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Abstract—*Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* has proven to be a valuable system in which to study plant-insect coevolution and the drivers of variation in floral morphology and scent. Current species circumscriptions based on morphological characteristics suggest that the section consists of five species, one of which is subdivided into five subspecies. Previous attempts to understand species (and subspecies) relationships at a molecular level have been largely unsuccessful due to high levels of incomplete lineage sorting and limited phylogenetic signal from slowly evolving gene regions. In the present study, target enrichment was used to sequence 322 conserved protein-coding nuclear genes from 50 individuals spanning the geographic range of *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*, with species trees inferred using concatenation and coalescent-based methods. Our findings concur with previous research in suggesting that *O. psammophila* and *O. harringtonii* are nested within a paraphyletic *Oenothera cespitosa*. By contrast, our results show clearly that the two annual species (*O. cavernae* and *O. brandegeei*) did not arise from the *O. cespitosa* lineage, but rather from a common ancestor of *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*. Budding speciation as a result of edaphic specialization appears to best explain the evolution of the narrow endemic species *O. harringtonii* and *O. psammophila*. Complete understanding of possible introgression among subspecies of *O. cespitosa* will require broader sampling across the full geographical and ecological ranges of these taxa.

Keywords—Budding speciation, evening primrose, HybSeq, introgression, phylogeny, target enrichment.

The evening primrose family (Onagraceae) comprises 664 species in 22 genera (Wagner et al. 2007; Wagner and Hoch 2021). Taxa in this family, and the large tribe Onagreae in particular, have a diverse array of plant-insect interactions that have been central to investigations into the evolution of floral traits (e.g. Raven 1979; Kawano et al. 1995; Raguso and Pichersky 1995). Within tribe Onagreae, the most species-rich genus is *Oenothera* L., which is subdivided into 18 sections including *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* (Spach) W.L.Wagner, the focus of ongoing studies of plant-insect co-evolution and floral fragrance (Artz et al. 2010; von Arx et al. 2012; Skogen et al. 2016; Rhodes et al. 2017).

The most recent taxonomic revision of *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* (Wagner et al. 1985) restricted the section to the five species and five subspecies that are currently recognized. Taxa in this section (Fig. 1) are distinguished from the rest of *Oenothera* by white petals, tuberculate capsules, seeds with unique hollow seed collars, lignified and compressed mesotesta, and an exotegmen that is (2–)3(–4) cells thick (Wagner 2005; Wagner et al. 2007). *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* has a geographic range spanning western North America from southern Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada to northern Chihuahua, Mexico and contains perennial or rarely annual, vespertine flowering plants (Wagner et al. 1985; Wagner 2005). Of the five recognized species, four (*Oenothera cavernae*, *Oenothera brandegeei*, *Oenothera psammophila*, and *Oenothera*

harringtonii) are edaphically, geographically, or ecologically specialized narrow endemics. The fifth species, *Oenothera cespitosa*, is much more widespread (Fig. 2) and highly polymorphic, with subspecies partitioning the intermountain west of North America in large part by soil type. As such, *O. cespitosa* has been divided into five subspecies (*O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa*, *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita*, *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis*, *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata*, and *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis*). Three of the five species in *O.* sect. *Pachylophus* are self-incompatible, obligate outcrossers (*O. cespitosa*, *O. harringtonii*, and *O. psammophila*; Wagner et al. 1985). These species have large petals and a strong fragrance that attracts long-tongued, crepuscular hawkmoths and facilitates pollination. The remaining two species, *O. brandegeei* and *O. cavernae*, are self-compatible and autogamous with smaller, putatively unscented flowers (Wagner et al. 1985).

Wagner et al. (1985) conducted the most thorough study to date of the systematics and evolutionary relationships in *O.* sect. *Pachylophus*, inferring phylogenetic relationships from 36 morphological traits. Results suggested that three of the four narrow endemic species were nested within the *O. cespitosa* species complex, whereas the fourth, *O. psammophila*, was hypothesized to be the result of reticulate evolution via hybridization between *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* and *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Wagner et al. 1985). This phylogeny, along with analyses of morphology, hybridization, cytology,

