

FIGURE 24.14. Conflicting pressures in one gene. An alignment of a region of lactate dehydrogenases from various vertebrates (cb, chicken LDH-B; pb, pig LDH-B; ca, chicken LDH-A) and lens crystallins from two bird species (hb, hummingbird ε-crystallin; sw, swift ε-crystallin). Also shown is a protein from ducks (labeled de) that serves as both an LDH-B and a crystallin. Note that some residues (labeled with *arrows*) are conserved in the other LDHs (including many not shown) and in some crystallins but are different in the dual-function enzyme. This may represent conflicting selection pressures that could diminish the activity of the LDH while improving the function of this protein as a crystallin. The *shaded* residues indicate differences between ε-crystallin in swift or hummingbird and duck.

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