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24 **ABSTRACT**

25 The complex forces that shape butterfly wings have long been a subject of experimental  
26 and comparative research. Butterflies use their wings for flight, camouflage, mate  
27 recognition, warning and mimicry. However, general patterns and correlations among  
28 wing shape and size evolution are still poorly understood. We collected geometric  
29 morphometric measurements from over 1400 digitized museum specimens of *Papilio*  
30 swallowtails and combined them with phylogenetic data to test two hypotheses: 1)  
31 forewing shape and size evolve independently of hindwing shape and size, and 2) wing  
32 size evolves more quickly than wing shape. We also determined the major axes of wing  
33 shape variation and discovered that most shape variability occurs in hindwing tails and  
34 adjacent areas. We conclude that forewing shape and size are functionally and  
35 biomechanically constrained, while hindwings are more labile, perhaps in response to  
36 disruptive selective pressure for Batesian mimicry or against predation. The development  
37 of a significant, re-usable, digitized data resource will enable further investigation on  
38 tradeoffs between flight performance and ecological selective pressures, along with the  
39 degree to which intraspecific, local-scale selection may explain macroevolutionary  
40 patterns.

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42 **KEYWORDS:** geometric morphometrics, museum specimens, Lepidoptera, Batesian  
43 mimicry

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45 “...[O]n these expanded membranes Nature writes, as on a tablet, the story of the  
46 modifications of species, so truly do all changes of the organization register  
47 themselves thereon.” – Henry Walter Bates on butterfly wings, 1863

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49 For decades, researchers have examined butterfly wing diversity through lenses of functional  
50 adaptation, evolutionary history, and development. For nearly all Lepidoptera species, wings  
51 power flight to search for larval host plants, nectar sources, mates, and new territory (Scoble  
52 1992). The physical requirements for powered flight are thought to exert natural selective  
53 pressure on lepidopteran wing size and shape; indeed, artificial selection experiments on wing  
54 and body size allometries have demonstrated significant fitness advantages for wild-type males  
55 compared those selectively bred for alternative allometries (Frankino et al. 2005). However,  
56 evidence suggests that forewings and hindwings unequally contribute to flight performance: in a  
57 study of 19 species of butterflies and 25 species of moths, all could fly with their hindwings  
58 removed, although at the cost of speed and maneuverability (Jantzen and Eisner 2008).  
59 Therefore, forewing shape and size may result from stabilizing selection imposed by the  
60 biomechanical requirements of flight, whereas hindwing shape and size may respond more  
61 readily to neutral or selective processes such as sexual selection (Chazot et al. 2016), and  
62 predation pressure (Sourakov 2013, Barber et al. 2015, Willmott et al. 2017, Rubin et al. 2018).

63 Still, experimental manipulations (e.g. Jantzen and Eisner 2008) cannot characterize  
64 processes at evolutionary time scales and across lineages. Comparative analysis of data from  
65 natural history collections may ameliorate this shortcoming by bridging the gap between  
66 experimental manipulation and observed macroevolutionary patterns. Strauss (1990) quantified  
67 variation in wing morphology in select heliconiine and ithomiine butterflies and found hindwings

68 were much more variable than forewings, providing a tantalizing link between functional studies  
69 and the impact of aerodynamic constraints on wing shape evolution. In contrast, a recent study of  
70 *Morpho* butterflies found a strong correlation between fore- and hindwing sizes as well as shapes  
71 (Chazot et al. 2016). Such datasets can also be used to identify morphological “paths of least  
72 resistance,” axes along which diversification happens most quickly (Schluter 1996). Comparative  
73 studies of *Myotis* bat skulls (Dzeverin 2008) and whole *Pheidole* ants (Pie and Tschá 2013)  
74 found size evolved more quickly than shape, but size variation as an evolutionary path of least  
75 resistance remains untested in Lepidoptera.

76 We built on this groundwork to test two predictions via examination of swallowtail  
77 butterflies in one clade of the genus *Papilio* (subgenera *Agehana*, *Alexanoria*, *Chilasa*,  
78 *Heraclides* and *Pterourus*, hereafter “swallowtails in the clade of interest”): 1) forewing shape  
79 and size evolve independently of hindwing shape and size, and 2) wing size evolves more  
80 quickly than wing shape (Table 1). Our first prediction is based on the presumption that the  
81 forewing is functionally constrained while other selective pressures (e.g. predation, sexual  
82 selection) operate on hindwing shape. The second is based on the presumption that overall size  
83 change is an evolutionary path of least resistance. To test these hypotheses, we took  
84 morphometric measurements from digitized museum specimens and analyzed them in a  
85 comparative phylogenetic framework with a well-sampled and resolved species-level phylogeny  
86 (Owens et al. 2017).

