

1 Sex-determining chromosomes and sexual dimorphism: insights from genetic  
2 mapping of sex expression in a natural hybrid *Fragaria* × *ananassa* subsp.  
3 *cuneifolia*.

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21 **Abstract –**

22 We studied the natural hybrid (*Fragaria* × *ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia*) between  
23 two sexually dimorphic octoploid strawberry species (*F. virginiana* and *F.*  
24 *chiloensis*) to gain insight into the dynamics of sex chromosomes and the  
25 genesis of sexual dimorphism. Male sterility is dominant in both the parental  
26 species and thus will be inherited maternally, but the chromosome that houses  
27 the sex-determining region differs. Thus, we asked whether 1) the cytotypic  
28 composition of hybrid populations represents one or both maternal species, 2)  
29 the sex-determining chromosome of the hybrid reflects the location of male  
30 sterility within the maternal donor species, and 3) crosses from the hybrid  
31 species show less sexual dimorphism than the parental species. We found that  
32 *F. ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* populations consisted of both parental  
33 cytotypes but one predominated within each population. Genetic linkage  
34 mapping of two crosses showed dominance of male sterility similar to the  
35 parental species, however, the map location of male sterility reflected the  
36 maternal donor in one cross, but not the other. Moreover, female function  
37 mapped to a single region in the first cross, but to two regions in the second  
38 cross. Aside from components of female function (fruit set and seed set), other  
39 traits that have been found to be significantly sexually dimorphic in the pure  
40 species were either not dimorphic or were dimorphic in the opposite direction

41 to the parental species. These results suggest that hybrids experience some  
42 disruption of dimorphism in secondary sexual traits, as well as novel location  
43 and number of QTL affecting sex function.

44 **Keywords:** *Fragaria*, hybrid, sexual dimorphism, sex chromosome, male  
45 sterility

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**47 Introduction**

48           Natural hybrids can form when two species with incomplete  
49 reproductive isolation come into secondary contact (Rieseberg and Carney,  
50 1998). Once viewed as ‘evolutionary noise’ (Wagner, 1970), hybrid zones are  
51 now being viewed as natural laboratories for ecological and evolutionary  
52 studies in speciation and diversification (for example, Rieseberg and Wendel,  
53 1993; Sweigart, 2009) as they provide insight into the prevailing direction of  
54 gene flow, gene introgression and adaptation (for example, Nolte *et al.*, 2009;  
55 Wallace *et al.*, 2011). It also has been noted that natural hybrid zones are an  
56 underexploited source of information on reproductive isolation and mating  
57 (reviewed in Rieseberg and Blackman, 2010), early sex chromosome evolution  
58 (Veltsos *et al.*, 2008) and the genetics of sexual dimorphism (Coyne *et al.*,  
59 2008). Hybrid zones may be where new sterility alleles are expressed  
60 (reviewed in Rieseberg and Blackman, 2010) or old ones rearranged (for  
61 example, Petit *et al.*, 2010). Such novelty could lead to the evolution and  
62 spread of new sex-determining chromosomes (Pannell and Pujol, 2009;  
63 Veltsos *et al.*, 2008). Moreover, because sexual dimorphism (or sex limitation)  
64 that evolved separately in the two species can breakdown in the hybrids  
65 (Parker and Partridge, 1998), the pattern of dissolution or re-expression of

66 male traits in females can provide information on the origin and type of genetic  
67 control underlying sexual dimorphism (Coyne *et al.*, 2008).

68         While there are a handful of well-studied plant hybrid zones that  
69 involve gender dimorphic (i.e., dioecious [males and females], or  
70 gynodioecious [females and hermaphrodites]) parental species; for example,  
71 Buggs and Pannell, 2007; Lexer *et al.*, 2010; Minder *et al.*, 2007; Wallace *et*  
72 *al.*, 2011), there are few where we also have explicit knowledge of the location  
73 of sex-determining genes in the parental species. In fact, we have very few  
74 studies that compare genetic maps of sex determination in hybrids to their  
75 parent species (but see, Macaya-Sanz *et al.*, 2011; Paolucci *et al.*, 2010), or the  
76 level of sexual dimorphism in the hybrid to that of its parental species. Yet, it  
77 is in these systems where we will be most readily able to address questions of  
78 novel locations of sex-determining genes and of the effect of hybridization on  
79 sexual dimorphism.

80         As a first step in addressing these gaps, we investigated the level of  
81 population admixture and the location of the sex-determining region in in two  
82 populations of *Fragaria* × *ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia*, a natural hybrid of two  
83 octoploid species, *F. chiloensis* and *F. virginiana*. These are the same two  
84 species that were cultivated in Europe in the 1700s, and hybridized to produce

85 the cultivated strawberry *Fragaria* × *ananassa* subsp. *ananassa* (Darrow,  
86 1966).

87 Both parental species show gender dimorphism and sexual dimorphism  
88 in secondary traits (Ashman, 2003; Ashman, 2005; Ashman *et al.*, 2011;  
89 Spigler *et al.*, 2011) but they differ in the chromosome that houses the sex-  
90 determining region (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010). *Fragaria chiloensis* is  
91 predominantly dioecious (Hancock and Bringhurst, 1979b) and recent mapping  
92 studies have revealed that sex is determined by a dominant sterility allele (*A*) at  
93 the male function ‘locus’ and recessive sterility allele (*g*) at the female function  
94 ‘locus’ and that these ‘loci’ co-localize on linkage group (LG) VI.A (Goldberg  
95 *et al.*, 2010). *Fragaria virginiana* is subdioecious, and sex expression is also  
96 controlled by a dominant male-sterility allele and a recessive female-sterility  
97 allele but here linkage between the two sex function ‘loci’ is less complete  
98 (that is, recombination can lead to hermaphrodites and neuters), and these  
99 major sex-determining loci are on LG VI.C (Spigler *et al.*, 2010). The  
100 dominance and different chromosomal locations of male sterility means that,  
101 barring rearrangements, the location of sex determining genes in the hybrid  
102 should reflect that of the maternal donor species. That is, when *F. chiloensis* is  
103 the donor we expect male sterility to map to linkage group VI.A but when *F.*  
104 *virginiana* is the maternal donor it will map to VI.C. One can use species-

105 specific plastome markers to identify the maternal donor of individuals and the  
106 populations they derive from (i.e., fixed cytotype or admixture) (Arnold *et al.*,  
107 2010; Minder *et al.*, 2007) to facilitate testing this hypothesis. In addition,  
108 since several of the sexually dimorphic secondary traits have been shown to be  
109 controlled, in part, by loci colocalizing with the sex-determining region  
110 (Ashman *et al.*, 2011; Spigler *et al.*, 2011), we predicted that dimorphism in  
111 these traits would be less in the hybrid than found in the pure species crosses.

