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Theses

- 1. 'Northern richness and southern purity' is rare at the population as well as at the lineage level.
- 2. Clades are generally (co-)distributed in a predictive manner on opposing sides of major geological features, exceptions to this rule are what makes phylogeography a worthwhile endeavor.
 - 3. In describing population structure, vicariance is more convenient to infer than dispersal.
 - 4. Publication pressure hampers the description of biological diversity.
 - 5. Large sample size is a blessing and a curse for the detection of trait-dependence patterns in diversification.
 - 6. Single drivers of diversification are rare.
 - 7. Avian adaptation to high elevation is an evolutionary dead-end.