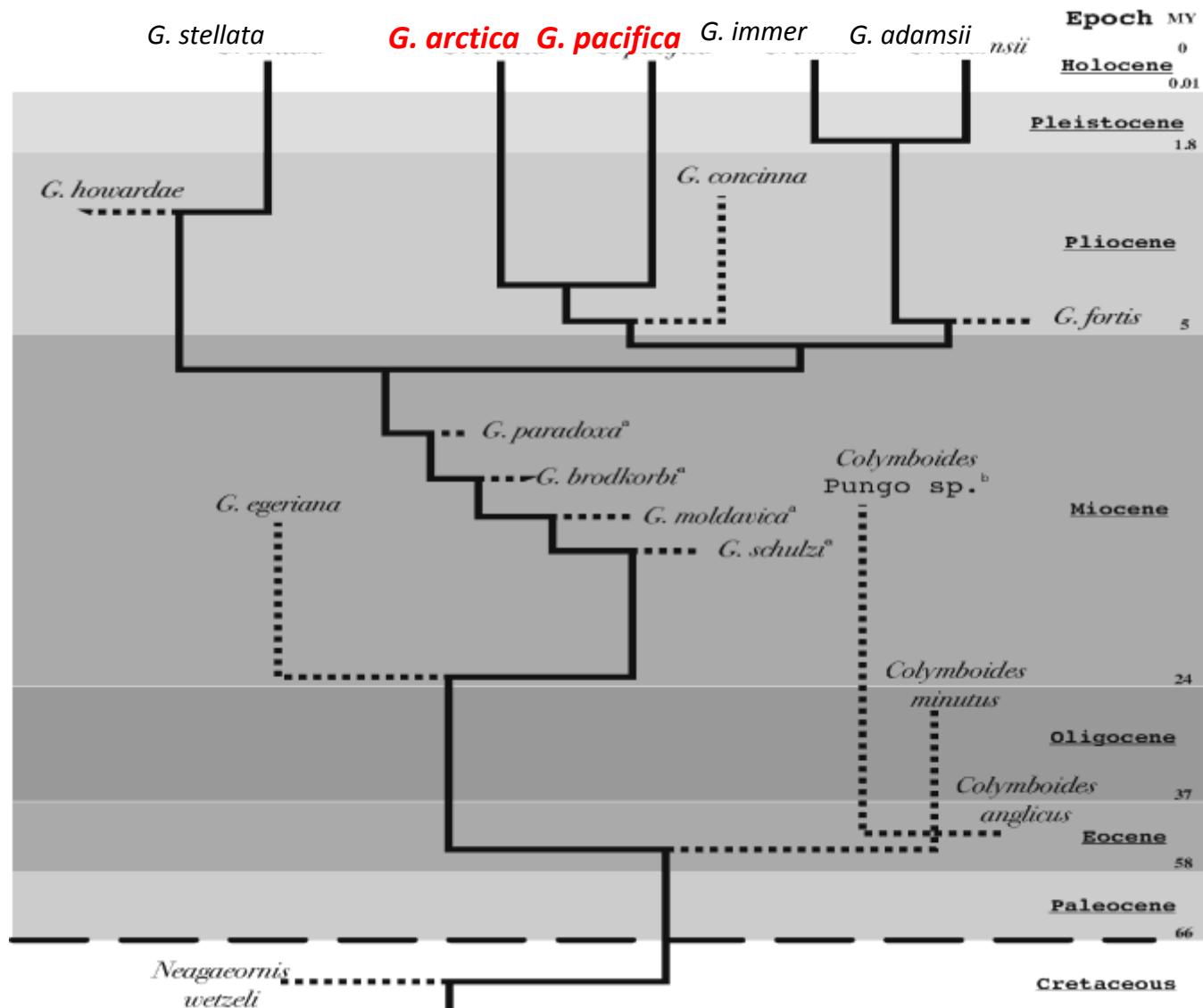


# Revising the phylogeny of *Gavia* with second-generation sequencing data

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*G. arctica*



*G. pacifica*

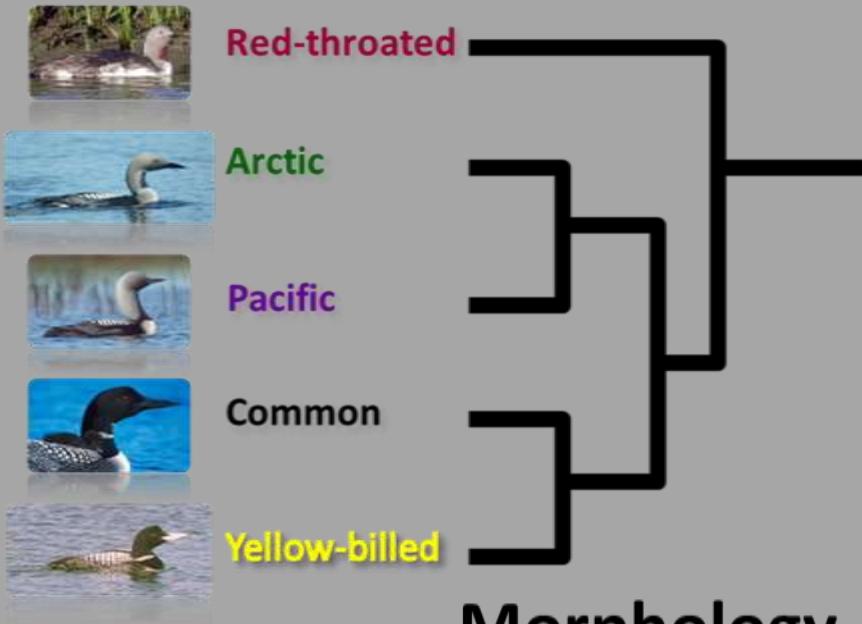


Pacific Loon  
*Gavia pacifica*



## DNA-based

Lindsay's (2002) hypothesis  
based on genetic data from  
~4500bp of mitochondrial DNA  
and ~500bp of nuclear intron  
DNA



## Morphology

Traditional hypothesis  
based on morphology  
and overall similarity  
(Storer 1978, Boertmann  
1990)



- Construct a robust phylogenetic tree of the genus *Gavia*
  - *Good sampling among taxa*
  - *Good selection of characters*
- Understand speciation and geographic events

