**Supplementary Methods**

*Demographic analysis*

To optimize the models we fit during the analysis, we used a variation on dadi\_pipeline, the sequential step-down parameter permutation approach described by Portik et al. (2017) [1]. Unlike this method however, we set the starting parameters for each sequential run via weighting the parameters from each run in the previous iteration by the relative AIC score of that iteration, such that all but the worst runs contribute in some degree to the starting parameters for the next step. The number of runs and iterations per step are listed in Table SX. Individual optimization runs were killed if they took longer than 48hrs to complete, since these runs tended to take far longer to finish and often included integration errors due to extremely small population sizes. Most runs completed in under 48hrs and are included in the results.

To extract meaningful parameter units from the results, we assumed 0.3 years per generation and used the per-base mutation rate of 8.4x10-9­ reported from Drosophila melanogaster [2]. These values match those used by Zhan et al. (2014) [3]. Using a potentially more realistic generation time of 7 generations per year resulted in more recent divergence times, and using the slower mutation rate reported for the more closely related Heliconius melpomene of 2.9x10-9 [4] resulted in larger effective size estimates and more distant divergence times, for a net result of slightly more distant divergence times and larger effective sizes. Overall, the results did not differ qualitatively to any substantial degree. In order to determine the length of the considered genomic region, we multiplied the total number of bases sequenced after quality filtering (but not SNP p-value filtering so as to count non-polymorphic sites) by the ratio of SNPs in the final allele frequency spectrum to the total number of called SNPs.

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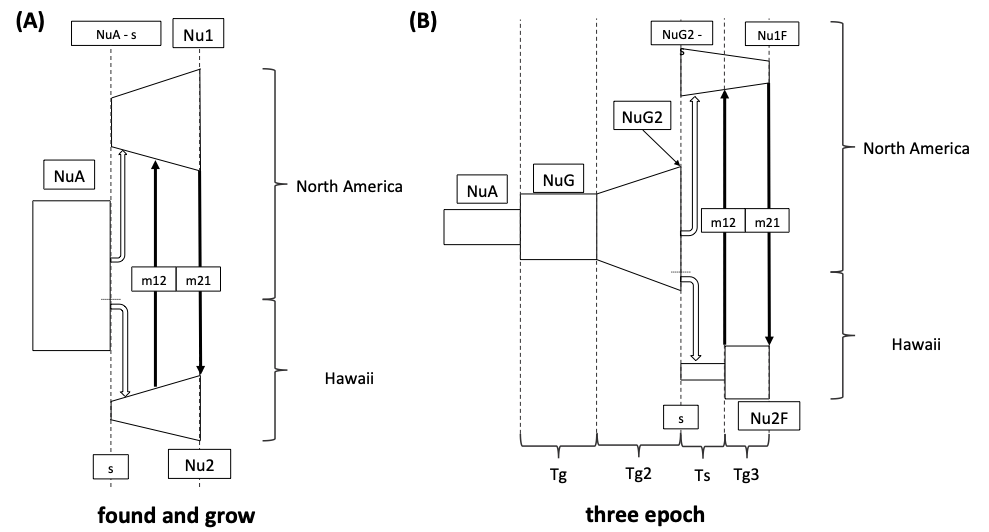
**Supplementary Tables:**

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| **Population** | **Sampling Location** | **Sampling Year(s)** | **# Sequenced** |
| **North America** | Eastern North America (Mexican overwintering sites) | 2016 | 45 |
| Western North American (California overwintering sites) | 2015 | 40 |
| **Hawaii** | Maui | 2016 | 8 |
| Oahu | 2016 | 4 |
| **Mariana Islands** | Guam | 2015 | 24 |
| Rota | 2015 | 20 |
| Saipan | 2015 | 4 |
| **Fiji** | Viti Levu | 2009 | 5 |
| **Samoa** | Upolu | 2006, 2007, 2016 | 31 |
| **New Caledonia** | Grand Terre | 1991, 2006, 2010 | 18 |
| **Australia** | Queensland | 2016 | 44 |
| Victoria | 2016 | 4 |
| New South Wales | 2016 | 6 |
| **New Zealand** | North Island | 2007, 2011 | 6 |
| **Norfolk Island** | Norfolk Island | 2016 | 16 |
| **Total:** | | | **281** |
| **Table S1** – Sampling locations and year for monarchs included in sequencing design | | | |

