Parasite infection can favor seasonal migration by hosts

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Why move?







Infection & movement

Moving helps avoid infection ... or increases parasite exposure





Different movement once infected: can be driven by hosts



... or by parasite manipulation



Migration and parasites

Migration (round-trip) can reduce parasite infection via:

1. *Migratory escape*: temporarily migrating away from infected areas or individuals

(Loehle 1995)

2. *Migratory culling*: increased mortality of infected individuals during migration

(Bradley & Altizer 2005)





Third infection-related benefit of migration

Some migratory species experience different rates of infection recovery in different environmental conditions:



Flounders (*Platichthys flesus*) migrate between fresh and salt water; their parasites (*Lepeophtheirus pectoralis*) die and detach faster at lower salinities

(Möller 1978)



Alpine newts (*Mesotriton alpestris*) migrate overland between ponds. Newts infected with *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* recovered faster on land than in water

(Daversa et al. in review)

When can recovery from infection be a sufficient selective pressure to favor migration by the host species?

Model framework



Model dynamics (T₁)

Infection

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta S \qquad \frac{dI}{dt} = \beta S$$

S = susceptible individuals I = infected individuals β = rate of infection

$$S(T_1) = S_0 e^{-\beta T_1}$$

$$I(T_1) = I_0 + S_0 \left(1 - e^{-\beta T_1}\right)$$



Model dynamics (T₂ – residents)

Infection

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta S \qquad \frac{dI}{dt} = \beta S$$

S = susceptible individuals I = infected individuals

 β = rate of infection

 θ = migration probability

 σ = suscep. resident survival

 $c_{I} = infection survival cost$ $S_{R} = (1 - \theta)\sigma \begin{bmatrix} S(T_{1})e^{-\beta T_{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ $I_{R} = (1 - \theta)(1 - c_{I})\sigma \begin{bmatrix} I(T_{1}) + S(T_{1}) (1 - c_{I}) \end{bmatrix}$



Model dynamics (T₂ – migrants)

Recovery

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \gamma S \qquad \frac{dI}{dt} = -\gamma S$$

 θ = migration probability

 γ = rate of recovery

 σ = suscep. resident survival

 c_{I} = infection survival cost

 $C_{M} = \text{migration survival cost}$ $S_{M} = \theta (1 - c_{M}) \sigma \left[S(T_{1}) + I(T_{1}) \left(1 - e^{-\gamma T_{2}} \right) \right]$ $I_{M} = \theta (1 - c_{M}) (1 - c_{M}) \sigma \left[I(T_{1}) e^{-\gamma T_{2}} \right]$

$$I_M = \theta(1 - c_M)(1 - c_I)\sigma \left| I(T_1)e^{-1} \right|$$

ENV₁ Infection (β) T_2 -θ Survival Stay H Infection Migrat Migrate back

Recovery

ENV 2

Model dynamics (reproduction)



Full model

$$\begin{bmatrix} S \\ I \end{bmatrix}_{\tau+1} = \begin{bmatrix} A\theta + B(1-\theta) & C\theta \\ +DD[J\theta + K(1-\theta)] & +DD[L\theta + M(1-\theta)] \\ E\theta + F(1-\theta) & G\theta + H(1-\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S \\ I \end{bmatrix}_{\tau}$$

with coefficients:

 θ = migration probability

$$A = \sigma_{SM} \left[e^{-\beta T_1} + (1 - e^{-\beta T_1}) (1 - e^{-\gamma T_2}) \right] \qquad G = \sigma_{IM} e^{-\gamma T_2} \\ B = \sigma_{SR} e^{-\beta (T_1 + T_2)} \qquad \qquad H = \sigma_{IR} \\ C = \sigma_{SM} (1 - e^{-\gamma T_2}) \qquad \qquad J = \phi_S A + \phi_I E \\ K = \phi_S B + \phi_I F \\ E = \sigma_{IM} e^{-\gamma T_2} (1 - e^{-\beta T_1}) \qquad \qquad L = \phi_S C + \phi_I G \\ F = \sigma_{IR} \left[(1 - e^{-\beta T_1}) + (1 - e^{-\beta T_2}) e^{-\beta T_1} \right] \qquad M = \phi_I H$$

Methods 1: Ecological equilibrium

Step 1: find ecological equilibrium

Given our model, what population size do we expect to see?