# SAMPLES



*G. adamsii* (7) – AK

*G. immer* (7) – NH, ME, AK, NY

*G. pacifica* (9) -AK

*G. arctica* (7)-Sweden, Russia

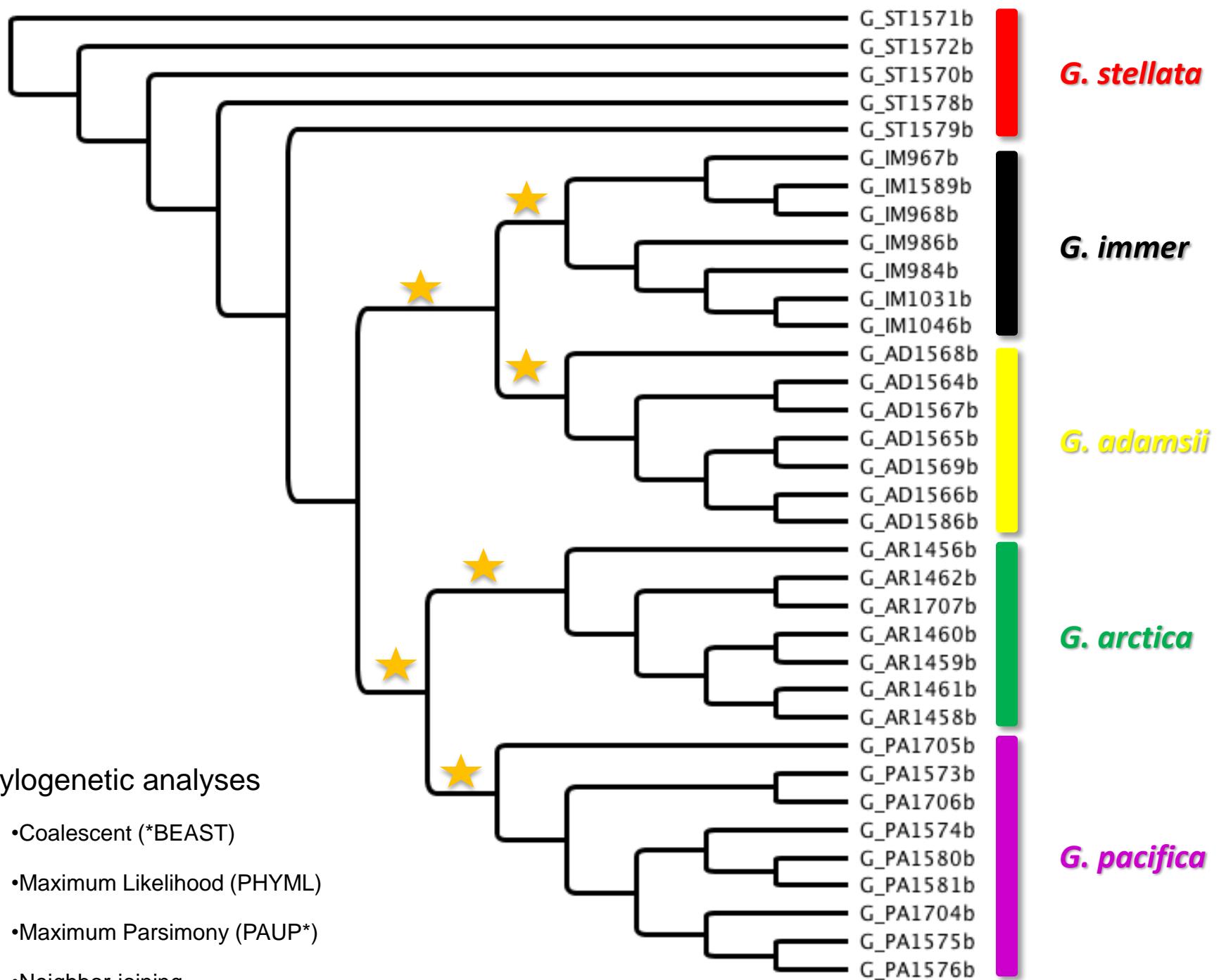
*G. stellata* (5)-AK

# DNA Sequence Data

- Double-digest “RAD-seq” protocol
- For 35 taxa
  - 166,466 bps of data
  - 6323 informative sites, across 1750 loci