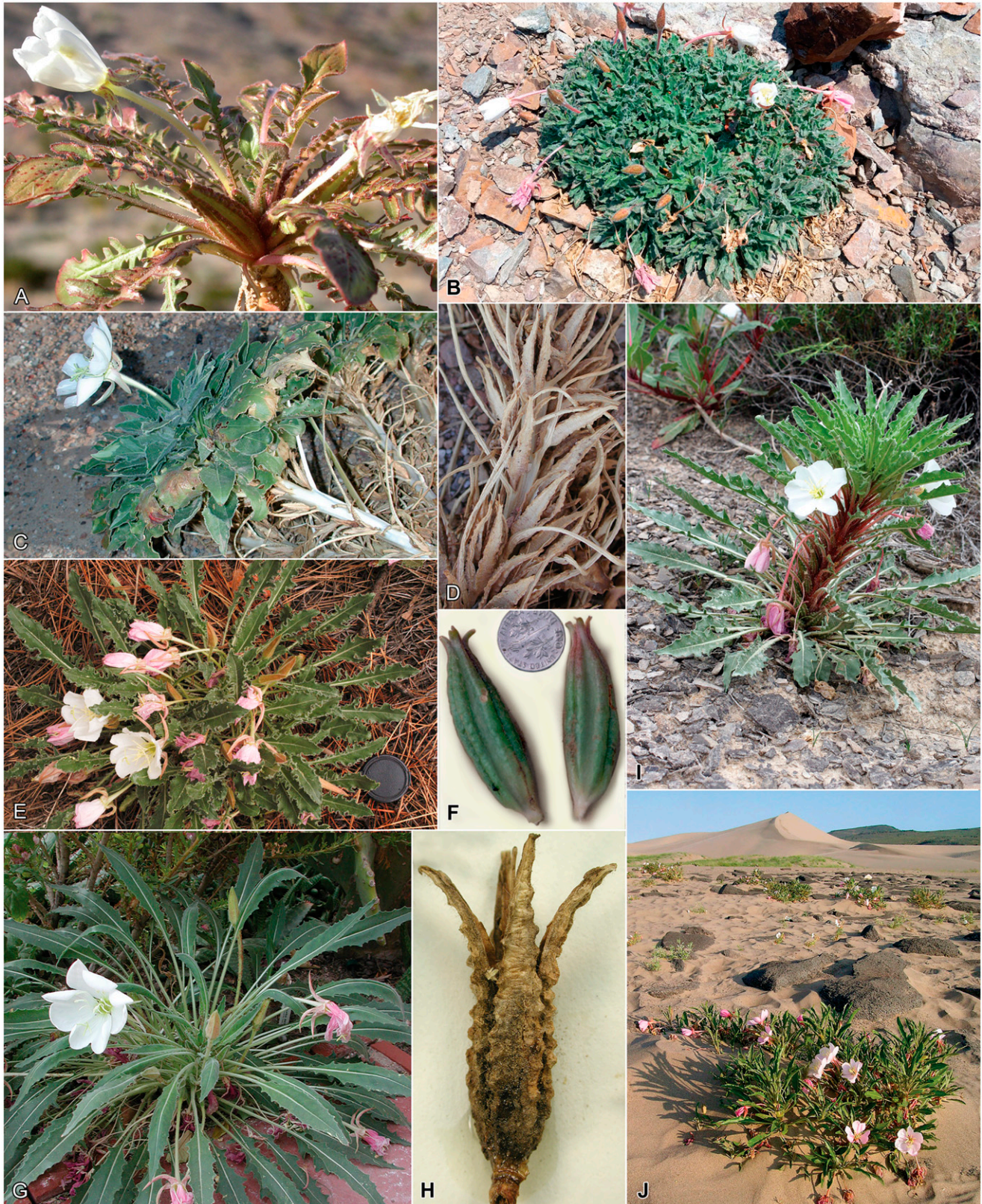


FIG. 1. *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*. A. *Oenothera cavernae*. Habit with flower and immature capsule. Lincoln Co., Nevada (image by James M. André in 2006). B. *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *crinita*. Habit with flower. Inyo Co., California (image by Posnerk in 2018). C–D. *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *navajoiensis*. Emery Co., Utah (images by W. L. Wagner in 2004). C. Stem with leaves, flower, and dehiscent capsule from previous years. D. Close-up of stem with dehiscent capsules. E–F. *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *macroglossis*. Boulder Co., Colorado. E. Habit with flowers (image by R. A. Raguso in 2012). F. Immature capsules (image by W. L. Wagner in 1979). G–H. *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata*. G. Habit with flowers. Pima Co., Arizona (image by W. L. Wagner in 2003). H. Dehiscent capsule. Sandoval Co., New Mexico (image by W. L. Wagner in 1979). I. *Oenothera harringtonii*. Habit. Fremont Co., Colorado (image by R. Bunn in 2018). J. *Oenothera psammophila*. Habit with flowers. Fremont Co., Idaho (image by R. A. Raguso in 2014).

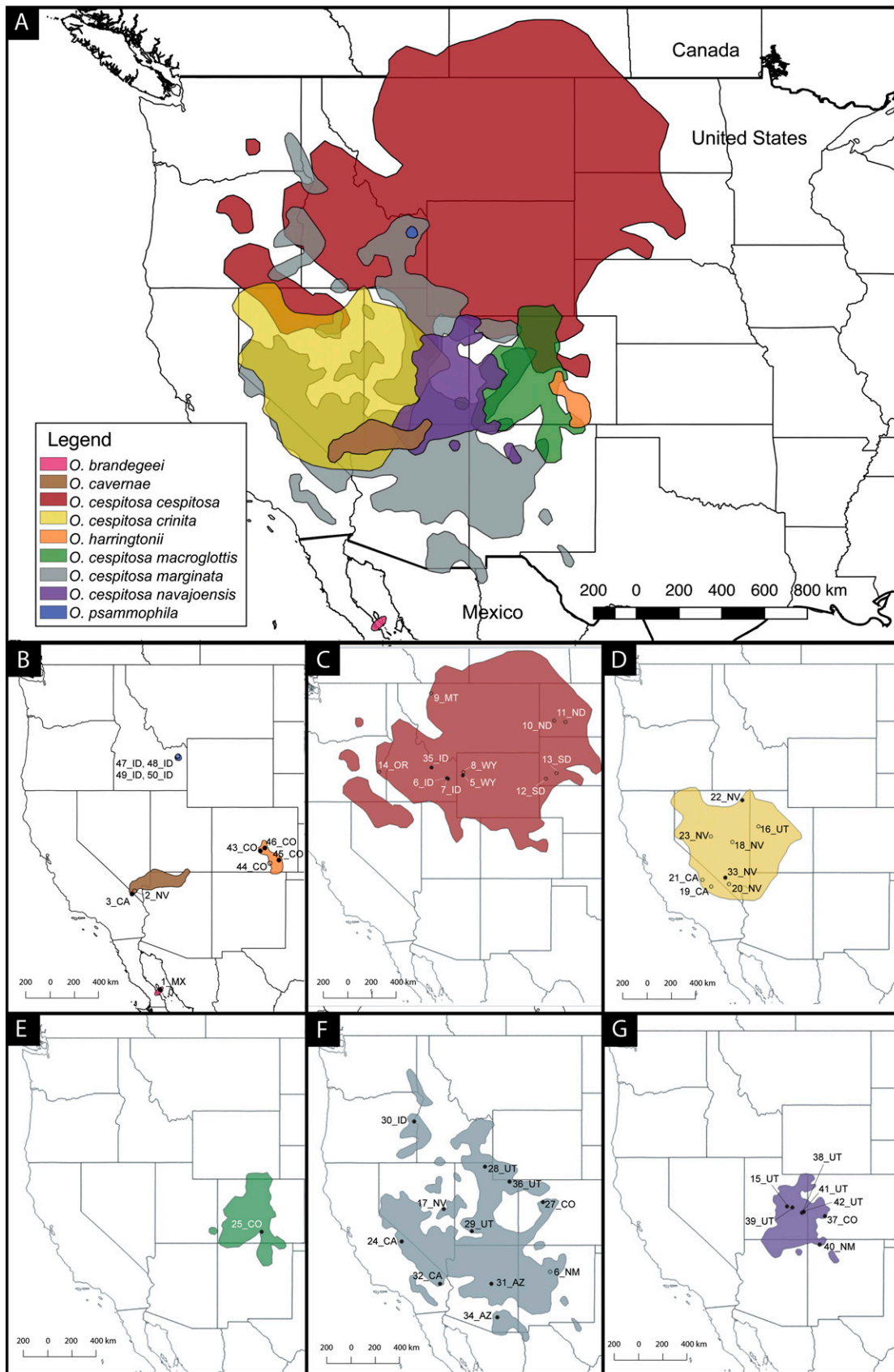


FIG. 2. Geographic range maps for taxa in *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*. A. All taxa. B. Narrow endemic species (*O. brandegeei*, *O. cavernae*, *O. harringtonii*, and *O. psammophila*). C. *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa*. D. *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *crinita*. E. *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis*. F. *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata*. G. *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis*. Ranges are colored by taxon. Solid dots indicate exact sample locations, and unfilled dots indicate approximate sample locations in this study. Dots are labeled with the individual identifier for that sample (see Appendix 1).

and natural history, is the basis for current taxonomic circumscriptions within *O.* sect. *Pachylophus*. However, resolution of evolutionary relationships from these data was limited, with phylogenetic signal possibly obscured by processes such as ancient hybridization and convergent evolution. More recently, the evolutionary history of *O.* sect. *Pachylophus* was reconstructed using molecular data from two nuclear gene regions (internal and external transcribed spacer regions), but relationships remained weakly resolved (R. Levin unpubl. data) due to limited taxon sampling and insufficient phylogenetic signal.