112         Specifically, we sought to determine whether 1) two populations of *F.*  
113 *×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* reflect a single parental species or a mixture of  
114 the two parental species as maternal donors; 2) the sex-determining  
115 chromosome of the hybrid reflects the location of male sterility within the  
116 maternal donor species; and 3) crosses from the hybrid species show less  
117 sexual dimorphism than published reports for the parental species.

## 118 **Material and Methods**

### 119 ***Species description and study populations***

120         *Fragaria ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* is a perennial stoloniferous herb  
121 that inhabits edges of pastures, pine forests, roadways and the interfaces of  
122 woods and back dunes (Hancock and Bringham, 1979a; Staudt, 1999). It is  
123 morphologically intermediate to the parental species (Salamone *et al.*,

124 unpublished; Staudt, 1999) and currently exists in a narrow hybrid zone that  
125 stretches from southern British Columbia to northern California (Staudt, 1999).  
126 While the two progenitor species last shared a common ancestor 400,000-  
127 1,770,000 years ago based on the 95% highest posterior density of a Bayesian  
128 dating analysis (Njuguna *et al.*, submitted), the timing of secondary contact is  
129 unknown. Staudt (1989) speculated that hybridization occurred after glaciation  
130 in the Fraser River valley of British Columbia receded. Evidence from  
131 diagnostic plastome SNPs indicates that either species can act as the maternal  
132 donor (Salamone *et al.*, in prep). Cytological and genetic evidence also  
133 suggests that both wild octoploid species and the cultivated hybrid *F.*  
134 *×ananassa* subsp. *ananassa* have a genomic structure of AAA'A'BBB'B'  
135 (Bringhurst, 1990), and exhibit disomic inheritance ( $2n = 8x = 56$ ) (Ashley *et*  
136 *al.*, 2003; Lerceteau-Köhler *et al.*, 2003; Rousseau-Gueutin *et al.*, 2008).  
137 *Fragaria ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* is subdioecious with three sexual  
138 morphs (hermaphrodites, males and females) co-occurring within a population  
139 (Ashman personal obs; Staudt, 1999), similar to one of its progenitor species  
140 *F. virginiana* (Ashman and Hitchens, 2000).

141           We collected 32 *F. ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* plants along transects  
142 through each of two populations in Benton Co, Oregon (Wren [44.5878 N,  
143 123.4272 W, 133 m] and Mary's Peak [44.5044 N, 123.55 W, 1203 m]). All



144 three sexual phenotypes were observed in these populations and females  
145 represented ~50% in each population (Wren: 47%, Mary's Peak: 53%). Plants  
146 were grown in 200 ml pots filled with a 2:1 mixture of Fafard #4 (Conrad  
147 Fafard) and sand in the greenhouse at the University of Pittsburgh. Plants  
148 received fertilizer and protection from pests as needed.

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150 ***Creation and cultivation of *F. ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* mapping***  
151 ***populations***

152 To map sex determination we created two mapping populations by  
153 crossing plants derived from Wren (WREN) and Mary's Peak (MP)  
154 populations. In MP12×WREN2 cross a MP female (67% fruit set) was  
155 pollinated with pollen from a WREN individual that was male fertile but set no  
156 fruit. In the WREN7×MP10 cross, a WREN female with 96% fruit set was  
157 pollinated with pollen from a MP hermaphrodite (32% fruit set). We pollinated  
158 female parents with pollen collected from the male parents during February  
159 through April 2010 and planted 144 seeds from each cross in May 2010. Seeds  
160 were planted in 72-well trays with a custom germination mix (Sunshine  
161 germination mix: Fafard #4: sand), and exposed to 14-hr days and 15°C/20°C  
162 night/day temperatures in a growth chamber. Germination was high (both  
163 crosses ~ 95%), and after two months of growth seedlings were transplanted

164 into 200 ml pots filled with a 2:1 mixture of Fafard #4 and sand. At this time  
165 we also produced two clones of each parent. All plants were exposed to  
166 12°C/22°C night/day and 12-hr day light for four months prior to a two-month  
167 dark treatment at 4°C. Growth conditions during flowering were 11-hr day  
168 light at 12°C/18°C night/day. We hand-pollinated each flower on all plants  
169 three times per week with outcross pollen to ensure full potential fruit and seed  
170 set. During the entire course of study all plants received 7 beads of granular  
171 nutricote 13:13:13 N: P: K fertilizer (Chisso-Ashai fertilizer) and were  
172 protected from pests as needed.

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#### 174 ***Sex expression and phenotype data***

175 Sex expression was scored on each plant at least twice during  
176 flowering. As in previous studies (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010; Spigler *et al.*, 2010)  
177 we scored male function qualitatively based on the presence or absence of  
178 pollen production and this was assessed in at least two flowers per plant.  
179 Individuals with yellow anthers visibly releasing pollen were scored as ‘male-  
180 fertile’, whereas plants that produced white vestigial stamens and whose anther  
181 sacs lacked pollen were scored as ‘male-sterile’. Female function was  
182 quantitatively estimated as the percentage of flowers that produced fruit (‘fruit  
183 set’). To be consistent with the previous qualitative mapping of female

184 function in *F. virginiana* (Spigler *et al.*, 2008) and *F. chiloensis* (Goldberg *et*  
185 *al.*, 2010), we considered plants with  $\geq 5\%$  fruit set as ‘female fertile’ and those  
186 with  $\leq 5\%$  fruit set as ‘female sterile’. We scored sex expression on all the  
187 flowering plants in the mapping populations and present the data for the  
188 representative subset that were genotyped. In addition, we scored several  
189 phenotypic traits that have been shown to be sexually dimorphic in *F.*  
190 *virginiana* and/or *F. chiloensis* (proportion seed set, anther number per flower,  
191 flowers per plant, leaf number per plant and runner number per plant)  
192 following the protocols described in Spigler *et al.* (2011).

193           For each F1 mapping population we determined whether there was  
194 sexual dimorphism between male-sterile and male-fertile morphs using *t*-tests.  
195 To facilitate comparisons with published indices of sexual dimorphism in  
196 parental species (Ashman *et al.*, 2011; Spigler *et al.*, 2011), we calculated a  
197 sexual dimorphism index following McDaniel (2005) as  $|(\bar{x}_{MS} - \bar{x}_{MF})| / [(\text{SE}_{MS} +$   
198  $\text{SE}_{MF})/2]$ , where *x* and SE are the mean and standard error respectively, for  
199 each trait for male-sterile (MS) and male-fertile (MF) morphs.

