

Understanding and Sustaining Ecosystem Health in Northern Forests

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Goals: The goals of this project are to: (1) promote better information exchange between thirteen of the existing NSRC-funded synthesis efforts, and (2) construct a ‘master’ regional database on northern forest and aquatic ecosystem response to environmental change. We will use this collaboration and ‘master’ database to (1) describe regional trends in surface water, vegetation, and soil chemistry, (2) investigate interactions between two or more vectors of change across the region (e.g. N and Hg), and (3) to identify major gaps in our research agendas and data acquisition processes.

Progress to Date:

1. An initial meeting of cooperating scientists was held in September 30, 2004. Major questions were reviewed and a structure and plan for the database was decided upon.
2. Phase 1 of the database project has been completed, and an initial Microsoft Access searchable meta database has been developed to provide information on what types of formation are available in the various databases.
3. A pass word protected website was developed to house the meta database and other project information: http://www.ecostudies.org/nerc/index_new.htm
4. A second meeting of cooperating scientists was convened on April 13, 2005 in Durham, NH. Elements of Phase 2, including investigator permission letters and the structure and content of the regional database were discussed.
5. Permissions have been obtained from all data contributors at varying levels.
6. Data from 12 of the 13 databases have been entered into a Microsoft Access searchable database.
7. The following graphical and statistical analyses have been performed for 'Surface Water', 'Vegetation', and 'Soils' subsets of the data for the period 1990-2003 (see Appendix A, B, and C):
 - a. Summary statistics
 - b. Cumulative probability diagrams (with the exception of Soils)
 - c. Box Plots by State and Province
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 - f. Scatter plots of parameters with r^2 's > 0.10 with latitude, longitude, and elevation
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 - h. Random Forest plots
8. Regional maps for N, S, and Hg deposition have been compiled (Appendix D).
9. A geospatial climate, soil characteristics and landscape characteristics database has been developed (Appendix E). This can be accessed at: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>, and is expected to be in a final form by the end of May.

Preliminary Observations – By Ecosystem Strata:

Surface Water: Surface water chemistry is available from 997 sites (Appendix A-1). Surface water NO₃, SO₄, and total N decrease from west to east, and from south to north. Na and Cl increase from west to east. Surface water SO₄ and Al increase with increasing

elevation whereas Na, Cl, and K decrease with increasing elevation (Appendices A-3 to A-5).

Foliage: Foliar data are available for 135 to 239 sites, depending on the species and nutrient (Appendix B-1). Foliar N (*F. Americana* and *Q. rubra*), Al (*A. saccharum*) and lignin (*F. grandifolia*, *A. rubra*, and *Q. rubra*) decrease significantly from west to east, whereas Ca (*A. balsamea*), Mg (*Q. rubra* and *A. balsamea*), Sr (*F. americana*, *Q. rubra* and *P. rubens*), and cellulose increase. Foliar N, (*Q. rubra*), Mg (*F. americana*), P (*A. saccharum* and *F. americana*), and lignin (*A. rubrum* and *Q. rubra*) decrease with increasing latitude, whereas Ca (*A. balsamea*), Al (*Q. rubra*) and Sr (*B. alleghaniensis*, *F. americana*, *Q. rubra* *P. rubens* and *A. balsamea*) increase with increasing latitude. Nitrogen (all species), P (*Q. rubra*), and lignin (*A. saccharum*, *A. rubrum*., *F. americana*, and *A. balsamea*) increase significantly with elevation, and Ca (*B. alleghaniensis*, *F. americana*, *P. rubens* and *A. balsamea*), Mg (*Q. rubra*), K (*P. rubens* and *A. balsamea*), and Al (*Q. rubra* and *A. balsamea*) decrease. Cellulose and Sr elevational trends vary with species (Appendices B-3 to B-5). The lack of stronger latitudinal and longitudinal patterns is in part due to the fact that much of this data is concentrated in NH and NY, and thus has a limited geographical spread.

Soils: O horizon, upper mineral (0-20 cm), and lower mineral horizon (>20 cm) soil chemistry data are available from 199, 170, and 67 sites, respectively (Appendix C-1). For the O horizon, pH (softwood), total N (mixed), Al (mixed) and nitrification/mineralization ratios decreased from west to east. In the mineral soil nitrification/mineralization ratios increased from west to east (softwood). For the O horizon, CN (hardwood) and Ca (mixed) increased with increasing latitude and nitrification/mineralization ratios (hardwood) decreased. For the mineral soil, pH (hardwood) decreased with increasing latitude whereas total C (mixed), total N (all stand types) and Al (hardwood and mixed) increased. For the O horizon, pH (softwood) and CN (softwood) decreased with increasing elevation, whereas total N (mixed) and Ca (mixed) increased. For the mineral soil, no elements decreased with increasing elevation, whereas total C and N (all stand types). K (hardwood), and Al (hardwood and mixed) increased (Appendices C-3 to C-5).

Preliminary Observations: By Element

Nitrogen: Surface water, foliar, and soil nitrogen tend to decrease from west to east, following broad nitrogen deposition patterns. Mineral soil N also increases with increasing latitude and increasing elevation, and foliar nitrogen increases with increasing elevation, both consistent with broad climatic patterns.

Carbon: Mineral horizon carbon increases with increasing latitude and increasing elevation, consistent with broad climatic patterns. Foliar lignin tends to decrease with increasing latitude and longitude, but increases with elevation. Foliar cellulose trends were less apparent and varied with species.

Base Cations: No trends were observed for surface water Ca or Mg concentrations; surface water Na increased towards the ocean, and surface water Na and K decreased

with increasing elevation. Although few latitudinal or longitudinal trends were observed for foliar base cations, foliar Ca did tend to decrease with increasing elevation. Similarly few trends were observed for soil base cations, with the exception of the increase in soil Ca with increasing elevation.

Continuing Work:

An interim report will be prepared to include the information in appendices A, B, and C, and distributed to all participants for internal review. The working group will collaboratively decide if more data are needed to elucidate regional trends, what additional analyses should be done, and how and where the material should be published.

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Appendix A-1: Surface Water Chemistry Summary Statistics

Table 1. Summary statistics for surface water chemistry dataset. Most variables were transformed to log scale for analysis as noted in the last column. No hypolimnion lake samples were included in the analysis.

All Surface Water

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n	transformation
pH (air-eq)	6.23	6.37	3.98	9.44	0.89	836	none
Ca (mg/L)	2.20	1.32	0.15	54.50	4.51	614	ln(x)
Mg (mg/L)	0.53	0.37	0.02	6.00	0.53	502	ln(x)
K (mg/L)	0.35	0.29	0.04	2.30	0.25	500	ln(x)
Na (mg/L)	2.45	1.50	0.09	60.80	4.03	500	ln(x)
NH₄ (mg N/L)	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.26	0.03	319	ln(x+1)
ANC (mg/L)	5.89	1.66	-6.30	112.30	12.26	525	ln(x+10)
NO₃ (mg N/L)	0.08	0.01	0.00	0.81	0.13	682	ln(x+1)
SO₄ (mg S/L)	1.42	1.19	0.06	38.74	2.02	923	ln(x)
Cl (mg/L)	3.32	1.80	0.09	81.70	6.00	501	ln(x)
DOC/TOC (mg/L)	5.52	4.40	0.00	92.05	4.97	997	ln(x+1)
Total Al (ug/L)	81.03	51.83	0.00	493.09	91.36	319	ln(x+1)
Total N (mg N/L)	0.28	0.27	0.03	2.01	0.20	467	ln(x)
Total P (ug/L)	12.39	9.61	1.53	129.60	12.10	317	ln(x)
Total Hg (ng/L)	2.79	2.26	0.22	19.76	2.27	450	ln(x)
MeHg (ng/L)	0.31	0.21	0.01	3.02	0.34	240	ln(x)

Lakes Only

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n	transformation
pH (air-eq)	6.19	6.30	3.98	9.44	0.95	564	none
Ca (mg/L)	1.90	1.22	0.15	40.90	3.65	469	ln(x)
Mg (mg/L)	0.49	0.36	0.02	4.06	0.45	469	ln(x)
K (mg/L)	0.34	0.27	0.04	2.30	0.24	469	ln(x)
Na (mg/L)	2.02	1.38	0.09	16.90	2.20	469	ln(x)
NH₄ (mg N/L)	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.26	0.03	317	ln(x+1)
ANC (mg/L)	3.49	1.26	-6.30	112.30	10.18	438	ln(x+10)
NO₃ (mg N/L)	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.49	0.09	527	ln(x+1)
SO₄ (mg S/L)	1.06	1.06	0.06	3.34	0.50	691	ln(x)
Cl (mg/L)	2.74	1.59	0.09	33.18	4.05	470	ln(x)
DOC/TOC (mg/L)	5.91	4.80	0.00	34.50	4.18	707	ln(x+1)
Total Al (ug/L)	81.03	51.83	0.00	493.09	91.36	319	ln(x+1)
Total N (mg N/L)	0.30	0.28	0.05	2.01	0.20	436	ln(x)
Total P (ug/L)	12.39	9.61	1.53	129.60	12.10	317	ln(x)
Total Hg (ng/L)	2.45	2.14	0.24	10.79	1.73	254	ln(x)
MeHg (ng/L)	0.28	0.22	0.02	1.81	0.25	142	ln(x)

Streams Only

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n	transformation
pH (air-eq)	6.30	6.49	4.43	8.52	0.77	272	none

Ca (mg/L)	3.16	1.76	0.52	54.50	6.50	145	ln(x)
Mg (mg/L)	1.10	0.80	0.22	6.00	1.02	33	ln(x)
K (mg/L)	0.50	0.40	0.10	1.90	0.38	31	ln(x)
Na (mg/L)	8.84	4.00	2.50	60.80	12.21	31	ln(x)
ANC (mg/L)	17.99	15.00	0.32	54.00	14.55	87	ln(x+10)
NO₃ (mg N/L)	0.21	0.20	0.00	0.81	0.16	155	ln(x+1)
SO₄ (mg S/L)	2.48	1.75	0.19	38.74	3.75	232	ln(x)
Cl (mg/L)	12.09	5.80	2.50	81.70	16.10	31	ln(x)
DOC/TOC (mg/L)	4.57	3.00	0.40	92.05	6.41	290	ln(x+1)
NH₄ (mg N/L)	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.02	2	ln(x+1)
Total Al (ug/L)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	ln(x+1)
Total N (mg N/L)	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.38	0.08	31	ln(x)
Total P (ug/L)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	ln(x)
Total Hg (ng/L)	3.24	2.51	0.22	19.76	2.75	196	ln(x)
MeHg (ng/L)	0.34	0.19	0.01	3.02	0.44	98	ln(x)

Appendix A-2: Surface Water Chemistry Cumulative Probability Diagrams

Figure 1. Cumulative probability diagrams for surface water cations. Most parameters were converted to a natural log scale for analysis.

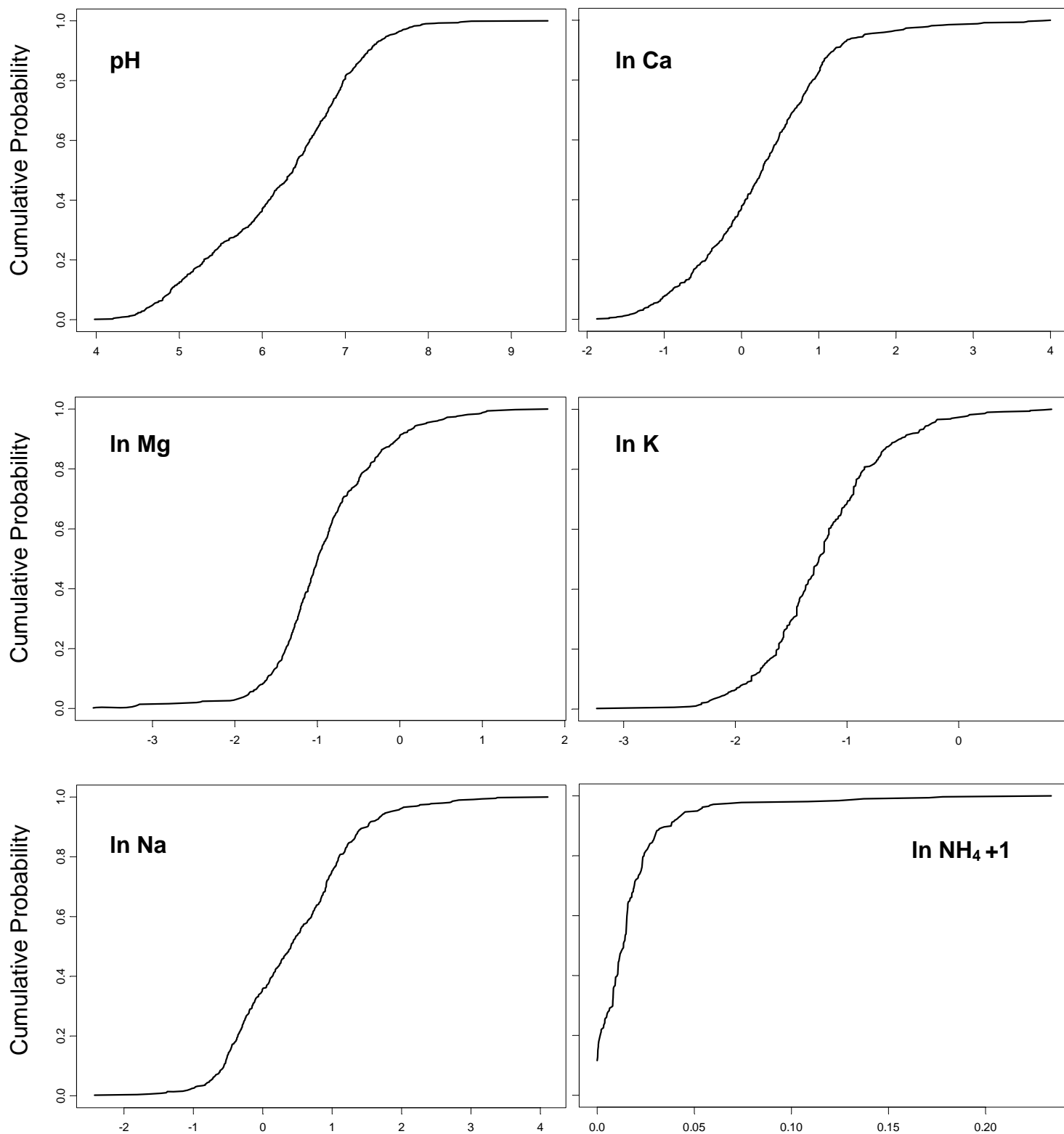


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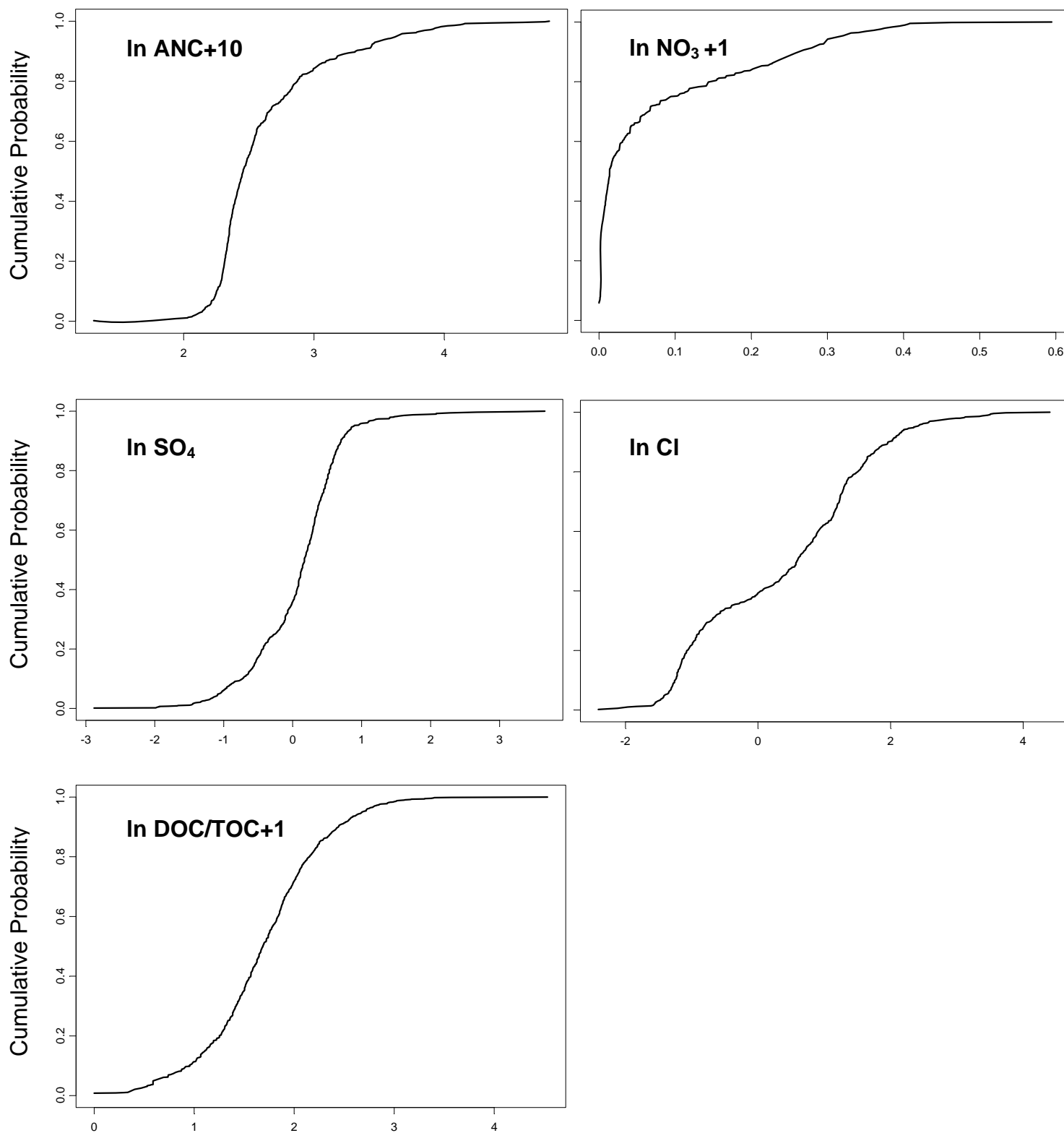
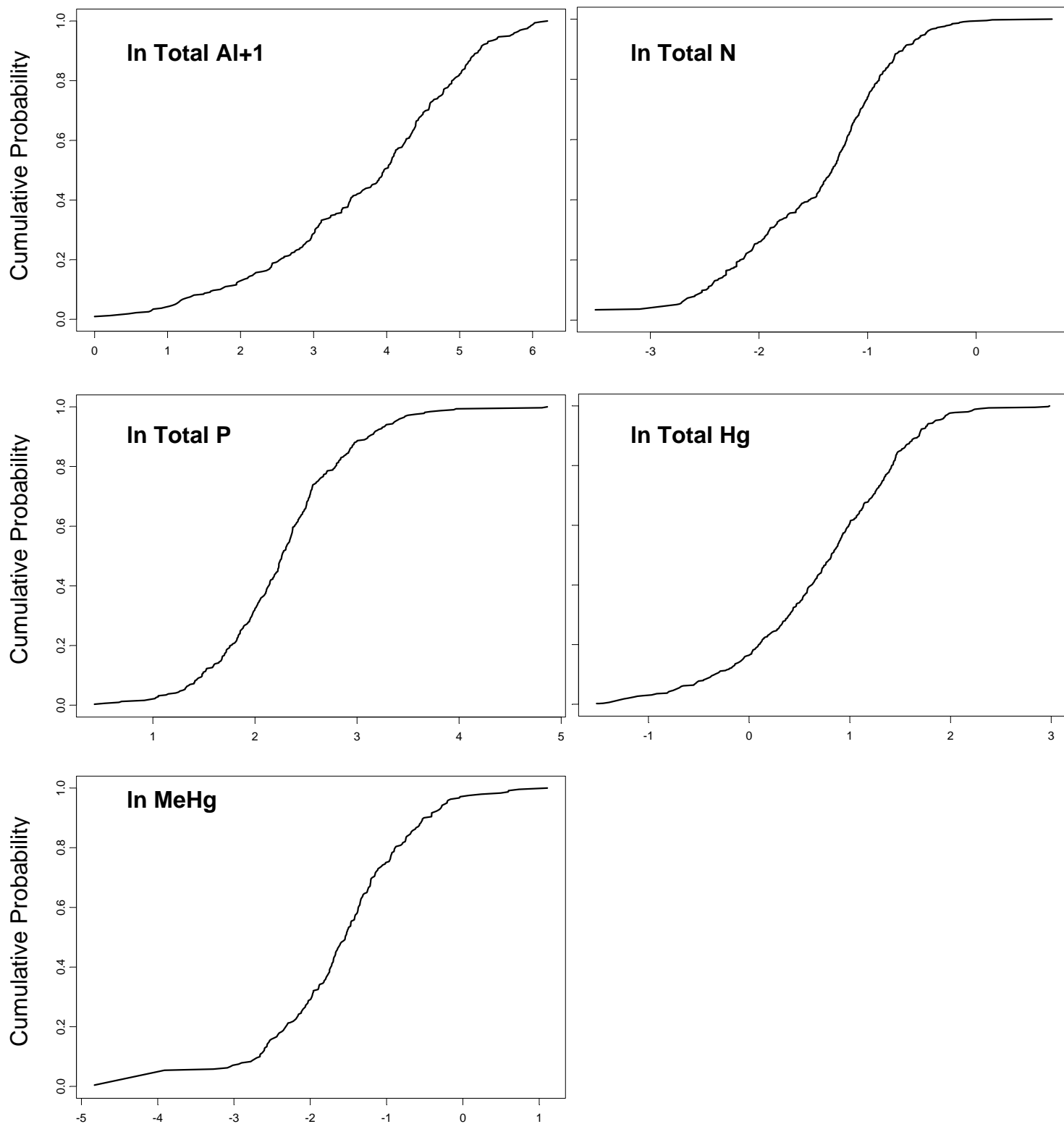


Figure 3. Cumulative probability diagrams for surface water Total Al, N, P and Hg. Most parameters were converted to a natural log scale for analysis.



Appendix A-3: Surface Water Chemistry Boxplots

Figure 4. Boxplots for surface water cations. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

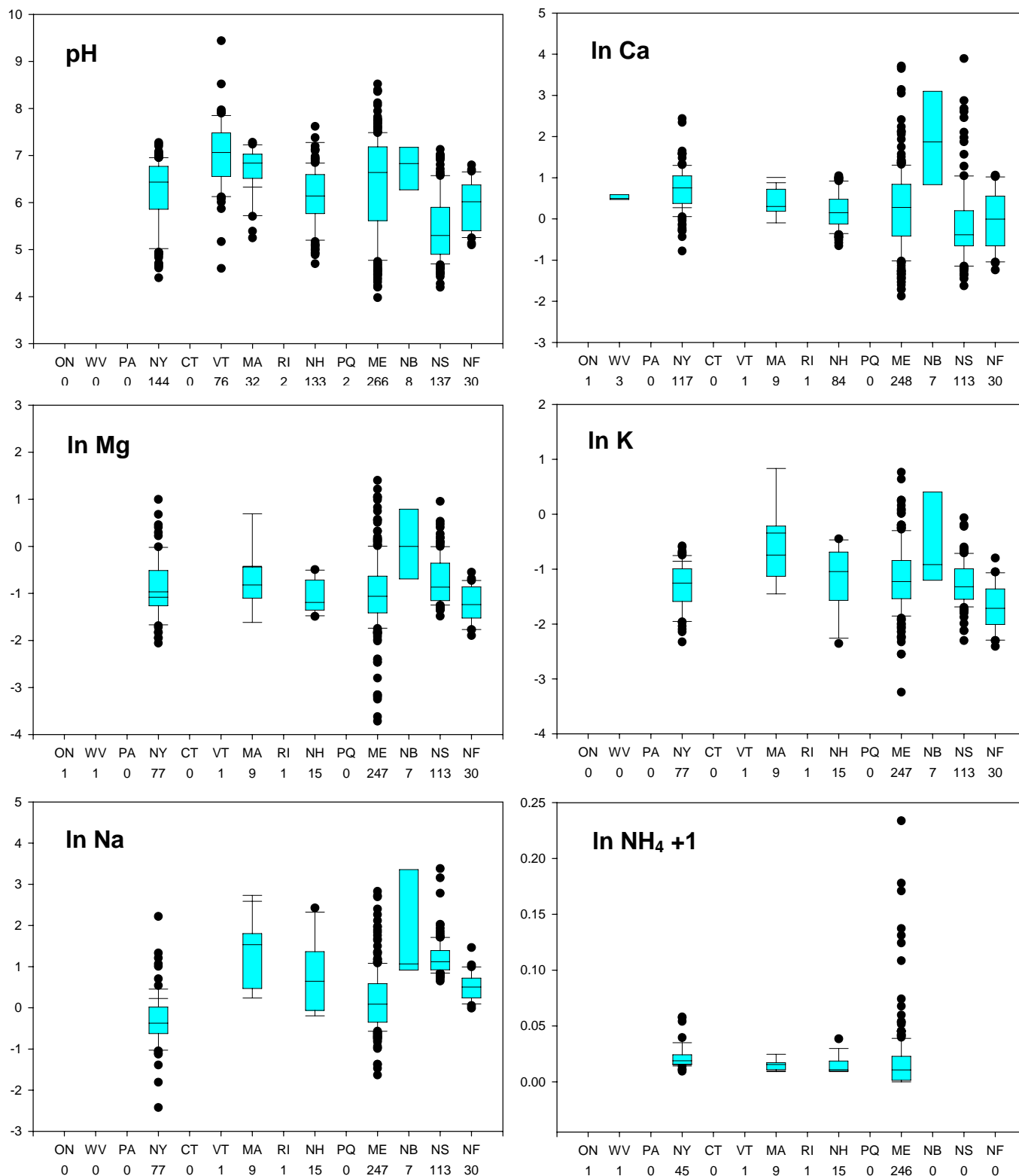


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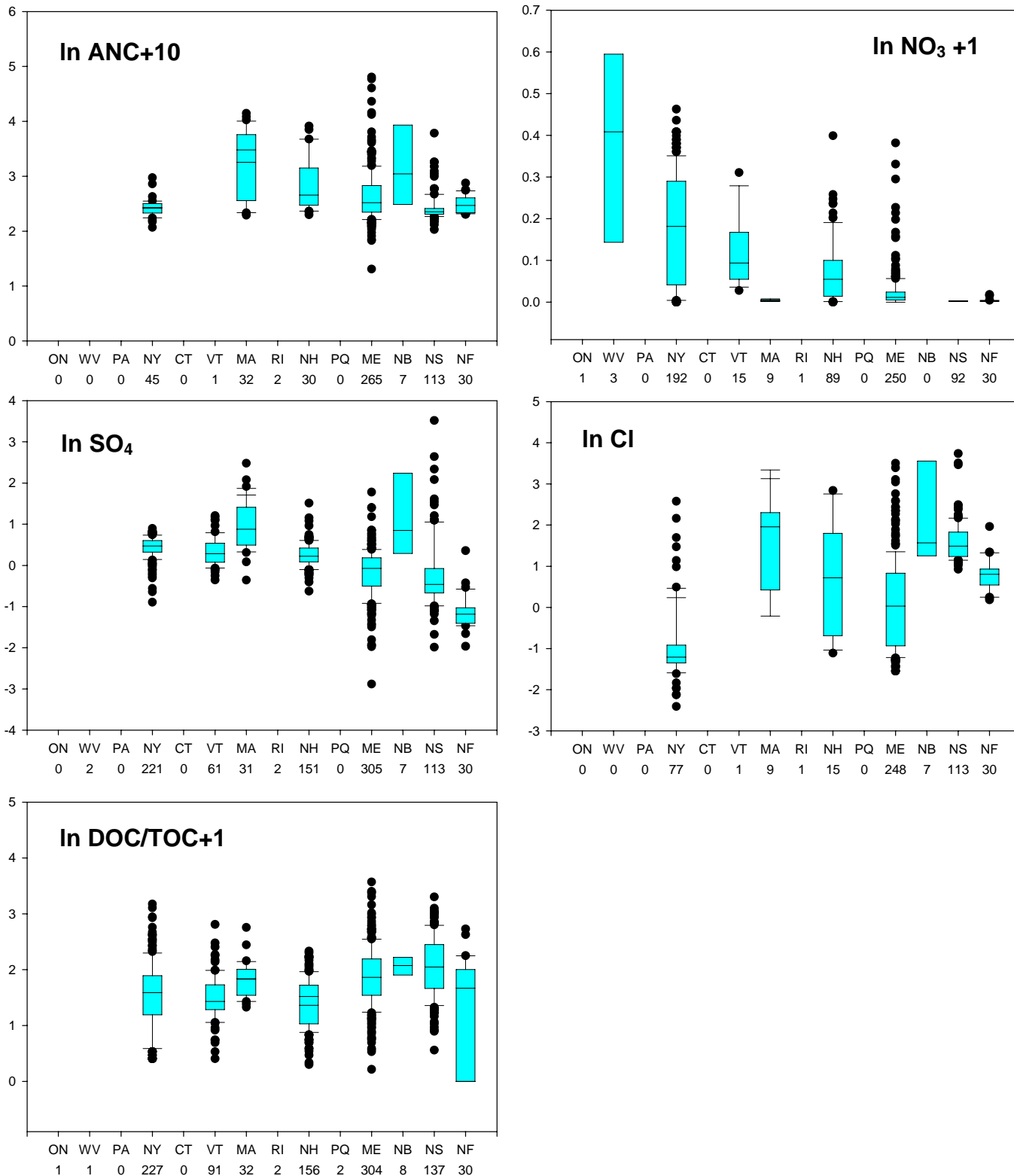
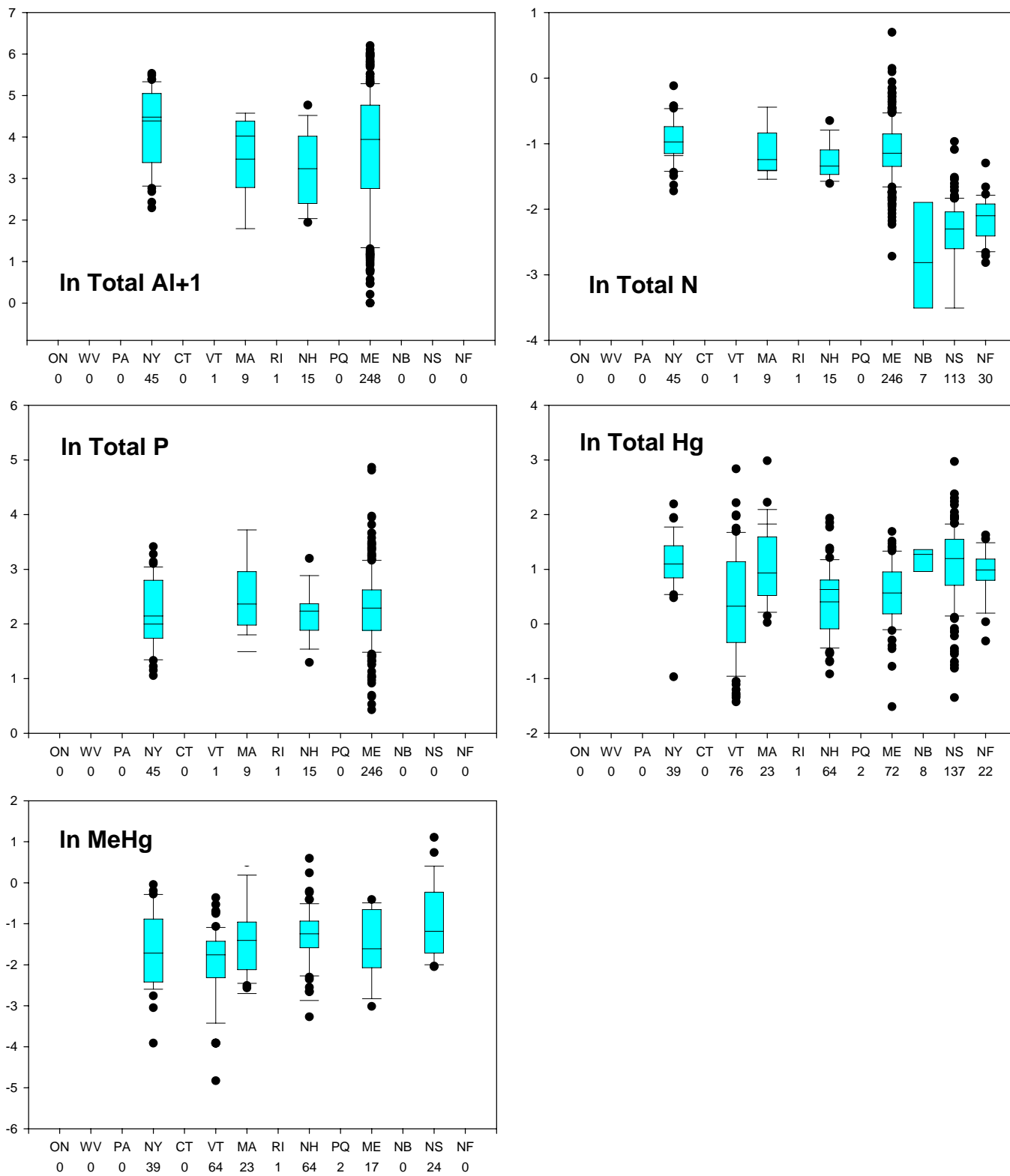
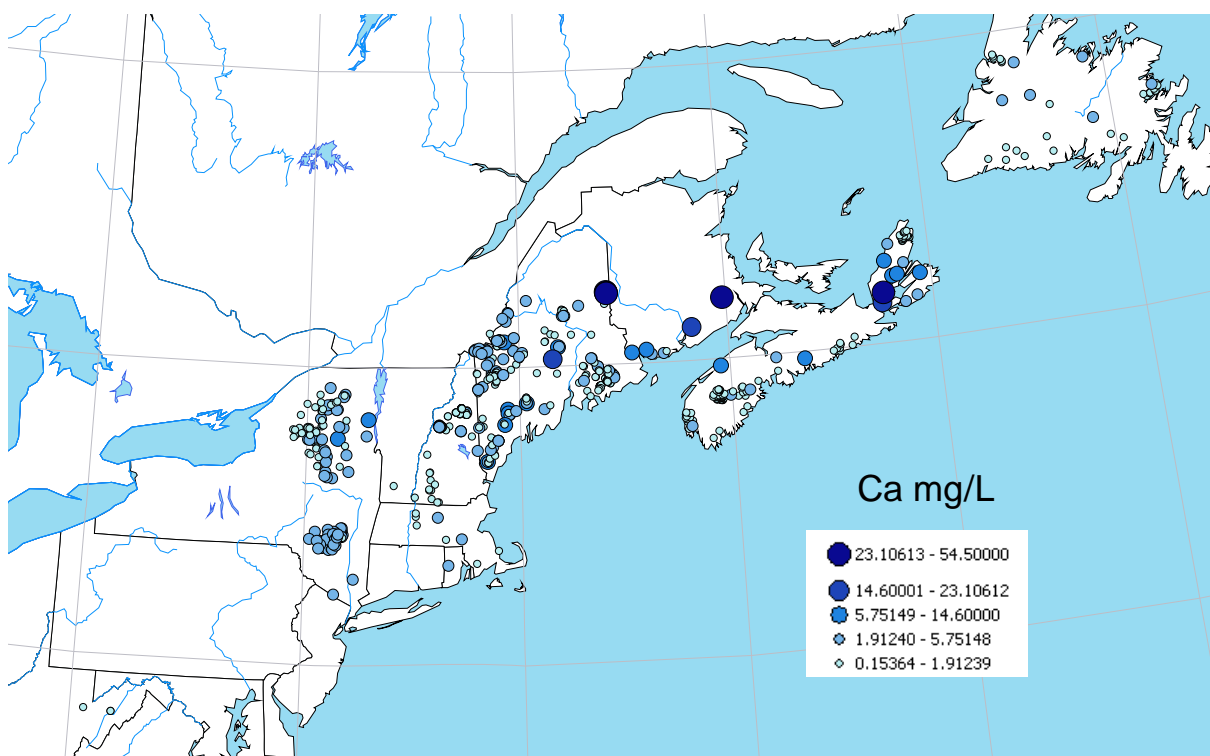
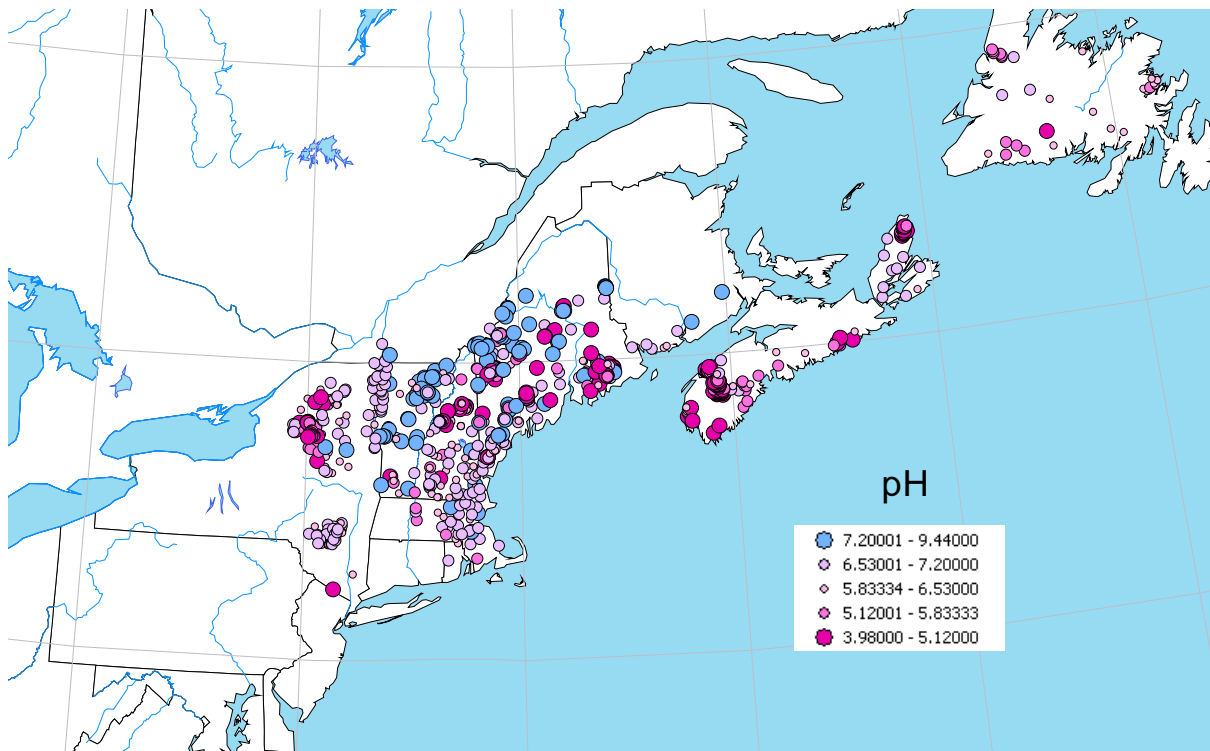


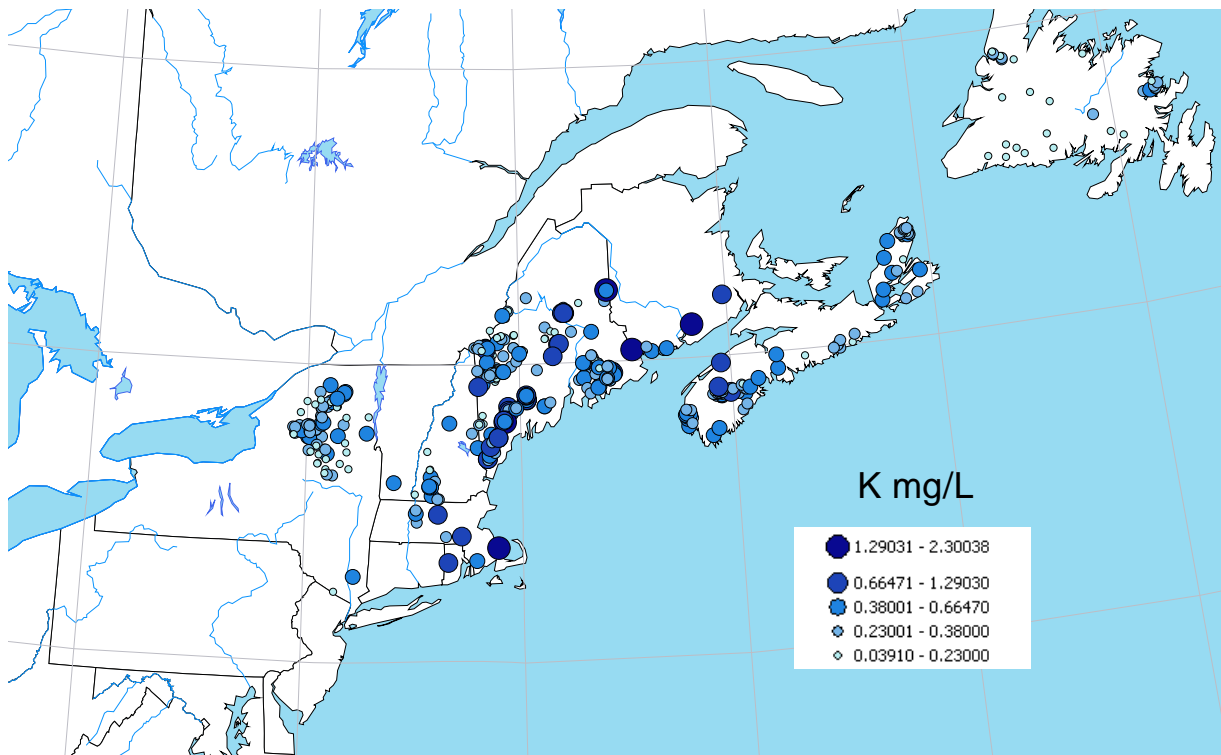
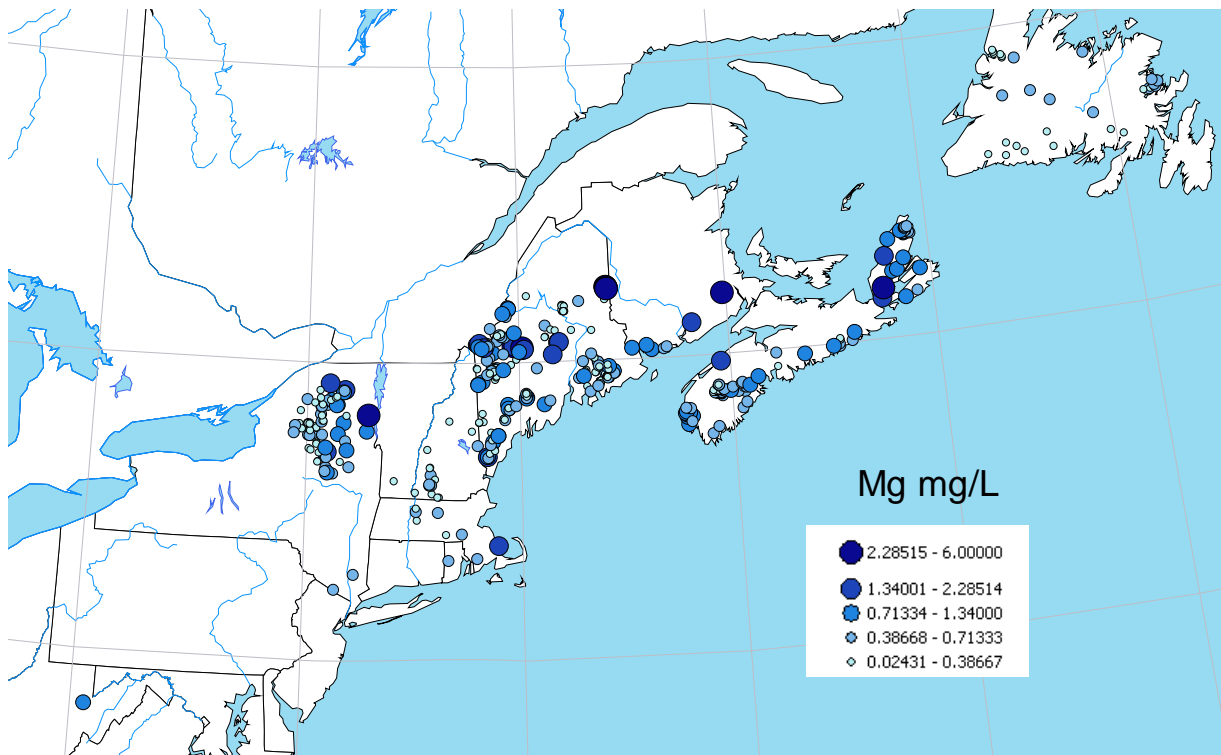
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Appendix A-4: Surface Water Chemistry Maps

Figure 7. Maps for surface water cations. Note that values used in these maps were not converted to log scale. (figure spans multiple pages)