Difficulties in inferring phylogenetic relationships among recently diverged species are not unique to *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*. Recent studies have used high-throughput sequencing technologies to extensively sample nuclear gene regions to resolve historically recalcitrant nodes and generate more robust phylogenetic results (e.g. Gernandt et al. 2018; Stubbs et al. 2018; Couvreur et al. 2019; White et al. 2019). Specifically, hybridization-based target gene enrichment has developed into a valuable phylogenetic tool to target and sequence variable sites across the genome (e.g. Mamanova et al. 2010; Davey et al. 2011; Cronn et al. 2012; De Sousa et al. 2014; Mandel et al. 2014; Weitemier et al. 2014; Villaverde et al. 2018). This reduced-representation approach relies on the hybridization of genomic DNA libraries to biotinylated oligonucleotide probes, or baits, designed from genes of interest. In plants, highly conserved, single-copy exons are often targeted to allow probes designed for one species to capture orthologous regions in related species, reducing the cost and effort to obtain genome-wide data (Lemmon et al. 2012; McCormack et al. 2013; Johnson et al. 2019). Such techniques have been shown to effectively and accurately resolve evolutionary relationships at the order, family, and genus level within plant lineages (e.g. Mandel et al. 2014; Weitemier et al. 2014; Stephens et al. 2015; Heyduk et al. 2016; Sass et al. 2016). In the genus *Inga* (Fabaceae), Nicholls et al. (2015) were also able to resolve population-level relationships within one species, *Inga umbellifera*. Additionally, the recovery of flanking intronic regions can increase the number of phylogenetically informative sites available for analysis (McCormack et al. 2013; Weitemier et al. 2014; Heyduk et al. 2016; Johnson et al. 2019), which may allow for further elucidation of fine-scale relationships.

This study uses a target enrichment approach to reconstruct evolutionary relationships within *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*. In doing so, we 1) explore the utility of combining sampling of multiple individuals within each taxon and target gene enrichment at low taxonomic levels, 2) assess the monophyly of taxa as they are currently defined, and 3) examine evolutionary relationships among taxa within *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*. Further, the resulting phylogenetic framework is interpreted in light of geography (range size and overlap), edaphic characteristics, and life history (ecological and reproductive similarity) to better understand the drivers of speciation within *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Taxon Sampling—All species and subspecies in *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* were sampled including 38 *O. cespitosa* individuals representing all currently recognized subspecies (11 *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata*, one *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis*, seven *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis*, 11 *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa*, and eight *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita*), four *O. harringtonii* individuals, one *O. brandegeei* individual, three *O. cavernae*

individuals, and four *O. psammophila* individuals (Appendix 1). The number of individuals sampled was roughly proportional to the size of the geographic range of that taxon, and samples were chosen to encompass as much of the taxon range as possible (Fig. 2). One individual of *O. triloba*, which is outside *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*, was included as the outgroup based on genus-wide relationships (Overson et al. in mss.). All leaf tissue collected in the field was silica dried and stored at -20°C at the Chicago Botanic Garden until extraction. For individuals grown from seeds, fresh leaf tissue was used for extractions. Dried leaf tissue from herbarium sheets was also extracted for several taxa.

Library Construction, Enrichment, and Sequencing—Genomic DNA was extracted from leaf material using a modified CTAB protocol (Doyle and Doyle 1987). All genomic DNA was quantified using a Qubit 2.0 Fluorometer with a dsDNA HS Assay Kit (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, California) and stored at -20°C. Extracted DNA was fragmented using a Covaris M220 (Covaris, Woburn, Massachusetts), and 500 bp insert libraries were prepared using the TruSeq Nano HT DNA Library Preparation Kit (Illumina, Inc., San Diego, California) according to manufacturer instructions, but following fragmentation all reagents were used at half the recommended volume. Libraries were validated using an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies, Inc., Santa Clara, California) and a Qubit 2.0 Fluorometer with a dsDNA HS Assay Kit (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, California). Target sequences were selected, and baits were designed (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4437049>) using two *Oenothera* species as described in Cooper et al. (in mss.); the baits were designed to target 322 conserved exon regions across the nuclear genomes of sampled taxa. In-solution target enrichment was performed using a MYbaits custom targeted enrichment kit (Arbor Biosciences, Ann Arbor, Michigan). Before hybridization, enriched libraries were normalized to 100 ng and pooled with 10–12 other samples. Manufacturer instructions were followed for hybridization; however, one quarter of the suggested bait volume was used, and the reaction volume was preserved using PCR grade water. Hybridization reactions were incubated at 65°C for 21 hrs, and 10 µl of the enriched library was PCR amplified for 16 cycles. Libraries were cleaned using a QiaQuick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany); excess adaptor, as detected with an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies, Inc., Santa Clara, California), was removed using Ampure beads (Beckman Coulter, Beverly, Massachusetts). Libraries were pooled and diluted to a final concentration of 17 pM. Enriched libraries were sequenced on an Illumina MiSeq with paired-end 300 bp reads (2 × 300) and a 1% PhiX v3 sequencing control (Illumina, Inc., San Diego, California) at the Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois.

Sequence Processing and Alignment—Illumina data were processed with Trimmomatic to remove Illumina adaptor sequences and trim and filter reads by quality (Bolger et al. 2014). Any base below a Phred score of 10 was removed from either end of the sequence. The sliding window option was used to trim the sequence in areas where the average quality of four sequential base pairs was less than a Phred score of 20. Furthermore, any reads shorter than 20 bp were removed and not considered in further analyses.

The HybPiper pipeline was used to map reads, assemble contigs de novo, and identify targeted exonic and flanking non-coding regions (<https://github.com/mossmatters/HybPiper>; Johnson et al. 2016). This generated a nucleotide sequence including both introns and exons, as well as an inferred protein sequence for the coding region of each gene (Johnson et al. 2016). We used a script (`gene_recovery_heatmap.R`) available within HybPiper to identify and remove any sequence that was less than 25% of the total reference (target) gene length. Following this pruning step, the remaining individuals retained 109–307 loci, with an average of 283 loci. MAFFT was used to align the inferred protein sequences across all samples using the L-INS-I option with default settings (Katoh and Standley 2013). Codon alignments were generated by forcing nucleic acids to the protein alignments using Pal2Nal with default settings (Suyama et al. 2006). Finally, `trimAl` was used to remove any position in the alignment that was missing a base in more than 50% of taxa (Capella-Gutiérrez et al. 2009).

