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INTRODUCTION

2	Domesticated crops and their wild progenitors provide an excellent system in which to study
3	adaptation and genomic changes associated with human-mediated selection (Ross-Ibarra et al.,
4	2007). Plant domestication usually involves a suite of phenotypic changes such as loss of seed
5	shattering and increased fruit or grain size, which are commonly referred to as the 'domestication
6	syndrome' (Olsen and Wendel, 2013), and much of the study of domestication has focused on
7	understanding the genetic variation underlying these traits (Olsen and Gross, 2010). Because
8	most domesticates show reduced genetic diversity relative to their wild counterparts, effort has
9	been made to identify agronomically useful variation in crop wild relatives (Flint-Garcia et al.,
10	2009). In some instances, the alleles conferring these beneficial traits are bred into domesticates
11	for crop improvement. For example, $Oryza\ rufipogon$, the wild progenitor of domesticated rice,
12	has proven useful for the integration of a number of beneficial QTL controlling traits such as
13	grain size and yield into domesticated rice (Kovach and McCouch, 2008). In addition to
14	researching the role of wild alleles in domesticates, researchers have also investigated the role of
15	variation in domesticated taxa in the evolution of feral and weedy populations (Ellstrand et al.,
16	2010). But even though domesticated alleles are often found segregating in wild relatives
17	(Gallavotti et al., 2004; Sigmon and Vollbrecht, 2010), little is known about the ecological role of
18	this variation in natural populations. In this paper we present an ecological genetic analysis of the
19	domestication locus $tb1$ —specifically the domesticated haplotype at $tb1$ —in natural populations
20	of the wild ancestor of domesticated maize.
21	Maize ($Zea\ mays\ ssp.\ mays$) was domesticated from the teosinte $Zea\ mays\ ssp.\ parviglum is$
22	$(hereafter, \ parviglum is) \ roughly \ 9,000 \ B.P. \ in \ southwest \ Mexico \ (Piperno \ et \ al., \ 2009; \ Matsuoka$
23	et al., 2002). Maize and the teosintes are an attractive system in which to study domestication
24	due to the abundance of genetic tools developed for maize and well-characterized domestication
25	loci (Hufford et al., 2012a; Doebley, 2004; Hufford et al., 2012b). Additionally, large,
26	naturally-occurring populations of both $parviglum is$ and the highland teosinte $Zea\ mays$ ssp.
27	$mexicana \ (\text{hereafter}, \ mexicana) \ \text{can be found throughout Mexico} \ (\text{Wilkes}, \ 1977; \ \text{Hufford et al.},$
28	2013), and genetic diversity of these taxa is estimated to be high (Ross-Ibarra et al., 2009).

29 Many morphological changes are associated with maize domestication, and understanding the genetic basis of these changes has been a focus of maize research for a number of years (Doebley, 30 2004). One of the most dramatic changes is found in plant architecture: domesticated maize is 31 characterized by a central stalk with few tillers and lateral branches terminating in a female **32** 33 inflorescence, while teosinte is highly tillered and bears tassels (male inflorescences) at the end of its lateral branches. The teosinte branched1 (tb1) gene, a repressor of organ growth, was 34 identified as a major QTL involved in branching (Doebley et al., 1995) and tillering (Doebley and 35 Stec. 1991) differences between maize and teosinte. A 4.9 kb retrotransposon (Hopscotch) 36 insertion into the upstream control region of tb1 in maize acts to enhance expression of tb1, thus 37 38 repressing lateral organ growth (Doebley et al., 1997; Studer et al., 2011). Dating of the Hopscotch retrotransposon suggests that its insertion predates the domestication of maize, leading 39 40 to the hypothesis that it was segregating as standing variation in populations of teosinte and increased to high frequency in maize due to selection during domestication (Studer et al., 2011). 41 The effects of the *Hopscotch* insertion have been studied in maize (Studer et al., 2011), and 42 analysis of teosinte alleles at tb1 has identified functionally distinct allelic classes of tb1 (Studer 43 and Doebley, 2012), but little is known about the role of tb1 or the Hopscotch insertion at this 44 locus in natural populations of teosinte. Previous studies have confirmed the presence of the 45 Hopscotch in samples of parviglumis and landrace maize (Studer et al., 2011); however, little is 46 known about the frequency with which the *Hopscotch* is segregating in natural populations. 47 In teosinte and other plants that grow at high population density, individuals detect 48 competition from neighbors via the ratio of red to far-red light. An increase in far-red relative to 49 red light accompanies shading and triggers the shade avoidance syndrome, a suite of physiological **50** and morphological changes such as reduced tillering, increased plant height and early flowering 51 **52** (Kebrom and Brutnell, 2007). The tb1 locus appears to play an important role in the shade avoidance pathway in Zea mays (Lukens and Doebley, 1999) and other grasses (Kebrom and **53** Brutnell, 2007) via changes in expression levels in response to shading. Lukens and Doebley 54 (1999) introgressed the teosinte tb1 allele into a maize inbred background and noted that under 55 low density conditions plants were highly tillered but that under high density, plants showed 56 significantly reduced tillers and grew taller. Based on these results we hypothesize that the 57 Hopscotch (i.e., the domesticated allele) at tb1 may play a role in the ecology of teosinte, 58 59 especially in high-density populations. In this study we aim to characterize the distribution of the Hopscotch insertion in parviglumis, mexicana, and landrace maize, and to examine the phenotypic 60

- effects of the insertion in parviglumis. We use a combination of PCR genotyping for the
 Hopscotch element in our full panel and sequencing of two small regions upstream of tb1
- 63 combined with a larger SNP dataset in a subset of teosinte populations to explore patterns of
- 64 genetic variation at this locus. Finally, we test for an association between the Hopscotch element
- 65 and tillering phenotypes in samples from a natural population of parviglumis.

