



## Hybridization Slows Rate of Evolution in Crop-Wild Compared to Wild Populations of Weedy *Raphanus* Across a Moisture Gradient

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Keywords: evolutionary divergence rates, haldanes, crop-wild hybrids, integrated weed management, soil moisture

## INTRODUCTION

Genes from crop and wild progenitors contribute genetic variation that may support crop-wild success in a diversity of environments (managed or unmanaged) and/or through increased competitive ability with other uncultivated populations (Warwick et al., 1986; Langevin et al., 1990). Root system structure, early flowering, and asynchronous emergence rates are examples of specific traits that wild populations can possess that better support competitive growth in multiple environments (Conner and Via, 1993; Casper and Jackson, 1997; Sahli et al., 2008). Crop plants often possess traits that are rare or absent in wild populations (e.g., salinity tolerance and herbicide resistance) which can improve crop-wild hybrid survival and reproduction in stressful environments (Gasser and Fraley, 1989; Ellstrand and Hoffman, 1990; Bagavathiannan and Van Acker, 2008). Crop-wild hybrid offspring often share morphological features with their crop progenitors and avoid eradication by farmers in the field (Ye et al., 2019); thereby enhancing their survival in agricultural fields. Furthermore, crop-derived traits such as early emergence and high seed production can contribute to crop-wild hybrid success when competing with wild populations in natural environments (Snow and Campbell, 2005; Kost et al., 2015). Thus, we predict that populations that are capable of rapidly evolving these traits may be more successful than populations that evolve these traits slowly.

Cultivated radish (Raphanus sativus L.) and wild radish (or jointed charlock, Raphanus raphanistrum L.) are annual, insect pollinated, self-incompatible, diploid species that can hybridize (Panetsos and Baker, 1967). Cultivated radish is an annual crop species that flowers late in the growing season, exhibits low rates of dormancy and rapid germination, grows large, and edible hypocotyls (i.e., roots; Snow and Campbell, 2005). In contrast, wild radish flowers early in the growing season, has a long-lived seed bank, exhibits seed dormancy, and variable germination times after soil disturbance, and develops a relatively small, inedible mature hypocotyl. Wild radish is a common weed in agricultural systems in Australia, temperate North America, Europe, and also found in disturbed and coastal sites in temperate climates (Holm et al., 1997; Ashworth et al., 2016). The success of their hybrid derivative (R. raphanistrum  $\times$  R. sativus) as an aggressive weed is apparently environmentally dependent (Campbell et al., 2006, 2009a,b; Hegde et al., 2006; Campbell and Snow, 2009; Ridley and Ellstrand, 2010; Hovick et al., 2012). Moreover, hybrid radish populations tend to evolve faster than wild radish populations but this has varied with selection pressure (Campbell et al., 2009a,b). Since fitness of crop-wild hybrid radish relative to wild radish has varied with diverse moisture, temperature and ecological contexts (Campbell et al., 2006; Hovick et al., 2012), we chose to manipulate moisture conditions in field plots to explore the influence of moisture on the relative fitness of crop-wild hybrids.

The success of crop-wild hybrid populations may also depend on their environment, as certain adaptive traits unique to crop-wild hybrids may be especially advantageous in specific environments (Campbell and Snow, 2007; Arnold and Martin, 2010; Hovick et al., 2012; Hartman et al., 2013). A model example of environmentally-dependent hybrid invasive success is found in the crop-wild hybrid radish species complex. When surveyed over five decades ago, crop radish (Raphanus sativus L.) in California was found predominantly in coastal regions and wild radish (Raphanus raphanistrum L.) was found in inland regions, with the hybrid "wild" radish (R. sativus  $\times$ R. raphanistrum) growing between the two areas (Panetsos and Baker, 1967). Subsequent surveys found predominantly hybrid populations had spread across all regions of California (Ellstrand and Marshall, 1985; Nason and Ellstrand, 1995). These hybrid populations were particularly successful in evolving invasive traits and genetically swamping both parental populations (Hegde et al., 2006). In contrast, experimental populations of crop-wild hybrid radish are also capable of persisting for up to a decade in Michigan or Ontario (Snow et al., 2010; Shukla et al., unpublished data) but have not spread as they did in California (Snow et al., 2001; Campbell et al., 2016b; Teitel et al., 2016b). This evidence suggests that hybrid populations successfully evolve competitive weed strategies in some environments and not others, prompting us to ask how the environment influences the rate of evolution in hybrid populations relative to wild populations.

Whether they differ among genotypes or environments, rates of evolution (ROE) vary among plant populations. A difference in ROE across natural environmental pressures such as temperature and water availability has been observed, with higher temperature and water availability resulting in an increased rate of evolution (Rohde, 1992; Wright et al., 2006; Goldie et al., 2010). A variety of other abiotic environmental factors such as CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations (Ward et al., 2000), soil pH (Snaydon and Davies, 1972; Davies and Snaydon, 1976), and soil contaminants like zinc (Antonovics and Bradshaw, 1970) and copper (Macnair et al., 1993) also have the potential to affect a population's ROE, with stronger selection pressures increasing the rate of evolution (Bone and Farres, 2001). Artificial selection and other anthropogenic activities have also been observed to affect ROE (e.g., herbicide resistance; Powles et al., 1998; Mallory-Smith et al., 1999). These examples have demonstrated evolutionary change in response to selection over a relatively short time period (i.e., contemporary evolution), anywhere between 1 to 124 years rather than thousands of years. When we can understand how various levels of climate related phenomena can influence selection and thus rates of evolution we can explore how climate change may complement other integrated weed management techniques which alter the speed of gene flow, rate of evolution, and expression of potentially weedy traits.

The growing number of studies on adaptive evolution in agricultural weeds is contributing to the growing body of literature on weed management that includes an evolutionary perspective (Dekker, 1997; Délye et al., 2013; Vigueira et al., 2013). Crop-wild hybrid weeds present a unique set of challenges to weed management, such as their potential for rapidly evolving weedy traits, and acquiring novel crop traits (Whitney et al., 2006; Schierenbeck and Ellstrand, 2009). Integrated weed management (IWM) is a component of integrated pest management (IPM), and is the strategy of applying many diverse weed control measures to diversify selection on a population at the same time including cultural, genetic, mechanical, biological, and chemical (Rodgers, 1978; Swanton and Weise, 1991). Using an IWM approach generates a plan of action to limit the success of genetically diverse weeds in agricultural contexts. When environmental selection (such as water availability) is imposed at different intensities and with differences in the consistency of selection between years, ROE may provide a metric with which we can compare various IWM control strategies.

