Supplementary Information for

Biological invasions as a selective filter driving behavioral divergence

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Supplementary Fig. 1. Adjusted repeatability and variance estimates (among- and withinindividual) for exploratory behavior (i.e. time spent exploring the barrier), activity (i.e. the number of transitions between grid squares), and boldness (i.e. re-emergence latency; axis inverted) of skinks from the native Tenterfield source population (grey; n = 30 skinks), and invasive New Zealand skinks from Auckland (red; n = 31), Hamilton (orange; n = 43), Whangarei (light-orange; n = 33), and Edgecumbe (yellow; n = 36). For each graph, filled circles represent the median variance/repeatability estimates extracted from linear mixed-effects models, while vertical error bars denote 95% credible intervals. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Table 1. The number of lizards collected from each population across the species native (i.e., Australia) and invasive (i.e., Hawaii, Lord Howe Island, and New Zealand) ranges.

Dogion	Dopulation	Establishment	Number of skinks in	Number of skinks
Region	i opulation	date	each population	in each region
Australia	Brisbane	Native	27	
Australia	Coffs Harbour	Native	81	167
Australia	Sydney	Native	29	107
Australia	Tenterfield	Native	30	
Hawaii	Koke'e	~1960	39	
Hawaii	Honolulu	1905	37	118
Hawaii	Volcano	~1960	42	
Lord Howe Island	Boardwalk	~1980	26	
Lord Howe Island	Middle Beach	~1980	30	92
Lord Howe Island	North Bay	~1980	36	
New Zealand	Auckland	~1960	31	
New Zealand	Hamilton	1978	43	142
New Zealand	Whangarei	2002	33	143
New Zealand	Edgecumbe	2007	36	

Supplementary Table 2. Experimental timeline of behavioral trials. Skinks underwent two trials of activity, exploratory behavior, and boldness, each four days apart. Note: some lizards performed behavioral tests seven days apart due to logistical constraints.

	Experimental day								
Week	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7		
1	Activity trial 1				Activity trial 2				
2		Exploration trial 1				Exploration trial 2			
3			Boldness trial 1				Boldness trial 1		

Model	WAIC	Se WAIC	Δ WAIC	L00	Se LOO	Δ LOO
Both	2403.0	63.1	0	2432.8	64.9	0
variance						
Within	2403.9	60.3	-0.9	2433.1	62.0	-0.3
model						
Null	2430.8	59.7	-27.8	2451.3	60.7	-18.5
model						
Among	2442.4	61.3	-39.4	2461.0	62.1	-28.2
model						

Supplementary Table 3. Model comparison table comparing the relative fits of four models investigating differences in exploration among both native and invasive regions.

Model	WAIC	Se WAIC	Δ WAIC	L00	Se LOO	Δ LOO
Both	2505.6	47.7	0	2550.2	50.1	0
variance						
Within	2518.2	46.3	-12.6	2561.3	48.3	-11.1
model						
Among	2532.8	48.4	-27.2	2569.5	50.0	-19.3
model						
Null	2538.8	47.1	-33.2	2578.8	49.0	-28.6
model						

Supplementary Table 4. Model comparison table comparing the relative fits of four models investigating differences in activity rates among both native and invasive regions.

Model	WAIC	Se WAIC	Δ WAIC	L00	Se LOO	Δ LOO
Both	2177.4	43.0	0	2232.1	45.1	0
variance						
Within	2183.0	42.9	-5.6	2234.4	44.9	-2.3
model						
Null	2272.1	42.2	-94.7	2311.0	43.7	-78.9
model						
Among	2277.9	42.9	-100.5	2313.7	44.4	-81.6
model						

Supplementary Table 5. Model comparison table comparing the relative fits of four models investigating differences in boldness among both native and invasive regions.

Supplementary Table 6. Model summary of average differences in exploratory behavior between Australia (i.e. intercept; n = 167 skinks), and Hawaii (n = 118) Lord Howe Island (n = 92), and New Zealand (n = 143).