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201           ***DNA extraction***

202 DNA was extracted from 10-15 mg of silica-dried young leaf tissue  
203 from the 32 plants per population for cytotyping and from progeny (85 from  
204 MP12×WREN2, 90 from WREN7×MP10) and two replicates of the parents of  
205 the two crosses for genetic mapping. We used a CTAB extraction protocol  
206 (Doyle and Doyle, 1987) modified to accommodate a 96-well high-throughput  
207 format. DNA was quantified using a Spectromax 190 spectrophotometer  
208 (Molecular devices, Sunnyvale, California, USA) and diluted to 0.3ng/μl with  
209 deionized sterile water for PCR reactions.

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### 211 ***Cytotyping***

212 To distinguish the parental donor of *F. ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia*  
213 individuals, we screened each individual for two SNPs that differentiate *F.*  
214 *virginiana* and *F. chiloensis* chloroplast genomes (Njuguna *et al.*, submitted;  
215 Salamone *et al.*, in prep). SNPs within the intron of *petD* and an exon of *ndhF*  
216 were screened in 32 plants per population using the dCAPs technique (Neff *et*  
217 *al.*, 1998).

218 Specifically, we amplified the two chloroplast regions *petD* (primers  
219 petDintron-77875F [5' GGATAGGCTGGTTCGTTTGA 3' ], petDintron-  
220 78409R [5' GCTCGAGCATGAATCAACAG 3']) and *ndhF* (ndhF-113272F

221 [5' AAAATCCCCGACACGATTAG 3'], *ndhF*-113799R [5'  
222 ACCGTTTCATTCCACTTCCAG 3']). PCR reactions included 1X PCR buffer  
223 (Qiagen 10x buffer with MgCl<sub>2</sub>), 100 μM of each dNTP, 0.5 μM of each  
224 forward and reverse primer, 1.5 units of *Taq* polymerase and 1 μl of genomic  
225 DNA in a 20 μl reaction. PCR amplification began with a hot start of 95°C for  
226 2 min to activate the *Taq* polymerase (New England Biolabs, Beverly,  
227 Massachusetts, USA.) followed by 94°C for a 45 sec denaturation step,  
228 followed by 35 cycles of: 1) 45 sec. denaturation at 94°C; 2) 30 sec. annealing  
229 at 51°C; 3) 60 sec. extension at 72°C, and a final extension for 8 min at 72°C.  
230 The amplified PCR products were purified using Qiagen PCR purification kit.  
231 To validate the SNPs for cytotyping we sequenced purified products on ABI  
232 3730XL DNA analyzer (Applied Biosystems, UK). For dCAPs, we digested 6  
233 μl of purified *ndhF* product from each sample with 5 units of the restriction  
234 enzyme *MspI* for 2 hrs at 37°C, and 6 μl of purified *petD* product with 5 units  
235 of *Taq*<sup>o</sup>I at 65°C for 2 hrs. The recognition site of *MspI* includes the underlined  
236 variable site (CATTG<sup>^</sup>AAGTA/CATTGAAGTG) within *ndhF* and that of  
237 *Taq*<sup>o</sup>I includes the underlined variable site (T<sup>^</sup>CGA/TCAA) in *petD*. Products  
238 were assayed on agarose gels and species specific cytotypes identified as  
239 follows: 1) *ndhF* locus, a 500 base pair (uncut) product identifies *F. virginiana*  
240 whereas two fragments (336 and 166 base pair product) corresponds to the *F.*

241 *chiloensis* cytotype; 2) two *petD* fragments (56 and 44 bp) differentiate the *F.*

242 *chiloensis* cytotype from the *F. virginiana* (uncut) cytotype..

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#### 244 ***Nuclear marker analysis and genotyping***

245           Because we were interested in determining the location of sex  
246 determining region and assessing the homology of the sex-determining  
247 chromosome in *F. ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* to its progenitors, we  
248 genotyped the mapping populations using primer pairs that have been shown to  
249 amplify DNA markers (SSRs or genes) on LG within the homoeologous group  
250 (HG) that houses the sex determining chromosomes in *F. virginiana* and *F.*  
251 *chiloensis* (that is, HG VI, Goldberg *et al.*, 2010; Spigler *et al.*, 2010). Thirty-  
252 nine primer pairs were used to construct genetic map of HG VI and map the  
253 sex determining region in *F. ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* in the  
254 WREN7×MP10 cross and 10 of these were used to construct genetic map for  
255 the MP12×WREN2 cross.

256           For nuclear markers, PCR reactions were performed using the Poor  
257 Man's PCR protocol as previously described (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010; Spigler *et*  
258 *al.*, 2008). We multiplexed PCR products from 2 - 4 primers by mixing 1.3µl  
259 aliquots from each reaction with 0.2 µl LIZ500 standard and 10.5µl Hi-Di  
260 formamide (Applied Biosystems). Fragment analysis and genotyping were

261 conducted using ABI 3730XL DNA analyzer and GeneMapper (Applied  
262 Biosystems).

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#### 264 ***Construction of genetic maps***

265         We used the single-dose restriction fragment marker analysis and a  
266 pseudo test-cross strategy to construct genetic linkage maps for *F. ×ananassa*  
267 subsp. *cuneifolia*, as is customary in polyploids (Garcia *et al.*, 2006; Wu *et al.*,  
268 1992). Since a single primer pair can amplify multiple PCR products as a result  
269 of paralogs in the octoploid genome, we considered each PCR product a  
270 single-dose marker and scored it as present (1) and absent (0) in the progeny.  
271 Using  $\chi^2$  tests, we evaluated each polymorphic marker for goodness of fit  
272 according to the expected Mendelian segregation ratio of either 1:1 if present  
273 in only one parent or 3:1 if present in both parents. In each cross, we discarded  
274 markers that deviated from the expected segregation ratios at  $P \geq 0.0001$  and  
275 retained all other markers for mapping. We mapped the marker data from each  
276 primer pair in JoinMap 4.0 (Van Ooijen, 2006) to determine whether markers  
277 from a given primer pair represented co-segregating alleles at a single locus.  
278 The PCR products from single primer were considered to be allelic at a locus if  
279 they mapped in the same location and were in repulsion. For these, we retained  
280 one member of each pair to be consistent with the single-dose marker approach

281 (Spigler *et al.*, 2010; Wu *et al.*, 1992). For PCR products that were linked but  
282 did not map to the same location, we checked the raw data to reevaluate the  
283 genotypes and reconfirm scores as in past work (Spigler *et al.*, 2010).

