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biology (e.g., Dunn et al. 2001; Van Valkenburgh and Sacco 2002).

Perhaps the taxon most amenable to broadly documenting sexual dimorphism in the geological record is the Ostracoda (Ozawa 2013). Brooding of eggs or juveniles occurs throughout the major groups of ostracodes, and in these taxa females can often be distinguished by their greater lateral width or other modifications to the shell for housing young (van Morkhoven 1962; Horne et al. 1998b; Ozawa 2013). An additional style of sexual dimorphism characterizes the superfamily Cytheroidea. Whether or not they brood, living species of this clade have males that are relatively more elongate than females in lateral view (van Morkhoven 1962; Cohen and Morin 1990), a difference that is thought to result from the need to accommodate the large copulatory apparatus in males. Each hemipenis is comafter being placed on double-sided tape or, more often, modeling clay shaped to situate

lateral views but digitized two landmarks that defined the ala's anterior and posterior extent and used an R script to remove the intervening points (Fig. 2).

Body size was measured as the area of the digitized outline. Shape was measured as the length to height ratio (L/H), where length and height were estimated as the major and minor axes of an ellipse fit to the outline (Fig. 1). These lengths and heights are similar to the lengths and heights traditionally employed by ostracode researchers, but we found our approach to be less subjective, because specimens did not need to be oriented by eye. Both area and L/H were natural log transformed prior to analysis.

Sexual dimorphism is often examined in the ostracode literature via plots of length versus height. Here we use plots of area versus L/H, which is similar to rotating the traditional plots by 45° (Fig. 3). We found this approach more useful for several reasons. First, it decomposes male-female differences neatly into size dimorphism and shape dimorphism, which have clear biological interpretations. Because males are relatively more elongate than females in living cytheroids, the cluster with higher L/H ratios was interpreted as male. Second, we have found that using area and L/H as axes sometimes gives better statistical separation between males and females in populations with visually obvious clusters.

the female mean. This bias is usually easy to recognize, because it can muddle clusters in the combined data, even when they are distinct in left and right valves viewed separately. In addition, this bias will cause left and right valves to be offset within sex clusters (Supplementary Fig. S1). In a few such cases (Supplementary Table S1), we used a different

TABLE 2. Dimorphism estimates and information about analyzed populations. Status indicates whether reasonable dimorphism estimates could be obtained ("OK") or why they could not be found. Δ BIC is the difference in support between the best one- and two-group models, with positive values indicating greater support for the two-group model. Shape dimorphism (Shape DM) and size dimorphism (Size DM) are differences between the sexes in natural log-transformed shape (L/H ratio) and size (area), respectively. Table S1 provides additional information for these populations.