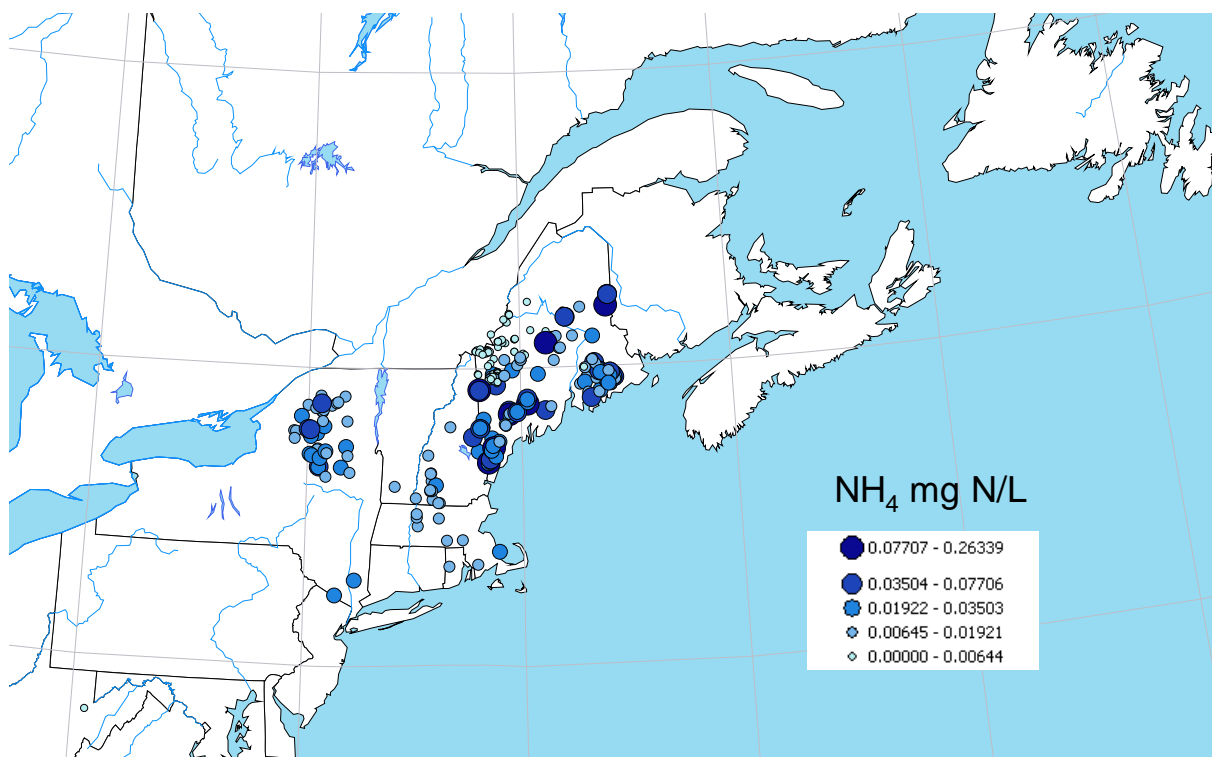
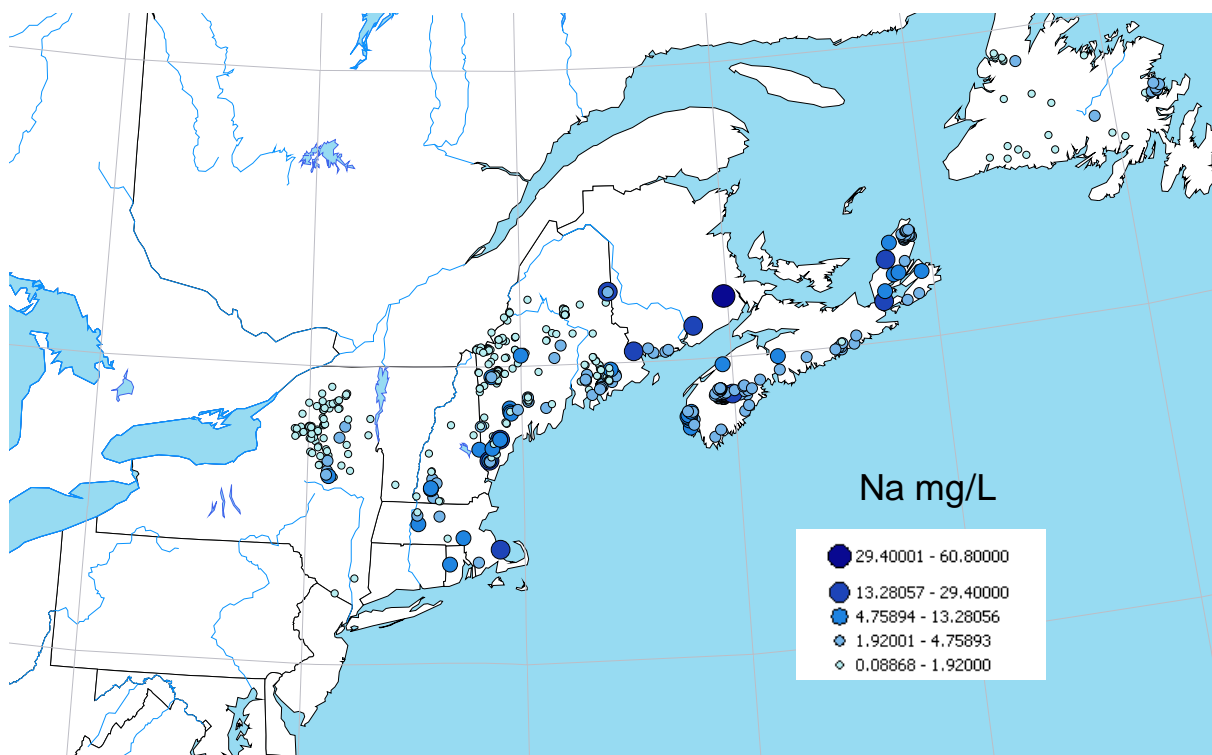
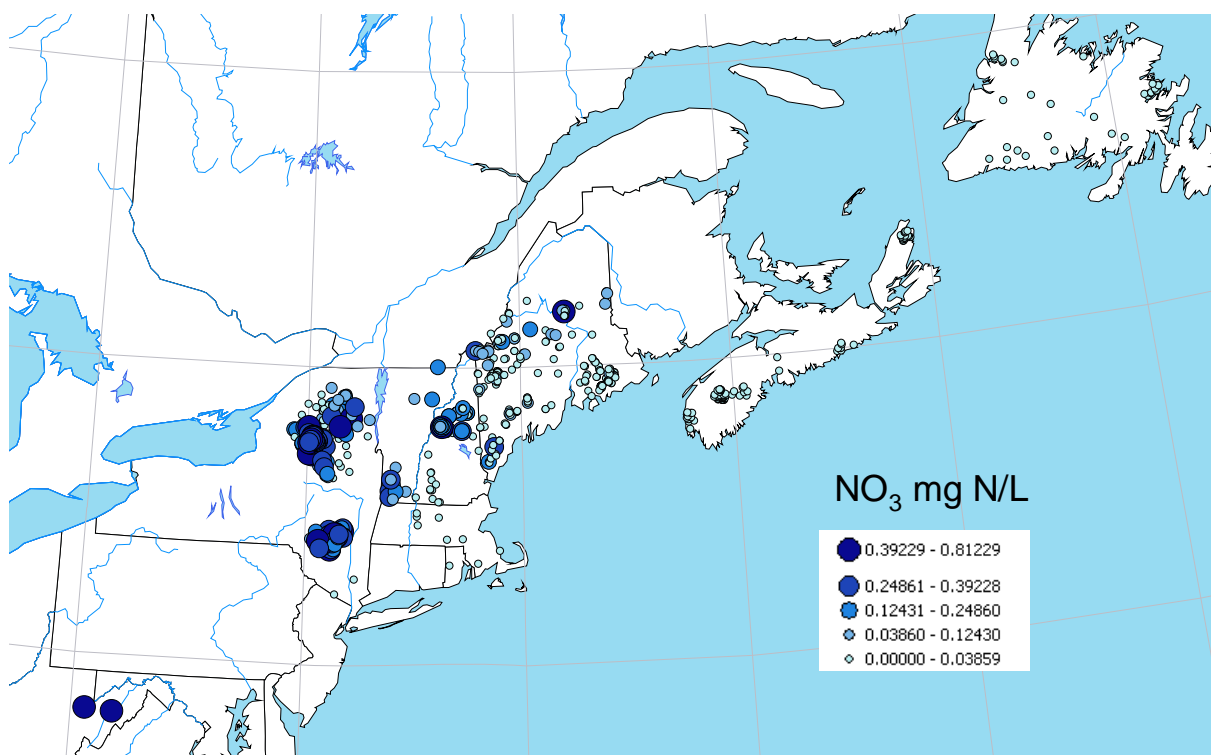
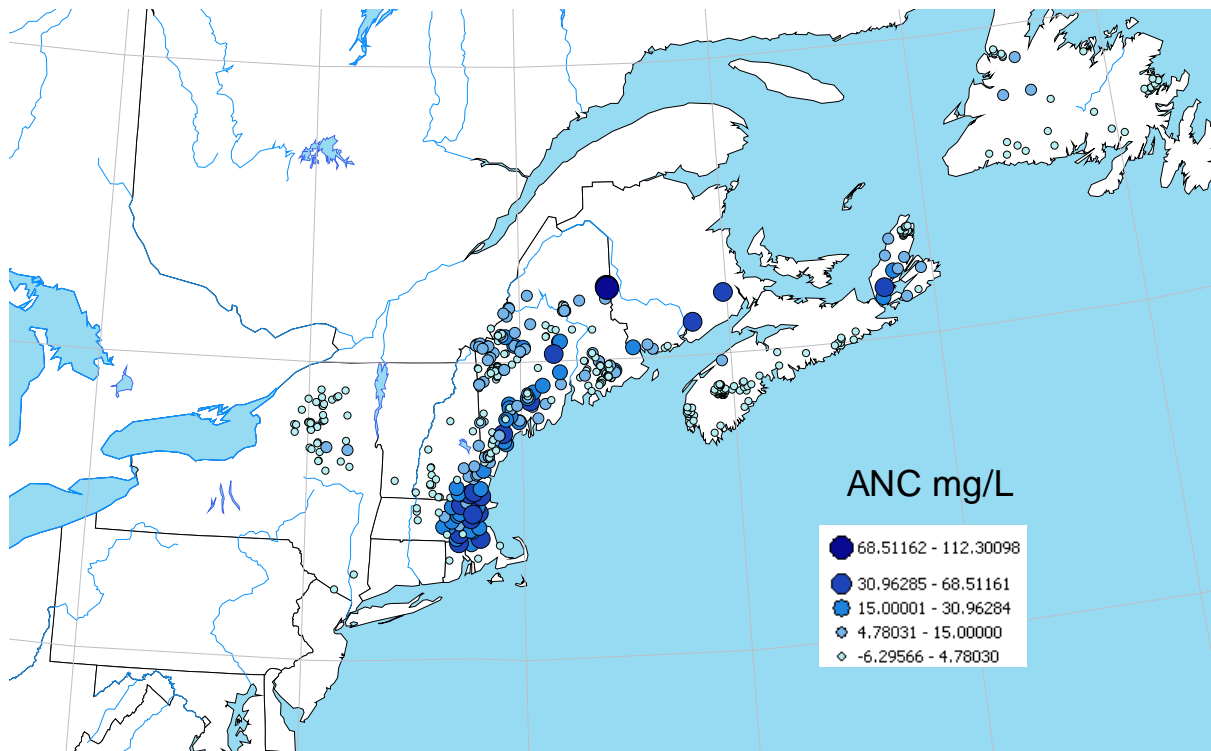
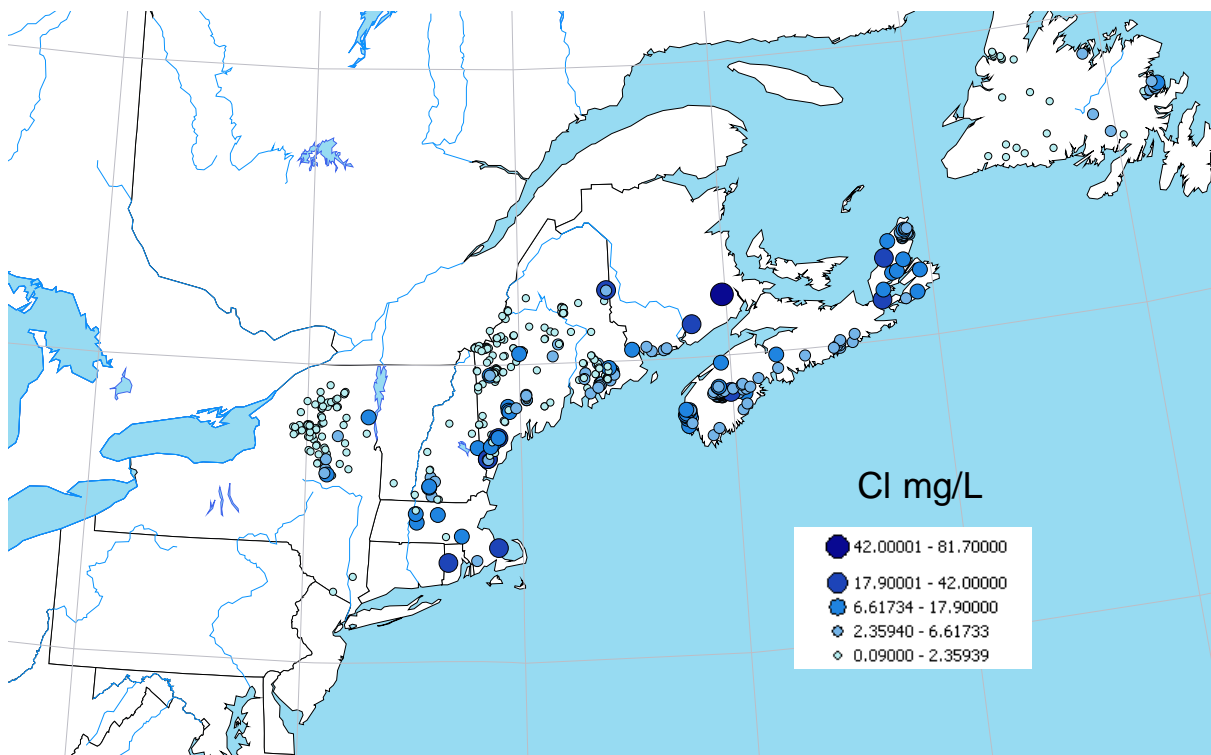
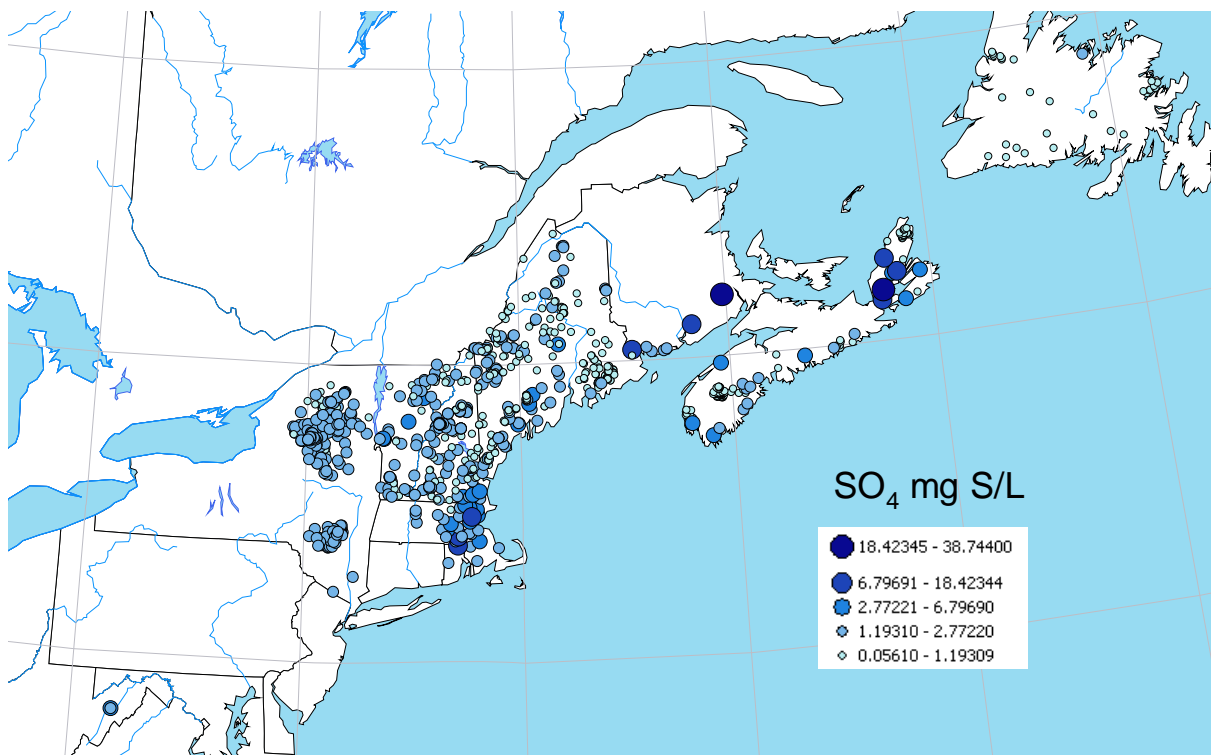


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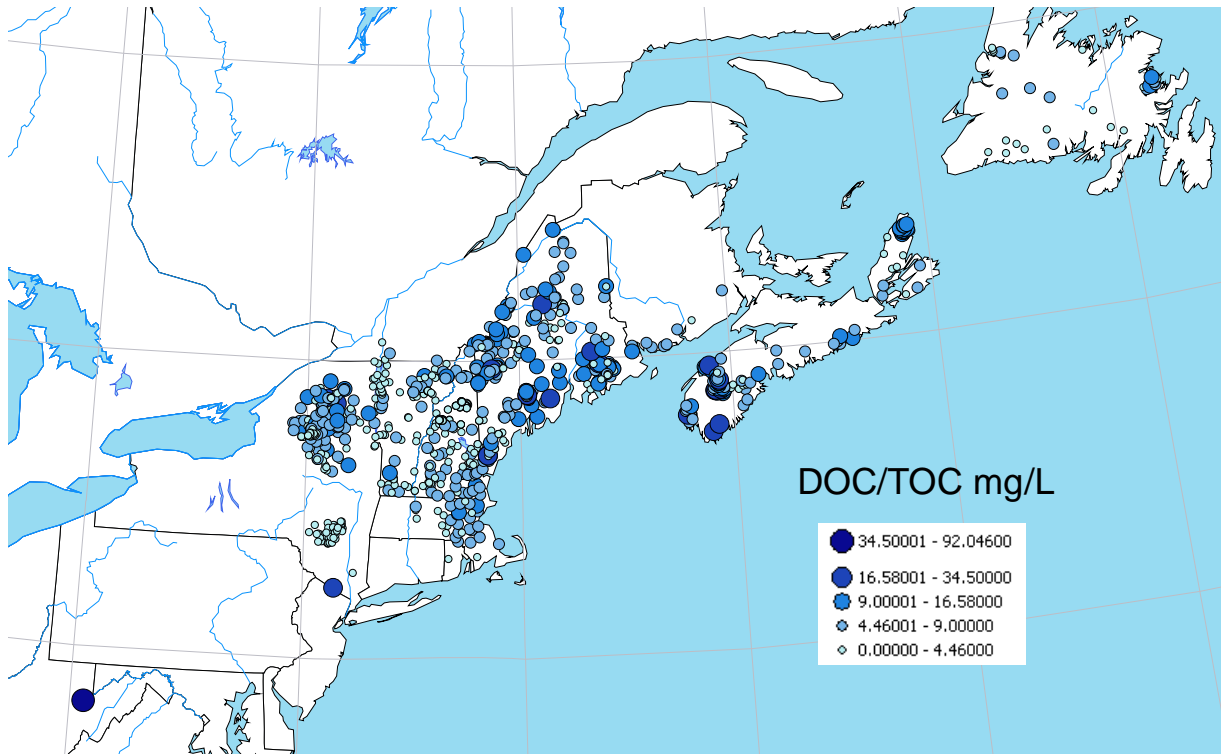
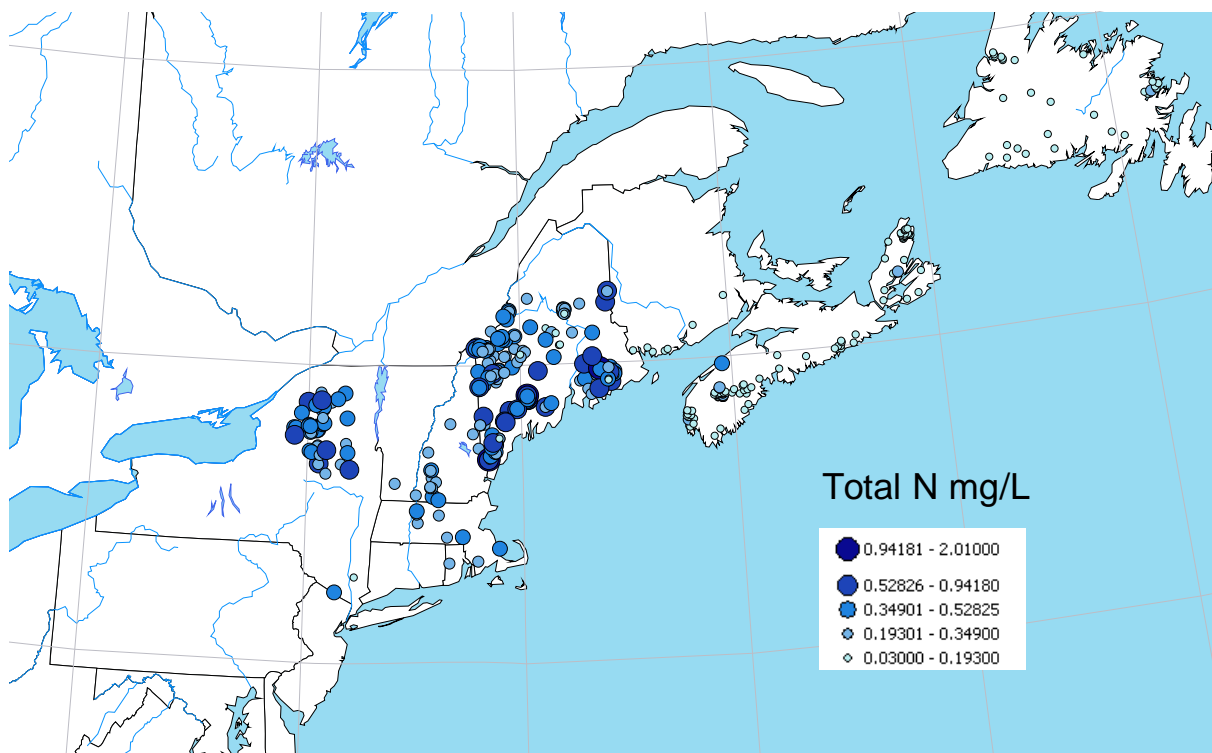
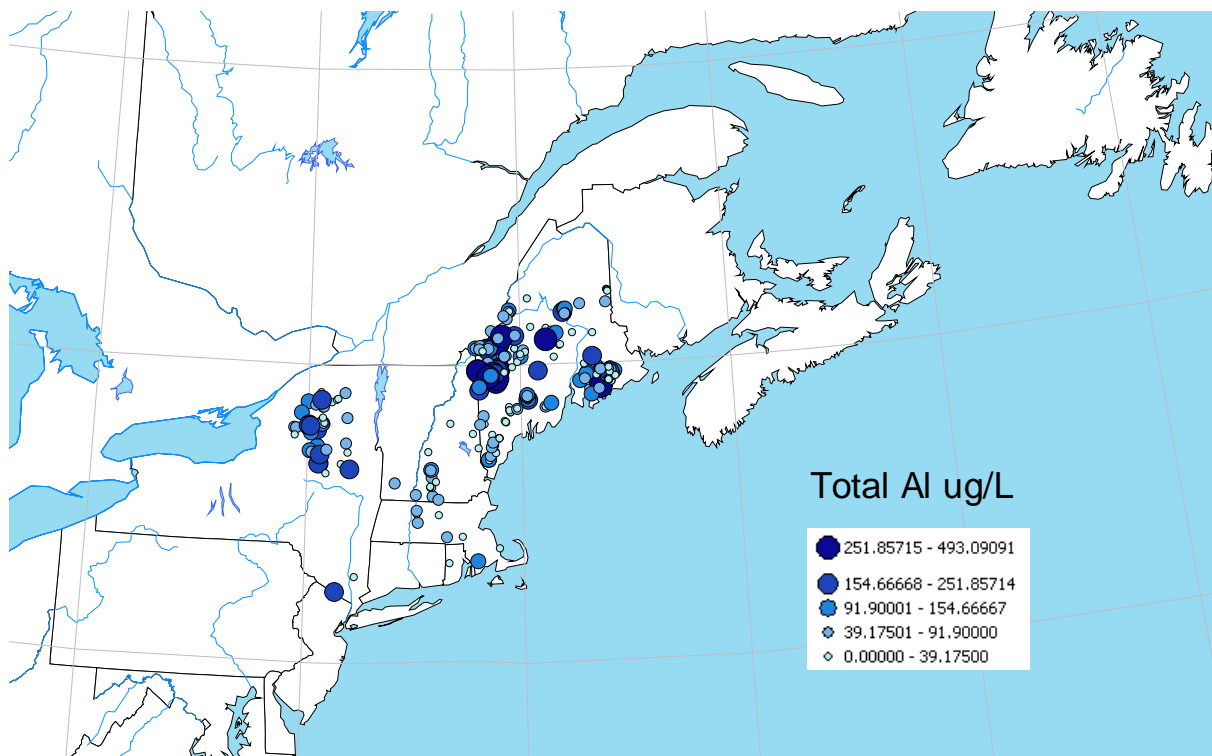
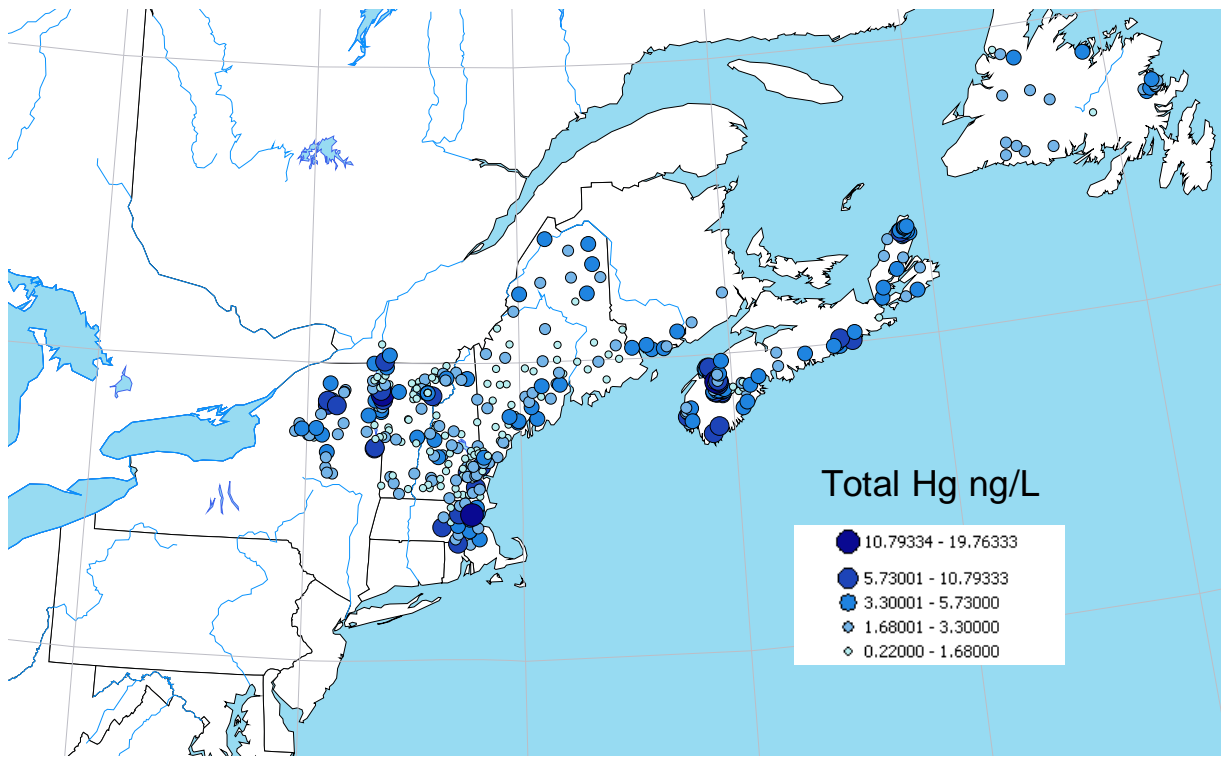
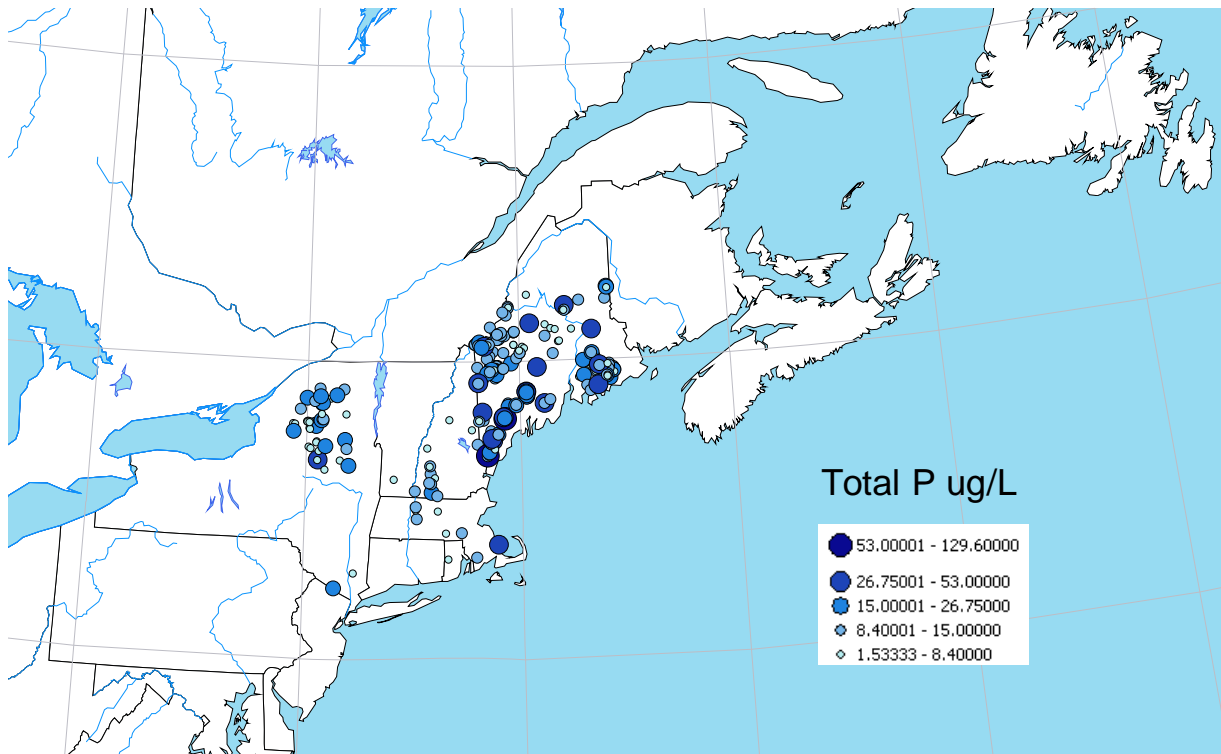
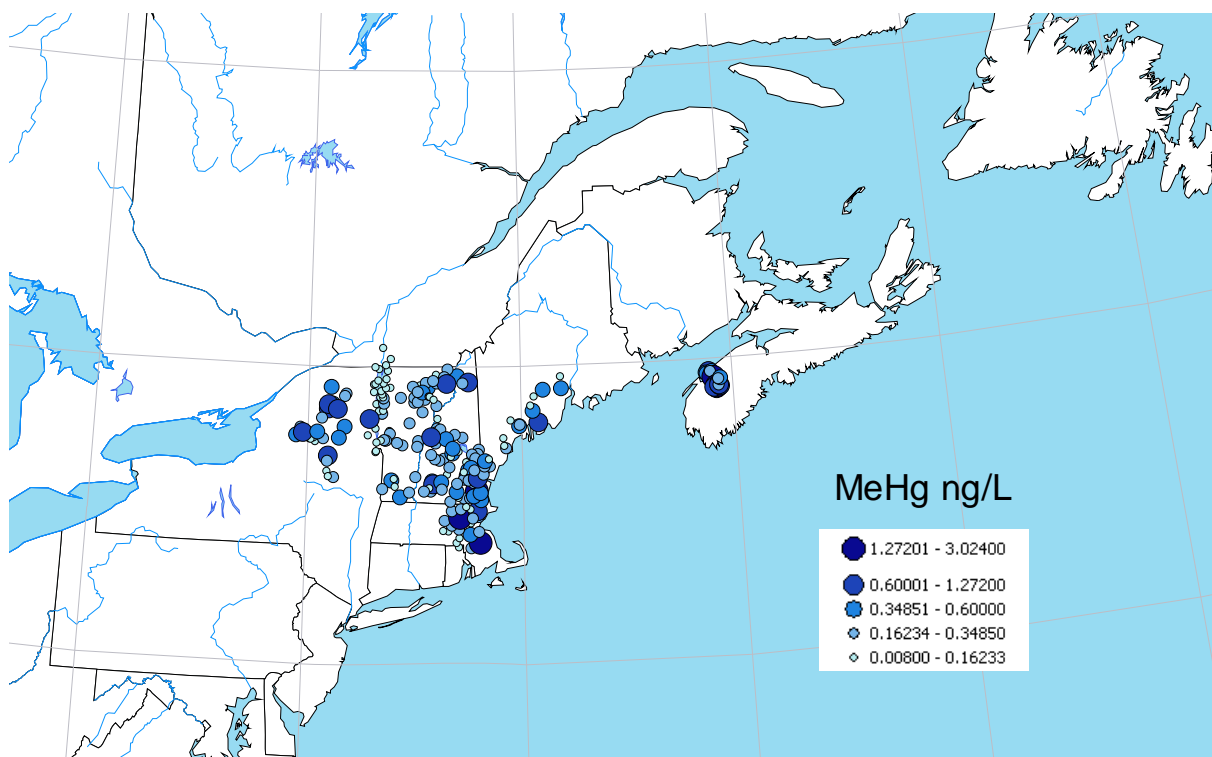


Figure 9. Maps for surface water Total Al, N, P and Hg. Note that values used in these maps were not converted to log scale. (figure spans multiple pages)







Appendix A-5: Surface Water Chemistry Linear Regressions with Latitude, Longitude and Elevation

Table 2. Results of linear regression of each parameter against latitude, longitude and elevation. Trend indicates positive or negative correlation and R² coefficients for the relationship are given in right hand columns. Log transformed data was used for this analysis.

	Trend			R ²		
	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation
pH	0	0	0	0.0076	0.0694	0.0040
Ca	0	0	0	0.0088	0.0438	0.0404
Mg	0	0	0	0.0043	0.0004	0.0090
K	0	0	---	0.0506	0.0180	0.2061
Na	0	+++	---	0.0001	0.1971	0.2766
NH ₄	0	0	0	0.0153	0.0007	0.0903
ANC	0	0	0	0.0252	0.0206	0.0000
NO ₃	---	---	0	0.2077	0.2525	0.0841
SO ₄	---	---	+++	0.2222	0.2293	0.1752
Cl	0	+++	---	0.0004	0.2808	0.5154
DOC/TOC	0	0	0	0.0282	0.0241	0.0017
Total Al	0	0	+++	0.0100	0.0436	0.2715
Total N	0	---	0	0.0783	0.4050	0.0012
Total P	0	0	0	0.0077	0.0026	0.0177
Total Hg	0	0	NA	0.0202	0.0673	NA
MeHg	0	0	NA	0.0260	0.0838	NA
<p>'---' indicates a significant negative relationship with an r² >0.10. '+++’ indicates a significant positive relationship with r² >0.10. '0' indicates either no significant relationship or significant with an r² < 0.10.</p>						

Figure 10. Graphs of parameters with strongest trends with latitude. Each pair includes a plot of untransformed data in original units on left, and a plot of log-transformed data on right (with which the linear regression was calculated).

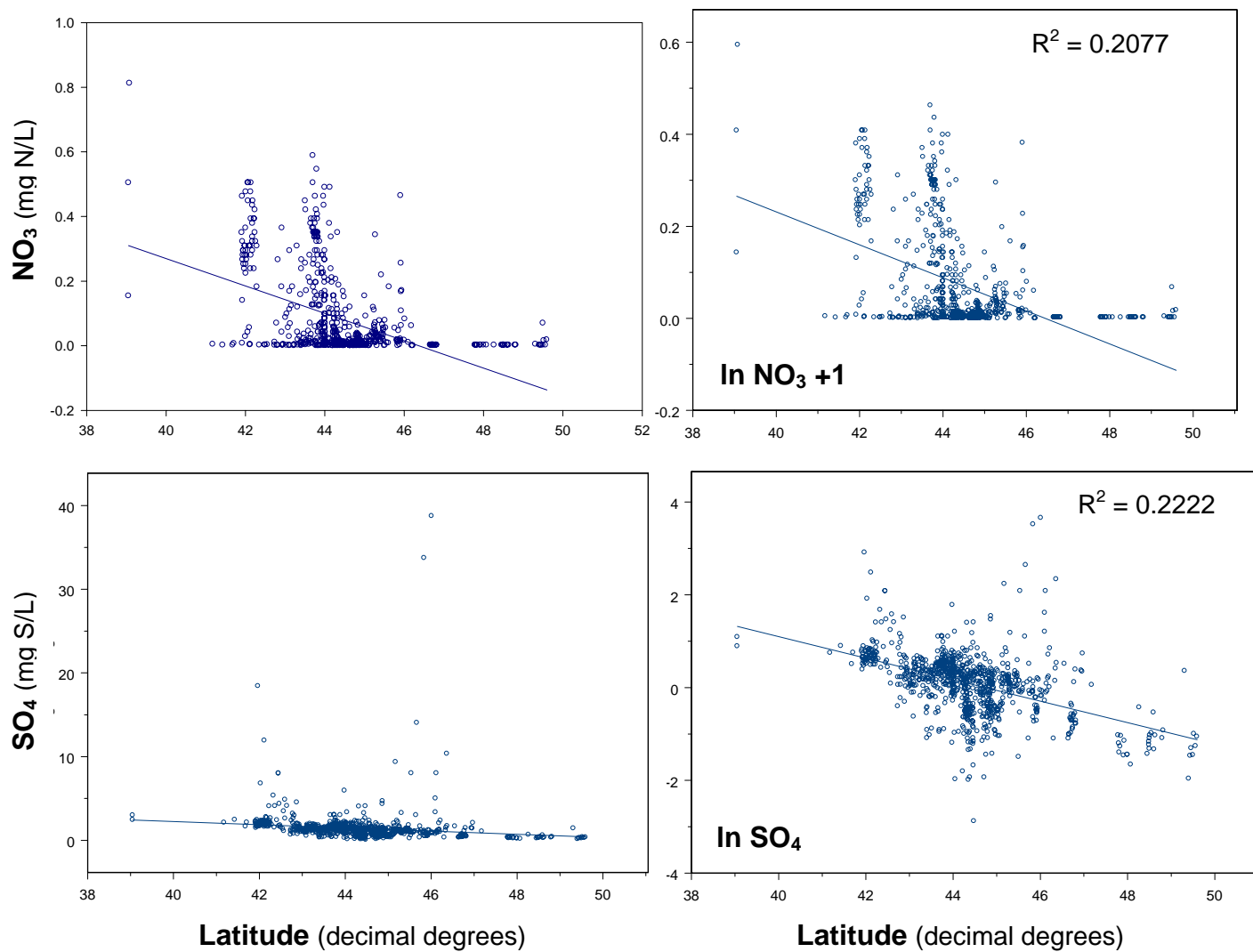
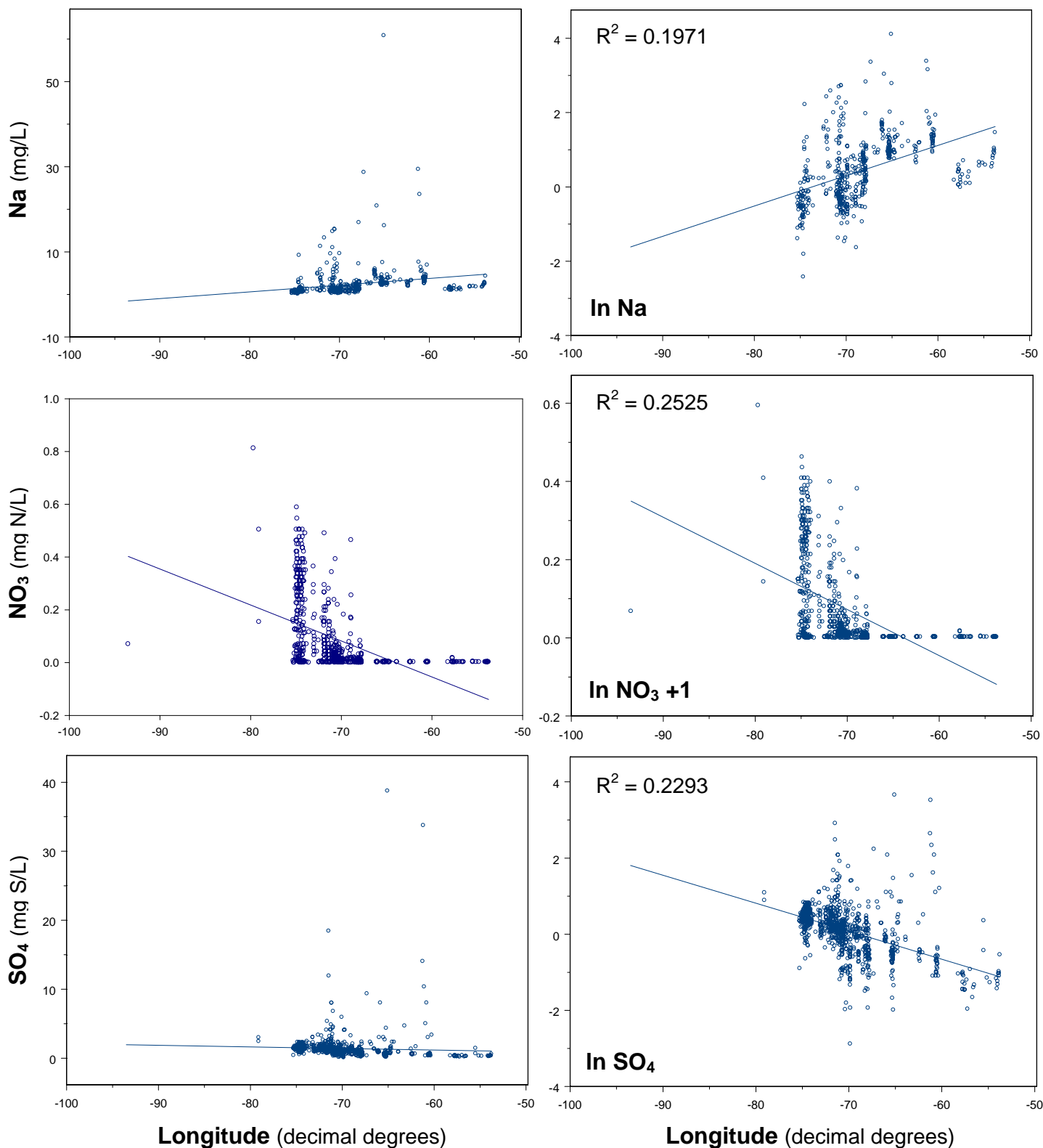


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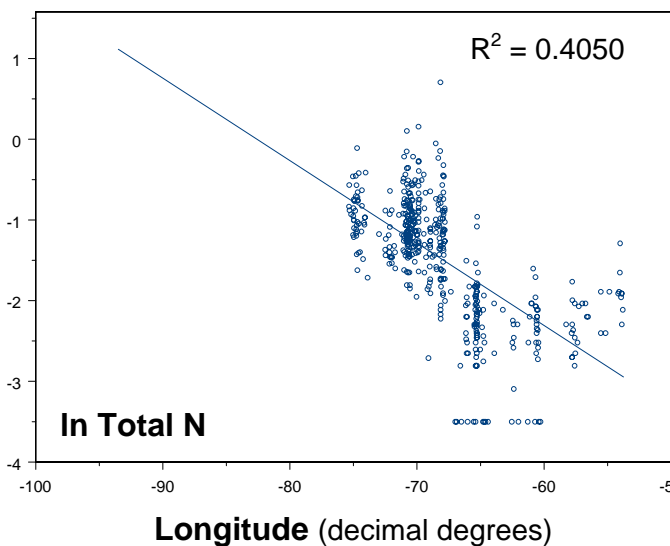
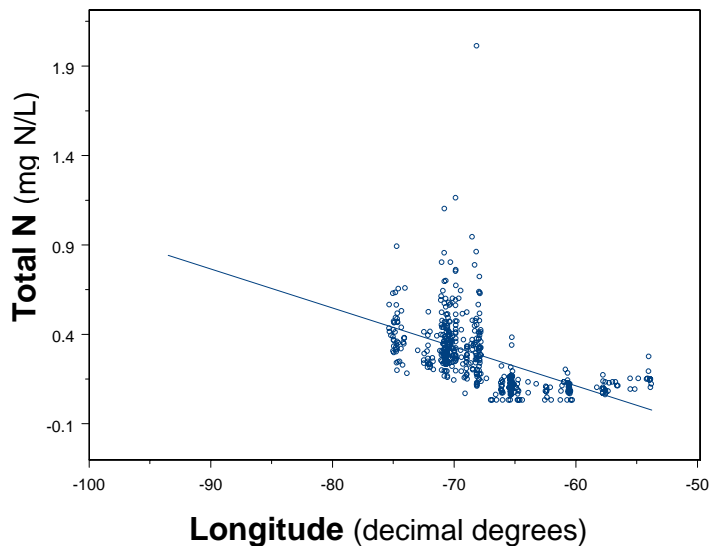
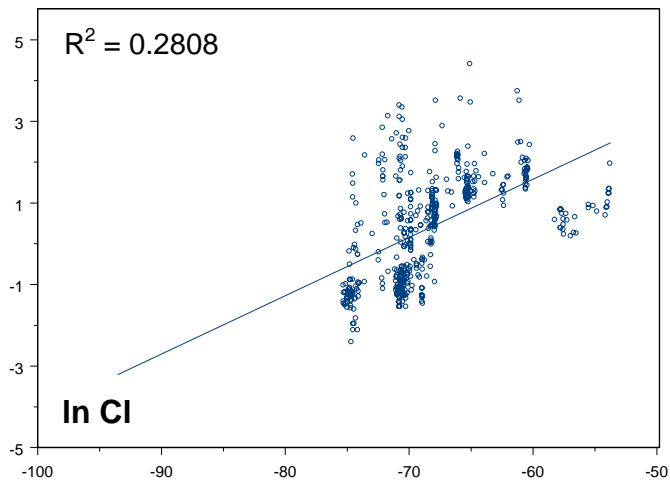
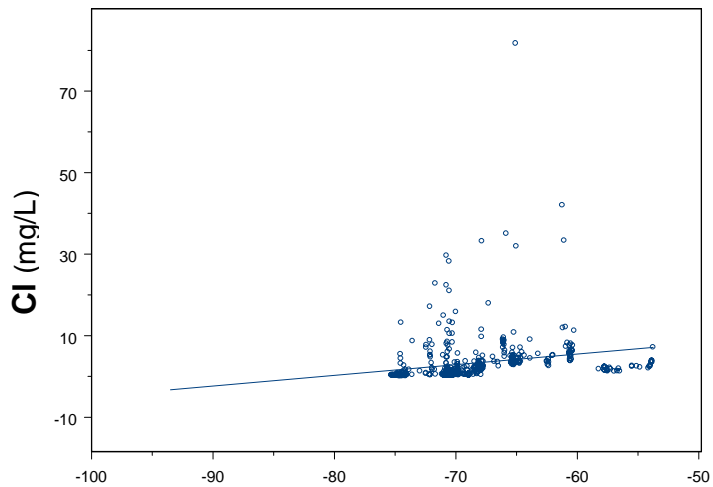
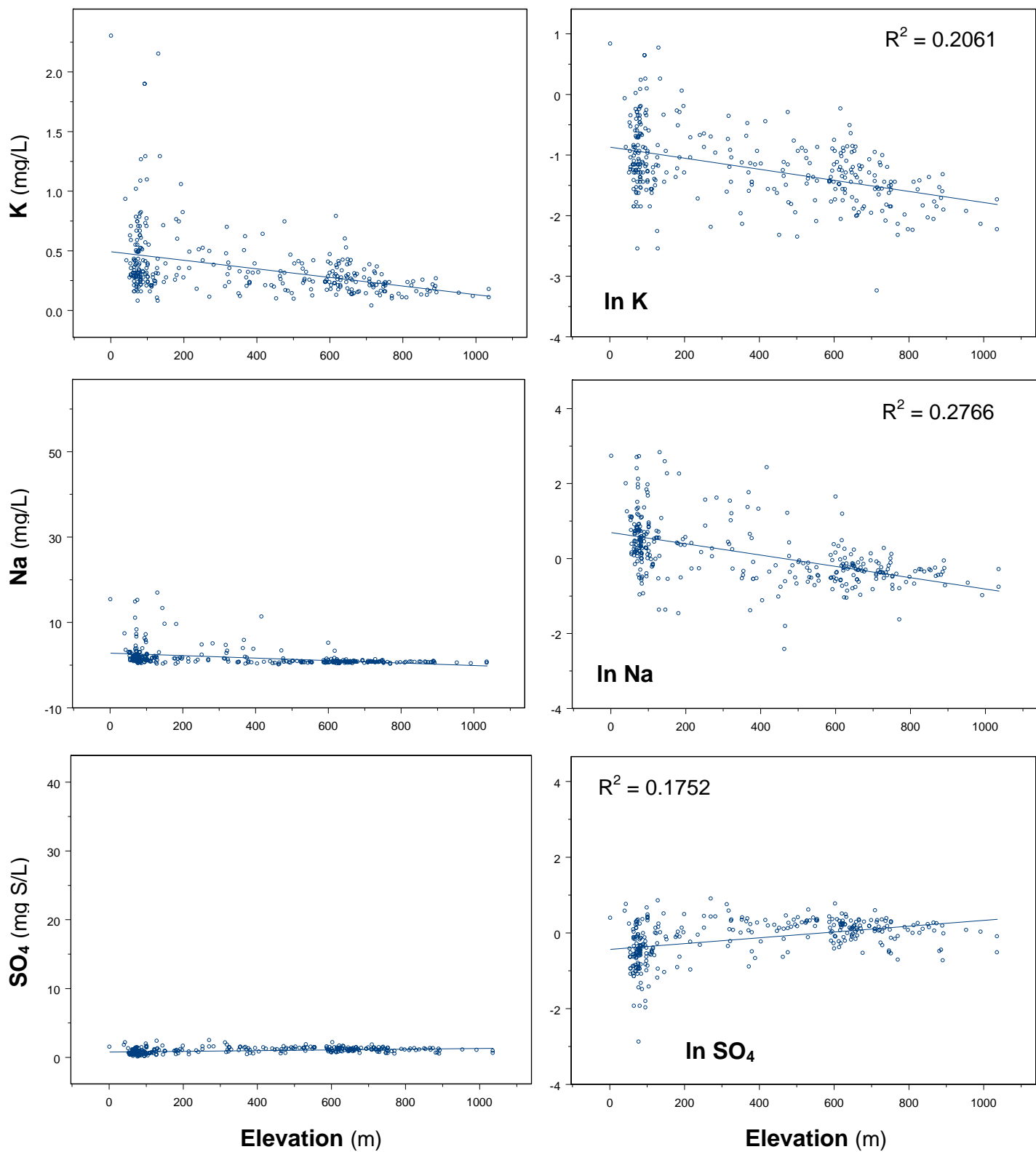
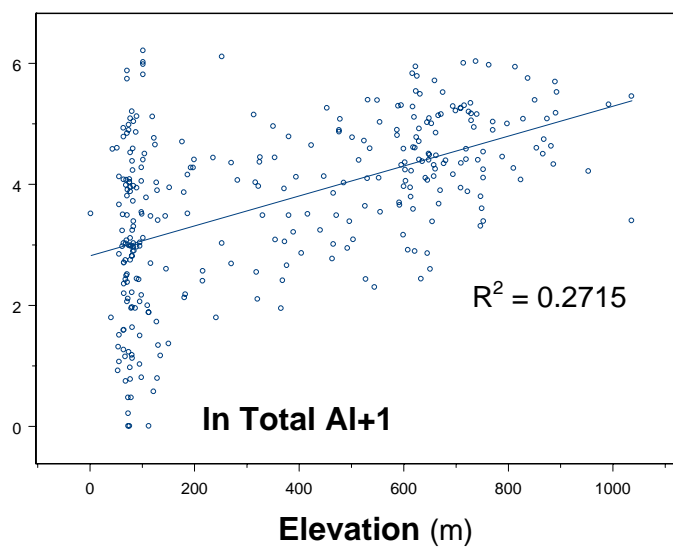
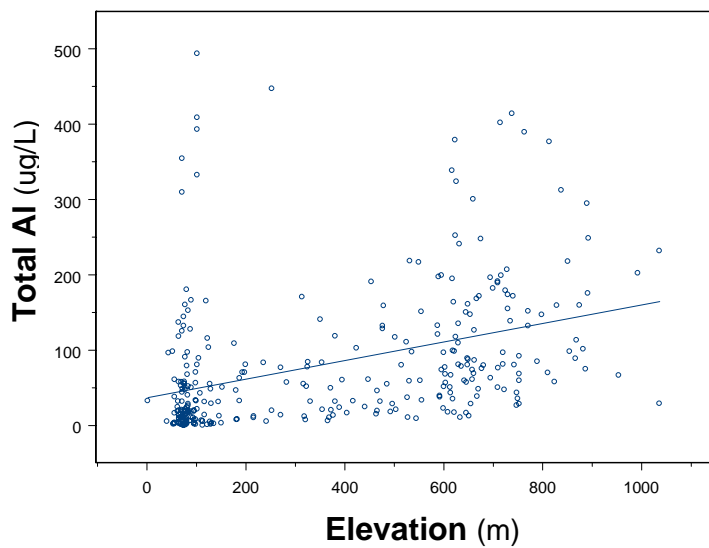
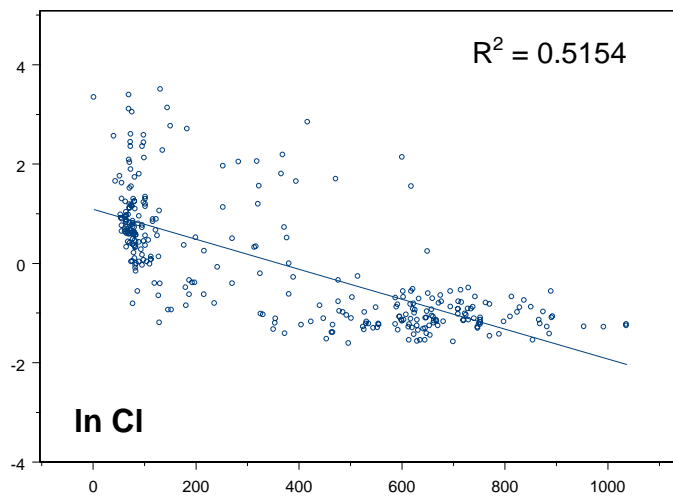
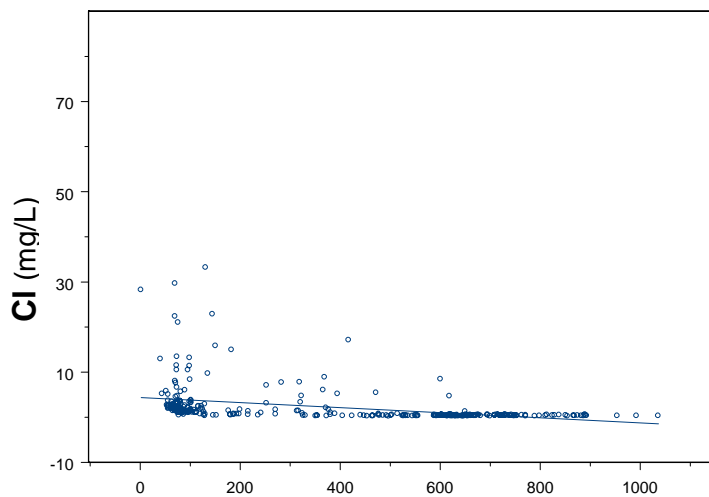