Phylogenetic Analyses—Both concatenated and coalescent-based phylogenetic analyses were performed. For the concatenated phylogenetic reconstruction, the 307 aligned genes were concatenated into a single supermatrix with a Python script (`fasta_merge.py`) from HybPiper (Johnson et al. 2016). This concatenated supermatrix had a final aligned length of 473,892 bp, of which 35,652 bp were parsimony informative. Maximum likelihood analyses were performed using RAxML HPC v8.2.0 (Stamatakis 2014) on XSEDE through the CIPRES Science Gateway (Miller et al. 2010). A species tree was generated with 100 bootstraps using rapid bootstrapping, the GTRCAT model of heterogeneity for nucleotide

substitution, and all other parameters as default. For coalescent-based phylogenetic reconstruction, each aligned locus was partitioned by gene and codon position, and RAxML HPC v8.2.0 (Stamatakis 2014) was used to generate gene trees with the same parameters specified above. The RAxML bipartition trees and bootstrap trees were input into ASTRAL-II v4.10.2 (Mirarab et al. 2014), which was run with 100 ASTRAL multilocus bootstrap replicates and default settings. ASTRAL generates two types of trees: a local posterior probability (LPP) based on the quartet scores calculated from gene trees, and a multilocus bootstrap (MLBS) that calculates ASTRAL trees from RAxML bootstrap pseudoreplicates generated for each gene, summarized with a greedy consensus tree (Sayyari and Mirarab 2016). To assess whether low support for some areas of the topology was related to poor signal within gene trees, we used SVDquartets (Chifman and Kubatko 2014), an alternative method for constructing species trees that are consistent with the presence of deep coalescence. SVDquartets takes a site-by-site approach; as such, the analysis was conducted with the concatenated supermatrix using the exhaustive method and 100 bootstrap replicates in PAUP* v4.0a168 (Swofford 2003).

Structure Analysis—For SNP-discovery from the HybSeq data, raw reads were aligned against the assembled exons and flanking non-coding regions from *O. harringtonii* individual 44_CO using the alignment algorithm BWA-MEM (Li 2013). This alignment protocol assumed that each locus was independent. The MergeBamAlignment and MarkDuplicates tools in PICARD (<http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard>) were used to adjust alignments and remove PCR duplicates, respectively. Exonic regions of each sample were then genotyped individually using the GATK HaplotypeCaller tool in cohort mode (GVCF; McKenna et al. 2010). All 50 individuals were considered jointly to call genotypes using GenotypeGVCFs in GATK (McKenna et al. 2010). Resulting variants were hard filtered using the GATK VariantFiltration tool following all GATK best practices manual suggestions except for Quality by Depth (QD), which was set to be greater than 5.0 (DePristo et al. 2011; Van der Auwera et al. 2013). These data were prepared for Structure using PLINK to remove all SNPs with more than 10% missing data (Chang et al. 2015), resulting in a total of 11,226 SNPs.

SNP data were analyzed with ParallelStructure v. 2.3.4 (Besnier and Glover 2013) on XEDE using the CIPRES Science Gateway v. 3.3 (Miller et al. 2010). Structure was run for $K = 1-9$ with the admixture model. For each value of K , Structure was run five separate times with a 50,000 burn-in and 100,000 iterations. Using Structure Harvester (Earl and vonHoldt 2012), results were examined across values of K , including the approach of Evanno et al. (2005). The five replicates for each K value were consolidated using CLUMPP to create Structure plots (Jakobsson and Rosenberg 2007).

RESULTS

Concatenated Phylogenetic Reconstruction—Maximum likelihood analysis of concatenated data recovered a single species tree with 85% of nodes having bootstrap values ≥ 75 (Fig. 3). This topology supports the monophyly of three of the four narrow endemic species (sampling only one individual of *O. brandegeei* restricts conclusions as to species monophyly), whereas the fifth species, *O. cespitosa*, is paraphyletic. There is strong support for a sister relationship between *O. brandegeei* and *O. cavernae* (BS = 100). Together these are sister to all other taxa in *O. sect. Pachylophus*, within which there are several well-supported lineages. One of these lineages includes all *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* individuals as well as two morphologically and ecologically intermediate *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* individuals (17_NV and 24_CA), which have affinities for the geographically close *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* individuals 20_NV and 19_CA, respectively. Sister to this lineage is a clade containing a monophyletic *O. psammophila* (BS = 100), which is nested within *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa*. Additionally, this clade contains one individual of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* (15_UT) that has a strong affinity for *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* individual 35_ID. A third lineage contains a monophyletic *O. harringtonii* (BS = 100) that is strongly supported as sister to nine individuals of *O.*

cespitosa subsp. *marginata* (BS = 100). *Oenothera harringtonii* + *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* are sister to the single accession of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* (BS = 100), and sister to this group is a clade of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* (BS = 100).

Coalescent-Based Phylogenetic Reconstruction—The topologies inferred from the coalescent-based analyses are largely concordant with that inferred by concatenation, but with less resolution of relationships [ASTRAL (AST) topology, Fig. 4; topology inferred from SVDquartets (SVD) is not shown]. Both coalescent-based analyses strongly support the monophyly of three of the narrow endemic species (only one individual of *O. brandegeei* was sampled). *Oenothera brandegeei* and *O. cavernae* are supported as sister (AST MLBS = 100, SVD BS = 99). Within the rest of *O. sect. Pachylophus*, a strongly supported lineage (AST MLBS = 98, SVD BS = 96) includes all *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* individuals, as well as two *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* individuals (17_NV, 24_CA). As in the concatenated topology, these two individuals have affinities for *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* 20_NV and 19_CA, respectively. This lineage is sister to a clade (AST MLBS = 89, SVD BS = 95) that includes a monophyletic *O. psammophila* (AST MLBS = 100, SVD BS = 100) nested within *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa*. These two lineages are sister to an individual of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* (15_UT). As in the concatenated analysis, a third lineage contains a monophyletic *O. harringtonii* (AST MLBS = 100, SVD BS = 100) that is strongly supported as sister to *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (AST MLBS = 100, SVD BS = 100). *Oenothera harringtonii* + *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* are sister to *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* (AST MLBS = 100, SVD = 100). These taxa are together weakly supported (AST MLBS = 81, SVD BS < 60) as sister to a clade of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* (AST MLBS = 100, SVD BS = 91).

Structure Analysis—Results using the Evanno et al. (2005) approach yielded two ΔK peaks at $K = 2$ and $K = 4$, with no improvement for $K = 5$ through $K = 9$; thus, we show $K = 2$ through $K = 4$ (Fig. 5). Across $K = 2$ through $K = 4$, similar genetic clusters correspond to *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* taxa (Fig. 5). The main difference is that $K = 3$ separates *O. cavernae* and *O. brandegeei* into their own distinct genetic cluster. By contrast, $K = 4$ adds an additional genetic cluster (yellow) that may reflect admixture, but otherwise has no clear biological relevance, as this cluster occurs in all taxa except *O. cavernae*. Thus, comparison of $K = 2$ through $K = 4$ suggests that the samples are best explained by three genetic clusters (Fig. 5B). The three genetic clusters align with taxonomic designations, with taxa having a majority assignment to a single cluster. One genetic cluster is almost exclusively associated with *O. cavernae* and *O. brandegeei*, with all *O. cavernae* individuals showing high membership (65%) (gray; Fig. 5B). *Oenothera brandegeei* shows 39% membership in this same cluster, with 58% membership in a second genetic cluster (orange; Fig. 5B). *Oenothera psammophila*, *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa*, and *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* have high membership (> 88%) in the second genetic cluster (orange; Fig. 5B); the two intermediate individuals of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (24_CA and 17_NV) also show high membership (> 88%) to the same cluster. The third genetic cluster (blue; Fig. 5B) is associated primarily with *O. harringtonii* and *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata*, with over 58% membership for all individuals excluding those two *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (24_CA and 17_NV) mentioned above. All *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* individuals and *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* share