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88 **METHODS**

89 *Morphometrics*

90 Standardized dorsal and ventral images of *Papilio* butterfly specimens with scale and  
91 color bars were obtained from four natural history museums (Supplemental Fig. 1): the American  
92 Museum of Natural History (AMNH), Field Museum (FMNH), Florida Museum of Natural  
93 History, McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity (MGCL), and the Smithsonian  
94 Institution National Museum of Natural History (NMNH; Supplemental Table 1). Images were  
95 taken with a NIKON D300S with an AF Micro-Nikkor 60mm f/2.8D lens (AMNH), Canon EOS  
96 70D with a Canon EF 50mm f/1.4 USM lens (FMNH), Canon EOS 70D with a Canon EF-S  
97 60mm f/2.8 Macro USM lens (MGCL), or a Canon EOS 6D with a Canon EF 28-80mm f/3.5-5.6  
98 lens (NMNH) mounted on either a copy stand or tripod and operated manually (AMNH) or  
99 tethered to a MacBook Air with the Canon EOS Utility (FMNH, MGCL, NMNH; Supplemental  
100 Fig. 2). Photographs were centered with white-space around images, where labels and color bar  
101 are located, to limit lens distortion. Specimen label data, collection date, location and sex of  
102 specimen (where available) were transcribed by volunteers via the Notes from Nature platform  
103 (Hill et al. 2012). All standardized images used in this study have been made publicly available  
104 (AMNH: [https://datadryad.org/stash/share/Lq-XOj-IAFl-](https://datadryad.org/stash/share/Lq-XOj-IAFl-PyvNF3Es7713n4WgsEKE6XrKTjPH7z8)  
105 [PyvNF3Es7713n4WgsEKE6XrKTjPH7z8](https://datadryad.org/stash/share/Lq-XOj-IAFl-PyvNF3Es7713n4WgsEKE6XrKTjPH7z8); FMNH: [https://pj.fieldmuseum.org/event/626b0f98-](https://pj.fieldmuseum.org/event/626b0f98-98e7-49c8-903e-d67017fe2356)  
106 [98e7-49c8-903e-d67017fe2356](https://pj.fieldmuseum.org/event/626b0f98-98e7-49c8-903e-d67017fe2356); MGCL: LINK PENDING; NMNH: LINK PENDING).

107 Landmarks for morphometric measurement were based on previous morphological work  
108 on *Heraclides* swallowtails (Lewis et al. 2015; Fig. 1). One forewing landmark (F1 in Fig. 1),  
109 was removed from final analysis due to particularly high rate of measurement error; this was  
110 largely due to curling of the anterior wing margin in many specimens. To allow full view of

111 otherwise overlapping wing elements, we used 10 forewing landmarks from dorsal images and  
112 12 hindwing landmarks from ventral images (Fig. 1). Landmark and 1 cm scale bar coordinates  
113 were collected in ImageJ 1.49 (<https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/>) using the PointPicker plugin  
114 (<http://bigwww.epfl.ch/thevenaz/pointpicker/>) and imported into Microsoft Excel for collation  
115 and post-processing. We collected 1,449 dorsal and 1,404 ventral landmark measurement sets  
116 representing 60 and 59 species, respectively (Supplemental Table 1). Measurements were  
117 calibrated with scale bar coordinates, and final coordinate text files were prepared using  
118 TextWrangler 5.5.2 (<http://www.barebones.com/products/textwrangler/>). These data are  
119 available in Appendix 1 ([https://datadryad.org/stash/share/Lq-XOj-IAFI-](https://datadryad.org/stash/share/Lq-XOj-IAFI-PyvNF3Es7713n4WgsEKE6XrKTjPH7z8)  
120 [PyvNF3Es7713n4WgsEKE6XrKTjPH7z8](https://datadryad.org/stash/share/Lq-XOj-IAFI-PyvNF3Es7713n4WgsEKE6XrKTjPH7z8)). Forewing and hindwing landmark data with scale  
121 information were superimposed using Procrustes alignment; species represented by fewer than  
122 10 specimens and statistical outlier landmark sets were removed, and the final datasets were re-  
123 aligned. We tested for allometric effects in fore- and hindwing shape variation using the  
124 homogeneity of slopes test (grouping specimens by species) and a subsequent Procrustes  
125 ANOVA to determine the contribution of size in determining shape variation. Mean species  
126 shape was calculated, the resulting dataset was re-aligned, gross outliers were removed, and  
127 allometric effects (grouping species into two subclades: *Agehana* + *Pterourus*, *Alexanoria*,  
128 *Chilasa*, and *Heraclides*, Fig. 1) were examined. Finally, mean intraspecific Procrustes distance  
129 from mean shape, morphospace volume occupied by each species (the product of the range of  
130 each principal component excluding values more than 1.5 times greater or less than the  
131 interquartile range), mean intraspecific centroid size, and intraspecific centroid variance were  
132 calculated from the specimen-level dataset. These four shape summary statistics were each  
133 rescaled to values between 0 and 1 using min-max normalization to render them comparable for

134 downstream analyses. All shape analyses were performed using the R package *geomorph* 3.1.2  
135 (Adams et al. 2013), except for intraspecific Procrustes distance from mean shape, which was  
136 calculated using *Evomorph* 0.9 (Cabrera and Giri 2016; details can be found in Appendix 2).

