

Preface

Evolutionary Biology, of which this is the twenty-third volume, continues to offer its readers a wide range of original articles, reviews, and commentaries on evolution, in the broadest sense of that term. The topics of the reviews range from anthropology, molecular evolution, and paleobiology to principles of systematics.

In recent volumes, a broad spectrum of articles have appeared on such subjects as biochemical systematics, comparative morphology and embryology, evolutionary ecology, biogeography, and paleobiology. We have also attempted to provide a forum for conflicting ideas. Articles such as these, often too long for standard journals, are the material for *Evolutionary Biology*.

The editors continue to solicit manuscripts on an international scale in an effort to see that every one of the many facets of biological evolution is covered. Manuscripts should be sent to either of the following: Max K. Hecht, Department of Biology, Queens College of the City University of New York, Flushing, New York 11367, or Bruce Wallace, Department of Biology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061.

The editors wish to congratulate Dr. Ghilleen T. Prance on his new appointment at Kew Botanical Gardens and thank him for his collaborative efforts in editing the past nine volumes.

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