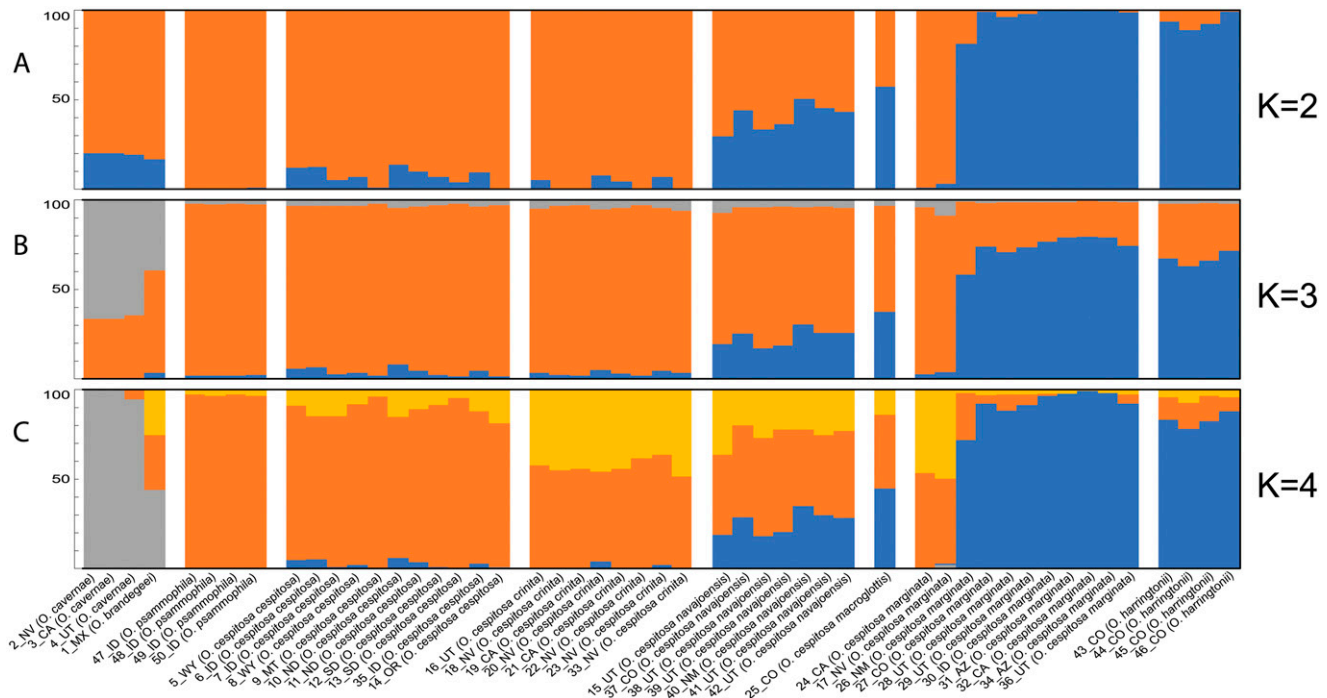


FIG. 5. Structure plots showing the genetic structure of taxa across *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*. The columns represent the genetic structure of each individual, and the y-axis indicates the percentage of estimated membership in each of the genetic clusters. A. $K = 2$. B. $K = 3$. C. $K = 4$.

high membership in the second cluster ($> 59\%$ orange; Fig. 5B), with 17–37% membership in the third genetic cluster (blue; Fig. 5B).

DISCUSSION

Utility of Target Gene Enrichment for Fine-scale Phylogenetic Inference—Genome-wide sequence data from in-solution target gene enrichment allowed for the inference of a robust sectional phylogeny, with much-needed resolution of relationships among taxa within *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*. However, the weak support at several nodes in the coalescent-based analyses (Fig. 4) suggest that some gene trees are conflicting and poorly supported, which may explain the historical difficulty in resolving relationships within this section. This difficulty is expected at the low taxonomic level being explored, given that hybridization is suspected in regions where subspecies of *O. cespitosa* come into contact (Wagner et al. 1985), and introgression and incomplete lineage sorting (ILS) can complicate gene trees and blur species and subspecies delimitations (Galtier and Daubin 2008; Degnan and Rosenberg 2009; Smith et al. 2015). Indeed, reconstructing the genetic structure of the taxa sampled here (Fig. 5) suggests that there are many ancestral alleles shared among taxa. However, topologies inferred by both concatenation and coalescent-based analyses suggest similar relationships among taxa, supporting the robustness of these findings (Figs. 3–4). The ability of HybSeq to capture both exonic and intronic regions and distill their phylogenetic signals despite introgression and ILS, speaks to the power of this method to elucidate historically recalcitrant nodes, even within species. In particular, when combined with sampling multiple individuals per species across their ranges, this method allows for simultaneous capture of data that can be used in both phylogenetic and population genetics approaches that are

complementary when considering the historical processes that account for discordance among gene trees.

Evolutionary Relationships within *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*—The present study confirms the monophyly of *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* and three of the narrow endemic species (*O. cavernae*, *O. harringtonii*, and *O. psammophila*; limited sampling of *O. brandegeei* restricts inference of monophyly), as well as the paraphyly of *O. cespitosa*. This concurs with previous results based on morphological data (Wagner et al. 1985).

Taxon relationships were largely concordant across the concatenated and coalescent-based topologies, with differences primarily in the degree of support; 85% of clades within the concatenated topology are supported with $BS \geq 75$, whereas 59% of clades in the coalescent-based topology are supported at this level by at least one of the support measures. This reduced support may represent rapid speciation and subsequently high levels of ILS within *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*, explaining the difficulties reconstructing relationships in previous studies. Although concatenation appears to offer improved resolution, there is debate regarding the legitimacy of concatenation approaches when there is notable gene tree discordance (e.g. Gatesy and Springer 2014; Mirarab et al. 2014; Liu et al. 2015). Kubatko and Degnan (2007) demonstrated that clade support with concatenation can be misleading, especially in cases with high occurrences of ILS, and others have confirmed this finding (Mirarab et al. 2014; Liu et al. 2015). Considerable ILS is expected in *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus*, especially among individuals of the five *Oenothera cespitosa* subspecies. The lower clade resolution in the coalescent-based analyses supports this assertion and indicates the potential for artificially inflated support in the concatenated topology. Thus, we have taken a conservative approach, and focused on relationships supported by both topologies in the discussion below (Figs. 3–4).