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### 138 ***Testing independence of forewing and hindwing shape evolution***

139 Using a recently-published time-calibrated phylogeny for swallowtails in the clade of  
140 interest (Fig. 1; Appendix 1; Owens et al. 2017), we performed a suite of comparative  
141 phylogenetic analyses of forewing and hindwing morphology to test the independence of fore-  
142 and hindwing shape and size evolution. These analyses were all done in R 3.5.1 (R Core Team  
143 2012; details of the analyses can be found in Appendix 2). We estimated phylogenetic signal of  
144 fore- and hindwing shapes using  $K_{mult}$  (Blomberg et al. 2003), a generalization of Blomberg's  $K$   
145 implemented in the R package *geomorph* 3.1.2 (Adams et al. 2013). Just as with the traditional  
146 Blomberg's  $K$  statistic, the closer  $K_{mult}$  is to 1, the more variation in species' characters can be  
147 explained by their phylogenetic relationships under a Brownian motion (BM) model of  
148 evolution, and values of  $K < 1$  indicate more variation than expected under BM (Blomberg et al.  
149 2003). We then used *geomorph* to calculate the modular rate ratio (function:  
150 *compare.multi.evol.rates*) for the fore- and hindwing datasets (Denton and Adams 2015), and test  
151 whether fore- and hindwing shape evolution was correlated (also known as phylogenetic  
152 integration, function: *phylo.integration*; Adams and Felice 2014). Both tests were conducted  
153 under an assumption of BM, as this is the only model currently available for such  
154 multidimensional datasets implemented in *geomorph* (Adams and Collyer 2018).

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### 156 ***Testing independence of fore- and hindwing size evolution***



157 We also tested the independence of forewing and hindwing size evolution. First, we  
158 estimated the phylogenetic signal (univariate Blomberg's K), then estimated the evolutionary  
159 rates of fore- and hindwing shape based on the best-fit evolutionary model for each dataset, and  
160 finally, tested for significant fore- and hindwing centroid size correlation. These analyses were  
161 done using the R packages *phytools* 0.6-60 (Revell 2012), *geiger* 2.0.6 (Harmon et al. 2008), and  
162 *phylolm* 2.6 (Tung Ho and Ané 2014); additional details can be found in Appendix 2.  
163 Correlations were assessed using a linear-time algorithm developed by Tung Ho and Ané (2014).  
164 For the correlation between fore- and hindwing centroid size, we fit a series of phylogenetic  
165 linear regressions with different evolutionary models—BM, Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) with root  
166 ancestral state estimated from the data, and early burst (EB). We chose the best-fit model for the  
167 relationship between fore- and hindwing centroid size based on its minimum corrected Akaike  
168 Information Criterion (AICc) score as calculated using the R package *MuMin* 1.42.1 (Barton  
169 2018) and examined the ratio of hindwing to forewing evolutionary rates ( $\sigma^2$ ) under these best-fit  
170 models using *geomorph*. To get a clear picture of the degree to which fore- and hindwing  
171 centroid sizes were correlated, we calculated  $R^2_{pred}$  for hindwing size as explained by forewing  
172 size; this is an extension of the traditional  $R^2$  that weighs the residuals by variance *and*  
173 covariance (Ives 2018). These calculations were done using the R package *rr2* 1.0.1 (Ives and Li  
174 2018; Appendix 2).

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### 176 ***Differences in speed of shape and size evolution***

177 We made a final comparison of rates of fore- and hindwing shape and size evolution ( $\sigma^2$ )  
178 as obtained from the analyses described above to determine the relative evolutionary lability of  
179 these four characteristics. Appendix 2 provides an R markdown script of all analyses performed.

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## RESULTS

### *Morphometrics*

Forewing measurements for 1,449 specimens representing 60 species and hindwing measurements for 1,404 specimens representing 59 species were analyzed after specimen-level datasets were cleaned. When the datasets were reduced to species for which there were available measurements for at least 10 individuals, 49 species remained in the forewing dataset and 47 in the hindwing dataset. Principal component (PC) 1 of the forewing describes elongation of the wing from the apex to the base, explaining 45% of species' mean shape variation; PC 2 describes wing margin angularity, explaining 20% of species' mean shape variation (Fig. 2). PC 1 of the hindwing primarily describes tail length, explaining 67% of variation, while PC 2 describes scalloping of the outer margin, explaining 8% of variation (Fig. 2).

Shape does not covary with size consistently for all species in the specimen-level dataset and for all subgenera in the mean species shape dataset (homogeneity of slopes test,  $P < 0.05$ ), which suggests interspecific allometric effects likely do not play a complicating role in the patterns we examined in this study. However, correlations between log size and shape are significant ( $P < 0.05$ ), albeit small, for all datasets (forewing specimen-level:  $R^2 = 0.02$ ; hindwing specimen-level:  $R^2 = 0.15$ ; forewing mean shape:  $R^2 = 0.15$ ; hindwing mean shape:  $R^2 = 0.21$ ). Summary statistics quantifying intraspecific shape variation (mean Procrustes distance of individuals from mean shape, morphospace volume occupied by each species, mean centroid size, and centroid size variance) can be found in Supplemental Table 2.

203 ***Independence of Fore- and Hindwing shape***

204 Comparative phylogenetic analyses of mean species wing shape indicate a stronger  
205 phylogenetic signal in forewing than hindwing shape datasets (Table 2, Fig. 2). The evolutionary  
206 rate of the hindwing shape (under an assumption of BM) was also 9 times faster (a statistically  
207 significant difference,  $P < 0.05$ ) than that of the forewing (forewing  $\sigma^2 = 6.6 \times 10^{-5}$ ; hindwing  $\sigma^2 =$   
208  $6.01 \times 10^{-4}$ ). However, despite this disparity in evolutionary rates, fore- and hindwing shapes at  
209 the species-level are strongly integrated ( $r_{PLS}$ : 0.75;  $P < 0.05$ ).