284         We constructed separate maps of HG VI for maternal and paternal  
285 parents by considering them as CP (cross-pollinator) population type (outbred  
286 full-sib family cross). Before mapping we excluded markers or individuals that  
287 were missing data for >25%. This resulted in the exclusion of only two  
288 individuals from one cross (MP12×WREN2). Initial linkage groups were  
289 inferred at LOD  $\geq$ 6. Additional ungrouped markers were assigned at LOD >4  
290 threshold using strongest cross link (SCL) values. Marker order and map  
291 distance were determined using the Kosambi mapping function with default  
292 parameter settings (minimum LOD threshold of 1.0, recombination threshold  
293 of 0.40, and jump threshold of 5.0) to include maximum number of markers to  
294 identify homoeologs within HG VI. We also applied strict mapping parameters  
295 (minimum LOD threshold of 3.0, recombination threshold of 0.35 and jump  
296 threshold of 3.0) to test stability of linkage between markers within each  
297 homoeolog and found no major differences from the less strict mapping  
298 parameter settings. We considered genetic maps derived from default mapping  
299 parameter for further analyses. Graphical maps were constructed in MapChart  
300 2.1 (Voorrips, 2002).



301           The LGs within each parental HG VI map were assembled on the basis  
302 of SCL values of  $\text{LOD} \geq 4$  between markers on the LGs or by comparing the  
303 LG with a putative homoeolog in the other parent (based on shared markers  
304 fitting 3:1 segregation ratio). Linkage groups were named VI.A, VI.B, VI.C  
305 and VI.D based on the LG-specific markers on homoeologous LGs in *F.*  
306 *virginiana* and *F. chiloensis* genetic maps (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010; Spigler *et al.*,  
307 2010). Mapped markers that deviated in expected segregation ratios at  $0.0001 <$   
308  $P < 0.01$  were identified as skewed and are denoted along with the direction of  
309 skew (that is, under or over representation of the heterozygote).

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### 311 ***Qualitative and quantitative mapping of sex expression***

312           To qualitatively map sex function traits, we considered male sterility  
313 and female sterility as single-dose markers and tested for fit to Mendelian  
314 segregation ratios (1:1 and 3:1) as in past work (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010; Spigler  
315 *et al.*, 2008).

316           To quantitatively map female function the mapping populations were  
317 treated as ‘doubled haploid populations’ which can evaluate QTLs more  
318 efficiently (Van Ooijen, 2004), but require the exclusion of markers found in  
319 both parents that segregate 3:1 (that is, “hk×hk” segregation types in JoinMap)

320 from the genetic map (Van Ooijen, 2006). We conducted QTL analysis on  
321 each parent map separately using MapQTL®5 (Van Ooijen, 2004). As in past  
322 work (Spigler *et al.*, 2010, Ashman *et al.*, 2011) we employed Kruskal-  
323 Wallace analysis followed by interval mapping and composite interval  
324 mapping (multiple QTL model, “MQM”, in MapQTL) to identify potential  
325 single marker associations and QTL for fruit set. Only the markers identified  
326 as significant in the MQM were also significant in the single marker tests after  
327 Bonferroni correction, thus we only report the results of the more conservative  
328 MQM results. The QTLs (delineated by 2-LOD intervals) detected through  
329 MQM are depicted on the original linkage group map for simplicity using an  
330 `autoqtl` function in MapChart (Voorrips, 2002). Results were unchanged when  
331 QTL analysis was performed without the ‘marker’ male sterility (data not  
332 shown). We tested for epistatic effects between male sterility and female  
333 function QTL when they did not overlap, as well as between multiple female  
334 function QTL when present, following the ANOVA approach of Spigler *et al.*  
335 (2011).

336       To assess macrosynteny of the sex-determining chromosomes in *F.*  
337 *×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* with the parental species, we aligned the LGs  
338 carrying male sterility found here with those published for *F. virginiana* and *F.*  
339 *chiloensis* (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010; Spigler *et al.*, 2010). We also included the

340 homoeolog from a cross between two diploid hermaphrodite species, *F. vesca*  
341 and *F. nubicola* ('Fv×Fn', Sargent *et al.*, 2009) for reference.

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## 343 **Results**

### 344 ***Cytyping***

345 Both *F. ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* populations contained *F. chiloensis* and  
346 *F. virginiana* cytotypes, but they differed dramatically in the frequency of the  
347 two types (Table 1). The *F. chiloensis* cytotpe was predominant in the  
348 Mary's Peak population (93.5%) whereas the *F. virginiana* one was at Wren  
349 (93.4%). The parents of the mapping populations had the majority cytotypes  
350 of their respective populations.

### 351 ***Genetic maps of HG-VI***

352 **MP12×WREN2** --Ten primer pairs amplified 75 PCR products, 57 of which  
353 met our criteria for map construction. Five of the 25 markers (19 [1:1 markers]  
354 and 6 [3:1 markers]) used for the maternal map co-segregated so 20 markers  
355 were retained for mapping. In the paternal map, 12 of the 36 markers (30 [1:1  
356 markers] and 6 [3:1 markers]) co-segregated, thus 24 were retained for  
357 mapping. From these, 7 and 3 markers (maternal and paternal, respectively)  
358 were unlinked and not included in the final map.

359           We assembled the LGs of the maternal map (Supplementary Figure 1  
360 top) into two homoeologous chromosomes (VI.A and VI.B) based on synteny  
361 with the progenitor species and the WREN map (see below). The size of  
362 linkage groups ranged from 20cM to 66.2cM, with 4 to 7 markers per group.

363           The paternal map (Supplementary Figure 1 bottom) was resolved into  
364 five LGs that were assembled into three homoeologous chromosomes (VI.A,  
365 VI.B and VI.C). The size of the LGs ranged from 1.2cM to 41.1cM, with 2 to 8  
366 markers per group. In the paternal map only, 14% of the 21 mapped markers  
367 were skewed. There were three single markers (SCAR2, CFCVT017, and  
368 UFFxa01E03) that showed moderate segregation distortion ( $P<0.01$ ) and over-  
369 representation of heterozygous gametes among genotypes.

370   **WREN7×MP10** --Thirty-nine primer pairs amplified 225 products. From  
371 these, 142 met our criteria for genetic map construction. Thirteen of the 79  
372 markers (54 [1:1 markers] and 25 [3:1 markers]) used for maternal map co-  
373 segregated, so 66 were retained for final mapping. In the paternal map, 16 of  
374 the 88 markers (63 [1:1 markers] and 25 [3:1 markers]) co-segregated and thus  
375 72 were retained for mapping. Twenty-five and 30 markers of the final sets  
376 were unlinked (maternal and paternal, respectively), thus are not included in  
377 the final maps.

