

1 Phenotypic integration in style dimorphic daffodils (*Narcissus*,  
2 Amaryllidaceae) with different pollinators

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27 **Abstract**

28 Different pollinators can exert different selective pressures on floral traits,  
29 depending on how they fit with flowers, which should be reflected in the patterns  
30 of variation and covariation of traits. Surprisingly, the empirical evidence in  
31 support to this view is scarce. Here we studied if the variation observed in floral  
32 phenotypic integration and covariation of traits in *Narcissus* species is associated

1 with different groups of pollinators. Phenotypic integration was studied in two  
2 style dimorphic species, both with dimorphic populations mostly visited by long-  
3 tongued pollinators (close fit with flowers), and monomorphic populations visited  
4 by short-tongued insects (loose fit). For *N. papyraceus*, the patterns of variation  
5 and correlation among traits involved in different functions (attraction and fit with  
6 pollinators, transfer of pollen) were compared within and between population  
7 types. The genetic diversity of populations was also studied to control for possible  
8 effects on phenotypic variation. In both species, populations with long-tongued  
9 pollinators displayed greater phenotypic integration than those with short-  
10 tongued pollinators. Also, the correlations among traits involved in the same  
11 function were stronger than across functions. Furthermore, traits involved in the  
12 transfer of pollen were consistently more correlated and less variable than traits  
13 involved in the attraction of insects, and these differences were larger in dimorphic  
14 than monomorphic populations. In addition, population genetic parameters did  
15 not correlate with phenotypic integration or variation. All together, our results  
16 support current views of the role of pollinators in the evolution of floral  
17 integration.

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20 plasticity, pollinator-mediated selection

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## 22 Introduction

23 Most organisms display complex and integrated phenotypes with multiple traits  
24 involved in different and coordinated functions. This morphological complexity  
25 has long intrigued evolutionary biologists and it has stimulated discussions from  
26 both theoretical and empirical perspectives to understand how integrated  
27 phenotypes evolve (1-8). Perhaps one of the most influential works was that by  
28 Olson and Miller (1), which represented a turning point and inspired current views  
29 on phenotypic integration. These authors viewed integration as resulting mostly  
30 from the genetic and developmental programs of organisms. As interpreted by  
31 Cheverud (3) “the degree of interdependence in development and function among  
32 morphological characters is directly related to the degree of phenotypic  
33 morphological integration among these characters”. This perspective has

1 stimulated research agendas, with most of the empirical case studies coming from  
2 animal biology (1, 3, 9-16) and less frequently from plant biology (2, 17-20).

3 Adaptive evolution can also influence the strength and the patterns of  
4 phenotypic integration of traits. Following the ideas of correlation pleiades  
5 developed by Terentjev (21), Berg (2, 22) developed the concept of integration  
6 through natural selection. In these papers, plant-pollinator relationships were  
7 used as a theoretical framework to illustrate the mechanisms by which natural  
8 selection could shape the structure and intensity of correlations between traits.  
9 Specifically, flowers with tight relationships with their pollinators should undergo  
10 stronger selection and display less variation than those without “precise” fit. These  
11 contrasting selection scenarios should be reflected in the strength of floral  
12 correlations, and by the magnitude of modularity and decoupling between groups  
13 of traits involved in different functions, such as floral and vegetative traits, the  
14 latter being unaffected by pollinators (18, 23-29).

15 Berg’s ideas have been expanded further in relation to the magnitude of  
16 intra-floral correlations with different functions and modularity (18, 30-32). The  
17 flower as a unit can be divided into semi-autonomous modules involved in the  
18 attraction of pollinators (e.g. flower size and display) and the transfer of pollen  
19 (e.g. pollen pick-up and delivery), and variation within these modules is usually  
20 restricted by genetic control and architectural constraints (17, 19, 20, 32). Despite  
21 these constraints, it could be expected that the adaptive peak of traits involved in  
22 the pollen transfer function may be narrower than those traits involved in the  
23 pollinator attraction function. Attraction traits are fundamental to receive visits  
24 and move pollen from anthers to stigmas, (33, 34), but more pollen should be  
25 transferred if pollinators pick up the pollen and touch the stigmas with the same  
26 body parts, which requires a precise position of these organs (35-37).  
27 Furthermore, differences in the fitness surface between attraction traits and those  
28 involved in the pollen transfer should be larger in species and populations with  
29 close fit between flowers and pollinators (e.g. narrower adaptive peak for traits  
30 involved in pollen transfer than in attraction) than those with loose fit (2, 18, 29,  
31 38). In addition, floral modularity will be favoured when traits involved in  
32 different functions experience different selective pressures (30).

1 Historical processes at lineage and population levels can influence trait  
2 correlation and covariation, but these have not been discussed much in the context  
3 of phenotypic integration (3, 4, 38-41). Following the argument that genetic  
4 variation is a precondition for adaptive evolution (17, 42), part of the variation in  
5 the strength of trait correlations could be explained by the variation in the gene  
6 pool of populations. This is supported by the fact that phenotypic correlation  
7 matrices and genetic correlation matrices do not differ much (17, 19, 39). When  
8 studying the distribution of genetic diversity across species' geographical ranges,  
9 genetic diversity is usually larger in central than peripheral populations (43).  
10 Thus, population genetic processes might influence phenotypic variation strongly  
11 (44-47), which could in turn be reflected in the patterns of correlation and  
12 covariation of traits (but see 48).