| Population label | Species | Status | ΔBIC | No. individuals | No. samples | Shape DM | Size DM |
|------------------|--|--------|-------|-----------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| ACU ACUM-1 | Acuminobrachycythere acuminata (Hazel & Paulson, 1964) | OK | 8.6 | 19 | 1 | 0.058 | -0.167 |
| ACU_ACUM-3 | Acuminobrachycythere acuminata (Hazel & Paulson, 1964) | OK | 2.1 | 16 | 1 | 0.052 | -0.090 |
| ACU_BLUF-1 | Acuminobrachycythere blufftownensis Puckett, 2002 | OK | 0.4 | 26 | 1 | 0.013 | -0.065 |
| ACU_CUSS-1 | Acuminobrachycythere cussetensis Puckett, 2002 | OK | 5.3 | 17 | 1 | 0.066 | -0.078 |
| ACU_DIMI-1 | Acuminobrachycythere diminuta Puckett, 2002 | OK | 0.0 | 17 | 1 | 0.042 | -0.069 |
| ACU_FORA-1 | Acuminobrachycythere foraminosa (Alexander, 1934[b]) | OK | -2.2 | 60 | 1 | 0.054 | 0.026 |
| ACU_RALE-1 | Acuminobrachycythere raleighensis (Brown, 1957) | OK | 16.8 | 46 | 1 | 0.083 | -0.038 |
| ACU_RALE-2 | Acuminobrachycythere raleighensis (Brown, 1957) | OK | -4.0 | 17 | 1 | 0.074 | -0.005 |
| ACU_RALE-3 | Acuminobrachycythere raleighensis (Brown, 1957) | OK | 5.3 | 17 | 1 | 0.086 | -0.075 |
| ACU_VENT-1 | Acuminobrachycythere ventrolevis Puckett, 2002 | OK | 38.1 | 78 | 1 | 0.078 | -0.093 |
| AMP_COPI-3 | Amphicytherura copicosta Crane, 1965 | OK | -4.5 | 43 | 1 | 0.022 | -0.071 |
| AMP_PAND-1 | Amphicytherura pandicosta Crane, 1965 | OK | -8.2 | 26 | 1 | 0.096 | 0.013 |
| AMP_PAND-4 | Amphicytherura pandicosta Crane, 1965 | OK | 0.9 | 38 | 1 | 0.042 | -0.050 |
| ANB_CRAS-1 | Antibythocypris crassa Brouwers & Hazel, 1978 | OK | 30.3 | 27 | 1 | 0.123 | 0.168 |
| ANB_CRAS-2 | Antibythocypris crassa Brouwers & Hazel, 1978 | OK | 27.9 | 23 | 1 | 0.090 | 0.216 |
| ANB_ELON-1-2 | Antibythocypris elongata Brouwers & Hazel, 1978 | OK | 4.8 | 32 | 1 | 0.095 | 0.014 |
| ANB_FABA-1 | Antibythocypris fabaformis (Berry, 1925) | OK | 43.4 | 100 | 1 | 0.083 | 0.049 |
| ANB_GOOB-1 | Antibythocypris gooberi Jennings, 1936 | OK | 105.1 | 129 | 1 | 0.112 | 0.142 |
| ANB_GOOB-2 | Antibythocypris gooberi Jennings, 1936 | OK | 26.2 | 36 | 1 | 0.104 | 0.076 |
| ANB_MACR-1 | Antibythocypris macropora (Alexander, 1929) | OK | 6.2 | 46 | 1 | 0.117 | 0.088 |
| ANB_MINU-1 | Antibythocypris minuta (Berry, 1925) | OK | 26.0 | 46 | 1 | 0.088 | 0.115 |
| ANB_PATA-1-2-3 | Antibythocypris pataulensis (Crane, 1965) | OK | 9.4 | 22 | 3 | 0.112 | -0.173 |
| ANB_PHAS-1-2-3 | Antibythocypris phaseolites (Berry, 1925) | OK | 27.1 | 73 | 3 | 0.105 | 0.054 |
| ANT_CACU-1-2 | Anticythereis cacumenata (Brown, 1957) | OK | 5.0 | 35 | 1 | 0.074 | -0.018 |
| ANT_COPE-1 | Anticythereis copelandi Smith, 1978 | OK | 12.7 | 40 | 1 | 0.064 | -0.022 |
| ANT_COPE-2 | Anticythereis copelandi Smith, 1978 | OK | 6.6 | 53 | 1 | 0.069 | -0.035 |
| ANT_RETI-1-2 | Anticythereis reticulata (Jennings, 1936) | OK | -5.1 | 52 | 1 | 0.044 | -0.031 |
| ASC_HAZA-1 | Ascetoleberis hazardi (Israelsky, 1929) | OK | 21.5 | 40 | 1 | 0.103 | 0.107 |
| ASC_HAZA-2 | Ascetoleberis hazardi (Israelsky, 1929) | OK | 6.9 | 25 | 1 | 0.094 | 0.076 |
| ASC_PLUM-3 | Ascetoleberis plummeri (Israelsky, 1929) | OK | 25.8 | 47 | 1 | 0.100 | 0.067 |
| ASC_RUGO-1 | Ascetoleberis rugosissima (Alexander, 1929) | OK | 15.2 | 35 | 1 | 0.129 | 0.030 |
| LIM_VERR-1 | Aysegulina verricula | | | | | | |