- Phylogenetic analyses
  - Coalescent (\*BEAST)
  - Maximum Likelihood (PHYML)
  - Maximum Parsimony (PAUP\*)
  - Neighbor-joining

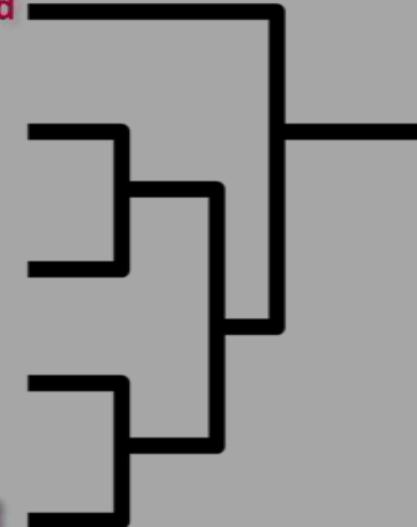
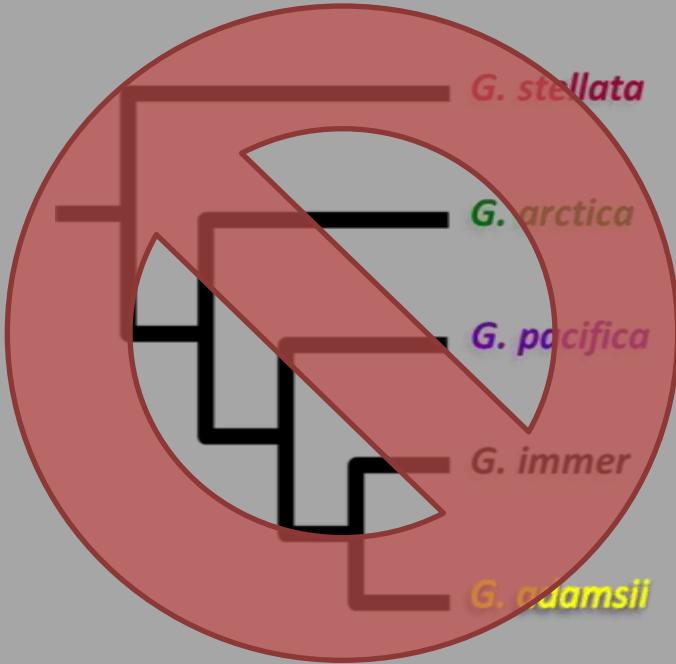
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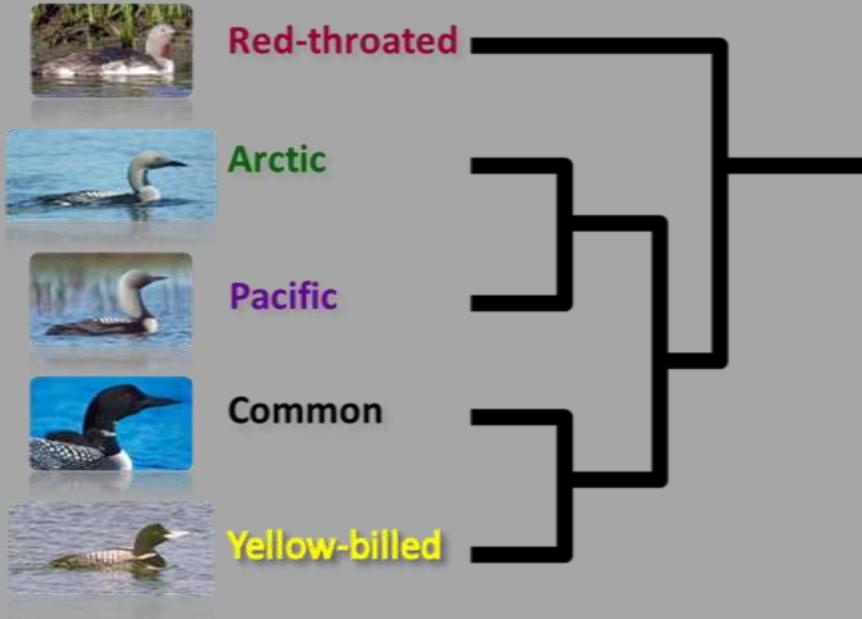


