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BIASES IN FEMALE MATE CHOICE:



What Biologists Have Learned from Swordtail Fishes

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In numerous animals, females exhibit mating preferences for male traits, and a number of explanations have been proposed to explain this behavior. Using swordtail fishes as example, Basolo will discuss both the preexisting bias model and alternative explanations proposed by other researchers, such as the hypothesis that such female mating biases open the way for male exploitation. Basolo will present evidence suggesting that evolution via natural selection can result in either genetic change or female modulation of biases, both of which could counter male exploitation of female biases.

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