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MATERIALS & METHODS

67 Sampling and genotyping—We sampled 1,110 individuals from 350 accessions (247 maize landraces, 17 mexicana populations, and 86 parviglumis populations) and assessed the presence or 68 absence of the Hopscotch insertion (Table S1 and Table S2, See Supplemental Materials with the 69 70 online version of this article). Numbers of individuals sampled ranged from 1-43 for parviglumis, 1-35 for mexicana, and 1-18 for the maize landrace populations. DNA was extracted from leaf 71 72 tissue using a modified CTAB approach (Doyle and Doyle, 1990; Maloof et al., 1984). We designed primers using PRIMER3 (Rozen and Skaletsky, 2000) implemented in Geneious (Kearse 73 74 et al., 2012) to amplify the entire *Hopscotch* element, as well as an internal primer allowing us to simultaneously check for possible PCR bias between presence and absence of the Hopscotch 75 insertion due to its large size (~5kb). Two PCRs were performed for each individual, one with 76 77 primers flanking the Hopscotch (HopF/HopR) and one with a flanking primer and an internal primer (HopF/HopIntR). Primer sequences are HopF, 5'-TCGTTGATGCTTTGATGGATGG-3'; 78 HopR, 5'-AACAGTATGATTTCATGGGACCG-3'; and HopIntR, 7980 5'-CCTCCACCTCTCATGAGATCC-3' (Fig. S1 and Fig. S2, See Supplemental Materials with the online version of this article). Homozygotes show a single band for absence of the element 81 $(\sim 300 \text{bp})$ and two bands for presence of the element $(\sim 5 \text{kb})$, amplification of the entire element, 82 and ~ 1.1 kb, amplification of part of the element), whereas heterozygotes show all three bands 83 84 (Table S2, See Supplemental Materials with the online version of this article). Since we developed a PCR protocol for each allele, if only one PCR resolved well, we scored one allele for that 85 individual rather than infer the diploid genotype. We used Phusion High Fidelity Enzyme 86 87 (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., Waltham, Massachusetts, USA) and the following conditions for amplifications: 98°C for 3 min, 30 cycles of 98°C for 15 s, 65°C for 30 s, and 72°C for 3 min 30 s, 88 89 with a final extension of 72°C for 10 min. PCR products were visualized on a 1% agarose gel and 90 scored for presence/absence of the *Hopscotch* based on band size.

91 Genotyping analysis—To calculate differentiation between populations (F_{ST}) and subspecies (F_{CT}) we used HierFstat (Goudet, 2005). These analyses only included populations 92(n=32) in which eight or more chromosomes were sampled. To test the hypothesis that the 93 Hopscotch insertion may be adaptive under certain environmental conditions, we looked for 94 95 significant associations between Hopscotch frequency and environmental variables using the software BayEnv (Coop et al., 2010). BayEnv creates a covariance matrix of relatedness between 96 populations and then tests a null model that allele frequencies in populations are determined by 97 the covariance matrix of relatedness alone against the alternative model that allele frequencies are 98 determined by a combination of the covariance matrix and an environmental variable, producing 99 100 a posterior probability (i.e., Bayes Factor; Coop et al. 2010). We used teosinte (ssp. parviglumis and ssp. mexicana) genotyping and covariance data from Pyhäjärvi et al. (2013) for BayEnv, 101 102 with the Hopscotch insertion coded as an additional biallelic marker. SNP data from Pyhäjärvi 103 et al. (2013) were obtained using the MaizeSNP50 BeadChip and Infinium HD Assay (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). Environmental data were obtained from www.worldclim.org and soil data 104 were downloaded from the Harmonized World Soil Database (FAO/IIASA/ISRIC/ISSCAS/JRC, 105 2012) at www.harvestchoice.org. Environmental data represent average values for the last 106 several decades (climatic data) or are likely stable over time (soil data) and therefore represent 107 108 conditions important for local adaptation of our samples. Information from these data sets was summarized by principle component analysis following Pyhäjärvi et al. (2013). 109 **Sequencing**—In addition to genotyping, we chose a subset of parviglumis individuals for 110 sequencing. We chose twelve individuals from each of four populations from Jalisco state, Mexico 111 (San Lorenzo, La Mesa, Ejutla A, and Ejutla B). For amplification and sequencing, we selected 112two regions approximately 600bp in size from within the 5' UTR of tb1 (Region 1) and from 113 114 1,235bp upstream of the start of the Hopscotch (66,169bp upstream from the start of the tb1 ORF; Region 2). We designed the following primers using PRIMER3 (Rozen and Skaletsky, 2000): 115 116 for the 5' UTR, 5-'GGATAATGTGCACCAGGTGT-3' and 5'-GCGTGCTAGAGACACYTGTTGCT-3'; for the 66kb upstream region, 5'-TGTCCTCGCCGCAACTC-3' and 117 118 5'-TGTACGCCCCCCCCATCA-3' (Table S1, See Supplemental Materials with the online version of this article). We used Taq polymerase (New England Biolabs Inc., Ipswich, Massachusetts, 119 USA) and the following thermal cycler conditions to amplify fragments: 94°C for 3 min, 30 cycles 120 of 92°C for 40 s, annealing for 1 min, 72°C for 40 s, and a final 10 min extension at 72°C. 121 Annealing temperatures for Region 1 and Region 2 were 59.7°C and 58.8°C, respectively. To 122

