



Cover image: Spain's Cantabrian Mountains host two small, isolated populations of European brown bears (*Ursus arctos*), thought to be the last remnants of the original stock that populated Europe during the Pleistocene. However, analysis of ancient DNA from a sequence of bear remains shows that the Iberian population has historically been a "fluid evolutionary unit," subject to gene flow from other regions. See the article by Valdiosera *et al.* on pages 5123–5128. Image courtesy of José María Díaz Formenti (freelance photographer).

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