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211 ***Independence of Fore- and Hindwing size***

212 Comparative phylogenetic analyses of wing centroid size yielded similar patterns.  
213 Phylogenetic signal for both fore- and hindwing centroid size is low to moderate (Table 2,  
214 Supplemental Fig. 3), but the statistical significance of these estimates is marginal for the  
215 forewing and not significant for the hindwing ( $P = 0.04$ ,  $P = 0.18$ , respectively). The OU model  
216 fits the forewing dataset best, while the white noise model fits the hindwing dataset best.  
217 However, for forewing size, the white noise model was the next-best fit, while for hindwing size,  
218 the OU model was the next-best fit (Supplemental Table 4). Therefore, we calculated  
219 evolutionary rate based on the OU model for both hindwing and forewing, as this was the best-fit  
220 model for both datasets from which evolutionary rate can be calculated (Harmon et al. 2008).  
221 Hindwing centroid size evolution is 90 times the forewing rate; this difference is statistically  
222 significant (forewing  $\sigma^2 = 8.4 \times 10^{-8}$ , hindwing  $\sigma^2 = 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ). Fore- and hindwing  
223 centroid size are mildly but positively and significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) correlated ( $R^2 = 0.22$ ;  $\beta =$   
224 3.58).

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226 ***Differences in speed of shape and size evolution***

227           Based on our  $\sigma^2$  estimates, hindwing shape is evolving fastest ( $\sigma^2 = 6.01 \times 10^{-4}$ ),  
228 followed by forewing shape ( $\sigma^2 = 6.6 \times 10^{-5}$ ), hindwing size ( $\sigma^2 = 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$ ), and forewing size  
229 ( $\sigma^2 = 8.4 \times 10^{-8}$ ), in that order (Table 2). Appendix 3 is an R Markdown report of the  
230 corresponding results of analytical code supplied in Appendix 2.

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233 **DISCUSSION**

234           Our results demonstrate that fore- and hindwings are subject to different selective  
235 pressures and are evolving autonomously from each other, although there is also evidence of  
236 balancing constraint. Notably, phylogenetic signal is stronger in the forewing compared to the  
237 hindwing. This pattern is consistent with findings from an early comparative study that  
238 demonstrated much higher hindwing shape variation compared to forewings in ithomiine and  
239 heliconiine butterflies (Strauss, 1990). Our findings also provide evidence that swallowtail  
240 forewing shape and size evolve more slowly than respective hindwing measures, perhaps due to  
241 stabilizing selection imposed by dependence on forewings for flight (Jantzen and Eisner 2008). If  
242 so, hindwings may be responding more readily to stochastic forces than forewings as the result of  
243 factors that can be geographically quite localized and variable (e.g. predation pressure; Barber et  
244 al. 2015; Rubin et al. 2018). However, further comparative scrutiny of this trend among  
245 butterflies with differing flight behaviors would be beneficial. A recent study in experimental  
246 wing reduction in *Pierella helvina*, a floor-gliding heteriine butterfly, demonstrated enlarged  
247 hindwings greatly improved flight performance (Stylman et al. 2019).

248           In contrast to previous studies on bats and ants that found size evolved more quickly than  
249 shape (Dzeverin 2008; Pie and Tschá 2013), swallowtails in the clade of interest, shape has  
250 evolved at least an order of magnitude more quickly than size in both the hindwing and forewing  
251 (Table 2). Indeed, for the full clade of interest as well as both subclades, hindwing shape has the  
252 fastest rate of evolution, followed by forewing shape, hindwing size, and forewing size, in that  
253 order. This suggests that for butterflies, and in contrast to predictions (Table 1), hindwing shape  
254 is the path of least resistance to morphological diversification. This is not to say the evolution of  
255 shape and size in the clade is necessarily adaptive — indeed, the difference between hindwing  
256 and forewing evolutionary rate ratios for centroid size and wing shape, while dramatic, may also  
257 bear the signal of stochasticity in hindwing evolution. Our results should also be interpreted  
258 carefully due to a methodological limitation—evolutionary rates for the shape datasets could  
259 only be inferred under a BM model using existing methods (Adams and Collyer 2018). If the fit  
260 of an OU model could be assessed and was found to be a better fit than BM, it is likely that lower  
261 evolutionary rates would be inferred for shape than those found here, as the OU model constrains  
262 character evolution around a central location.

263           One of the most labile characteristics of hindwing shape is presence and size of tails, as  
264 can be seen examining our hindwing shape deformation grids in relation to PC1 (Fig. 2), which  
265 explains 77% of hindwing shape variation. While it is tempting to think of tails as a presence-  
266 absence trait, there are a wide range of tail shapes and relative sizes compared to the rest of the  
267 wing (e.g. Fig. 1), ranging from highly prominent to entirely absent. Tail form lability, visible  
268 both in the wide range of tail shapes and sizes and in models of hindwing evolution that appear  
269 primarily stochastic, remains understudied. Longer tails have been argued to increase  
270 aerodynamic performance for lepidopterans (Park et al. 2010) as well as improving the odds of

271 escaping predators (Barber et al. 2015). However, the tradeoff between costs associated with  
272 producing tails versus their benefit requires closer examination, as it is likely dependent on  
273 complex interactions among flight behavior characteristics, biotic interactions, and microhabitat.