To investigate the rate of evolution (ROE) between wild and crop-wild hybrid populations, we measured and compared ROE of fifth generation wild (Raphanus raphanistrum) and cropwild hybrid (R. raphanistrum  $\times$  R. sativus) radish plants from different evolutionary watering environments grown together in a common garden. First, we wanted to determine if, after five generations, mean trait responses varied between radish genotypes from different evolutionary (i.e., historical, over multiple generations) watering environments. Then, considering what we know of the genetic diversity of hybrid populations, we expect a faster rate of evolution compared to wild populations (Anderson and Stebbins, 1954; Lavergne and Molofsky, 2007; Campbell et al., 2009a,b). Given this, we ask whether hybrid radish populations always evolve weedy traits faster than wild radish populations. Due to the numerous observed cases of hybrid populations being more successful in particular environments (Ellstrand and Schierenbeck, 2006; Whitney et al., 2009), we expect to see differences in rate of evolution due to the selection environment within which these plants evolved (Campbell and Snow, 2007; Hovick et al., 2012: Hartman et al., 2013). Alternatively, hybrid success across environments may resemble a generalist approach ("jack of all trades") in which evolutionary rates are similar, suggesting the evolution of robust traits that perform equally across environments.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### Seed History of Wild and Hybrid Radish Populations Used in our Experiment

Ancestral populations (i.e., F<sub>0</sub> generation) of wild radish (Raphanus raphanistrum) were collected from greenhouse populations that were grown for several generations near Binghamton, NY, USA (Conner and Via, 1993). The crop radish (Raphanus sativus) cultivar used was Red Silk (Harris-Moran Seed Company, Modesto, CA, USA). As in (Campbell et al., 2016a), in 2010, both cultivated and wild plants (nine seedlings per genotype) were planted in 36 plots as part of a randomized block design at the Waterman Farm at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio USA, within a larger experiment (Sneck, 2012; Campbell et al., 2016a; Figure 1). Ancestral seedlings were planted in one of four watering treatments with one plot per treatment, per block, for a total of 10 blocks (thus we originally planted 40 populations; however four populations did not produce any  $F_1$  seeds). Plots were  $\sim 200$  meters apart to minimize gene flow among plots; although likely negligible, some gene-flow may have occurred. In the F<sub>0</sub> generation, gene-flow naturally occurred within mixed plots of wild and cultivatedcrop plants and gave rise to the first generation (i.e., F<sub>1</sub>) of wild and crop-wild hybrid (*R. sativus*  $\times$  *R. raphanistrum*) seeds (Teitel et al., 2016a). As previously described (e.g., Campbell et al., 2016a; Teitel et al., 2016a), we manipulated soil moisture using rainout shelters and imposed one of four watering treatments within these plots/shelters to impose a natural selection experiment on replicated wild and crop-wild hybrid radish populations:

- 1. Low Rain: To create relatively dry soil conditions, water collected from low rain shelter barrels was withheld.
- 2. Control Unsheltered: To establish a control precipitation treatment, ambient rainwater fell on un-manipulated populations.
- 3. Control Sheltered: To determine the effect of a rain-out shelter (but not manipulation of moisture availability) on plant growth, ambient rainwater, collected from the shelter, was applied to the plot.
- 4. Double Rain: To create relatively wet soil conditions, water collected from double rain and low rain shelters was applied to double rain plots; that is, double the ambient rainfall.

The F<sub>1</sub> and following generations of wild and crop-wild hybrid seeds were grown at the Koffler Scientific Reserve (KSR) on Jokers Hill, King City, Ontario, Canada (lat. 44°0' N, long. 79°3' W; elevation 285 masl) when the Campbell lab relocated from Columbus, Ohio to Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Because we were moving locations and reconstituting 40 populations from 18 wild and 18 hybrid seeds producing populations, all F1 wild seeds were randomly assigned to a population and all F1 hybrid seeds were randomly assigned to a new population at KSR. As described in Teitel et al. (2016a,b), at KSR, F1 seeds from 36 F<sub>0</sub> populations were grown in germination trays in a hoophouse. Wild and hybrid F1 seedlings were grown to the two-leaf stage, at which point they were transplanted (~117 seeds per plot) into sheltered and non-sheltered plots, plots which were scattered across KSR and were exposed to natural conditions (e.g., weather patterns, herbivory, and pollinators) and weeded to reduce interspecific competition. The plots were exposed to one of the four soil moisture conditions for an additional three generations (Figures 1A,B). Each of the four soil moisture treatments had five replicate populations for a total of 20 wild and 20 hybrid populations.

Rain-out shelters were 3.05 m by 2.44 m wooden frames with transparent sheet plastic stretched over the frame, acting as a roof that blocked rain and minimally reduced light transmission; new sheet plastic was applied each year. Using metal poles, frames were slanted and elevated to  $\sim 1.2 \,\text{m}$  above ground at their lowest corner. Frames were slanted to intercept and divert natural rainfall into a 208 L plastic collection barrel via an eavestrough attached to the lowest side of the wooden frame (Supplementary Figure 1). Shelters were placed at least 40 m apart to reduce gene flow among plots, as in the F<sub>0</sub> generation. Since wild radish have long-lived seed banks and since annual regeneration of populations was a result of seeds that dropped to the ground and naturally germinated, fruits collected from the pedicels of senescing plants in 2015/2016 could have belonged to one of three generations  $(F_2-F_5)$ . For simplicity, we refer to these plants as G2-G5 generation seeds. Small population size in the F<sub>1</sub>, G<sub>2</sub>, and G<sub>3</sub> generations meant that populations