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| Population label | Species | Status | ΔBIC | No. individuals | No. samples | Shape DM | Size DM |
|--------------------|--|--------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| BIC_POLI-2 | Bicornicythereis polita (Crane, 1965) | ОК | 4.6 | 16 | 1 | 0.119 | 0.018 |
| BIC_POLI-4 | Bicornicythereis polita (Crane, 1965) | OK | 19.0 | 32 | 1 | 0.101 | 0.073 |
| BIC_VECL-2 | Bicornicythereis veclitella (Crane, 1965) | OK | 34.7 | 65 | 1 | 0.102 | 0.161 |
| BRA ASYM-1-2 | Brachycythere asymmetrica Puckett, 1994 | OK | 28.5 | 67 | 1 | 0.080 | 0.023 |
| BRA CREN-2 | Brachycythere crenulata Crane, 1965 | OK | 50.6 | 92 | 1 | 0.090 | 0.063 |
| BRA CREN-3 | Brachycythere crenulata Crane, 1965 | OK | 57.8 | 52 | 1 | 0.067 | 0.083 |
| BRA DURH-1-2 | Brachycythere durhami Hazel & Paulson, 1964 | OK | 5.2 | 37 | 2 | 0.042 | 0.133 |
| BRA NAUS-1 | Brachycythere nausiformis Swain, 1952 | OK | 39.8 | 77 | 1 | 0.066 | 0.109 |
| BRA OVAT-2 | Brachycythere ovata (Berry, 1925) | OK | 34.4 | 43 | 1 | 0.063 | 0.214 |
| BRA OVAT-3 | Brachvcythere ovata (Berry, 1925) | OK | 46.3 | 70 | 1 | 0.064 | 0.161 |
| BRA PYRI-1-2-3-4 | Brachycythere pyriforma Hazel & Paulson, 1964 | OK | 24.5 | 51 | 4 | 0.099 | 0.112 |
| BRA PYRI-5 | Brachycythere pyriforma Hazel & Paulson, 1964 | OK | 11.4 | 32 | 1 | 0.103 | 0.071 |
| BRA RHOM-2-3 | Brachycythere rhomboidalis (Berry, 1925) | OK | 17.8 | 41 | 1 | 0.070 | 0.114 |
| CUN PEDA-1-2-3-4-5 | Cuneoceratina pedata (Marsson, 1880) | OK | 0.7 | 28 | 5 | 0.042 | -0.191 |
| CUN PEDA-6-7 | Cuneoceratina pedata (Marsson, 1880) | OK | -3.5 | 28 | 2 | 0.044 | -0.100 |
| CUN PEDA-8-9 | Cuneoceratina pedata (Marsson, 1880) | OK | -0.3 | 44 | 2 | 0.044 | -0.118 |
| CYS CAUD-4-5 | Cythere is caudata Butler & Jones. 1957 | OK | 5.8 | 20 | 2 | 0.094 | 0.048 |
| CYS DALL-1 | Cythere is dallasensis Alexander, 1929 | OK | -2.3 | 32 | 1 | 0.067 | 0.050 |
| CYS DALL-2 | Cythereis dallasensis Alexander, 1929 | OK | 7.0 | 25 | 1 | 0.075 | 0.056 |
| CYS HANN-1 | Cythereis hannai Israelsky, 1929 | OK | 22.8 | 20 | 1 | 0.105 | 0.267 |
| CYM ARBE-1 | Cytheromorpha arbenzi (Skinner, 1956) | OK | 33.4 | 23 | 1 | 0.135 | 0.167 |
| CYM UNIF-1-2 | Cytheromorpha unifossula Crane, 1965 | OK | 26.2 | 33 | 2 | 0.112 | 0.106 |