13 In the present paper we wished to test Berg's hypothesis of different  
14 patterns of flower integration when plants are under selection by different  
15 functional groups of pollinators, using *Narcissus* species and populations as a case  
16 study. The research on *Narcissus* has provided strong evidence to understand the  
17 mechanisms by which shifts in pollinators can drive floral phenotypic variation  
18 and evolution. Many *Narcissus* species present style dimorphism, a sex  
19 polymorphism where populations present two floral morphs with either long-style  
20 or short-style flowers (hereafter L and S flowers), and two anther levels (upper  
21 and lower) attached to the flower tube (the position of the upper and lower anther  
22 level does not differ between morphs; Fig. 1A). In a macroevolutionary context,  
23 changes in the polymorphism correlate with the evolution of long and narrow  
24 floral tubes, which seem to be the result of selection mediated by long-tongued  
25 nectarivorous insects (49). Many style dimorphic *Narcissus* display great variation  
26 in the morph ratio, from dimorphic populations (L: S and L-biased) to L-  
27 monomorphic populations (although uncommon, S-biased populations can occur,  
28 50-53), and this variation is frequently associated with shifts in pollinators. For  
29 example, populations of *N. papyraceus* in the West of the Mediterranean Basin and  
30 *N. tazetta* in Israel can be either dimorphic (L:S, L>S, and S>L in *N. tazetta*) and  
31 visited mostly by long-tongued nectarivorous pollinators, or L-monomorphic and  
32 strongly L-biased (L>95%) with short-tongued pollinivorous insects as main  
33 pollinators (29, 50, 53-55). These variations in morph ratio can occur because,

1 although the species are self-incompatible, crosses between different plants of the  
2 same morph render viable seeds (53, 55, 56). Experimental manipulations have  
3 revealed that the maintenance of S flowers depends upon the presence of long-  
4 tongued insects, which transfer pollen (mostly from the lower anther level of L-  
5 flowers) to S-stigmas (short-tongued insects, such as syrphid flies, do not reach S-  
6 stigmas; 55, 57-60). Stigmas of long-styled flowers can receive pollen from either  
7 L- or S- anthers and both long-tongued and short-tongued insects are able to  
8 deliver pollen. In *Narcissus* and other polymorphic species, the absence of one  
9 morph seems to be a derived condition (41, 61-65). Hence, it is reasonable to argue  
10 that L-monomorphic populations of *N. papyraceus* and *N. tazetta* are derived from  
11 dimorphic populations, although it is unclear how many times the polymorphism  
12 has been lost at the population level (but see 62).

13 Most investigations on polymorphic species have focused on how  
14 pollinators select for and maintain discrete floral phenotypes (58, 59, 66-68),  
15 ignoring possible effects on the continuous variation (but see 69). For example,  
16 species of *Lithodora* with closer reciprocal placement of anthers and stigmas  
17 display greater phenotypic integration values (70), and these patterns correspond  
18 to the efficiency of different pollinators (71). Here we wished to assess if  
19 populations of *N. papyraceus* and *N. tazetta* with contrasting functional groups of  
20 pollinators differed in their levels of floral integration and trait correlation. In  
21 dimorphic populations, long-tongued insects should exert strong selection,  
22 particularly on the flower tube length and the position of the anthers and the  
23 stigma, because these insects closely fit with the flower tube to reach the nectar  
24 (specialized pollinators *sensu* 2, 22, 18, 72). In contrast, selection exerted by short-  
25 tongued insects in L-monomorphic populations should be weaker on these traits.  
26 Short-tongued pollinators feed on the pollen from the upper anther level (they do  
27 not reach the nectar hidden at the bottom of the narrow flower tube) and their  
28 interaction with the flower is loose in terms of morphological fit (unspecialized  
29 pollinators *sensu* 2, 22, 18, 72). If the previous scenario holds, these different  
30 selective pressures should be reflected in the strength of phenotypic correlation  
31 and integration. In fact, in *N. papyraceus*, decoupling between floral and vegetative  
32 traits was stronger in dimorphic populations than in L-monomorphic population  
33 (29), fitting Berg's predictions (2, 22).

1           The first aim on this study was to assess whether phenotypic integration in  
2 dimorphic populations with long-tongued pollinators (hereafter LT pollinators)  
3 was greater than in L-monomorphic populations with short-tongued pollinators  
4 (hereafter ST pollinators) in *N. papyraceus* and *N. tazetta*. Secondly, modularity of  
5 *N. papyraceus* flowers was assessed by analysing the strength of correlations of  
6 sets of traits considered to play the same function with the correlations of traits  
7 involved in different functions. To test whether LT and ST pollinators could exert  
8 different selective pressures on floral traits, within and between population types,  
9 the phenotypic variation and phenotypic correlations of traits involved in the  
10 attraction of pollinators and access to the flower (i.e. flower diameter, corona  
11 diameter and height, flower tube length and width) was compared to that from  
12 traits involved in the transfer of pollen (i.e. style length, upper anther height and  
13 lower anther height). Finally, to control for possible population genetic constraints  
14 and marginal range effects on phenotypic integration (monomorphic populations  
15 are smaller and tend to occur more peripherally than dimorphic populations; 50,  
16 53), the genetic diversity of dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations was  
17 studied using microsatellite markers. Population genetic parameters were used to  
18 explore possible associations with phenotypic integration, variation and  
19 correlation of floral traits. The comparisons across species and populations  
20 allowed validation of current views of selection on floral trait covariation and  
21 modularity caused by different pollinators (2, 20, 30, 73).