378           The maternal map of HG VI (Supplementary Figure 2 top) was  
379    comprised of 41 markers that resolved into eight LGs. We assembled six of  
380    these LGs into four homoeologous chromosomes and identified LGs VI.A  
381    through VI.D based on the presence of LG-specific markers in comparison  
382    with the progenitor genetic maps. For instance, SCAR2 on VI.A, F.v.a108 on  
383    VI.C, F.v.B119 on VI.D in both *F. virginiana* and *F. chiloensis* maps  
384    (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010; Spigler *et al.*, 2010) and tandemly duplicated EMFv104  
385    markers along with other markers as LG VI.B in *F. chiloensis* (Goldberg *et al.*,  
386    2010). These LGs ranged in size from 13.4 cM to 82.1 cM, with 3 to 17  
387    markers per group. Two small LGs (2 markers) were not assigned to a  
388    homoeologous chromosome. Only one confirmed case of a duplicated marker  
389    was found (CFVCT006 on LG VI.A).

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391           The paternal map of HG VI (Supplementary Figure 2 bottom) included  
392    42 markers and resolved into seven LGs, that we assembled into four LGs  
393    homologous to the maternal map. Three small LGs (2 markers each) were not  
394    assigned to homoeologous chromosomes. LGs had 5 to 17 markers per group  
395    and ranged from 25.7 cM to 90 cM.

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397 In this cross, 16 (19%) of the mapped markers did not fit the expected  
398 Mendelian ratios. Of these 69% were paternal markers whereas 31% were  
399 maternal ones. These were most often single markers (Supplementary Figure 2  
400 bottom). One potentially interesting case, however, is the two products of  
401 CFCVT017 on LG VI.B close to the QTL for fruit set in both maternal and  
402 paternal maps that showed a modest ( $P < 0.01$ ) under-representation of  
403 heterozygous gametes among genotypes.

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405 ***Phenotypic sex expression: variation and mapping***

406 **Phenotypic sex expression** -- Of the 85 genotyped progeny from  
407 MP12×WREN2 cross, 40 progeny were male sterile and 45 were male fertile,  
408 thus male function segregated 1:1 (Figure 2a;  $\chi^2 = 0.30$ ,  $P = 0.59$ ). In this  
409 cross, female function also segregated 1:1 ( $\chi^2 = 0.42$ ,  $P = 0.51$ ) as 46 were  
410 female fertile and 39 were female sterile. The majority (92%) of progeny were  
411 either female (male sterile and female fertile; 47%), or male (male fertile and  
412 female sterile; 45%), and six were hermaphrodites. Six females had fruit set  
413 lower than 75% (Figure 2a).

414 In the WREN7×MP10 cross, 47 of the genotyped progeny were male  
415 sterile and 43 were male fertile, thus male function segregated 1:1 (Figure 2b;  
416  $\chi^2 = 0.17$ ,  $P = 0.67$ ) in this cross as well. When female function was scored

417 qualitatively, 92% of progeny were female fertile and female fertility deviated  
418 significantly from both 1:1 and 3:1(both  $P < 0.0001$ ), precluding qualitative  
419 mapping (see below). Overall, 36 (40%) progeny were hermaphrodite, 47  
420 (52%) female, and seven (0.07%) male (Figure 2b).

421 **Male function mapping** --The results from both the crosses confirm the  
422 dominance of male sterility over male fertility, and in both map crosses male  
423 sterility mapped to one of the homoeologs within HG VI (Figure 1;  
424 Supplementary Figures 1, 2). In MP12×WREN2, male sterility mapped to the  
425 bottom of VI.A with tight linkage to two markers, PSContig6115 (LOD 10.0)  
426 and EMFn153 (LOD 5.1). In WREN7×MP10, male sterility was linked in  
427 coupling to EMFv104\_143 at a very high LOD (21.4). This marker is one of  
428 three tandemly duplicated products of the EMFv104 primer pair on LG VI.B  
429 (for example, EMFv104\_143, EMFv104\_135, EMFv104\_133).

430 **Female function mapping** -- Qualitative mapping of female function in  
431 MP12×WREN2 indicated that female function was linked to male sterility  
432 (Figure 1a). Similar to that seen in *F. chiloensis* (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010), female  
433 fertility was dominant to female sterility and mapped in coupling with male  
434 sterility in the maternal parent. The QTL analysis of proportion fruit set is  
435 consistent with the qualitative mapping in this cross. A major QTL for  
436 proportion fruit set was found on LG VI.A in maternal map with a LOD score

437 of 46.8 in MQM (Supplementary Figure 1). This QTL explained 93.2% of the  
438 variation in fruit set and its peak was within 1.27 cM of male sterility.

439 In the WREN7×MP10 cross only a quantitative approach to mapping  
440 female function was possible. In the maternal map, a QTL that explained 91.3  
441 % variation in fruit setting ability co-localized with male sterility on LG VI.B  
442 with a LOD score of 47.2 (Supplementary Figure 2). In the paternal map a  
443 QTL explaining 10.6% variation for fruit set was linked to CFVCT017 with  
444 LOD score of 1.89 and this QTL had a negative additive effect on fruit set.  
445 However, no significant epistatic interaction was found between this QTL and  
446 the female function QTL in the maternal parent when tested using ANOVA  
447 ( $P > 0.05$ ).

#### 448 ***Macrosynteny of sex-determining chromosomes***

449 We compared the linkage map of the male sterility-determining chromosomes  
450 to their homoeologs in *F. virginiana* and *F. chiloensis* and in hermaphrodite  
451 diploid cross (dLG 6) (Figure 1). This revealed macrosynteny and only small  
452 differences in colinearity among these LGs. For instance, while the linkage  
453 map of the sex-determining chromosomes from both *F. × ananassa* subsp.  
454 *cuneifolia* crosses share 3 to 5 markers with LG 6 in diploid Fv×Fn cross, the  
455 order of EMFv160AD and EMFn153 in the MP12×WREN2 cross agrees with



456 the order in *F. chiloensis* but not Fv×Fn (Figure 1a). The synteny with *F.*  
457 *chiloensis* is in accord with fact that the maternal parent (MP12) has the *F.*  
458 *chiloensis* cytotype. A notable difference, however, is the greater estimated  
459 distance (30 cM vs.7 cM) between the marker EMFn153 and male sterility in  
460 the *F.*× *ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* cross than in the *F. chiloensis* cross  
461 (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010). In WREN7×MP10, male sterility mapped above the  
462 three markers (ARSFL022, CFVCT017 and EMFn153) that subtended male  
463 sterility in MP12 and very close to a set of tandemly duplicated EMFv104  
464 markers on LG VI.B. This location is not in agreement with the expected  
465 location of male sterility (on the tip of LG VI.C) given the *F. virginiana*  
466 cytotype of the maternal parent (WREN7). The tandemly duplicated set of  
467 EMFv104 markers, however, is similar to their arrangement on LG VI.B in *F.*  
468 *chiloensis* (Figure 1b; Goldberg *et al.*, 2010) an alignment not observed in *F.*  
469 *virginiana* (Figure 1b; Spigler *et al.*, 2010). Two markers located below male  
470 sterility (ARSFL022, CFVCT017) are shared by LG VI.B in *F. chiloensis* and  
471 two (ARSFL022, CO816667) by LG VI.B in *F. virginiana* (Figure 1b).