Term	Estimate	SE	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Intercept	-0.644	0.165	-0.955	-0.293
Hawaii	1.099	0.248	0.573	1.563
Lord Howe Island	0.606	0.252	0.076	1.077
New Zealand	0.954	0.233	0.465	1.398

Supplementary Table 7. Model summary of average differences in activity rates between Australia (i.e. intercept; n = 167 skinks), and Hawaii (n = 118) Lord Howe Island (n = 92), and New Zealand (n = 143).

Term	Estimate	SE	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Intercept	-0.173	0.165	-0.501	0.165
Hawaii	0.364	0.258	-0.152	0.868
Lord Howe Island	-0.205	0.258	-0.724	0.314
New Zealand	0.434	0.233	-0.029	0.895

Supplementary Table 8. Model summary of average differences in boldness between Australia (i.e. intercept; n = 167 skinks), and Hawaii (n = 118) Lord Howe Island (n = 92), and New Zealand (n = 143). Note: as boldness was measured as re-emergence latencies, lower scores indicate bolder lizards.

Term	Estimate	SE	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Intercept	0.128	0.085	-0.044	0.299
Hawaii	0.030	0.129	-0.216	0.292
Lord Howe Island	0.269	0.150	-0.029	0.566
New Zealand	-0.597	0.137	-0.864	-0.325

Region	Estimate	Value	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Australia	R	0.44	0.31	0.56
Australia	V_{A}	0.34	0.22	0.47
Australia	\mathbf{V}_{W}	0.34	0.27	0.42
Hawaii	R	0.15	0.00	0.29
Hawaii	V_A	0.13	0.00	0.27
Hawaii	\mathbf{V}_{W}	0.64	0.48	0.82
Lord Howe Island	R	0.09	0.00	0.24
Lord Howe Island	V_{A}	0.09	0.00	0.24
Lord Howe Island	\mathbf{V}_{W}	0.79	0.58	1.01
New Zealand	R	0.18	0.00	0.31
New Zealand	V_{A}	0.15	0.00	0.26
New Zealand	V_{W}	0.57	0.43	0.72

Supplementary Table 9. Adjusted repeatability (R) and variance estimates (i.e., amongindividual [V_A] and within-individual [V_W]) for exploratory behavior in Australia (n = 167 skinks), and Hawaii (n = 118) Lord Howe Island (n = 92), and New Zealand (n = 143).

Region	Estimate	Value	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Australia	R	0.44	0.32	0.57
Australia	V_{A}	0.38	0.26	0.52
Australia	$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{W}}$	0.37	0.29	0.45
Hawaii	R	0.44	0.28	0.58
Hawaii	V_{A}	0.57	0.33	0.84
Hawaii	V_{W}	0.62	0.46	0.80
Lord Howe Island	R	0.31	0.12	0.50
Lord Howe Island	V_{A}	0.32	0.10	0.54
Lord Howe Island	$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{W}}$	0.60	0.43	0.81
New Zealand	R	0.09	0.00	0.22
New Zealand	V_{A}	0.08	0.00	0.20
New Zealand	V_{W}	0.73	0.57	0.90

Supplementary Table 10. Adjusted repeatability (R) and variance estimates (i.e., amongindividual [V_A] and within-individual [V_W]) for activity rates in Australia (n = 167 skinks), and Hawaii (n = 118) Lord Howe Island (n = 92), and New Zealand (n = 143).

Supplementary Table 11. Adjusted repeatability (R) and variance estimates (i.e., amongindividual [V_A] and within-individual [V_W]) for boldness in Australia (n = 167 skinks), and Hawaii (n = 118) Lord Howe Island (n = 92), and New Zealand (n = 143).

Region	Estimate	Value	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Australia	R	0.58	0.46	0.70
Australia	V_{A}	0.38	0.26	0.51
Australia	$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{W}}$	0.25	0.19	0.31
Hawaii	R	0.29	0.10	0.47
Hawaii	V_{A}	0.23	0.07	0.40
Hawaii	\mathbf{V}_{W}	0.53	0.39	0.69
Lord Howe Island	R	0.10	0.00	0.30
Lord Howe Island	V_{A}	0.12	0.00	0.35
Lord Howe Island	$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{W}}$	1.00	0.68	1.33
New Zealand	R	0.42	0.27	0.56
New Zealand	V_{A}	0.57	0.32	0.83
New Zealand	V_{W}	0.75	0.58	0.95

Supplementary Table 12. Model comparison table comparing the relative fits of four models investigating differences in exploratory behavior between native Tenterfield population, and individual invasive New Zealand populations (Auckland, Hamilton, Whangarei, and Edgecumbe).

