

# Re: Fossil Records Show Biodiversity Comes and Goes

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George wrote:

> "John Harshman" <[jharshman.diespamdie@pacbell.net](mailto:jharshman.diespamdie@pacbell.net)> wrote in message  
> news:vYB\_d.11638\$C47.5213@newssvr14.news.prodigy.com...

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Well, "thought about" and "accepted" are two quite different things. Accepted on what basis? We just know it's true? It sounds nice? Or was this established on the basis of rigorous tests? If so, do you have citations? The Paleobiology paper you cited was one such test, which seems to show an effect in crinoids — though again, greater speciation rates among the specialists compensated for the greater extinction rates. What else you got?