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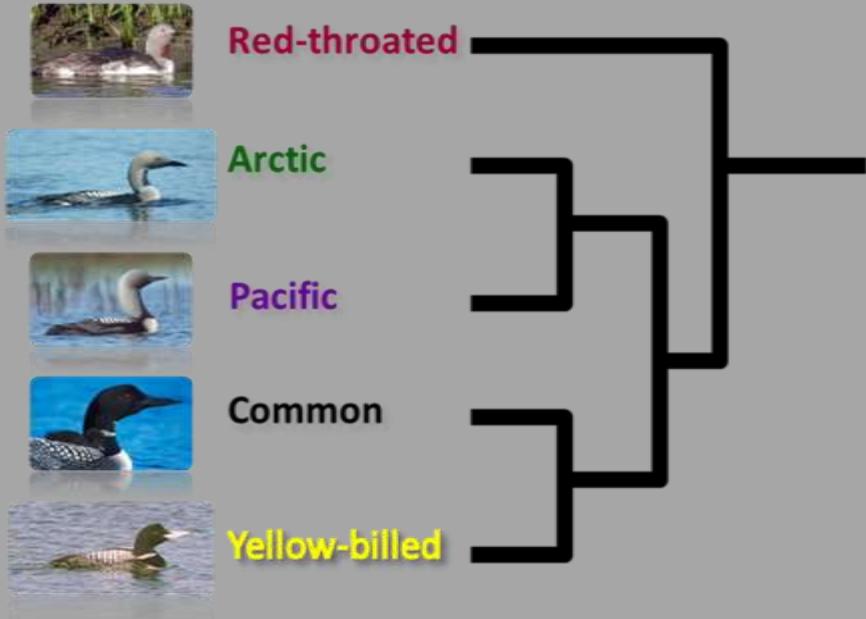
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*Sorry, Lindsay 2002!*