- 123 clean excess primer and dNTPs we added two units of Exonuclease 1 and 2.5 units of Antarctic
- 124 Phosphatase to 8.0 μ L of amplification product. This mix was placed on a thermal cycler with
- 125 the following program: 37°C for 30 min, 80°C for 15 min, and a final cool-down step to 4°C.
- We cloned cleaned fragments into a TOPO-TA vector (Life Technologies, Grand Island, New
- 127 York, USA) using OneShot TOP10 chemically competent E. coli cells, with an extended ligation
- 128 time of 30 min for a complex target fragment. We plated cells on LB agar plates containing
- 129 kanamycin, and screened colonies using vector primers M13 Forward and M13 Reverse under the
- 130 following conditions: 96°C for 5 min; then 35 cycles at 96°C for 30 s, 53°C for 30 s, 72°C for 2
- 131 min; and a final extension at 72°C for 4 min. We visualized amplification products for
- 132 incorporation of our insert on a 1% agarose TAE gel.
- Amplification products with successful incorporation of our insert were cleaned using
- 134 Exonuclease 1 and Antarctic Phosphatase following the procedures detailed above, and sequenced
- 135 with vector primers M13 Forward and M13 Reverse using Sanger sequencing at the College of
- 136 Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES) sequencing center at UC Davis. We aligned and
- 137 trimmed primer sequences from resulting sequences using the software Geneious (Kearse et al.,
- 138 2012). Following alignment, we verified singleton SNPs by sequencing an additional one to four
- 139 colonies from each clone. If the singleton was not present in these additional sequences it was
- 140 considered an amplification or cloning error, and we replaced the base with the base of the
- 141 additional sequences. If the singleton appeared in at least one of the additional sequences we
- 142 considered it a real variant and kept it for further analyses.
- 143 Sequence analysis—For population genetic analyses of sequenced Region 1 and sequenced
- 144 Region 2 we used the Libsequence package (Thornton, 2003) to calculate pairwise F_{ST} between
- 145 populations and to calculate standard diversity statistics (number of haplotypes, haplotype
- 146 diversity, Watterson's estimator $\hat{\theta}_W$, pairwise nucleotide diversity $\hat{\theta}_{\pi}$, and Tajima's D). To
- 147 produce a visual representation of differentiation between sequences and examine patterns in
- 148 sequence clustering by *Hopscotch* genotype we used Phylip
- 149 (http://evolution.genetics.washington.edu/phylip.html) to create neighbor-joining trees
- 150 with bootstrap-supported nodes (100 repetitions). For creation of trees we also included
- 151 homologous sequence data from Maize HapMapV2 (Chia et al., 2012) for teosinte inbred lines
- 152 (TILs), some of which are known to be homozygous for the *Hopscotch* insertion (TIL03, TIL17,
- 153 TIL09), as well as 59 lines of domesticated maize.
- 154 Introgression analysis—In order to assess patterns of linkage disequilibrium (LD) around

155 the Hopscotch element in the context of chromosomal patterns of LD we used Tassel (Bradbury et al., 2007) and calculated LD between SNPs across chromosome 1 using previously published 156 data from twelve plants each of the Ejutla A (EjuA), Ejutla B (EjuB), San Lorenzo (SLO), and 157 La Mesa (MSA) populations (Pyhäjärvi et al., 2013). We chose these populations because we had 158 159 both genotyping data for the *Hopscotch* as well as chromosome-wide SNP data for chromosome 1. For each population we filtered the initial set of 5,897 SNPs on chromosome 1 to accept only 160 SNPs with a minor allele frequency of at least 0.1, resulting in 1,671, 3,023, 3,122, and 2,167 161 SNPs for SLO, EjuB, EjuA, and MSA, respectively. We then used Tassel (Bradbury et al., 2007) to calculate linkage disequilibrium (r^2) across chromosome 1 for each population. 163 164 We examined evidence of introgression on chromosome 1 in these same four populations 165 (EjuA, EjuB, MSA, SLO) using STRUCTURE (Falush et al., 2003) and phased data from 166 Pyhäjärvi et al. (2013), combined with the corresponding SNP data from a diverse panel of 282 167 maize lines (Cook et al., 2012). SNPs were anchored in a modified version of the IBM genetic map (Gerke et al., 2013). Since STRUCTURE does not account for LD due to physical linkage we 168 169 created haplotype blocks using a custom Perl script from Hufford et al. (2013, code available at http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1165577). In maize, LD decays over an average 170 distance of 5500bp (Chia et al., 2012); because LD decay is even more rapid in teosinte (Chia 171 et al., 2012) we used a conservative haplotype block size of 5kb. We ran STRUCTURE at K=2 172 173 under the linkage model, with the assumption being that individuals fall into either a maize or teosinte cluster, performing three replicates with an MCMC burn-in of 10,000 steps and 50,000 174 steps post burn-in. 175 176 Phenotyping of parviglumis—To investigate the phenotypic effects of the Hopscotch insertion in teosinte we conducted a phenotyping trial in which we germinated 250 seeds of 177 178 parviglumis collected in Jalisco state, Mexico (population San Lorenzo; Hufford 2010) where the Hopscotch insertion is segregating at highest frequency (0.44) in our initial genotyping sample set. 179 180 In order to maximize the likelihood of finding the Hopscotch in our association population we selected seeds from sites within the population where genotyped individuals were homozygous or 181 182 heterozygous for the insertion. We chose between 10-13 seeds from each of 23 sampling sites. We treated seeds with Captan fungicide (Southern Agricultural Insecticides Inc., Palmetto, Florida, 183 USA) and germinated them in petri dishes with filter paper. Following germination, 206 184 185 successful germinations were planted into one-gallon pots with potting soil and randomly spaced one foot apart on greenhouse benches. Plants were watered three times a day with an automatic 186

