Supporting Information

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SI Text

These two figures illustrate the painted treatments used in Experiments 1 and 2. Fig. S1 shows the treatments for the 20th

and 80th percentiles of Sc expression, whereas Fig. S2 represents the 50th percentile Sc expression used in testing female preferences for Sc patterned males.

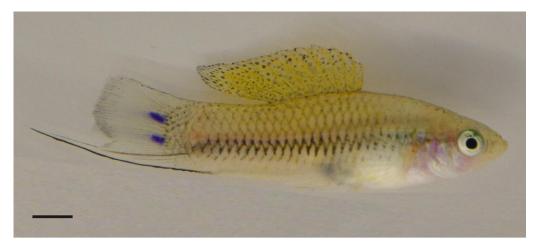


Fig. S1. Experiment 1 treatments. (A) Xiphophorus cortezi male painted with Dr. Naylor's Blu-Kote dye to represent the small Sc treatment. Small Sc treatment area was calculated to approximate the 20th percentile of Sc phenotypic expression for wild-caught males at Cebolla. (Scale bar, 5 mm.)



Fig. S1. (B) The same X. cortezi male with a representative painting of the large Sc treatment, which was calculated to approximate the 80th percentile of Sc phenotypic expression for wild-caught males at Cebolla. (Scale bar, 5 mm.)



Fig. S2. Experiment 2 treatment. *X. cortezi* male with a representative example of the average-size Sc treatment. The average-size treatment was determined for each of the three populations tested in Experiment 2 and was calculated to approximate the 50th percentile Sc expression of wild-caught males from each location. During both Experiment 1 and 2, care was taken to minimize variations in perimeter length and total number of contiguous areas. (Scale bar, 5 mm.)