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## 23   Material and Methods

### 24   Population sampling for floral measurements

25   Flowers were collected from 17 populations of *N. papyraceus* (seven dimorphic  
26 and 10 L-monomorphic and strongly L-biased,  $L > 95\%$ , see 29, 54) and nine  
27 populations of *N. tazetta* (three dimorphic and six L-monomorphic and strongly L-  
28 biased,  $L > 95\%$ , see 50 for sampling details and Table 1). For simplicity, we will call  
29 the group represented by L-monomorphic and strongly L-biased populations as L-  
30 monomorphic. Flower measurements in *N. papyraceus* were taken by RPB (Fig. 1A)  
31 and included flower diameter (1), corona diameter (2) and height (3), flower tube  
32 length (4) and width (5), style length (6), upper (7) and lower (8) anther height in  
33 L and S flowers. Flower measurements in *N. tazetta* were taken by JA (Fig. 1B) and

1 they included flower diameter (1), outer tepal length (2) and width (3), corona  
2 diameter (4) and height (5), and flower tube length (6). Details on pollinators, their  
3 ability to pick up and deliver pollen and select for L and S flowers can be found  
4 elsewhere (29, 50, 55, 56).

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## 6 Phenotypic integration in dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations 7 of *N. papyraceus* and *N. tazetta*

8 We used the method developed by Wagner (74) and Cheverud *et al.* (75) to  
9 calculate the phenotypic integration index for each species and population. The  
10 phenotypic integration index was estimated as the variance of the eigenvalues of  
11 the correlation matrix. Sample size varied among populations (Table 1); hence, the  
12 integration index was corrected by subtracting the expected phenotypic  
13 integration under the assumption of random covariation of traits (26, 29, 74 for  
14 details). The integration index was expressed as percentage of the maximum value,  
15 which is the number of traits included (26). In dimorphic populations, the  
16 phenotypic integration index was estimated by pooling together the data from L-  
17 and S- flowers (style length and upper and lower anther height were not included  
18 in this analysis as these data were only available for *N. papyraceus*; see description  
19 of traits measured above, Fig. 1A and B). The average phenotypic integration  
20 between the two types of populations was analysed with an unpaired t-test. To  
21 control by the lack of independence (phenotypic integration index is based on a  
22 correlation matrix), we implemented a bootstrap procedure (n=20.000  
23 permutations with replacement, see 31, 76 for details) in R (77) to detect  
24 significant differences.

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## 26 Patterns of phenotypic variation and phenotypic correlations in *N.* 27 *papyraceus*

28 To evaluate if *N. papyraceus* flowers could be divided into different  
29 functional modules, we tested whether the average of the correlation coefficients  
30 of the set of traits included within the same function (attraction: diameter and  
31 corona diameter; access: corona height and flower tube length and width; pollen  
32 transfer: style length, upper and lower anther position) was larger than the

1 average of the correlation coefficients between traits belonging to different  
2 functions. These comparisons were conducted within population type.

3         The phenotypic variation of traits involved in pollinator attraction and  
4 access, and pollen pick-up and deposition was analysed within and between  
5 population types. Within population type, pairwise comparisons were used to test  
6 for differences in the average coefficient of variation (hereafter CV) between  
7 groups of traits (attraction vs. pollinator access and fit, attraction vs. pollen pick-  
8 up and deposition, and pollinator access and fit vs. pollen pick-up and deposition).  
9 Between populations, pairwise comparisons were implemented to test for  
10 differences on the average CV of the same type of trait (e.g. differences in the CV of  
11 attraction traits in dimorphic vs. L-monomorphic populations).

12         The strength of the correlation coefficient of sets of traits included in the  
13 same function was also studied. Within population type, the correlations of traits  
14 involved in pollen transfer (the style length-flower tube length correlation, the  
15 upper anther height-flower tube correlation and the lower anther height-flower  
16 tube correlation) were compared against the average correlations among traits  
17 involved in attraction or access (diameter, corona diameter and height, and flower  
18 width). In addition, comparisons were established to detect possible differences  
19 between population types in the style length-flower tube length correlation, the  
20 upper and lower anther height-flower tube length correlations and the average  
21 correlations among traits involved in attraction or access.

22         We used the resampling procedure described above to detect significant  
23 differences in all the comparisons.