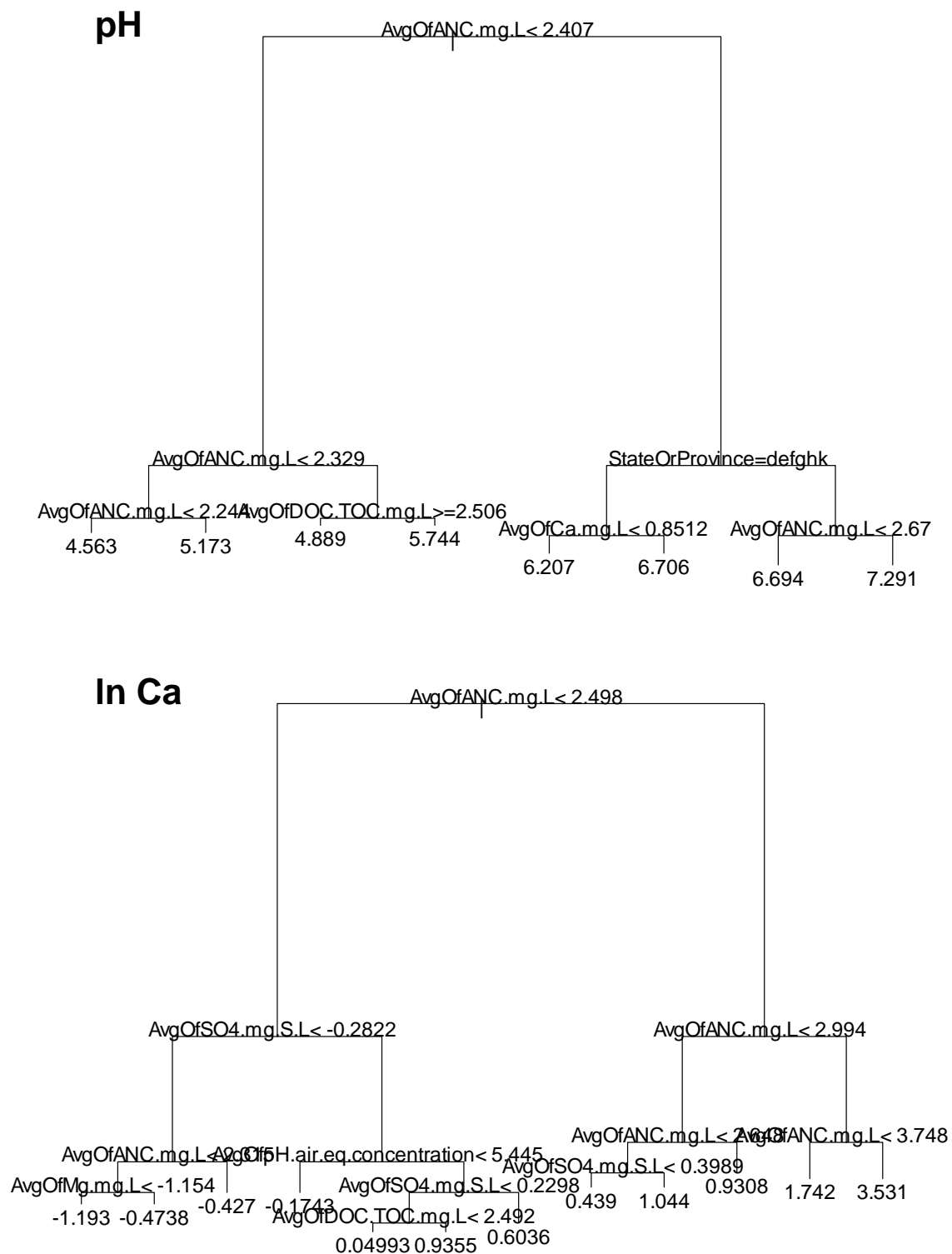
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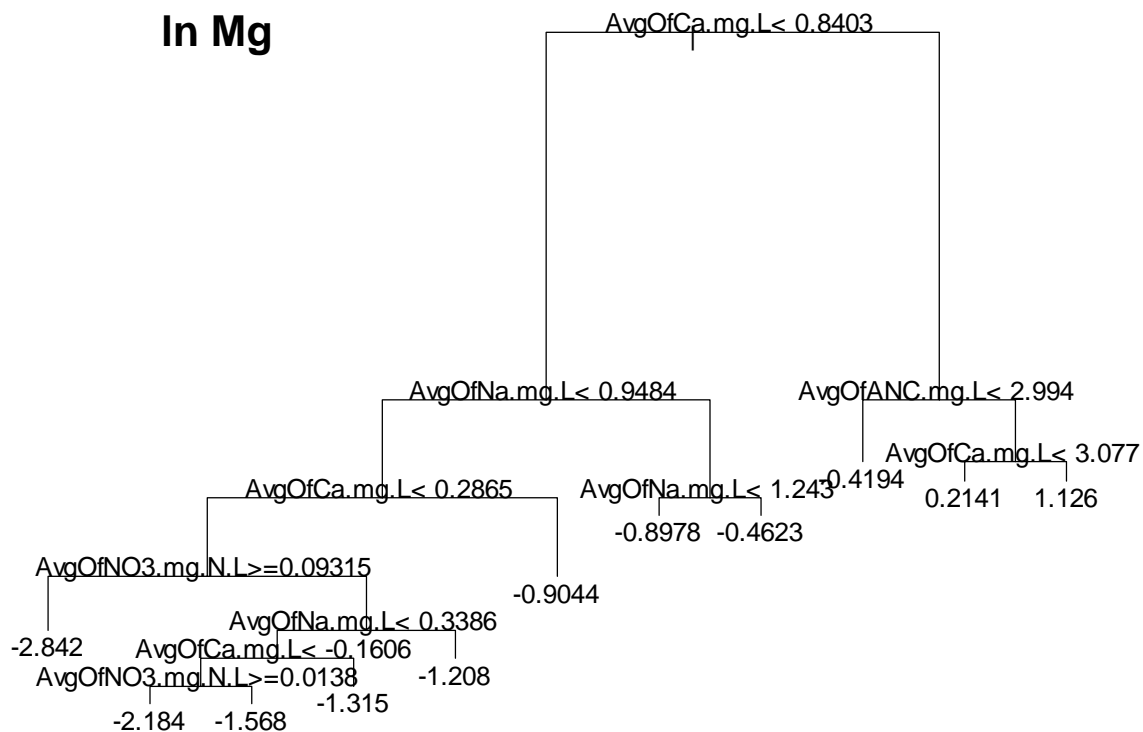


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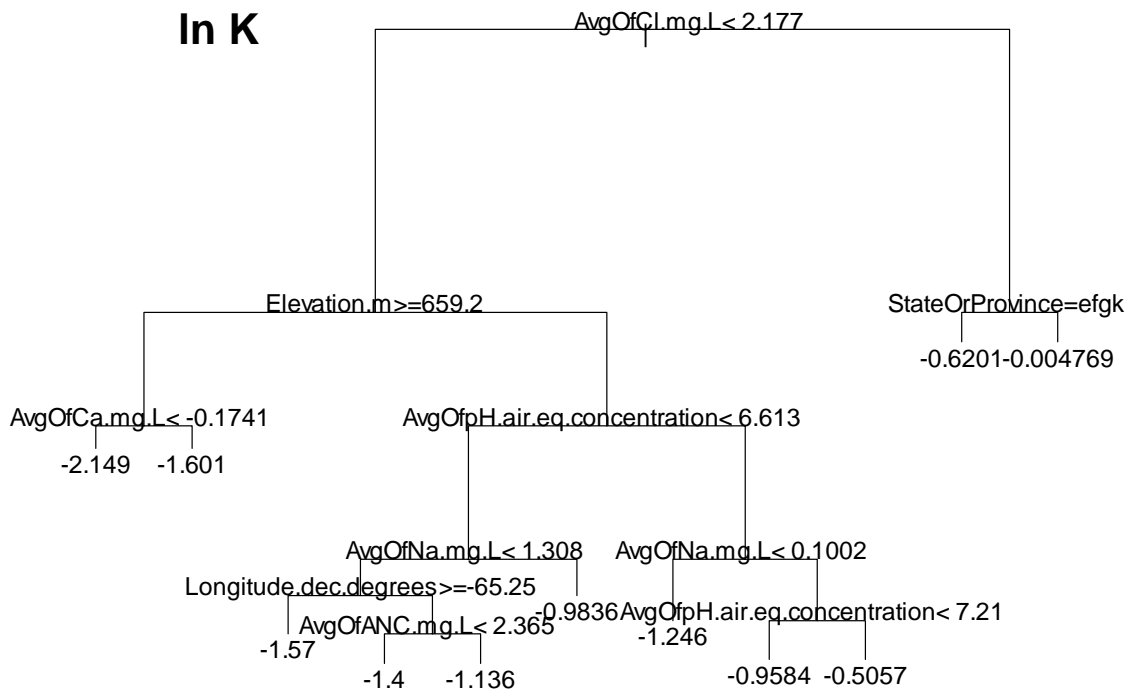
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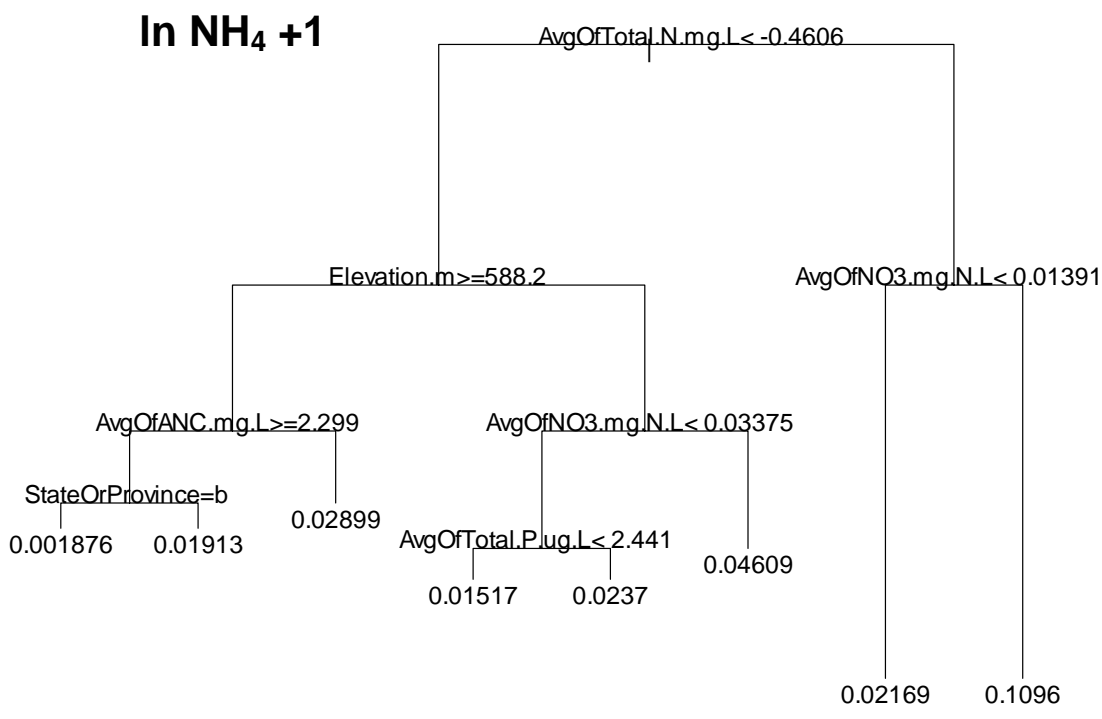
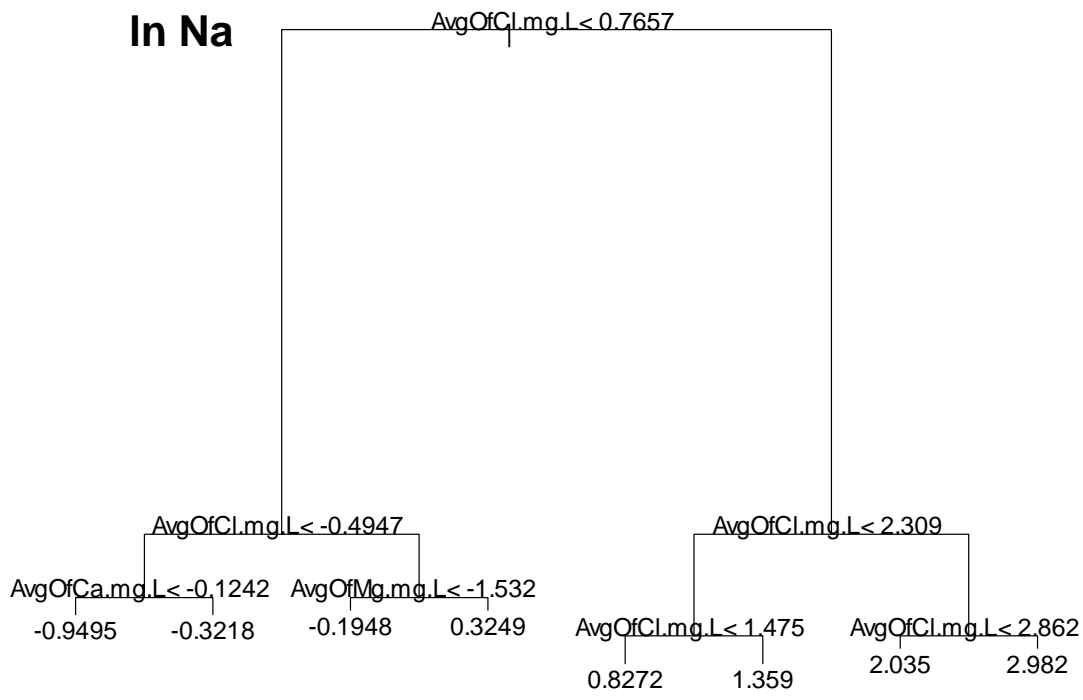
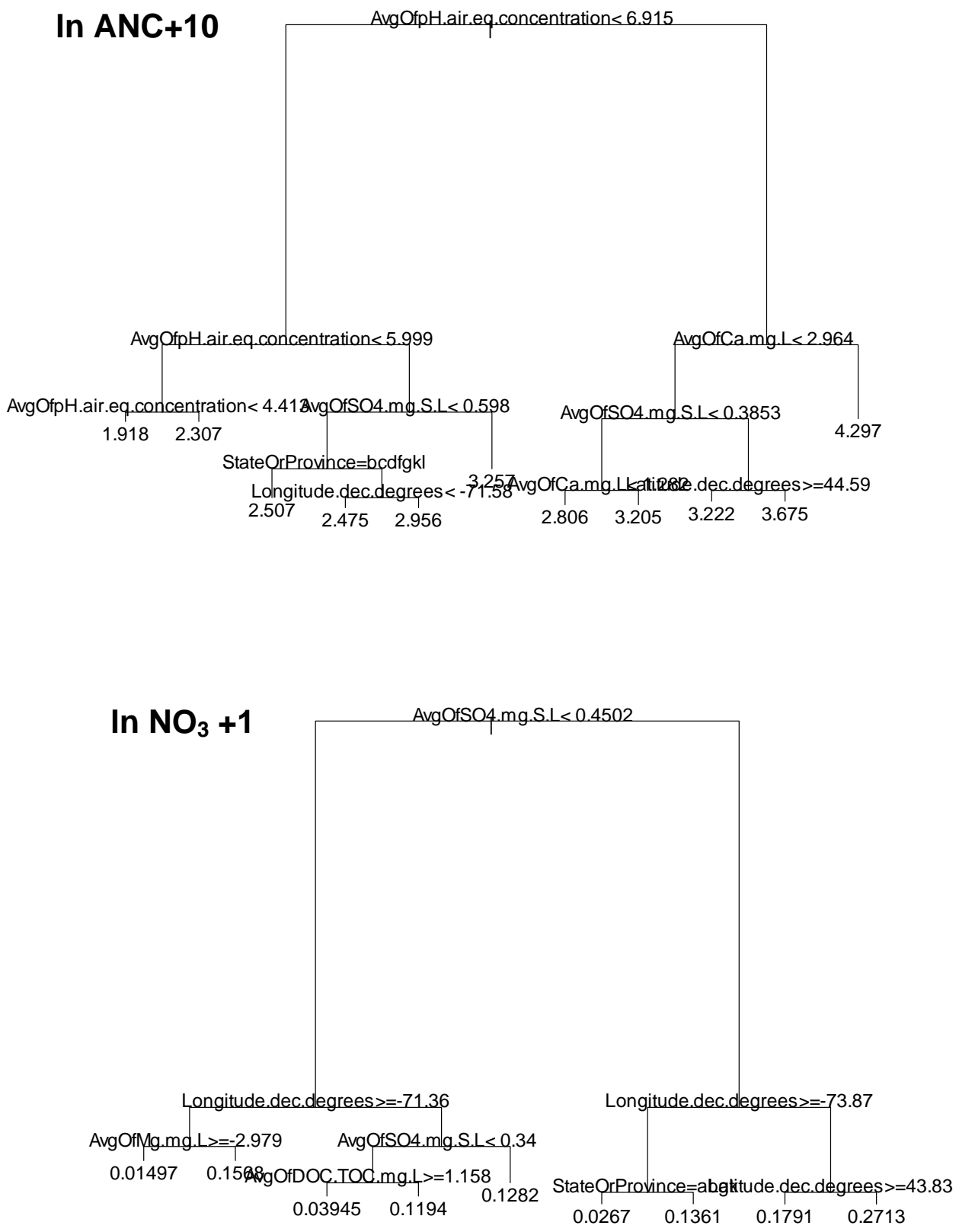
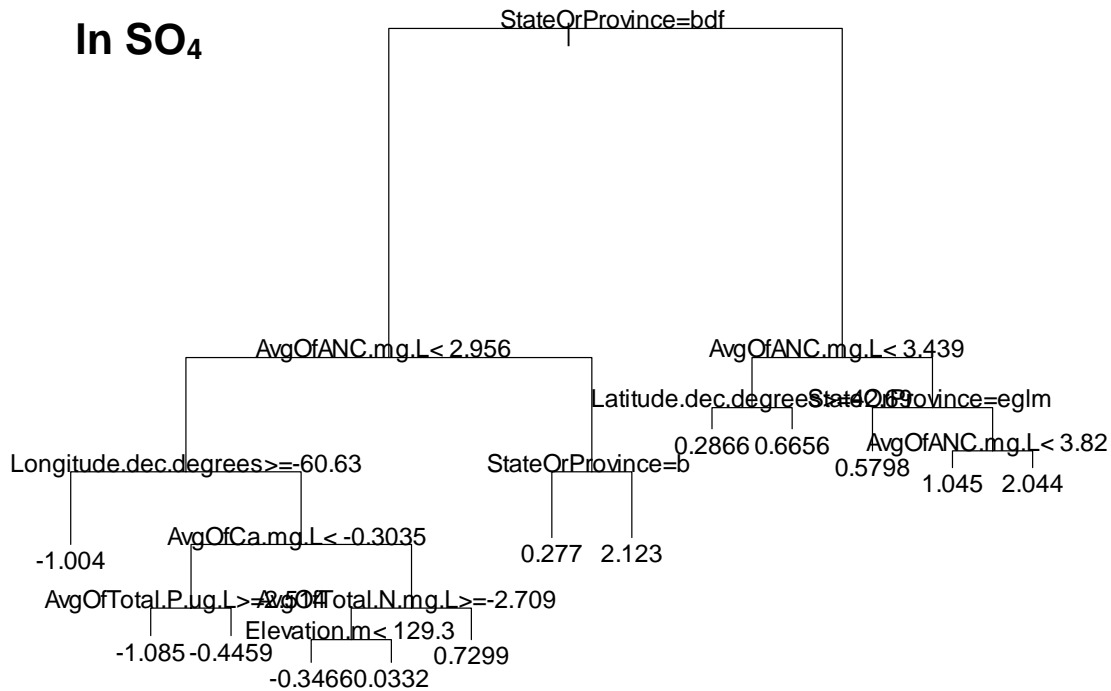


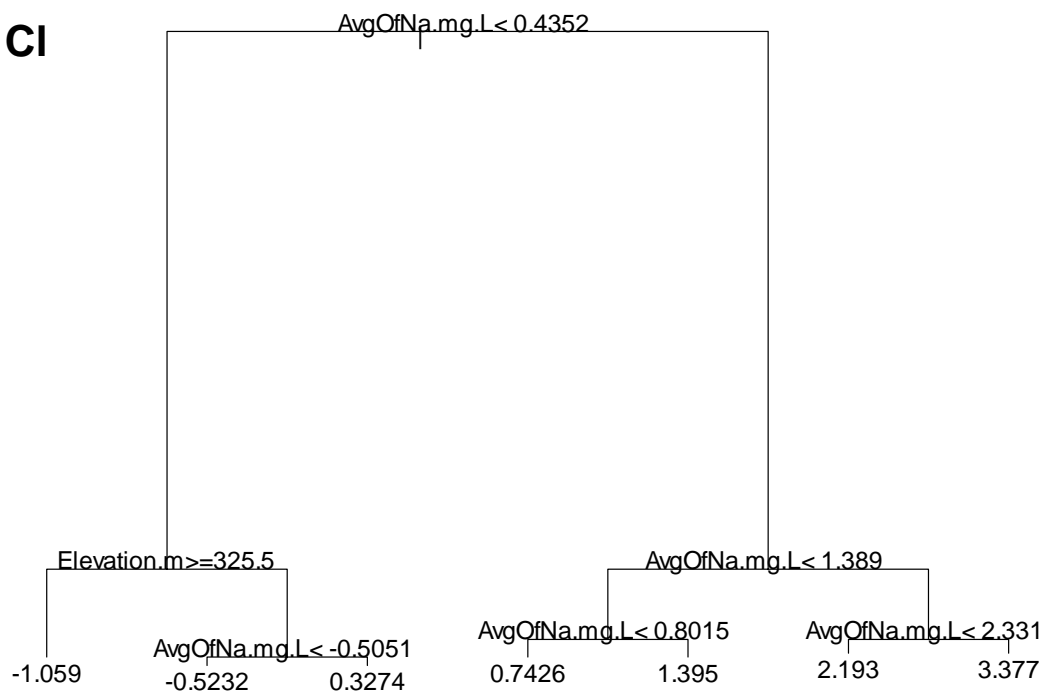
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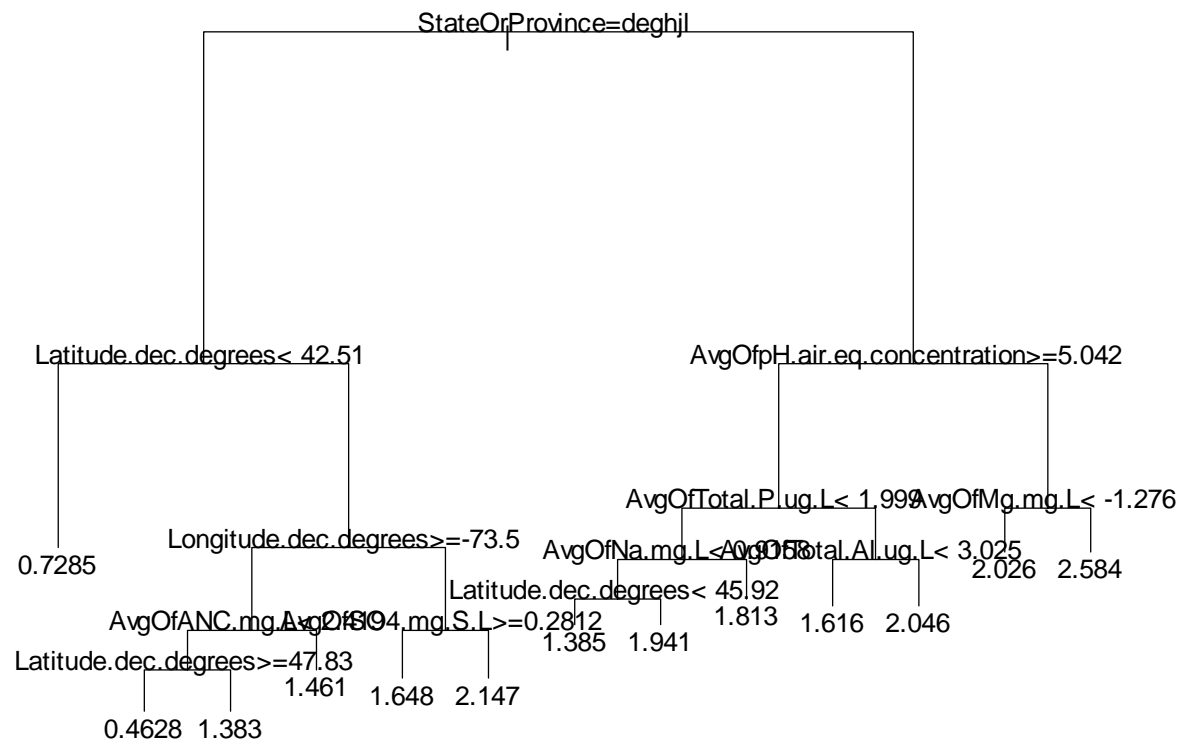
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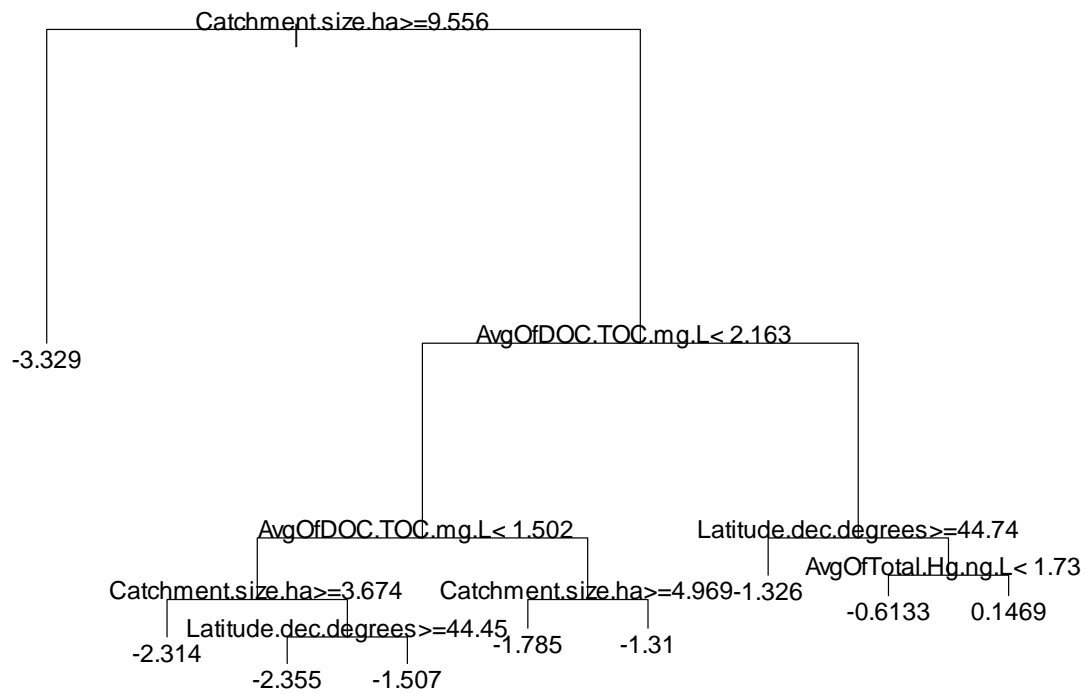
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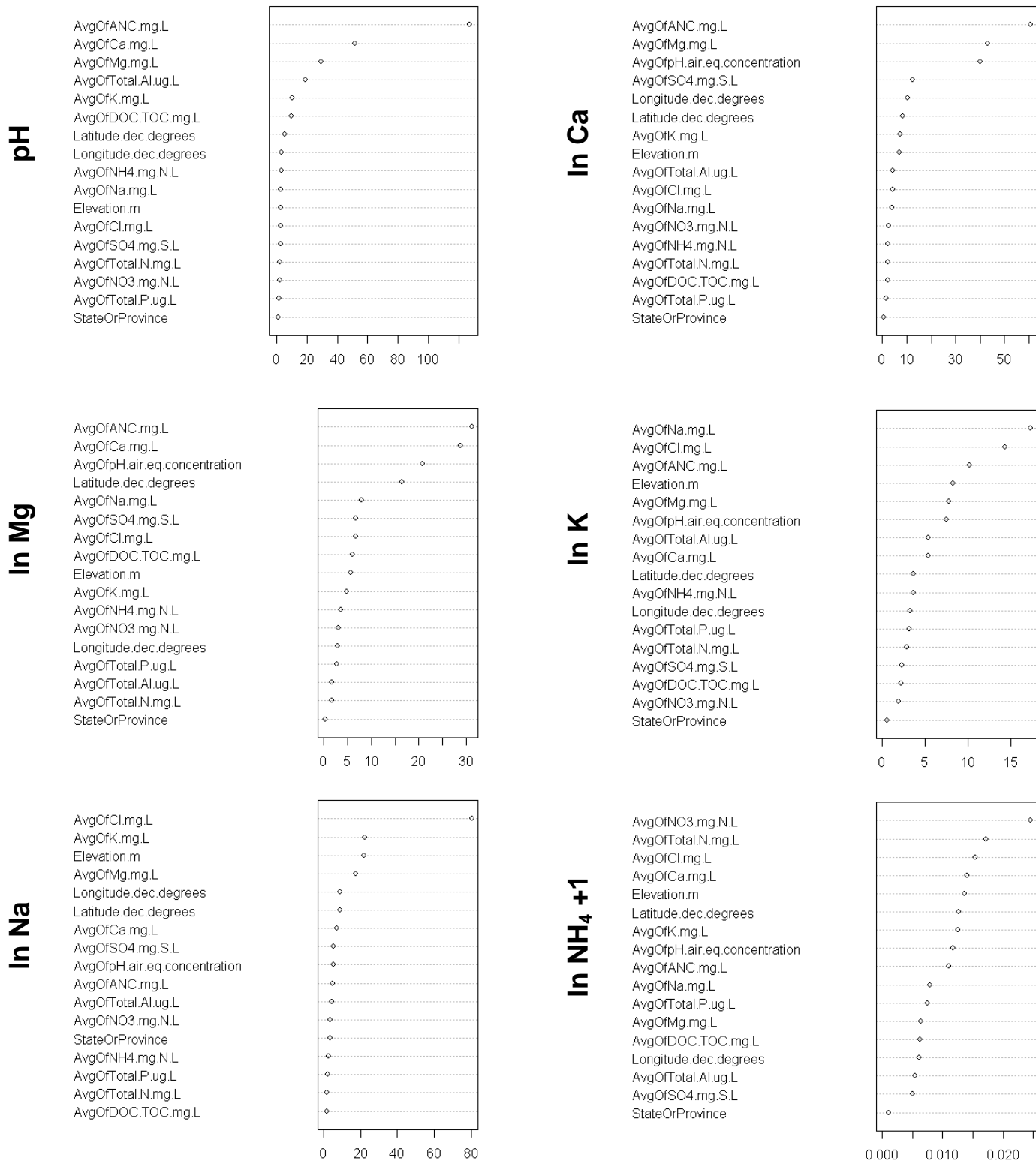


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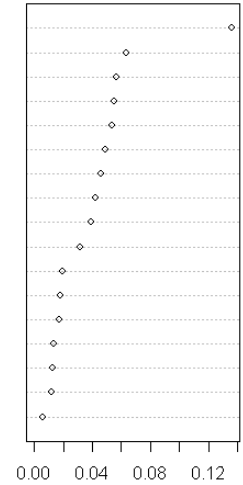
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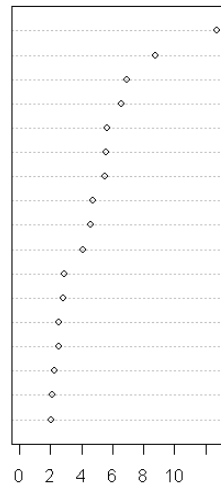
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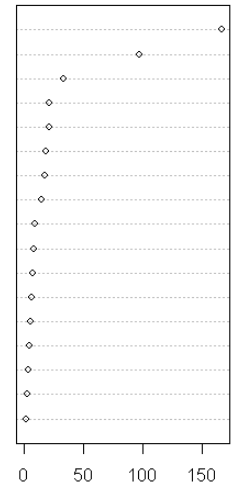
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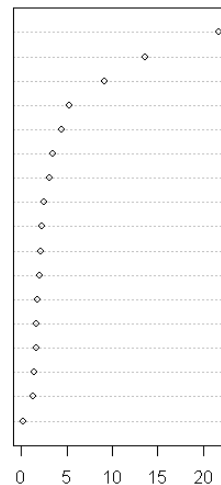
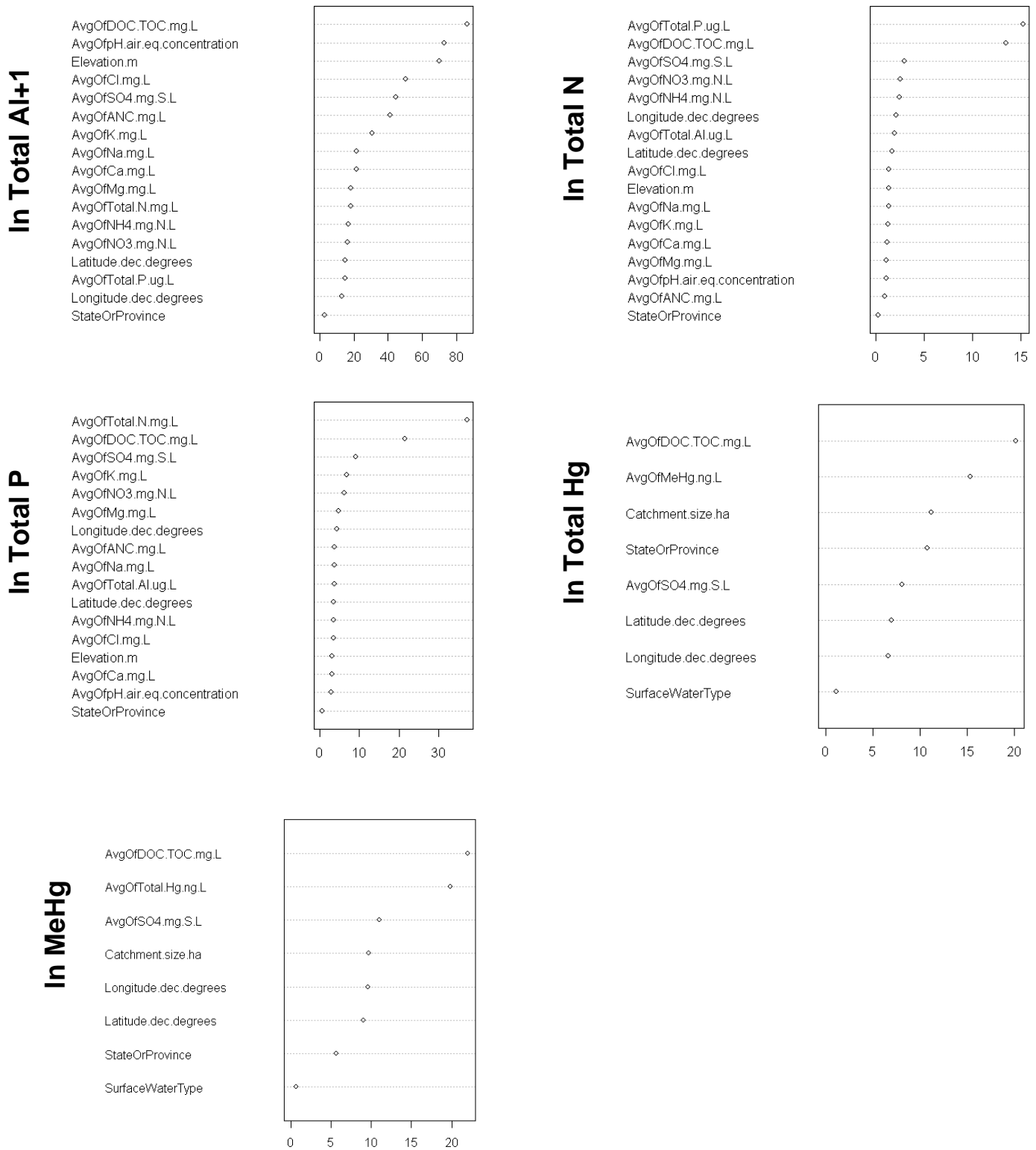


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Table 1. Summary statistics for foliar chemistry dataset. (table spans multiple pages)

Acer saccharum

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
N (%)	1.890	1.923	0.734	2.600	0.266	165
Ca (mg/kg)	7153.297	6491.343	1876.804	21763.528	3126.575	239
Mg (mg/kg)	1232.553	1149.437	438.505	3412.377	465.224	239
K (mg/kg)	7737.274	7890.526	3490.000	11844.900	1035.301	239
P (mg/kg)	1250.475	1191.083	388.170	3447.202	365.871	228
Al (mg/kg)	29.358	24.430	0.000	96.629	16.202	232
Mn (mg/kg)	1193.327	1030.975	122.603	4890.790	716.464	232
Sr (mg/kg)	23.579	20.831	2.333	106.440	14.360	193
Cellulose (%)	32.690	32.965	26.503	38.190	2.452	140
Lignin (%)	17.982	17.937	12.833	23.570	1.927	140

Fagus grandifolia

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
N (%)	2.268	2.254	1.710	2.855	0.232	152
Ca (mg/kg)	5715.528	5652.218	2757.024	9062.970	1256.563	170
Mg (mg/kg)	1461.088	1444.380	596.610	2639.217	377.740	170
K (mg/kg)	7839.121	7858.467	4198.590	17030.500	1439.234	170
P (mg/kg)	1256.490	1171.150	443.310	3647.525	383.603	165
Al (mg/kg)	26.747	24.095	0.000	157.420	15.894	166
Mn (mg/kg)	1105.489	984.200	100.650	4082.159	611.226	169
Sr (mg/kg)	13.914	12.833	3.000	61.783	8.277	130
Cellulose (%)	43.125	43.329	35.760	50.718	2.739	135
Lignin (%)	25.482	25.143	14.768	36.280	2.372	135

Acer rubrum

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
N (%)	1.906	1.900	1.465	2.644	0.223	99
Ca (mg/kg)	5718.900	5561.880	2560.270	11659.300	1656.641	107
Mg (mg/kg)	1293.569	1250.360	785.643	2788.337	342.170	107
K (mg/kg)	6871.123	6763.469	4561.208	11744.850	1237.029	106
P (mg/kg)	1224.868	1149.684	406.680	3457.150	381.487	98
Al (mg/kg)	18.250	14.135	0.901	121.855	14.975	103
Mn (mg/kg)	875.407	688.321	125.430	2950.856	555.228	104
Sr (mg/kg)	11.705	10.000	3.000	50.745	7.671	67
Cellulose (%)	30.532	30.370	25.645	36.800	2.092	87
Lignin (%)	19.239	19.284	16.478	22.680	1.404	87

Betula alleghaniensis

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
N (%)	2.412	2.434	1.610	3.665	0.288	174
Ca (mg/kg)	8554.394	8525.583	2729.110	13501.840	2122.623	196
Mg (mg/kg)	2323.401	2302.715	867.010	3914.120	595.695	196
K (mg/kg)	9171.465	9036.642	4893.035	13661.695	1704.038	196
P (mg/kg)	1462.055	1392.865	669.650	4236.005	411.382	188
Al (mg/kg)	24.819	22.700	0.000	83.626	11.416	191
Mn (mg/kg)	1780.287	1563.755	385.305	6683.757	965.901	195
Sr (mg/kg)	29.077	24.722	5.500	136.846	18.664	155
Cellulose (%)	39.208	39.073	34.407	43.590	1.893	151
Lignin (%)	22.174	22.133	18.670	26.770	1.621	151

Fraxinus americana

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
N (%)	2.283	2.291	1.353	2.840	0.267	54
Ca (mg/kg)	10833.808	10146.921	4296.162	29064.060	4165.204	93
Mg (mg/kg)	2408.832	2299.755	1051.665	4898.790	691.967	93
K (mg/kg)	12139.904	12437.228	5583.230	18748.380	2195.303	93
P (mg/kg)	1688.884	1608.342	774.840	4706.920	509.074	86
Al (mg/kg)	42.574	21.413	2.880	739.478	89.295	91
Mn (mg/kg)	110.570	70.213	18.630	885.503	144.547	93
Sr (mg/kg)	30.926	28.185	5.000	109.683	16.989	83
Cellulose (%)	50.741	51.020	41.930	56.390	3.055	52
Lignin (%)	15.191	15.118	10.360	19.270	2.068	52

Quercus rubra

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
N (%)	2.174	2.257	1.536	2.771	0.353	41
Ca (mg/kg)	6540.626	6374.322	3400.000	10696.950	1662.157	38
Mg (mg/kg)	1528.748	1491.795	983.895	2550.750	337.283	38
K (mg/kg)	8655.845	8565.481	5733.660	11733.235	1371.762	38
P (mg/kg)	1508.853	1450.200	754.485	4260.180	546.026	35
Al (mg/kg)	44.361	36.280	14.050	130.700	25.712	38
Mn (mg/kg)	1748.044	1563.870	320.290	4023.993	1010.362	36
Sr (mg/kg)	7.434	6.000	2.000	19.470	4.315	21
Cellulose (%)	40.147	40.063	36.690	45.053	2.026	25
Lignin (%)	24.503	24.183	19.430	29.313	2.353	25

Picea rubens

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
N (%)	1.117	1.123	0.743	1.513	0.141	93
Ca (mg/kg)	3944.230	3716.730	1594.326	8916.465	1242.497	91
Mg (mg/kg)	658.979	634.350	334.200	1097.610	161.877	91
K (mg/kg)	5338.560	5237.210	3232.870	9940.710	1102.480	91
P (mg/kg)	896.322	821.257	330.390	1768.920	278.073	86
Al (mg/kg)	46.683	42.900	2.430	120.995	19.589	89
Mn (mg/kg)	1614.317	1422.138	362.200	3810.690	776.276	90
Sr (mg/kg)	8.177	6.329	1.000	30.582	6.756	58
Cellulose (%)	37.971	38.050	33.345	44.360	1.971	71
Lignin (%)	25.002	24.960	18.650	28.313	1.597	71

Abies balsamea

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
N (%)	1.582	1.580	1.205	2.080	0.175	39
Ca (mg/kg)	6648.823	6286.485	2562.750	13855.200	2781.050	31
Mg (mg/kg)	945.393	903.317	598.387	1573.450	206.138	31
K (mg/kg)	5550.446	5277.550	3912.100	9586.960	1189.389	31
P (mg/kg)	1233.195	1161.314	714.360	2451.500	338.817	30
Al (mg/kg)	177.424	152.645	65.500	601.620	102.291	30
Mn (mg/kg)	842.770	757.148	198.050	2075.667	478.154	31
Sr (mg/kg)	8.963	5.000	1.000	27.959	7.916	19
Cellulose (%)	33.334	32.502	28.380	40.480	3.062	24
Lignin (%)	25.021	25.340	19.655	27.930	2.089	24

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Figure 1. Cumulative probability diagrams for foliar nitrogen in hardwood species. X axis is percent nitrogen concentration.