274 Mimicry may be especially critical as a driver of hindwing shape evolution and tail shape  
275 differences. Mimicry selection in *Papilio* butterflies, often for dramatically different models,  
276 appears to have had a profound effect across the clade. This is particularly true for hindwings in  
277 swallowtails in the clade of interest, and especially in relation to tail shape because most species  
278 with strongly reduced tails (e.g. those species with positive values along PC1) are also mimetic  
279 (Supplemental Fig. 4). Overall, 39 of the 60 taxa included in our study have at least one mimetic  
280 sex (Supplemental Table 5; Supplemental Fig. 4). Examples of putative Batesian mimic taxa  
281 include *P. (Pterourus) zagreus*, which mimics *Heliconius* and a number of genera in Danainae  
282 (Tyler et al. 1994); *P. (Chilasa) clytia*, which mimics *Euploea* (Kunte 2009), and *Heraclides* of  
283 the *anchisiades* group, which mimics *Parides* (Srygley and Chai 1990; Tyler et al. 1994).  
284 Additional mimetic taxa that were not well-sampled enough to incorporate into our final analyses  
285 or were removed because they were strong outliers, such as *P. (Chilasa) laglaizei*, a mimic of the  
286 uraniid moth *Alcidis agarthysus* (Collins and Morris 1985), and *P. (Pterourus) euterpinus*, a  
287 mimic of heliconiine butterflies (Tyler et al. 1994).

288 Our results suggest that for swallowtails, selective pressure for mimicry is a much  
289 stronger driver of morphology than shared phylogenetic history. This highlights the importance  
290 of predation interactions for the evolution of these lineages. Kunte (2009) demonstrated *Papilio*  
291 butterflies do not appear to have co-evolved with their models, but instead may have adapted to  
292 existing models after colonizing new areas. This result is consistent with the findings of studies  
293 in other organisms, such as ant-mimic jumping spiders (Ceccarelli and Crozier 2007), coral–

294 snake–mimic colubrid snakes (Rabosky et al. 2016), and army–ant–mimic rove beetles  
295 (Maruyama and Parker 2017). None of these groups appear to have co-evolved with their  
296 models, but instead may have taken advantage of already-established model patterns. This  
297 hypothesis deserves further study by reconstructing the evolution of shape in mimetic *Papilio*  
298 lineages (and outward into the family Papilionidae) and comparing the result to the inferred  
299 biogeographic history of these lineages and their putative models.

300 Owing to a preponderance of male and unsexed specimens in our study (and natural  
301 history collections in general), we were unable to fully explore differential patterns of wing  
302 shape evolution in the context of sexual dimorphism. Previous studies of evolutionary processes  
303 related to sex-limited mimicry have not focused on wing shape; instead, studies have diagnosed  
304 mimics based on coloration (Kunte, 2009) or examined evolution of key mimicry-relevant genes  
305 (Timmermans et al. 2017). Thus, a critical, unanswered question is how different drivers of  
306 dimorphism operate across the clade, and we hope that this can be addressed in the future by  
307 leveraging our growing database of landmarked *Papilio* wings. Despite current sample  
308 limitations, we were able to examine two species (*P. androgeus* and *P. scamander*) for which we  
309 had data to make statistically relevant comparisons between male and female specimens. For  
310 those two species, we found no evidence of sexual dimorphism in shape or size in forewings or  
311 hindwings (script Appendix 3; R Markdown report Appendix 4).

312 In conclusion, our study demonstrates how digitized museum specimens can bridge the  
313 gap between taxonomically- and temporally-limited experimental manipulations (e.g. Frankino  
314 et al. 2005; Jantzen and Eisner 2008) and broad-scale macroevolutionary hypotheses. We  
315 recovered evidence that *Papilio* forewings and hindwings are evolving independently, which is  
316 consistent with experimental observations that fore- and hindwings have different effects on

317 butterfly flight dynamics. Furthermore, hindwing shape may be an evolutionary path of least  
318 resistance for morphological diversification in butterflies and may reflect strong disruptive  
319 selection for mimicry and/or for predation defense. Still, this study is a first glance at the  
320 evolutionary relationships between hindwing and forewing shape and size in insects, and future  
321 studies are needed to investigate these patterns more thoroughly within swallowtails and more  
322 generally across the insect tree of life. Such work will require detailed information on species'  
323 phylogenetic relationships and wing morphologies, as well as factors including mimetic systems,  
324 within-species geographic variation, and flight behavior. Fortunately, with the systematic  
325 digitization of museum specimens and the increasing capacity of researchers to manage large,  
326 complex datasets, the answers to these questions are closer to our reach than ever before.