OENOTHERA CAVERNAE AND *O. BRANDEGEEI*—*Oenothera cavernae* and *O. brandegeei* are strongly supported as sister to each other and are together sister to the rest of *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* (Figs. 3–4). The sister relationship between *O. cavernae* and *O. brandegeei* is further supported by analysis of genetic structure. Life history traits and morphological data reinforce this finding; flowers of *O. brandegeei* and *O. cavernae* clearly represent a morphological diminution of a larger out-crossing phenotype. Additionally, *O. cavernae* and *O. brandegeei* are the only autogamous taxa in the section and, as such, they share a “selfing-syndrome” (Wagner et al. 1985; Sicard and Lenhard 2011). This suggests a single transition to self-compatibility in the common ancestor of these two taxa, given that self-incompatibility is common in Onagraceae (Raven 1979), and all other taxa in *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* are self-incompatible (Wagner et al. 1985). Transitions to self-compatibility are one of the most frequent evolutionary shifts in angiosperms, whereas the origin of self-incompatibility is rare (Busch 2005; Busch and Schoen 2008; Iqic et al. 2008; Evans et al. 2011). *Oenothera cavernae* and *O. brandegeei* are annuals that thrive in extremely xeric habitats, some receiving as little as 100 mm of unpredictable rain each year (Wagner et al. 1985). Short reproductive life spans and harsh environmental conditions are hypothesized to limit reproductive assurance and drive selection for self-compatibility (Stebbins 1950; Baker 1955; Morgan et al. 1997; Morgan 2001; Evans et al. 2011; Busch and Delph 2012). This transition from self-incompatibility to self-compatibility may have been the mechanism driving isolation and divergence of the common ancestor of *O. cavernae* + *O. brandegeei* from the remainder of the section. Autogamy would greatly limit gene flow, encouraging rapid divergence and resulting in the distinct genetic structure of these taxa (Baker 1955).

The sister taxon relationship between the morphologically distinct (Wagner et al. 1985) *O. cavernae* and *O. brandegeei* may be surprising, given that their extant ranges are small and disjunct, isolated by more than 900 km. However, it is likely that they are paleoendemic species that arose following the range constriction of an ancestral taxon with a previously larger pre-glaciation range (similar to that of *Hesperoyucca whipplei*; see Segraves and Pellmyr 2001) and became isolated from one another due to specialization to different edaphic environments. Interestingly, the chromosomes of the derived annual *O. brandegeei* differ by at least 3–4 translocations as compared with those of *O. cespitosa* (Wagner et al. 1985). It remains unknown whether *O. cavernae* has a similar chromosomal rearrangement, but, if found, this would further support the close relationship between *O. brandegeei* and *O. cavernae*. Expanded population sampling would allow for a more robust assessment of the relative roles of self-compatibility, annual habit, edaphic specialization, and chromosomal rearrangements in the evolutionary history of these species.

OENOTHERA CESPITOSA SUBSP. MARGINATA, *O. HARRINGTONII*, *O. CESPITOSA* SUBSP. MACROGLOTTIS, AND *O. NAVAJOENSIS*—The concatenated and coalescent-based analyses both support *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* as sister to *O. harringtonii* + *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* + *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* (Figs. 3–4), which concurs with relationships inferred previously from morphological data (Wagner et al. 1985). However, one morphologically intermediate *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis*

individual (15_UT) had affinities for other lineages within *O.* sect. *Pachylophus* (Figs. 3–4). By contrast, the genetic structure of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis*, including individual 15_UT, is very similar to that of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* and corroborates the results from the concatenated and coalescent-based analyses in suggesting an affinity of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* with *O. harringtonii* + *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* + *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* (Fig. 5B).

Within this lineage, *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* is sister to *O. harringtonii* + *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Figs. 3–4), and this relationship is further supported by analysis of genetic structure. These taxa are distinguished from the remainder of *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* based on high membership (> 58%; somewhat lower membership for the single *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* individual) in the same genetic cluster (blue; Fig. 5B). The close relationship between *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* and *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* is consistent with previously suggested morphological affinities based on leaf length (15–30 cm), floral tube length (4.5–14 cm), fruit capsule shape (lance-cylindric to cylindric), and seed coat characteristics (Wagner et al. 1985). However, the evolutionary affinities of these three taxa conflict with an earlier suggestion that *O. harringtonii* was most closely related to *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* (Wagner et al. 1985).

The newly hypothesized relationship among *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis*, *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata*, and *O. harringtonii* offers insight into the evolution of this narrow endemic species. Both *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* and *O. harringtonii* have relatively limited ranges, with *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* restricted to the western half of Colorado, and *O. harringtonii* limited to grasslands in eastern Colorado (Fig. 2). In the Colorado Springs area, the two species occur in close geographic proximity, but are ecologically distinct, with *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* growing on igneous substrates at higher elevations, and *O. harringtonii* growing primarily in the silty clay soils of the arid shortgrass prairies at lower elevations (Wagner et al. 1985). As such, it may be somewhat surprising that *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* and *O. harringtonii* are not each other's closest relatives. However, given the limited sampling (one individual) of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* in the present study, additional individuals are needed to confirm this finding. In contrast to the fairly limited geographic ranges of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* and *O. harringtonii*, *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* has a wide geographic range, with the Rocky Mountains forming the eastern limit in Colorado (Fig. 2). *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* occurs on a diversity of substrates, although populations around the Colorado Plateau region and within and to the west of the Rocky Mountains are restricted to sandstone, unlike the silty clay soils east of the Rocky Mountains where *O. harringtonii* is found (Wagner et al. 1985). These taxa have non-overlapping, highly asymmetrical ranges, with the range of *O. harringtonii* being only 3% that of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata*. Adjacent, asymmetrical ranges are typical of evolution by budding (e.g. Anacker and Strauss 2014; Grossenbacher et al. 2014), with habitat and edaphic shifts common in instances of budding speciation among angiosperms. Additionally, budding speciation appears to have been a common evolutionary mode in monkeyflowers (former genus *Mimulus*; currently *Erythranthe* and *Diplacus*), with asymmetrical ranges and “distinct” niches between sister species (Grossenbacher et al. 2014).

The edaphic specialization of *O. harringtonii* to the unique silty clay foothills of the Colorado Front Range may have been the driver of isolation leading to divergence from an ancestral species, following genetic isolation-by-ecology (IBE; Shafer and Wolf 2013).

OENOTHERA CESPITOSA SUBSP. CRINITA AND INTROGRESSION WITH *O. CESPITOSA* SUBSP. MARGINATA—All individuals of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* comprise a single lineage that is sister to *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* + *O. psammophila*. This placement of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* differs from previous analysis based on morphological data, which placed *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* as most closely related to *O. cavernae* and *O. brandegeei* (Wagner et al. 1985). Interestingly, the present study indicates that two individuals of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (17_NV, 24_CA) have affinities for *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Figs. 3–4). These observed relationships are likely a result of introgression between the two subspecies, which have been found to hybridize when artificially crossed (Wagner et al. 1985). Additionally, natural hybridization based on observations of morphological intermediates in areas of range overlap has been suspected between subspecies of *O. cespitosa* and supported by similarities with known artificial hybrid phenotypes (Wagner et al. 1985). Close investigation of the specimen vouchers for both *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* individuals 17_NV and 24_CA indicate that they are morphologically intermediate between *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* and *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita*, suggesting introgression. This is supported by geography, as both *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* individuals (17_NV, 24_CA) were collected in areas where the subspecies occur in close proximity at the edge of the Great Basin (Appendix 1). Indeed, *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* has been previously collected only 0.3 km from *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* individual 17_NV. The structure analysis further supports an introgressive origin for these two individuals, as they share high membership in the same genetic cluster (orange; Fig. 5B) as *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita*.