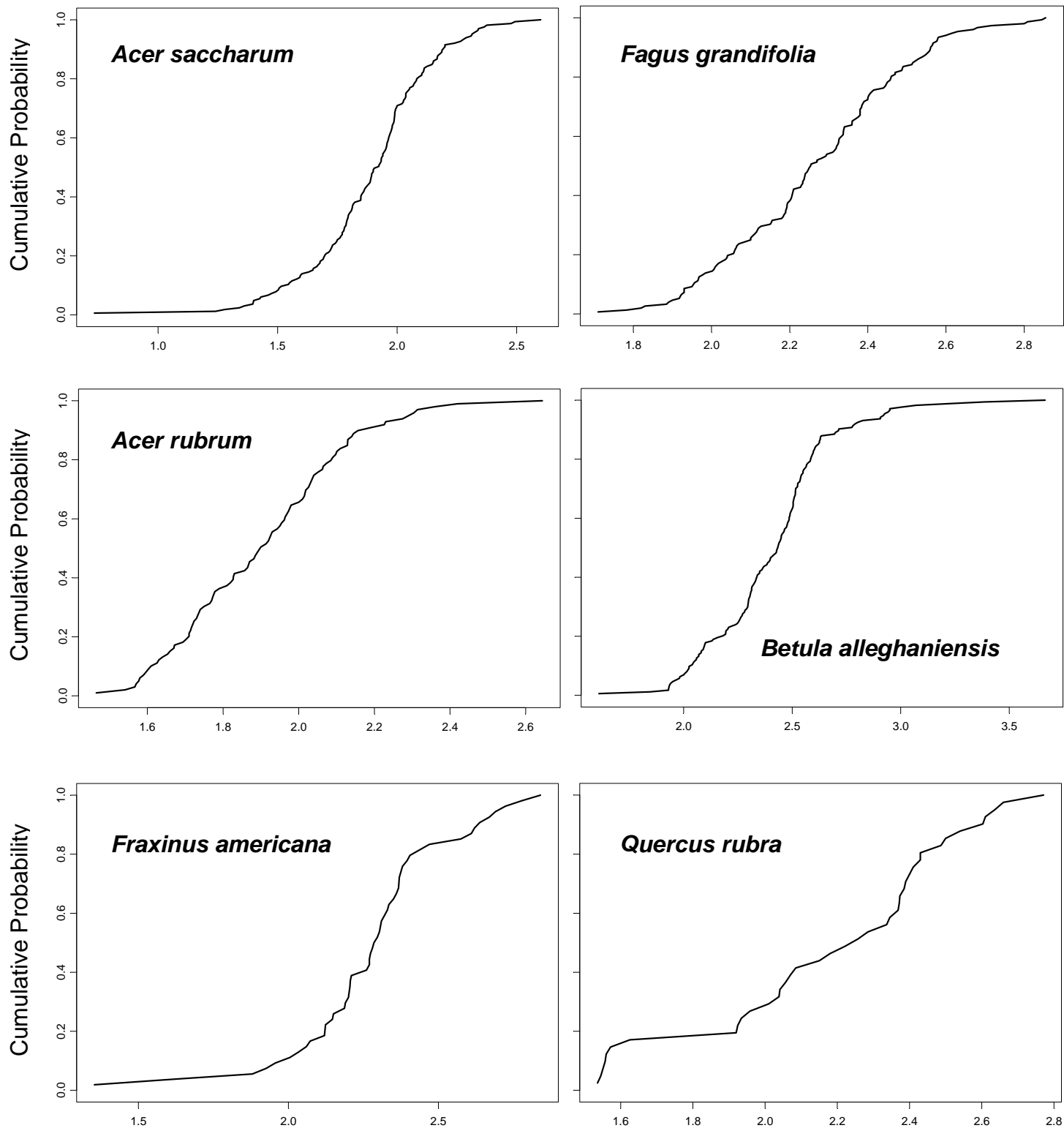


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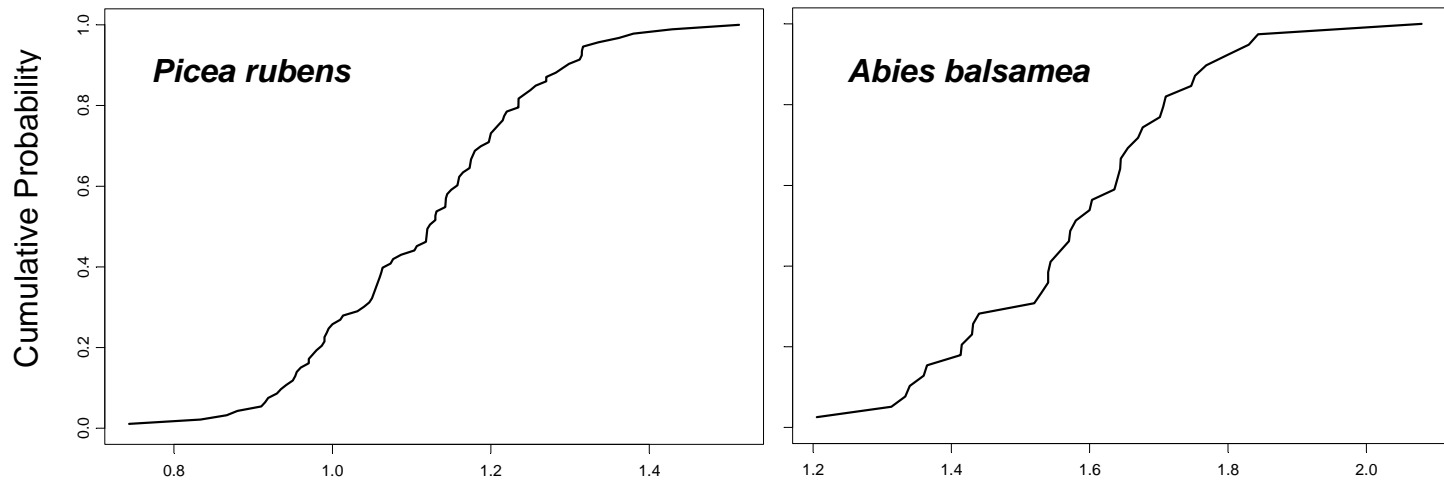


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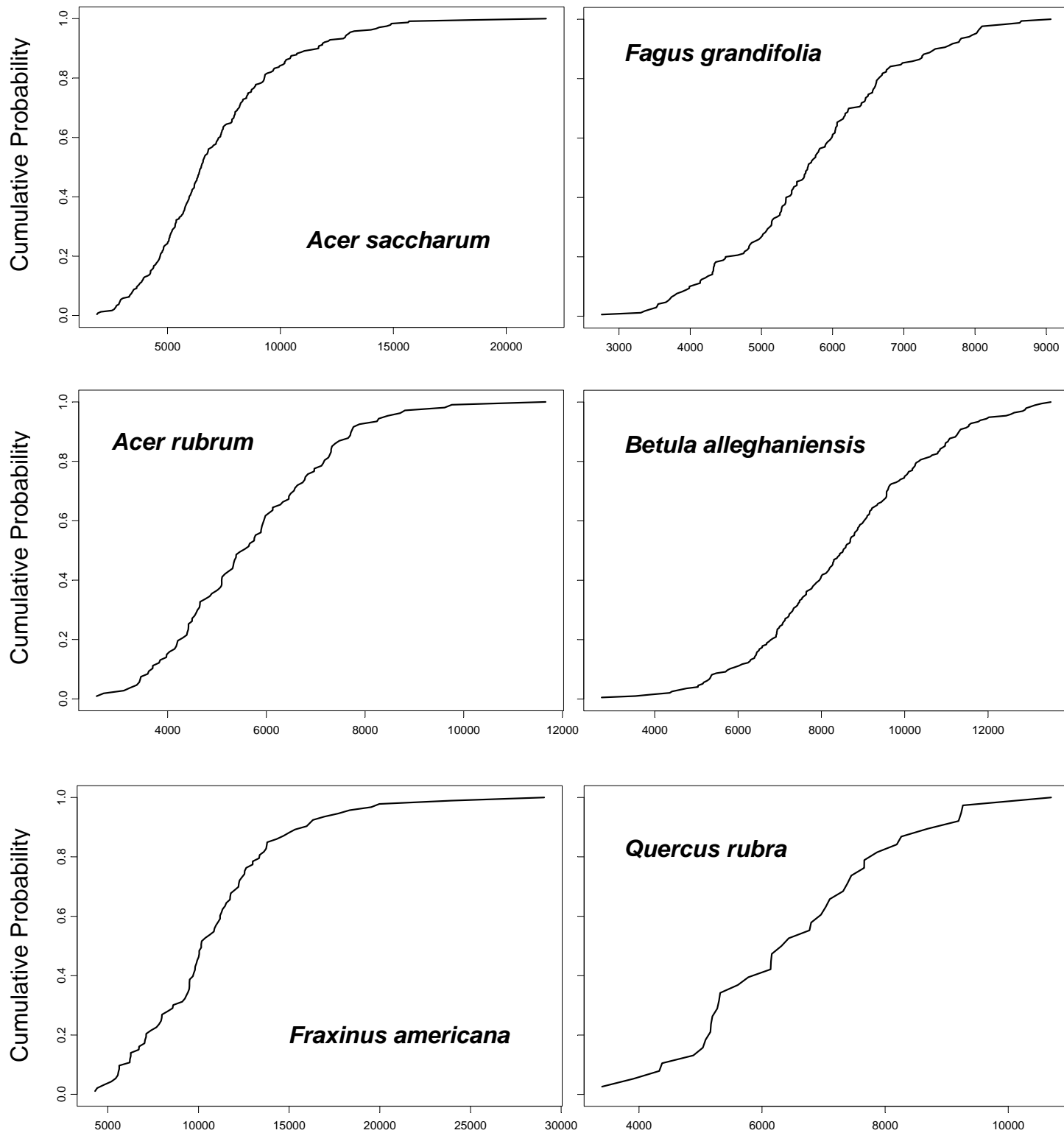


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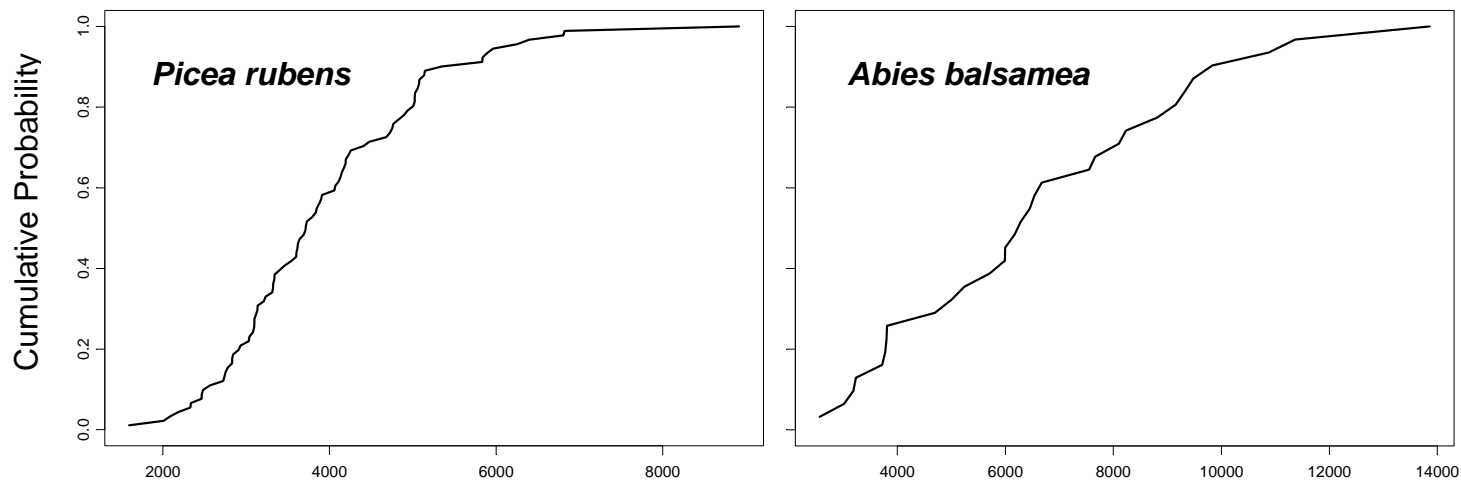


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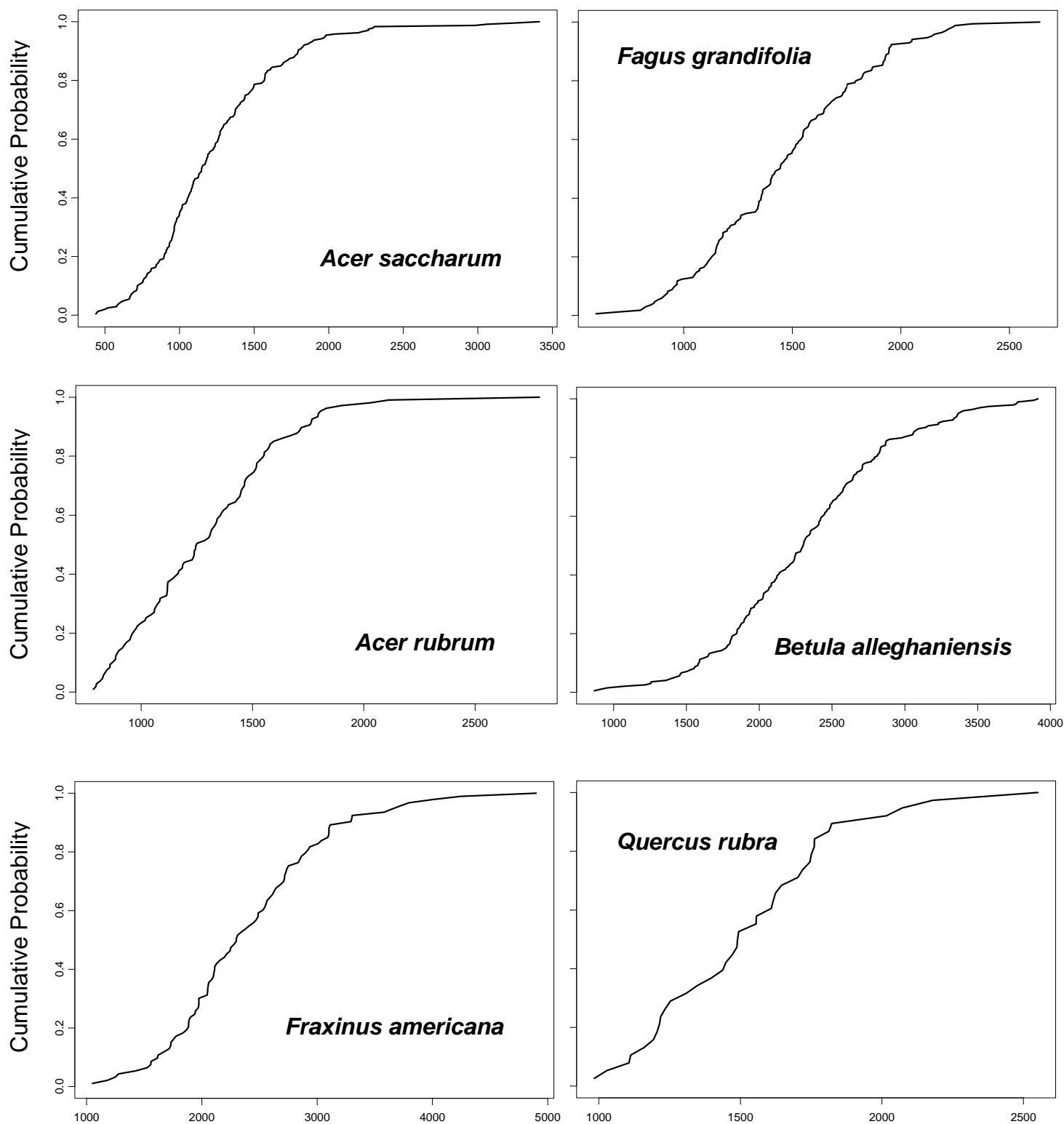


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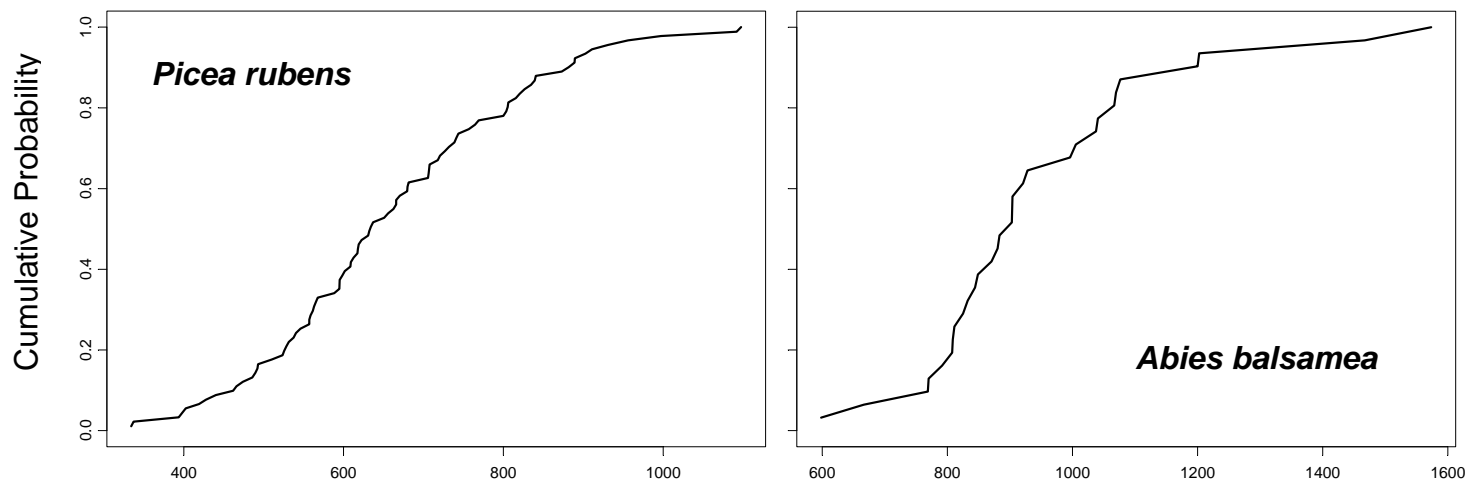


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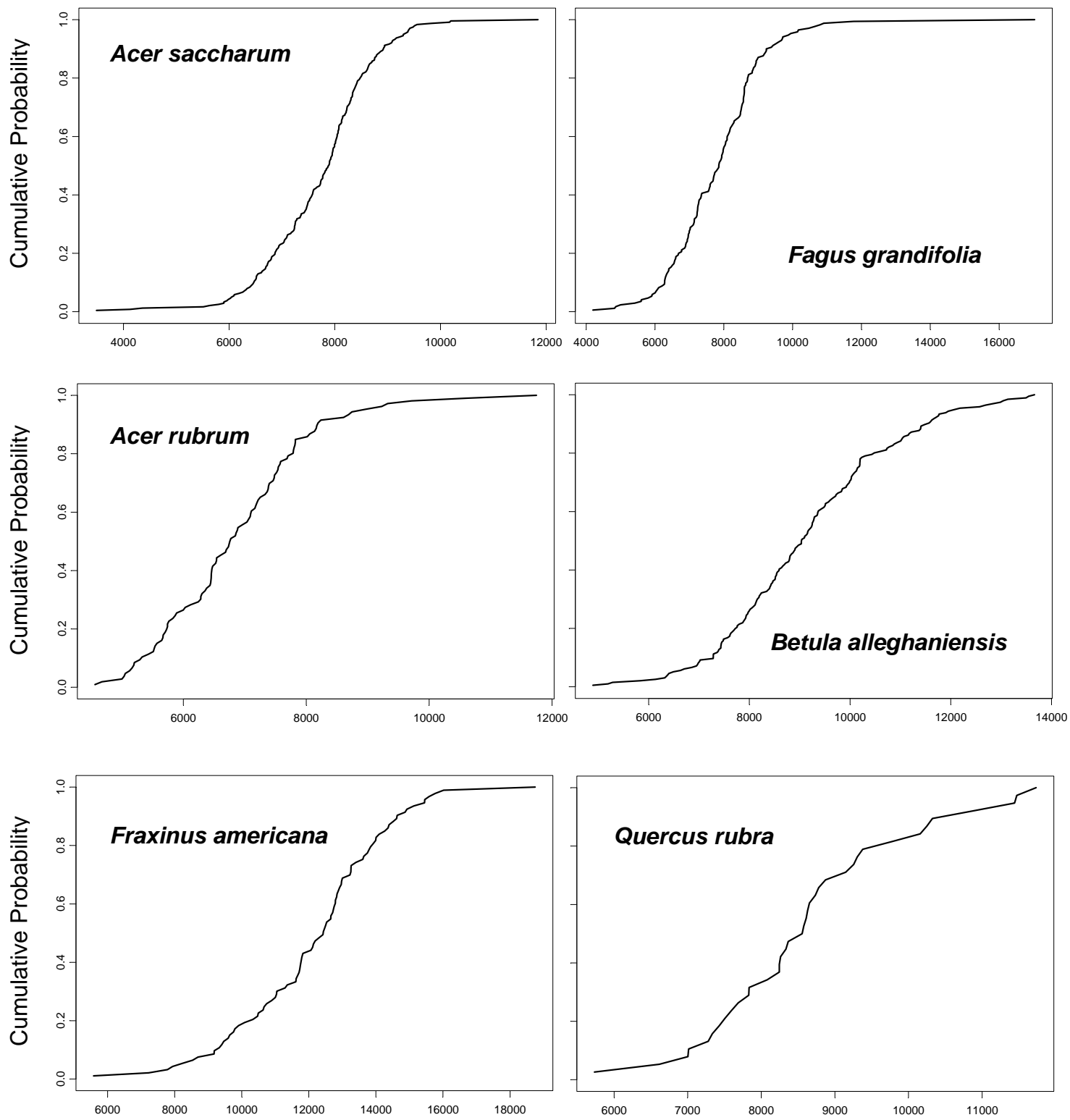


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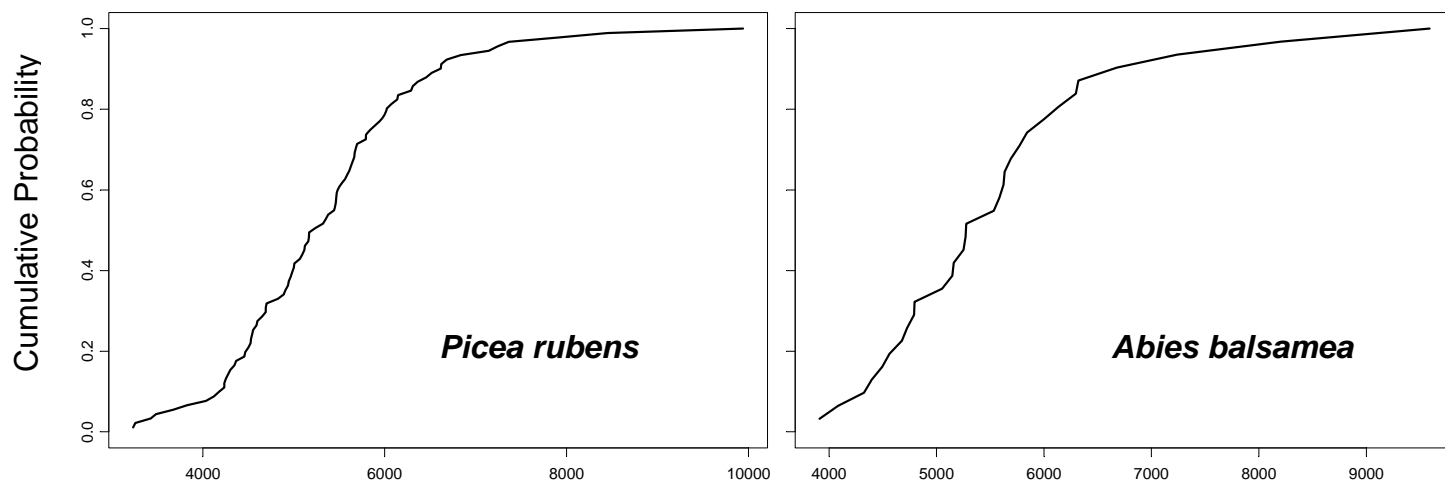


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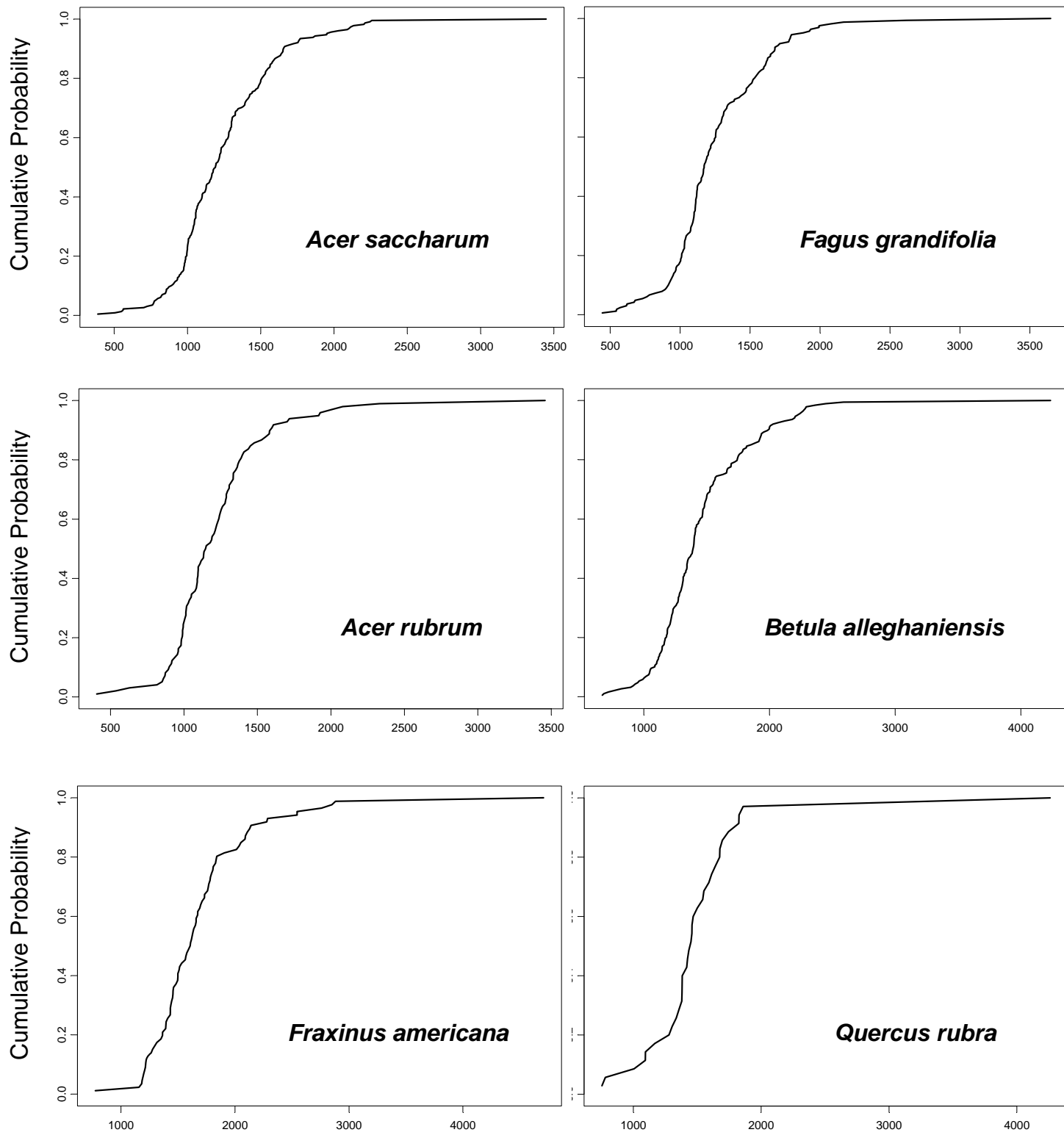


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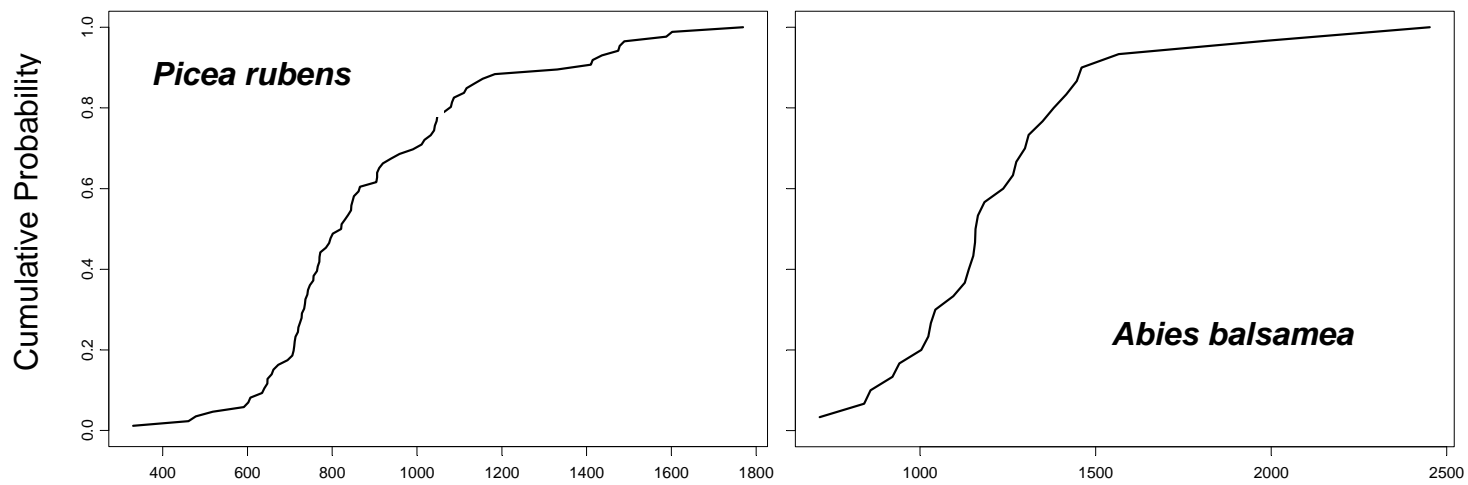


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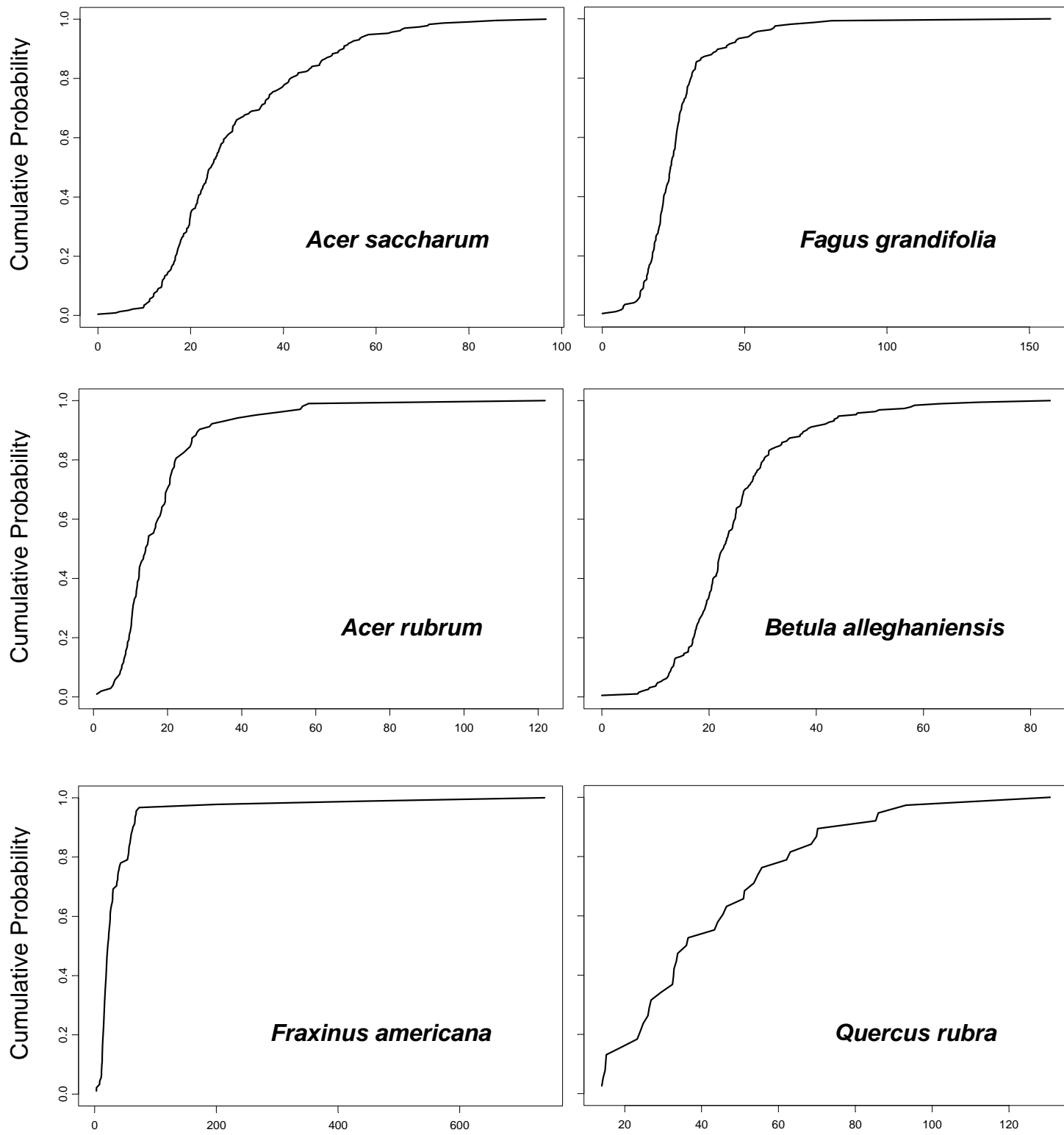


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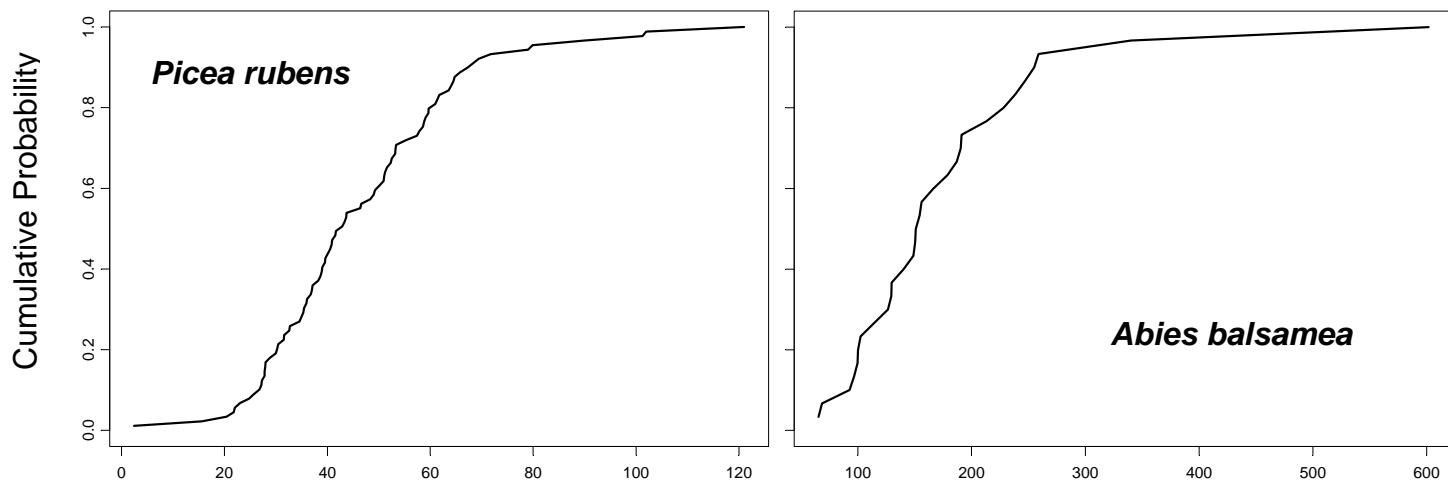


Figure 13. Cumulative probability diagrams for foliar strontium in hardwood species. X axis is strontium concentration in mg/kg.

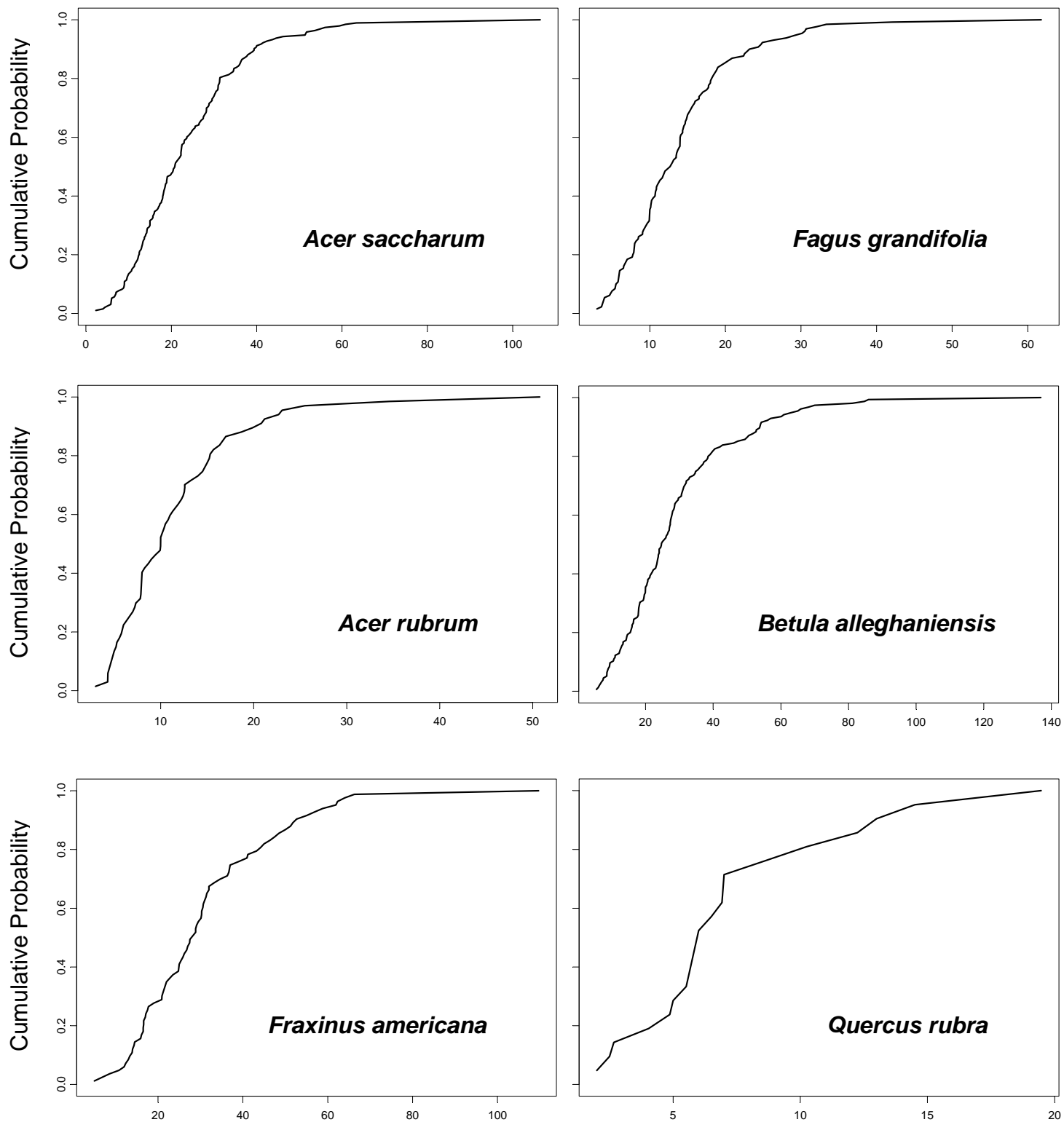


Figure 14. Cumulative probability diagrams for foliar strontium in softwood species. X axis is strontium concentration in mg/kg.

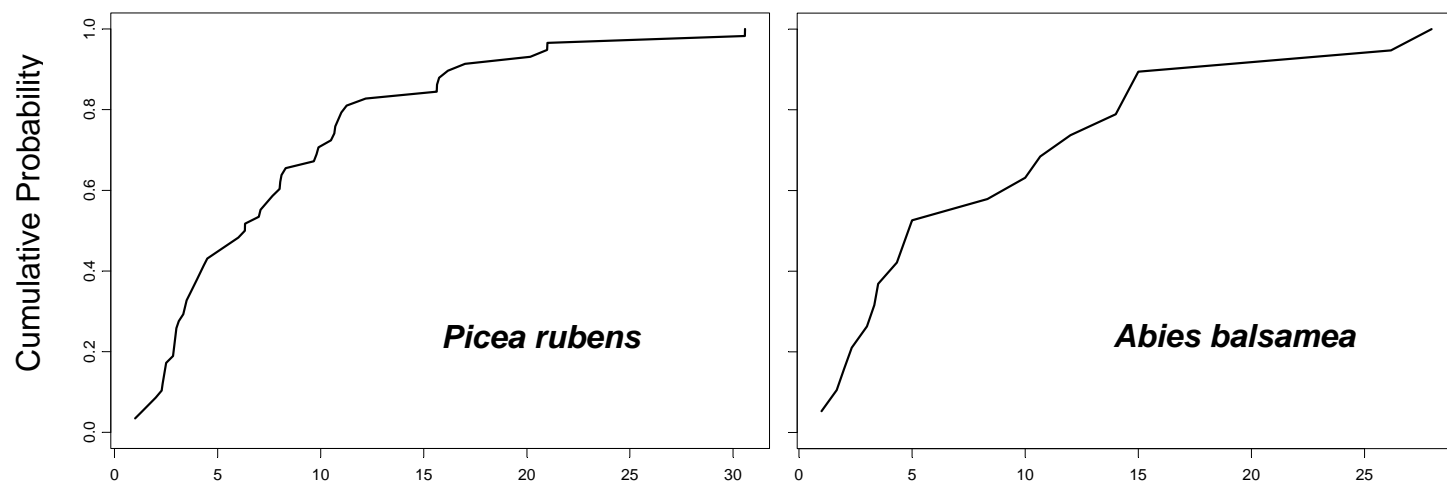


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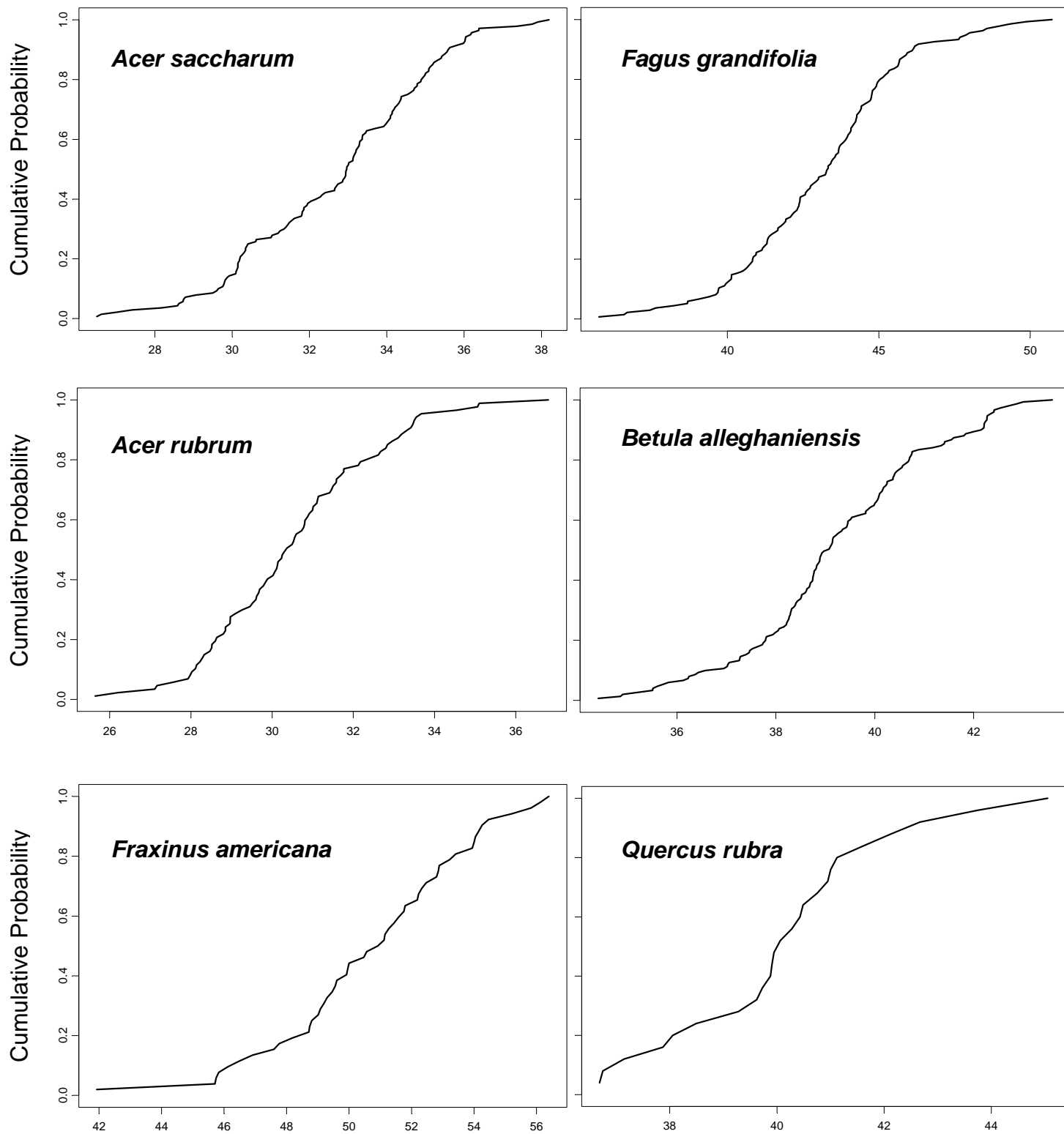


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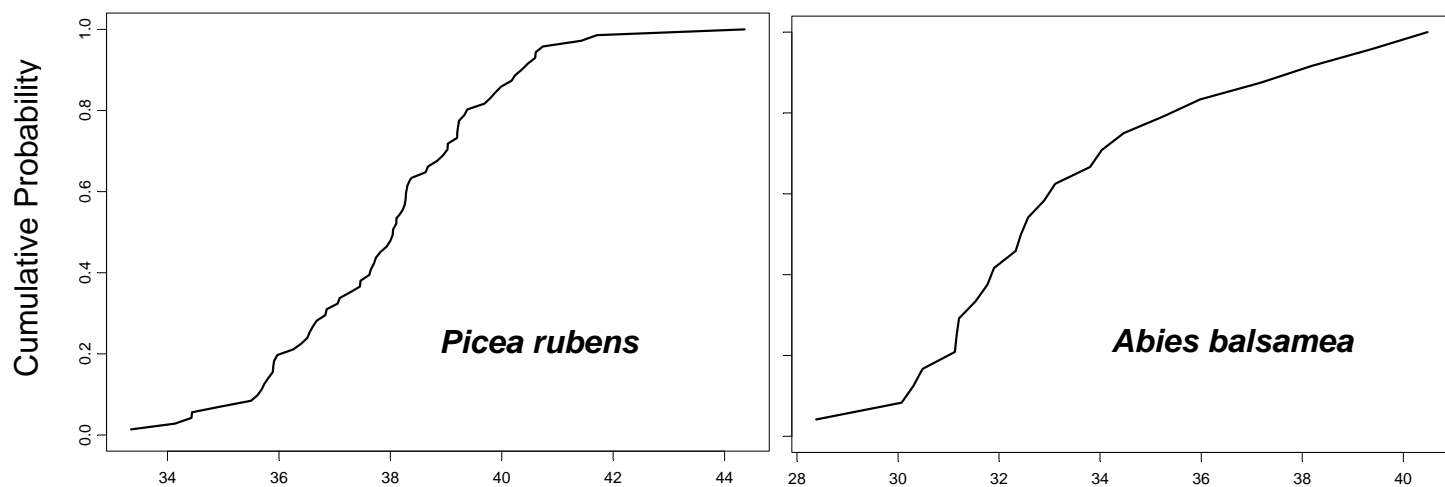


Figure 17. Cumulative probability diagrams for foliar lignin in hardwood species. X axis is percent lignin concentration.

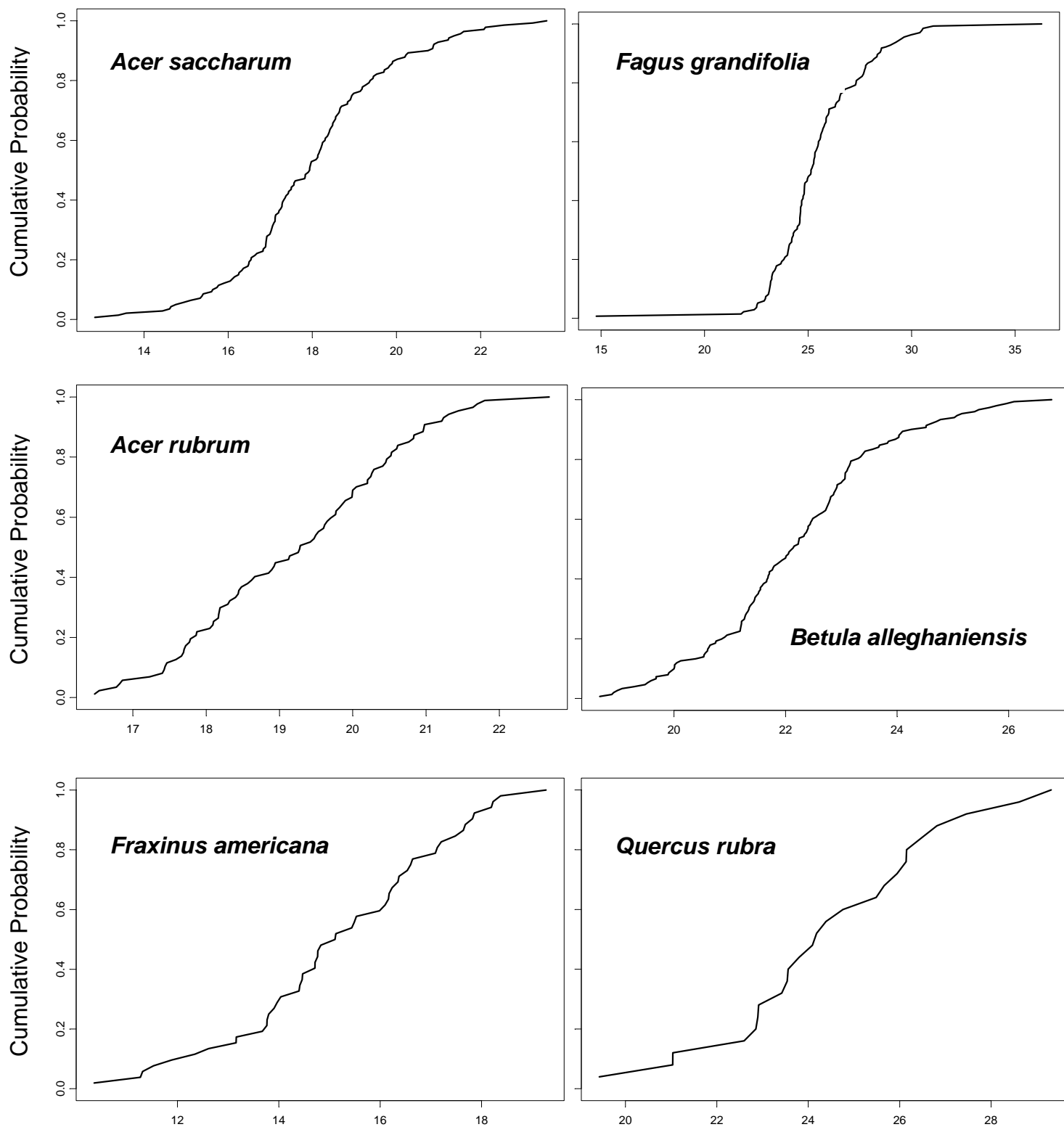
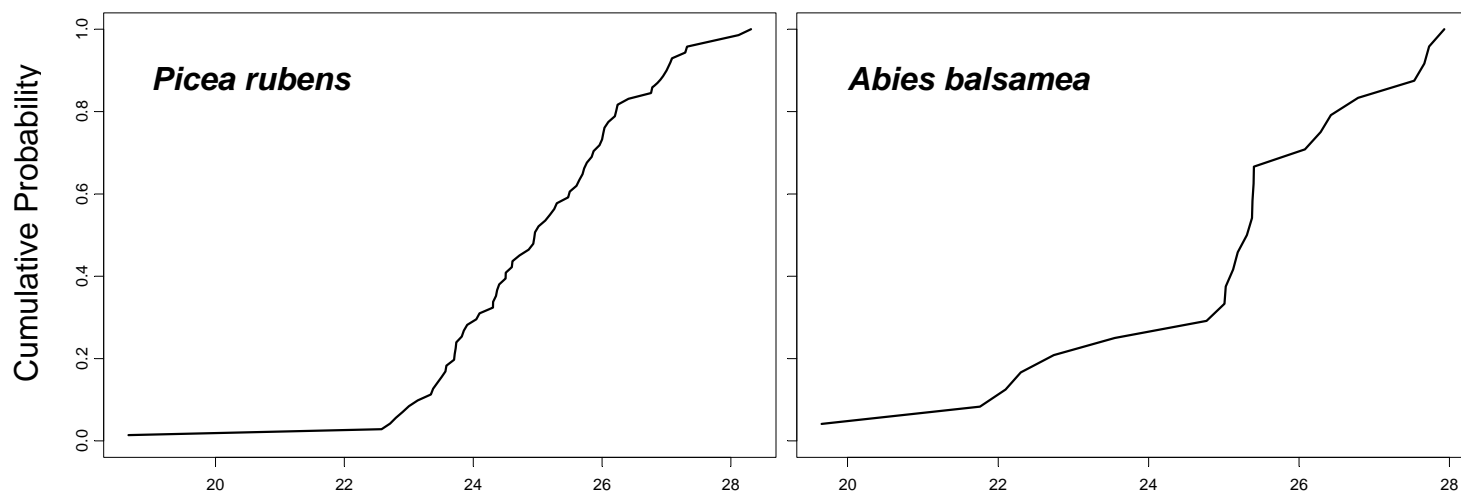


Figure 18. Cumulative probability diagrams for foliar lignin in softwood species. X axis is percent lignin concentration.