#### 472 ***Sexual dimorphism***

473 Proportion fruit set and proportion seed set were strongly sexually dimorphic  
474 in the progeny of both *F.*×*ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* crosses while ovule  
475 number was dimorphic in one cross (Table 2). In contrast, sexual dimorphism

476 was nonexistent in anther number, runner number and leaf number, and was  
477 only weakly ( $P < 0.08$ ) dimorphic for flower number in the WREN7× MP10  
478 cross (Table 2). The direction of dimorphism for flower number (male-sterile >  
479 male-fertile morphs) was opposite of that published for either of the pure  
480 species crosses (male-sterile < male-fertile morphs; Ashman *et al.*, 2011;  
481 Spigler *et al.*, 2011), as was the direction of dimorphism for ovule number in  
482 the WREN7× MP10 cross (male-sterile < male-fertile morphs; Ashman and  
483 Hitchens, 2000; Spigler *et al.*, 2011).

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## 485 **Discussion**

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### 487 ***Cytotypic composition of F. ×ananassa subsp. cuneifolia hybrid populations***

488       Our results show for the first time that natural hybrid populations of *F.*  
489 *×ananassa subsp. cuneifolia* contain cytotypes from both maternal species but  
490 that individual populations show a strong bias towards one cytotype or the  
491 other. The presence of both cytotypes suggests that both species contributed as  
492 maternal parents to the studied populations, and that admixture is still  
493 occurring, or that there was paternal leakage, although the latter is very rare in  
494 flowering plants (e.g., Mc Cauley *et al* 2007) and was not detected in our

495 crosses (unpubl. data). Extreme bias in cytotypes is not uncommon in hybrid  
496 species, and can reflect the signature of the historical range of the dominant  
497 maternal species or of selective forces that favor one cytotype (Arnold *et al.*,  
498 2010; Minder *et al.*, 2007). The two populations here are 13km apart and are  
499 both near the margin of *F. virginiana*'s range, although the Mary's Peak  
500 population is closer to the coast. On the other hand, the Mary's Peak  
501 population is on the highest peak (1249 m) in the Oregon Coast Range, an  
502 unusual habitat for *F. chiloensis* subsp. *lucida* and *pacifica*, and thus could  
503 reflect a remnant population, or a long distance migrant, which was then  
504 subject to gene flow from *F. virginiana*. Broad sampling is underway to  
505 determine whether there is a geographic or edaphic pattern to the dominance of  
506 maternal cytotype and to assess the extent and direction of admixture in the  
507 nuclear genome across the hybrid zone. Such work will provide a landscape  
508 assessment of introgressive hybridization between *F. chiloensis* and *F.*  
509 *virginiana*, as well as indicate the potential for spread of new sterility alleles  
510 across the hybrid zone to contribute to turnover in sex-determining  
511 chromosomes in the two parental octoploid species (Veltsos *et al.*, 2008).  
512 Reciprocal transplant and selection analyses will also provide powerful means  
513 to assess fertility selection on male and female function (for example, Spigler

514 and Ashman, 2011) in the context of the sex expression variation provided by  
515 the hybrid zone (see below).

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517 ***Variation in sex determination regions of *F. ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia****  
518 ***crosses***

519           Although there was variation in the location of sex function loci, major  
520 QTL were found in HG VI, confirming the important role of this HG in sex  
521 determination in the octoploid *Fragaria* species. A similar consistent  
522 involvement of a specific LG has been seen among *Populus* species, that is, all  
523 sex-containing *Populus* linkage maps show sex determination on LG XIX,  
524 although in different positions and sometimes segregating in different parental  
525 genders (Pakull *et al.*, 2009).

526           *Fragaria ×ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* is similar to both its parental  
527 species in that male sterility mapped in the female parent and was dominant to  
528 male fertility in both crosses. In one cross (MP12×WREN2) male sterility  
529 mapped to the location predicted by maternal cytotype (*F. chiloensis*), but in  
530 the other cross (WREN7×MP10) male sterility mapped to a novel location.  
531 The novel location could be the result of transposition during hybrid formation  
532 as such rearrangements can be common in some hybrids (for example, Lai *et*

533 *al.*, 2005). Alternately, it is possible that male sterility has a different location  
534 in the western subspecies of *F. virginiana* subsp. *platypetala* than in the  
535 eastern *F. virginiana* subsp. *virginiana*. Current hypotheses for the  
536 biogeographic history of *F. virginiana* suggest that it, like many species in  
537 North America, may have been separated into two vicarious groups as the  
538 result of uplifting of the Rocky Mountains (Staudt, 1999). Using  
539 morphological and RAPD data, Harrison *et al.* (1997) concluded that *F.*  
540 *virginiana* subsp. *platypetala* was substantially differentiated from the rest of  
541 *F. virginiana*, and was more closely related to *F. chiloensis* than to *F.*  
542 *virginiana* subsp. *virginiana*. Staudt (1999) also suggested that *F. virginiana*  
543 subsp. *platypetala* may itself been derived from recent hybrids of *F. virginiana*  
544 and *F. chiloensis*. While there is little consensus regarding these designations  
545 (Hancock *et al.*, 2004), data to date do fuel speculation that gene flow between  
546 *F. virginiana* and *F. chiloensis* could be responsible for the dynamic nature of  
547 the sex-determining region. Future work mapping sex determination within *F.*  
548 *virginiana* subsp. *platypetala* and work underway characterizing the extent of  
549 admixture in the nuclear genome across the hybrid zone will help resolve these  
550 issues.

551           Female function was found to map to a single region (and female  
552 sterility was recessive to female fertility) in one cross but mapped to two

553 regions in the other cross. A single major QTL for female function in  
554 MP12×WREN2 was linked to male function on VI.A, consistent with the  
555 location and linkage phase in the genetic map of *F. chiloensis* (male sterility in  
556 coupling with female fertility; Goldberg *et al.*, 2010), but the linkage between  
557 the two was not as tight and recombinants were formed. In this cross, we can  
558 infer the genotypes of the parents as  $AG|ag$  for the maternal parent and  $ag|ag$   
559 for the paternal parent, creating a majority of non-recombinant male and  
560 female progeny, and a smaller fraction of recombinant progeny, that is, the low  
561 fruit-setting females and hermaphrodites (Figure. 2a; Supplementary Table  
562 1A). This also conforms to Charlesworth and Charlesworth's (1978) two-locus  
563 model for sex determination (also see Spigler *et al.* 2008).