drip containing 10-20-10 fertilizer, which was supplemented with hand watering on extremely hot and dry days.

189 Starting on day 15, we measured tillering index as the ratio of the sum of tiller lengths to the 190 height of the plant (Briggs et al., 2007). Following initial measurements, we phenotyped plants for 191 tillering index every 5 days through day 40, and then on day 50 and day 60. On day 65 we measured culm diameter between the third and fourth nodes of each plant. Following 192 phenotyping we extracted DNA from all plants using a modified SDS extraction protocol. We 193 genotyped individuals for the *Hopscotch* insertion following the PCR protocols listed above. 194 Tillering index data for each genotypic class did not meet the criteria for a repeated measures 195 196 ANOVA, so we transformed the data with a Box-Cox transformation ($\lambda = 0$) in the Car Package for R (Fox and Weisberg, 2011) to improve the normality and homogeneity of variance among 197 198 genotype classes. We analyzed relationships between genotype and tillering index and tiller 199 number using a repeated measures ANOVA through a general linear model function implemented in SAS v.9.3 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA). Additionally, in order to compare any 200 201 association between Hopscotch genotype and tillering and associations at other presumably 202 unrelated traits, we performed an ANOVA between culm diameter and genotype using the same 203 general linear model in SAS. Culm diameter is not believed to be correlated with tillering index or variation at tb1 and is used as our independent trait for phenotyping analyses. SAS code used 204 for analysis is available at http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1166630. 205

206 RESULTS

207 **Genotyping**—The genotype at the *Hopscotch* insertion was confirmed with two PCRs for 208 837 individuals of the 1,100 screened. Among the 247 maize landrace accessions genotyped, all 209 but eight were homozygous for the presence of the insertion (Table S1 and Table S2, See 210 Supplemental Materials with the online version of this article). Within our parviglumis and 211 mexicana samples we found the Hopscotch insertion segregating in 37 (n = 86) and four (n = 17)populations, respectively, and at highest frequency within populations in the states of Jalisco, 212 213 Colima, and Michoacán in central-western Mexico (Fig. 1). Using our Hopscotch genotyping, we calculated differentiation between populations (FST) and subspecies (FCT) for populations in 214 which we sampled sixteen or more chromosomes. We found that $F_{\rm CT}=0$, and levels of $F_{\rm ST}$ 215 216 among populations within each subspecies (0.22) and among all populations (0.23) are similar to genome-wide estimates from previous studies (Pyhäjärvi et al. 2013; Table 1). Although we found 217

218 large variation in Hopscotch allele frequency among our populations, BayEnv analysis did not 219 indicate a correlation between the *Hopscotch* insertion and environmental variables (all Bayes Factors < 1). 220 Sequencing—To investigate patterns of sequence diversity and linkage disequilibrium (LD) 221 in the tb1 region and any evidence of selection on this locus, we sequenced two small (<1kb) 222 regions upstream of the tb1 ORF in four populations. After alignment and singleton checking we 223 recovered 48 and 40 segregating sites for the 5' UTR region (Region 1) and the 66kb upstream 224 225 region (Region 2), respectively. For Region 1, Ejutla A has the highest values of haplotype diversity and θ_{π} , while Ejutla B and La Mesa have comparable values of these summary statistics, 226 227 and San Lorenzo has much lower values. Additionally, Tajima's D is strongly negative in the two 228 Ejutla populations and La Mesa, but is closer to zero in San Lorenzo (Table 2, Table S2, See 229 Supplemental Materials with the online version of this article). For Region 2, haplotype diversity and θ_{π} , are similar for Ejutla A and Ejutla B, while La Mesa and San Lorenzo have slightly lower 230 values for these statistics (Table 2). Tajima's D is positive in all populations except La Mesa, 231 indicating an excess of low frequency variants in this population (Table 2). Pairwise values of F_{ST} 232 233 within population pairs Ejutla A/Ejutla B and San Lorenzo/La Mesa are close to zero for both sequenced regions as well as for the Hopscotch, while they are high for other population pairs 234 (Table 1). Neighbor joining trees of our sequence data and data from the teosinte inbred lines 235 (TILs; data from Maize HapMapV2, Chia et al. 2012) do not reveal any clear clustering pattern 236 with respect to population or Hopscotch genotype (Fig. S3, See Supplemental Materials with the 237 online version of this article); individuals within our sample that have the Hopscotch insertion do 238 not group with the teosinte inbred lines or domesticated maize that have the *Hopscotch* insertion. 239 240 Evidence of introgression—The highest frequency of the Hopscotch insertion in teosinte 241 was found in parviglumis sympatric with cultivated maize. Our initial hypothesis was that the high frequency of the Hopscotch element in these populations could be attributed to introgression 242 from maize into teosinte. To investigate this possibility we examined overall patterns of linkage 243 disequilibrium across chromosome 1 and specifically in the tb1 region. If the Hopscotch is found 244 in these populations due to recent introgression from maize we would expect to find large blocks 245 of linked markers near this element. We find no evidence of elevated linkage disequilibrium 246 between the Hopscotch and SNPs surrounding the tb1 region in our resequenced populations 247 (Fig. 2), and r^2 in the tb1 region does not differ significantly between populations with (average 248 r^2 of 0.085) and without (average $r^2 = 0.082$) the Hopscotch insertion. In fact, average r^2 is lower 249

