that occur with the highest energy in natural scenes^{11,12,47,48}. Stimuli that most closely 209 mimic the energy of spatial frequencies in natural scenes, which is quantified by the Fourier slope, should 210 211 thus be most efficiently processed, as they generate a sparse neurological code that stimulates a small number of highly specialized neurons¹⁰. 212

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Although it is now well supported that, in humans at least, efficient information processing is rewarded with pleasure, why this occurs is still unknown^{18,49,50}. One explanation is a "processing bias" (i.e. Renoult

216 & Mendelson)⁵, which supposes that this reward first evolved as an adaptation to inform the brain that

217 information gathering is going smoothly, or that the environment is familiar⁵⁸. Such a processing bias

218 may secondarily be exploited by communication signals that are efficiently processed (e.g., that mimic

the visual statistics of a familiar environment) and thereby elicit pleasure⁵. According to this hypothesis, male sexual displays in darters would have exploited female pleasure that originated as a general adaptation not associated with mate choice. Interestingly, we found a correlation between the Fourier slope of darter patterns and that of their habitat only in males, not in females, consistent with a hypothesis that male signals have evolved to be attractive, whereas female signals have not.

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225 The difference we found between the sexes is puzzling, however, in the context of camouflage, which is 226 the most obvious reason to expect a correspondence between the visual statistics of animal patterns and 227 their environment. If mimicking the Fourier slope of the environment was driven by selection for camouflage, we would expect females, which are also subject to selection by predation, to follow the 228 229 same pattern as males. Moreover, as males in breeding condition appear to contrast their environment, presumably maximizing detectability to mates or competitors, it seems unlikely that their visual displays 230 are adapted for camouflage. Nevertheless, our analyses consider luminance contrast, rather than 231 232 chromatic contrast; thus, the luminance patterning of males may be a camouflaged backdrop against 233 which conspicuous colors are displayed. The attention that male colors draw from predators may add 234 increased pressure to be otherwise camouflaged. Although the answer is not yet clear, the interplay of natural and sexual selection in driving the evolution of complex visual patterns remains an open question 235 236 upon which the spatial statistics of animal patterns and their habitats could be fruitfully brought to bear.

238 Last, our finding that variation in the Fourier slope of darters is consistent with variation in species' preferred habitat may have implications for human aesthetics. The Fourier slope has been found to vary 239 between different categories of stimuli (e.g., buildings, natural landscapes, anthropogenic objects), and 240 between terrestrial and aquatic environments (for a review, see Pouli et al.)²⁶; however, the extent to 241 242 which natural human habitats vary in Fourier slope has not yet been explicitly addressed. Different terrestrial biomes (e.g., tropical forest, desert, seashore) very likely have different Fourier slopes; thus, 243 244 quantifying how they co-vary with works of art and regional aesthetic preferences may further contribute to understanding the mechanisms driving aspects of cultural evolution and diversification. 245

247 In conclusion, while our study does not directly investigate perceptual processing, it provides a plausible 248 explanation for how sensory integration beyond photoreceptors can drive signal design through an 249 environmentally mediated process. Through the lens of Fourier analysis, we have provided evidence that 250 male visual signals correspond to the visual statistics of their habitats, suggesting that post-retinal visual 251 processing is a plausible explanation for certain aspects of signal design. Our hypothesis is a novel 252 extension of sensory drive, and our methods provide a new approach for testing the role of sensory drive 253 in the evolution of visual patterns. Because the animal patterns we studied are likely used in mate 254 attraction, our results also support key predictions of empirical aesthetics about the relationship between 255 attractiveness and natural scenes. While empirical aesthetics was largely developed to explain human 256 aesthetic preferences, we suggest that some of its principles extend beyond humans and provide a compelling hypothesis for how a complex trait can evolve in a predictable, environmentally dependent 257 258 direction.

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261 Darter Collection and Photography

262 We collected males and females of ten darter species from 23 sites distributed in Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee (Etheostoma barrenense, E. blennioides, E. 263 caeruleum, E. camurum, E. chlorosomum, E. gracile, E. olmstedi, E. pyrrhogaster, E. swaini, E. zonale) 264 (Supplementary Table 1). These ten species were chosen for inclusion based on their broad phylogenetic 265 266 distribution and their preference for different classes of habitat: sand (E. chlorosomum, E. olmstedi, E.pyrrhogaster), boulder (E. blennioides, E. camurum), gravel (E. caeruleum, E. zonale), detritus (E. 267 gracile, E. swaini) and bedrock (E. barrenense). At each site, we collected approximately 10 males and 268 10 females (males: 11.2 +/- 3.0 SD; females: 10.5 +/- 3.1 SD), which were subsequently photographed. 269 Darters were caught by kick-seining and brought back to either the Hancock Biological Station in Murray, 270 KY or University of Maryland Baltimore County. Fish were housed in aerated tanks and photographed 271 272 within three days of capture. Immediately prior to photography, fish were euthanized in MS-222 and then fixed in 10% formalin with fins pinned erect for approximately 10 minutes. We then clipped the pectoral 273 274 fin of each fish for an unobstructed image of their body pattern. Images were subsequently captured with 275 a Canon EOS 5D Mark IV digital camera mounted to a Cognisys Stackshot system to ensure a fully 276 focused image (see Supplementary Information for detailed photography methods).