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#### 328 **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

329 Data available from the Dryad Digital Repository: [https://datadryad.org/stash/share/Lq-XOj-](https://datadryad.org/stash/share/Lq-XOj-IAFl-PyvNF3Es77I3n4WgsEKE6XrKTjPH7z8)  
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449 **Table 1: Hypotheses examined in this study, with predictions regarding phylogenetic signal**  
 450 **and evolutionary rate.**

| <b>Hypothesis</b>  | <b>Predictions</b>   |
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| Forewing shape is evolving independently of hindwing shape | Forewing $K_{\text{mult}} > \text{Hindwing } K_{\text{mult}}$<br>Forewing $\sigma^2 \neq \text{Hindwing } \sigma^2$<br>(Forewing $\sigma^2 / \text{Hindwing } \sigma^2) > 1$<br>Forewing and hindwing $r_{\text{PLS}} < 1$ |
| Forewing size is evolving independently of hindwing size   | Forewing $K_{\text{mult}} > \text{Hindwing } K_{\text{mult}}$<br>Forewing $\sigma^2 \neq \text{Hindwing } \sigma^2$<br>(Forewing $\sigma^2 / \text{Hindwing } \sigma^2) > 1$<br>Forewing and hindwing $R^2 < 1$            |
| Size is evolving more quickly than shape                   | Forewing shape $\sigma^2 < \text{Forewing size } \sigma^2$<br>Hindwing shape $\sigma^2_{\text{shape}} < \text{Hindwing size } \sigma^2$  |

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453 **Table 2: Comparative phylogenetics statistics for species-level shape and size.** Wing shape  
 454 generally has more significant phylogenetic signal and evolves more quickly than centroid size;  
 455 forewing size and shape generally shows stronger phylogenetic signal and evolves more slowly  
 456 than hindwing size and shape. Full clade: *Agehana* + *Alexanoria* + *Chilasa* + *Heraclides* +  
 457 *Pterourus*; Non-*Heraclides*: *Agehana* + *Alexanoria* + *Chilasa* + *Pterourus*. Statistically  
 458 significant values ( $p < 0.05$ ) are bolded.

|                          |   | <b>Full Clade</b>                       | <b><i>Heraclides</i></b>                | <b>Non-<br/><i>Heraclides</i></b>       |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Shape</b>             | Forewing $K_{\text{mult}}$                            | <b>0.4977</b>                           | <b>0.2870</b>                           | <b>0.5495</b>                           |
|                          | Hindwing $K_{\text{mult}}$                            | <b>0.3234</b>                           | <b>0.2448</b>                           | <b>0.5691</b>                           |
|                          | Forewing $\sigma^{2\dagger}$                          | $6.59 \times 10^{-5}$                   | $7.03 \times 10^{-5}$                   | $5.88 \times 10^{-5}$                   |
|                          | Hindwing $\sigma^{2\dagger}$                          | $6.00 \times 10^{-4}$                   | $7.09 \times 10^{-4}$                   | $4.59 \times 10^{-4}$                   |
|                          | Evolutionary Rate Ratio                               | <b>9.1106</b>                           | <b>10.0861</b>                          | <b>7.8094</b>                           |
|                          | Fore- and hindwing correlation ( $r_{\text{PLS}}$ )   | <b>0.7534</b>                           | <b>0.8182</b>                           | <b>0.7518</b>                           |
| <b>Centroid<br/>Size</b> | Forewing K  | <b>0.4511</b>                           | 0.1787                                  | <b>0.6636</b>                           |
|                          | Hindwing K  | 0.2172                                  | 0.0960                                  | 0.2635                                  |
|                          | Forewing $\sigma^2$                                   | <b><math>8.50 \times 10^{-8}</math></b> | <b><math>5.70 \times 10^{-8}</math></b> | <b><math>1.12 \times 10^{-7}</math></b> |
|                          | Hindwing $\sigma^2$                                   | <b><math>1.10 \times 10^{-5}</math></b> | <b><math>8.60 \times 10^{-6}</math></b> | <b><math>1.31 \times 10^{-5}</math></b> |
|                          | Evolutionary Rate Ratio                               | <b>130.2796</b>                         | <b>151.2126</b>                         | <b>116.9315</b>                         |
|                          | Fore- and hindwing correlation ( $R^2$ ) <sup>†</sup> | 0.2174                                  | 0.0147                                  | 0.1455                                  |