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## 25 Genetic diversity in *N. papyraceus* populations

26 Leaf tissue was collected from 15–20 individuals chosen randomly, totalling 164 *N.*  
27 *papyraceus* plants in six dimorphic populations and four L-monomorphic  
28 populations (Table 1 and 2). Sampled plants were separated from each other by at  
29 least one metre. Leaf tissue was dried out in silica gel and later frozen at -80 °C  
30 until DNA extraction. DNA was isolated following Bernartzky & Tanksley's (78)  
31 protocol without mercaptoethanol. All samples were genotyped according to eight  
32 nuclear microsatellite markers previously tested for polymorphism (A5, A109,  
33 A116, A121, B7, B104, B109 and B112; 79). We performed polymerase chain



1 reactions (PCR) in 25  $\mu$ L of reaction mixture containing 50 ng of template DNA, 1  $\times$   
2 PCR buffer, 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1  $\mu$ M fluorescently labeled (6-FAM<sup>TM</sup>, VIC<sup>®</sup>, NED<sup>TM</sup>  
3 and PET<sup>®</sup> dyes) forward primer, 0.1  $\mu$ M reverse primer, 0.05 mM each dNTP and  
4 1.25 U Taq polymerase. PCRs were performed in a Biometra Gradient Thermal  
5 Cycler (Biometra, Göttingen, Germany), with an initial 5 min of denaturation at  
6 94°C, 45 cycles at 94°C for 30 s, annealing at different temperatures depending on  
7 the marker (57 °C for A109 and B7; 58 °C for A116, A121 and B109; 59 °C for  
8 B104 and B112) for 30 s, extension at 72 °C for 30 s, and a final extension at 72 °C  
9 for 5 min. Polymerase chain reaction products were analysed on an ABI 3130  $\times$  1  
10 Genetic Analyser and sized using GeneMapper v.4.0 (Applied Biosystems, Foster  
11 City, USA) and GeneScan<sup>TM</sup> 500 LIZ size standard.

12 For each *N. papyraceus* population, the mean number of alleles per locus  
13 ( $n_a$ ), the mean genetic diversity ( $H_S$ ), the fixation index ( $F_{IS}$ ) and the proportion of  
14 polymorphic loci (PL) was calculated using GENALEX v.6 (80). Allelic richness (RS)  
15 was estimated with HP-RARE v.1 (81). Non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis one-way  
16 ANOVA analysis was used to detect possible differences in the population genetic  
17 parameters between dimorphic and L-monomorphic. The relationship between  
18 population genetic parameters and the phenotypic integration index, the average  
19 CV of floral traits and the average coefficient of correlation of floral traits was  
20 analysed with Spearman's Rank correlation.

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## 22 Results

### 23 Phenotypic integration in *N. papyraceus* and *N. tazetta* populations

24 Our results supported the hypothesis that dimorphic populations visited by LT  
25 pollinators should display higher integration values than L-monomorphic mostly  
26 visited by ST pollinators. Table 1 includes the phenotypic integration index and  
27 95% confidence interval estimates for *N. papyraceus* and *N. tazetta* populations.  
28 The magnitude of the phenotypic integration index in *N. papyraceus* ranged from  
29 3.7% to 23.6%, and dimorphic populations showed greater integration than L-  
30 monomorphic populations (dimorphic populations mean, (95% CI): 15.6%, (9.1,  
31 20.7), L-monomorphic populations: 10.2%, (7.1, 13.5),  $P=0.02$ , Fig. 2). Phenotypic  
32 integration values for *N. tazetta* ranged from 9.9% to 23.6% (Table 1), and they  
33 also showed that dimorphic populations displayed larger integration values

1 (18.6%, (9.4, 23.6)) than L-monomorphic populations (13.2% (9.9, 20.4)), but the  
2 significance of the differences were marginal ( $P=0.07$ , Fig. 2).

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#### 4 Patterns of variation and phenotypic correlation in groups of traits 5 with shared function in *N. papyraceus*

6 Appendices 1, 2 and 3 include the coefficients of variation and correlation for *N.*  
7 *papyraceus* populations (estimates for L and S morph were calculated separately,  
8 and differences in the coefficients among floral traits for L and S flowers were not  
9 significant, results not shown).

10 The comparisons of the correlation coefficients of sets of traits included in  
11 the same function and in different functions supported the hypothesis of floral  
12 modularity in *N. papyraceus*. In dimorphic populations, the average correlation  
13 coefficient of sets of traits involved in the same function was larger than the  
14 average correlation coefficient of traits belonging to different functions  
15 (correlation coefficient of sets of traits within function: 0.64 (0.60, 0.67);  
16 correlation coefficient of sets of traits between functions: 0.33 (0.31, 0.36),  
17  $P<0.0001$ ). The same results were found in L-monomorphic populations  
18 (correlation coefficient within function: 0.55 (0.51, 0.59); correlation coefficient  
19 between functions: 0.21 (0.18, 0.23),  $P<0.0001$ ).

