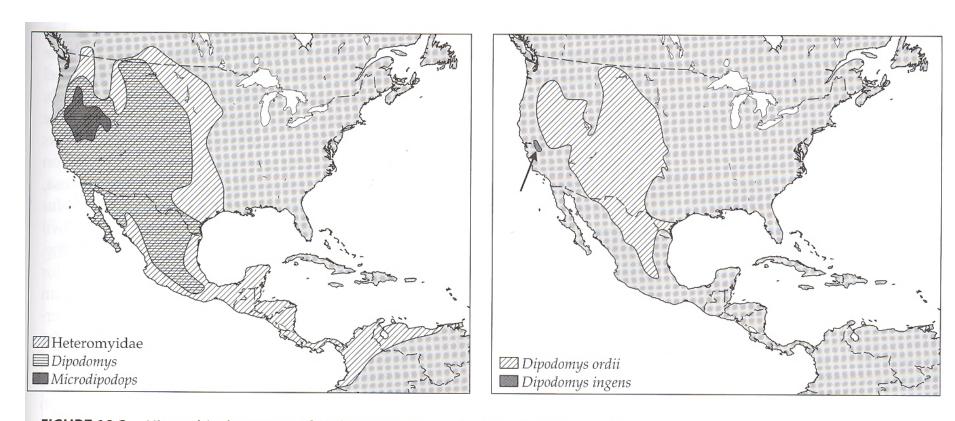
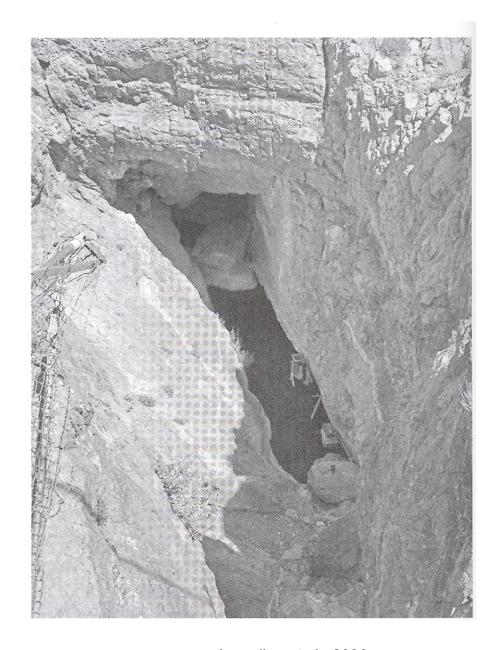
#### Endemic genera

#### **Endemic species**



**FIGURE 10.2** Hierarchical patterns of endemism in the rodent family Heteromyidae, which includes kangaroo rats and pocket mice. The entire family is endemic to the New World, ranging from southern Canada to northern South America. Distributions of its five genera vary in extent, from the kangaroo rats (*Dipodomys*), which range over most of western North America, to the kangaroo mice (*Microdipodops*), which are endemic to the Great Basin. Similarly, the range of just one species, *D. ordii*, encompasses most of the range of its genus, whereas *D. ingens* is endemic to the San Joaquin Valley of California.



Lomolino et al., 2006

### **Endemic species**

**FIGURE 10.3** Native habitat of the Devil's Hole pupfish, (*Cyprinodon diabolis*) near Death Valley in the Mojave Desert, USA. This pool, connected to a large underground water basin and having surface dimensions of about  $20 \times 3$  m, represents the entire native habitat of the species. Photo courtesy of Lawrence Naiman.

#### Cosmopolitan family

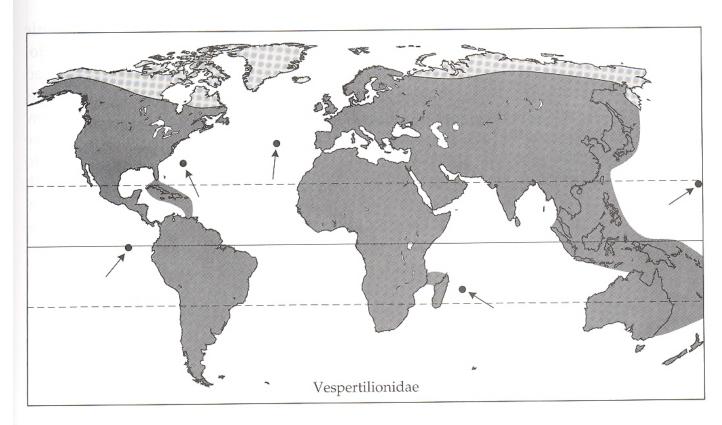


FIGURE 10.4 The nearly cosmopolitan distribution of the bat family, Vespertilionidae. Representatives of this group occur on all of the continents except Antarctica and have colonized isolated archipelagoes (indicated by arrows and black dots) such as Hawaii, the Galápagos, and the Azores. (After Koopman and Jones 1970.)