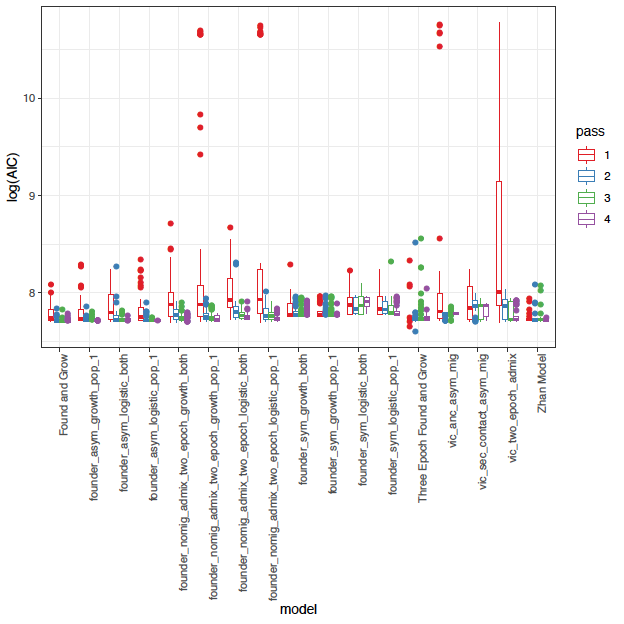
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| **Population** | **NAM** | **HAW** | **GUA** | **ROT** | **SAI** | **QLD** | **NSW** |
| **HAW** | 0.107 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **GUA** | 0.293 | 0.284 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ROT** | 0.244 | 0.209 | 0.31 |  |  |  |  |
| **SAI** | 0.289 | 0.259 | 0.291 | 0.361 |  |  |  |
| **QLD** | 0.208 | 0.146 | 0.336 | 0.276 | 0.331 |  |  |
| **NSW** | 0.207 | 0.142 | 0.366 | 0.296 | 0.372 | 0.01 |  |
| **VIC** | 0.204 | 0.131 | 0.396 | 0.311 | 0.431 | 0.011 | -0.047 |
| **Table S2 -** Average pairwise FST across all sites for each pair of populations. | | | | | | | |

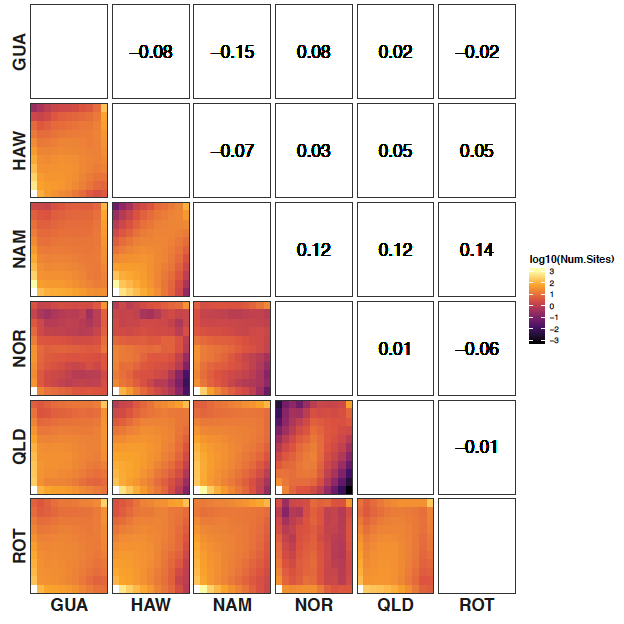
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| **Run** | **Parameter Permutation** | **Number of Runs** | **Number of Optimization Iterations** |
| **1** | 3 | 50 | 30 |
| **2** | 2 | 50 | 50 |
| **3** | 2 | 60 | 50 |
| **4** | 1 | 100 | 100 |
| **Table S3 –** Degree of parameter permutation, number of independent dadi runs, and the number of iterations per run for each of the dadi optimization passes (see Portik et al., 2017). | | | |

