

Figure S1. Illustration of how ‘characters’ at multiple spatial scales are generated. A pre-processor, shatter, samples the wing stochastically at multiple scales and locations within the image (white boxes). The material sampled (the ‘shards’) are then converted into pseudo-images called NVDs; these are unique reduced dimensionality ‘signatures’ for each shard that are then used by DAISY-II to build its (PSOM) neural network.

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| Hyles-livornica-A.b9aea381f7010d7f | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-nicaea-A.e4116d9100635d24 | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-hippophaes-A.e74853f789038a0f | Hyles-gallii-MF2.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-hippophaes-A.e74853f789038a0f | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-livornica-A.7402f1cdbc228685 | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-hippophaes-A.320fceffbf2d378a | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-hippophaes-A.e74853f789038a0f | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-livornica-A.d5106ca97fc12ddf | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-hippophaes-A.9a60a2b38b880de1 | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-livornica-A.8c7a04af9a9b0222 | Hyles-gallii-MF5.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-livornica-A.69e4906ae5cdd52d | Hyles-gallii-MF2.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-livornica-A.2d1637f14795da18 | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-hippophaes-A.9a60a2b38b880de1 | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-nicaea-A.e4116d9100635d24 | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-livornica-A.2d1637f14795da18 | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |
| Hyles-hippophaes-A.de6b107ea83f1610 | Hyles-hippophaes-MP1.469e8859d3a0067 | 1 |
| Hyles-livornica-A.d5106ca97fc12ddf | Hyles-gallii-MF1.12f7f0e3d599743 | 1 |

Figure S2. Portion of binary rule-set produced by DAISY-II. This is used to build the character association matrix, which is then used by the inflater for force-placement optimisation.

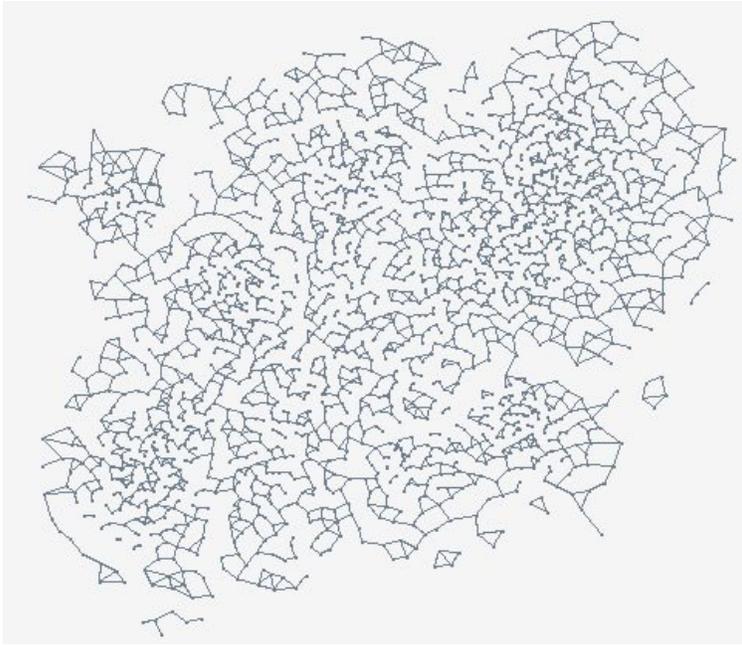


Figure S3. Example of an optimal, self consistent 2D morph-space visualisation produced by the inflater. A line segment between (NVD) image-characters indicates that the association between them is strong and that they are 1st, 2nd or 3rd nearest neighbours in R2 (2D space).