564 Not only was the location of male sterility in WREN7×MP10 not as  
565 predicted, but the finding of two QTL for female sterility was unexpected.  
566 Multiple QTL affecting female function could indicate that 1) rearrangements  
567 of loci in the hybrid has led to novel placements of existing loci or 2) the  
568 hybrid has unique female-sterility alleles. We discuss the present results in the  
569 context of these two possibilities.

570 The QTL for female function linked to EMFv104 on VI.B clearly  
571 represents a new location relative to published maps of parental species and  
572 coincides with the QTL for male sterility, a location that could reflect either a

573 transposition or new sterility genes as the result of hybridization, or as  
574 mentioned above a difference in the location of the sex-determining genes  
575 derived from the western subspecies of *F. virginiana*. If transposition  
576 occurred, it may have involved linked genes or a single gene that has  
577 pleiotropic effect on both male and female function. Determining this would  
578 require finer mapping and a larger population size, as there is no clear evidence  
579 in our current map for any other transposed markers in this region.

580         The QTL for fruit set overlapping CVCT017 (and EMFn153) on LG  
581 VI.B in the paternal parent, could also represent a transposition of a QTL,  
582 possibly from VI.A, as the paternal parent has *F. chiloensis* cytotype, or given  
583 the allopolyploid origin (for example, AA A'A'BB B'B') of the parental  
584 species could represent an orthologous QTL affecting fruit set on VI.B, that is,  
585 from a different genome donor, or a novel sterility locus. An orthologous QTL  
586 is a viable hypothesis because a recent study of the cultivated hybrid  
587 strawberry (*F. ×ananassa* subsp. *ananassa*) concluded that ~25% of QTL for  
588 fruit traits were at orthologous positions on a different homoeologous LGs, that  
589 is, were putative 'homoeo-QTL' (Lerceteau-Köhler *et al.*, 2012), and these  
590 may be segregating in the natural hybrid species as well. Moreover, there is no  
591 evidence for transposition of other markers which might be expected if  
592 nonhomologous recombination triggered the QTL at this position. In fact, there

593 was only one confirmed case of novel duplication (CFVCT006 on LG VI.A) in  
594 our map of the natural hybrid.

595         However, sterility can directly result from hybridization (reviewed in  
596 Maheshwari and Barbash, 2011). Of the many possible mechanisms, two have  
597 some support in plants: 1) negative genetic interactions between two or more  
598 loci fixed in the two parental species (for example, Dobzhansky-Muller  
599 Incompatibilities; Fishman and Willis, 2001; Maheshwari and Barbash, 2011;  
600 Moyle and Nakazato, 2010), and 2) rearrangements (for example, pollen  
601 sterility QTL were located near rearrangement breakpoints in artificial  
602 *Helianthus* hybrids; Lai *et al.*, 2005). Both are possibilities here because the  
603 characteristics of sex chromosomes, in particular, are thought to make them  
604 ‘hotspots’ for speciation genes (Qvarnstrom and Bailey, 2008), and  
605 rearrangements have been found in the octoploid species that involve LGs in  
606 HG VI (Sargent *et al.*, 2012; Spigler *et al.*, 2010). The negative additive  
607 effect of the fruit set QTL in paternal parent (reduces fruit set by 10%) and the  
608 skewed segregation of the nearest marker (Supplementary Figure 1) might  
609 indicate the involvement of a Dobzhansky-Muller Incompatibility. Further  
610 crosses are required to resolve whether female sterility at this location is the  
611 manifestation of different genes related to speciation in this region.



612 In the context of past models (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010; Spigler *et al.*,  
613 2008), the diversity of sexual phenotypes in the WREN (Figure 2), including  
614 low fruiting females and moderately fruiting hermaphrodites, can be accounted  
615 for by recombination between the two female function QTL on LG VI.B  
616 (Supplementary Table 1B).

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618 ***Sexual dimorphism in hybrid F. ×ananassa subsp. cuneifolia***

619 Aside from components of female function (fruit set and seed set), other traits  
620 that have been found to be significantly sexually dimorphic in the pure species  
621 were either not dimorphic in the hybrid crosses (anther number, runner number  
622 and leaf number, flower number; Ashman *et al.*, 2011; Spigler *et al.*, 2011;  
623 Staudt, 1999) or if they were dimorphic the direction of dimorphism was in the  
624 opposite to what has been observed in the pure species (ovule number and  
625 flower number in the WREN7×MP10 cross; Table 2). These results suggest  
626 that hybrids experience some disruption of dimorphism in secondary sexual  
627 traits. Loss of dimorphism in hybrids has been interpreted as reflecting  
628 breakdown of modifiers or regulatory elements that are responsible for  
629 dimorphism and suggests that these traits were originally expressed in both  
630 sexes but that modifier evolved afterwards (Coyne *et al.*, 2008). This

631 interpretation may also apply to the traits studied here because all are  
632 expressed in both sexes to some degree and modifiers may be linked to sex  
633 determining region (Spigler *et al.*, 2011). In one of the few studies to assess  
634 dimorphism after hybridization, Zluvova *et al.* (2005) found females from  
635 crosses between dioecious *S. latifolia* and hermaphrodite *S. viscosa* had anthers  
636 that developed beyond the stage characteristic for *S. latifolia* females. Thus,  
637 the hybrid had less dimorphism in anther size than the pure species, and they  
638 interpreted this as evidence that the suppression of anthers was brought about  
639 by a recessive allele that could be rescued by the genome of *S. viscosa*. They  
640 did not find the same effect for fruit set in the males, however. Our work is far  
641 from conclusive, but does suggest that studies of the effects of hybridization on  
642 sexual dimorphism in plants will be useful for gaining insight into the genetic  
643 underpinnings and evolutionary processes (Coyne *et al.*, 2008) and will be  
644 exemplary complements to studies of early sex chromosome evolution in  
645 plants.

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### 647 ***Conclusion***

648 The work presented here suggests that hybrid zones of  
649 dioecious/subdioecious plants are valuable and underutilized resource for

650 studying the ecology and evolution of sex chromosomes and sexual  
651 dimorphism. Ecological work will be especially valuable to test hypotheses  
652 for the spread of new chromosomal sex determination systems across hybrid  
653 populations (Veltos *et al.*, 2008). In addition, surveys of sexual dimorphism in  
654 natural hybrid zones, along with the creation of experimental hybrids will  
655 provide novel insight into the evolution and control of sexual dimorphism  
656 during the evolution of sex chromosomes.