20 The comparisons of the CV aimed at testing whether patterns of floral  
21 phenotypic variability in dimorphic populations with LT pollinators differed from  
22 those found in L-monomorphic populations with ST pollinators. In dimorphic  
23 populations, the CV of floral traits involved in the attraction of pollinators (12.9,  
24 (10.5, 11.9)) was significantly larger than the CV of floral traits involved in the  
25 access and fit with pollinators (11.7, (10.9, 12.6),  $P=0.02$ ) and than the CV of floral  
26 traits involved in pollen pick-up and deposition (11.2, (10.5, 12.1),  $P=0.0036$ , Fig.  
27 3). In contrast, the CV of traits involved in pollinator access and fit did not differ  
28 from the CV of traits involved in pollen pick-up and deposition ( $P=0.23$ , Fig. 3). In  
29 L-monomorphic populations, the CV of floral traits to attract pollinators (11.6,  
30 (11.0, 12.8)) did not differ from the CV of floral traits involved in the access and fit  
31 with pollinators (10.9, (10.2, 11.8),  $P=0.11$ , Fig. 3), whereas differences between  
32 the CV of floral traits involved in pollen pick-up and deposition (9.6, (9.1, 9.9)) and  
33 traits involved in attraction and pollinator access and fit were significant

1 ( $P < 0.0001$  and  $P = 0.0002$  respectively, see Fig. 3). Comparisons between  
2 population types showed that, on average, the CV of attraction traits and traits  
3 involved in pollen pick-up and deposition were larger in dimorphic populations  
4 than in L-monomorphic populations ( $P = 0.05$  and  $P < 0.0001$  respectively); in  
5 contrast, differences in the CV of traits involved in the fit with pollinators were not  
6 significant ( $P = 0.13$ , Fig. 3).

7 In dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations, the style length-flower tube  
8 length correlation, and the anther height-flower tube correlation, both upper and  
9 lower anther level, were larger than the average phenotypic floral correlations  
10 among attraction traits and these differences were significant (dimorphic  
11 populations: style vs. attraction correlations,  $P = 0.02$ ; upper anther vs. attraction  
12 correlations,  $P < 0.0001$ ; lower anther vs. attraction correlations,  $P < 0.0001$ ; L-  
13 monomorphic populations: style vs. attraction correlations,  $P < 0.0001$ , upper  
14 anther vs. attraction correlations,  $P < 0.0001$ , lower anther vs. attraction  
15 correlation,  $P < 0.0001$ , Fig. 4). These results supported the prediction that the  
16 fitness surface for traits involved in pollen pick-up and delivery should be steeper  
17 than in traits involved in the attraction of pollinators. Comparisons between  
18 population types showed that upper anther-flower tube correlations (dimorphic  
19 populations: 0.85, (0.82, 0.88); L-monomorphic populations: 0.78, (0.73, 0.82)) and  
20 lower anther height-flower tube length correlations (dimorphic populations: 0.73,  
21 (0.68, 0.76); L-monomorphic populations: 0.64, (0.58, 0.68)) were larger in  
22 dimorphic than L-monomorphic populations, and the differences were significant  
23 ( $P = 0.01$  for both comparisons, Fig. 4). In contrast, style length-flower tube length  
24 correlations did not differ between dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations  
25 (dimorphic populations: 0.57, (0.48, 0.66); L-monomorphic populations: 0.51,  
26 (0.46, 0.57),  $P = 0.12$ ). The average floral correlations among attraction traits were  
27 significantly larger in dimorphic than L-monomorphic populations (dimorphic  
28 populations: 0.46, (0.40, 0.52); L-monomorphic populations: 0.33, (0.25, 0.41),  
29  $P = 0.005$ , Fig. 4). These comparisons between population types agreed with the  
30 expectation that the adaptive peak of floral traits should be narrower when  
31 selection is mediated by specialized LT-pollinators than by generalized ST-  
32 pollinators.

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1 Genetic diversity in *N. papyraceus* populations  
2 The percentage of polymorphic loci (PL) among *N. papyraceus* populations varied  
3 between 87.5 and 100% (Table 2). The mean number of alleles per locus ( $n_a$ )  
4 ranged between 5.0 and 11.4 and genetic diversity ( $H_s$ ) between 0.52 and 0.51. The  
5 allelic richness ( $R_s$ ) varied between 2.3 and 3.2, and the fixation indices  $F_{is}$  were all  
6 positive and ranged from 0.27 to 0.55. The non parametric Kruskal-Wallis one-way  
7 ANOVA showed that dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations did not differ in  
8 the population genetic parameters estimated (PL:  $H=0.071$ ,  $n_a$ :  $H=0.736$ ,  $H_s$ :  
9  $H=0.011$ ,  $R_s$ :  $H=0.191$ , and  $F_{is}$ :  $H=1.183$ , in all cases d.f.= 1 and  $P>0.2$ ). The  
10 Spearman's correlation coefficients between  $H_s$  and the integration index ( $\rho=-$   
11 0.024), the mean CV ( $\rho=0.248$ ) and the average correlation coefficients  
12 ( $\rho=0.041$ ) for all floral traits were not significant ( $N=10$  and  $P>0.5$  in all  
13 estimates).

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## 15 Discussion

### 16 Patterns of phenotypic integration in *Narcissus* species

17 *Narcissus papyraceus* and *N. tazetta* both have dimorphic populations with mostly  
18 long-tongued diurnal and nocturnal pollinators, and strongly L-biased and L-  
19 monomorphic populations pollinated mainly by short-tongued syrphid flies (29,  
20 51, 53-55). Shifts from long-tongued to short-tongued pollinators seem to select  
21 against the S-morph and favour the L-morph (59, 60). Thus, it could be expected a  
22 steeper fitness surface in populations where flowers have close fit with pollinators  
23 (long-tongued insects) than populations in which pollinators fit loosely with  
24 flowers (short-tongued insects), and this should be reflected in the patterns of  
25 phenotypic integration (2, 18). Our results confirmed this expectation: the  
26 phenotypic integration index in dimorphic populations was larger than in L-  
27 monomorphic or strongly L-biased populations, and these trends were consistent  
28 across the two species.