Table S1. Samples included in Whole Genome In Solution Capture (WISC) Sequencing

| MTD-TW Voucher code. | Taxon | Country | Site | Elevation | Collection Day | Collection Month | Collection Year | Collected by | Collection / Storage |
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| 11578 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f. apocyni" | Tajikistan | 30 km W Shartuz (Shahrtuz, Shaartuz, Shahrituz town) , Amu-Darya river | 300 | 28 | 6 | 1994 | V.&A.Lukhtanov | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11580 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Tajikistan | Amu-Darya river, 35-40 km W Shartuz | 300 | 28 | 7 | 1994 | Lukhtanov | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11581 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Tajikistan | Amu-Darya river, 35-40 km W Shartuz | 300 | 28 | 8 | 1994 | Lukhtanov | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11941 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | China | Xinjiang, SW from Kashi, W Taklimakan desert, Terembazar | 1200 | 7 | 6 | 2013 | Floriani | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11951 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Kyrgyzstan | Inn. Tian Shan, Naryn river valley, Kazarman village | 1250 | 21 | 7 | 2000 | S.Churkin | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11952 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | China | Xinjiang region, W Taklimakan (Taklamakan) desert, Yarkan He (Yarkant/Yarkand) river valley, Tugay forest | 1140 | 9-12 | 6 | 2013 | Floriani; U. | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11966 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Tajikistan | Shugnansky Mts., 2,5 km SW of Kishlak Vodzh | 2670 | 16 | 7 | 2011 | S.K.Korb | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 12148 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Tajikistan | Khatlon Vakhsh river, Tigrovaja balka reserve | 330 | 20 | 5 | 2017 | B.Benedek &S.Ilniczky | Senckenberg Natural History Collections, Dresden, Germany |
| 12221 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Tajikistan | Vakhshkaja dolina valley, Molotovabad village region, 6-th village, Khatlon region, Dusti distr. | 380 | 25 | 8 | 1953 | leg. Ju. Shchetkin | Zoological Institute, Saint-Petersburg, Russia |
| 12284 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Tajikistan | S Tajikistan, Khatlon region, Tigrovaja balka natural reserve | 335 | 23-24 | 7 | 1988 | V.V. Dubatolov | |
| 1728 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Tajikistan | Tigrovaja balka nature reserve | 335 | 10 | 8 | 2000 | via Dr.Ronald Brechlin | R. Brechlin, Pasewalk, Germany, local coll. |
| 9298 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Tajikistan | Tigrovaja balka nature reserve | 335 | 16-20 | 5 | 1999 | A.Bergmann | Spingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |

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| 9299 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Tajikistan | Tigrovaja balka nature reserve | 335 | 12-18 | 5 | 1999 | A.Bergmann | Sphingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |
| 9300 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.apocyni" | Tajikistan | Tigrovaja balka nature reserve | 335 | 5-25 | 4 | 2000 | A.Bergmann | Sphingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |
| 1726 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.chamyla" | Mongolia | Gobi Altay aimak (province), Zahuin Gobi | 1000 | 6 | 6 | 2004 | A.Saldaitis | R. Brechlin, Pasewalk, Germany, local coll. |
| 9144 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.chamyla" | Mongolia | SW Mongolia, Gobi-Altai aimak, 43 km S Bugat, 2 km N Alag-Nur lake | 1060 | 26-28 | 6 | 2017 | R.V.Yakovlev | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 9152 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.chamyla" | Mongolia | SW Mongolia, Gobi-Altai aimak, 43 km S Bugat, 2 km N Alag-Nur lake | 1060 | 26-28 | 6 | 2017 | R.V.Yakovlev | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 9186 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.chamyla" | Mongolia | SW Mongolia, Gobi-Altai aimak, Dzhungarian Gobi, Alag-Nuur lake | 1200 | 9-10 | 7 | 2010 | R.Yakovlev | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 9187 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.chamyla" | Mongolia | SW Mongolia, Gobi-Altai aimak, Dzhungarian Gobi, Alag-Nuur lake | 1200 | 1-2 | 6 | 2011 | R.Yakovlev | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| | | | | 230 | | | | | Museum für Naturkunde, Leibnitz-Institut für Evolutions- und Biodiversitätsforschung an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany |
| 9251 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.chamyla" | Turkmenistan | Merv (Merw, east of the Caspian Sea) | | - | - | - | | |
| | | | | 230 | | | | | Museum für Naturkunde, Leibnitz-Institut für Evolutions- und Biodiversitätsforschung an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany |
| 9252 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.chamyla" | Turkmenistan | Merv (Merw, east of the Caspian Sea) | | - | - | 1908 | Püngeler? | |
| | | | | 760 | | | | | Museum für Naturkunde, Leibnitz-Institut für Evolutions- und Biodiversitätsforschung an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany |
| 9253 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.chamyla" | China | Chamil (Kumul)/Ham | | - | - | 1908 | Rückbeil? | |

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| | | | | 760 | | | | | | Museum für Naturkunde, Leibnitz-Institut für Evolution- und Biodiversitätsforschung an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany |
| 9254 | <i>Hyles chamyla</i> "f.chamyla" | China | Chamil (Kumul)/Hami | | - | - | 1913 | Denso? | | |
| 11308 | <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | Pakistan | Karakorum Mts., Naltar valley | 2880 | 26-27 | 6 | 2014 | B. Benedek & J. Babics | | Bavarian State Collection of Zoology, Munich, Germany |
| 11309 | <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | Pakistan | Karakorum Mts., Naltar valley | 2880 | 26-27 | 6 | 2014 | B. Benedek & J .Babics | | Bavarian State Collection of Zoology, Munich, Germany |
| 12438 | <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | India | Himachal Pradesh Spiti, Spiti Valley, Kaza | 3550 | 3 | 7 | 1994 | P. Kautt & V. Weisz | | Museum Witt, München, Germany |
| 12439 | <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | India | Himachal Pradesh Spiti, Spiti valley, Kaza | 3550 | 13 | 7 | 1994 | P. Kautt & V. Weisz | | Museum Witt, München, Germany |
| | | | | 3160 | | | | | | Museum für Naturkunde, Leibnitz-Institut für Evolution- und Biodiversitätsforschung an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany |
| 9267 | <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | Pakistan | Hushey (Hushe) valley, Central Karakoram national park | | 4 | 7 | 2013 | - | | |
| | | | | 2880 | | | | | | Museum für Naturkunde, Leibnitz-Institut für Evolution- und Biodiversitätsforschung an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany |
| 9287 | <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | Pakistan | Karakoram Mts, Naltar valley | | 26-27 | 6 | 2014 | B. Benedek & J Babies | | |
| | | | | 2200 | | | | | | Museum für Naturkunde, Leibnitz-Institut für Evolution- und Biodiversitätsforschung an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany |
| 9288 | <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | Pakistan | Pakistan, Karakoram Mts., Chaprot village | | 29 | 6 | 2014 | B. Benedek & J. Babies | | |