Model	WAIC	Se WAIC	Δ WAIC	L00	Se LOO	Δ LOO
Both variance	696.4	39.8	0	713.0	41.5	0
Within model	706.6	39.0	-10.2	719.7	40.7	-6.7
Among	724.3	42.7	-27.9	729.6	42.6	-16.6
model						
Null	728.9	41.1	-32.5	734.2	41.6	-21.2
model						

Supplementary Table 13. Model comparison table comparing the relative fits of four models investigating differences in activity rates between native Tenterfield population, and individual invasive New Zealand populations (Auckland, Hamilton, Whangarei, and Edgecumbe).

Model	WAIC	Se WAIC	Δ WAIC	LOO	Se LOO	Δ LOO
Both variance	873.4	25.8	0	882.5	26.4	0
Among	878.1	25.3	-4.7	883.5	25.7	-1
model						
Within model	889.4	26.1	-16.0	895.1	26.6	-12.6
Null	891.5	26.3	-18.1	895.2	26.7	-12.7
model						

Supplementary Table 14. Model comparison table comparing the relative fits of four models investigating differences in boldness between native Tenterfield population, and individual invasive New Zealand populations (Auckland, Hamilton, Whangarei, and Edgecumbe).

Model	WAIC	Se WAIC	Δ WAIC	L00	Se LOO	Δ LOO
Within model	742.9	21.7	0	764.8	22.5	0
Both variance	749.4	21.6	-6.5	769.6	22.2	-4.8
Null model	791.0	20.3	-48.1	809.1	21.4	-44.3
Among	799.3	19.9	-56.4	814.9	20.8	-50.1
model						

Supplementary Table 15. Model summary of average differences in exploratory behavior between the native Tenterfield population (i.e., intercept; n = 30 skinks), and individual invasive New Zealand populations (Auckland [established 1960; n = 31], Hamilton [established 1978; n = 43], Whangarei [established 2002; n = 33], and Edgecumbe [established 2007; n = 36]).

Term	Estimate	SE	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Intercept	-1.284	0.085	-1.450	-1.111
Auckland	1.625	0.154	1.321	1.930
Hamilton	1.266	0.161	0.945	1.584
Whangarei	1.700	0.141	1.413	1.974
Edgecumbe	1.638	0.120	1.402	1.873

Supplementary Table 16. Model summary of average differences in activity between the native Tenterfield population (i.e., intercept; n = 30 skinks), and individual invasive New Zealand populations (Auckland [established 1960; n = 31], Hamilton [established 1978; n = 43], Whangarei [established 2002; n = 33], and Edgecumbe [established 2007; n = 36]).

Term	Estimate	SE	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Intercept	-0.632	0.134	-0.895	-0.362
Auckland	0.471	0.217	0.048	0.899
Hamilton	0.542	0.183	0.179	0.899
Whangarei	0.816	0.176	0.466	1.161
Edgecumbe	1.133	0.161	0.814	1.445

Supplementary Table 17. Model summary of average differences in boldness between the native Tenterfield population (i.e., intercept; n = 30 skinks), and individual invasive New Zealand populations (Auckland [established 1960; n = 31], Hamilton [established 1978; n = 43], Whangarei [established 2002; n = 33], and Edgecumbe [established 2007; n = 36]). Note: as boldness was measured as re-emergence latencies, lower scores indicate bolder lizards.

Term	Estimate	SE	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Intercept	0.319	0.121	0.074	0.550
Auckland	-0.180	0.187	-0.544	0.188
Hamilton	-0.617	0.214	-1.036	-0.189
Whangarei	-0.389	0.194	-0.758	-0.003
Edgecumbe	-0.389	0.191	-0.753	-0.009

Supplementary Table 18. Adjusted repeatability (R) and variance estimates (i.e., amongindividual [V_A] and within-individual [V_W]) for exploratory behavior within each population in the invasive New Zealand lineage (i.e., Tenterfield [native; n = 30 skinks], Auckland [established 1960; n = 31], Hamilton [established 1978; n = 43], Whangarei [established 2002; n = 33], and Edgecumbe [established 2007; n = 36]).