**Supplementary Figures**

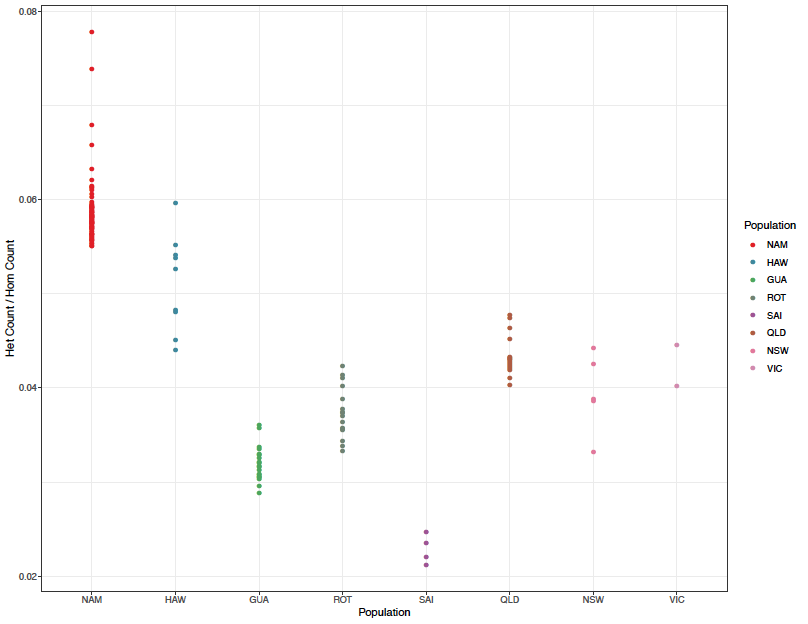


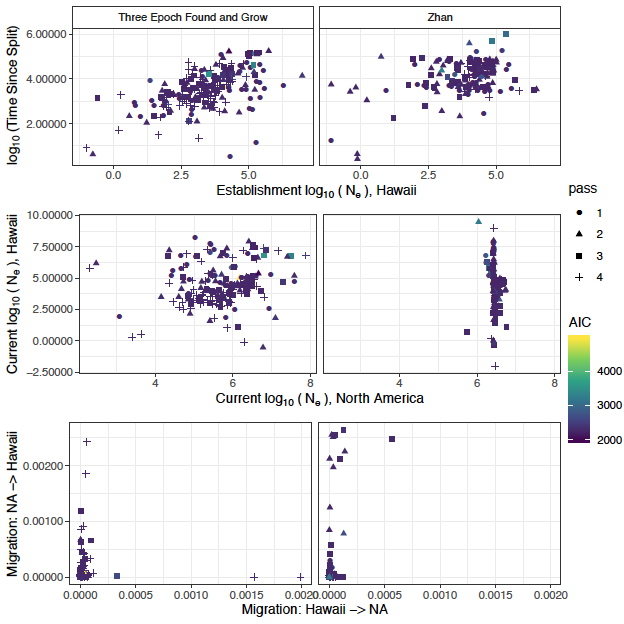
**Figure S1** - Visual depiction of the two best performing models from dadi simulations. Panel (A) shows the less complicated found and grow model, which assumes a constant ancestral North American population size. In this model, a portion *s* of individuals found the Hawaiian population, with subsequent population growth then allowed until present, with present day population sizes given as Nu1 and Nu2. Migration between populations is allowed in both directions and is shown as m12 (Hawaii > North America) and m21 (North American > Hawaii). Panel (B) shows the three epoch model, which allows for multiple changes in the size of the ancestral North American population prior to establishment in Hawaii. This model is very similar to the one used by Zhan et al. (2014), although it allows for an additional expansion event in the ancestral North American population prior to establishment in Hawaii.

**Figure S2 -** AIC scores for all specified demographic models used in dadi simulations across passes. Note that the three epoch model produced model runs with the lowest single AIC scores, though with substantial variation across runs.



**Figure S3 –** Derived allele frequency spectra (below diagonal) and directionality indices (above diagonal) for each pairwise comparison between each of the six best-sampled populations. Spectra polarized via reference to putative sister taxa *Danaus erippus* and projected to 10 gene copies per population. GUA = Guam, HAW = Hawaii, NAM = North America, NOR = Norfolk Island, QLD = Queensland, ROT = Rota.

**Figure S4 -** The ratio of heterozygous to homozygous sites shown for each individual within the primary sampled populations of interest. As with other metrics of genetic diversity, the ancestral North American population showed the highest levels of heterozygosity, followed by Hawaii and then Australian populations.



**Figure S5** - Direct comparisons of parameter estimates generated from our three epoch model and the demographic model specified by Zhan *et al.* (2014) applied to our data. The slightly more complicated *three epoch* model generally produced wider estimates of establishment timing and current *Ne*. Note that both models produce a number of runs that optimize to establishment dates of less than 200 (102.3) years, but that the Zhan model has much older dates overall.