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| | | | | 2200 | | | | | | Museum für Naturkunde, Leibniz-Institut für Evolution- und Biodiversitätsforschung an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany |
| 9289 | <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | Pakistan | Pakistan, Karakoram Mts., Chaprot village | | 29 | 6 | 2014 | B. Benedek & J. Babies | | |
| 11552 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Turkey | Nevsehir municipality, Göreme | 1120 | 1 | 8 | 1990 | Kautt | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11553 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Turkey | 4 km E from Nevsehir | 1250 | 22 | 6 | 1979 | Groß | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11554 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Armenia | Aragadzor | 1170 | 18 | 6 | 1997 | U. Eitschberger | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11555 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Turkmenistan | Kopetdag Mts., Garrygala (Magtymguly) city | 330 | 1 | 7 | 1996 | V .Perepel | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11557 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Iran | Prov. Teheran, Alborz Mts., Damavand Mt, 15 km NE from Lar-e Polur | 1700 | 1-2 | 7 | 2000 | Gy. Fábíán, L. Szécsényi & K. Székely | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11963 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kyrgyzstan | Narün (Naryn) region, Ak-Tala district, Ak-Tal- Tschat (Ak-Tal-Chat) | 1640 | 1 | 7 | 1996 | V. Lukhtanov | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11966 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Tajikistan | Shugnansky Mts., 2,5km SW of kishlak Vodzh | 2670 | 16 | 7 | 2011 | U. Eitschberger | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11967 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Tajikistan | S Tadjikistan: Tigrovaja balka (Tiger gully) nature reserve, down stream of Pianj (Panj) river | 320 | 1-5 | 8 | 2006 | V.Gurko | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11968 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kyrgyzstan | NE Fergansky Mts., 10 km SW Atai (Atay) village, East Kugart (Kek Art, Kökart) river | 1860 | 16 | 7 | 2000 | S.Churkin | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11969 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Tajikistan | Darvaz Mts., near Tavildara vill. (town) | 1710 | 9-18 | 8 | 2006 | V.Gurko | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11972 | <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | China | Oueho, Altun Shan (Altyn Tagh) | 2000 | 28 | 7 | 1996 | Eitschberger | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |

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| 11977 | <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | Russia | Volgograd region, Don river, Kamyshinka | 70 | 11 | 8 | 2001 | V. Lukhtanov & A. Dantchenko | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11978 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kyrgyzstan | (Border with Tajikistan), Alai-Kette, Kara-Myk | 2270 | | 7 | 1995 | V. Lukhtanov | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11979 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kyrgyzstan | Transalai (Transalay)-mountain chain (W), Schibe (Shibe) community | 2410 | 17-19 | 7 | 1995 | V. Lukhtanov | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11984 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kazakhstan | Nurly village, Ily (Ili) river valley | 550 | 25-26 | 6 | 2002 | M. Danilevsky | Senckenberg Natural History Collections, Dresden, Germany |
| 11989 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Russia | South Tuva Republic (Tyva), southern edge of Tannuola (Tannu-Ola) range, 30 km SW Samagaltai, Tes-Khen (Tes-Chem) river | 950 | 21 | 6 | 2001 | R. Yakovlev, | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11990 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Russia | South Tuva Republic (Tyva), Erzin Distr., Ubsunur (Uvs Nuur) State Reserve, south bank of Lake Tore-Kholj (Tore-Chol) | 1230 | 21-22 | 6 | 2002 | R. Yakovlev, Germany | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 12406 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Turkmenistan | SW Turkmenistan, Kopetdag Mts., Garygala (Magtymguly) env. | 330 | 1 | 6 | 1995 | J. Miatleuski | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 12409 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | China | Queho, Altun Shan Mts. | 2000 | 28 | 7 | 1996 | - | Collection M. Ströhle, Weiden, Germany |
| 12410 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kazakhstan | West Kazakhstan, Ryn-kum sandy steppe, Dzhaulau loc. | -15 | 25 | 6 | 1999 | V. Karalius & I. Miatleuski | Collection M. Ströhle, Weiden, Germany |
| 12412 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | China | Queho, Altun Shan Mts. | 2000 | 28 | 7 | 1996 | - | Collection M. Ströhle, Weiden, Germany |
| 12414 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kazakhstan | West Kazakhstan, Ryn-kum sandy steppe, Dzhaulau loc. | -15 | 25 | 6 | 1999 | V. Karalius & I. Miatleuski | Collection M. Ströhle, Weiden, Germany |
| 12415 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Turkmenistan | SW Turkmenistan, Kopetdag Mts., Garygala (Magtymguly) env. | 330 | 26-27 | 6 | 1995 | J. Miatleuski | Collection M. Ströhle, Weiden, Germany |