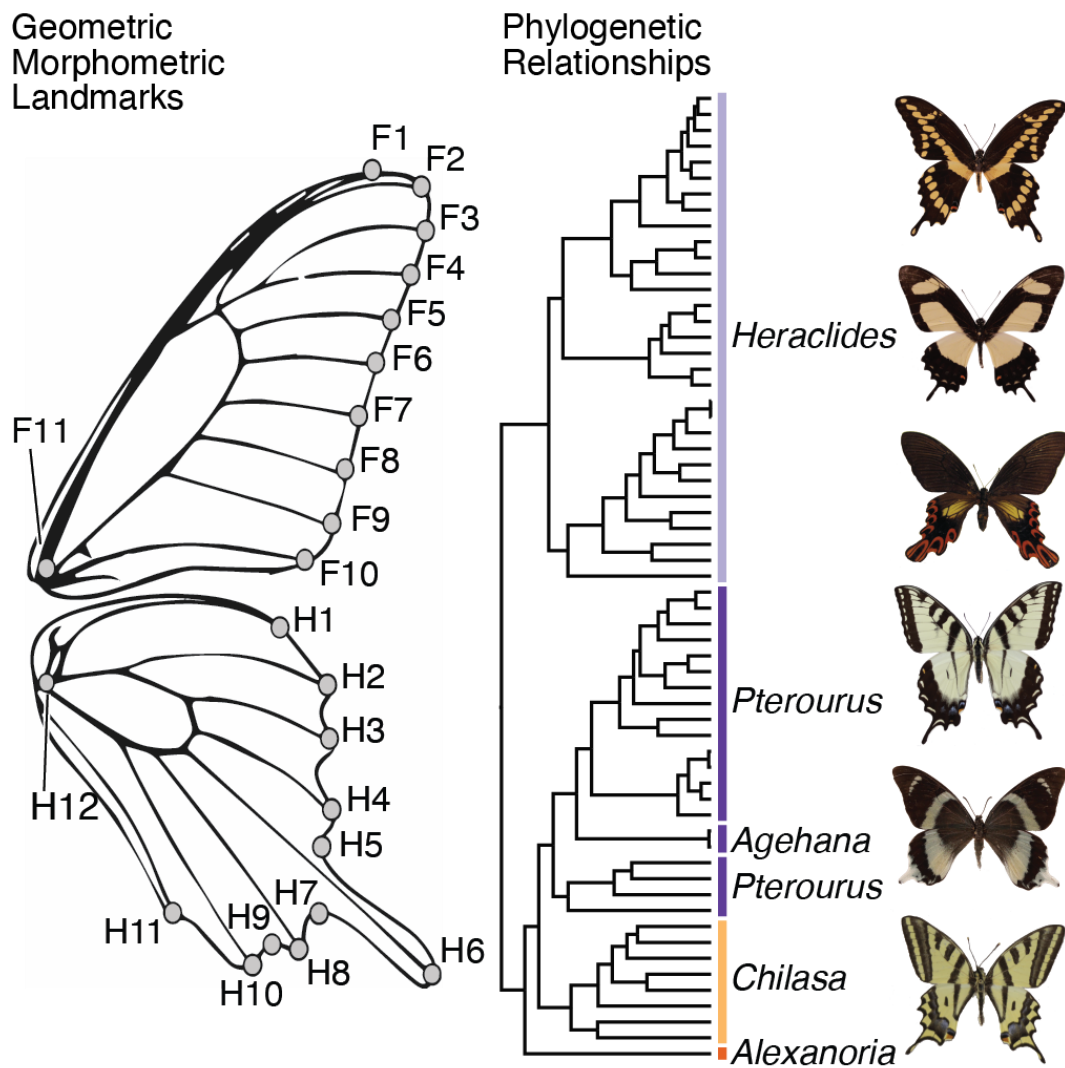
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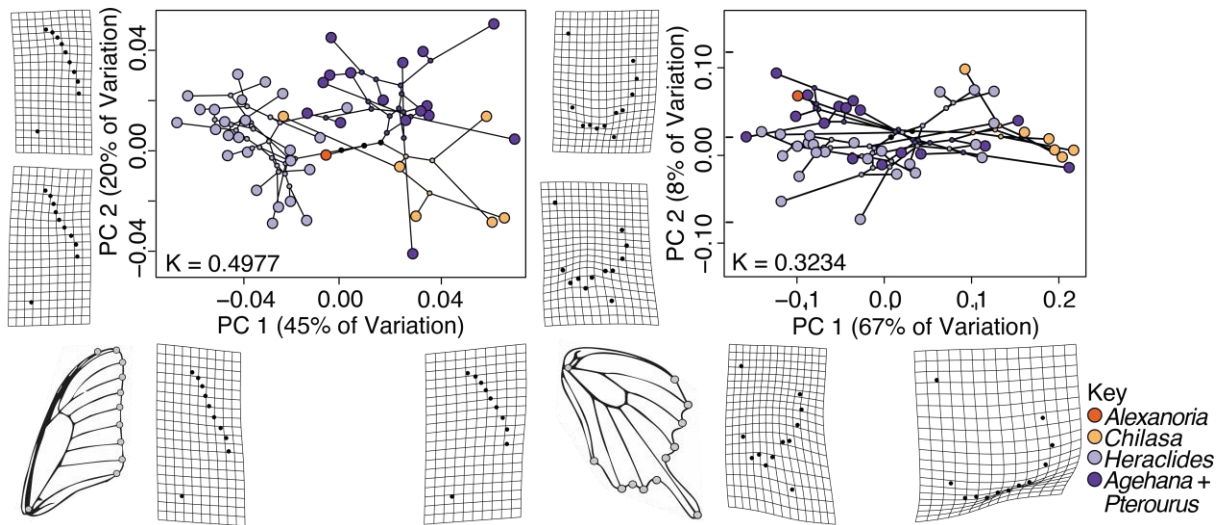
461 **FIGURES**

462 **Figure 1. Geometric morphometric landmarks and phylogeny used for analysis.** Phylogeny  
463 shows non-monophyly of New World swallowtails (*Heraclides* + *Pterourus*) and subgenus  
464 *Pterourus*. Shape landmarks, indicated by dots, adapted from Lewis et al. (2015); landmark F1  
465 removed from final analysis due to particularly high rate of measurement error. Phylogenetic  
466 relationships from Owens et al. (2017) with bars indicating currently recognized subgenera; bar  
467 colors correspond with subsequent figure plots. Images depict species corresponding to each  
468 labeled clade.