in the tb1 region $(r^2 = 0.056)$ than across the rest of chromosome 1 $(r^2 = 0.083;$ Table 3). 250 **251** The lack of clustering of Hopscotch genotypes in our NJ tree as well as the lack of LD around tb1 do not support the hypothesis that the Hopscotch insertion in these populations of parviglumis 252is the result of recent introgression. However, to further explore this hypothesis we performed a 253 254 STRUCTURE analysis using Illumina MaizeSNP50 data from four of our parviglumis populations (EjuA, EjuB, MSA, and SLO) (Pyhäjärvi et al., 2013) and the maize 282 diversity panel (Cook 255 et al., 2012). The linkage model implemented in STRUCTURE can be used to identify ancestry of 256 blocks of linked variants which would arise as the result of recent admixture between populations. 257 If the Hopscotch insertion is present in populations of parviglumis as a result of recent admixture 258 259 with domesticated maize, we would expect the insertion and linked variants in surrounding sites 260 to be assigned to the "maize" cluster in our STRUCTURE runs, not the "teosinte" cluster. In all 261 runs, assignment to maize in the tb1 region across all four parviglumis populations is low (average 262 0.017) and much below the chromosome-wide average (0.20; Table 4; Fig. 3). 263 **Phenotyping**—To assess the contribution of tb1 to phenotypic variation in tillering in a natural population, we grew plants from seed sampled from the San Lorenzo population of 264 parviglumis, which had a high mean frequency (0.44) of the Hopscotch insertion based on our 265 266 initial genotyping. We measured tiller number and tillering index, the ratio of the sum of tiller lengths to plant height, for 206 plants from within the San Lorenzo population, and genotyped 267 268 plants for the *Hopscotch* insertion. We also measured culm diameter, a phenotype that differs between maize and teosinte but has not been shown to be affected by the Hopscotch insertion 269 (Briggs et al., 2007). Culm diameter is meant to be an independent trait against which we can 270 compare patterns of tillering index x Hopscotch genotype data. If tillering index in parviglumis is 271 272 affected by the Hopscotch insertion, the expectation is that patterns of tillering index data will 273 have a significant correlation with Hopscotch genotype, whereas we should find no significant correlation between culm diameter and Hopscotch genotype. Phenotypic data are available at 274 http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.776926. Our plantings produced 82 homozygotes 275 for the Hopscotch insertion at tb1, 104 heterozygotes, and 20 homozygotes lacking the insertion; 276 277 these numbers do not deviate from expectations of Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. After 278 performing a repeated measures ANOVA between our transformed tillering index data and Hopscotch genotype we find no significant correlation between genotype at the Hopscotch 279 insertion and tillering index (Fig. 4), tiller number, or culm diameter. Only on day 40 did we 280 observe a weak but statistically insignificant ($r^2 = 0.02$, p = 0.0848) correlation between tillering 281

index and the *Hopscotch* genotype, although in the opposite direction of that expected, with homozygotes for the insertion showing a higher tillering index.