Appendix B-3: Foliar Chemistry Boxplots

Note that these vegetation boxplots were compiled with a slightly different dataset than was used for the rest of the summaries included in this document. A few data points were added for N, Ca, Mg, K, P and Al in *Acer s.*, *Acer r.*, *Betula a.*, *Picea r.* and *Abies b.*

Figure 19. Boxplots for foliar nitrogen in hardwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

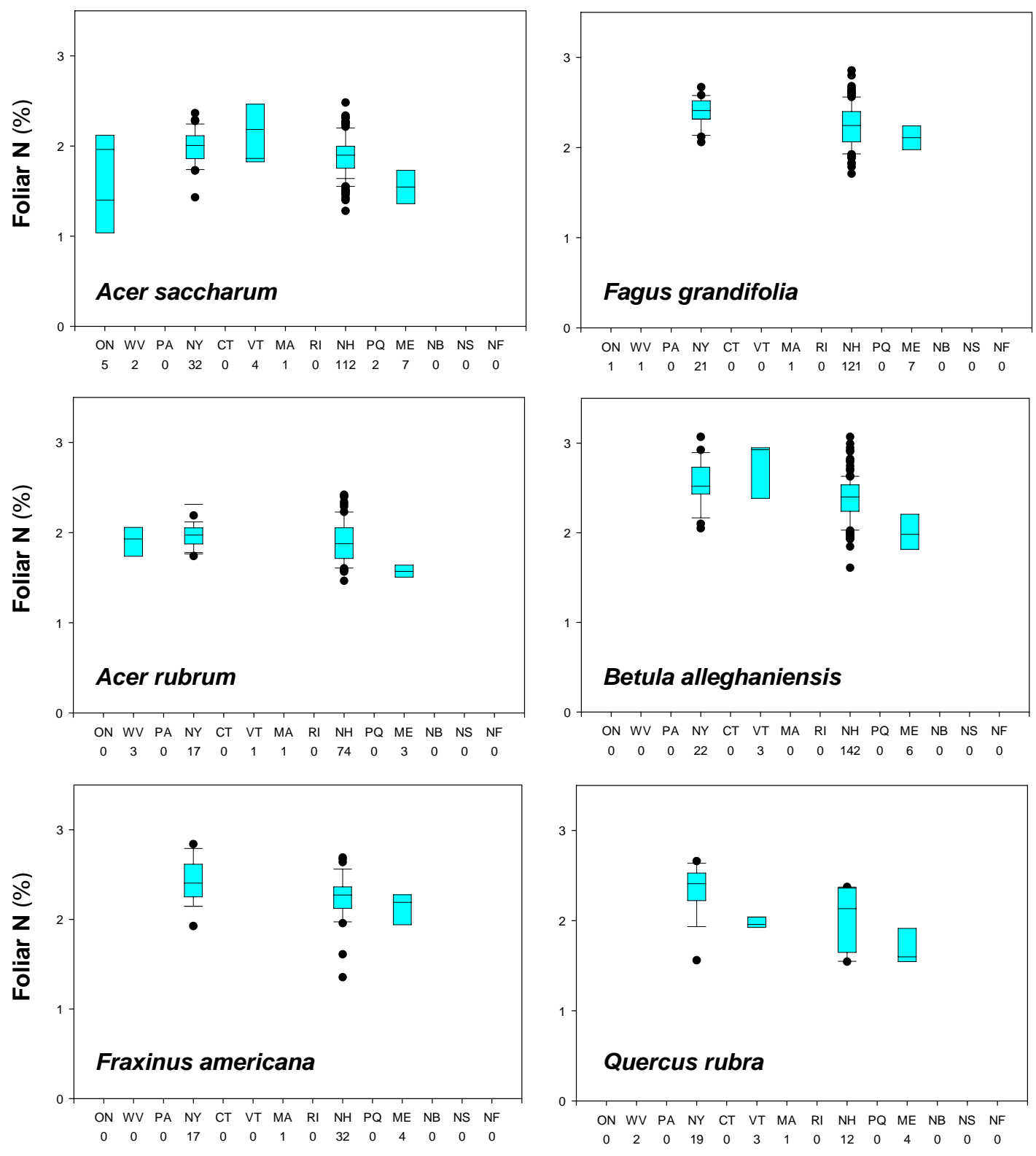


Figure 20. Boxplots for foliar nitrogen in softwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

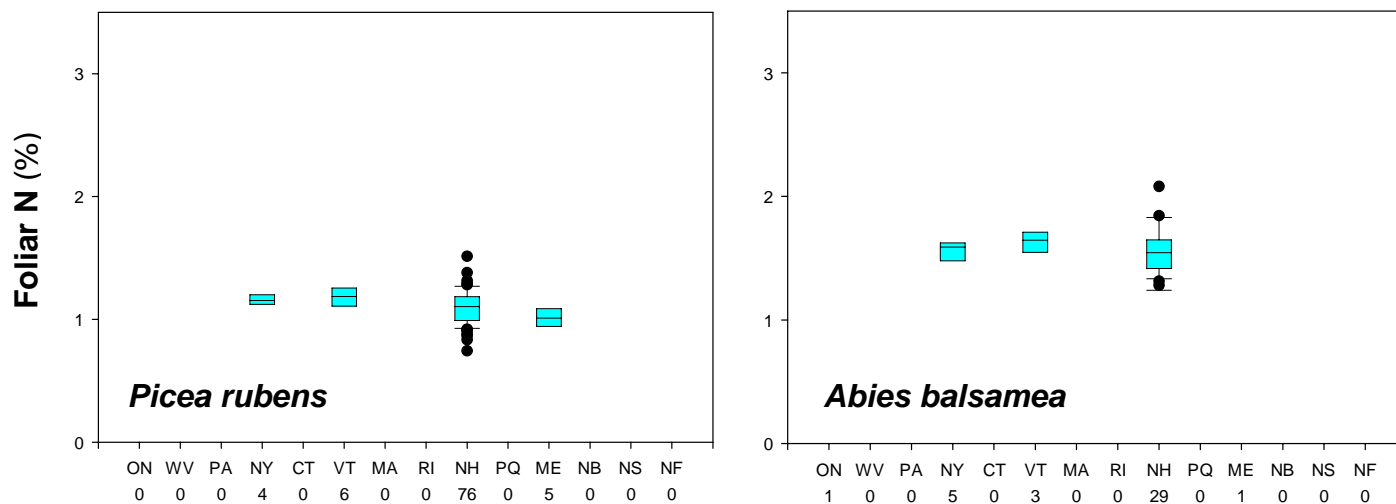


Figure 21. Boxplots for foliar calcium in hardwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

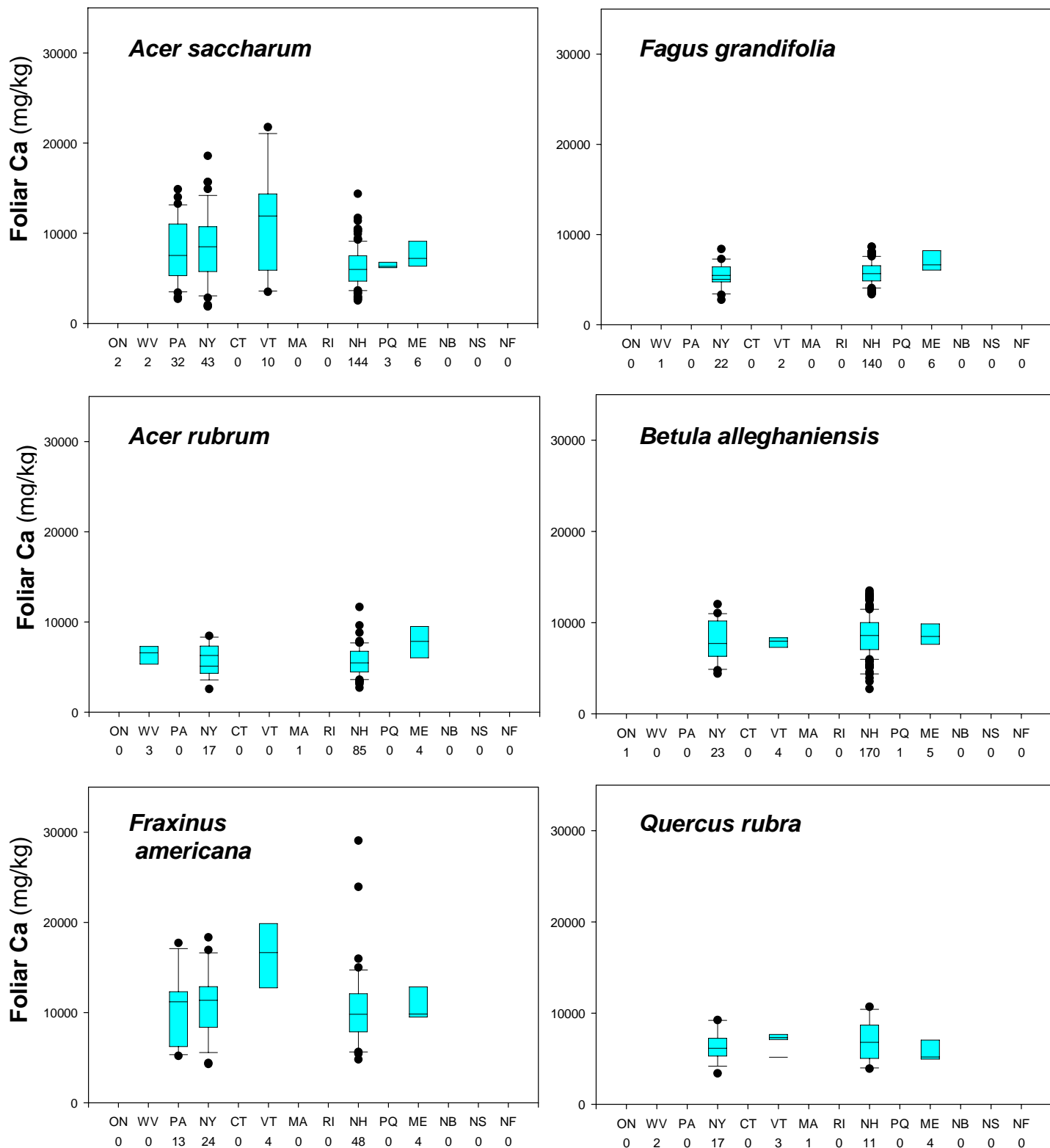


Figure 22. Boxplots for foliar calcium in softwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

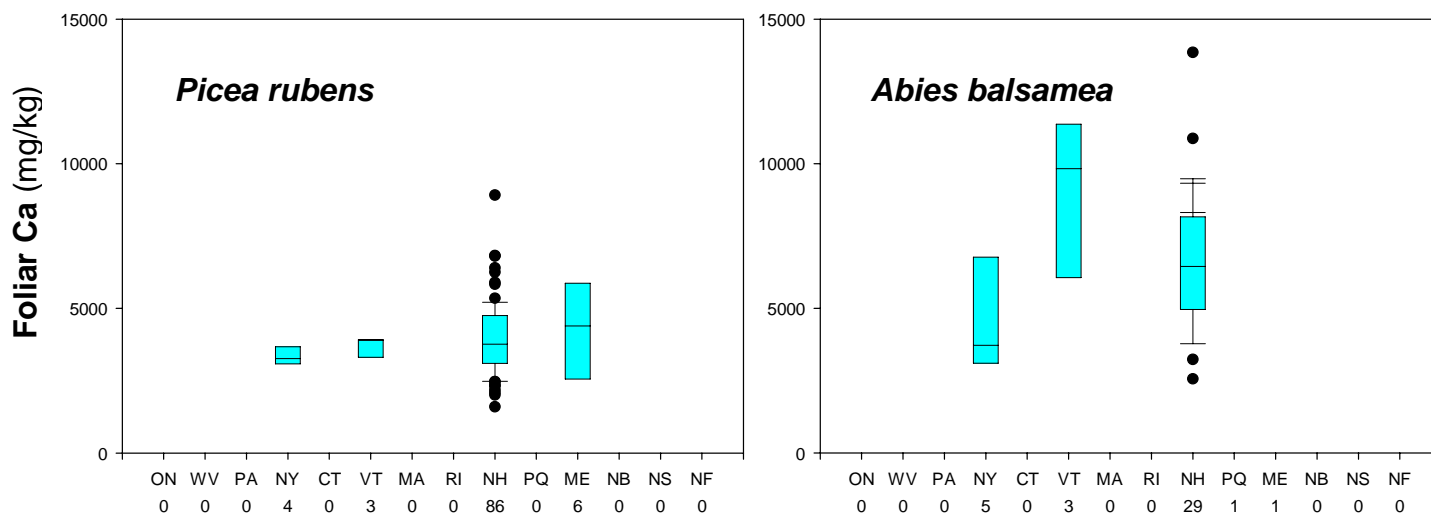


Figure 23. Boxplots for foliar magnesium in hardwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

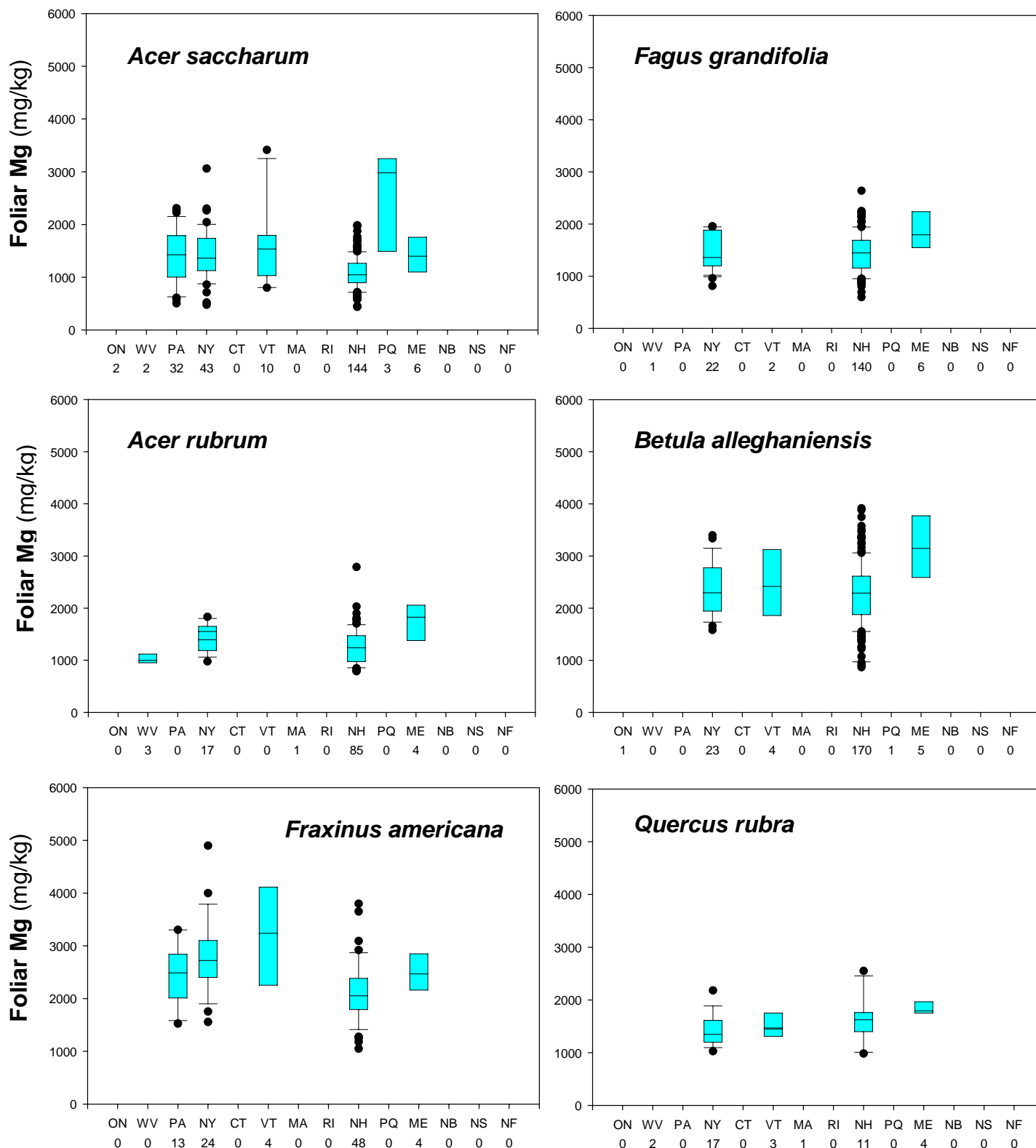


Figure 24. Boxplots for foliar magnesium in softwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

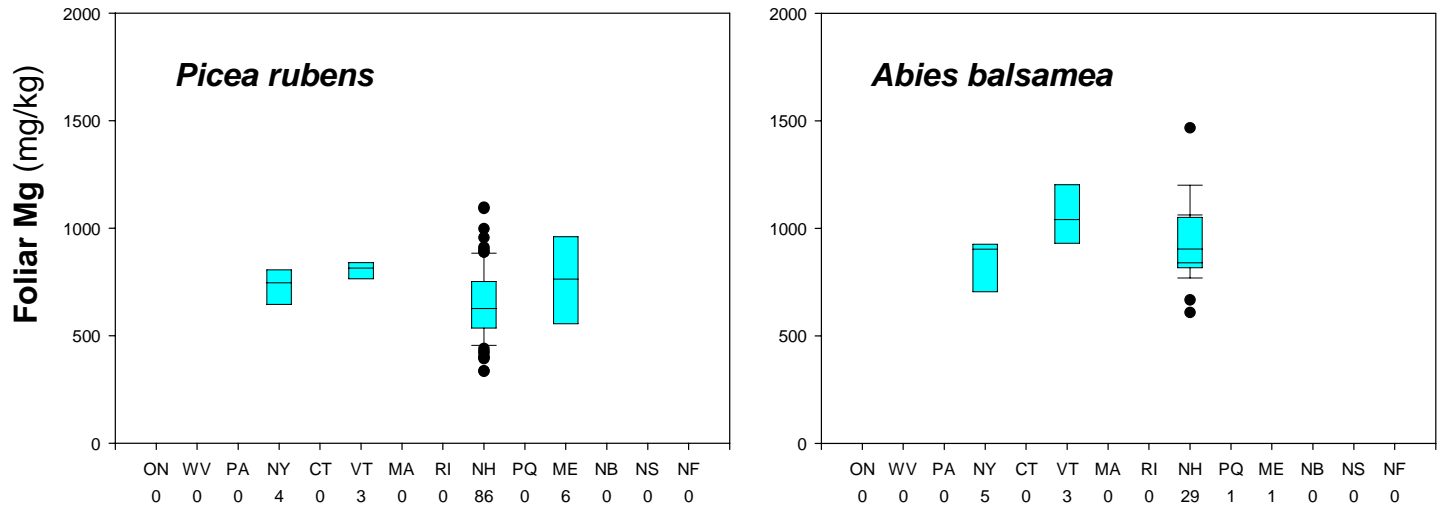


Figure 25. Boxplots for foliar potassium in hardwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

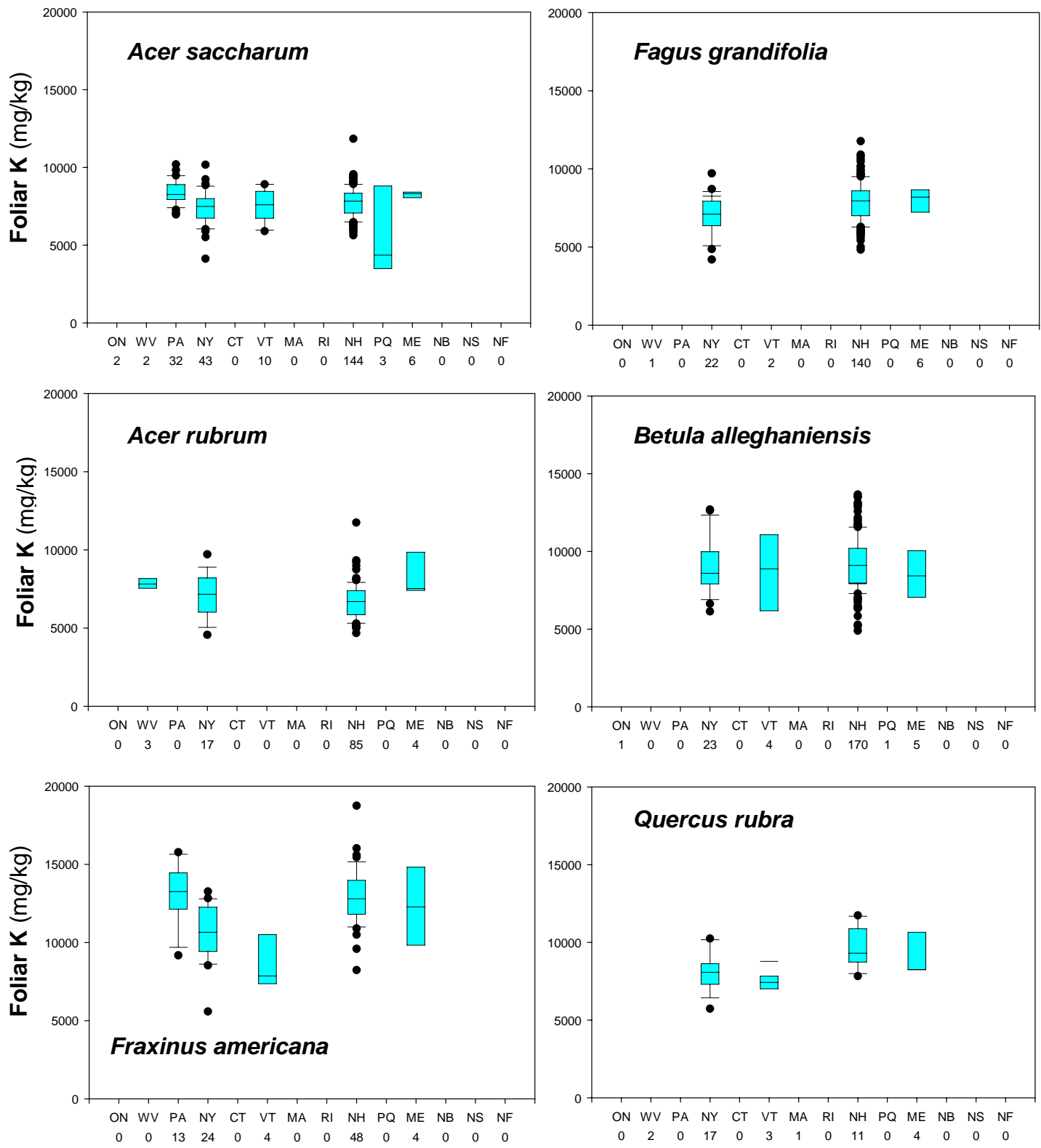


Figure 26. Boxplots for foliar potassium in softwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

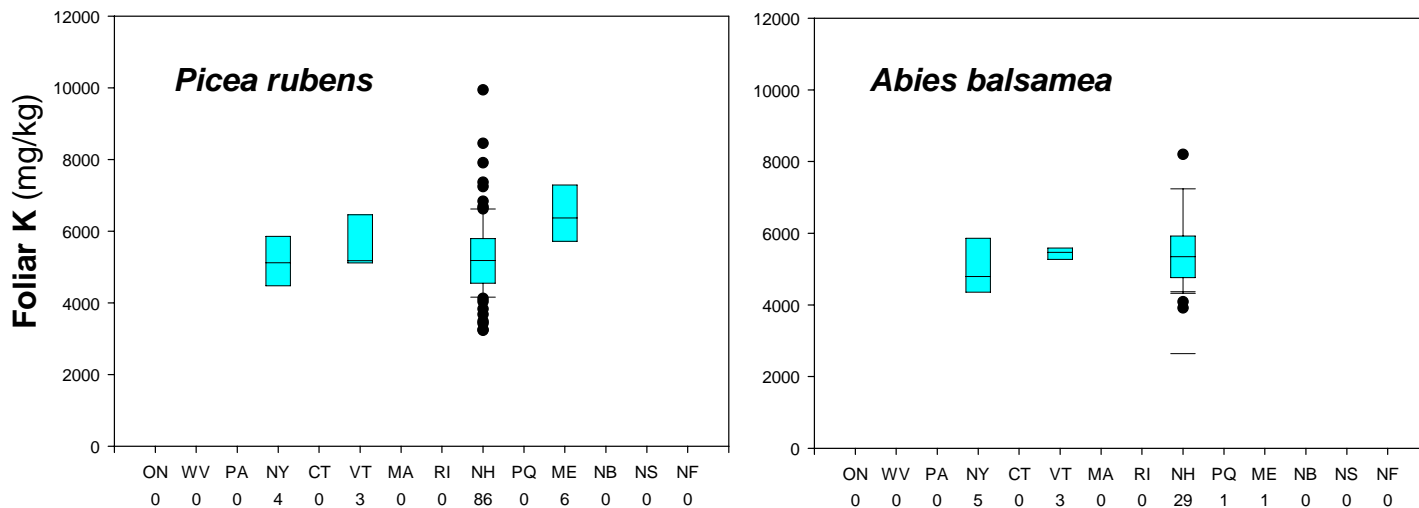


Figure 27. Boxplots for foliar phosphorus in hardwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

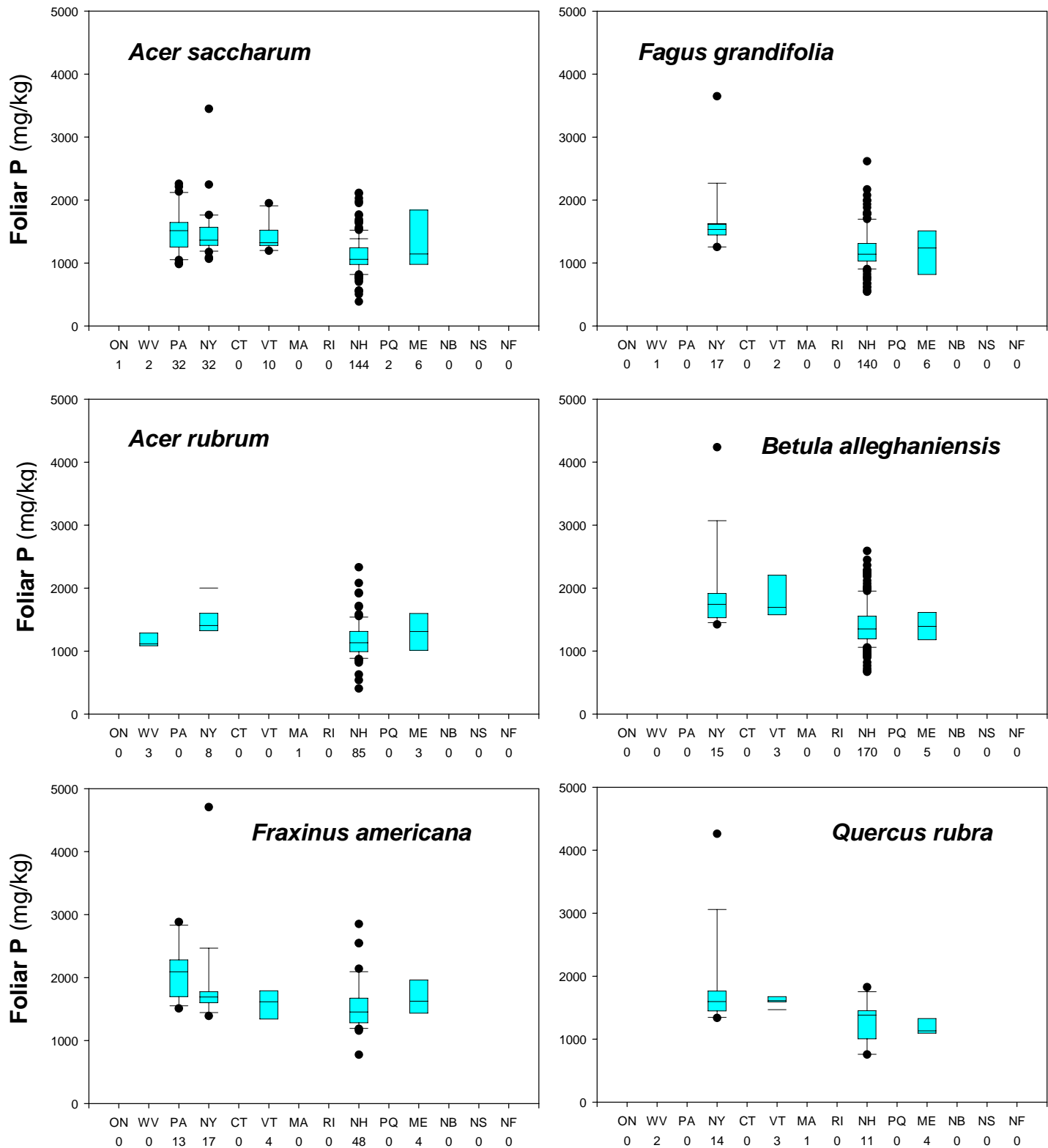


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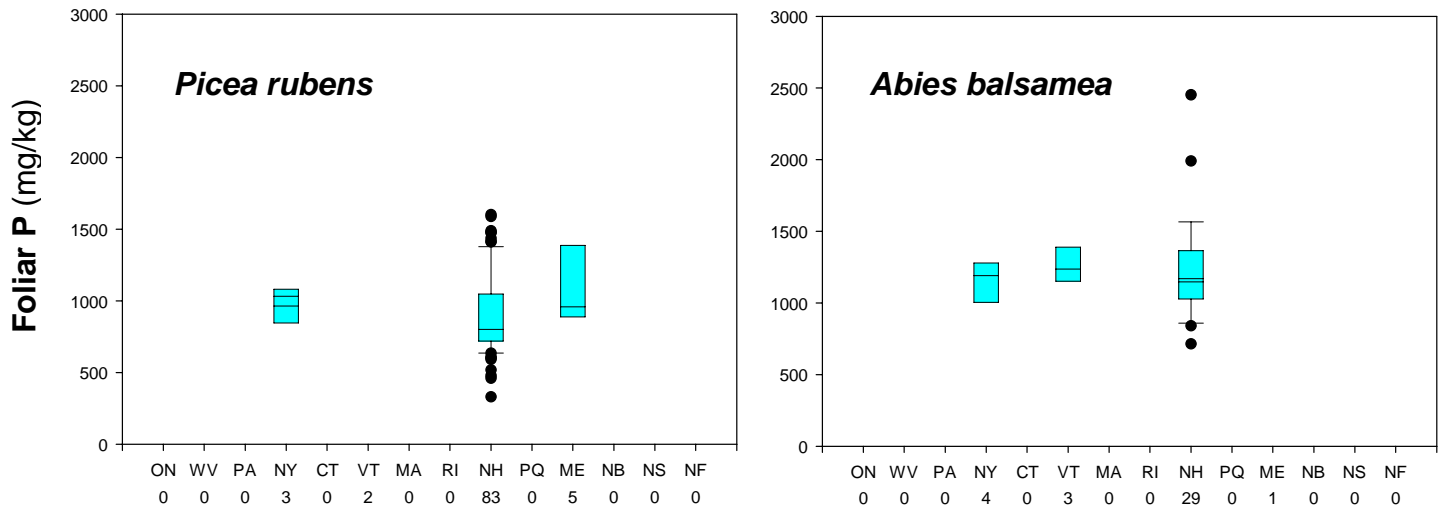


Figure 29. Boxplots for foliar aluminum in hardwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot. Note that *Fraxinus americana* has a different Y-axis scale than the other species.

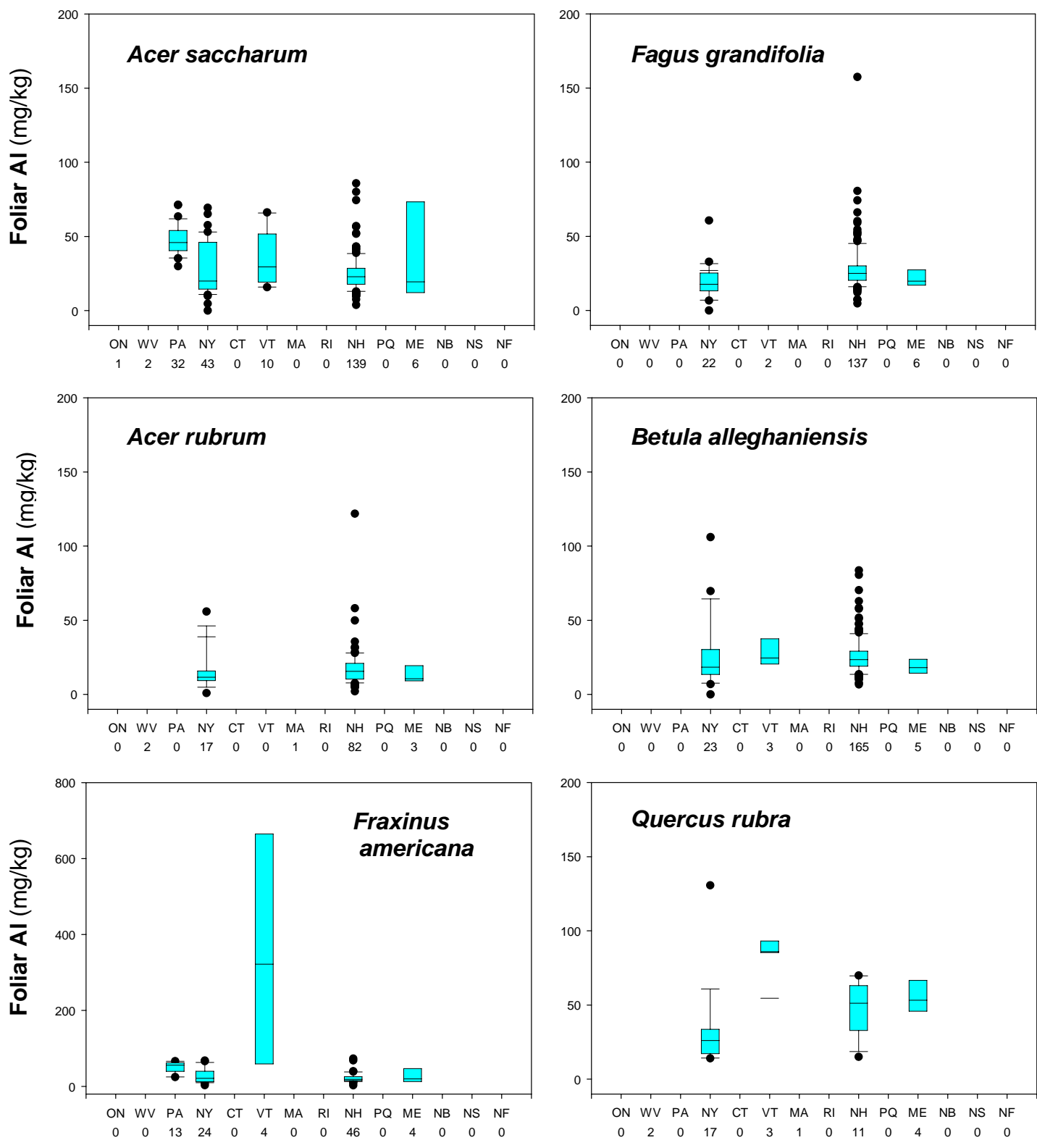


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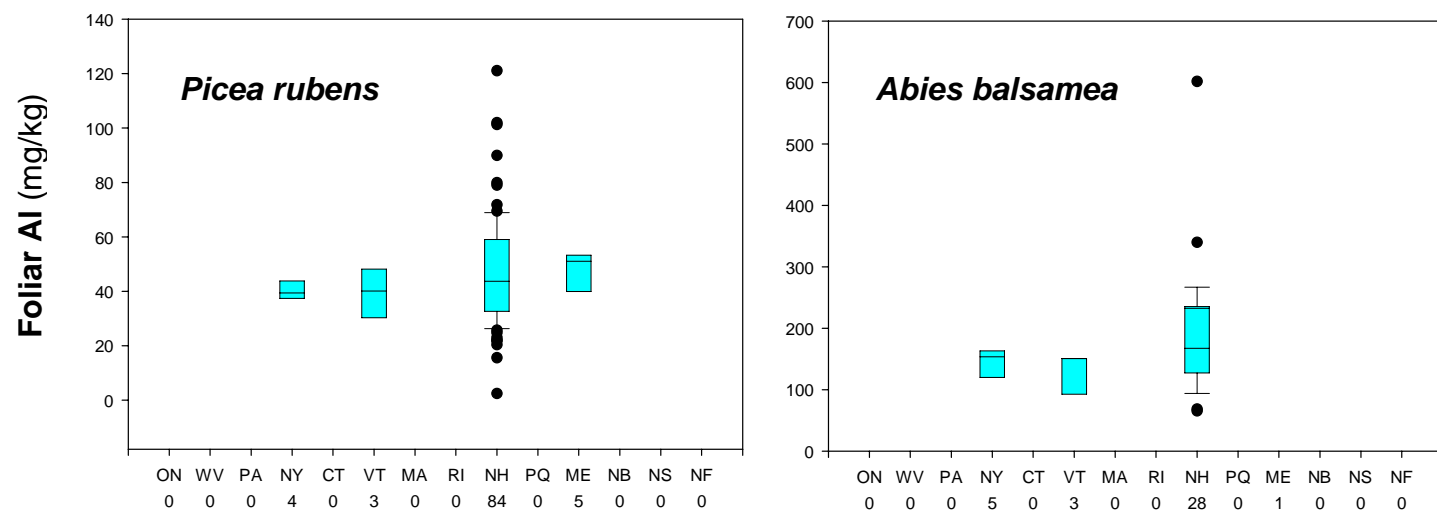


Figure 31. Boxplots for foliar manganese in hardwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

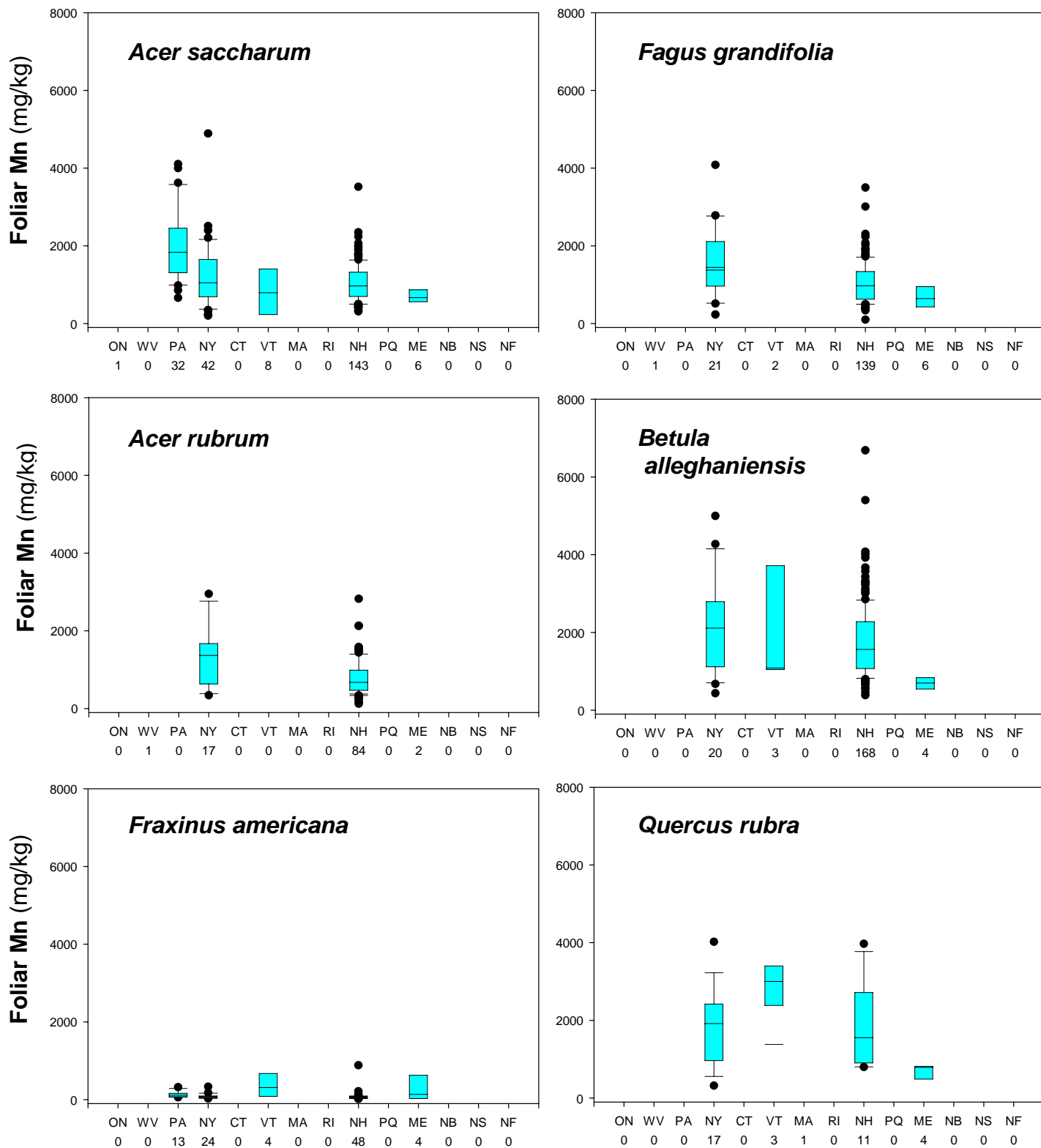


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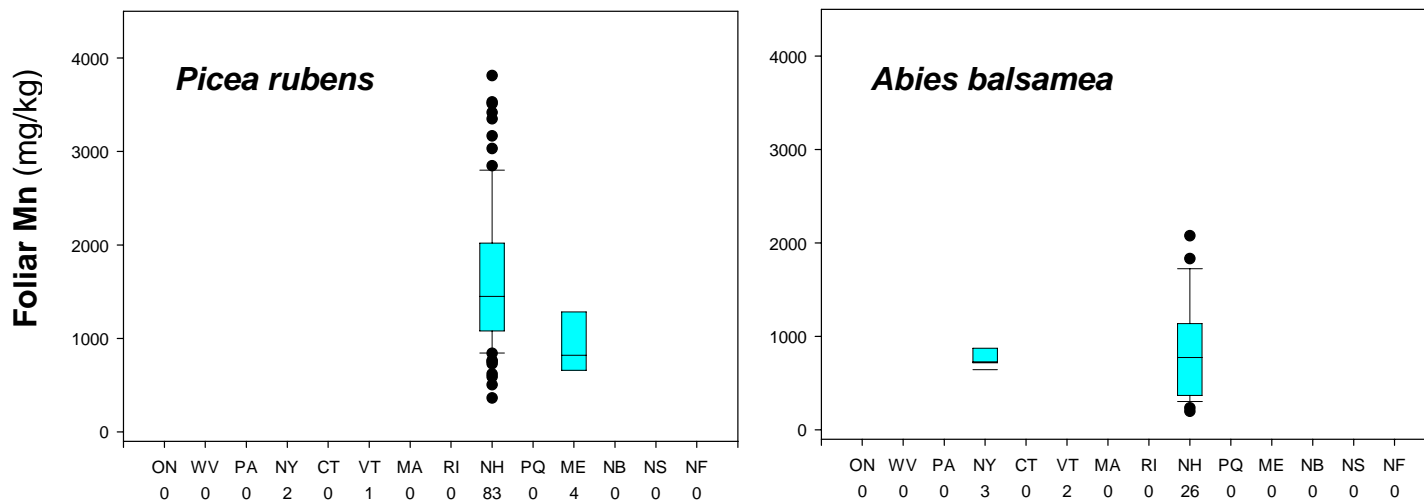


Figure 33. Boxplots for foliar strontium in hardwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

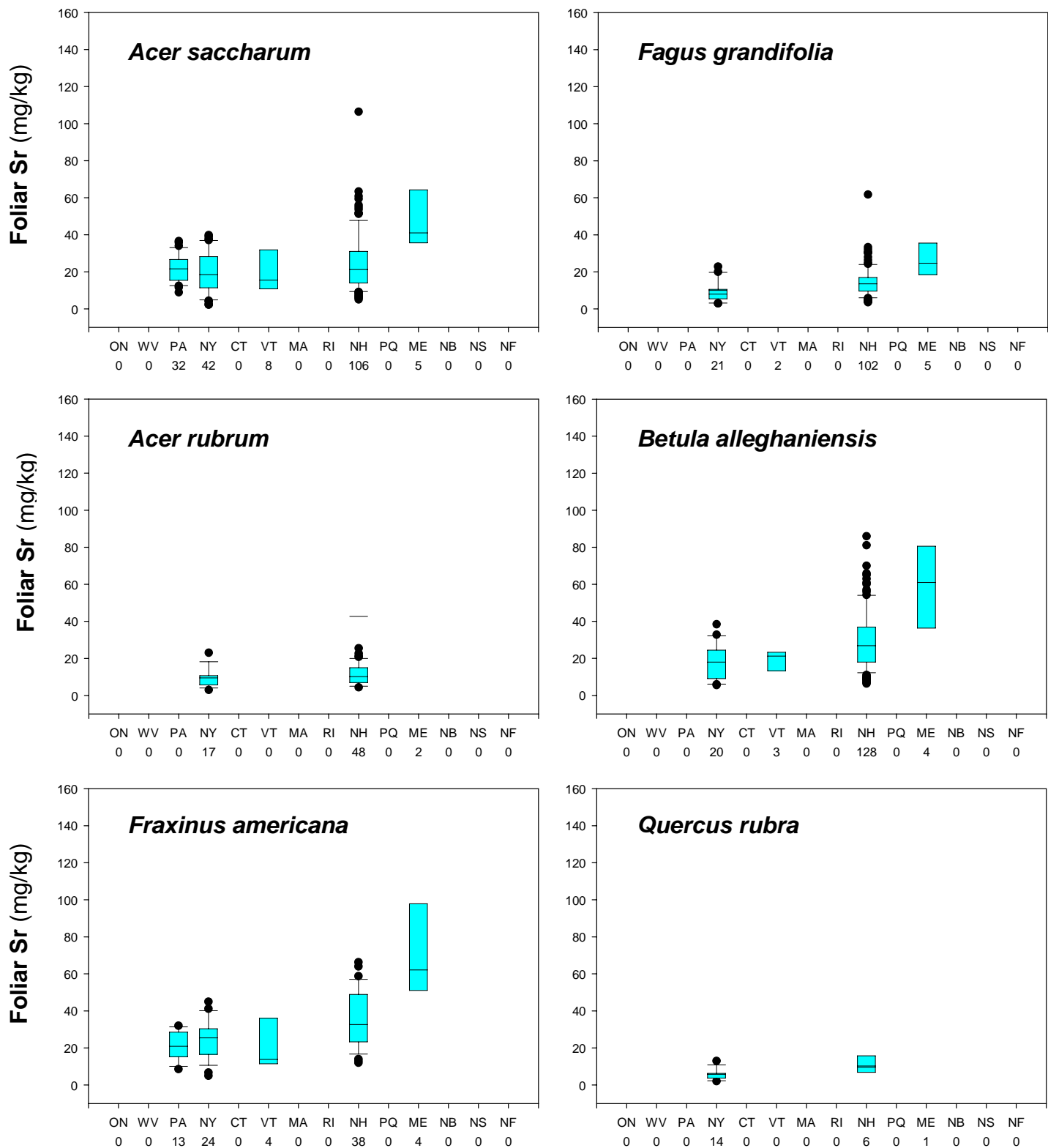


Figure 34. Boxplots for foliar strontium in softwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

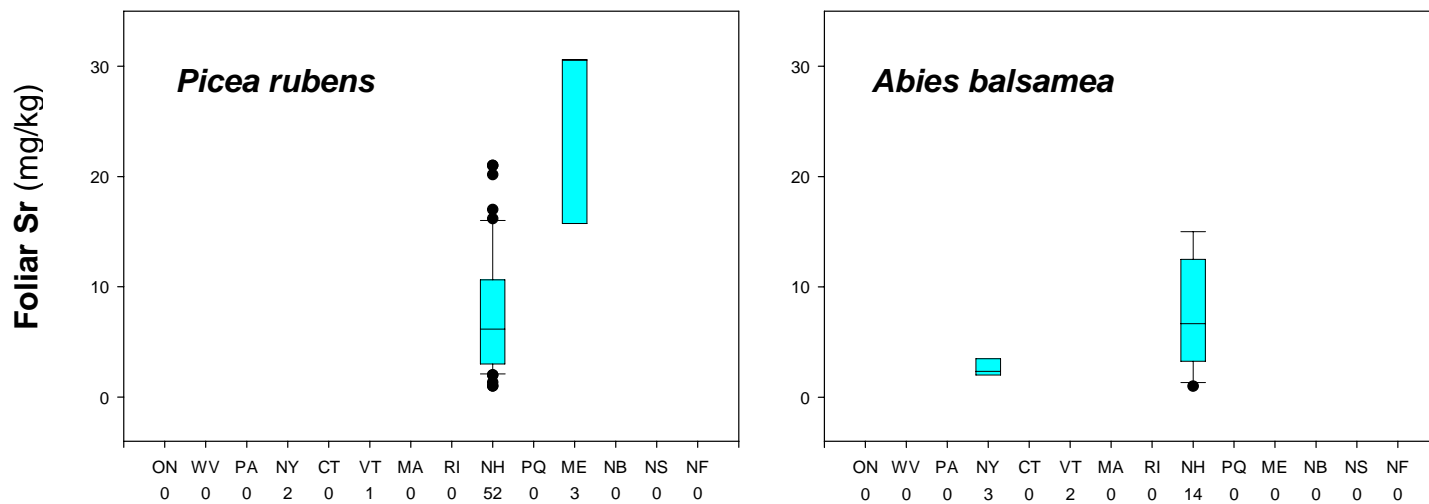


Figure 35. Boxplots for foliar cellulose in hardwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