29 The phenotypic integration observed in the two species could reflect  
30 possible effects of common ancestry (38, 40, 41). However, *N. papyraceus* and *N.*  
31 *tazetta* are not sister species (49, 82), and other species with different stylar  
32 condition (fixed monomorphism in *N. serotinus* or dimorphism in *N. broussonetii*)

1 are in the same clade. Assuming that legitimate pollinators in dimorphic species  
2 and populations are long-tongued insects, as the floral syndrome suggests (49),  
3 and that L-monomorphism with pollination by short-tongued insects is a derived  
4 condition (49, 59, 83), similar levels of integration in dimorphic populations  
5 (15.6% for *N. papyraceus* and 18.5% for *N. tazetta*), which differ greatly from the  
6 ten-fold variation in other species of the clade (3-30%; Pérez-Barrales, Santos-  
7 Gally and Arroyo, unpublished data), may reflect factors other than common  
8 ancestry. More evidence in support of pollinators as drivers of floral integration  
9 includes the similar patterns of variation in population morph ratio, and the  
10 similar shifts in pollinators and patterns of floral integration in two species at the  
11 edges of the Mediterranean Basin (ca. 4000 km distance), which are unlikely to be  
12 caused by phylogenetic effects. Nevertheless, detailed evolutionary reconstruction  
13 of flower phenotypic integration would help to elucidate this question.

14         Colonization of rocky habitats with severe temperature fluctuations, which  
15 determine early blooming, has been proposed as a cause for the shift of pollinators  
16 in *N. tazetta* populations (50). An expansion to inland from coastal ranges seems to  
17 have played a similar role in *N. papyraceus* populations (84). Hence, the lower  
18 integration in L-monomorphic populations could also be explained by (i) historical  
19 effects, if all L-monomorphic populations represent a single evolutionary event,  
20 and they have inherited the patterns of trait correlation and covariation (but see  
21 discussion above); and, (ii) a reduction in genetic variation associated with the  
22 colonization of marginal ranges (43). At present, we do not have sufficient  
23 phylogeographic information for these species to trace the colonization history of  
24 populations and therefore reconstruct variation of integration across the ranges.  
25 However, population neutral genetic variation based on microsatellite markers did  
26 not differ in dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations of *N. papyraceus*; neither  
27 were significant the non-parametric correlations with integration, average floral  
28 variation and average correlation among traits (see discussion below). This  
29 evidence suggests that population genetic processes other than selection may have  
30 played a minor role in the patterns observed (85, 86) and that low integration  
31 values are not due to a reduction in population genetic variation. However, our  
32 interpretations must be taken cautiously due to the limited number of populations  
33 in which we could relate phenotypic and genetic variation.

1 Patterns of floral variation, modularity and correlation in *N.*  
2 *papyraceus*  
3 Traits involved in attraction of pollinators (flower diameter, corona diameter and  
4 height) were significantly more variable than traits putatively involved in pollen  
5 pick-up and delivery (style length, upper anther height and lower anther height) in  
6 dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations. This is not surprising because,  
7 regardless of the level of pollination specialization, developmental canalization and  
8 selection for precision in the pollination function reduces phenotypic variation  
9 (35-37, 87, 88). In contrast, access and fit traits (flower tube width and length)  
10 displayed different patterns: their CV were lower than attraction traits and similar  
11 to pollination traits in dimorphic populations; while in L-monomorphic  
12 populations, the CV of access and fit traits were within the same range as  
13 attraction traits and substantially larger than pollination traits (Fig. 3). Small  
14 values for the CV of traits involved in pollen pick-up and delivery (e.g. access and  
15 fit, position of sexual organs) might reflect stronger directional selection or steeper  
16 stabilizing selection caused by long-tongued pollinators compared with short-  
17 tongued pollinators (38, 87, 88).

18 Comparisons of correlation coefficients of traits involved in attraction and  
19 transfer of pollen, as well as correlations of traits across functions revealed  
20 interesting patterns. The hypothesis of floral modularity in *N. papyraceus* was  
21 supported. In both dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations, correlations of  
22 sets of traits associated with attraction, access and pollen transfer were larger than  
23 correlations of traits involved in different functions. From a developmental and  
24 genetic perspective this is expected, as shown for both plants (25, 26, 32) and  
25 animals (2, 3). Floral modularity can be selected for, and this can cause low floral  
26 integration (30, 32). In the present study, we lack fitness estimates to measure the  
27 adaptive value of traits involved in different functions, and hence cannot say that  
28 modularity is the cause of low integration. Interestingly, dimorphic and L-  
29 monomorphic populations displayed similar modularity but different phenotypic  
30 integration.

