

evolution occurs very
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[for distributed participants]

evolution occurs very slowly or not at all presents a collection of sound files that may gradually transform over multiple generations. The project is open to distributed participants who select any two of the available files and listen to them simultaneously while trying to recreate what they hear using any sound-producing means. Participants record their recreation and add it to the collection of sound files. Over the course of the project, the files may evolve based on the adaptations and mutations introduced by the participants.

The title is taken from Richard Dawkins' *The Blind Watchmaker* (1986).

SETUP

All current files are available from www.james-saunders.com/evolution-occurs-very-slowly-or-not-at-all

Pick two of the available sound files.

Play them back over headphones simultaneously, with one file in each ear, so that only you can hear them and they do not appear on your recording.

Recreate the sounds using any means at your disposal, trying to get as close as you can to the combination of recordings.

Record your recreation of the sounds, and name it using the convention:

fileA-fileB.wav

So for example if your recording uses files 003 and 019, then your filename would be:

003-019.wav

You may use any common audio file format (aif, wav, mp3 etc).

Upload it using the form on the page linked to above.

After uploading it will be added to the archive of available files and the network map.