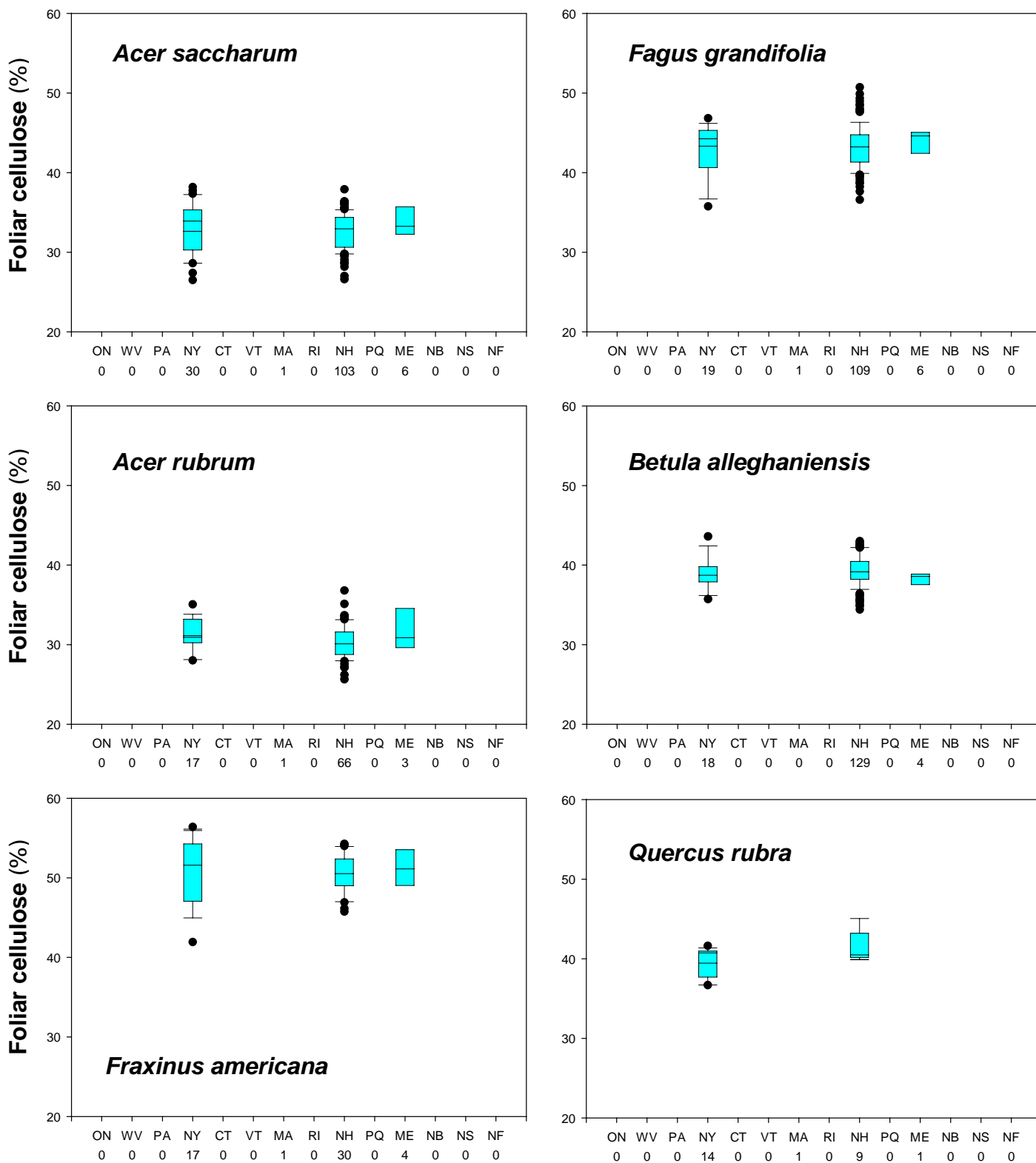


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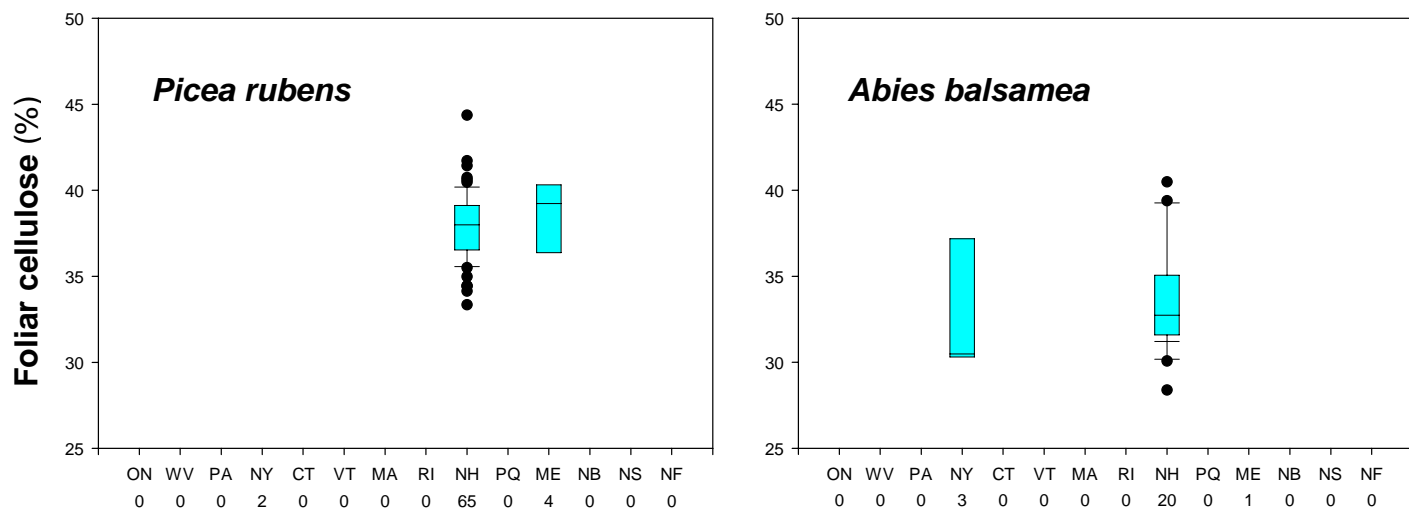


Figure 37. Boxplots for foliar lignin in hardwood species. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

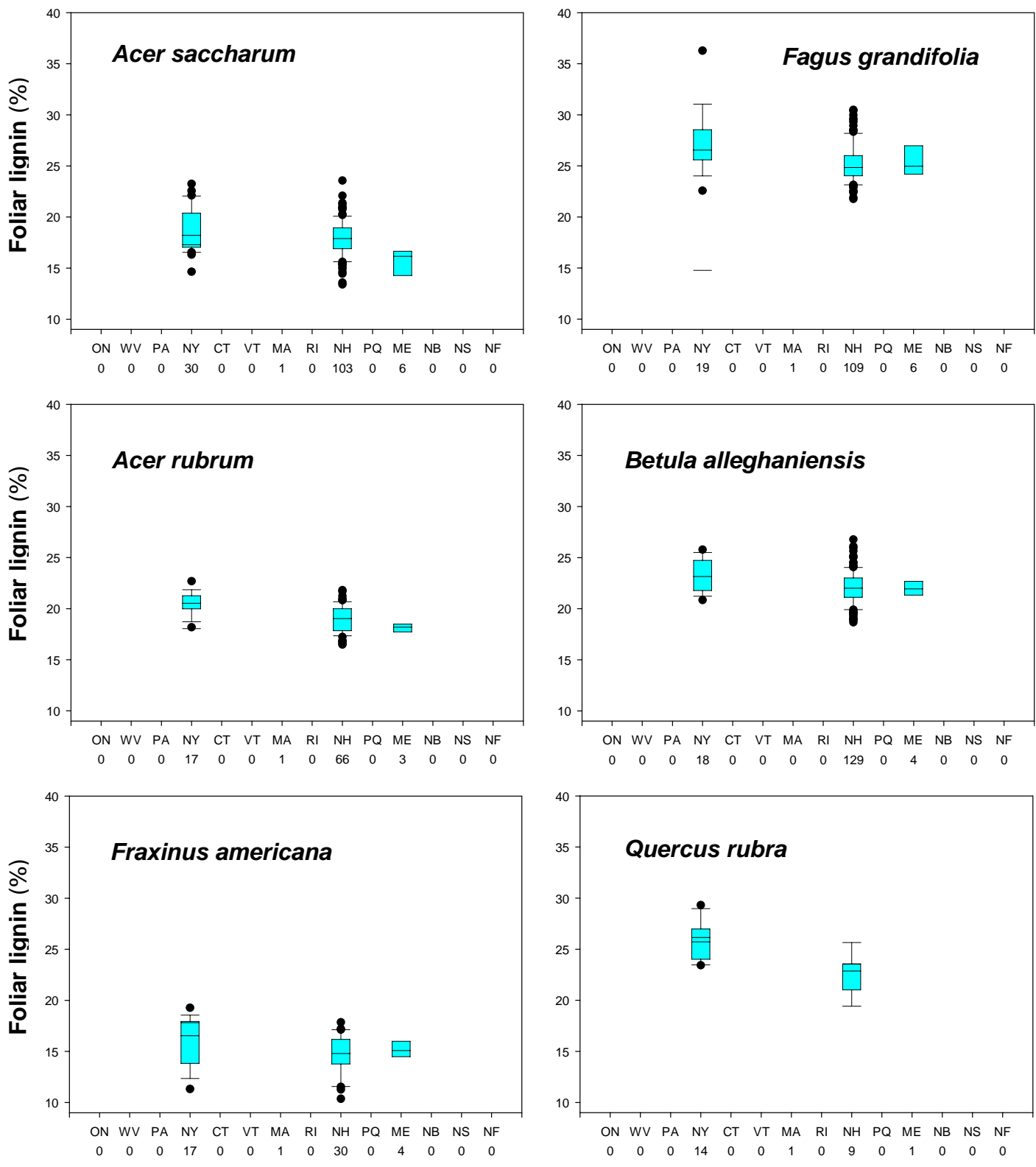
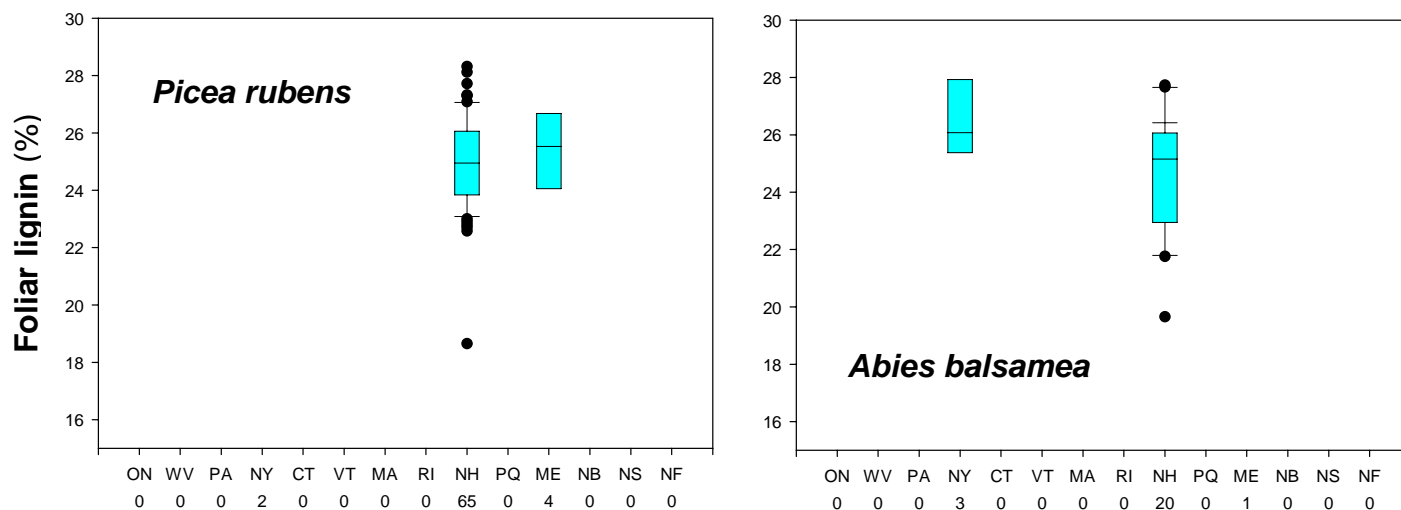
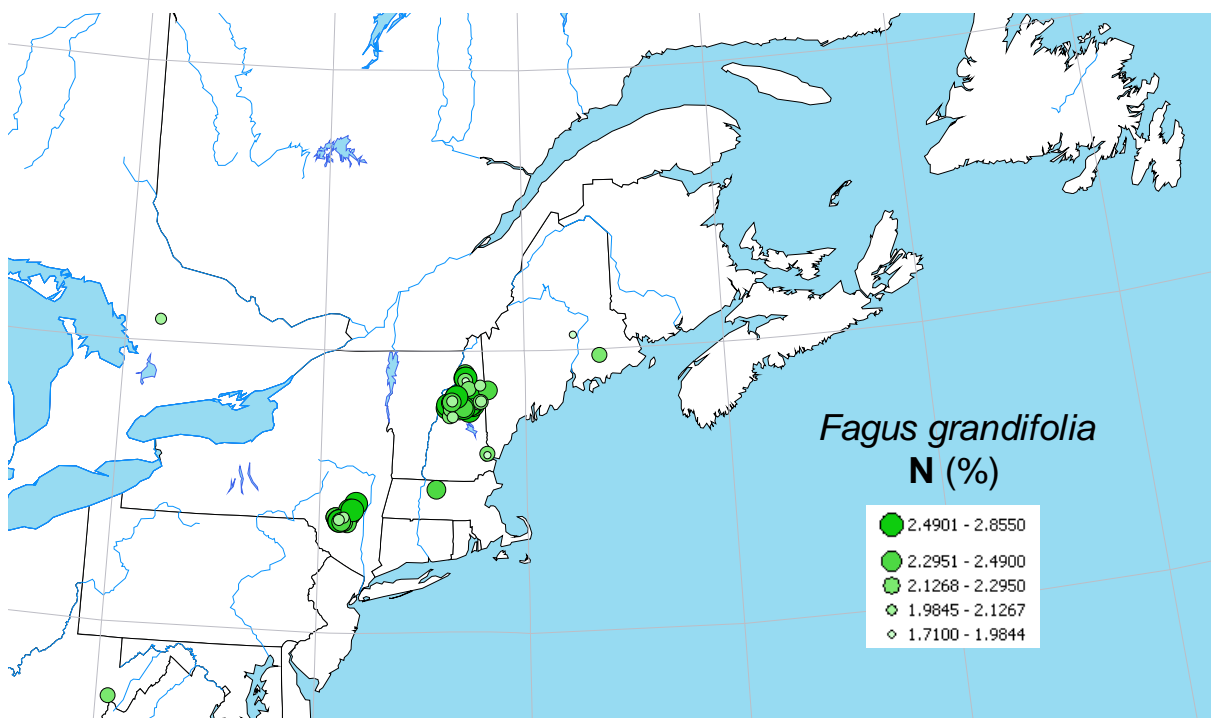
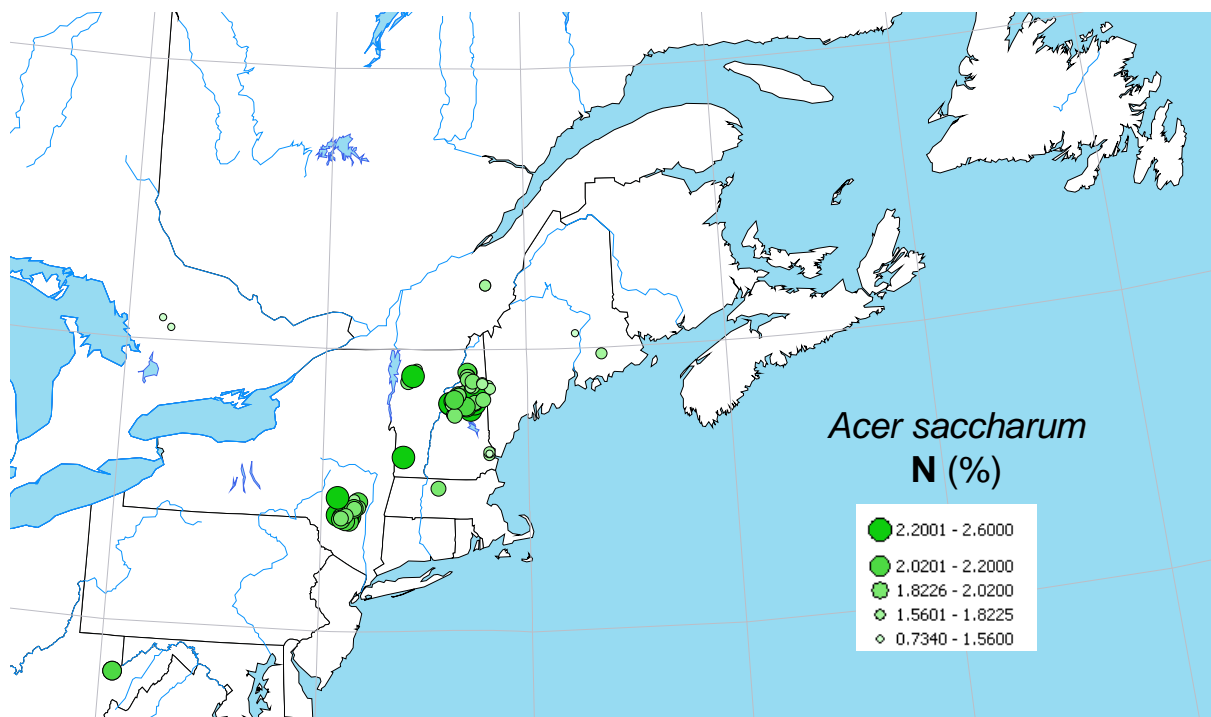


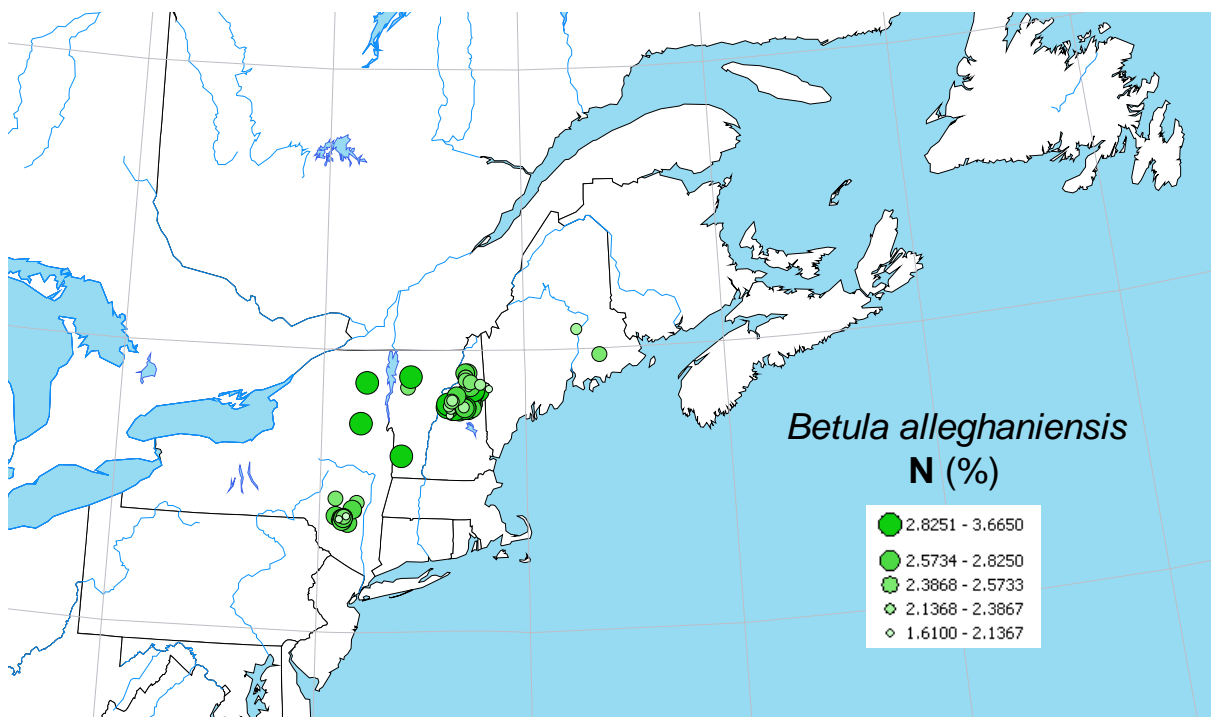
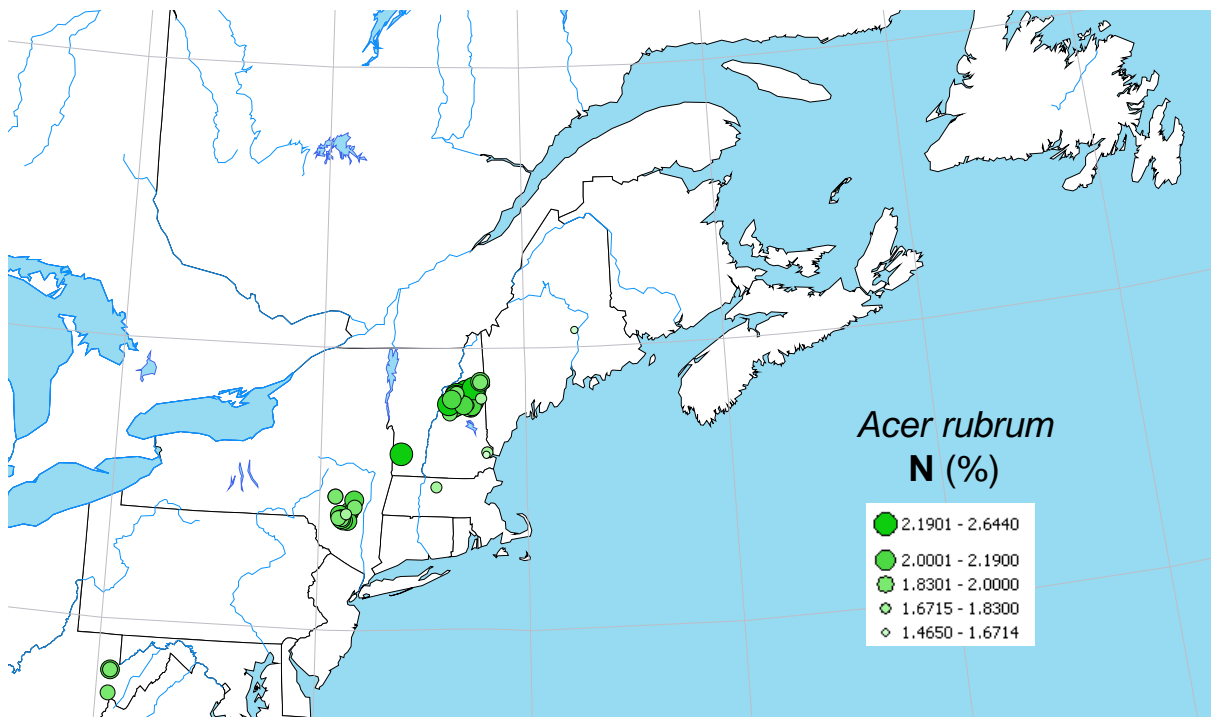
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Appendix B-4: Foliar Chemistry Maps

Figure 39. Maps for foliar nitrogen in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)





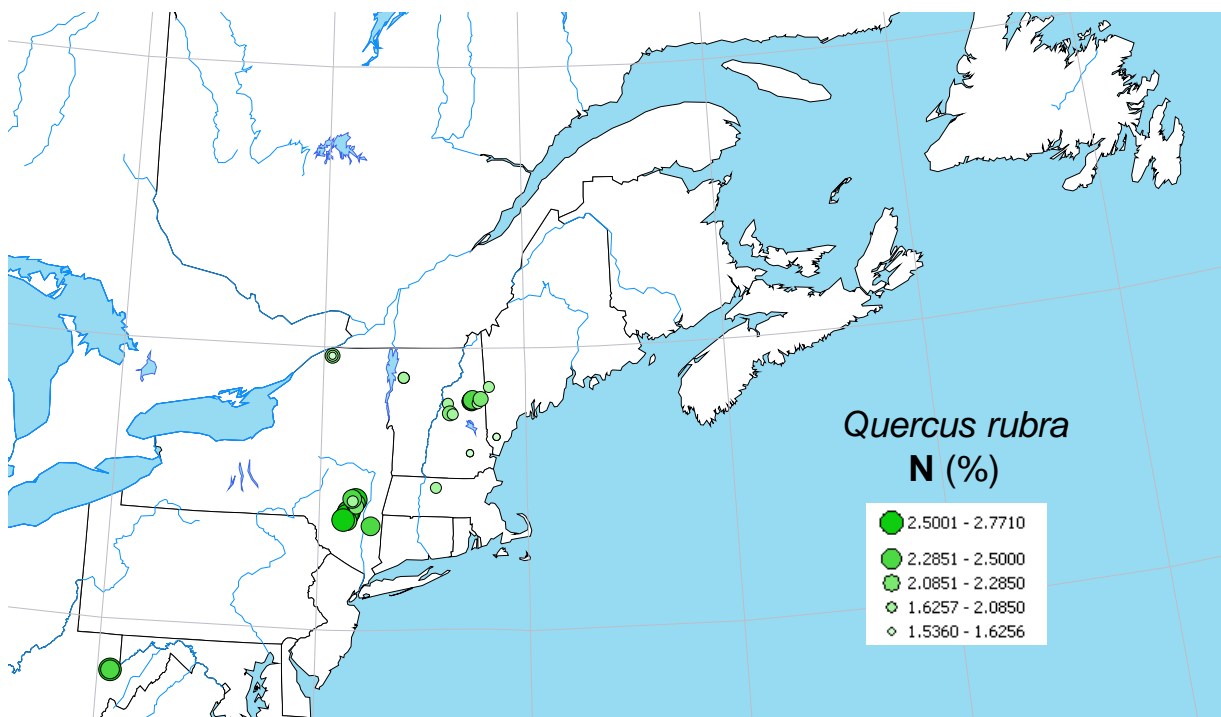
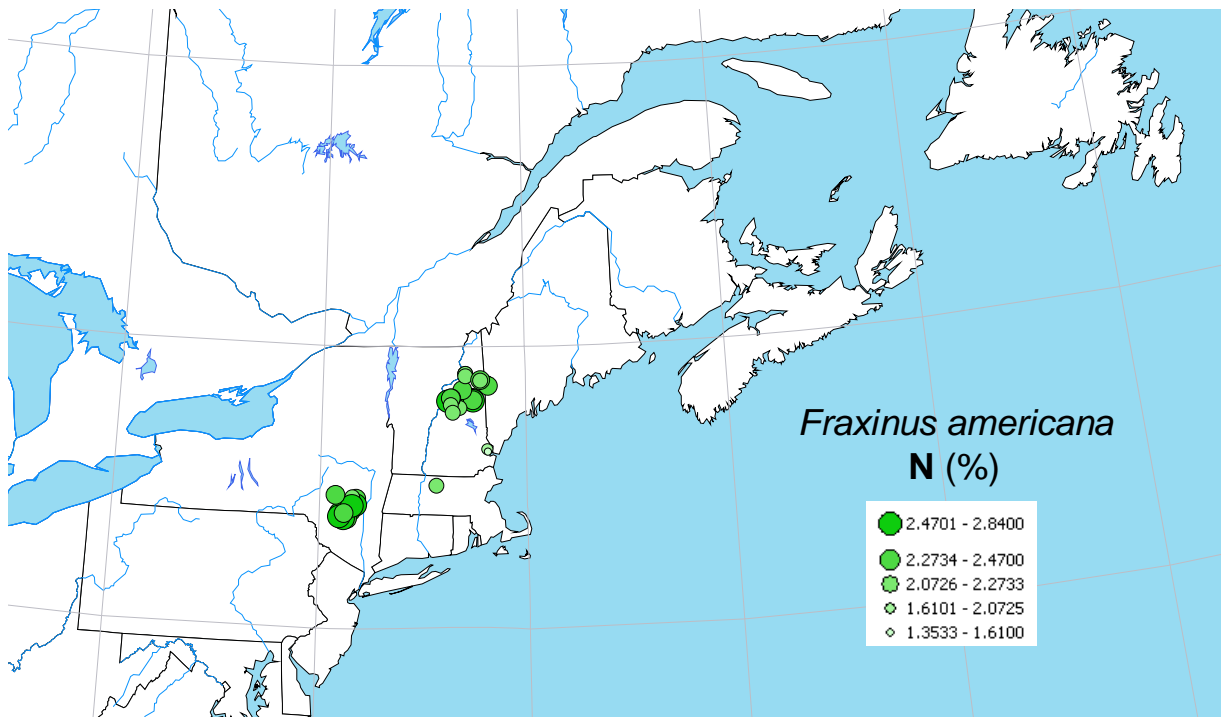


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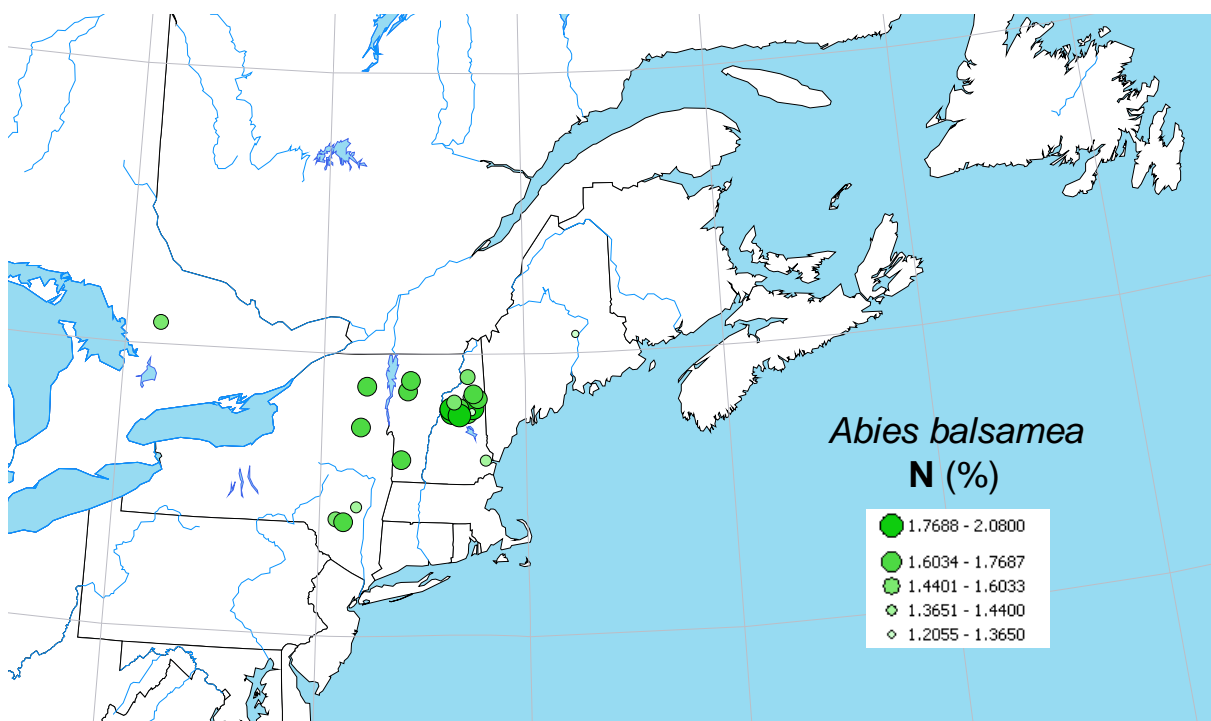
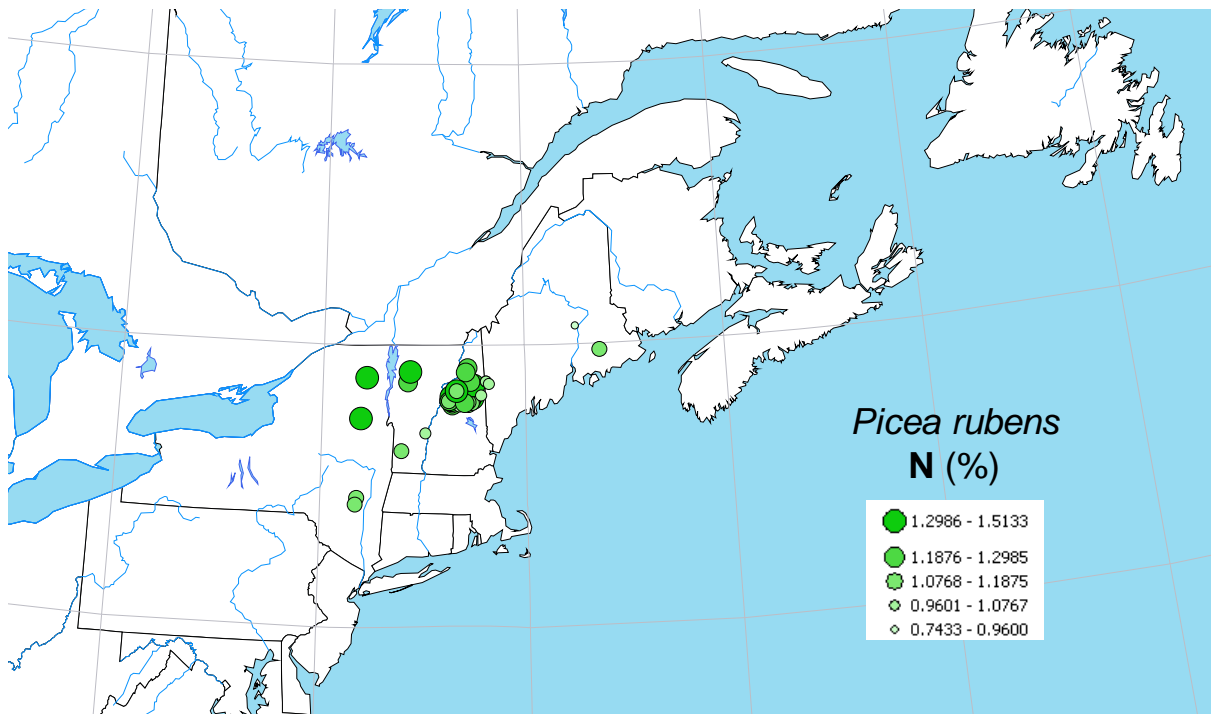
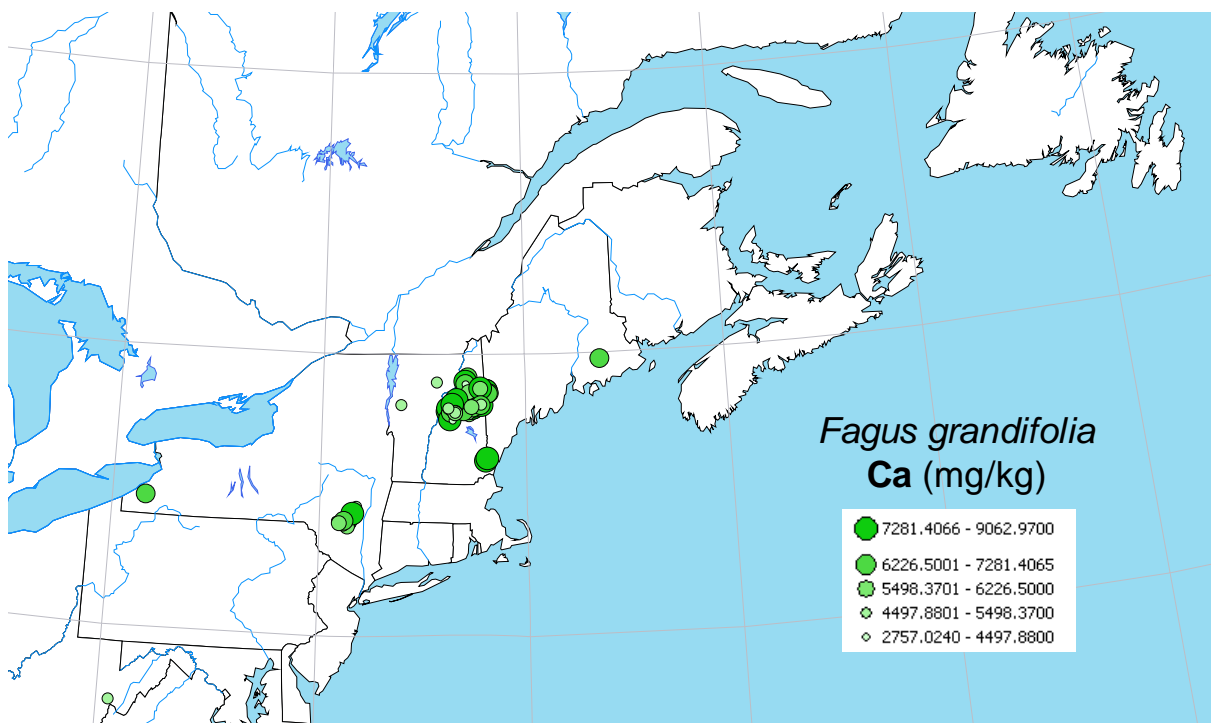
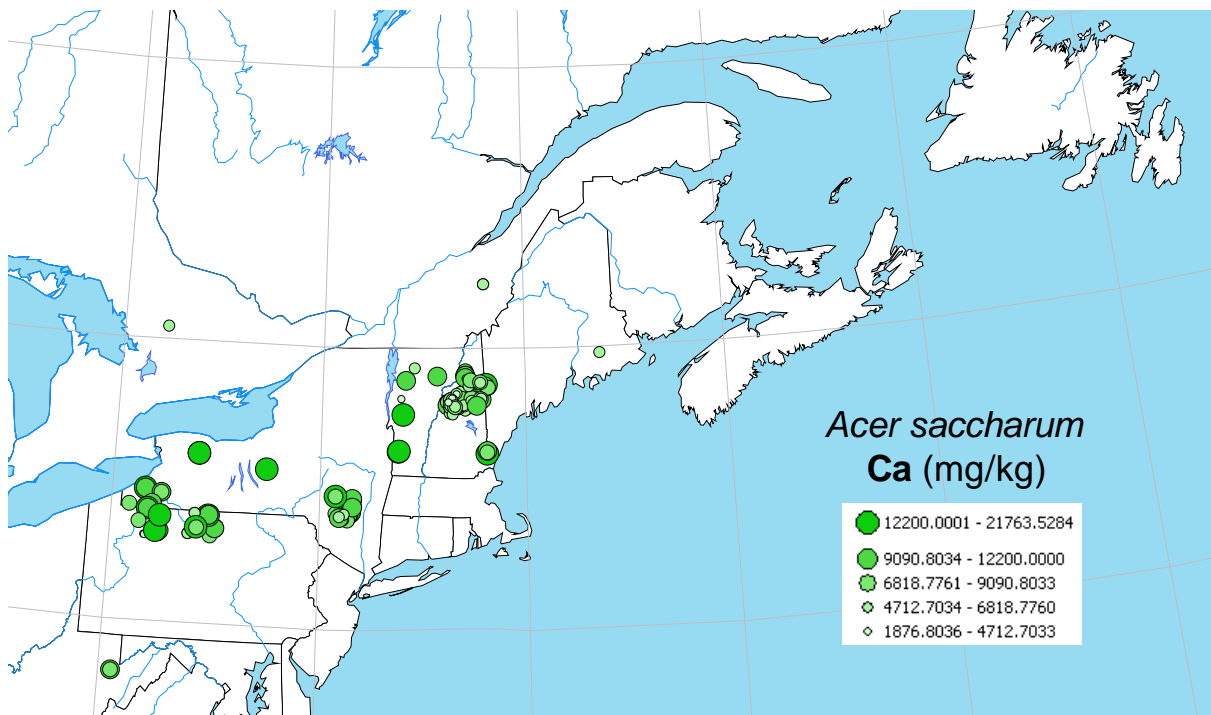
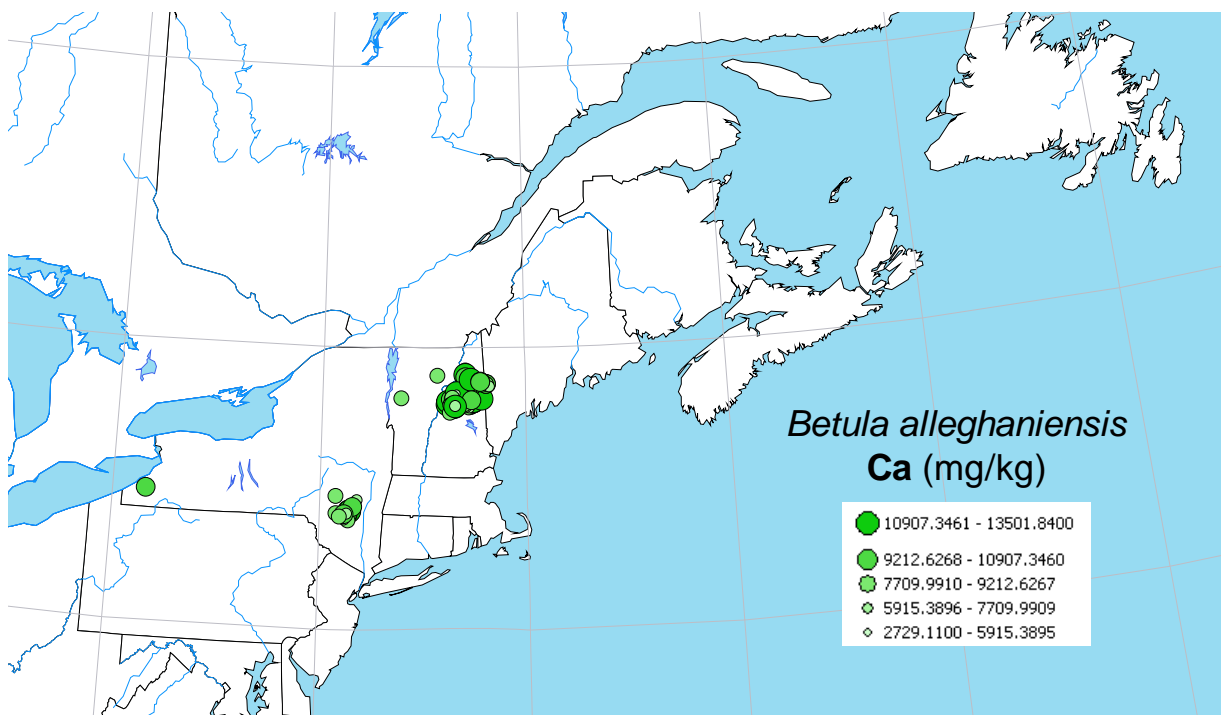
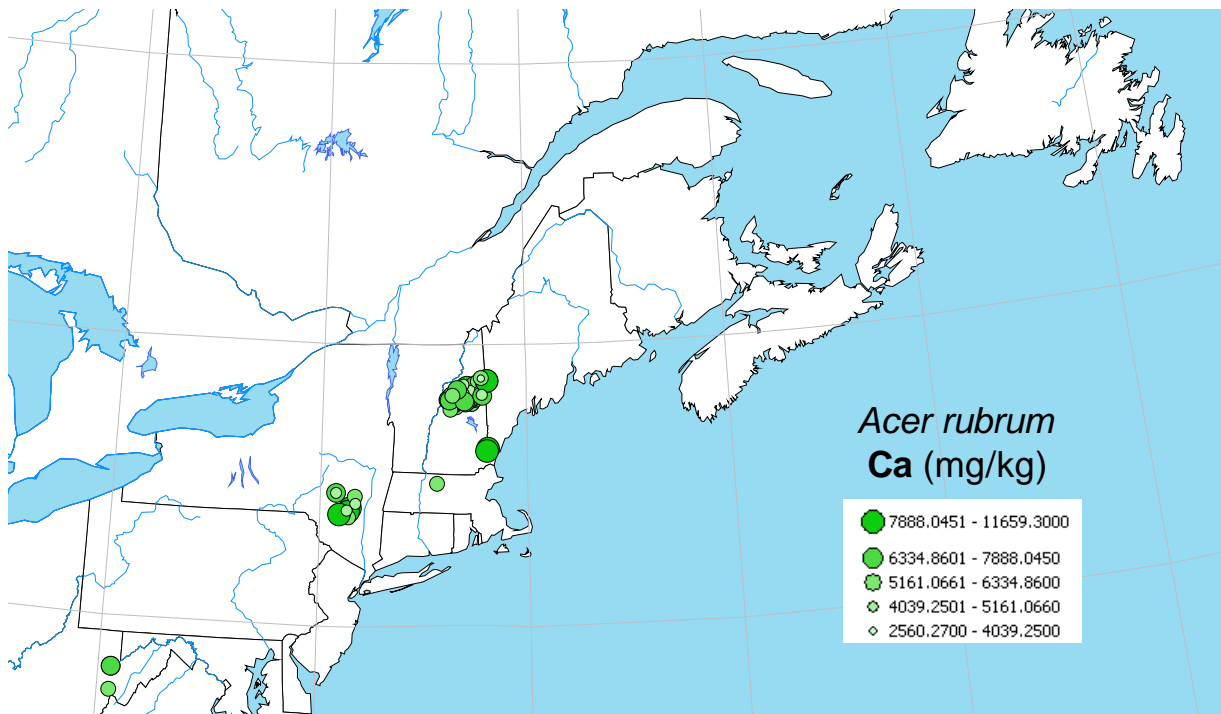


Figure 41. Maps for foliar calcium in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)





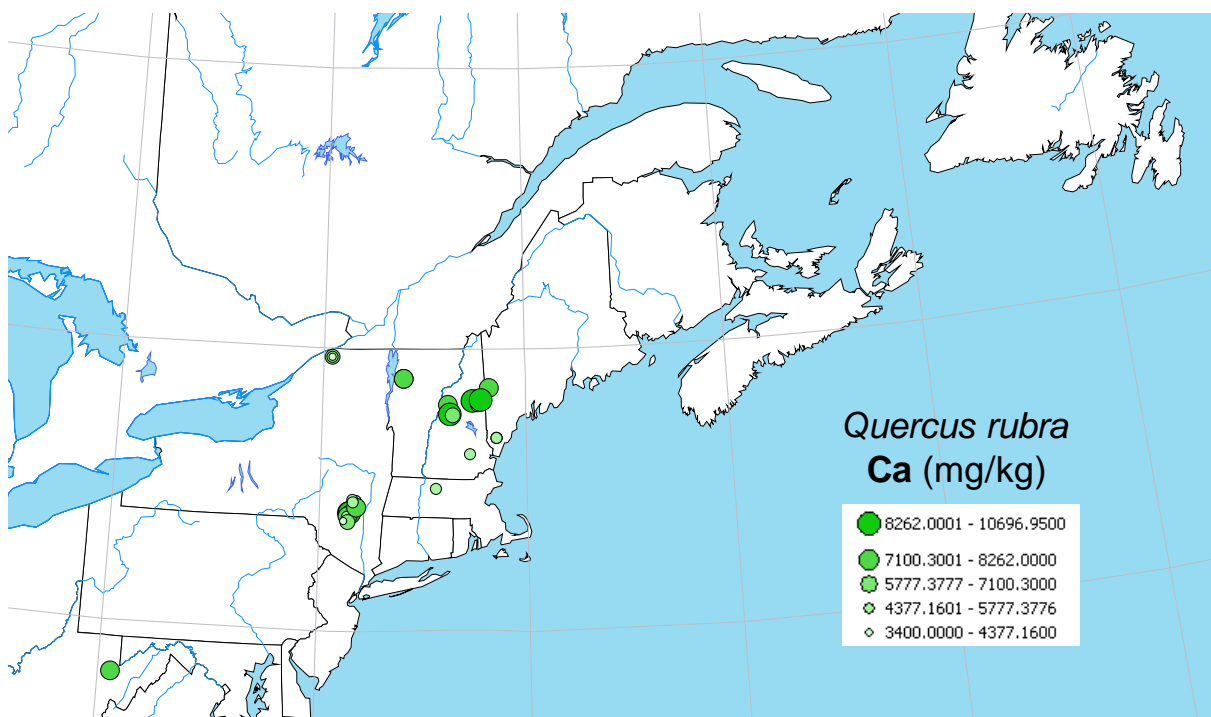
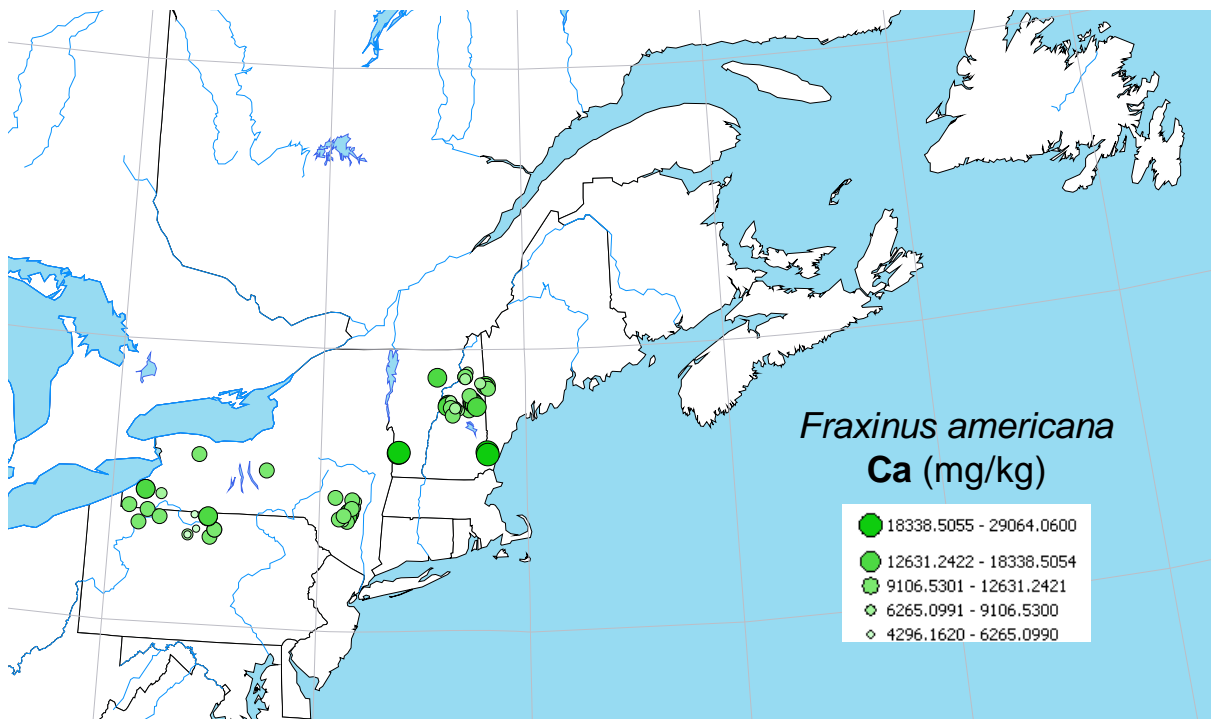