**FIGURE 1 | (A)** The evolutionary history of fifth generation ( $G_5$ ) wild and hybrid *Raphanus* populations planted in 2015 and 2016 common gardens. In 2010, cultivated and wild *Raphanus* seeds were planted into one of four soil moisture treatments ( $F_0$ : Low-Rain, Control-Unsheltered, Control-Sheltered, and Double-Rain; Waterman Farm at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, USA). Gene flow naturally occurred within mixed plots of wild and cultivated plants which gave rise to first-generation (i.e.,  $F_1/G_1$ ) wild (*R. raphanistrum* – open colored circles) and crop-wild hybrid (*R. sativus* × *R. raphanistrum* – filled colored circles) seeds. Succeeding wild and hybrid generations ( $G_2$ - $G_4$ ) from 2011 to 2014 were transplanted into the same four soil moisture environments as  $F_0$  populations (Low-Rain, Control-Unsheltered, Control-Sheltered, and Double-Rain) at the Koffler Scientific Reserve (KSR), King City, Ontario, Canada. (**B**) Forty wild and hybrid 2nd generation ( $G_2$ ) to 4th generation ( $G_4$ ) plants (five replicate populations per watering treatment) were grown under the same watering conditions at the Koffler Scientific Reserve (KSR) in King City, Ontario, Canada. Fifth generation plants were transplanted and grown in 2015 and 2016 common gardens at KSR.

may have experienced genetic drift (Teitel et al., 2016a). However, the experimental design used allowed us to detect the consequences of genetic drift—if there was substantial genetic drift, we predicted there would be significant differentiation among the five replicate lineages, within experimental treatment combinations; which we did not find (Shukla et al., unpublished data). Wild and hybrid  $G_5$  seeds were collected from  $G_4$  plants in fall 2014 and used in both 2015 and 2016 experiments.

#### **Common Garden Set-Up**

To estimate the rate at which phenotypes diverged after five generations of selection, we grew two common gardens (one in the 2015 growing season and another in 2016) of G<sub>5</sub> wild and hybrid plants. In 2015, 10 common garden plots (3.5 m . 3.0 m), treated as blocks, were tilled and planted with a total of 120 seeds per block; from each G<sub>5</sub> genotype by evolutionary watering environment combination, 15 seeds were randomly selected from each of the five populations of each genotype (20 wild populations and 20 hybrid populations; Figure 1B). On June 1-2, 2015, we planted seeds in the soil in a 10  $\times$ 12 grid, with 30 cm spacing between plants, arranged in a randomized, complete block design. Common garden rainfall was not manipulated in either common garden and plots were weeded to reduce competition. In 2016, we replicated the 2015 experiment at a second site at KSR. The second common garden was tilled and 10 experimental blocks (3.5 m . 3.0 m) arranged in a randomized, complete block design on May 20th and May 24th, 2016. In 2016, every genotype by evolutionary watering environment combination from 2015 along with three crop seeds (Raphanus sativus) were planted in each block. However, these plants were removed from the analysis due to lack of replication across years. Due to limited seed stock, we planted 100 seeds per block in each common garden. We harvested the plants as they senesced, when flowering was complete and at least 10 fruits were ripe. At the end of the growing season (October 15th, 2015 and 2016), all remaining plants were harvested. Natural rainfall varied over the growing season between common garden years, with a cumulative rainfall of 307.8 mm in 2015 and 206.7 mm in 2016 (nearest weather station: Buttonville, Ontario 43°51'39.000" N, 79°22'07.000" W; Government of Canada, 2018).

## **Trait Measurement**

Flower color, a simply inherited trait, differs between wild and crop radish plants and is a visual marker to track crop trait introgression at one locus in hybrid populations (Snow et al., 2001; Campbell et al., 2006). Wild radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*) is homozygous recessive for yellow flower petal color and crop radish (*R. sativus*) is homozygous dominant for white or pink flower petal color (Panetsos and Baker, 1967; Kay, 1976; Stanton et al., 1989). In hybrid populations, the white petal color exhibits Mendelian dominance over the yellow petal color, and therefore allows us to track crop allele persistence (Panetsos and Baker, 1967; Stanton et al., 1989) into advanced populations of crop-wild *Raphanus* hybrids. Hues of pink petal color is controlled by two additional loci (Panetsos and Baker, 1967) but variation in pink hue was not tracked in this experiment.

Radish hybrids can be heterozygous for a reciprocal translocation that can affect chromosome pairing during meiosis (Panetsos and Baker, 1967; Campbell et al., 2006). This translocation can affect pollen fertility and produce up to  $\sim 60\%$ aborted pollen grains in F<sub>1</sub> hybrid progeny (Snow et al., 2001; Campbell et al., 2006). After four generations of evolution, we compared hybrid pollen fertility to that of wild populations to determine the rate of evolution in hybrid pollen fertility across environments. To assess pollen viability of G<sub>5</sub> hybrid populations relative to the pollen viability of wild radish, we collected a single, newly opened flower from each plant ( $n \sim 1,000$  plants/year) during August, 2015 and July-August, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 pm and refrigerated at 2°C until processing. At the time of staining, two anthers were collected and wiped on microscope slides (VWR VistaVision, Radnor, PA, USA). Slides were stained with Alexander stain (Alexander, 1969) and stored in slide boxes. After staining, we measured pollen fertility by categorizing at least 100 pollen grains per plant as either the number of aborted or fertile pollen grains using a compound microscope (Nikon<sup>©</sup>, H550L, Japan).

We monitored each seed daily to record the date of seedling emergence from the soil and first flower during the experimental period (June to October 15, 2015 and June to August 26, 2016). From this, the days to seedling emergence and age at first flowering (i.e., number of days between anthesis and emergence) was calculated. Additional life-history traits (e.g., longest leaf length, stem diameter) were measured at the date of first flower.

To measure the photosynthetic performance of plants in the different watering treatments, and to evaluate whether water stress or excess water influenced photosynthesis, we measured the dark-adapted quantum efficiency of photosystem II (PSII) as the ratio of variable  $(F_v)$  to maximal  $(F_m)$  chlorophyll fluorescence (Maxwell and Johnson, 2000). Because all reaction centers were fully oxidized by shading prior to measurement, F<sub>v</sub>/F<sub>m</sub> represents the maximum capacity of PSII to absorb light energy. In both years, we took outdoor measurements using a portable fluorescence meter (Handy PEA fluorometer, Hansatech Instruments Ltd., King's Lynn, UK). Prior to experimental measurement, we randomly sampled 100 plants to determine a standard curve of the minimum time it took reaction centers to become fully oxidized (i.e., a dark adaptation period) where fluorescence remained consistent; this occurred after  $\sim 10$  min. Then, for the experiment, we non-destructively sampled quantum efficiency of PSII on a subset of 24 plants (three plants per genotype × evolutionary watering environment combination) per block for a total of 240 plants across the whole experiment in 2015 and another 240 plants in 2016. In random order, we measured plants after a 10-min dark adaptation period. Measurements were collected on July 7, 2015 and between June 29 and July 3, 2016, between 8:00 am and noon.