Region	Estimate	Value	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Tenterfield	R	0.45	0.15	0.75
Tenterfield	V_{A}	0.14	0.00	0.27
Tenterfield	V_{W}	0.16	0.09	0.26
Auckland	R	0.33	0.00	0.60
Auckland	V_A	0.24	0.00	0.52
Auckland	V_{W}	0.47	0.24	0.75
Hamilton	R	0.55	0.27	0.78
Hamilton	V_{A}	0.41	0.12	0.77
Hamilton	V_{W}	0.32	0.17	0.52
Whangarei	R	0.12	0.00	0.35
Whangarei	V_{A}	0.10	0.00	0.30
Whangarei	V_{W}	0.69	0.43	0.99
Edgecumbe	R	0.05	0.00	0.18
Edgecumbe	V_{A}	0.03	0.00	0.11
Edgecumbe	V_{W}	0.54	0.37	0.72

Supplementary Table 19. Adjusted repeatability (R) and variance estimates (i.e., amongindividual [V_A] and within-individual [V_W]) for activity within each population in the invasive New Zealand lineage (i.e., Tenterfield [native; n = 30 skinks], Auckland [established 1960; n =31], Hamilton [established 1978; n = 43], Whangarei [established 2002; n = 33], and Edgecumbe [established 2007; n = 36]).

Region	Estimate	Value	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Tenterfield	R	0.46	0.15	0.75
Tenterfield	V_{A}	0.38	0.00	0.71
Tenterfield	V_{W}	0.43	0.23	0.69
Auckland	R	0.36	0.00	0.63
Auckland	V_{A}	0.50	0.00	1.05
Auckland	\mathbf{V}_{W}	0.85	0.42	1.36
Hamilton	R	0.06	0.00	0.20
Hamilton	V_{A}	0.06	0.00	0.22
Hamilton	V_{W}	0.93	0.59	1.27
Whangarei	R	0.19	0.00	0.46
Whangarei	V_{A}	0.16	0.00	0.43
Whangarei	\mathbf{V}_{W}	0.66	0.38	0.97
Edgecumbe	R	0.06	0.00	0.22
Edgecumbe	V_A	0.04	0.00	0.15
Edgecumbe	V_{W}	0.62	0.43	0.83

Supplementary Table 20. Adjusted repeatability (R) and variance estimates (i.e., amongindividual [V_A] and within-individual [V_W]) for boldness within each population in the invasive New Zealand lineage (i.e., Tenterfield [native; n = 30 skinks], Auckland [established 1960; n =31], Hamilton [established 1978; n = 43], Whangarei [established 2002; n = 33], and Edgecumbe [established 2007; n = 36]).

Region	Estimate	Value	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Tenterfield	R	0.79	0.65	0.91
Tenterfield	V_{A}	0.42	0.20	0.69
Tenterfield	$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{W}}$	0.10	0.06	0.16
Auckland	R	0.21	0.00	0.49
Auckland	V_{A}	0.23	0.00	0.59
Auckland	\mathbf{V}_{W}	0.81	0.45	1.24
Hamilton	R	0.53	0.24	0.80
Hamilton	V_{A}	0.65	0.15	1.26
Hamilton	\mathbf{V}_{W}	0.54	0.27	0.89
Whangarei	R	0.28	0.00	0.55
Whangarei	V_{A}	0.33	0.00	0.78
Whangarei	V_{W}	0.82	0.45	1.27
Edgecumbe	R	0.49	0.25	0.73
Edgecumbe	V_A	0.61	0.20	1.10
Edgecumbe	V_{W}	0.60	0.35	0.90

Supplementary Table 21. The effect size (\pm 95 % CI) of the magnitude difference in among-individual variation (ΔV_A), withinindividual variation (ΔV_W), and repeatability (ΔR) of exploration, activity, and boldness for each population in the invasive New Zealand lineage (i.e., Tenterfield [AUS; n = 30 skinks], Auckland [AUK; n = 31], Hamilton [HAM; n = 43], Whangarei [WGI; n = 33], and Edgecumbe [EDG; n = 36]).