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| 12436 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Turkmenistan | Kopet-Dagh Mts., valley of the rivers Ipay-Kala and Point-Kala | 130 | 30 | 6 | 1992 | Gy. Fabian, B. Herczig, A. Podlussany & Z. Varga | Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest, Hungary |
| 12441 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | China | Daban Shan, Xining | 2300 | 8 | 8 | 1996 | - | Museum Witt, München, Germany |
| 12719 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Iran | Farab | 1290 | 15 | 4 | 1910 | L. Sheljuzhko | Zoological Museum, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kiev, Ukraine |
| 12720 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Tajikistan | W Pamir Mts., Chorag (Khorugh) town, Shugnan (Shighnan) province, at the boundary to Afghanistan | 2100 | - | | | ZMKU Kiev | Zoological Museum, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kiev, Ukraine |
| 12721 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Tajikistan | W Pamir Mts., Chorag (Khorugh) town, Shugnan (Shighnan) province, at the boundary to Afghanistan | 2100 | - | | | ZMKU Kiev | Zoological Museum, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kiev, Ukraine |
| 4381 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Russia | | | - | | | Gary Saunders | Senckenberg Natural History Collections, Dresden, Germany |
| 9129 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kazakhstan | S Kazakhstan, Ili river valley near Koktal bridge | 510 | 1 | 7 | 2012 | S. Rybalkin & R. Yakovlev | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 9131 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Russia | S. Siberia, Altaj region, Mikhajlovskoe distr., 5 km SWW Mikhajlovskoe | 160 | 20-21 | 7 | 2012 | R. Yakovlev, Yu. Perunov & P. Ustjuzhanin | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 9155 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kazakhstan | S Kazakhstan, Ili river valley near Koktal bridge | 510 | 1 | 7 | 2012 | S.Rybalkin & R.Yakovlev | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 9190 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Mongolia | SW Mongolia, Hovd Aimak, Mongolian Altai (S. slope), Bulgan-Gol basin, Dood-Naryjn-Gol Valley | 1300 | 7-8 | 7 | 2015 | R.Yakovlev | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 9214 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Mongolia | W Mongolia, Hovd Aimak, Dzun-Dzhargalant-Khairkhan, Ar-Shatyn-Gol river valley | 1200 | 26 | 6 | 2015 | R.Yakovlev | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |

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| 9248 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kyrgyzstan | Narün (Naryn) - city and river | | | | | | ? Staudinger | |
| 9278 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kazakhstan | West-Kazakhstan, Ryn desert (Ryn-Kum sandy steppe), 20km East from Bisen vill. | 27 | 22 | 6 | 1999 | V. Karalius & I. Miatleuski | | Sphingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |
| 9279 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Kazakhstan | European part of Kazakhstan, Ryn desert (Ryn- Kum sandy steppe) NW, Urda (Orda) vill. env. | 0 | 4 | 6 | 1999 | V. Karalius & I. Miatleuski | | Sphingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |
| 9290 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Tajikistan | Eastern Pamir Mts., Zulumart Mt. region | 3770 | 1-10 | 8 | 2014 | V.Gurko | | Sphingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |
| 9291 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | Tajikistan | W. Pamir Mts., Sarez lake area | 3300 | 20-30 | 7 | 2002 | V.Gurko | | Sphingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |
| 9318 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | China | 30km NE of Shánshán, Xinjiang province | 510 | 21-30 | 6 | 2002 | Dr. F. Karrer | | F. Karrer collection, Zofingen, Switzerland |
| 9319 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | China | 30km NE of Shánshán, Xinjiang province | 510 | 21-30 | 6 | 2002 | Dr. F. Karrer | | F. Karrer collection, Zofingen, Switzerland |
| 9320 | <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | China | 30km NE of Shánshán, Xinjiang province | 510 | 21-30 | 6 | 2002 | Dr.F.Karrer | | F. Karrer collection, Zofingen, Switzerland |
| 12622 | <i>Hyles hippophaes hippophaes</i> | Romania | | | | | 1793 | - | | Hessisches Landesmuseum für Kunst und Natur, Wiesbaden, Germany |
| 1075 | <i>Hyles livornica</i> | Israel | Yotvata or Jordan: Southern Desert Wadi of Jebel Surebit | 950 | 12 | 9 | 1990 | leg. Müller | | Bavarian State Collection of Zoology, Munich, Germany |
| 3082 | <i>Hyles livornica</i> | Iran | Semnan, 35km E Shahrud, Maymay | 1400 | 22 | 6 | 2003 | W. ten Hagen | | Senckenberg Natural History Collections, Dresden, Germany |
| 11667 | <i>Hyles livornica</i> | Tajikistan | Tigrovaja Balka | 600 | 22 | 6 | 1988 | O.Gorbunov | | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |

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| 11991 | <i>Hyles livornica</i> | China | Xinjiang, W Taklimakan desert, Yarkan He river valley, tugay forest | 1140 | 9-12 | 6 | 2013 | Floriani | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 12091 | <i>Hyles livornica</i> | Syria | Palmyra | | 30 | 4 | 1995 | Rohlena Pavel | Sphingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |
| 12095 | <i>Hyles livornica</i> | Pakistan | NWFP, S. Waziristan agency, near Tanai vill. | 1500-2500 | 2-12 | 9 | 2005 | V. Gurko | Sphingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |
| 9181 | <i>Hyles nicaea sheljuzkoi</i> | Mongolia | Hovd Aimak, Mongolian Altai (S. slope) Bodonchin-Gol basin, Khondijn-Gol Valley | 1750 | 27 | 6 | 2015 | R. Yakovlev | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 11565 | <i>Hyles nicaea sheljuzkoi</i> | Kazakhstan | Boro-Khoro Mts., 35 km N of Panfilov | 1800 | 2 | 7 | 2010 | S. K. Korb | Sphingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |
| 12138 | <i>Hyles nicaea sheljuzkoi</i> | Turkey | Prov. Sivas, 6km W of Gürün | | 6-7 | 7 | 1994 | P. Gyulai | Sphingidae Museum, Pribram, Czech Republic |
| 3081 | <i>Hyles nicaea sheljuzkoi</i> | Iran | Yazd, Shir Kuh, S Deh Bala | 2700 | 4 | 7 | 2000 | leg. Schurian & ten Hagen | - |
| 11563 | <i>Hyles nicaea sheljuzkoi</i> | Tajikistan | Baljuan ... Wachschr m..., Sarychosor | 1300 | 20 | 7 | 1999 | ex coll Aidas Saldaitis | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 4760 | <i>Hyles nicaea sheljuzkoi</i> | Turkey | Siras | | - | - | - | . Specimen no. BMNH 813546; NHMUK | Natural History Museum, London, United Kingdom |
| 12722 | <i>Hyles salangensis</i> | Afghanistan | Salang-Pass, N-Seite (Khinjan) | 2100 | 5-11 | 7 | 1966 | G. Ebert | Centrum für Naturkunde, Hamburg, Germany |
| 12723 | <i>Hyles salangensis</i> | Afghanistan | Salang-Pass S, Nv. Kabul | 2700 | 1 | 7 | 1965 | Kasy & Vartian | Centrum für Naturkunde, Hamburg, Germany |
| 12724 | <i>Hyles salangensis</i> | Afghanistan | Salang-Pass, N-side (Khinjan) | 2100 | 5-11 | 7 | 1966 | G. Ebert | Centrum für Naturkunde, Hamburg, Germany |
| 12725 | <i>Hyles salangensis</i> | Afghanistan | Provinz Kadaghan, Salang-Pass northern side | 2100 | 13 | 6 | 1971 | Vartian | Centrum für Naturkunde, Hamburg, Germany |
| 12726 | <i>Hyles salangensis</i> | Afghanistan | Provinz Kadaghan, Salang-Pass northern side | 2100 | 13 | 6 | 1971 | Vartian | Centrum für Naturkunde, Hamburg, Germany |