#### **Evolutionary Divergence Rate Metrics**

Calculations of evolutionary rates are based upon the average phenotypic difference between two populations (usually described as  $\Delta$ ), relative to the time since isolation (i.e.,  $\Delta t$ ) and are commonly measured in darwins or, more recently, haldanes (Haldane, 1949; Gingerich, 1983, 1993). Because we compared independently evolving populations, we calculated synchronic rates of evolutionary divergence in haldanes (Hendry and Kinnison, 1999; Bone and Farres, 2001), using the following equation:

haldanes 
$$(h) = \frac{\left[\left(\frac{\ln \bar{x}_2}{s_p}\right) - \left(\frac{\ln \bar{x}_1}{s_p}\right)\right]}{t_2 - t_1}$$
 (1)

where the mean trait values of control-sheltered wild and controlsheltered hybrid populations were represented by  $\bar{x}_1$  and trait values of low rain, control-unsheltered, or double rain wild and hybrid populations were represented by  $\bar{x}_2$  in Equation 1. By calculating haldanes, mean trait evolution was standardized by incorporating pooled trait variances ( $s_p$ ) and measuring evolutionary change through time ( $t_2-t_1 = 5$  generations, or  $F_0$ –  $F_5$ ) (Haldane, 1949; Gingerich, 1993, 2001). We calculated the natural log of trait values to reduce heteroscedasticity in the dataset since standard deviations are typically expected to increase with the mean, particularly for morphological traits (Wright, 1968; Hendry and Kinnison, 1999). Although haldanes are more commonly used to measure contemporary evolutionary rates, we have calculated evolutionary rates in darwins (d), as well, presented in **Supplementary Table 1**.

#### **Statistical Analysis**

To determine if seedling emergence and flowering frequency differed between genotypes (wild vs. hybrid) from different evolutionary watering environments (Low Rain, Control Unsheltered, Control Sheltered, and Double Rain), we ran a generalized linear mixed-model ANOVA fitted to a binomial distribution; 0 indicating no emergence/flowering and 1 indicating emergence/flowering. In our model, genotype and evolutionary watering environment were fixed effects and year a random effect; block as a random nested effect within year was not significant and, therefore, omitted from the model to increase statistical power.

To determine if four phenotypic traits (days to emergence, days to first flower, longest leaf length, and stem diameter) differed between genotypes (wild vs. hybrid) from different evolutionary watering environments (Low Rain, Control Unsheltered, Control Sheltered, and Double Rain), we ran a linear nested mixed-model ANOVA. Considering our traits of interest are highly correlated (Supplementary Table 2), we performed a principal components analysis (PCA) which allows correlated variables to be condensed into two or fewer composite proxy variables (Abdi and Williams, 2010; Mohammed et al., 2016). In the PCA, we fitted our data to a correlation matrix, extracted the first two principal components, and ran these in our mixed-model ANOVA (loadings discussed in Results). In our ANOVA model, genotype and evolutionary watering environment were fixed effects and block nested within year as a random effect. Finally, to determine whether white flower color, pollen fertility, and chlorophyll fluorescence differed between genotypes (wild vs. hybrid) from different evolutionary watering environments, we ran a linear nested mixed-model ANOVA, with genotype and evolutionary water environment as fixed effects and block nested within year as a random effect. Due to varying sample sizes associated with white flower color, pollen fertility, and chlorophyll fluorescence, these traits were unable to be incorporated into our PCA.

To determine if rates of evolutionary divergence of four phenotypic traits (days to emergence, days to first flower, longest leaf length, and stem diameter) differed between genotypes (wild vs. hybrid) from different evolutionary watering environments (Low Rain, Control Unsheltered, and Double Rain), we performed a mixed-model, repeated-measures ANOVA. Similar to our mean trait analysis, evolutionary divergence rates of our traits were highly correlated (Supplementary Table 2) so, we ran a principal components analysis (PCA) fitted to a correlation matrix and extracted two principal components and ran these in our mixed-model ANOVA (loadings discussed in Results). Genotype, evolutionary watering environment, and their interaction were fixed between-subjects effects, and year was a random within-subjects effect. Finally, we ran a repeatedmeasures ANOVA for the frequency of white petalled plants with evolutionary watering environment as the main between-subjects effect and year as the random within-subjects effect. Due to smaller datasets for the traits chlorophyll fluorescence and pollen fertility (i.e., sample size within each experimental level within a treatment), we did not statistically compare these traits among genotypes or evolutionary watering environment.

Prior to running any PCA or mixed model ANOVA, response variables were transformed, if needed, to meet assumptions of normality. Furthermore, due to the non-orthogonality of these data, type III ANOVA results applied a Kenward-Roger's adjustment for computing the denominator degrees of freedom (Luke, 2017). Analyses were performed in R-Studio (Version 1.3.959; packages *stats* and *lme4*).

#### RESULTS

#### Trait Variation Between Crop-Wild Hybrid and Wild Populations From Varying Evolutionary Watering Environments

Hybrid seedlings, irrespective of the watering environment they evolved in, had significantly higher (~6.0%) emergence frequency than wild seedlings. However, of the plants that emerged, survival to flowering (i.e., flowering frequency) did not differ between wild and hybrid populations (Table 1). Irrespective of genotype, seedling emergence frequency and flowering frequency did not significantly vary between plants from different evolutionary watering environment histories (Table 1). Finally, considering the genotype by evolutionary watering environment interaction, hybrid plants from double rain environments emerged significantly more frequently (29% more, Table 1), but did not differ significantly in their survival to flowering, than wild plants from the same environment (Table 1). However, seedling emergence frequency and flowering frequency of hybrid and wild populations from low rain, control unsheltered, and control sheltered environments did not significantly differ (Table 1).

Hybrid populations exhibited lower pollen fertility (~9%, **Table 2**) and higher chlorophyll fluorescence (i.e., better

TABLE 1   Mixed-model ANOVA for seedling emergence (n=1966) a	and flowering
frequency ( $n=1413$ ) fitted to a binomial distribution.	