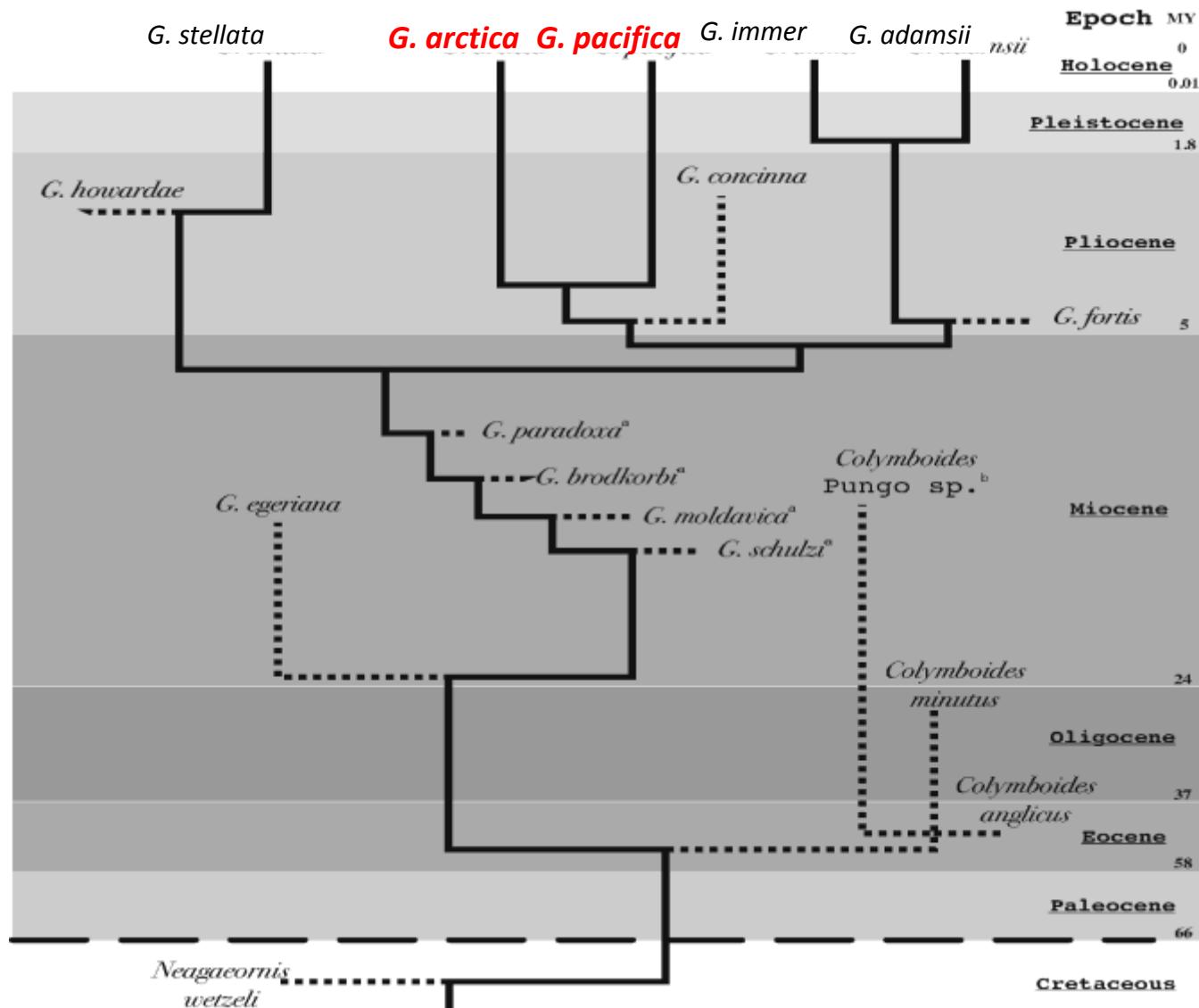


	GAST	GAAR	GAPA	GAIM	GAAD
GAST	0.22%				
GAAR	1.81%	0.35%			
GAPA	1.80%	0.48%	0.37%		
GAIM	1.83%	0.67%	0.69%	0.20%	
GAAD	1.84%	0.68%	0.70%	0.28%	0.04%



## Calibrating with *G. concinna* (4.8MY for GAAR-GAPA)

	GAST	GAAR	GAPA	GAIM	GAAD
GAST					
GAAR	18.2				
GAPA	18.2	4.8			
GAIM	18.4	6.8	6.9		
GAAD	18.6	6.9	7.0	2.8	



# SUMMARY

- Strong support for traditional tree
- *G. immer* and *G. adamsii* most recent divergence
- Modern loons share a common ancestor from the early Miocene

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