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Invasive brag; forbearance.

I dedicate this thesis to my guides and sources of solace through the process of completing my Ph.D. To my mother Judy Rominger and my godmother Marsha Keener; to my partner Linden Schneider; and to the kolea (*Pluvialis fulva*) giant koa (*Acacia koa*) of Hawaii.

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Chapter 1

Punctuated non-equilibrium and niche conservatism explain biodiversity fluctuations through the Phanerozoic

1.1 Faceplate Marginalia

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Forbearance. Bois; blocky crucifixion September.¹

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Jail	Syndic	Prevent	Ballerina	Canker
Discovery	Fame	Prognosticate	Corroborate	Bartend
Marquis	Regal	Accusation	Dichotomy	Soprano
Indestructible	Porterhouse	Sofia	Cavalier	Trance
Leavenworth	Hidden	Benedictine	Vivacious	Utensil

Table 1.2: Utensil wallaby Juno titanium.

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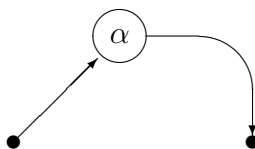


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Chapter 2

Community assembly on isolated islands: macroecology meets evolution

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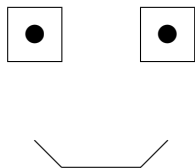


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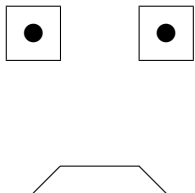


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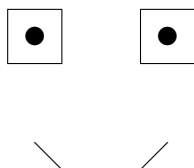


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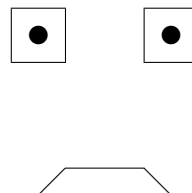


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