284 DISCUSSION

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285 Adaptation occurs due to selection on standing variation or de novo mutations. Adaptation from standing variation has been well-described in a number of systems; for example, selection for 286 287 lactose tolerance in humans (Plantinga et al., 2012; Tishkoff et al., 2007), variation at the Eda locus in three-spined stickleback (Kitano et al., 2008; Colosimo et al., 2005), and pupal diapause 288 in the Apple Maggot fly (Feder et al., 2003). Although the adaptive role of standing variation has 289 been described in many systems, its importance in domestication is not as well studied. 290 **291** In maize, alleles at domestication loci (RAMOSA1, Sigmon and Vollbrecht 2010; barren stalk1, Gallavotti et al. 2004; and grassy tillers1, Whipple et al. 2011) are thought to have been 292 293 selected from standing variation, suggesting that diversity already present in teosinte may have 294 played an important role in maize domestication. The teosinte branched gene is one of the best 295 characterized domestication loci, and, while previous studies have suggested that differences in plant architecture between maize and teosinte are a result of selection on standing variation at 296 this locus (Clark et al., 2006; Studer et al., 2011), much remains to be discovered regarding 297 298 natural variation at this locus and its ecological role in teosinte. 299 Studer et al. (2011) genotyped 90 accessions of teosinte (inbred and outbred), providing the first evidence that the Hopscotch insertion is segregating in teosinte. Given that the Hopscotch 300 301 insertion has been estimated to predate the domestication of maize, it is not surprising that it can 302 be found segregating in populations of teosinte. However, by widely sampling across teosinte 303 populations our study provides greater insight into the distribution and prevalence of the 304 Hopscotch in teosinte. While our findings are consistent with Studer et al. (2011) in that we 305 identify the Hopscotch allele segregating in teosinte, we find it at higher frequency than 306 previously suggested. The Hopscotch allele is more prevalent in parviglumis than in mexicana in 307 our sample (Table S1, See Supplemental Materials with the online version of this article), 308 suggesting a different history of the allele amongst teosinte subspecies. Moreover, many of our parviglumis populations with a high frequency of the Hopscotch allele fall in the Jalisco cluster 309 identified by Fukunaga et al. (2005), and further distinguish this region from the Balsas River 310 311 Basin where maize was domesticated (Matsuoka et al., 2002). Potential explanations for the high frequency of the Hopscotch element in parviglumis from the Jalisco cluster include gene flow from 312

maize, genetic drift, and natural selection.

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314 While gene flow from crops into their wild relatives is well-known, (Ellstrand et al., 1999; Zhang et al., 2009; Thurber et al., 2010; Baack et al., 2008; Hubner et al., 2012; Wilkes, 1977; van 315 Heerwaarden et al., 2011; Barrett, 1983), our results do not suggest introgression from maize at 316 317 the tb1 locus, and are more consistent with Hufford et al. (2013) who found resistance to introgression from maize into mexicana around domestication loci. Clustering in our NJ trees 318 does not reflect the pattern expected if maize alleles at the tb1 locus had introgressed into 319 populations of teosinte. Moreover, there is no signature of elevated LD in the tb1 region relative 320 to the rest of chromosome 1, and Bayesian assignment to a maize cluster in this region is both low 321 322 and below the chromosome-wide average (Fig. 3, Table 4). Together, these data point to an 323 explanation other than recent introgression for the high observed frequency of Hopscotch in the 324 Jalisco cluster of our *parviglumis* populations. 325 Although recent introgression seems unlikely, we cannot rule out ancient introgression as an explanation for the presence of the Hopscotch in these populations. If the Hopscotch allele was 326 introgressed in the distant past, recombination may have broken up LD, a process that would be 327 328 consistent with our data. We find this scenario less plausible, however, as there is no reason why 329 gene flow should have been high in the past but absent in present-day sympatric populations. In 330 fact, early generation maize-teosinte hybrids are common in these populations today (MB) Hufford, pers. observation), and genetic data support ongoing gene flow between domesticated 331 maize and both mexicana and parviglumis in a number of sympatric populations (Hufford et al., 332333 2013; Ellstrand et al., 2007; van Heerwaarden et al., 2011; Warburton et al., 2011). 334 Remaining explanations for differential frequencies of the Hopscotch among teosinte populations include both genetic drift and natural selection. Previous studies using both SSRs 335 336 and genome-wide SNP data have found evidence for a population bottleneck in the San Lorenzo 337 population (Hufford, 2010; Pyhäjärvi et al., 2013), and the lower levels of sequence diversity in 338 this population in the 5' UTR (Region 1) coupled with more positive values of Tajima's D are 339 consistent with these earlier findings. Such population bottlenecks can exaggerate the effects of 340 genetic drift through which the Hopscotch allele may have risen to high frequency entirely by chance. A bottleneck in San Lorenzo, however, does not explain the high frequency of the 341 Hopscotch in multiple populations in the Jalisco cluster. Moreover, available information on 342 343 diversity and population structure among Jaliscan populations (Hufford, 2010; Pyhäjärvi et al., 2013) is not suggestive of recent colonization or other demographic events that would predict a 344