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### Cosmopolitan species

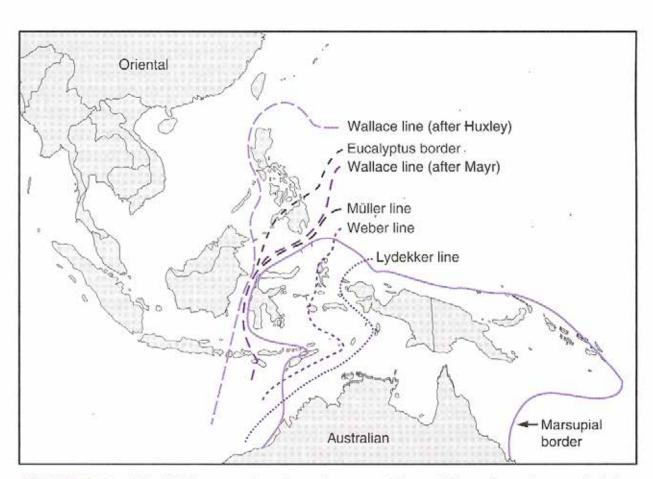








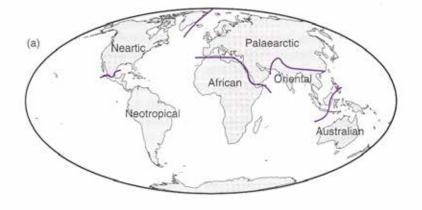
### Biogeographic boundaries



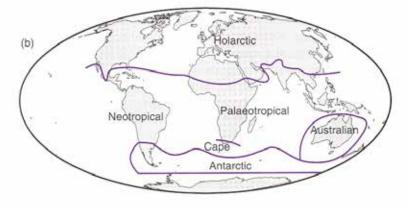
**FIGURE 10.2** The Wallacea region of southeastern Asia and Australia and several of the biogeographic lines that have been proposed to separate the Australasian and Oriental regions. The northwestern range limits of the Australian groups, the marsupials and eucalyptus, are also shown (after Zacharin, 1978 and other sources).

# Biogeographic realms

#### faunal



floral

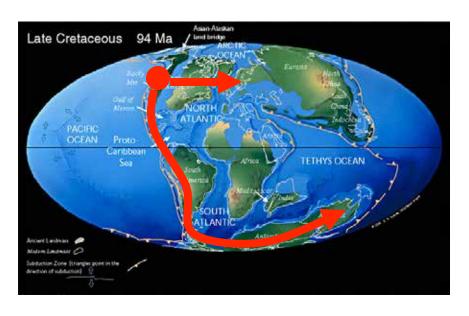


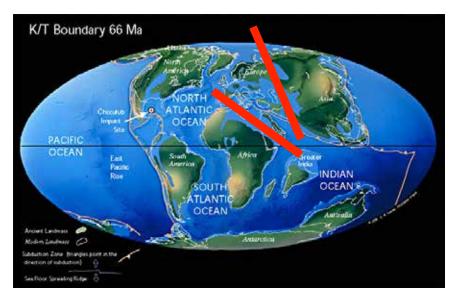
floral+faunal

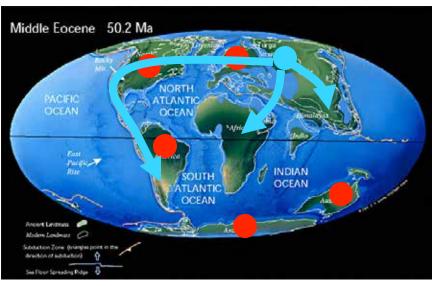


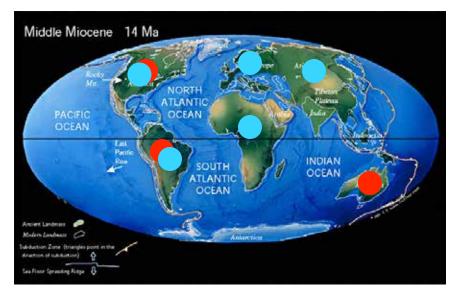
FIGURE 10.1 The world's faunal regions, floral regions, and Pielou's combined floral and fauna biogeographic regions (from a number of sources).