| CYM UNIF-3 | Cytheromorpha unifossula Crane, 1965 | OK | 43.6 | 26 | 1 | 0.141 | 0.151 |
| CYT CAST-3 | Cytheropteron castorensis Butler & Jones, 1957 | OK | 8.2 | 40 | 1 | 0.124 | -0.142 |
| CYT FURC-3-4 | Cytheropteron furcalatum Alexander, 1933 | OK | 2.3 | 66 | 2 | 0.130 | -0.025 |
| CYT NAVA-1-2-3 | Cytheropteron navarroense Alexander, 1929 | OK | 10.7 | 25 | $\tilde{2}$ | 0.112 | -0.187 |
| ESC MAGN-1-3 | Escharacytheridea magnamandibulata Brouwers & Hazel 1978 | OK | 8.3 | 25 | 2 | 0.095 | -0.095 |
| ESC MICR-2 | Escharacytheridea micropunctata (Alexander, 1929) | OK | 56.7 | 50 | ĩ | 0.122 | 0.082 |
| ESC MICR-3 | Escharacytheridea micropunctata (Alexander, 1929) | OK | 4.3 | 42 | 1 | 0.088 | 0.096 |
| ESC PINO-1-2 | Escharacytheridea ninochii (Jennings, 1936) | OK | 12.3 | 30 | 2 | 0.078 | 0.085 |
| ESC PINO-3-4 | Escharacytheridea pinochii (Jennings, 1936) | OK | 13.9 | 59 | $\tilde{\tilde{2}}$ | 0.078 | 0.047 |
| FUC SOHL-2 | Eucythere sohli Brouwers & Hazel 1980 | OK | 17.5 | 22 | ĩ | 0 155 | -0.164 |
| FIS GAPE-2 | Fissocarinocythere ganensis (Alexander, 1929) | OK | 100.0 | | 1 | 0.103 | 0.195 |
| FIS HUNT-1-2 | Fissocarinocythere huntensis (Alexander 1929) | OK | 3.9 | 31 | 1 | 0.070 | 0.085 |
| FIS PIDG-1 | Fissocarinocythere pidgeoni (Berry 1925) | OK | 10.4 | 19 | 1 | 0.104 | 0.199 |
| FIS PIDG-2 | Fissocarinocythere pidgeoni (Berry, 1925) | OK | 39.8 | 32 | 1 | 0.104 | 0.218 |
| FIS PIDG-3 | Fissocarinocythere pidgeoni (Berry, 1925) | OK | 34.6 | 56 | 1 | 0 105 | 0 184 |
| FIS PITT-1 | Fissocarinocythere pittensis (Swain & Brown 1964) | OK | 20.3 | 28 | 1 | 0.090 | 0.126 |
| FIS PITT-2 | Fissocarinocythere pittensis (Swain & Brown, 1964) | OK | 28.8 | 25 | 1 | 0.098 | 0 176 |
| FLO LIXU-1 | Floricythereis livula (Crane, 1965) | OK | 14 9 | 20 | 1 | 0.000 | 0.072 |
| FLO LIXU-2 | Floricythereis lixula (Crane, 1965) | OK | 18.3 | 47 | 1 | 0.087 | 0.072 |
| HAP BRUC-1 | Hanlocytheridea bruceclarki (Israelsky, 1929) | OK | 44.9 | 30 | 1 | 0 118 | 0 141 |
| HAP BRUC-2 | Haplocytheridea bruceclarki (Israelsky, 1929) | OK | 61.0 | 64 | 1 | 0.112 | 0.191 |
| HAP BRUC-3 | Haplocytheridea bruceclarki (Israelsky, 1929) | OK | 27.0 | 17 | 1 | 0.125 | 0 188 |
| HAP_EUTA-1 | Haplocytheridea eutawensis Puckett, 1994 | OK | 26.0 | 20 | 1 | 0.148 | 0.275 |