Parameter	df	Response		
	Seedling emergence frequency		Flowering frequency	
		χ²	χ²	
Genotype	1	9.16	0.01	
Evolutionary Watering Environment	3	2.49	3.92	
Genotype × Evolutionary Watering Environment	3	9.81	1.72	

Bolded  $\chi^2$ -statistics bolded indicate statistical significance below P < 0.05.

**TABLE 2** | Mixed-model ANOVA of mean phenotypic trait values (A) principle component 1, (B) principle component 2, (C) pollen fertility, and (D) chlorophyll fluorescence (proxy of water-use-efficiency).

Response & Parameter	df (n,d)*	<b>F</b> **
(A) Principle Component 1 Stem Diameter)	(n = 650; Days to Flowe)	r, Longest Leaf Lengt
Genotype (G)	1, 624	92.12
Evolutionary Watering Enviror	nment (EW) 3, 624	3.22
$G \times EW$	3, 624	16.62
(B) Principle Component 2	(n = 650; Days to Seedli	ng Emergence)
G	1, 624	3.36+
EW	3, 624	2.05
$G \times EW$	3, 624	3.38
(C) Pollen fertility ( $n = 1,06$	4)	
G	1, 1028	34.65
EW	3, 1026	0.85
$G \times EW$	3, 1028	0.36
(D) Fluorescence ( $n = 413$ )		
G	1, 393	8.12
EW	3, 366	1.48
$G \times EW$	3, 393	1.43
(E) White Flower Color (n =	= 343)	
EW	3,339	0.46

PC1 is a composite of trait variances of days to first flower, longest leaf length, and stem diameter and PC2 is represents the variance of days to emergence, exclusively.

\*A Kenward-Roger's adjustment was applied for computing the denominator degrees of freedom.

\*\*Bolded F-statistics indicate statistical significance below P < 0.05 and values marked with <sup>+</sup> indicate marginal statistical differences.

quantum use efficiency of PSII; **Table 2**) than wild populations, however, both traits did not differ between plants from different evolutionary watering environments and had no significant genotype by evolutionary watering environment interactions (**Table 2**; mean values presented in **Supplementary Table 3**). Finally, considering only hybrid populations, the frequency of white flowered plants did not significantly differ between populations from different evolutionary watering environments (**Table 2**; mean values presented in **Supplementary Table 3**).

Running our PCA, we found that two principal components were sufficient to cumulatively explain 83.5% of the trait variance in our four traits. The variance of principal component 1 (PC1) loaded heavily onto days to first flower (49.3%), leaf length (59.8%), and stem diameter (62.0%). Principal component 2 (PC2) loaded almost exclusively onto days to emergence (99.1 %). We, therefore, ran our ANOVA on our two proxy composite variables (PC1 and PC2). For traits that loaded onto PC1 (days to first flower, longest leaf length, and stem diameter), there was a significant genotype, evolutionary watering environment, and genotype by evolutionary watering environment effect. For the trait that loaded onto PC2 (days to emergence) there was a marginally significant genotype effect and a significant genotype by evolutionary watering environment interaction but no evolutionary watering environment effect (Table 2). Below, we present trends associated with PC2 (i.e., emergence time) followed by PC1 (flowering time, leaf length, and stem diameter) based on their model significances.

Hybrid plants tended to emerge slightly earlier ( $\sim 1$  day), flower later ( $\sim$ 3 days), grow longer leaves ( $\sim$ 15%), and wider stems ( $\sim$ 35%) than wild plants. Irrespective of genotype, plants from double rain evolutionary environments flowered later ( $\sim$ 2 days), grow longer leaves ( $\sim$ 6%), and wider stems ( $\sim$ 8%) than plants from control sheltered evolutionary environments, with no differences between emergence times. Finally, days to emergence (PC2) did not differ between hybrid and wild plants from low rain, control unsheltered, control sheltered, and double rain environments (i.e., no genotype by evolutionary watering interaction; Table 3). However, hybrid plants from low rain, control unsheltered, and double rain environments took longer to flower, had longer leaves, and wider stem diameters then wild plants from the same environments (i.e., differed with respect to PC1; trait mean table presented in Table 3), with no difference between genotypes from control sheltered environments.

#### Evolutionary Divergence Rates of Crop-Wild Hybrid and Wild Populations From Extreme Watering Environments

Considering hybrid populations only, the watering environment in which hybrid population evolved did not significantly affect divergence rates of white-flower colored plants. In fact, the rate at which the proportion of whiteflowered plants evolved in environments of low rain, control unsheltered, and double rain did not deviate from white-flowered plants of control sheltered environments (**Table 4**).

We found two principal components were sufficient to cumulatively explain 86.6% of the variation among divergence rates of our four traits. Principal component 1 (PC1) loaded, relatively evenly, onto the rate of evolutionary divergence of days to first flower (55.9%), leaf length (61.0%), and stem diameter (54.6%). Principle component 2 (PC2) loaded heavily onto rates of divergence of days to emergence (82.9 %) and days to first flower (50.2%). We, therefore, ran TABLE 3 | Mean phenotype values\* of four traits across evolutionary watering environments for wild and hybrid radish plants.

Phenotypic trait	Genotype	Evolutionary watering environment			
		Low rain ( <i>n</i> = 148)	Control unsheltered (n = 158)	Control sheltered ( <i>n</i> = 160)	Double rain (n = 184)
		Mean ( $\overline{x} \pm SD$ )			
Days to emergence	Wild	$7.27 \pm 2.76$	$7.04 \pm 2.19$	$7.04 \pm 3.91$	$7.25 \pm 2.25$
	Hybrid	$6.21 \pm 1.57$	$6.40 \pm 1.77$	$7.34 \pm 2.73$	$6.90\pm2.62$
Days to flower	Wild	$34.70\pm3.46$	$34.58\pm3.52$	$35.08\pm6.02$	$34.45\pm4.17$
	Hybrid	$38.50\pm7.57$	$38.25\pm8.64$	$35.45\pm6.42$	$40.29\pm7.96$
Longest leaf (cm)	Wild	$20.38\pm 6.58$	$21.68\pm6.32$	$21.90\pm5.38$	$20.42\pm6.25$
	Hybrid	$25.72\pm9.26$	$24.07\pm9.42$	$22.52 \pm 10.34$	$26.36\pm9.69$
Stem diameter (mm)	Wild	$7.31\pm3.78$	$7.41 \pm 2.71$	$8.65 \pm 5.11$	$6.60\pm2.46$
	Hybrid	$11.77 \pm 6.24$	$11.09 \pm 6.54$	$9.88 \pm 7.45$	$13.17\pm7.55$

Mean trait values<sup>\*</sup> are presented as  $\overline{x} \pm SD$ .