OENOTHERA CESPITOSA SUBSP. CESPITOSA AND *O. PSAMMOPHILA*—*Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* + *O. psammophila* + *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Figs. 3–4) share a similar genetic structure, with > 88% membership in a single genetic cluster (orange; Fig. 5B). *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* is paraphyletic, with the narrow endemic *O. psammophila* nested within it (Figs. 3–4). Vegetative traits, such as the occurrence of glabrous leaves and stems, support the phylogenetic affinities between these two taxa (Wagner et al. 1985). Furthermore, *O. psammophila* is restricted to a sand dune region located entirely within the range of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa*, and the ranges are highly asymmetric, with the range of *O. psammophila* being less than one one-hundredth of the size of the range of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* (Lee 1983; see also Fig. 2). As with *O. harringtonii*, this geographic pattern is strongly indicative of budding speciation (e.g. Anacker and Strauss 2014; Grossenbacher et al. 2014) due to genetic IBE (Shafer and Wolf 2013), which appears to be fairly common in directing gene flow (Sexton et al. 2014). Indeed, the pattern with *O. psammophila* is very similar to that between the serpentine endemic *Layia discoidea* (Asteraceae) and its progenitor *L. glandulosa*, where *L. discoidea* is phylogenetically nested within *L. glandulosa* (Baldwin 2005). *Oenothera psammophila* is likely a neoendemic species that diverged from *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* as it specialized to a unique sand dune environment. The paraphyly of *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* suggests a “progenitor-recent derivative” (P-D) relationship

between these taxa, as described by Crawford and Smith (1982). As such, *O. psammophila* diverged from *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* and accumulated many morphological changes and some genetic differences (Fig. 5B), while genetic and morphological characteristics of the parent species remained relatively static. Relatively few instances of P-D speciation have been reported in the literature, but include several in the genus *Clarkia* (Onagraceae) (Gottlieb 2003; Lopez et al. 2012). This type of relationship offers a unique opportunity to study speciation, because the direction of evolution and ancestral character states are clear. Thus, further exploration of character shifts between *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* and *O. psammophila* could offer valuable insights into this unique type of speciation and the process of evolution.

In sum, even at the low taxonomic level being explored in this study, many historically recalcitrant nodes within *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* were successfully resolved; target gene enrichment using both exonic and intronic data has proved a valuable tool to understand evolutionary relationships. We provide a robust phylogeny that elucidates species and intraspecific relationships, and facilitates the inference of drivers of evolution based on the integration of phylogenetic data with geographic and ecological information. Results of this study provide several key findings that extend our knowledge of *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* compared to previous work (Wagner et al. 1985). Rather than being independently derived from *O. cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Wagner et al. 1985), *O. brandegeei* + *O. cavernae* are sister to the remainder of *Oenothera* sect. *Pachylophus* and likely represent relictual narrow endemics derived from a widespread common ancestor. Additional sampling of the rare *O. brandegeei* and analysis of chromosomal arrangements in *O. cavernae* are needed to better understand relationships between these two species. Although previously considered a hybrid between *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* and *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Wagner et al. 1985), *O. psammophila* appears derived as a peripheral isolate via an edaphic shift to a dune habitat from *O. cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa*. Lastly, although Wagner et al. (1985) was equivocal as to whether *O. harringtonii* was most closely related to *O. cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* or *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata*, we confirm that *O. harringtonii* and *O. cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* are sister, with greater sampling needed within the closely related *O. cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis*. Both *O. harringtonii* and *O. psammophila* are likely recent species that formed by budding of a more widespread sister species, providing further evidence for this important speciation mechanism in the western North American flora. Given that *O. harringtonii* and *O. psammophila* originated from *O. cespitosa* through budding, *O. cespitosa* is necessarily paraphyletic, accurately reflecting the evolutionary history of species within this group. Within *O. cespitosa*, reconsideration of current subspecies circumscriptions or elevation to species rank may be warranted, but requires further sampling.

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APPENDIX 1. Voucher and sequence information for taxa included in phylogenetic analyses. Listed as: taxon and authority, individual ID, collector number with herbarium code, state (country and state listed for *O. brandegeei*), county, latitude, longitude, number of genes recovered (percentage of genes), NCBI BioSample accession number. A dash (–) indicates missing data. All unprocessed sequence data are deposited in the NCBI Sequence Read Archive (SRA) under the BioProject PRJNA544074.

Oenothera brandegeei (Munz) P.H.Raven, 1_MX, Moran 12983 SD, Mexico, Baja California, –, –, 299 (93%), SAMN17035535; *Oenothera cavernae* Munz, 2_NV, Raguso RAR98-70 ARIZ, Nevada, Clark Co., –, –, 306 (95%), SAMN17035536; *Oenothera cavernae* Munz, 3_CA, California Botanic Garden Seed Bank Accession #20004 RSA, California, San Bernardino Co., 35.59105°N, 115.60829°W, 307 (95%), SAMN17035537; *Oenothera cavernae* Munz, 4_UT, Bishop 392 US, Utah, –, –, 252 (78%), SAMN17035538; *Oenothera caespitosa* subsp. *caespitosa* Nutt., 5_WY, Lewis et al. LOL 610 US, Wyoming, Teton Co., 43.6384°N, 110.5273°W, 291 (90%), SAMN17035539; *Oenothera caespitosa* subsp. *caespitosa* Nutt., 6_ID, Lewis et al. LOL 623 US, Idaho, Bonneville Co., 43.4642°N, 111.8841°W, 291 (90%), SAMN17035540; *Oenothera caespitosa* subsp. *caespitosa* Nutt., 7_ID, Lewis et al. LOL 624 US, Idaho, Bonneville Co., 43.428°N, 111.7978°W, 287 (89%), SAMN17035541; *Oenothera caespitosa* subsp. *caespitosa* Nutt., 8_WY, Raguso RAR01-61 US, Wyoming, Teton Co., –, –, 293 (91%), SAMN17035542; *Oenothera caespitosa* subsp. *caespitosa* Nutt., 9_MT, Standley 17773 US, Montana, Glacier Co., –, –, 284 (88%), SAMN17035543; *Oenothera caespitosa* subsp. *caespitosa* Nutt., 10_ND, Brand and Holgate s.n. US, North Dakota, Stark Co., –, –, 295 (92%), SAMN17035544; *Oenothera caespitosa* subsp. *caespitosa* Nutt., 11_ND, Stevens and Klunder s.n. US, North Dakota, Morton Co., –, –, 260 (81%), SAMN17035545; *Oenothera caespitosa* subsp. *caespitosa* Nutt., 12_SD, Rydberg 707 US, South Dakota, Fall River Co., –, –, 179 (56%), SAMN17035546; *Oenothera caespitosa* subsp. *caespitosa* Nutt., 13_SD,