| HAP_EVER-1 | Haplocytheridea everetti (Berry, 1925) | OK | 28.3 | 20 | 1 | 0.123 | 0.157 |
|--------------|--|----|-------|----|---|-------|-------|
| HAP_GRAN-1 | Haplocytheridea grangerensis Howe & Laurencich, 1958 | OK | 41.1 | 19 | 1 | 0.128 | 0.199 |
| HAP_INSO-1 | Haplocytheridea insolita (Alexander & Alexander, 1933) | OK | 101.8 | 59 | 1 | 0.157 | 0.119 |
| HAP_NANI-1 | Haplocytheridea nanifaba Crane, 1965 | OK | 78.5 | 53 | 2 | 0.116 | 0.254 |
| HAP_PLUM-1 | Haplocytheridea plummeri (Alexander, 1929) | OK | 33.1 | 25 | 1 | 0.151 | 0.290 |
| HAP_PLUM-2 | Haplocytheridea plummeri (Alexander, 1929) | OK | 113.2 | 53 | 1 | 0.149 | 0.302 |
| HAP_RENF-1 | Haplocytheridea renfroensis Crane, 1965 | OK | 47.7 | 20 | 1 | 0.119 | 0.263 |
| HAP_RENF-3 | Haplocytheridea renfroensis Crane, 1965 | OK | 26.8 | 40 | 1 | 0.058 | 0.141 |
| HAP_RENF-4 | Haplocytheridea renfroensis Crane, 1965 | OK | 14.3 | 78 | 1 | 0.061 | 0.064 |
| HAP_RENF-5 | Haplocytheridea renfroensis Crane, 1965 | OK | 22.9 | 63 | 1 | 0.064 | 0.059 |
| HAZ_AUST-1-2 | Hazelina austinensis (Alexander, 1929) | OK | 17.9 | 25 | 2 | 0.117 | 0.223 |
| MOS_REES-1-2 | Hazelina reesidei (Swain, 1948) | OK | 39.1 | 31 | 2 | 0.150 | 0.184 |
| KRI_CUSH-1-2 | Krithe cushmani Alexander, 1929 | OK | 2.3 | 32 | 1 | 0.129 | |
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| Population label | Species | Status | ΔBIC | No. individuals | No. samples | Shape DM | Size DM |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| VEE_PARA-2 | Veenia parallelopora (Alexander, 1929) | OK | 18.1 | 25 | 1 | 0.105 | 0.178 |
| VEE_POND-2 | Veenia ponderosana (Israelsky, 1929) | OK | 128.8 | 59 | 1 | 0.124 | 0.270 |
| VEE_POND-3 | Veenia ponderosana (Israelsky, 1929) | OK | 45.4 | 39 | 1 | 0.112 | 0.242 |
| VEE_QUAD-1 | Veenia quadrialira (Swain, 1952) | OK | 21.3 | 21 | 1 | 0.125 | 0.219 |
| VEE_SPOO-2 | Veenia spoori (Israelsky, 1929) | OK | 75.1 | 45 | 1 | 0.136 | 0.272 |
| XES_OPIN-1 | Xestoleberis opina Schmidt, 1948 | OK | 18.9 | 16 | 1 | 0.137 | -0.091 |
| ANB_MULT-1 | Antibythocypris multilira (Schmidt, 1948) | No estimates—multiple species | | 27 | 1 | | |
| CAR_PRID-1 | Anticythereis priddyi Smith, 1978 | No estimates—multiple species | | 19 | 1 | | |