\*These are general trends associated with our traits of interest. Test statistics for these data are presented as part of the principle components analysis in **Table 2**; a further description can be found in the methods and results.

**TABLE 4** | Mixed model ANOVA of mean evolutionary divergence rates of **(A)** principle component 1 (PC1), **(B)** principle component 2 (PC2), and **(C)** white flower color.

Response and parameter	df (n,d)*	F**
(A) Principle Component 1 ( $n = 262$ ;D Stem Diameter)	ays to Flower, Lo	ongest Leaf Length,
Genotype (G)	1, 48	6.19*
Evolutionary Watering Environment (EW)	2, 48	0.81
$G \times EW$	2, 48	1.28
(B) Principle Component 2 ( $n = 262$ ;D Flower)	ays to Seedling I	Emergence, Days to
G	1, 47	26.61*
EW	2, 47	1.08
$G \times EW$	2, 47	1.17
(C) White Flower Color ( $n = 140$ ; only h	ybrid population	s)
EW	2, 24	0.29

PC1 is a composite of trait variances of days to first flower, longest leaf length, and stem diameter and PC2 is represents the variance of days to emergence and days to first flower. \*A Kenward-Roger's adjustment was applied for computing the denominator degrees of freedom.

\*\*Bolded F-statistics indicate statistical significance below P < 0.05.

our ANOVA on our two proxy composite variables (PC1 and PC2). For the divergence rates of traits that loaded on to PC1 (days to first flower, longest leaf length, and stem diameter) and PC2 (days to emergence, days to first flowering) there was a significant genotype effect but no evolutionary watering environment or genotype by evolutionary watering environment interaction (**Table 4**; **Figures 2**, **3**). Below, we present trends of divergence rates associated with PC2 and then PC1.

After five generations of evolution, hybrid and wild populations evolved similar days to seedling emergence rates but in different in directions (PC2). Specifically, hybrid

populations from extreme watering environments evolved earlier days to emergence relative to hybrid control sheltered populations (Figure 2A) whereas, wild populations from extreme watering environments evolved longer days to emergence relative to wild control sheltered populations (Figure 2A). The speed of evolution of days to first flower (PC1 & PC2) also differed, where hybrid populations from extreme watering environments evolved more slowly than wild populations from extreme watering environments relative to their control sheltered phenotypes, respectively (Figure 2B). Leaf morphology (PC1) evolved more slowly in hybrid populations and in different directions compared to wild populations. Specifically, hybrid populations from extreme watering environments evolved shorter leaves relative to hybrid control sheltered populations whereas, wild populations from extreme watering environments evolved longer leaves relative to wild control sheltered populations (Figure 2C). Lastly, after five generations, stem diameter morphology (PC1) evolved more slowly in hybrid populations compared to wild populations. Specifically, stem diameter phenotypes in hybrid population from extreme watering environments did not evolve away from hybrid control shelter phenotypes (Figure 2D); but wild populations from extreme watering environments evolved larger stem diameters relative to wild control sheltered population (Figure 2D).

#### DISCUSSION

After five generations of selection on wild and crop-wild hybrid populations across a soil-moisture gradient, and contrary to our expectations, wild populations were more phenotypically diverse and evolved selective traits faster than their hybrid relatives, even though white flower color (a crop derived trait) in hybrid populations remained at relatively



high frequencies across watering environments. Further, the proportion of white flower color plants, after five generations, did not diverge away from control phenotypes in response to extreme watering conditions. This suggests that crop traits in our populations have introgressed and persisted across soil moisture environments (Strauss et al., 2004; Irwin and Strauss, 2005). Hybridization and evolutionary watering pressures, separately, promote increased emergence frequency, early emergence, later flowering, and larger morphology relative to wild populations. Furthermore, hybridization but not watering environment slowed rates of evolution across evolutionary watering environments. In contrast, wild populations across evolutionary watering environments grew to a smaller size, were quicker to flower and evolved relatively faster than crop-wild hybrid populations. Given the patterns in ROE we measured, we predict selection varied most in the control unsheltered treatment between years and plots whereas selection may have been more consistent in the sheltered plots (although still varying between years). Thus, based on the rate of evolution in wild versus hybrid populations measured here, wild populations may be more aggressive weeds than hybrid populations in Ontario if weediness is measured by rate of evolution (Bone and Farres, 2001; Whitney et al., 2006). We discuss the potentially adaptive weed strategies both wild and hybrid populations may be demonstrating and the implications of these strategies on weed management.

## Hybridization and the Introduction of Canalized Traits as a "General Phenotype" Weed Strategy

Crop-wild hybrid populations emerged more frequently and earlier, flowered later, and were larger than wild populations. Among crop-wild hybrid populations, evolutionary rates across common gardens irrespective of their evolutionary watering selection history (Table 4; Figures 2, 3). In contrast, wild populations exhibited faster evolutionary rate responses across evolutionary watering histories. This insensitivity of hybrid populations to diverse watering environments may be driven by crop trait inheritance patterns. Traits in crop populations are sometimes selected to have reduced environmental sensitivity (but see Sadras et al., 2009) and produce a specific phenotype in response to a particular environment or a consistent response in variable environments (Nicotra et al., 2010). Traits that display this environmental insensitivity are, more generally, referred to as canalized traits (Weinig, 2000; Valladares et al., 2007; Matesanz et al., 2010). To achieve these standards, breeders limit the phenotypic response by breeding for allelic homozygosity (either through dominant or recessive alleles), depending on the trait (e.g., seed size and flowering time) (Nicotra et al., 2010; Snow et al., 2010; Flint-Garcia, 2013); these traits, therefore, may share the same set of alleles that respond similarly across environments (i.e., genetically identical and correlated; Via and Lande, 1985). Introgression of these canalized crop traits into crop-wild hybrid



populations, may explain the lack of phenotypic plasticity and minimal differences in evolutionary rate estimates in our hybrid populations across environments.