Williams s.n. US, South Dakota, Pennington Co., -, -, 222 (69%), SAMN17035547; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* Nutt., 14_OR, Leiberg 2103 US, Oregon, Malheur Co., -, -, 223 (69%), SAMN17035548; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 15_UT, *Onagraceae Project LOL 046* US, Utah, Emery Co., 39.0584°N, 110.6746°W, 306 (95%), SAMN17035549; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Rydb.) Munz, 16_UT, *Raguso RAR01-48* MO, Utah, Juab Co., -, -, 238 (74%), SAMN17035550; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) Munz, 17_NV, *Raguso RAR01-50* US, Nevada, White Pine Co., 39.2467°N, 114.9034°W, 305 (95%), SAMN17035551; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Rydb.) Munz, 18_NV, *Bentley 10* US, Nevada, Nye Co., -, -, 288 (89%), SAMN17035552; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Rydb.) Munz, 19_CA, *Coville and Gilman 127* US, California, Inyo Co., -, -, 240 (75%), SAMN17035553; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Rydb.) Munz, 20_NV, *Clokey 5539* US, Nevada, Clark Co., -, -, 268 (83%), SAMN17035554; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Rydb.) Munz, 21_CA, *Alexander and Kellogg 3016* US, California, Inyo Co., -, -, 272 (84%), SAMN17035555; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Rydb.) Munz, 22_NV, *Pinzi 12419* US, Nevada, Elko Co., 41.4367°N, 114.645°W, 307 (95%), SAMN17035556; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Rydb.) Munz, 23_NV, *Hitchcock 852* US, Nevada, Lander Co., -, -, 289 (90%), SAMN17035557; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) Munz, 24_CA, *Crawford and Crawford LC 025* US, California, Inyo Co., 37.23237°N, 118.20554°W, 285 (89%), SAMN17035558; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *macroglottis* (Rydb.) W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 25_CO, -, Colorado, Alamosa Co., 37.7302°N, 105.4997°W, 289 (90%), SAMN17035559; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Rydb.) W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 26_NM, *Ellis 84* US, New Mexico, Bernalillo Co., -, -, 109 (34%), SAMN17035560; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) Munz, 27_CO, *Onagraceae Project LOL 083* US, Colorado, Eagle Co., 39.6633°N, 107.1016°W, 307 (95%), SAMN17035561; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) Munz, 28_UT, -, Utah, Cache Co., 41.7711°N, 111.658°W, 307 (95%), SAMN17035562; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) Munz, 29_UT, *Onagraceae Project LOL 076* US, Utah, Iron Co., 37.8747°N, 112.6946°W, 299 (93%), SAMN17035563; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) Munz, 30_ID, *Onagraceae Project LOL 085* US, Idaho, Baker Co., 44.3741°N, 117.23°W, 307 (95%), SAMN17035564; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) Munz, 31_AZ, *Onagraceae Project LOL 140* US, Arizona, Coconino Co., 34.5419°N, 111.1567°W, 307 (95%), SAMN17035565; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) Munz, 32_CA, *Onagraceae Project LOL 156* US, California, San Bernardino Co., 34.5368°N, 115.1943°W, 301 (93%), SAMN17035566; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *crinita* (Nutt. ex Hook. &

Arn.) Munz, 33_NV, *Hilpman et al. LOL 217* US, Nevada, Nye Co., 36.6795°N, 115.9858°W, 302 (94%), SAMN17035567; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) Munz, 34_AZ, *Hilpman et al. LOL 255* US, Arizona, Pima Co., 32.3375°N, 110.691°W, 305 (95%), SAMN17035568; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *cespitosa* Nutt., 35_ID, *Benkendorf LOL 640* US, Idaho, Custer Co., 44.1164°N, 113.1903°W, 301 (93%), SAMN17035569; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *marginata* (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) Munz, 36_UT, -, Utah, Daggett Co., 40.886°N, 109.7289°W, 264 (82%), SAMN17035570; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 37_CO, *Onagraceae Project LOL 028* US, Colorado, Montrose Co., 38.4585°N, 107.6754°W, 307 (95%), SAMN17035571; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 38_UT, *Onagraceae Project LOL 154* US, Utah, Grand Co., 38.7234°N, 109.3524°W, 291 (90%), SAMN17035572; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 39_UT, -, Utah, Emery Co., 38.9913°N, 110.2498°W, 290 (90%), SAMN17035573; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 40_NM, *Moore et al. 3065* US, New Mexico, San Juan Co., 36.6831°N, 108.0995°W, 289 (90%), SAMN17035574; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 41_UT, *Raguso RAR01-33* US, Utah, Grand Co., 38.6821°N, 109.4792°W, 300 (93%), SAMN17035575; *Oenothera cespitosa* subsp. *navajoensis* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 42_UT, *Raguso RAR01-69* US, Utah, Grand Co., 38.6702°N, 109.498°W, 301 (93%), SAMN17035576; *Oenothera harringtonii* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 43_CO, *Hilpman and Skogen s.n. CHIC*, Colorado, Fremont Co., 38.3354°N, 105.1054°W, 287 (89%), SAMN17035577; *Oenothera harringtonii* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 44_CO, *Onagraceae Project LOL 736* US, Colorado, Las Animas Co., 37.567°N, 104.299°W, 307 (95%), SAMN17035578; *Oenothera harringtonii* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 45_CO, *Skogen et al. s.n. CHIC*, Colorado, Otero Co., 37.7564°N, 103.5939°W, 306 (95%), SAMN17035579; *Oenothera harringtonii* W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 46_CO, *Skogen et al. s.n. CHIC*, Colorado, El Paso Co., 38.5121°N, 104.7408°W, 306 (95%), SAMN17035580; *Oenothera psammophila* (A.Nels. & J.F.Macbr.) W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 47_ID, *Lewis et al. LOL 625* US, Idaho, Fremont Co., 43.9688°N, 111.8561°W, 301 (93%), SAMN17035581; *Oenothera psammophila* (A.Nels. & J.F.Macbr.) W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 48_ID, *Lewis et al. LOL 626* US, Idaho, Fremont Co., 43.9716°N, 111.8471°W, 286 (89%), SAMN17035582; *Oenothera psammophila* (A.Nels. & J.F.Macbr.) W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 49_ID, *Raven and Gregory 19568* US, Idaho, Fremont Co., -, -, 274 (85%), SAMN17035583; *Oenothera psammophila* (A.Nels. & J.F.Macbr.) W.L.Wagner, Stockh. & W.M.Klein, 50_ID, *Raguso RAR01-56* US, Idaho, Fremont Co., -, -, 306 (95%), SAMN17035584; *Oenothera triloba* Nutt., 51_TX, *Cooper LOL 280* US, Texas, Brewster Co., 29.1551°N, 103.5936°W, 298 (93%), SAMN17035585.