
Preface

I undertook the writing of this book during a yearlong stay at the Institute for Advanced Study, *Wissenschaftskolleg*, in Berlin, Germany. At that point in time, I had been involved in speciation research for about a decade. However, upon commencing the writing of the book, it came clear how little I knew. Thus, writing this book was a true learning experience, and one that was made possible only by the freedom from other academic responsibilities that was provided by the *Wissenschaftskolleg*. For this, I am greatly indebted to the *Wissenschaftskolleg* and to Axel Meyer for inviting me to participate in a working group there. I thank Axel and the other two members of that group, Jim Mallet and Jeff Feder, as well as fellow Robert Trivers for ongoing scientific discussions concerning speciation. I thank H  l  ne Collin for many discussions during the writing of this book, and for enduring many days and nights in Berlin where all I did was work on the book.

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