

Scenario

In addition to his studies of *Phlox cuspidata* in Texas, Levin also monitored 73 subpopulations of the species *P. drummondii*. In contrast to the highly selfing *P. cuspidata*, *P. drummondii* is self-incompatible and thus exclusively outcrossing. Levin scored allele frequencies for *P. drummondii* subpopulations at the 6-*pgd* allozyme locus. He also observed heterozygote frequencies in the populations.



Phlox drummondii

Learning Objectives

1. Calculate population heterozygosities and F-statistics using real data
2. Interpret the F-statistics to make conclusions about the biology of the species

Instructions

Working in groups of **2-3** students, use the data provided to complete the calculations & questions below. We will go over the answers as a class.

1. Calculate \bar{H}_i using the data provided to you (see below)
2. Calculate H_S for each subpopulation using the data provided.
 - a. Which population is furthest from the expected heterozygosity?
 - b. Is the average observed heterozygosity less than, greater than, or equal to that expected under random mating?
3. Calculate the 3 F-statistics for this metapopulation.
 - a. Given the mating system of *P. drummondii*, take a minute to hypothesize how these F-statistics may differ from those *P. cuspidata*.
 - b. Now, compare these F-statistics to those that we calculated in class for *P. cuspidata*. Do the F-statistics for *P. drummondii* fit your expectations for this species, given its mating system? Why or why not? If not, do you have a possible explanation for this lack of fit?

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Subpopulation	p	q	H _i	H _s	H _s -H _i
1-66	1		0		
67	0.86		0.06		
68	0.8		0.12		
69	0.7		0.2		
70	0.96		0.03		
71	0.96		0.09		
72	0.73		0.15		
73	0.91		0.06		
Averages:					

H _T	
F _{IS}	
F _{ST}	
F _{IT}	