	Exploration			Activity			Boldness		
Contrast	ΔV _A	ΔVw	ΔR	ΔV _A	ΔVw	ΔR	ΔV _A	ΔVw	ΔR
AUS – AUK	-0.10	-0.31	0.13	-0.12	-0.42	0.10	0.19	-0.71	0.57
	(-0.44, 0.21)	(-0.61, -0.04)	(-0.31, 0.59)	(-0.86, 0.54)	(-1.04, 0.09)	(-0.34, 0.58)	(-0.31, 0.62)	(-1.14, -0.33)	(0.25, 0.88)
AUS – HAM	-0.27	-0.16	-0.10	0.32	-0.50	0.40	-0.23	-0.44	0.26
	(-0.63, 0.09)	(-0.38, 0.04)	(-0.50, 0.31)	(-0.07, 0.72)	(-0.94, -0.06)	(0.04, 0.70)	(-0.89, 0.39)	(-0.79, -0.15)	(-0.05, 0.60)
AUS – WGI	0.05	-0.53	0.34	0.22	-0.24	0.27	0.09	-0.72	0.51
	(-0.21, 0.27)	(-0.84, -0.23)	(-0.06, 0.67)	(-0.26, 0.69)	(-0.63, 0.17)	(-0.16, 0.65)	(-0.46, 0.61)	(-1.16, -0.32)	(0.18, 0.84)
AUS – EDG	0.12	-0.37	0.40	0.33	-0.19	0.39	-0.19	-0.50	0.30
	(-0.04, 0.28)	(-0.57, -0.17)	(0.05, 0.69)	(-0.02, 0.72)	(-0.51, 0.14)	(0.03, 0.70)	(-0.74, 0.33)	(-0.80, -0.24)	(0.02, 0.59)
AUK – HAM	-0.17	0.15	-0.22	0.44	-0.08	0.30	-0.42	0.27	-0.32
	(-0.63, 0.28)	(-0.17, 0.51)	(-0.67, 0.18)	(-0.09, 1.09)	(-0.69, 0.55)	(-0.04, 0.66)	(-1.15, 0.23)	(-0.27, 0.82)	(-0.71, 0.10)
AUK – WGI	0.15	-0.22	0.21	0.34	0.18	0.17	-0.10	-0.01	-0.06
	(-0.22, 0.53)	(-0.62, 0.18)	(-0.19, 0.60)	(-0.30, 1.03)	(-0.36, 0.83)	(-0.29, 0.60)	(-0.73, 0.50)	(-0.62, 0.61)	(-0.49, 0.39)
AUK – EDG	0.21	-0.06	0.28	0.45	0.23	0.29	-0.38	0.21	-0.28
	(-0.06, 0.54)	(-0.39, 0.27)	(-0.06, 0.62)	(-0.06, 1.07)	(-0.25, 0.82)	(-0.07, 0.63)	(-0.98, 0.22)	(-0.27, 0.75)	(-0.66, 0.09)

HAM – WGI	0.32	-0.37	0.43	-0.10	0.26	-0.13	0.32	-0.28	0.25
	(-0.06, 0.73)	(-0.74, -0.04)	(0.08, 0.75)	(-0.47, 0.20)	(-0.20, 0.74)	(-0.47, 0.16)	(-0.44, 1.05)	(-0.87, 0.25)	(-0.16, 0.68)
HAM – EDG	0.38	-0.21	0.50	0.01	0.31	-0.01	0.04	-0.06	0.04
	(0.08, 0.75)	(-0.47, 0.06)	(0.19, 0.77)	(-0.16, 0.23)	(-0.08, 0.74)	(-0.24, 0.19)	(-0.67, 0.80)	(-0.52, 0.41)	(-0.35, 0.41)
WGI – EDG	0.07	0.15	0.07	0.12	0.05	0.12	-0.28	0.22	-0.22
	(-0.11, 0.31)	(-0.20, 0.49)	(-0.16, 0.36)	(-0.13, 0.45)	(-0.34, 0.41)	(-0.16, 0.47)	(-0.91, 0.41)	(-0.30, 0.77)	(-0.60, 0.19)