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278 Habitat Photography

We collected images of habitats at sites where we captured darters using an Ikelite 200DL underwater housing for a Canon EOS 5D Mark IV digital camera. Each darter species was assigned to a habitat class (sand, gravel, boulder, detritus, or bedrock) based on where darters were observed, as well as on literature describing darter microhabitat preferences^{52–54}. Each habitat class was represented by a minimum of 100 images representing a minimum of two sites. All images were collected in clear, shallow water on sunny days between 10:00 and 15:00, and when water turbidity was low (see supplementary information).

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286 Image Conversion to Darter Color Space

For all images, RAW files were converted to 16-bit tiff files using the rawpy python API. We converted 287 288 RAW files to RGB triplets without any spatial interpolation, gamma correction or white-balance to maintain linearity. Images were then converted into a darter colorspace. The generation of the darter 289 colorspace was done by first characterizing the sensitivity functions of our camera, and then using known 290 darter visual sensitivities to generate a mapping from camera space to darter space55. The sensitivity 291 292 functions for the camera were estimated using a monochrometer and a calibrated spectrometer, which ensured that each color channel was linear⁵⁶. To model darter color vision, we generated a dichromatic 293 model using cone sensitivities peaking at 525nm and 603nm (darters lack a short wavelength sensitive 294 295 cone class). Since the cone sensitivities for all species in this study are not currently known, we used the 296 same color vision model for all species. Variation between darter species in cone sensitivities is known 297 to be relatively minor and unlikely to affect the outcome of our analysis⁵⁵. We converted camera space 298 to darter space by minimizing the difference between the camera model and the cone model, using a 299 second order polynomial function of RGB values. We then converted all images (fish and habitat) from 300 color space to luminance space by summing the two color channels. This pooling of color channels 301 closely mimics how vertebrate brains are thought to extract luminance information⁵⁷.

For darter images, we cropped out the region on the flank of each fish directly below the second dorsal 303 304 fin. From the set of cropped images, we determined the largest square area that would fit in every cropped image, which was found to be 200 x 200 pixels. For each darter image, we then randomly sampled a 305 306 region of this size from the flank of the fish. Habitat images were reduced from their original dimensions of 2251 x 3372 to 800 x 1200. We then randomly sampled each habitat image four times with a 400 x 307 308 400 pixel square. Since the size of the habitat images is greater than the size of the darter's flank, using a larger box size reduces variability in lower frequency coefficients. Additionally, we tested the effects 309 310 of various box sizes, and found our results robust to these changes (see supplemental information).

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312 Fourier Analysis

313 To compute the slope of the Fourier power spectrum for each image, we followed standard methods in empirical aesthetics^{21,42,58}. We calculated the two-dimensional Fast Fourier Transform with a Kaiser-314 Bessel window using parameter $\alpha = 2$ to minimize edge artifacts²⁶. We then transformed the Fourier space 315 316 to the power spectrum and estimated the radial average of the power spectrum. To eliminate edge effects 317 and high frequency noise, we only included spatial frequencies between 10 and 110 cycles per image. Since the Fourier power spectrum has a greater spatial granularity at higher frequencies, we binned each 318 power spectrum between 10 and 110 cycles for darter images and between 10 and 200 cycles for habitat 319 320 images, with 20 bins for each. This ensures that our slopes were calculated to give equal weight across 321 the frequency range. We then estimated the slope of the power spectrum using a linear regression on the 322 bin values, using a custom Python script.

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324 Statistical Analysis

325 To ensure that images of species-typical habitat were representative of their class, we pooled images of 326 each habitat class across multiple sites. We then compared the Fourier slope across habitat classes and 327 across darter species (males and females analyzed separately) using ANOVAs. To examine the relationship between the Fourier slope of habitats and that of darter patterns, we used generalized linear 328 mixed models. We computed this model using the R package MCMCglmm^{59,60}. Our model predicted the 329 330 value of the Fourier slope of each individual fish based on the slope of their habitat. Capture site and phylogeny were included as random effects. The phylogenetic tree of the ten studied species was inferred 331 from a previously published molecular phylogeny (accessed via TreeBASE)^{30,61}. We ran the model using 332 the uninformative Inverse-Wishart prior for 1,000,000 iterations, with a 10,000 iteration burn in and 50 333 334 iteration thinning.

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Data Availability

All code used to compute the slope of the Fourier power spectrum can be accessed via github at <u>https://github.com/svhulse/Fourier-Analysis</u>. The computed slopes for every image used can also be accessed via github under the same repository. Any images used in this study are available upon

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