#### **Evolution of Marsupials and Placentals**









### What's an angiosperm?

#### **Plants**

#### Scientific classification Domain: Eukaryota (unranked) Archaeplastida Seed plants (spermatophytes) Kingdom: Plantae †Pteridospermatophyta—seed Haedkel, 1866 ferns Divisions ■ Green algae Pinophyta—conifers Chlorophyta Cycadophyta—cycads Charophyta gymnosperms Ginkgophyta—ginkgo Land plants (embryophytes) Non-vascular plants (bryophytes) Gnetophyta—gnetae Marchantiophyta—liverworts angiosperms Magnoliophyta—flowering plants Anthocerotophyta—hornworts Bryophyta—mosses Vascular plants (tracheophytes) The most diverse families of flowering plants, in order of number of species, are: †Rhyniophyta—rhyniophytes †Zosterophyllophyta—zosterophylls 1. Orchidaceae (orchid family): 25,000 or more species Lycopodiophyta—clubmosses 2. Asteraceae or Compositae (daisy family): 20,000 species †Trimerophytophyta—trimerophytes 3. Fabaceae or Leguminosae (pea family): 17,000 Pteridophyta—ferns and horsetails 4. Rubiaceae (madder family): 13,183 Seed plants (spermatophytes) 5. Poaceae or Gramineae (grass family): 9,000 †Pteridospermatophyta—seed ferns 6. Euphorbiaceae (spurge family): 5,000 Pinophyta—conifers 7. Malvaceae (mallow family): 4,300 Cycadophyta—cycads 8. Cyperaceae (sedge family): 4,000 Ginkgophyta—ginkgo Araceae (aroid family): 3700 Gnetophyta—gnetae Magnoliophyta—flowering plants

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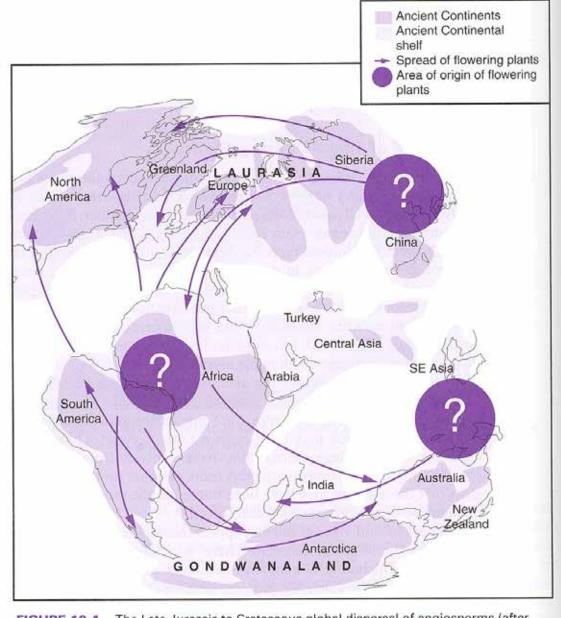
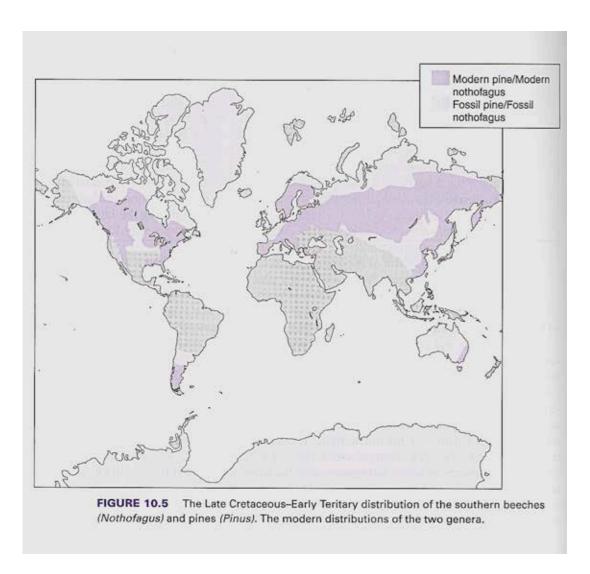


FIGURE 10.4 The Late Jurassic to Cretaceous global dispersal of angiosperms (after Osborne and Tarling, 1996).