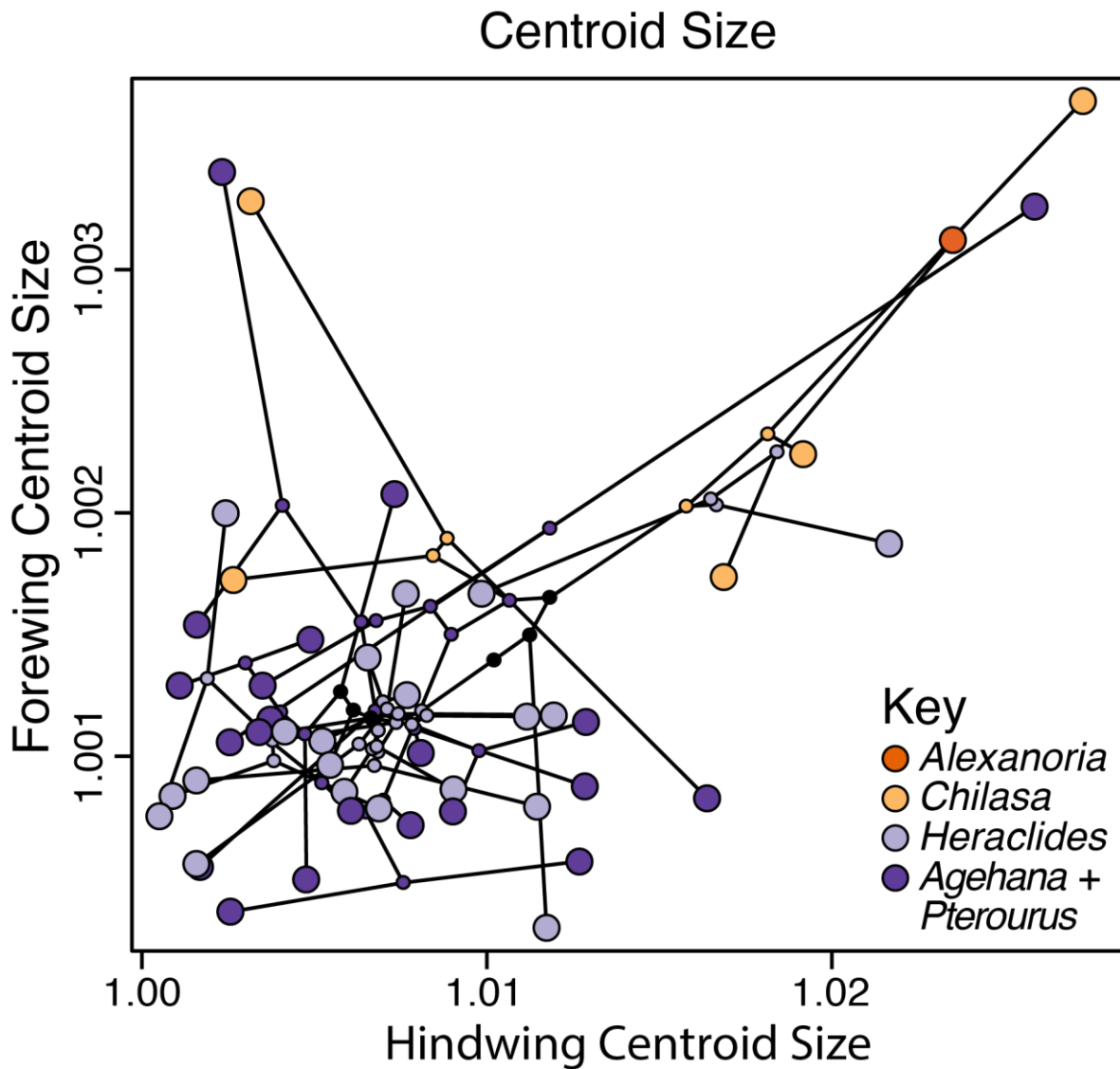


470 **Figure 2. Forewing and hindwing phylomorphospace plots; species' forewing shapes tend**  
 471 **to cluster phylogenetically, whereas hindwing shapes do not.** Principal components for each  
 472 dataset were calculated in *geomorph*; the phylogeny is plotted on top of these, along with  
 473 inferred node states (under a Brownian motion model—no other models are yet available for this  
 474 method, Revell 2012), which are color-coded by clade. Warp grid deformations show  
 475 contributions of principal components 1 and 2 to overall shape. Plots include Blomberg's *K* and  
 476 variance contributions for the first two principal axes of the fore- and hindwing; tips and nodes  
 477 of phylogeny are color-coded by clade.



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479 **Figure 3. Mean species centroid size in phylomorphospace; *Chilasa* fore- and hindwing**  
480 **sizes are highly correlated and unique compared to the rest of the clade of interest.**  
481 Scatterplot shows fore- and hindwing centroid sizes. Black lines indicate phylogenetic  
482 relationships; small points at nodes indicate inferred ancestral character values (under a  
483 Brownian motion model—no other models are yet available for this method, Revell 2012). Tips  
484 and nodes are color-coded by clade.



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