Canalized trait responses, and therefore slow evolutionary rates, do not necessarily put crop-wild hybrids weeds at a disadvantage. Previous work conducted on related radish populations have found that hybrid radish populations have performed equally to, and at times better than, their wild radish counterparts across common gardens exposed to a variety of soil-moisture conditions (Shukla et al., unpublished data). Performing equally well, or slightly better, is characteristic of a generalist phenotype or "jack-of-all trades" adaptive strategy, where phenotypes display little plasticity and perform similarly across environments (Baker, 1965; Richards et al., 2006). This strategy has been seen before in other species (e.g., Solanum hispidum Pers., Ageratum houstonianum Mill., Chloris virgata Sw., and more, Hastwell and Panetta, 2005; Corispermum macrocarpum L. and Salsola collina Pall., Huang et al., 2009; Pichancourt and van Klinken, 2012; Parkinsonia aculeata L.). For example, fitness of a Centura species has similar expression across water flooding regimes (flooded vs. normal) (Richards et al., 2006). Similarly, two European lineages of Taraxacum officinale L. displayed a generalist strategy in response to water availability and shade (Oplaat and Verhoeven, 2015). Overall, our data suggest that hybridization and the introgression of crop traits, rather than extreme watering environments, may be a stronger factor influencing rates at which hybrid phenotypes evolve. The robust, and consistent, evolutionary rates displayed across extreme watering environments (i.e., lack of divergence from hybrid control phenotypes) suggest our crop-wild hybrid weeds are broadly tolerant to extreme watering regimes.

## Water Availability Is Not a Strong Enough Disturbance to Drive Evolutionary Rates in Crop-Wild Hybrids

After five generations of growth under diverse and relatively extreme watering environments for Ontario, Canada, soil moisture alone does not appear to be a strong enough factor to drive rapid evolutionary divergence among crop-wild hybrid radish weeds. In response to water availability, hybrid weed populations may need longer than five generations for traits to evolve before they reach their "adaptive optimum" (Bock et al., 2015)—if they haven't already (Ord and Hundt, 2020). Alternatively, different abiotic and/or biotic factors (e.g., latitudinal clines, temperature, competition, herbivory, etc.) may elicit stronger and more rapid evolutionary responses and force hybrid weeds to "act," or to use their standing genetic variation (Richards et al., 2006; Whitney and Gabler, 2008; Bock et al., 2015). For example, crop-wild hybrid sunflowers have rapidly (7-10 generations) evolved several morphological, phenological, and eco-physiological traits that increase survival (fitness-related trait) in response to varying herbicide, pesticide, and competition treatments (Mercer et al., 2007; Baack et al., 2008; Dlugosch and Parker, 2008; Presotto et al., 2016). Similarly, transgenic crops have contributed Bt, herbivory-resistance genes and glyphosate, herbicide-resistance genes from sunflower (Helianthus species) and kochia (Kochia species) plants, respectively, to sexually compatible, wild populations of related species. The resulting hybrid populations demonstrate strong selection over a few generations for these traits (Snow, 2002; Beckie et al., 2013). These selection pressures may drive rapid adaptation of weeds since pesticide/herbicide resistance and polyculture farming practices are important aspects in agroecology.

The relative success of crop-wild hybrid populations have varied across North America-from highly successful in California and Texas (Hegde et al., 2006; Hovick et al., 2012) to moderately successful in Michigan, USA and Ontario, Canada (Campbell et al., 2006; Campbell and Snow, 2007; Teitel et al., 2016a). Along with differences in soil moisture, one of the most apparent differences among these studies is temperature and length of growing season. Any one of these factors in conjunction with soil moisture could overcome canalized trait responses and increase the speed of contemporary evolution in hybrid radish weed populations. Furthermore, outside of an agronomic context, hybrid radish is a significant weed in natural and agricultural areas in California and Australia, as well as in its natural range in Eurasia (Ridley and Ellstrand, 2010). Our research suggests that soil moisture may impose variable strengths and directions of selection depending on where populations grow (cultivated vs. uncultivated areas) and may be reflected as diverse evolutionary rates; we encourage future research to compare rates of evolution in uncultivated areas. Finally, we recognize that the absence of phenotypic trait divergence in response to hybridization, water availability, and their interaction may be confounded with factors like abiotic and biotic pressures in their growth environment, phenotypic plasticity, and epigenetic effects of the maternal environment (Richards et al., 2006; Wolf and Wade, 2009; Germain et al., 2013; Campbell et al., 2015). With that in mind, future studies should consider taking the offspring of late generation plants (via a resurrection common garden approach; see Franks et al., 2018)-ensuring wild-wild and hybrid-hybrid mating-to measure evolutionary rates void of confounding environmental and epigenetic effects prior to dismissing the effect of soil moisture on evolutionary rates.

#### Water Availability as a Low-Disturbance Abiotic Factor Driving Evolutionary Rates in Wild Radish Populations

We found that wild radish populations were quicker to flower but had shorter leaves and thinner stem diameters than hybrid populations from the same evolutionary soil moisture environments. However, wild populations rapidly evolved later flowering phenologies and larger morphologies in response to extreme moisture environments (Figure 2) relative to wild control populations and did so faster than hybrid populations. Many weedy or wild relatives have evolved varying adaptive strategies to extremely low or high water availability over short time periods. For example, wild Mediterranean shrub Fumana thymifolia L. decreased seedling emergence during periods of drought (Jump et al., 2008) and wild weed Lupinus luteus L. delayed flowering in high rainfall environments (Berger et al., 2008; Berger and Ludwig, 2014). Delayed flowering and investment in growth can be an adaptive evolutionary approach to ensure survival in response to extreme-potentially unfavorable-environments (Grime, 1977; Berger and Ludwig, 2014). Though they may not flower as early, or for as long, investing in growth and defense against competitors increases opportunity for survival (Grime, 1977; Arendt, 1997).

