

How cryptic is cryptic diversity? Machine learning approaches to fine scale variation in the morphology of *Emys marmorata*.

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Cryptic diversity

Emys marmorata

Morphological hypotheses

Phylogenetic hypotheses

Methods: morphometrics

- ▶ plastral (“belly”) shape
- ▶ landmarks averaged across bilat axis
- ▶ total 13 landmarks, 7 on bilat axis, 6 off
- ▶ geographic information known/inferred

idealized plastral landmarks

Methods: unsupervised learning

Methods: supervised learning

Results: mophometrics

Results: gap clustering

Results: d-EAC

Results: multinomial logistic regression

Results: neural networks

Results: random forests

Best classification scheme

Future

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