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| 12727 | <i>Hyles salangensis</i> | Afghanistan | Nord-Salang | 2300 | 7 | 6 | 1975 | Dr. Reshöft | Centrum für Naturkunde, Hamburg, Germany |
| 12135 | <i>Hyles vespertilio</i> | Azerbaijan | USSR, Nachicevan | | 1 | 7 | 1986 | - | Sphingidae Museum, Příbram, Czech Republic |
| 12136 | <i>Hyles vespertilio</i> | Georgia | USSR, Sukhumi Region, Caucare | | 20 | 7 | 1970 | - | Sphingidae Museum, Příbram, Czech Republic |
| 12137 | <i>Hyles vespertilio</i> | Croatia | Dalmatien (Croatia) | | - | - | 1938 | - | Sphingidae Museum, Příbram, Czech Republic. |
| 12623 | <i>Hyles vespertilio</i> | Italy | - | | - | - | 1819 | - | Hessisches Landesmuseum für Kunst und Natur, Wiesbaden, Germany |
| 9124 | <i>Hyles gallii</i> | Kazakhstan | Sarym-Sakty Mts., 12 km SSW Soldatovo vill. | 1300 m | 11-13 | 6 | 2012 | R.V. Yakovlev | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 9127 | <i>Hyles gallii</i> | Russia | Altaj Kraj, Mikhajlovskoe distr., 5 km SWW Mikhajlovskoe | | 20-21 | 7 | 2012 | R. Yakovlev, Yu. Perunov & P. Ustjuzhanin | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 9128 | <i>Hyles gallii</i> | Russia | Magadan reg., Susuman vill. | | 12 | 7 | 2011 | V. Zurilina | R.V. Yakovlev collection, Barnaul, Russia |
| 11089 | <i>Hyles gallii</i> | Kyrgyzstan | Kyrgyzstan, Lake Ortokoi | | - | 7 | 2014 | S. Yevdoshenko | Senckenberg Natural History Collections, Dresden, Germany |
| 11953 | <i>Hyles gallii</i> | China | Xinjiang, Tian Shan, Ketmen Mts. (=T ieh-mi-li-k o Shan), ca. 50 km SSW Yinig (Kuldja) | 1750-1900 | 20 | 6 | 2007 | Grieshuber | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |
| 11954 | <i>Hyles gallii</i> | Mongolia | Dornod Aimag Humrog r., 120 km E from Sumber Sum | | 20 | 6 | 2004 | U. Eitschberger | U. Eitschberger collection, Marktleuthen, Germany |

Table S2. Conserved Specimens used for RNA bait generation.

| MTD-TW Accession No. | Taxon | Location | Collection Date | Recorded by | Tissue type (conservation) |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 4831 | <i>Hyles hippophaes</i> | Russia | 07.2014 | Gary Saunders | larva (EtOH) |
| 12014 | <i>Hyles zygophylli</i> | Kasachstan | 09.2014 | - | larva (EtOH) |
| 1117 | <i>Hyles livornica</i> | Morocco | 05.2005 | - | larva (EtOH) |
| 11787 | <i>Hyles euphorbiae</i> | Kasachstan | 06.2014 | Serge Yevdoshenko | larva (EtOH) |
| 3917 | <i>Hyles centralasiae</i> | Kyrgyzstan | 07.2006 | Mark O'Neill | Imago, leg (EtOH) |
| 5565 | <i>Hyles euphorbiae</i> | Iran | 21.-24.05.2009 | Alireza Naderi | Imago, leg (EtOH) |
| 9316 | <i>Hyles siehei</i> | Turkey | 21.6.2011 | Martin Geck | Imago, leg (EtOH) |

Table S3. Accession numbers of Sanger sequences included for comparison.

| Taxon | NCBI Accession number | Internal ID | Collection data of new samples | Voucher deposition of new samples |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Hyles vespertilio</i> | FN386605 | MTD-TW 628 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Hyles vespertilio</i> | AJ749445 | (BMNH) 0007, MTD-TW 4336 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Hyles vespertilio</i> | AJ749446 | (BMNH) 0114, MTD-TW 4351 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Hyles hippophaes hippophaes</i> | AJ749452 | BMNH 695817, MTD-TW 4223 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | FN386565 | MTD-TW 501 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | FN386567 | MTD-TW 1317 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | FN386569 | MTD-TW 3458 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Hyles hippophaes</i> | FN386570 | MTD-TW 3459 | n.a. | n.a. |

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| <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | FN386566 | MTD-TW 1316 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | ### | MTD-TW 3209 | Russia, Saratov Province, nearby Engels city, leg. V. Anikin, 12.VIII 2007 | Museum Witt München |
| <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | ### | MTD-TW 3086 | Turkey, Adana Pozanti, 900m, leg. W. ten Hagen, 28.VII.1993 | private collection Dr. W. ten Hagen (Mömlingen) |
| <i>Hyles hippophaes bienerti</i> | ### | MTD-TW 3087 | Iran, Qom Kuh-e Goran (South side), 2450m, leg. W. ten Hagen, 20/21.VII.1998 | private collection Dr. W. ten Hagen (Mömlingen) |
| <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | ### | MTD-TW 6631 | North India, Spiti, Himal Pradesh, Himalaya, leg. H. Harbich, 1995 | Museum of Zoology, Senckenberg Dresden (Heimo Harbich's collection) |
| <i>Hyles hippophaes baltistana</i> | ### | MTD-TW 6632 | North India, Spiti, Himal Pradesh, Himalaya, leg. H. Harbich, 1995 | Museum of Zoology, Senckenberg Dresden (Heimo Harbich's collection) |
| <i>Hyles chamyla</i> f. <i>chamyla</i> | ### | MTD-TW 1725, BC-RBP 2279 | Mongolia, Gobi Altay, Zahuin Gobi, Aimak, 1090 m, leg. Saldaitis, Jun-06-2004 | private collection Dr. Ronald Brechlin (Pasewalk) |
| <i>Hyles chamyla</i> f. <i>chamyla</i> | ### | MTD-TW 1726, BC-RBP 2280 | Mongolia, Gobi Altay, Zahuin Gobi, Aimak, 1090 m, leg. Saldaitis, Jun-06-2004 | private collection Dr. Ronald Brechlin (Pasewalk) |
| <i>Hyles chamyla</i> f. <i>apocyni</i> | ### | MTD-TW 1325 | Tadzhikistan, down stream Pianj R., "Tigrovaya balka" Reserve, V. Gurko, 1.-5.VIII.2006 | collection V. Gurko |
| <i>Hyles chamyla</i> f. <i>apocyni</i> | ### | MTD-TW 1326 | Tadzhikistan, down stream Pianj R., "Tigrovaya balka" Reserve, V. Gurko, 1.-5.VIII.2006 | collection V. Gurko |