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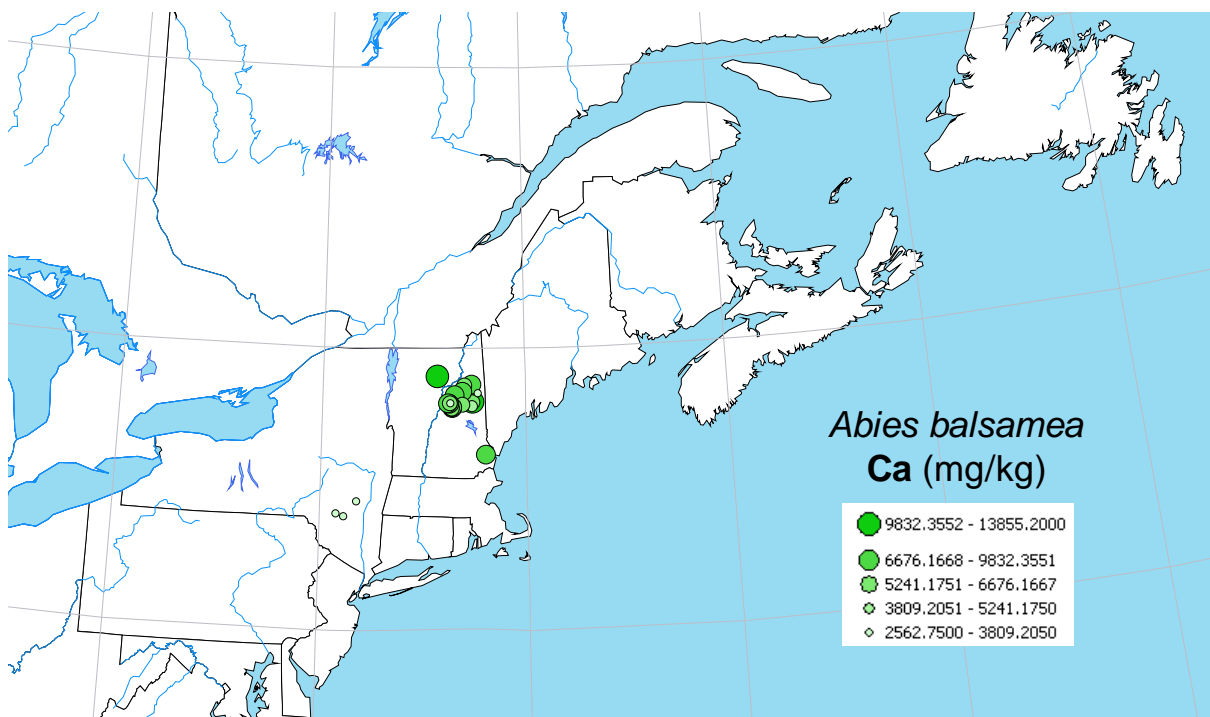
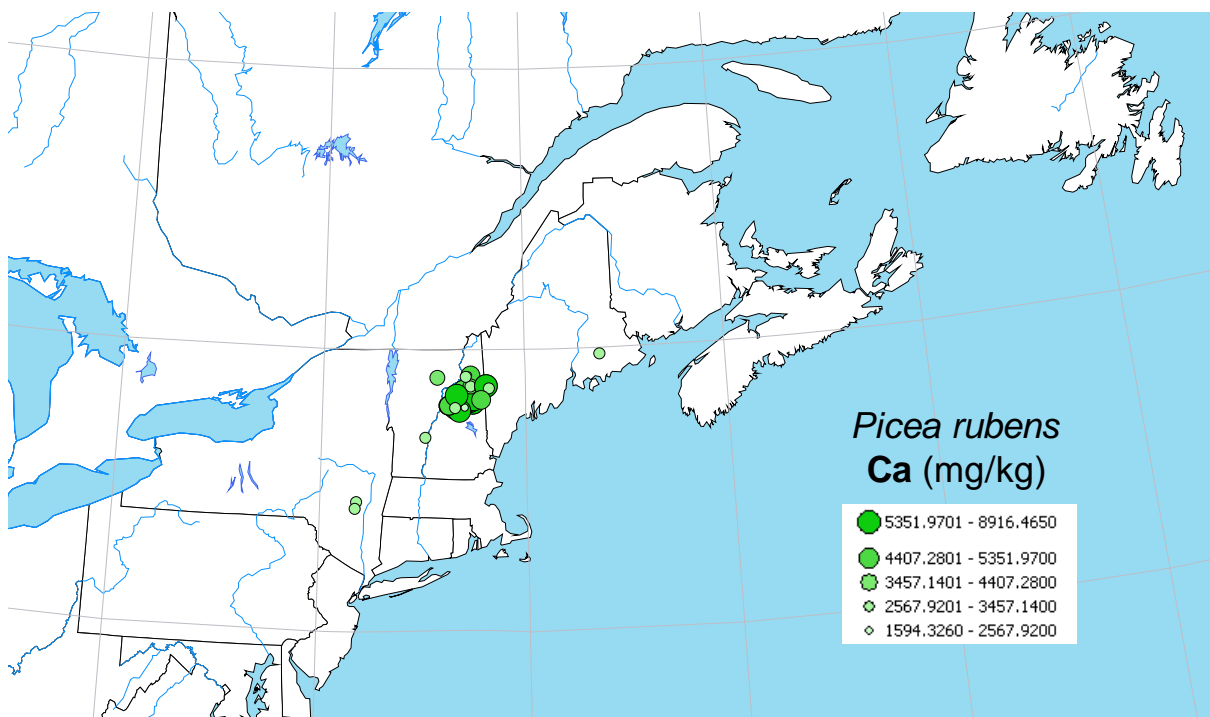
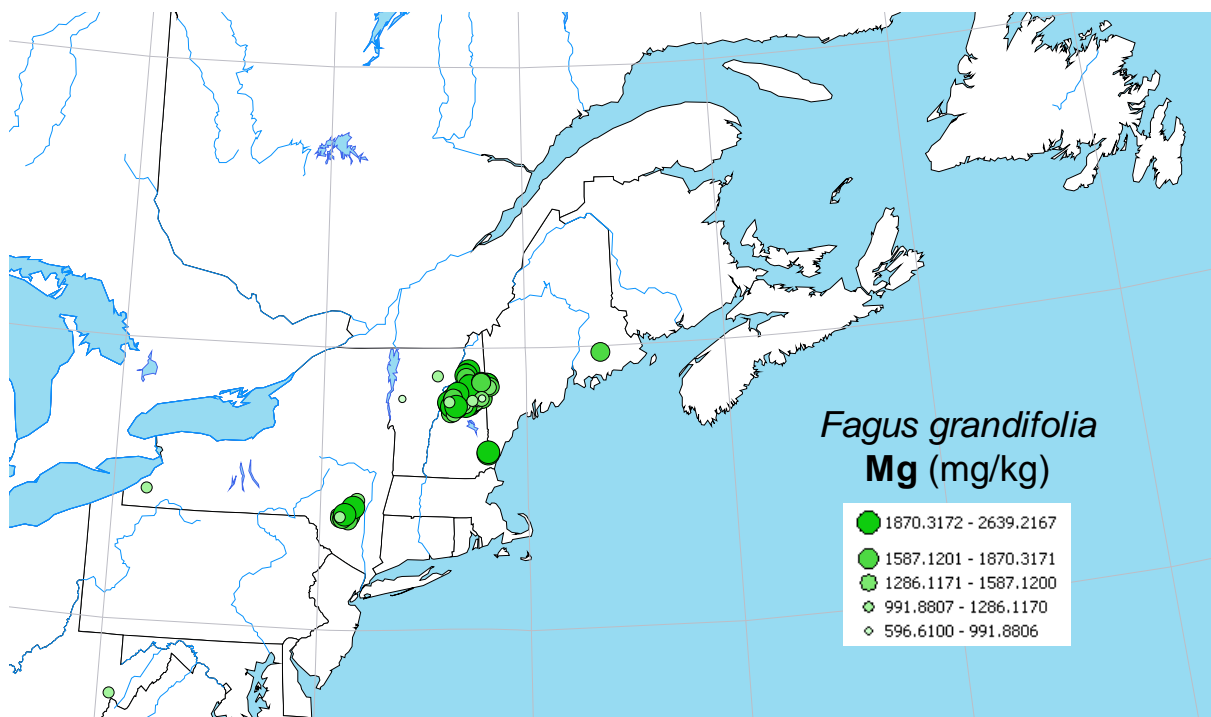
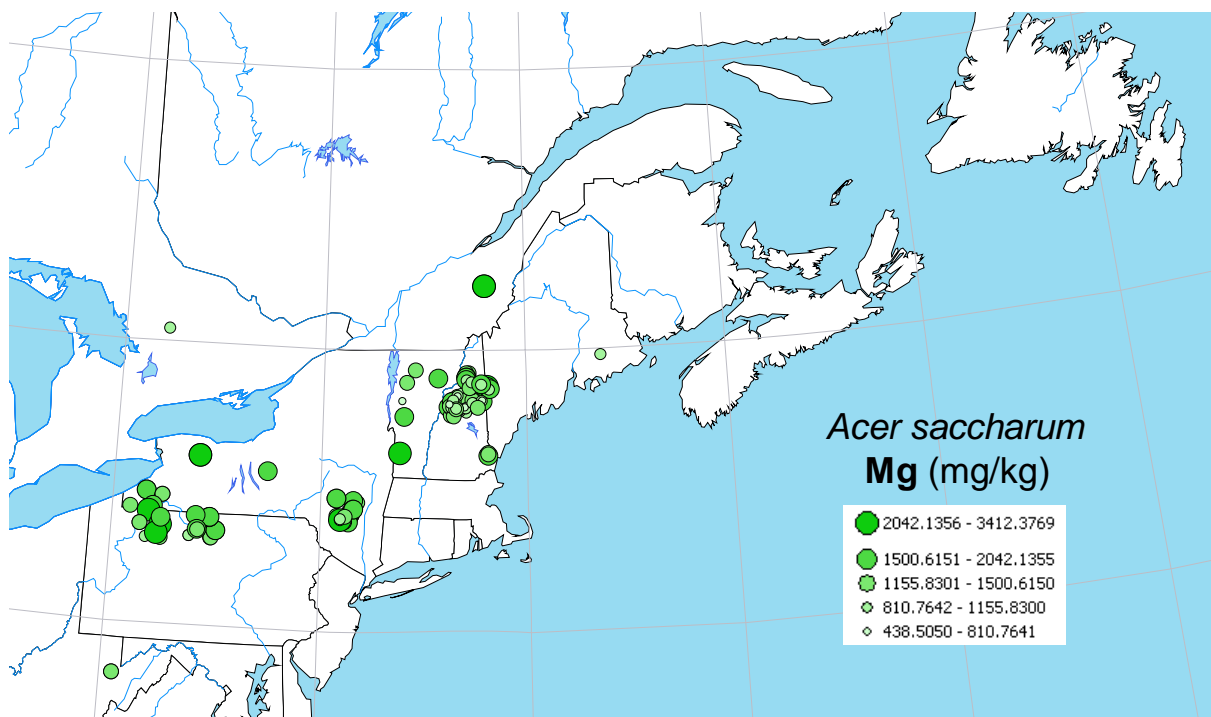
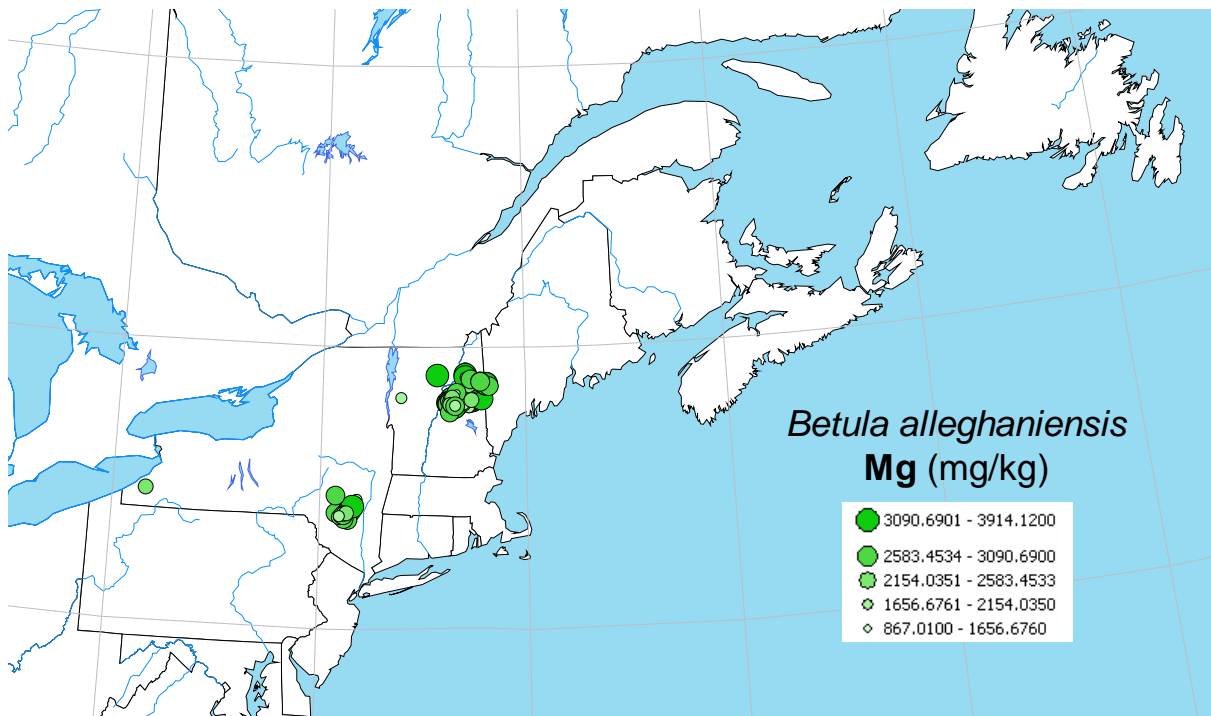
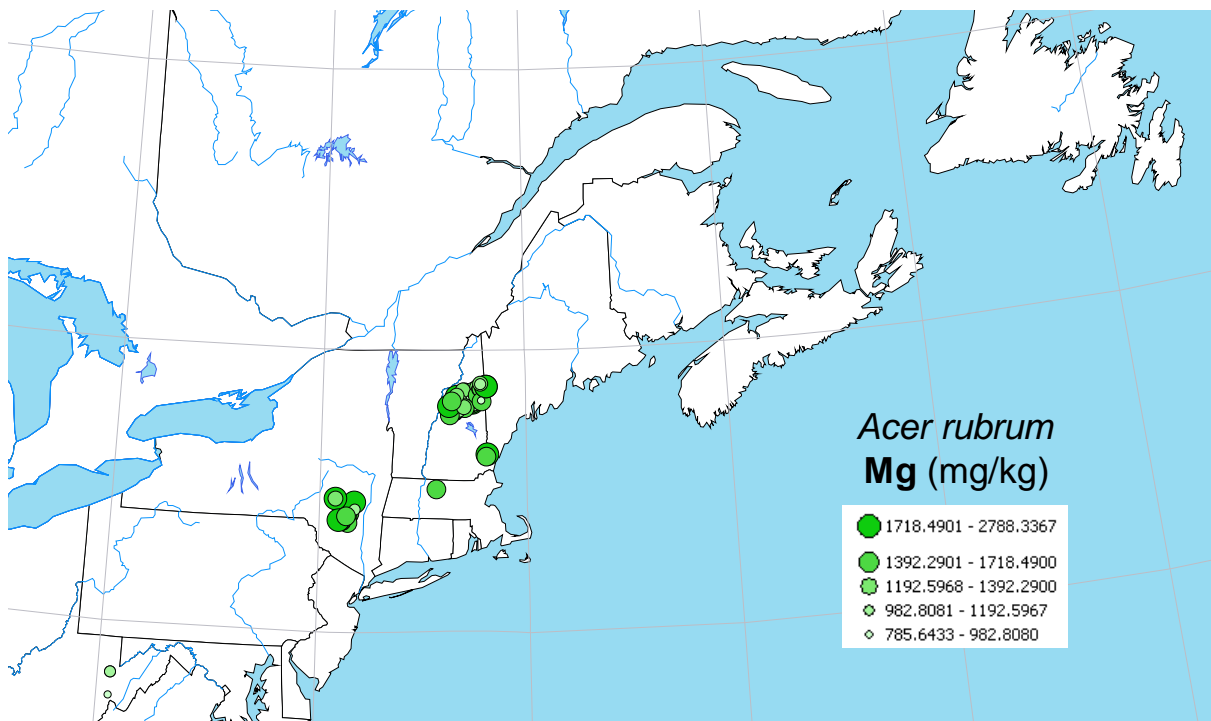


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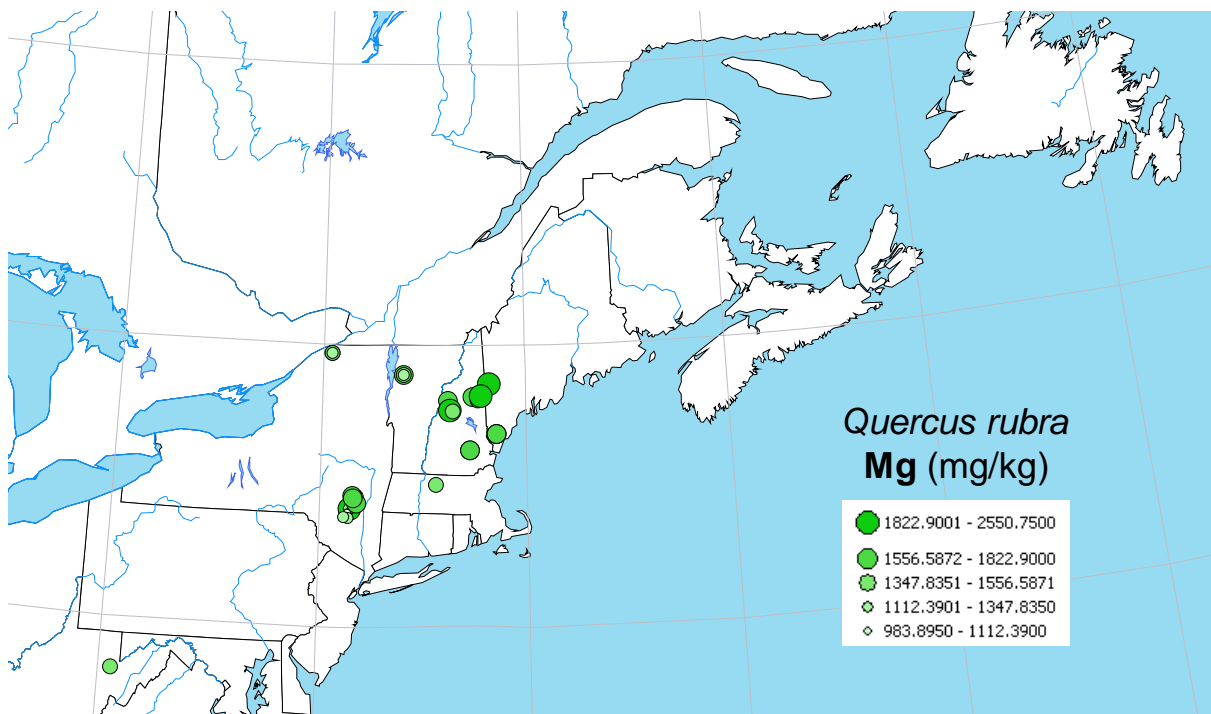
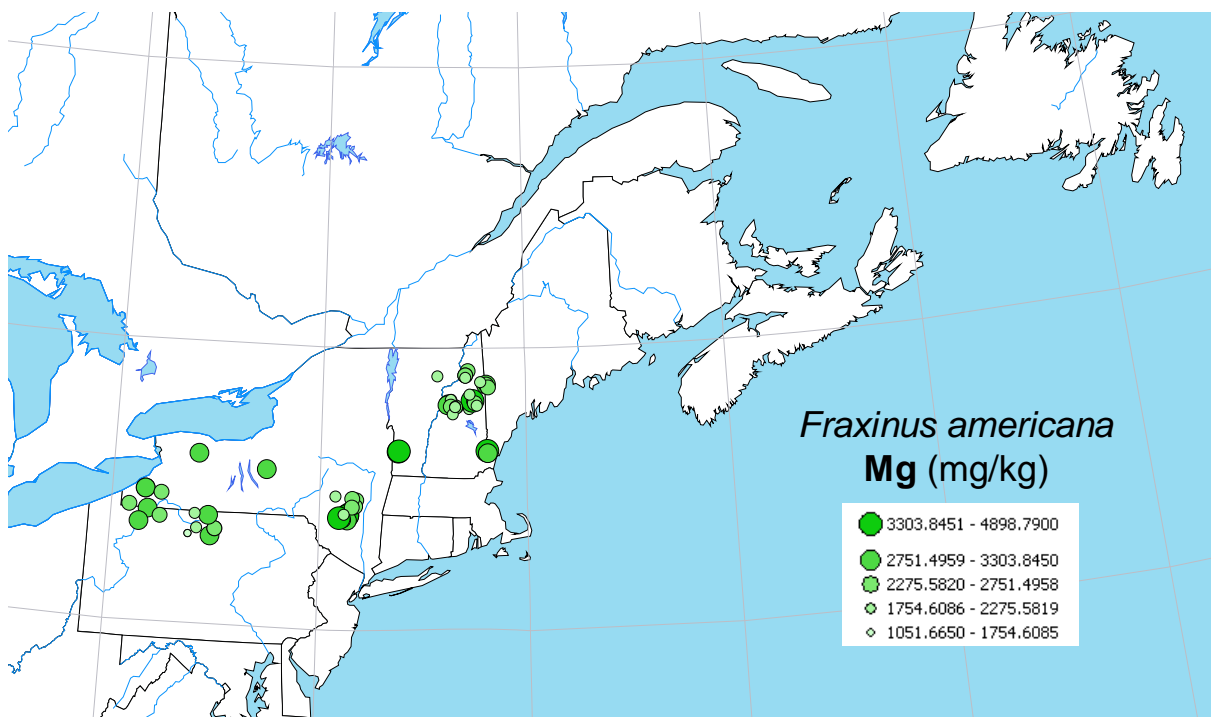


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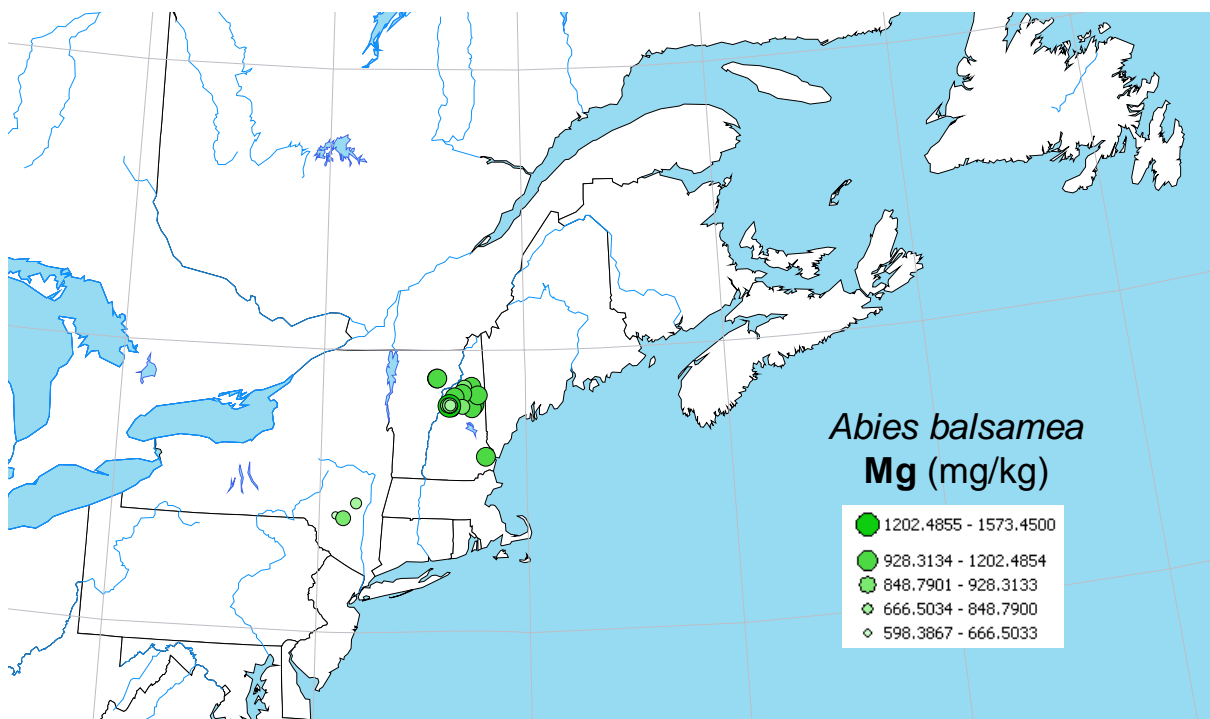
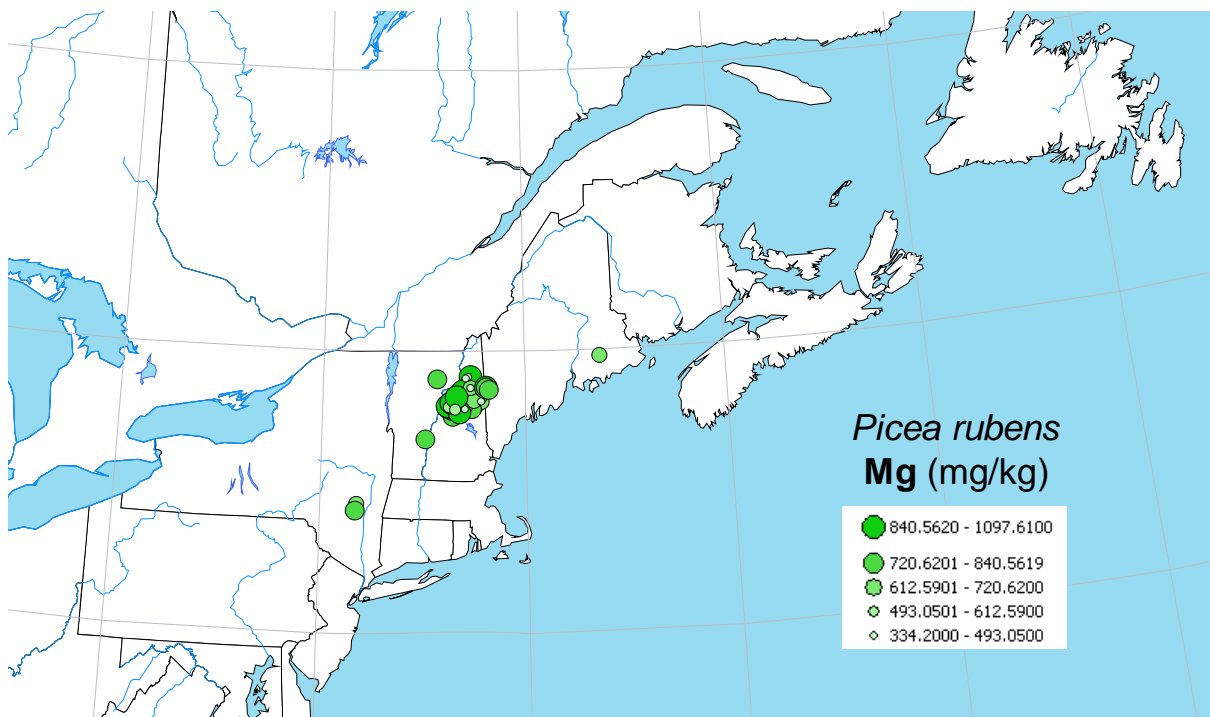
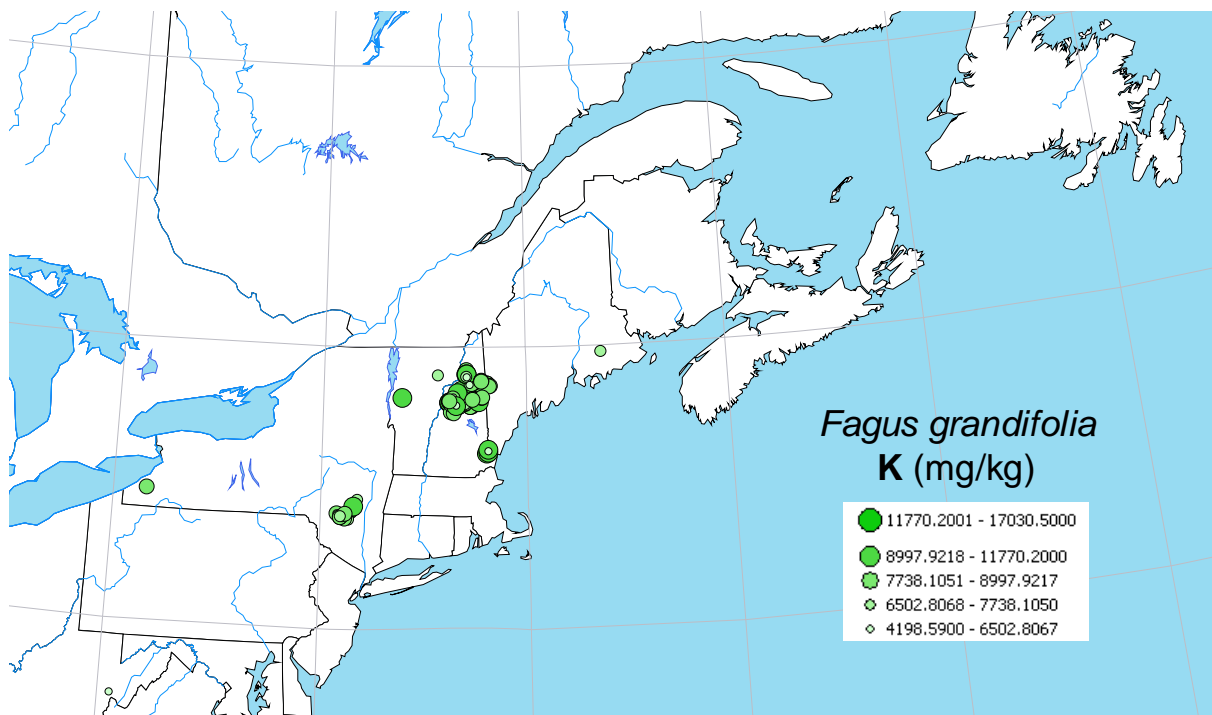
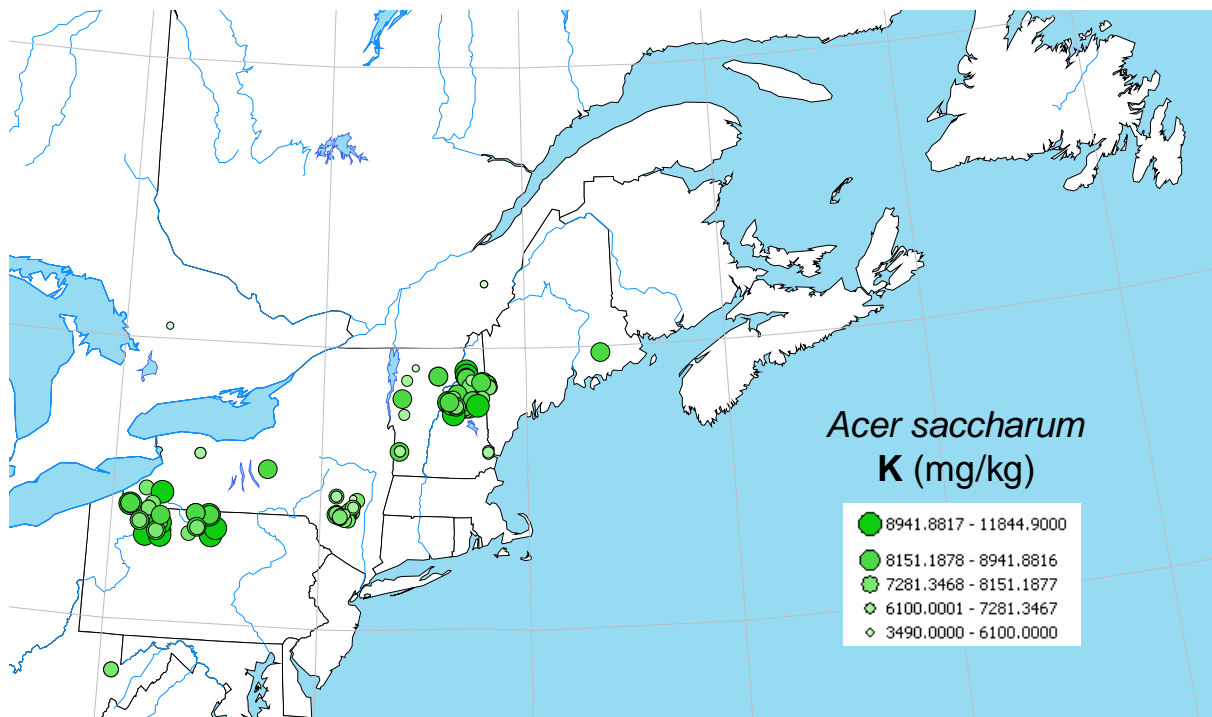
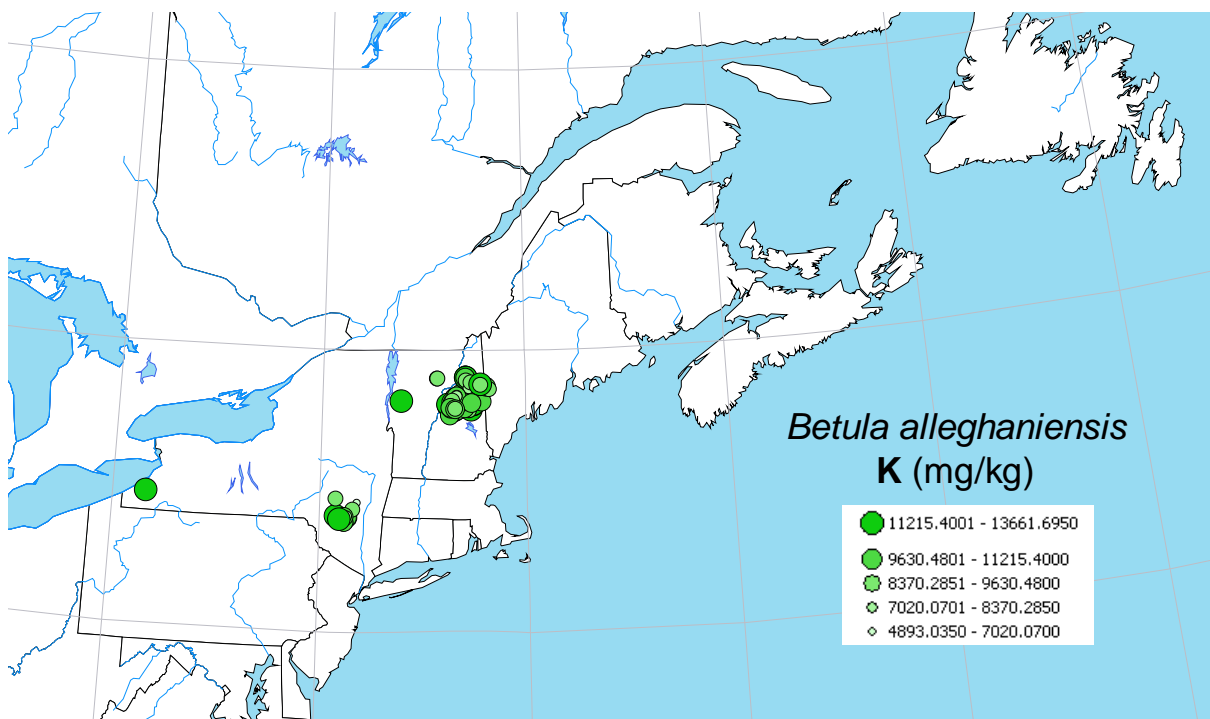
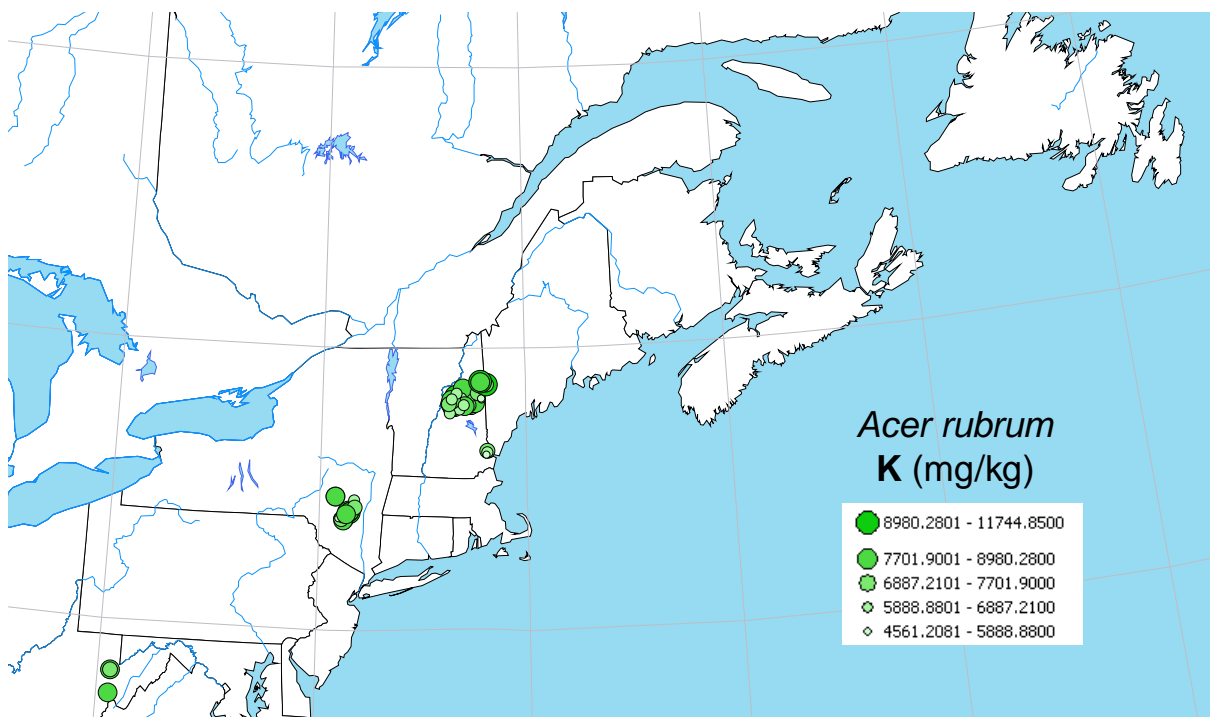


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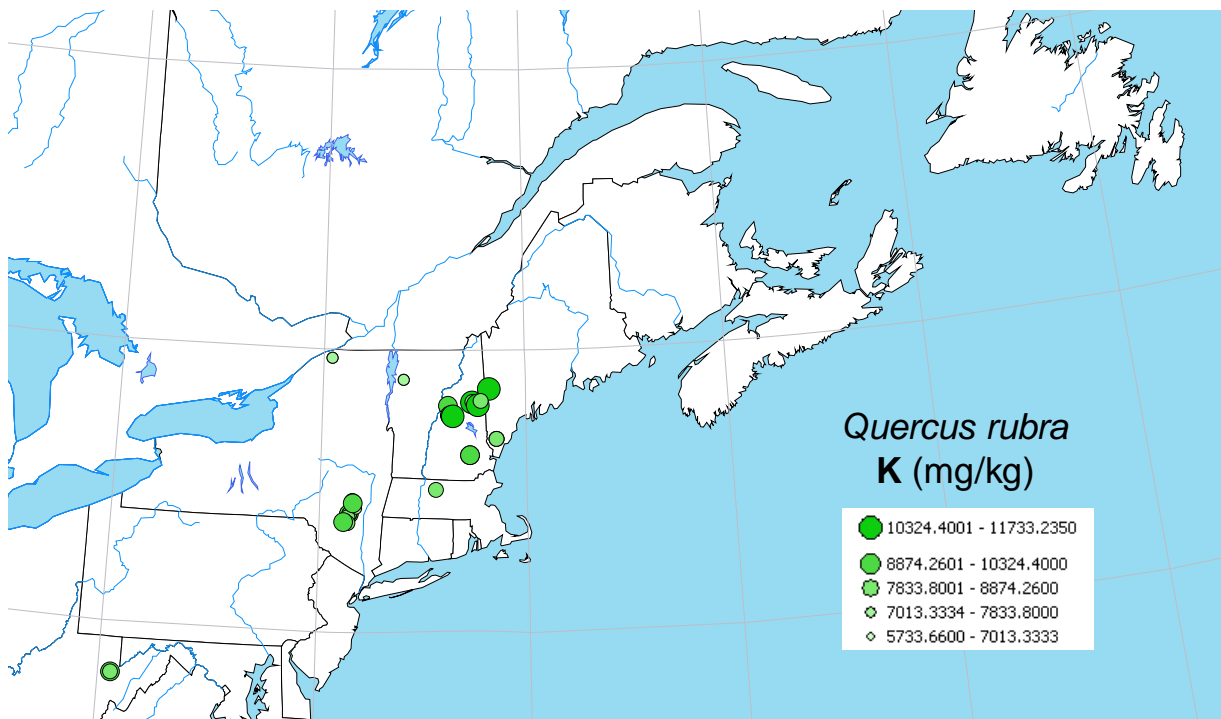
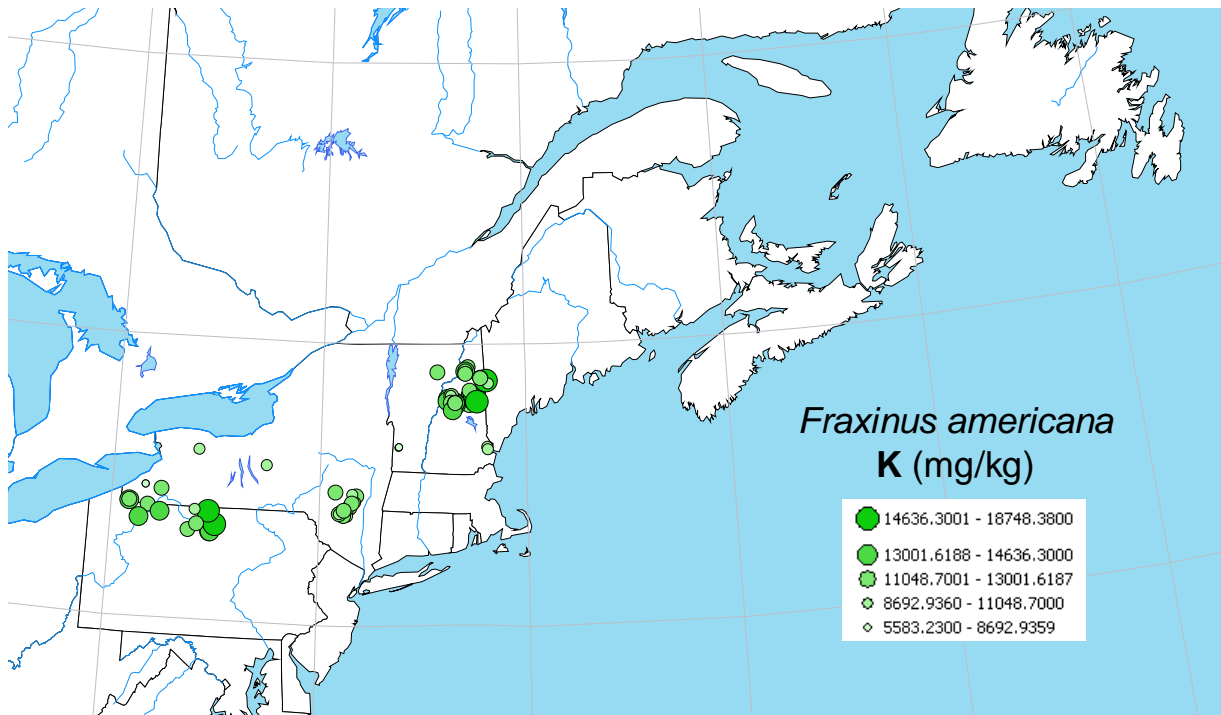