31 Despite the fact that selection for modularity may act against high  
32 integration, the comparisons of groups of traits related to attraction, access and  
33 transfer of pollen in dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations agreed with the

1 hypothesis that selection by different pollinators can generate differences in levels  
2 of integration. Within population type, the correlations between organs involved in  
3 pollen pick-up and deposition (upper and lower anther length, style length and  
4 flower tube length) were consistently larger than the average correlations among  
5 floral traits involved in attraction. In addition, the correlation coefficient was  
6 substantially larger for the anther height-flower tube correlation than the style  
7 length-flower tube length correlation (Fig. 4). An important aspect of *Narcissus*  
8 flowers is that the filaments are fused to the flower tube. Hence, the strong  
9 correlations observed for anther position and flower tube length both in dimorphic  
10 and L-monomorphic populations might reflect strong developmental constraints,  
11 genetic correlation and pleiotropy (see discussion above, 89-91). However, we  
12 found differences in the strength of correlations as predicted by Berg (2, 18), and  
13 the results fitted the expectations that LT-pollinators exert stronger selection on  
14 anther position than ST-pollinators. Furthermore, differences between population  
15 types in the average correlation between anther height and flower tube length  
16 were larger for the lower anther level than the upper anther level. This may reflect  
17 two processes that are not mutually-exclusive: 1) selection generated by LT-  
18 pollinators for a precise position of the lower anther level to donate pollen to S-  
19 stigmas in dimorphic populations (58, 92); and/or 2) relaxation of selection on the  
20 lower anther level in L-monomorphic populations because, unlike long-tongued  
21 insects, short-tongued pollinators interact only with the upper anther level (Pérez-  
22 Barrales, R. personal observation; 60).

23         In contrast to anther height and flower tube length, the correlation between  
24 style length and flower tube length did not differ between population types  
25 (although the average correlation was smaller in L-monomorphic than in  
26 dimorphic populations, Fig. 4). In addition to pollinators, the position of the stigma  
27 may be constrained by additional factors. For example, avoidance of self-  
28 interference through stigma clogging can strongly affect stigma position in self-  
29 incompatible species and increase the deviation from optimal positions for pollen  
30 arrival (35-37, 93, 94).

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32 **Concluding remarks**

1 In a previous paper we documented a pattern of floral phenotypic integration in *N.*  
2 *papyraceus* consistent with the role of different pollinators in different  
3 populations. Here we expanded these results by incorporating a different species,  
4 *N. tazetta* in a distant geographical range, but with similar variation in pollinators.  
5 We also studied patterns of variation and correlation of traits involved in different  
6 functions, and incorporated a population genetic data set to assess possible effects  
7 of demographic population processes on the phenotypic patterns described. Taken  
8 together, the results suggest that pollinator-mediated selection plays an important  
9 role in the phenotypic integration of *N. papyraceus* and *N. tazetta* flowers: selection  
10 probably maintains the correlation structure in dimorphic populations pollinated  
11 by long-tongued pollinators, whereas this structure is weakened when these  
12 pollinators are mostly substituted by short-tongued pollinators in other  
13 populations. Our findings agree with a number of studies supporting the idea that  
14 plant species with specialized pollinators present larger values of floral integration  
15 than species with generalized pollinators (2, 22, 18, 29, 38). Notwithstanding this,  
16 our study did not include female and male fitness estimates to quantify the  
17 adaptive value of integration, nor could we assess the adaptive value of the traits  
18 taking part in attraction, access and pollen transfer, with different functional  
19 groups of pollinators. Future research will require combining phenotypic selection  
20 studies with developmental and quantitative genetics to better understanding how  
21 pollinators can select for integrated phenotypes.

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1 Table 1. *Narcissus papyraceus* and *N. tazetta* populations surveyed for flower measurements and analyses of phenotypic integration, and  
 2 patterns of floral variation and phenotypic correlation. Estimates of population morph ratio were done on a larger sample size (see  
 3 Arroyo & Dafni 1995, Barrett et al. 1996, Arroyo et al. 2002, Pérez-Barrales et 2007 and 2009, Santos-Gally et al 2013 for details for  
 4 detailed information on population sampling).

Species and Populations	Sample size for flower measurements	L morph %	Phenotypic integration index %	Raw Phenotypic Integration index	95% CI*
<i>Narcissus papyraceus</i>					
Morocco: Tánger-Tetuán, Oued Lediane	100 (57:42)	57	10.28	0.55	0.01-0.95
Morocco: Tetuán-Larache, Souk el Arba Ayacha	100 (95:100)	96.3	3.76	0.23	0.01-0.38
Morocco: Tánger-Tetuán, Ragaia	100 (41:59)	50	5.08	0.29	0.01-0.51
Spain: Málaga, Casares-Manilva	100 (87:13)	87.4	14.99	0.79	0.04-1.37
Spain: Málaga, San Pedro de Alcántara	67 (66:1)	98.53	13.39	0.73	0.01-1.23
Spain: Cádiz, Tarifa-Bolonia	100 (52:48)	50	23.64	1.22	0.01-2.05
Spain: Cádiz, Los Barrios	100 (50:50)	50	19.11	1.00	0.00-1.62
Spain: Cádiz, El Bosque	48 (32:16)	66	19.36	1.05	0.01-1.74
Spain: Huelva, Villanueva de los Castillejos	100 (99:1)	99	19.46	1.01	0.02-1.69
Spain: Huelva, Hinojos, El Caoso	24	100	8.15	0.57	0.13-0.94
Spain: Huelva, Hinojos, Coto del Rey	100	100	4.45	0.26	0.02-0.39
Spain: Huelva, Almonte, El Rocío	98 (95:3)	98.5	5.44	0.31	0.01-0.55
Spain: Sevilla, Aznalcázar	98	100	8.33	0.46	0.02-0.78
Spain: Córdoba, Carcabuey, Valdecañas	100	100	5.59	0.32	0.01-0.57
Portugal: Algarve, Barranco São Miguel	60 (55:6)	90.6	7.73	0.45	0.02-0.78
Portugal: Algarve, Mesines-Alte	100	100	10.49	0.57	0.01-0.98
Portugal: Algarve, Tavira	100	100	10.50	0.57	0.02-0.98