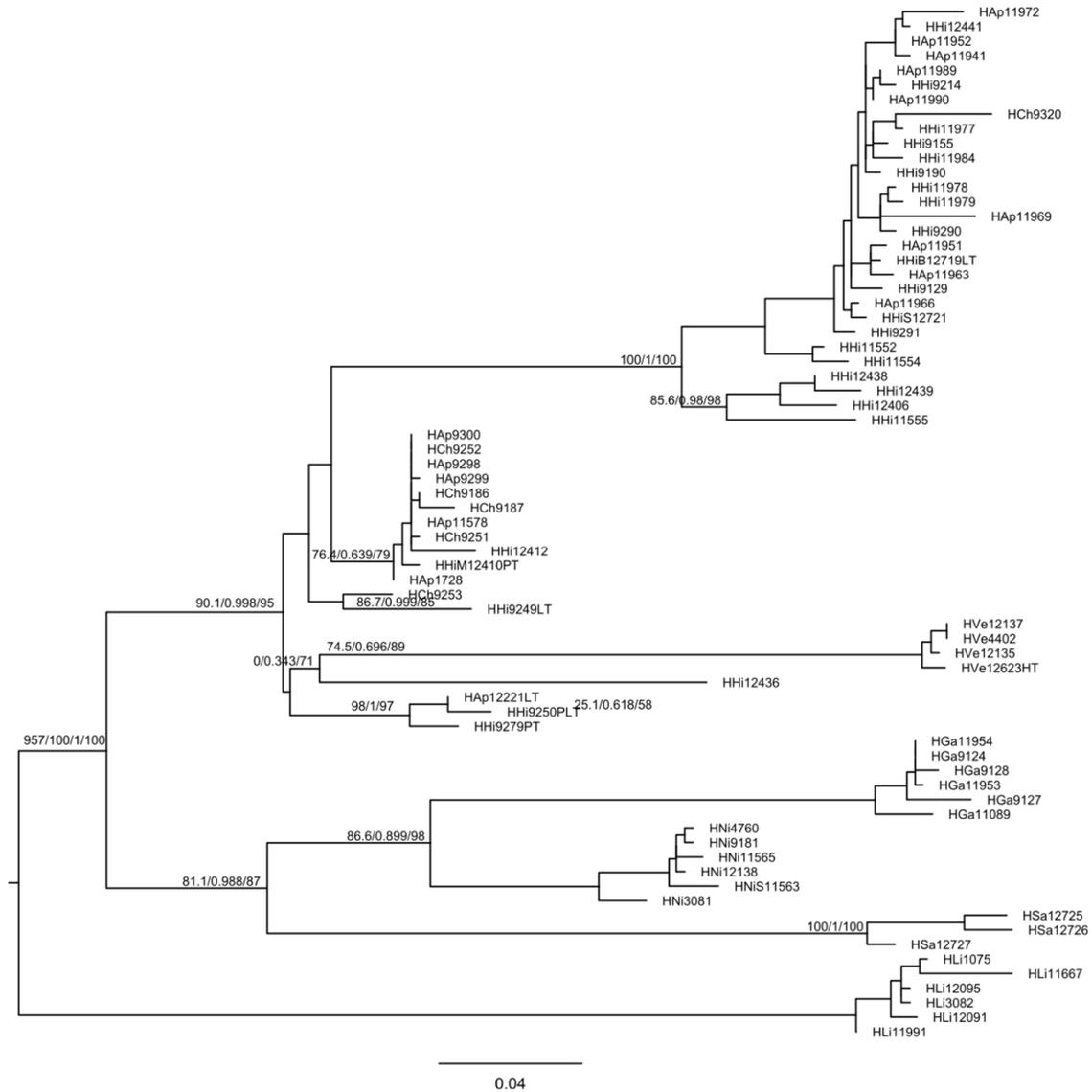


Figure S4. Maximum Likelihood tree based on 298 parsimony-informative mitochondrial SNPs of the *H. hippophaes* species cluster and *Hyles* outgroups. Node support values from left to right are ML bootstrap, Bayesian-like posterior probability, and parsimony bootstrap. Bootstrap support values are based upon 10000 ultra-fast bootstraps. The tree is unrooted but was rooted at the midpoint for illustration purposes. Two specimens with the highest missingness were deleted (*H. h. hippophaes* holotype, 51.75% and *H. h. bienerti* paratype, 29.53%).