high frequency of the allele across populations. Finally, diversity values in the 5' UTR of tb1 are 345 suggestive of natural selection acting upon the gene in populations of parviglumis. Overall 346 nucleotide diversity is 76% less than seen in the sequences from the 66kb upstream region, and 347 Tajima's D is considerably lower and consistently negative across populations (Table 2). In fact, 348 349 values of Tajima's D in the 5' UTR are toward the extreme negative end of the distribution of this statistic previously calculated across loci sequenced in parviglumis (Wright et al., 2005; Moeller 350 et al., 2007). Though not definitive, these results are consistent with the action of selection on the 351 upstream region of tb1, perhaps suggesting an ecological role for the gene in Jaliscan populations 352 of parviglumis. Finally, while these results are consistent with selection at the tb1 locus in 353 354 teosinte, they do not confirm selection specifically on the *Hopscotch* insertion at this locus. 355 Significant effects of the Hopscotch insertion on lateral branch length, number of cupules, and 356 tillering index in domesticated maize have been well documented (Studer et al., 2011). Weber et al. (2007) described significant phenotypic associations between markers in and around tb1 and 357 lateral branch length and female ear length in a sample from 74 natural populations of 358 parviglumis (Weber et al., 2007); however, these data did not include markers from the Hopscotch 359 360 region 66kb upstream of tb1. Our study is the first to explicitly examine the phenotypic effects of 361 the Hopscotch insertion across a wide collection of individuals sampled from natural populations 362 of teosinte. We have found no significant effect of the Hopscotch insertion on tillering index or tiller number, a result that is discordant with its clear phenotypic effects in maize. One 363 interpretation of this result would be that the *Hopscotch* controls tillering in maize (Studer et al., 364 2011), but tillering in teosinte is affected by variation at other loci. Consistent with this 365 interpretation, tb1 is thought to be part of a complex pathway controlling branching, tillering and 366 other phenotypic traits (Kebrom and Brutnell, 2007; Clark et al., 2006). 367 368 A recent study by Studer and Doebley (2012) examined variation across traits in an allelic series study of the tb1 locus. Studer and Doebley (2012) introgressed nine unique teosinte tb1369 370 segments (one from Zea diploperennis, and four each from mexicana and parviglumis) into an inbred maize (W22) background and investigated their phenotypic effects. Their findings suggest 371 372 that different teosinte tb1 segments produce equivalent effects on tillering and that variation in 373 tillering observed across these taxa is not due to a tb1 allelic series but potentially due to variation at other, unlinked loci. Clues to the identity of these loci may be found in QTL studies 374 375 that have identified loci controlling branching architecture (e.g., Doebley and Stec 1991, 1993). Many of these loci (grassy tillers, qt1; tassel-replaces-upper-ears1, tru1; terminal ear1, te1) have 376

been shown to interact with tb1 (Whipple et al., 2011; Li, 2012), and both tru1 and te1 affect the same phenotypic traits as tb1 (Doebley et al., 1995). tru1, for example, has been shown to act either epistatically or downstream of tb1, affecting both branching architecture (decreased apical dominance) and tassel phenotypes (shortened tassel and shank length and reduced tassel number; Li 2012). Variation in these additional loci may have affected tillering in our collections and contributed to the lack of correlation we see between Hopscotch genotype and tillering.

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, our findings demonstrate that the *Hopscotch* allele is widespread in populations of parviglumis and mexicana and occasionally at high allele frequencies. Analysis of linkage using SNPs from across chromosome 1 does not suggest that the *Hopscotch* allele is present in these populations due to recent introgression, and it seems unlikely that the insertion would have drifted to high frequency in multiple populations. We do, however, find preliminary evidence of selection on the tb1 locus in parviglumis. Coupled with our observation of high frequency of the *Hopscotch* insertion in a number of populations, this suggests that the locus—and potentially the domestication allele at this locus—may play an ecological role in teosinte.

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In contrast to domesticated maize, the *Hopscotch* insertion does not appear to have a large effect on tillering in a diverse sample of *parviglumis* from a natural population and the phenotypic consequences of variation at tb1 thus remain unclear. Future studies should examine expression levels of tb1 in teosinte with and without the *Hopscotch* insertion and further characterize the effects of additional loci involved in branching architecture (e.g. gt1, tru1, and te1). These data, in conjunction with more exhaustive phenotyping, should help to further clarify the ecological significance of the domesticated tb1 allele in natural populations of teosinte.

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Table 1. Pairwise \mathbf{F}_{ST} values from sequence and Hopscotch genotyping data

Comparison	Region 1	Region 2	Hopscotch
EjuA & EjuB	0	0	0
EjuA & MSA	0.326	0.328	0.186
EjuA & SLO	0.416	0.258	0.280
EjuB & MSA	0.397	0.365	0.188
EjuB & SLO	0.512	0.290	0.280
MSA & SLO	0.007	0	0.016

Table 2. Population genetic statistics from resequenced regions near the tb1 locus

Population	# Haplotypes	Hap. Diversity	$\hat{ heta}_{\pi}$	Tajima's D	
Region 1(5' UTR)					
EJUA	8	0.859	0.005	-1.650	
EJUB	5	0.709	0.004	-1.831	
MSA	6	0.682	0.004	-1.755	
SLO	3	0.318	0.001	-0.729	
Region 2 (66kb upstream)					
EJUA	8	0.894	0.018	0.623	
EJUB	8	0.894	0.016	0.295	
MSA	3	0.682	0.011	-0.222	
SLO	4	0.742	0.014	0.932	

Table 3. mean r^2 values between SNPs on chromosome 1, in the broad tb1 region, within the 5' UTR of tb1 (Region 1), and 66kb upstream of tb1 (Region 2).

