

**Endemic species** are isolated species that can be found just in specific places.

When one species is isolated may become new species after years and years of evolution. This is what happened with the finches in Galápagos Islands. Darwin discovered islands are places where evolution can easily happen, but now we know caves are similar to 'islands' as they are isolated too.

For example, there is an endemic species in the caves of Valencian Community (Spain). This insect is called *Gollumjapyx smeagol*, named like that because of the famous character in The Lord of the Rings.

a) Find images of this insect that lives in caves. What are its adaptations?

b) Do you know more endemic species or isolated species?