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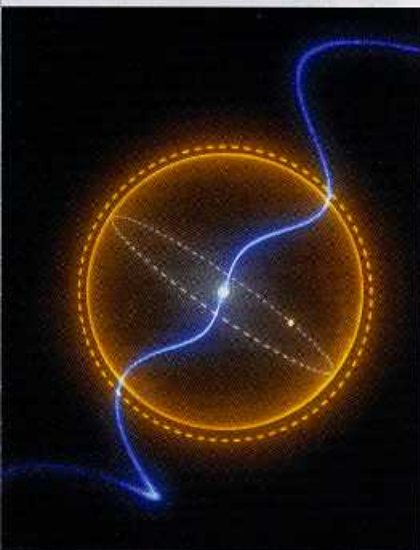
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Tropical tree species in Soberania National Park, Panama. Differences in species composition across locations ( $\beta$  diversity) generally increase at low latitude and elevation, such that the  $\beta$  diversity of many clades peaks in lowland, tropical areas. Kraft *et al.* show that this trend is more likely driven by differences in the size of species pools than by differences in community assembly processes in temperate versus tropical systems. See page 1755.

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