| BRA_CREN-1 | Brachycythere crenulata Crane, 1965 | No estimates—multiple species | | 96 | 1 | | |
| BRA_OVAT-1 | Brachycythere ovata (Berry, 1925) | No estimates—multiple species | | 17 | 1 | | |
| ESC_MICR-1 | Escharacytheridea micropunctata (Alexander, 1929) | No estimates—multiple species | | 29 | 1 | | |
| PTE_NADE-2 | Pterygocythereis nadeauae Hill, 1954 | No estimates—multiple species | | 32 | 1 | | |
| SHU_TRAV-2 | Schuleridea travisensis Hazel & Paulson, 1964 | No estimates—multiple species | | 18 | 1 | | |
| ASC_PLUM-1-2 | Ascetoleberis plummeri (Israelsky, 1929) | No estimates—female only | -2.1 | 25 | 2 | | |
| BIC_VECL-1 | Bicornicythereis veclitella (Crane, 1965) | No estimates—female only | -3.0 | 30 | 1 | | |
| CYS_CAUD-1-2-3 | Cythereis caudata Butler & Jones, 1957 | No estimates—female only | -7.1 | 15 | 3 | | |
| HAZ_CUPI-2-3-4 | Hazelina cupiossata (Crane, 1965) | No estimates—female only | 0.8 | 42 | 3 | | |
| MOS_SAGE-1-2-3-4-5-7-8 | Hazelina sagena (Crane, 1965) | No estimates—female only | -3.2 | 72 | 7 | | |
| PHA_BICO-1-2-5-6 | Phacorhabdotus bicostilimus Crane, 1965 | No estimates—female only | -7.6 | 34 | 4 | | |
| PHA_BICO-3-4 | Phacorhabdotus bicostilimus Crane, 1965 | No estimates—female only | -2.4 | 33 | 1 | | |
| PHA_VENO-1 | Phacorhabdotus venodus Crane, 1965 | No estimates—female only | -8.2 | 30 | 1 | | |
| PTE_POND-1 | Pterygocythereis ponderosana (Israelsky, 1929) | No estimates—female only | -2.9 | 16 | 1 | | |
| ACU_ACUM-2 | Acuminobrachycythere acuminata (Hazel & Paulson, 1964) | No estimates | -4.9 | 16 | 4 | | |
| ACU_RALE-4 | Acuminobrachycythere raleighensis (Brown, 1957) | No estimates | -2.3 | 23 | 1 | | |
| AMP_DUBI-1-2 | Amphicytherura dubia (Israelsky, 1929) | No estimates | -5.9 | 37 | 2 | | |
| AVE_FOSS-1-2 | Aversovalva fossata (Skinner, 1956) | No estimates | -7.2 | 12 | 1 | | |
| CYT_CAST-1-2 | Cytheropteron castorensis Butler & Jones, 1957 | No estimates | 5.5 | 15 | 2 | | |
| CYT_FURC-1-2 | Cytheropteron furcalatum Alexander, 1933 | No estimates | -5.7 | 13 | 2 | | |
| MOS_HYPH-1 | Hazelina hypha (Crane, 1965) | No estimates | 8.6 | 12 | 1 | | |
| LOX_CRET-1 | Loxoconcha cretacea Alexander, 1936 | No estimates | -2.8 | 17 | 1 | | |