- I.e. the stable population size:
$$S(\tau + 1) = S(\tau) = S^*$$

$$I(\tau + 1) = I(\tau) = I^*$$

$$DD^* = \frac{\left[1 - A\theta - B(1 - \theta)\right] \left[1 - G\theta - H(1 - \theta)\right] - C\theta \left[E\theta + F(1 - \theta)\right]}{\left[J\theta + K(1 - \theta)\right] \left[1 - G\theta - H(1 - \theta)\right] + \left[L\theta + M(1 - \theta)\right] \left[E\theta + F(1 - \theta)\right]}$$
$$I^* = S^* \left[\frac{E\theta + F(1 - \theta)}{1 - G\theta - H(1 - \theta)}\right]$$

Methods 2: Evolutionary equilibrium

Step 2: find evolutionary equilibrium (ESS)

Given our model, what migration strategy (θ) do we expect?

• I.e. the migration probability that if adopted by a population cannot be invaded by a mutant with a different migration probability

ASIDE: Optimal vs Evolutionarily Stable



Evolutionarily Stable Strategy (ESS):

 $G(\theta_R, \theta_R) > G(\theta_M, \theta_R)$

 $G(\theta_R, \theta_R) = G(\theta_M, \theta_R)$ and $G(\theta_R, \theta_M) > G(\theta_M, \theta_M)$



Methods 2: Evolutionary equilibrium

Step 2: find evolutionary equilibrium (ESS)

Given our model, what migration strategy (θ) do we expect?

- I.e. the migration probability that if adopted by a population cannot be invaded by a mutant with a different migration probability
- Growth of mutant (θ') in a resident ($\overline{\theta}$) population:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S' \\ I' \end{bmatrix}_{\tau+1} = \begin{bmatrix} A\theta' + B(1-\theta') & C\theta' \\ +\overline{DD} \left[J\theta' + K(1-\theta') \right] & +\overline{DD} \left[L\theta' + M(1-\theta') \right] \\ E\theta' + F(1-\theta') & G\theta' + H(1-\theta') \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S' \\ I' \end{bmatrix}$$

Methods 2: Evolutionary equilibrium

Step 2: find evolutionary equilibrium (ESS)

$$\theta_{ESS} = \begin{cases} -y/(2x) & \text{if} \quad 0 < y < -2x \\ \text{either 0 or 1} & \text{if} \quad -2x < y < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if} \quad 0 < y, -2x < y \\ 0 & \text{if} \quad y < 0, y < -2x \end{cases}$$

where

$$x = \left[C(E - F) - (A - B)(G - H)\right] \left[1 + \overline{DD}\phi_S\right]$$
$$y = \left[(A - B)(1 - H) - B(G - H) + CF\right] \left[1 + \overline{DD}\phi_S\right]$$
$$+ (G - H) + \overline{DD}\phi_I(E - F)$$

θ = migration probability

Result 1: choose the less costly/risky option



Result 1: choose the less costly/risky option

Slow infection in env. 1

& Slow recovery in env. 2

Fast infection in env. 1 & Fast recovery in env. 2



Result 2: play a mixed strategy



Result 3: multiple costs generate surprising results



Infection has only survival cost



Empirical comparisons

In Threespine sticklebacks, S. solidus causes:

- 47% mortality (vs. 20%) under food stress
- 15% reduction in body condition

(Pascoe and Mattey 1977; Tierney et al. 1996)

Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis can cause 100% mortality in some amphibians

(Skerratt et al. 2007)

- In Mourning doves, Ischnocera lice can cause:
- 2.4% body and 19% feather weight loss
- reduced survival in high infestations







Different transmission dynamics

Indirect Density-dependent

Frequency-dependent

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta S \qquad \frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta S I \qquad \qquad \frac{dS}{dt} = -\frac{\beta S I}{S+I}$$

• No longer get closed-form ESS, need to simulate

- \boldsymbol{S} = susceptible individuals
- I = infected individuals
- β = rate of infection

Different transmission dynamics



Different transmission dynamics





Contribution to the Theme Section 'Incorporating climate change into endangered species conservation' **REVIEW**



Travelling through a warming world: climate change and migratory species

Robert A. Robinson^{1,*}, Humphrey Q. P. Crick¹, Jennifer A. Learmonth²,

How does climate change affect migration?

- Move across parameter space (e.g. increased mortality)
- Assumes that evolution keeps up with change



Ignores tradeoffs

What are alternative approaches?

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