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Evolutionists Find Their Conclusions Flawed



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Now evolutionary biologists admit that they may have to revisit their conclusions about flawed mimicry. Several species of orchid are known to mimic pollinators to attract their attention. An orchid called the *ophrys* orchid seeks to attract the males of several bee species by mimicking the scent of the female of the species. However, when scientists studied the exact composition of the pheromone mix used by the orchid, they found it wasn't quite the same as that used by the local female bees. So they labeled it flawed mimicry. However, as field scientists expanded their research, they made a surprising discovery. The orchids are able to change the pheromone mix of the scents they create to subtly change the scent they produce. In fact, the orchids were mimicking the scent of female bees some distance away. Why? Further research showed that male bees actually prefer so called out-of-town females to the local females.

What scientists thought was flawed mimicry is actually a fine-tuned design that can only be explained by intelligence.

Prayer: Lord, do not allow Your people to be misled by the flawed conclusions of false science when it contradicts Your Word. Amen.

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