



Amphidromus (tree snail)

These snails may look similar but they are two different species. One is “right handed,” the other is “left handed,” which means they can’t have babies. Instant speciation! Handedness evolved in response to snail-eating snakes. The snake is good at eating only one type of snail. Being a rare snail is better, because it means that snail is less likely to be eaten. Both snails are able to survive, because as one becomes common the uncommon one has more babies. Biologists call this “frequency dependent selection.”

