

All these chorological facts given by Darwin, Wallace, and Wagner—especially the remarkable phenomena of the limited local fauna and flora, the relations of insular to continental inhabitants, the wide distribution of the so-called “cosmopolitan species,” the close relationship of the local species of the present day with the extinct species of the same limited territory, the demonstrable radiation of every species from a single central point of creation—all these, and all other phenomena furnished to us by the geographical and the topographical distribution of organisms, are explained in a simple and thorough manner by the theory of selection and migration, while without it they are simply incomprehensible. Consequently, in the whole of this series of phenomena we find a new and weighty proof of the truth of the Theory of Descent.