Although our wild radish weed populations responded to watering environment, phenotypic changes and evolutionary rates were moderate compared to documented changes in response to other abiotic pressures. Wild or weedy plant species have displayed faster and stronger evolutionary rates in response to other abiotic environments (Bone and Farres, 2001; Berger and Ludwig, 2014), including but not limited to salinity (Kiang, 1982), herbicides (Powles et al., 1998; Mallory-Smith et al., 1999), and elevated soil pH (Snaydon and Davies, 1972; Davies and Snaydon, 1976). In each of these cases, the environment prompted the expression of novel phenotypes due to the traits' inherent plasticity and over a short period have been fixed due to their fitness-enhancing advantage (i.e., measured as reproductive success). Compared to our crop-wild hybrid populations, after five generations, our wild populations exhibited a more dramatic evolutionary response to watering environment but have been documented as having significant seed production more than or equally fecund to crop-wild hybrid populations (Shukla et al., unpublished data). Although wild radish have traditionally been known to grow and evolve relatively quickly in high disturbance environments (Snow and Campbell, 2005), our results suggest that wild radish populations can also evolve just as quickly in response to low-disturbance environments like soil moisture.

# Implications for Weed Management and Future Directions

Weed management strategies within extreme watering environments will differ between wild and hybrid radishes. Hybrid seedlings may emerge more frequently, but these populations do not appear to evolve in response to soil moisture. Since hybrid populations responded to diverse watering environments in Ontario in similar ways ("generalist phenotype" strategy), weed management may be relatively consistent across moisture environments. Tilling repeatedly early in the season and delaying crop planting will support attempts to eradicate weedy crop-wild hybrid radish from agricultural environments under any moisture regime. Notably, hybrid radish appears to be easily controlled in agricultural environments worldwide but it is a significant weed in natural areas in California (Ridley and Ellstrand, 2010); suggesting that the environmental conditions that impose selection can vary depending on where populations are growing and may be reflected as different evolutionary rates. Therefore, eradication strategies of hybrid weeds in areas with different land-use histories may be more difficult to control and require new IWM strategies or strategies similar to those used for wild radish (see below); this, however, would need to be further investigated before any strategies can be implemented.

Evolutionary knowledge could be incorporated into managing plant population dynamics (and thus potentially weed management strategies) in a number of ways. For instance, reducing population size of a weed through altered cultural practices such as tilling or herbicides applications lowers the chance of population persistence via random genetic drift, assuming standing genetic variance is low (Goodman, 1987; Lande, 1993; Gomulkiewicz and Holt, 1995). However, if genetic variation is high (as in hybrid populations), cropwild hybrid weed populations may still be able to respond to selection, overcome drift and reduce the degree to which hybrid populations are maladapted through rapid evolution (Husband and Campbell, 2004). This is where understanding rate of evolution can be a critical tool in weed management; if a weed population's ROE is slow, even moderate rates of genetic diversity will likely not be enough to support persistence, as population size may remain at a critically low level for too long (Gomulkiewicz and Holt, 1995). By understanding rate of evolution metrics and relative fitness of crop-wild hybrids, weed culling events (i.e., herbicide application or tilling) can be timed when the population is in a phase that is vulnerable to rapid demographic decline. Rapidly evolving populations will be slower to reach this vulnerable phase than slowly evolving populations, all else being equal; thus, it is important to know if weedy, crop-wild hybrid populations evolve at different rates from weedy progenitors. Knowing how these weed control methods act as selective pressures in promoting adaptive evolution is also vital in the execution of a successful IWM strategy. For example, extensive herbicide use can increase the rate of evolution of herbicide resistance. Therefore, mitigation techniques should diversify the herbicides used and reduce the number of application events to control weeds (Swanton and Weise, 1991; Bond and Grundy, 2001; Beckie, 2006). Although weed management strategies tend to vary between cultivars, understanding the effects of genetic diversity along with environmental context on the rate of adaptive evolution of weeds will be a key tool in an IWM plan. Here, we contribute to this work by starting to measure the rate of evolution in weed populations with elevated genetic diversity and diverse forms of selection imposed.

Wild radish weed mitigation strategies will differ from hybrid strategies, considering their ability to evolve relatively quickly in response to different watering environments. Wild radishes appear to pose a greater challenge in south-western Ontario agricultural environments because they are more likely to evade eradication based on traditional tilling schedules and herbicide applications (Monjardino et al., 2003; Warwick and Francis, 2005). For example, in Australia where wild radish is an aggressive weed, frequently rotating herbicide type and application time or altering crop harvest times (early vs. late) are strategies implemented to control wild radish weeds. Varying application strategies aim to prevent rapid evolution of herbicide resistance and/or phenology matching (between weed and crop), respectively, to ensure more successful weed removal and management (Ashworth et al., 2016). Knowing the rate at which new weeds are evolving, however, will help us implement a multi-faceted timed weed control strategy (i.e., varying tilling times and planting sites, varying water schedules, varying herbicide/pesticide treatments, etc.) that slows wild weed evolution. Furthermore, for existing weeds that have already employed a multi-faceted IWM strategy, periodically evaluating evolutionary rates of their weedy traits can support the efficacy of current IWM strategies and assess whether changes need to be made.

Research addressing the influence of the environment on the spread of crop-wild hybrid weeds is an important, preventative step in managing the risk of the evolution of crop-wild hybrid weeds. Our work evaluates the effect of watering on the rate of evolution of crop-wild hybrid weeds and, although our results suggest watering does not drive weedy trait evolution in crop-wild hybrids, it raises new questions on what facilitates the rate of evolution and success of hybrid radish documented in other environments (Campbell et al., 2006; Hegde et al., 2006; Campbell and Snow, 2007; Hovick et al., 2012; Teitel et al., 2016a). Although, research evaluating environmental variation on invasive potential can take time to properly test and evaluate, thorough research can be critical in creating and implementing effective IWM and policy. For example, to create IWM applicable across environments, assessing both wild and cropwild hybrid genotypes in response to a range of abiotic and biotic selection forces and across a range of managed and unmanaged environments will be imperative. Alternatively, assessing multiple traits (particularly in connection to genetically modified crops) or non-canalized crop traits, if any, in these environments can make the difference in predicting and controlling invasive plant outbreaks and crop destruction. Finally, our work demonstrates only one of the many trajectories of crop-wild hybrid weed populations. Our research, more importantly, enacts the precautionary principle in environmental decision making, where precautionary measures should be taken even if results are not fully established or significant (Kriebel et al., 2001; Agriculture Agro-Food Canada, 2016).

#### DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The datasets presented in this study can be found in online repositories. The names of the repository/repositories and accession number(s) can be found at: figshare https://doi.org/10. 6084/m9.figshare.12893927.v1.

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