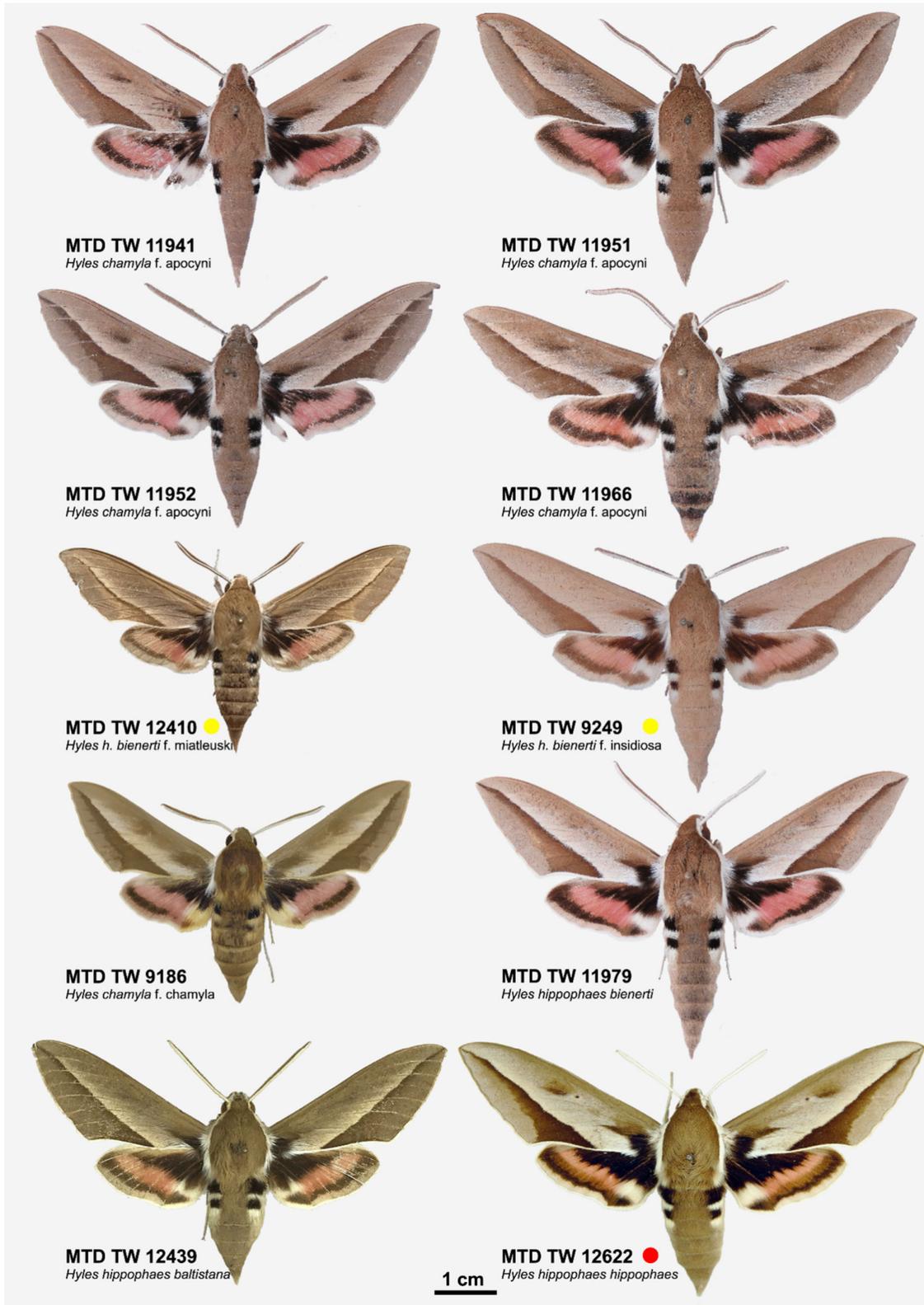


Figure S5. Habitus of specimens showing conflicting assignment according to mtDNA vs phenotype data, alongside typical phenotypes of known taxa. Voucher-codes and taxon names as in Figures 6, 8 and Table S1. Most such specimens correspond to the likely hybrid '*Hyles chamyla* f. *apocyni*'. Red dots mark holotypes, while yellow dots mark para- and lectotypes.