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Israel: Yuvalim	30 (15:15)	96	9.88	0.63	0.05-1.15
Israel: Stella Maris	28 (25:3)	95	13.4	0.89	0.12-1.5
Israel: Megadim	32 (30:2)	100	15.7	0.94	0.08-1.7
Israel: Nahal Mearot West	16	100	10.1	0.92	0.08-1.53
Israel: Nahal Mearot North	11	100	20.43	1.68	0.08-0.04
Israel: Nahal Ma'sad	19 (17:2)	89.5	9.41	0.83	0.06-1.41
Israel: Yagur	20 (10:10)	54	21.66	1.55	0.03-2.42
Israel: Kfar Yeoshua	13 (3:10)	20	19.55	1.56	0.12-2.77
Israel: Kishon River	34 (10:24)	10	23.57	1.33	0.06-2.35

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Confidence intervals for the raw integration index were obtained by bootstrapping.

1 Table 2. Genetic diversity ( $\pm$  SD) parameters for each of the selected *Narcissus papyraceus* populations

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Population	Simple size	PL	$n_a$	$H_S$	$R_S$	$F_{IS}$
Morocco: Tánger-Tetuán, Ragaia	20	100	11.4 (1.2)	0.81 (0.06)	3.2 (0.2)	0.40 (0.07)
Spain: Málaga, Casares-Manilva	15	87.5	7.6 (1.5)	0.68 (0.10)	2.8 (0.3)	0.45 (0.08)
Spain: Cádiz, Tarifa-Bolonia	18	100	9.0 (1.1)	0.75 (0.06)	3.0 (0.2)	0.38 (0.10)
Spain: Cádiz, Los Barrios	15	100	8.6 (0.9)	0.74 (0.06)	3.0 (0.2)	0.37 (0.09)
Spain: Cádiz, El Bosque	15	100	7.6 (1.0)	0.69 (0.10)	2.8 (0.3)	0.42 (0.10)
Spain: Huelva, Villanueva de los Castillejos	16	100	5.8 (0.7)	0.71 (0.06)	2.8 (0.2)	0.47 (0.12)
Spain: Huelva, Hinojos, El Caoso	19	100	8.4 (1.0)	0.77 (0.05)	3.0 (0.2)	0.55 (0.08)
Spain: Sevilla, Aznalcázar	15	100	8.4 (1.3)	0.69 (0.09)	2.9 (0.3)	0.46 (0.08)
Spain: Córdoba, Carcabuey, Valdecañas	15	87.5	6.9 (1.5)	0.65 (0.10)	2.7 (0.3)	0.27 (0.10)
Portugal: Algarve, Barranco São Miguel	16	87.5	5.0 (1.0)	0.52 (0.10)	2.3 (0.3)	0.46 (0.13)

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5 Percentage of polymorphic loci (PL), mean number of alleles ( $n_a$ ), genetic diversity ( $H_S$ ), allelic richness ( $R_S$ ), and the fixation index ( $F_{IS}$ )

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3 Figure 1. Floral traits measured in A) *Narcissus papyraceus*: (1), corona diameter  
4 (2) and height (3), flower tube length (4) and width (5), style length (6), upper  
5 anther height (7) and lower anther (8) height in L and S flowers, and B) *Narcissus*  
6 *tazetta*: flower diameter (1), outer tepal length (2) and width (3), corona diameter  
7 (4) and height (5), and flower tube length (6).

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9 Figure 2. Means and 95% confidence interval of the phenotypic integration index  
10 in dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations with mainly long-tongued and  
11 short-tongued pollinators respectively in *Narcissus papyraceus* and *Narcissus*  
12 *tazetta*.

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14 Figure 3. Mean and 95% confidence interval of the coefficient of variation of floral  
15 traits involved in the pollinator attraction, pollinator access and fit, and in pollen  
16 pick up and deposition in dimorphic and L-monomorphic populations of *Narcissus*  
17 *papyraceus*.

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19 Figure 4. Mean and 95% confidence interval of the correlation coefficients among  
20 traits involved in the attraction of pollinators and traits involved in the pollination  
21 function (style length- flower tube length correlation, upper anther height-flower  
22 tube correlation and lower anther height-flower tube correlation) in dimorphic  
23 and L-monomorphic populations of *Narcissus papyraceus*.