# Rise of Angiosperms

#### Distribution of pines and southern beeches

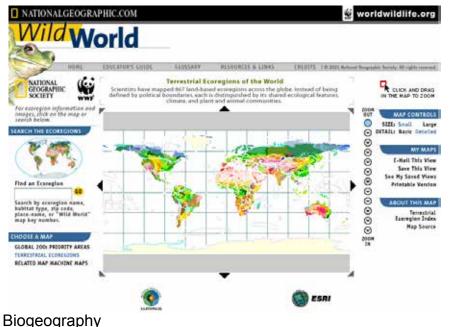


Long dispersal distances, ocean barriers prevented cold-adapted angiosperms to colonize Northern Hemisphere high latitudes

100 pine species, only several southern beech species

"Biodiversity ignores national and other political boundaries, so a more relevant conservation planning unit is required - WWF addresses this need with ecoregions." (www.worldwildlife.org/science/ecoregions)

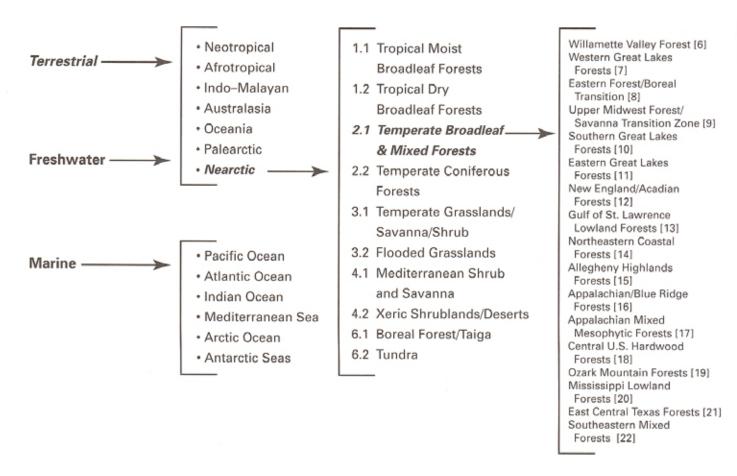
Ability to focus conservation efforts strategically is hindered by a global map of biodiversity with sufficient biogeographic resolution to reflect the complex distribution of natural communities (Olson et al., 2001)





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Figure 2.3 Hierarchy of spatial units used in conservation assessment framework.



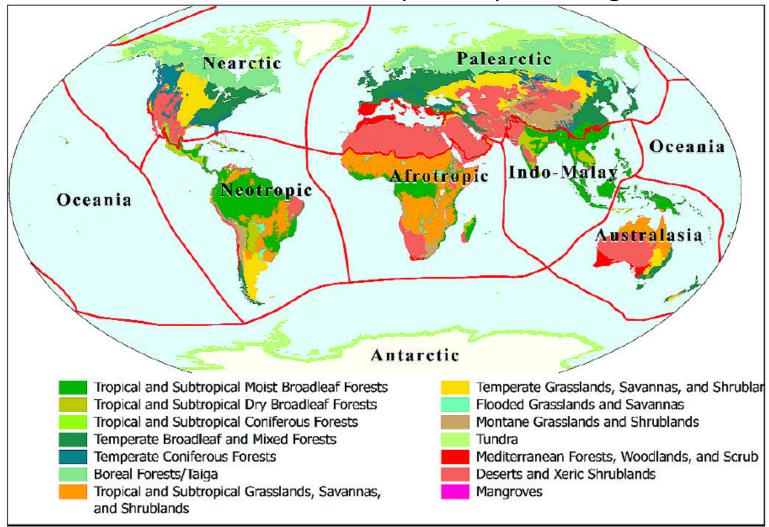


Figure 1. The ecoregions are categorized within 14 biomes and eight biogeographic realms to facilitate representation analyses.

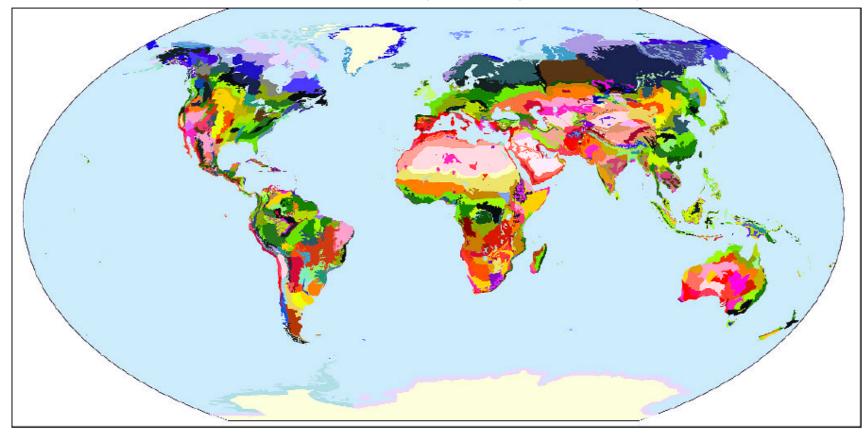


Figure 2. The map of terrestrial ecoregions of the world recognizes 867 distinct units, roughly a fourfold increase in biogeographic discrimination over that of the 193 units of Udvardy (1975). Maps of freshwater and marine ecoregions are similarly needed for conservation planning.