657 **Data archiving**

658 Sequence data have been submitted to GenBank: JX064433- JX064440;  
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672 Table 1 Frequency of *F. chiloensis* and *F. virginiana* cytotypes found in two  
 673 *Fragaria* × *ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia* populations.

Population	Cytotype	Gene		Consensus	
		<i>petD</i>	<i>ndhF</i>	Total	%
MP	<i>F. chiloensis</i>	29	29	29	93.5
	<i>F. virginiana</i>	2	2	2	6.5
WREN	<i>F. chiloensis</i>	2	2	2	6.6
	<i>F. virginiana</i>	30	27	30	93.4

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681 Table 2 Trait means ( $\pm$  s.e.) for male-sterile and male-fertile F1 progeny in the *Fragaria*  $\times$  *ananassa* subsp. *cuneifolia*

682 map crosses and sexual dimorphism (SD) indices.

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Trait	MP12 $\times$ WREN2				WREN7 $\times$ MP10			
	Male sterile	Male fertile	$P^1$	SD index <sup>2</sup>	Male sterile	Male fertile	$P^1$	SD index <sup>2</sup>
Proportion fruit set	0.89 (0.20)	0.04 (0.11)	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	35.81	0.84 (0.11)	0.16 (0.11)	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	43.25
Proportion seed set	0.74 (0.25)	0.13 (0.30)	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	14.59	0.88 (0.10)	0.64 (0.34)	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	7.43
Flower number	7.0 (3.6)	8.2 (3.8)	0.16	2.02	16.0 (5.3)	14.0 (5.2)	<b>0.08</b>	2.55
Ovule number	52.0 (11.9)	50.4 (15.0)	0.58	0.79	55.0 (11.6)	64.7 (14.2)	<b>&lt;0.005</b>	5.06
Anther number	20.7 (4.1)	20.2 (3.7)	0.53	0.89	20.2 (1.8)	20.2 (1.3)	0.96	0.08
Leaf number	10.8 (4.4)	11.7 (4.6)	0.35	1.33	18.0 (7.1)	18.5 (7.7)	0.75	0.46
Runner number	6.3 (2.1)	6.4 (2.2)	0.72	0.51	5.0 (2.2)	5.1 (2.3)	0.88	0.21

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<sup>1</sup> Progeny means were evaluated using  $t$ -test and  $P < 0.05$  indicated in bold.

<sup>2</sup> SD index =  $(x_{MS} - x_{MF}) / [(SE_{MS} + SE_{MF})/2]$ , where  $x$  and SE are the mean and standard error respectively, for each trait male-sterile (MS) and male-fertile (MF) progeny.

688 **Titles and legends to figures**

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690 **Figure 1** Comparison of male sterility carrying sex determining chromosomes  
691 from both cross (a & b) to the corresponding homoeologs of *F. virginiana*  
692 (Spigler *et al.*, 2010) and *F. chiloensis* (Goldberg *et al.*, 2010) and the  
693 homoeologous LG6 in hermaphroditic diploid cross (Fv x Fn, adapted from  
694 Sargent *et al.*, 2009) from previously published maps. SSRs on the  
695 corresponding homoeologs in octoploids are connected by lines and are  
696 highlighted in bold to indicate synteny with the diploid reference  
697 homoeologous linkage group (dLG6). Phenotypic trait marker representing the  
698 putative determining sex loci (male sterility/female fertility) are indicated in  
699 bold and italicized. Markers denoted by asterisk had skewed segregation ratios  
700 ( $0.0001 < P < 0.01$ ).

701 **Figure 2** Frequency histograms of proportion fruit set (female function) for  
702 male sterile (MS) and male fertile (MF) progeny of *F. ×ananassa* subsp.  
703 *cuneifolia* crosses. a) MP12 × WREN2. b) WREN7 × MP10 cross.

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705 **Supplementary Figure 1** Parental linkage map of homoeologous group VI  
706 for MP12 × WREN2 map cross. Linkage groups identified as distinct from one  
707 another (see results) are given names following Spigler *et al.*, 2010. The LGs  
708 are named according to their homoeologous group using Roman numeral VI



709 and a letter (A–C). Associations between pairs of linkage groups within the  
710 parental maps were identified either through SCL values between markers in  
711 the two groups at LOD >4 (indicated by dashed line) or through comparison to  
712 the putative homoeolog in the other parent map. Additional linkage groups that  
713 did not group with any of the four major groups are named using Arabic  
714 numbers. Lower case “m” and “p” are used to indicate the maternal and  
715 paternal maps respectively. The location of QTL for fruit set is denoted as a  
716 black bar. A major QTL for fruit set is mapped in the maternal parent LG  
717 VI.A-m. The location of the qualitative trait marker “Male sterility” is  
718 indicated in bold. Markers that had co-segregating products are denoted with  
719 ‘T’ tick mark rather than a simple horizontal tick mark. Marker names denoted  
720 by asterisk showed segregation ratios that deviated from the expected  
721 Mendelian ratio ( $0.0001 < P < 0.01$ ), and the up and down arrow denote an  
722 under or overrepresentation of heterozygous gametes among genotypes in the  
723 mapping population.

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725 **Supplementary Figure 2** Parental linkage map of homoeologous group VI  
726 for WREN7 × MP10 map cross. Linkage groups identified as distinct from one  
727 another (see results) are given names following Spigler *et al.*, 2010. The LGs  
728 are named according to their homoeologous group using Roman numeral VI

729 and a letter (A–D), and the names were assigned first in the maternal map  
730 according to largest to smallest linkage group (in cM) within the HG VI then  
731 accordingly to the corresponding homologs in the paternal map. Associations  
732 between pairs of linkage groups within the parental maps were identified either  
733 through SCL values between markers in the two groups at LOD >4 (indicated  
734 by dashed line) or through comparison to the putative homoeolog in the other  
735 parent map. Additional linkage groups that did not group with any of the four  
736 major groups are named using Arabic numbers. Lower case “m” and “p” are  
737 used to indicate the maternal and paternal maps respectively. The location of  
738 QTL for fruit set is indicated using a black bar in the maternal parent on LG  
739 VI.B-m, similarly a minor QTL for fruit set is located in the paternal parent on  
740 LG VI.B-p. The location of the qualitative trait marker “Male sterility” is  
741 indicated in bold. Markers that had co-segregating products are denoted with  
742 ‘T’ tick mark rather than a simple horizontal tick mark. Marker names denoted  
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