formally with power analysis implemented using the simulation function in the 'mclust' package. For example, consider the small (n = 13) population from the species Cytheropteron furculatum, CYT_FURC-1-2, for which sexes could not be identified. If we take the sexual dimorphism pattern from the larger sample from this species (CYT_FURC-3-4, n = 66) and simulate 1000 data sets based on these parameter estimates but with the lower sample size of CYT_FURC-1-2, we find that the two-group solution is favored by BIC only 45% of the time. Thus, we should expect that some populations with low sample sizes should not result in clear dimorphism, even when sexes are distinct.

In addition to statistical support and biological plausibility, inferred sex ratios offer another check on our interpretations of sexual dimorphism. Livingpp but with thesP2;5(rat)1sracr strongly dimorphic populations, but sexes in populations closer to the origin in Figure 7 are difficult to discern without measurement. The shaded region of this plot includes dimorphism magnitudes that are smaller than two units of within-sex standard deviation, where size and shape standard deviations are taken as the average of the benchmark populations from Figure 5. Sex differences within this region are small enough that the underlying probability distribution is no longer bimodal, and thus males and females should be difficult to resolve without very large sample sizes.

The scatter in Figure 7 indicates that size and shape dimorphism can vary independently. There is a noisy but significant relationship between the two variables (r = 0.348, t = 4.396, df = 140, $p \le 0.0003$). This correlation is moderately strong when size dimorphism is positive (r = 0.411, t = 4.68, df = 108, $p \le 0.0001$) but absent in populations with males that are smaller than females (r = -0.136, t = -0.754, df = 30, p = 0.456).

Sexual shape dimorphism is weakly but significantly correlated with valve size and shape of females, being stronger in populations with small bodies and squat shapes (Table 3, Supplementary Fig. 2). Populations with stronger shape dimorphism also tend to have more strongly skewed (female-dominated) sex



ratios (Fig. 8). Size dimorphism, in contrast, has weaker and mostly 16, has



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males and females: Ascetoleberis plummeri, Bicornicythereis veclitella, and Phacorhabdotus venodus. The lack of males in some but not all well-sampled populations of a species indicates that these species reproduced asexually over parts of their range, a pattern known as geographic parthenogenesis. This condition has been observed in living marine cytheroid ostracodes, though it is rather more common in nonmarine cypridoids (Athersuch et al. 1989; Butlin et al. 1998; Horne et al. 1998a). Puckett (2002) found a similar pattern in two species of Acuminobrachycythere for which males were recovered in nearshore facies but absent in offshore environments.

Three species remain for which we have reasonable sample sizes but for which no males seem to have been encountered: Hazelina cupiossata (n = 42), Hazelina sagena (n = 72), and Phacorhabdotus bicostilimus (two populations, n = 67 total). These relatively high sample sizes, combined with the fact that all other species within these two genera have sex differences that are moderate to strong, suggest that the failure to detect clusters is not due to low statistical power. We have scanned additional samples and reviewed published figures for these taxa, but we have yet to see any specimens that appear to be male. Additional sampling may yet recover males for these species, or, alternatively, they may be truly asexual. Completely parthenogenetic reproduction is present but uncommon in modern marine cytheroids. In the well-known British ostracode fauna, for example, four of 111 living cytheroid species reported by Athersuch and colleagues (1989; see also Horne et al. 1998a) are known only from female specimens around the British Isles, although two of these are known to be sexual in other regions. This amounts to a percentage of asexual species of 2-4%. similar to the 3% we document in this Cretaceous fauna.

An alternative explanation for the putatively female-only populations is that they are sexual but not sexually dimorphic. The very low shape variation of these samples (Fig. 5) would require that dimorphism be extremely low to absent, rather than just somewhat reduced. Moreover, whereas geographic parthenogenassessing whether variation in valve dimorphism was correlated with the size of the hemipenis in several species of Cyprideis. (This genus is member of the Cytherideidae, a family well represented in our Cretaceous fauna.) They found that size of male valves was related to hemipenis dimensions, especially of the large and muscular sperm pump, even after controlling for the effects of overall body size. This finding supports shell dimorphism as resulting from male investment in reproduction and thus being a product of sexual selection. The high correlations with the size of the sperm pump suggest a possible relationship to the size, quantity, or transfer efficiency of sperm.

Martins et al. (2017) did not find evidence that valve shape was related to male reproductive investment in Cyprideis. However, because shape varied rather little within the examined species, that study had limited power to detect

- 3. Dimorphism patterns were quite variable across the fauna, especially for sexual size dimorphism. Males were usually larger than females, by up to 30% in some taxa. However, in other taxa, males were similar in size to females or even up to about 20% smaller. Similarly, sexual shape dimorphism varied from modest to substantial.
- 4. Replicate samples within species produced dimorphism estimates that were nearly always quite similar over the lifetime of a species, suggesting that dimorphism generally behaves as a consistent species-level trait. Only one species, Haplocytheridea renfroensis, was found to change markedly in sexual dimorphism. Dimorphism patterns were also conserved within genera, albeit less strictly so.
- 5. Studies on extant ostracodes suggest that sexual size and shape dimorphism in cytheroids is very likely a result of sexual selection operating on male investment, along with other kinds of sexual and natural selection. Thus, this study system is one that potentially allows for tracking of the intensity of sexual selection over geological time.

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