Population	Chr. 1	tb1 region	Region 1	Region 2
Ejutla A	0.095	0.050	0.747	0.215
Ejutla B	0.069	0.051	0.660	0.186
La Mesa	0.070	0.053	0.914	0.766
San Lorenzo	0.101	0.067	0.912	0.636

Table 4. Assignments to maize and teosinte in the tb1 and chromosome 1 regions from STRUCTURE

	tb1 region		Chr 1	
Population	Maize	Teosinte	Maize	Teosinte
Ejutla A	0.022	0.978	0.203	0.797
Ejutla B	0.019	0.981	0.187	0.813
La Mesa	0.012	0.988	0.193	0.807
San Lorenzo	0.016	0.984	0.205	0.795

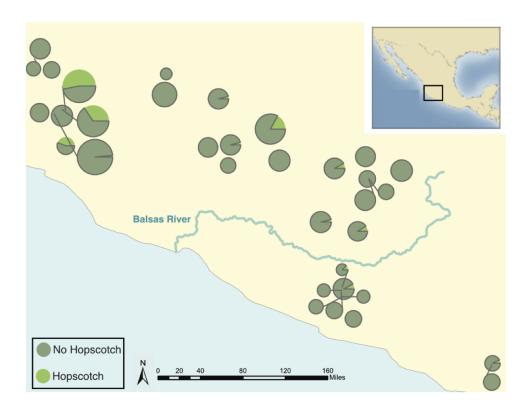


Figure 1. Map showing the frequency of the *Hopscotch* allele in populations of *parviglumis* where we sampled more than 6 individuals. Size of circles reflects number of individuals sampled. The Balsas River is shown, as the Balsas River Basin is believed to be the center of domestication of maize.

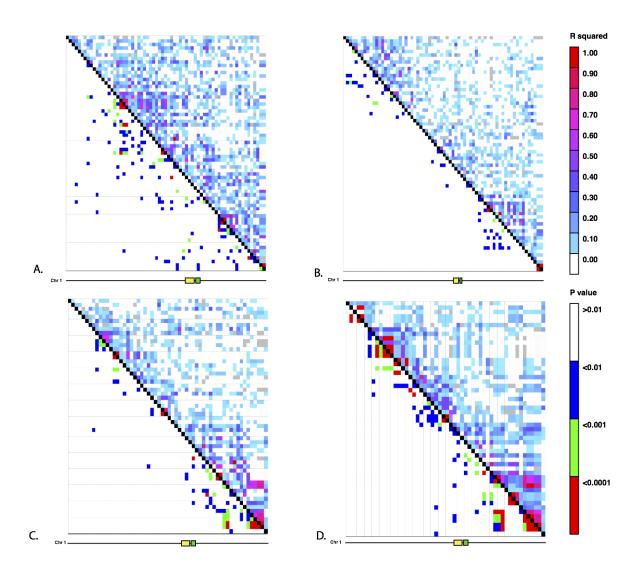


Figure 2. Linkage disequilibrium for SNPs in Mb 261-268 on chromosome 1. The yellow rectangle indicates the location of the Hopscotch insertion and the green rectangle represents the tb1 ORF. A) Ejutla A; B) Ejutla B; C) La Mesa; D) San Lorenzo. The upper triangle above the black diagonal is colored based on the r^2 value between SNPs while the bottom triangle is colored based on p-value for the corresponding r^2 value.

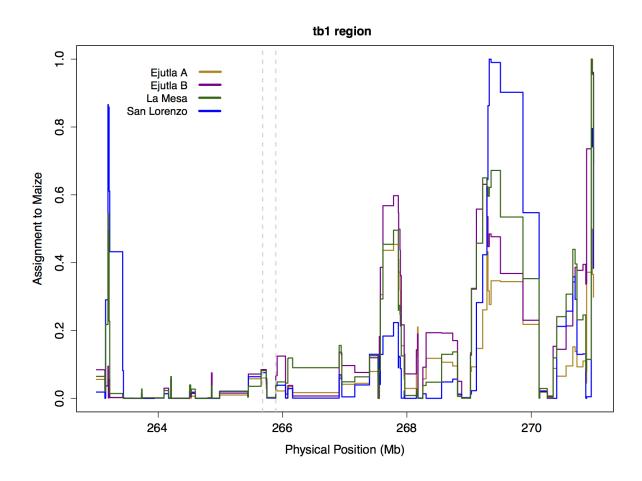


Figure 3. STRUCTURE assignment to maize across a section of chromosome 1. The dotted lines mark the beginning of the sequenced region 66kb upstream (Region 2) and the end of the tb1 ORF.

Tillering Index

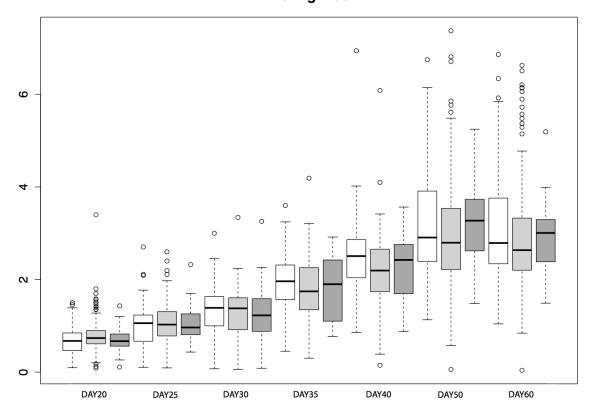


Figure 4. Box-plots showing tillering index in greenhouse grow-outs for phenotyping. White indicates individuals homozygous for the *Hopscotch*, light grey represents heterozygotes, and dark grey represents homozygotes for the teosinte (No *Hopscotch*) allele. Within boxes, dark black lines represent the median, and the edges of the boxes are the first and third quartiles. Outliers are displayed as dots, the maximum value excluding outliers is shown with the top whisker, while the minimum excluding outliers is shown with the bottom whisker.