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in·tro·gres·sion  (in'trə-grěsh ən)

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n.

The movement or spread of alleles of one species into the gene pool of another through repeated backcrossing of interspecific hybrids with members of one of the parental species.

[From Latin *intrōgressus*, past participle of *intrōgredi*, to step in : *intrō-*, intro- + *gradī*, to step; see **ghredh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

in'tro·gres sive (-grěs ıv) *adj.*

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