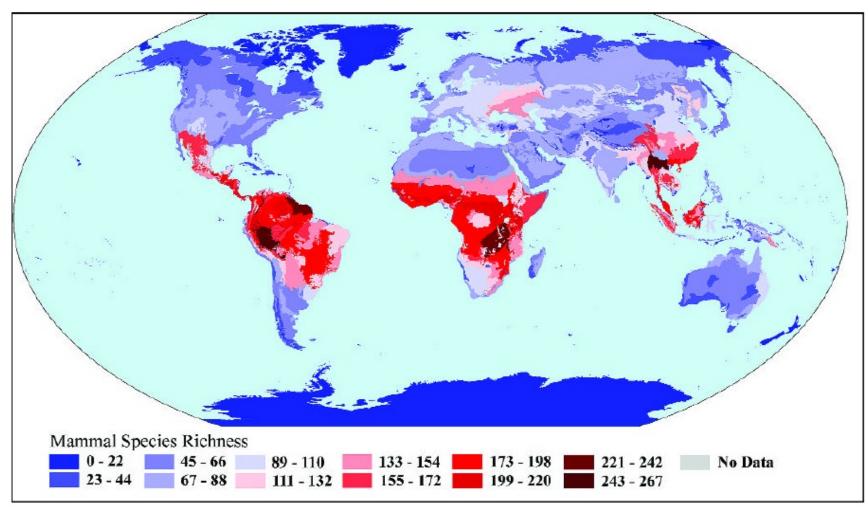


Figure 3. The relative richness of terrestrial mammal species by ecoregion is depicted. Warmer colors denote ecoregions containing richer assemblages.

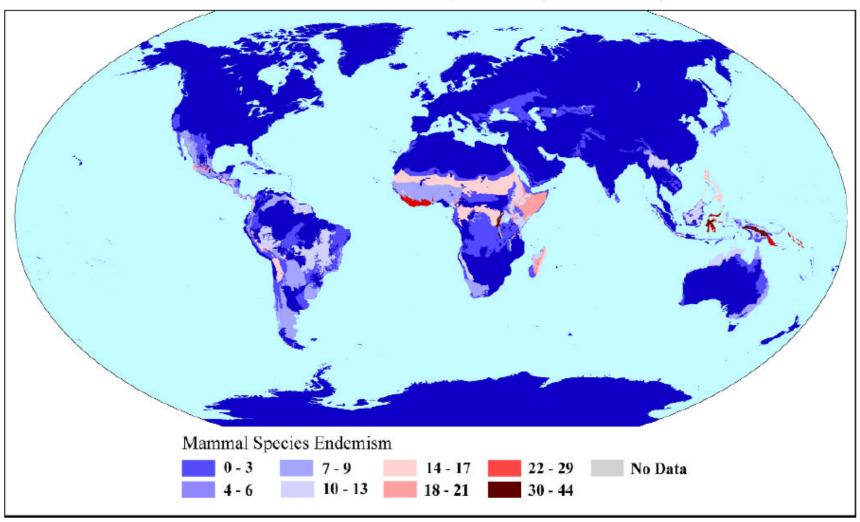


Figure 4. The level of species endemism for terrestrial mammals shows different patterns than that of richness. Warmer colors denote ecoregions containing more endemic species.

#### WWF Global 200

"...a first attempt to identify a set of ecoregions whose conservation would achieve the goal of saving a broad diversity of the Earth's ecosystems. These ecoregions include those with exceptional levels of biodiversity, such as high species richness or endemism, or those with unusual ecological or evolutionary phenomena."

WWF Global 200 vision:

Identify and map priority areas critical to maintaining biodiversity

The vision should fulfill these basic tenets of conservation biology:

- <u>Representation</u> of all distinct natural communities within conservation landscapes and protected areas networks
- Maintenance of <u>ecological and evolutionary processes</u> that create and sustain biodiversity;
- Maintenance of <u>viable populations of all native species</u>; and
- Conservation of <u>blocks of natural habitat large enough</u> to be resilient to large-scale stochastic and deterministic disturbances and long-term changes.

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