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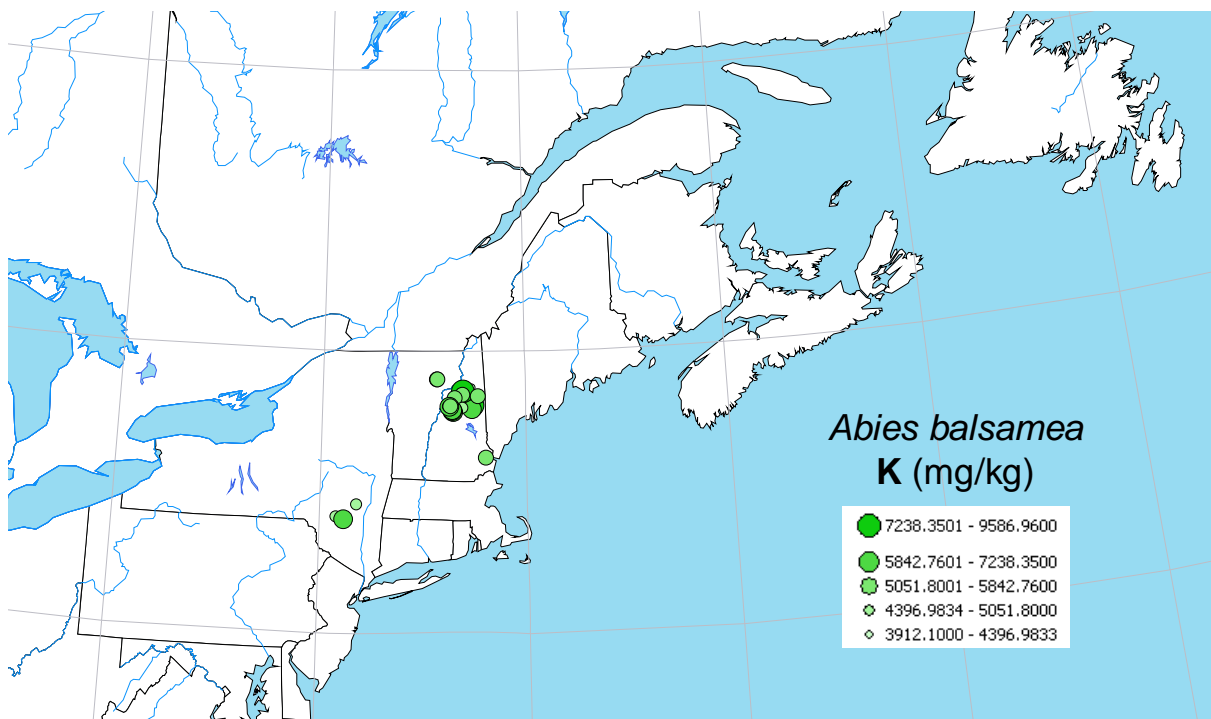
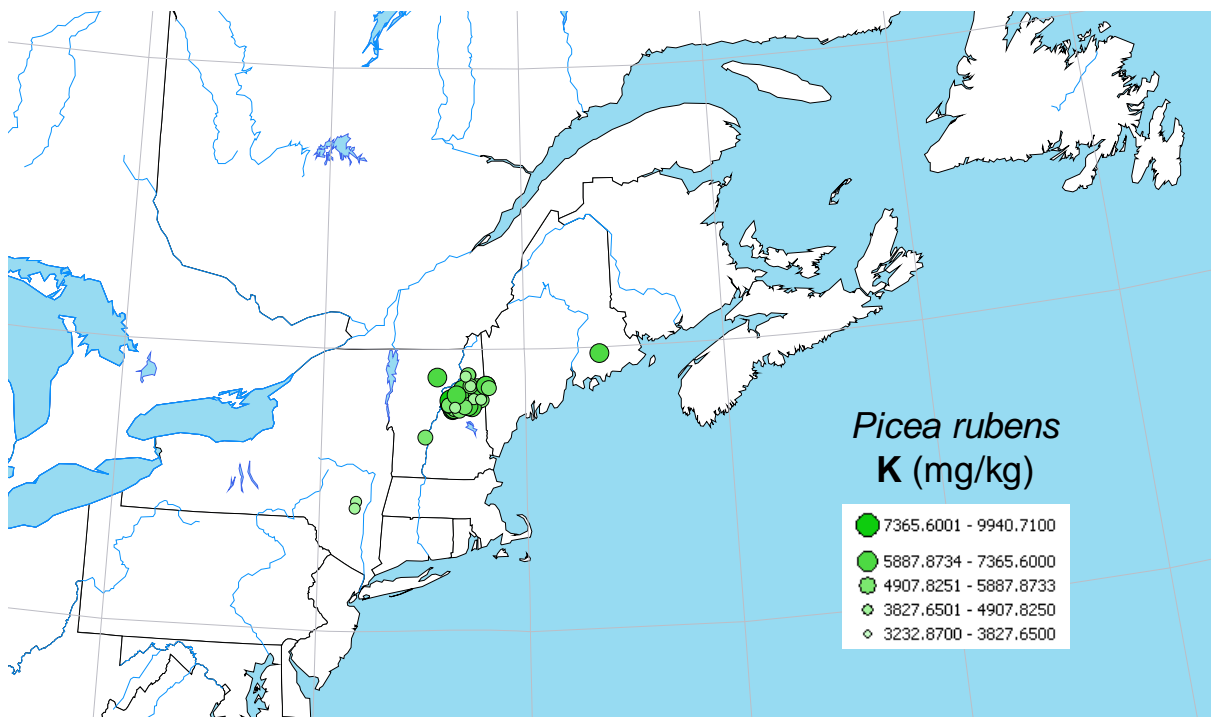
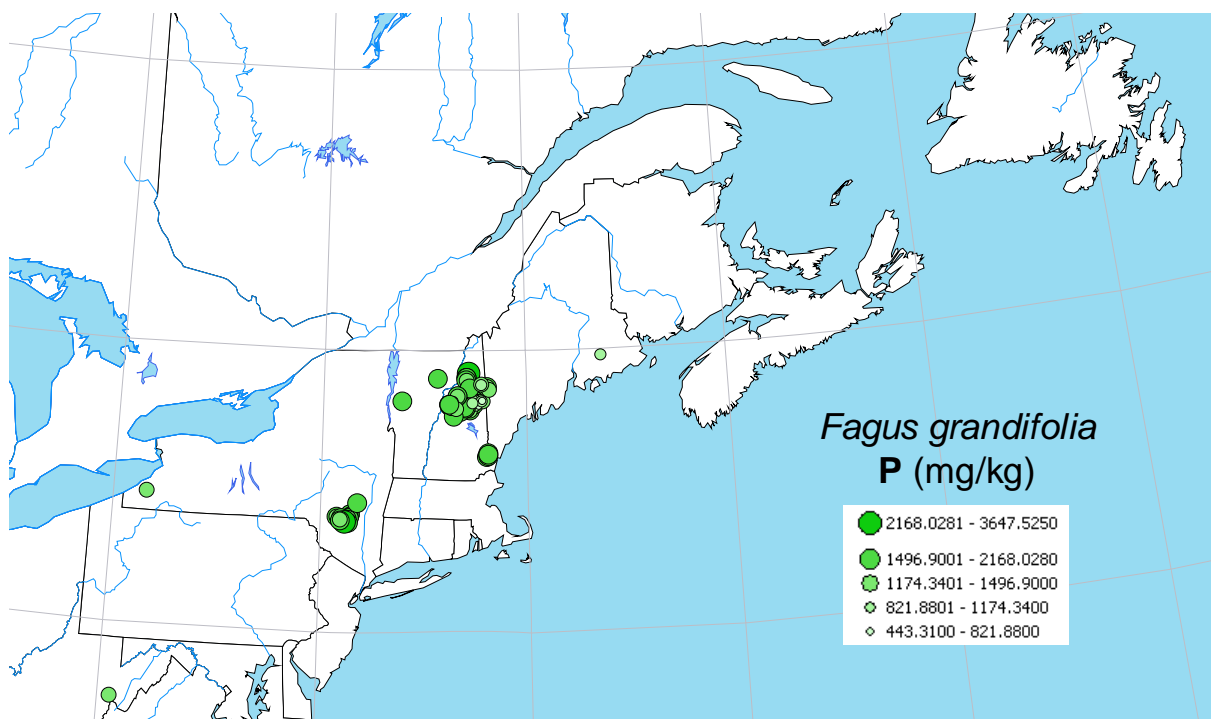
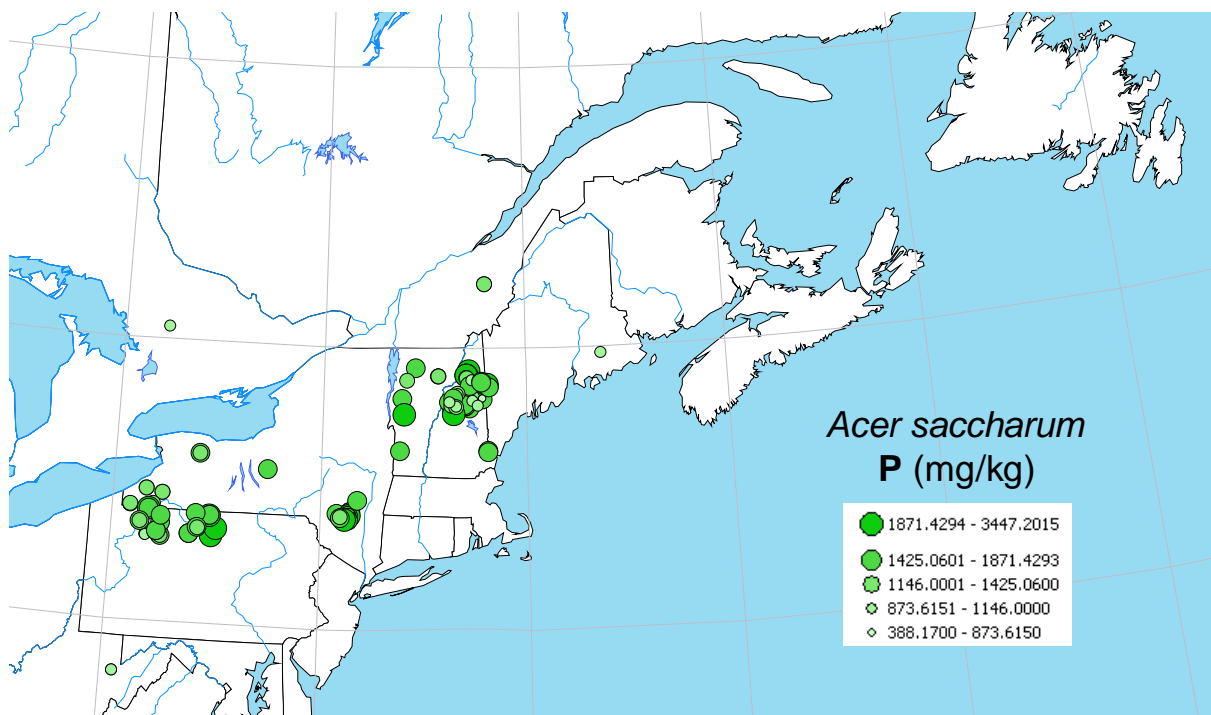
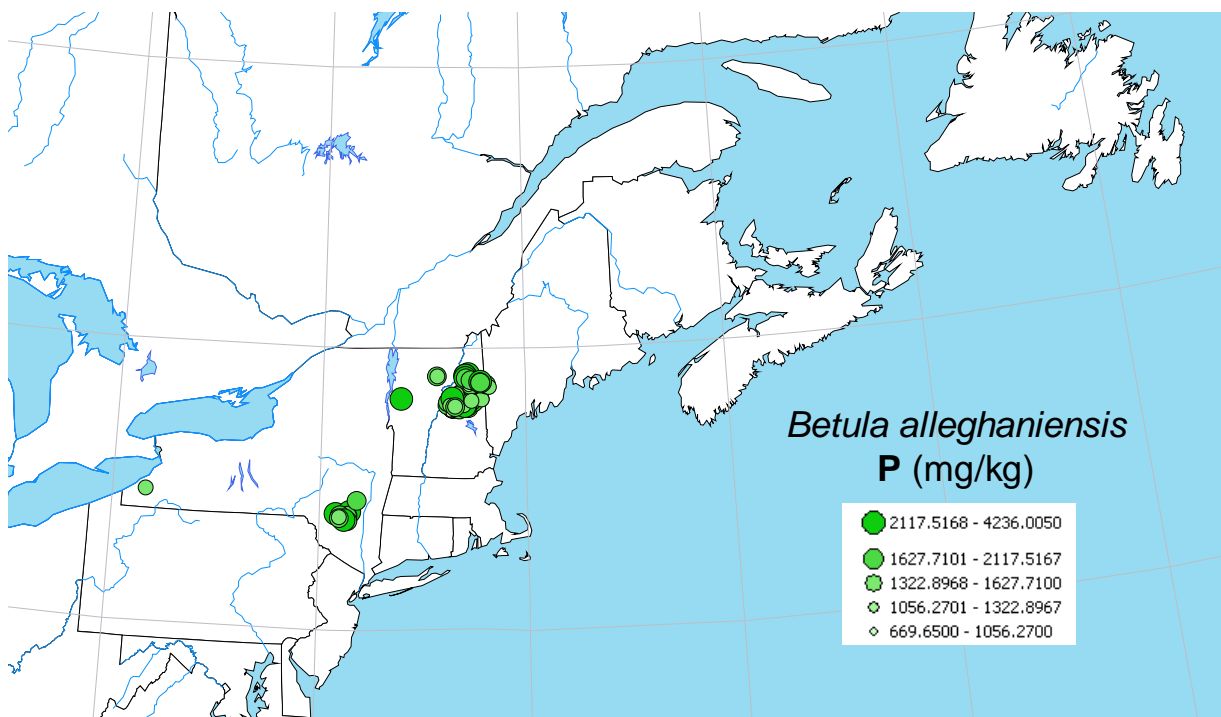
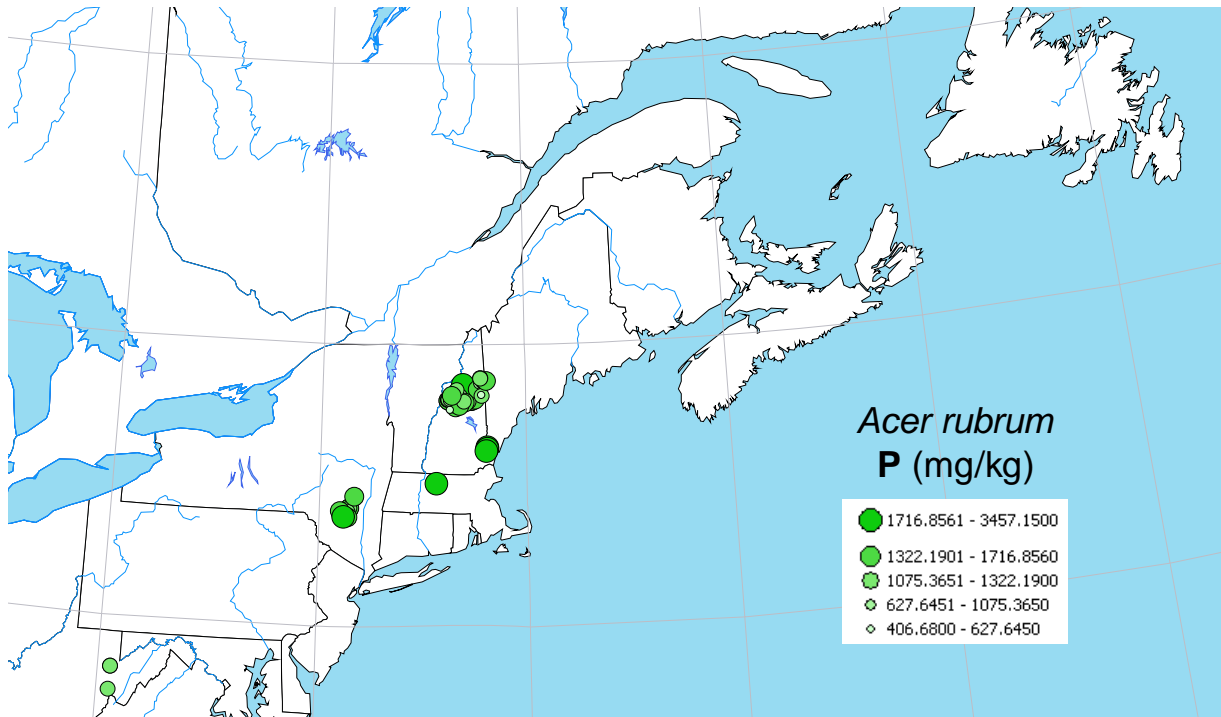


Figure 47. Maps for foliar phosphorus in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)





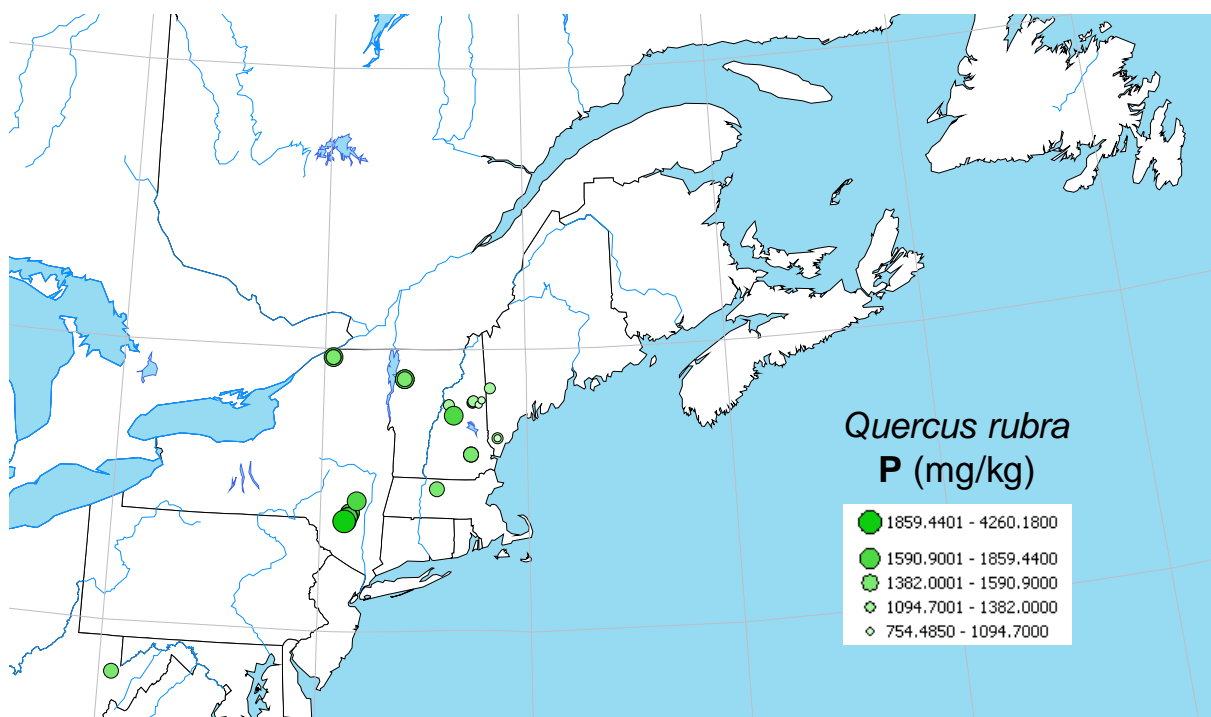
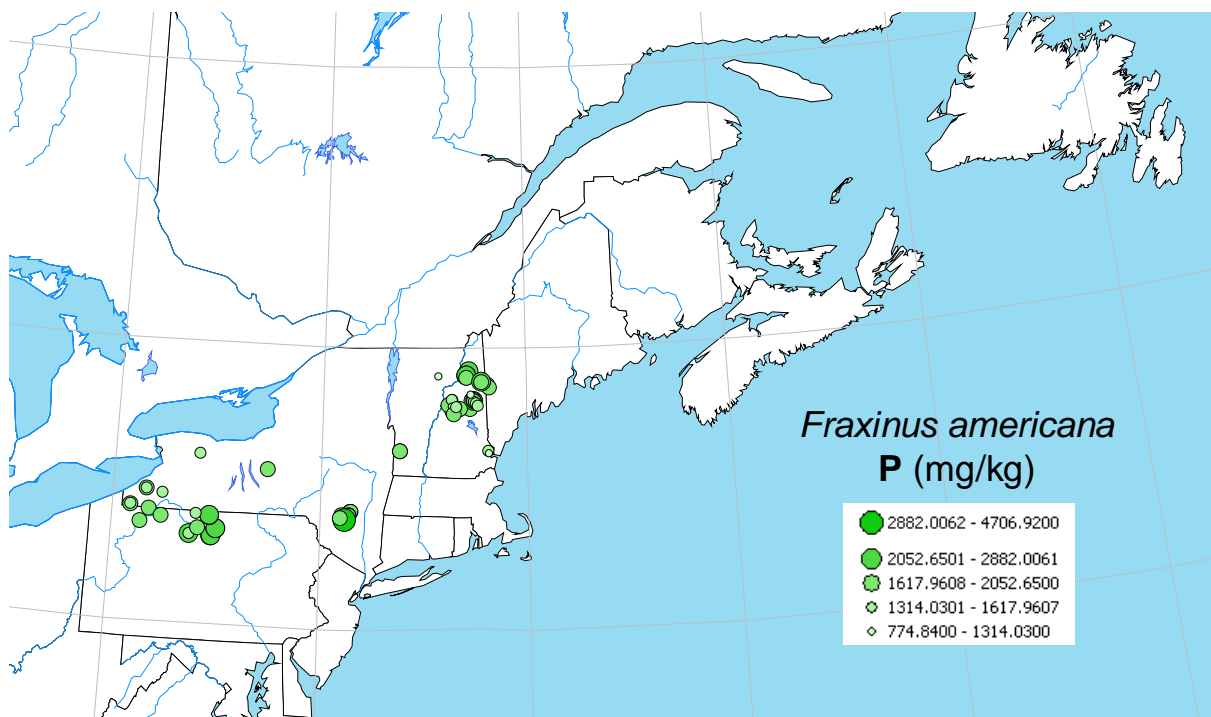


Figure 48. Maps for foliar phosphorus in softwood species.

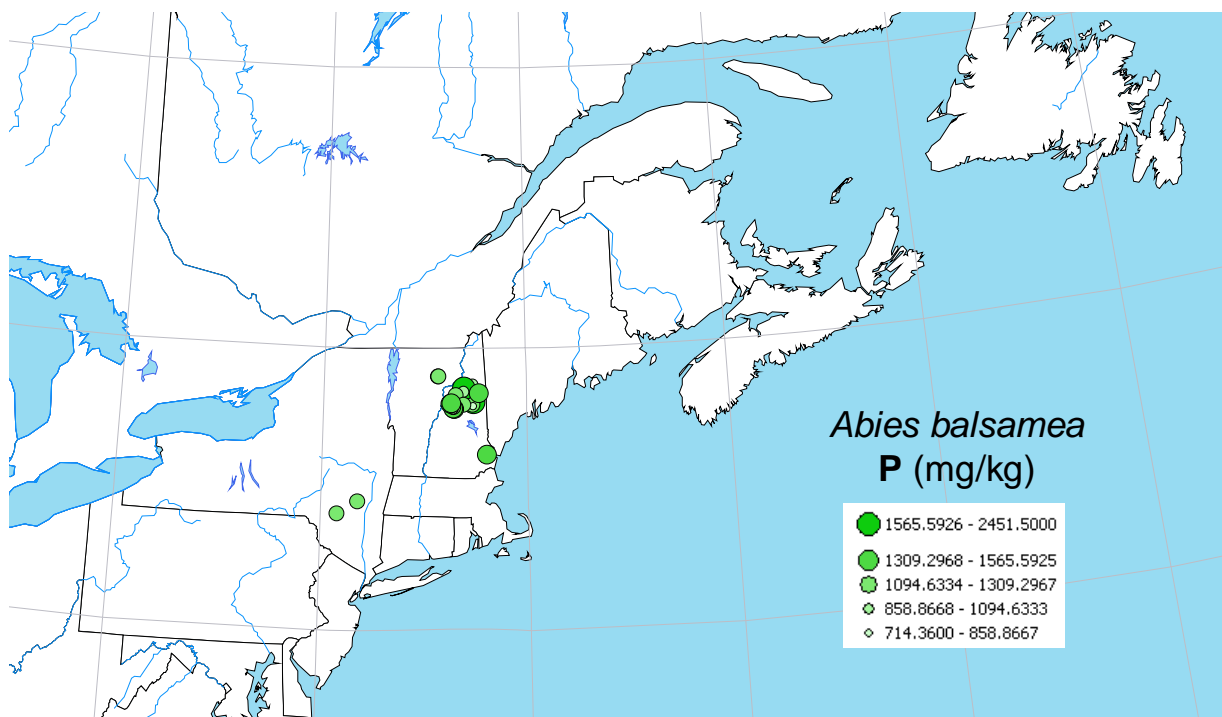
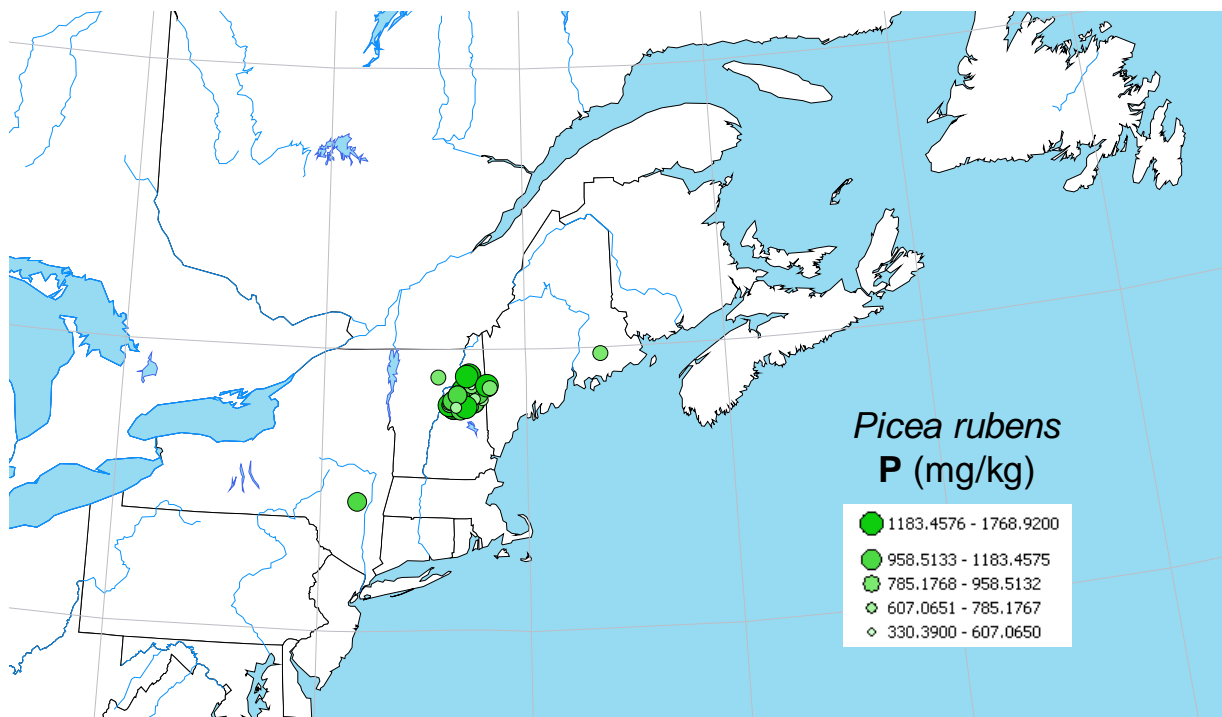
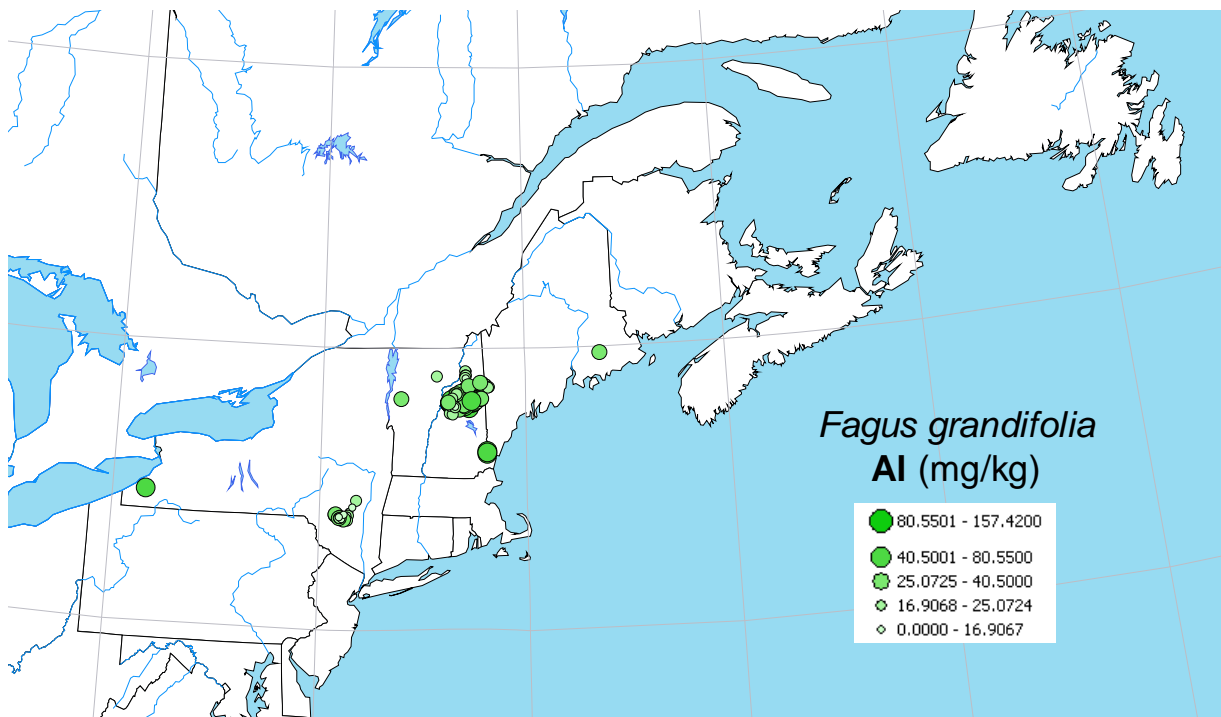
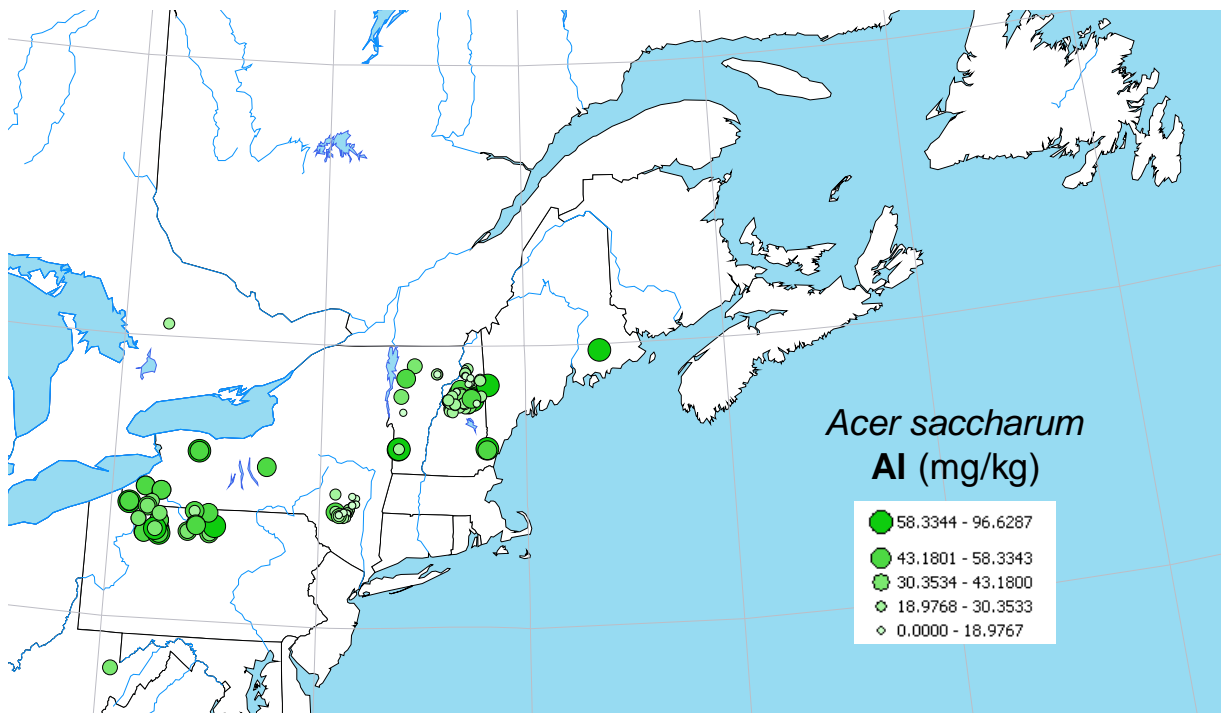
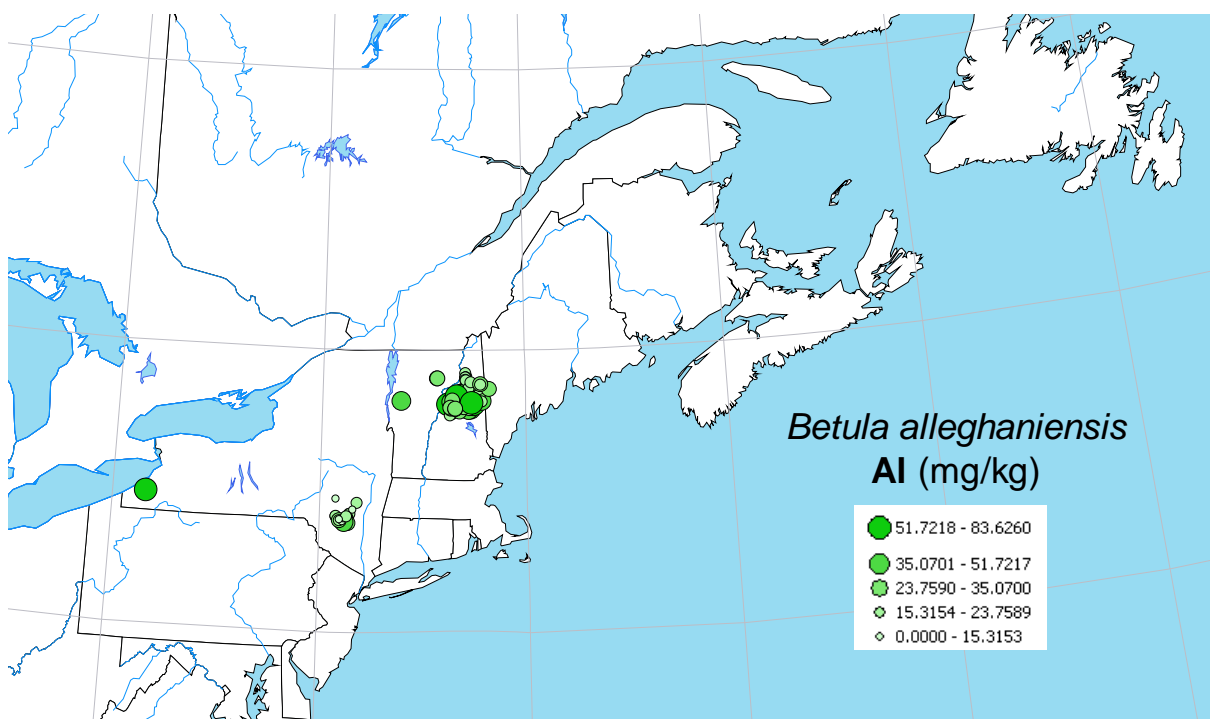
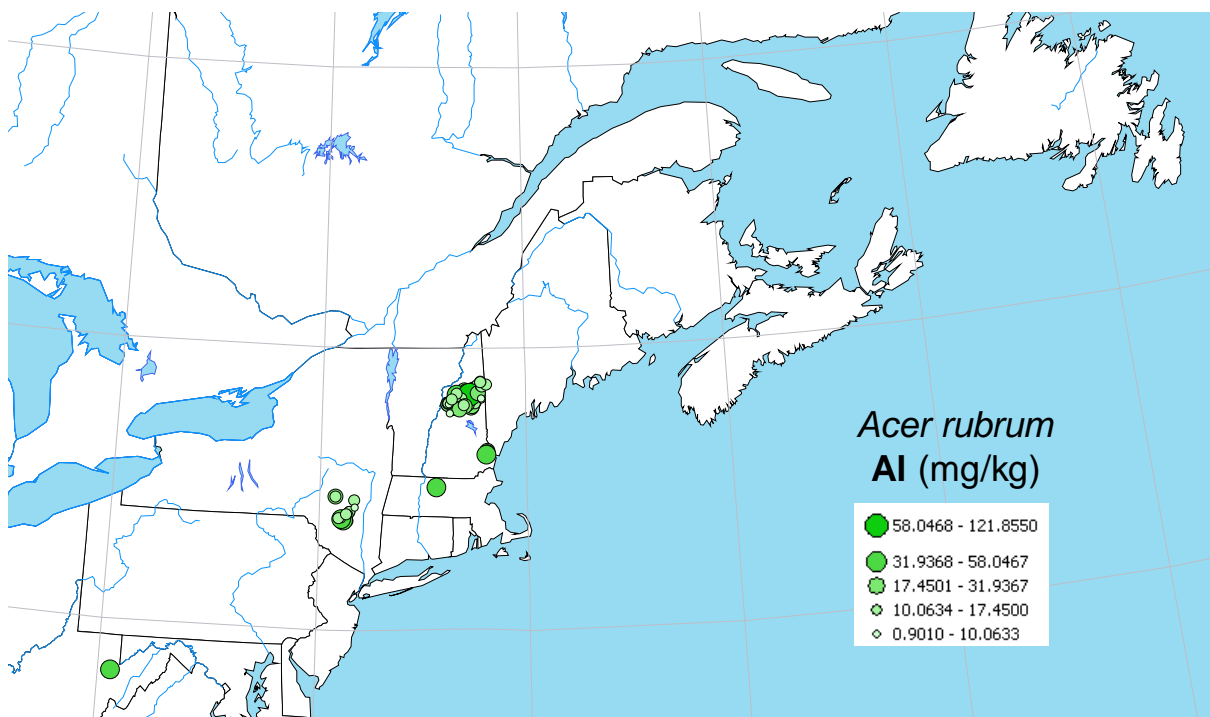


Figure 49. Maps for foliar aluminum in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)





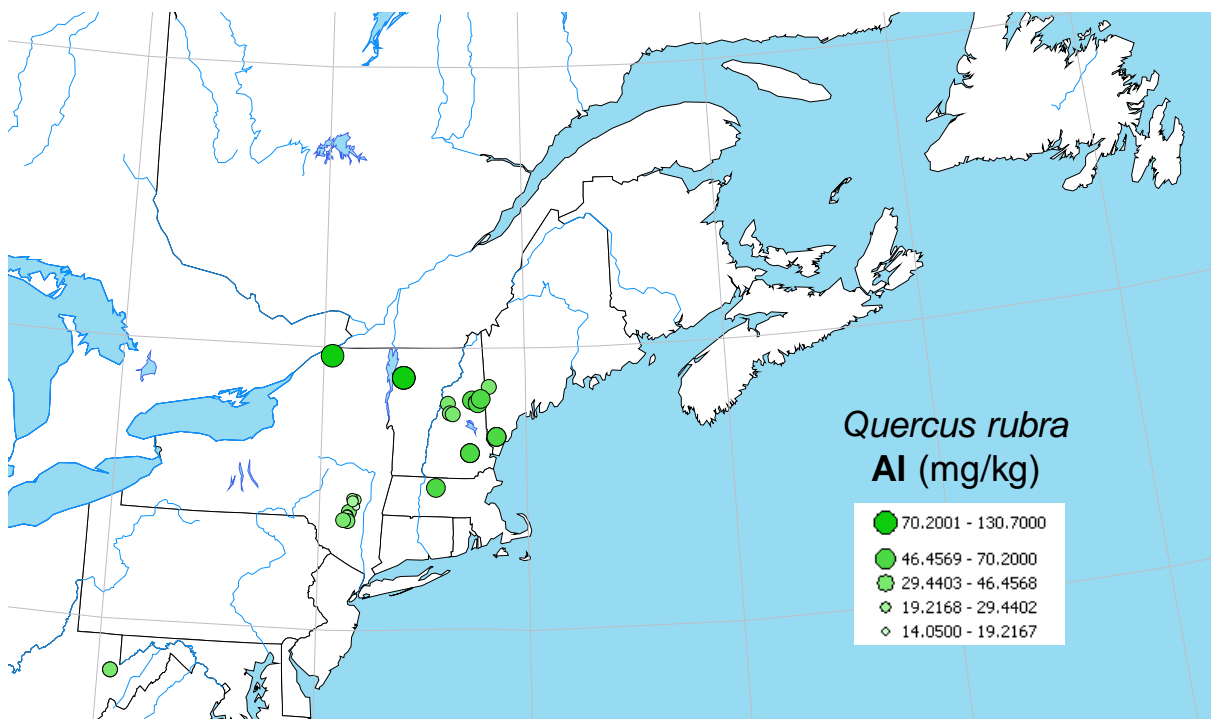
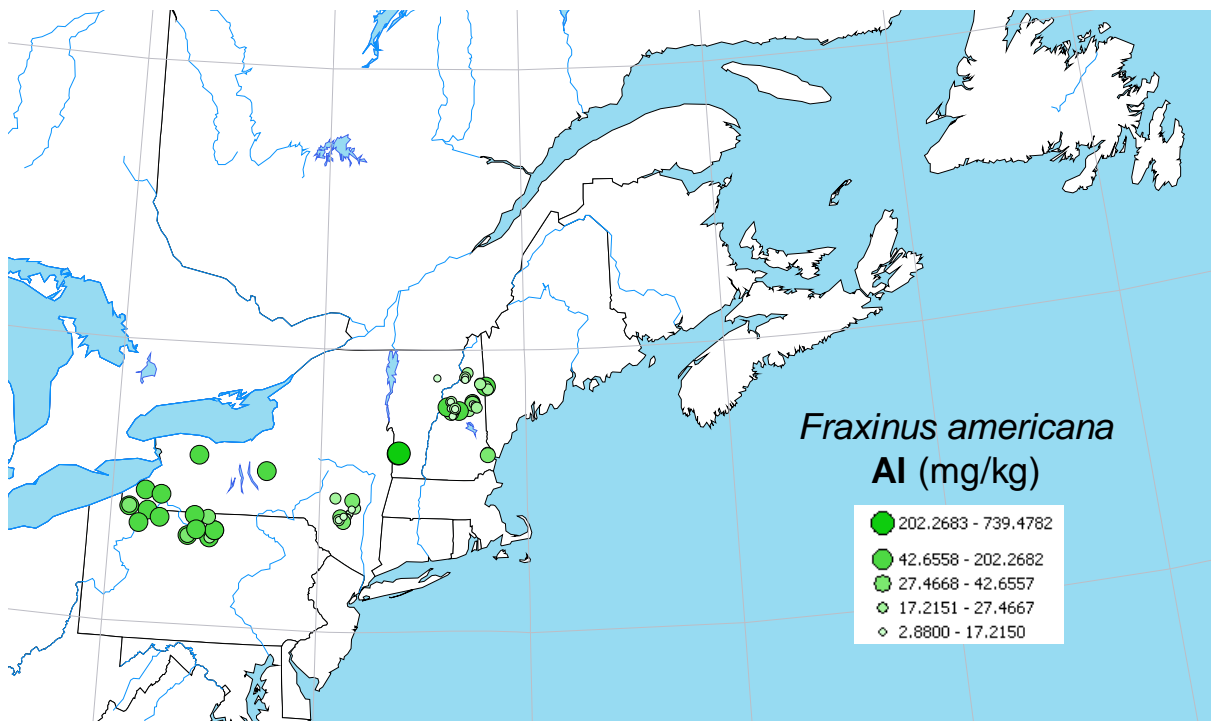


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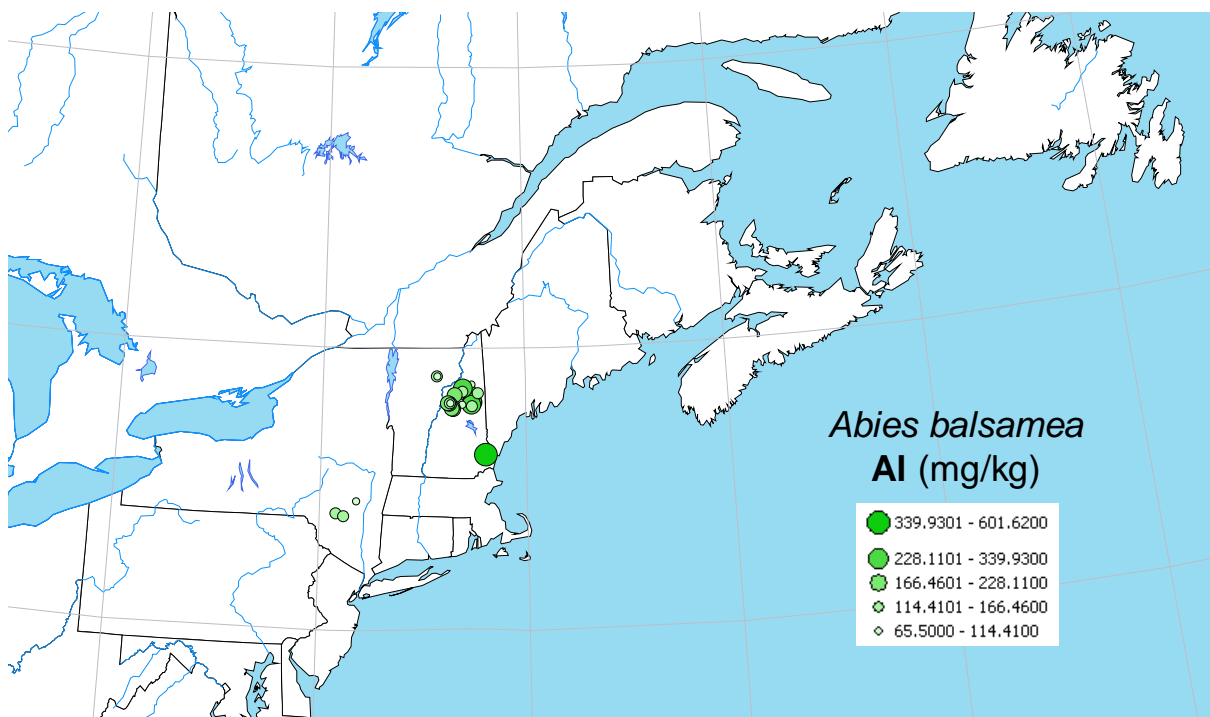
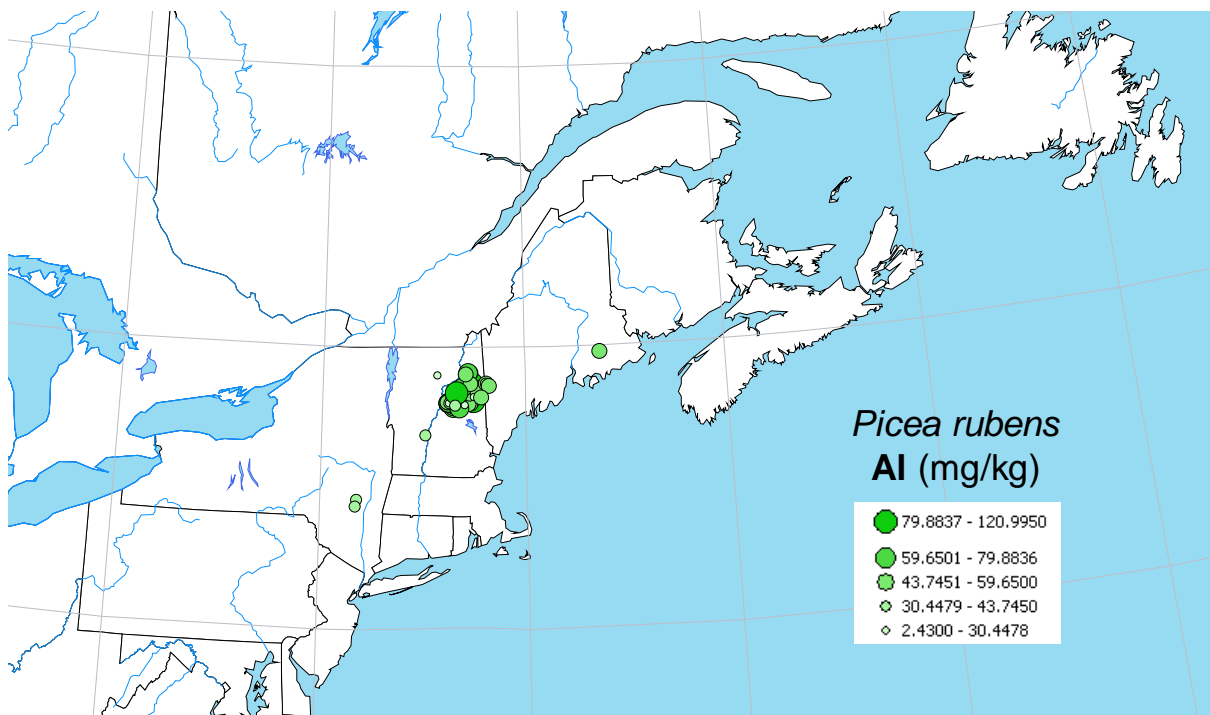
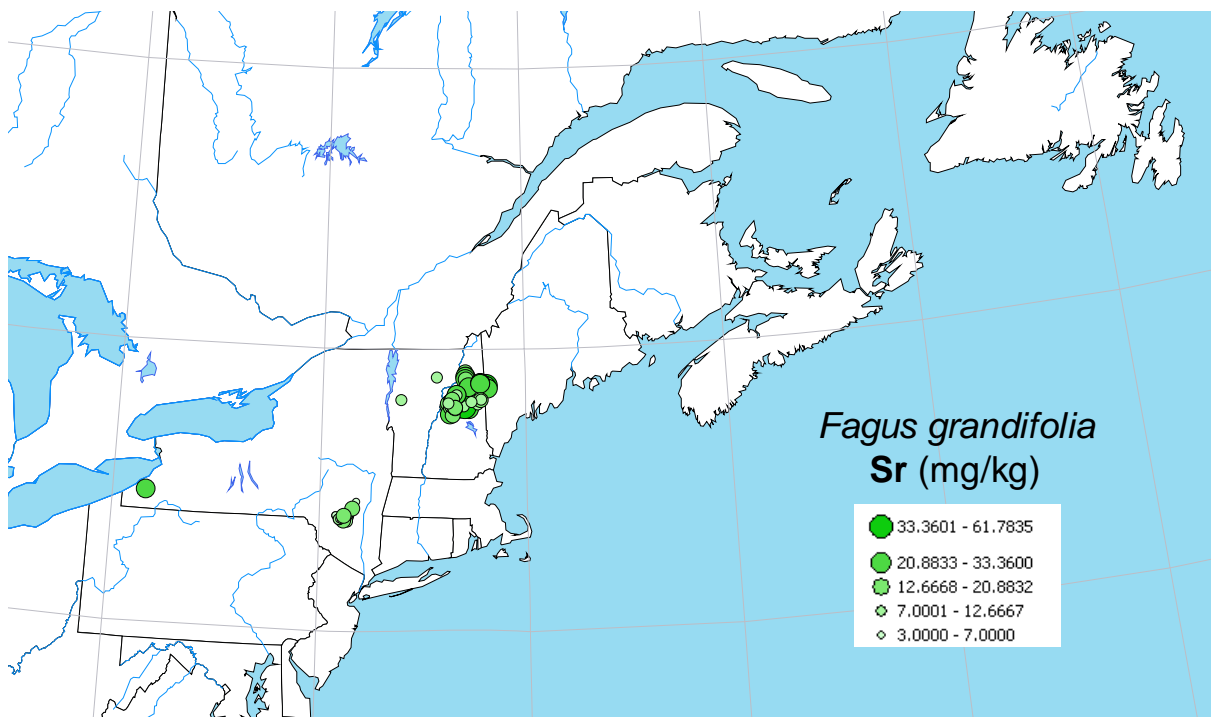
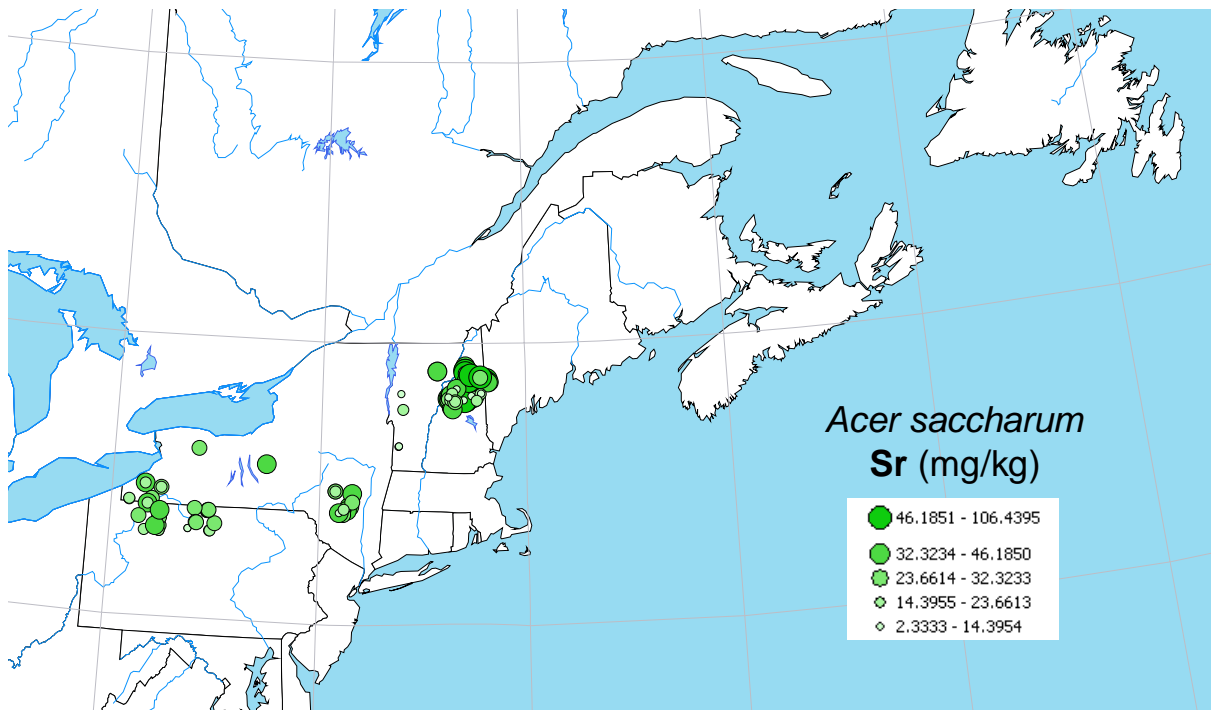
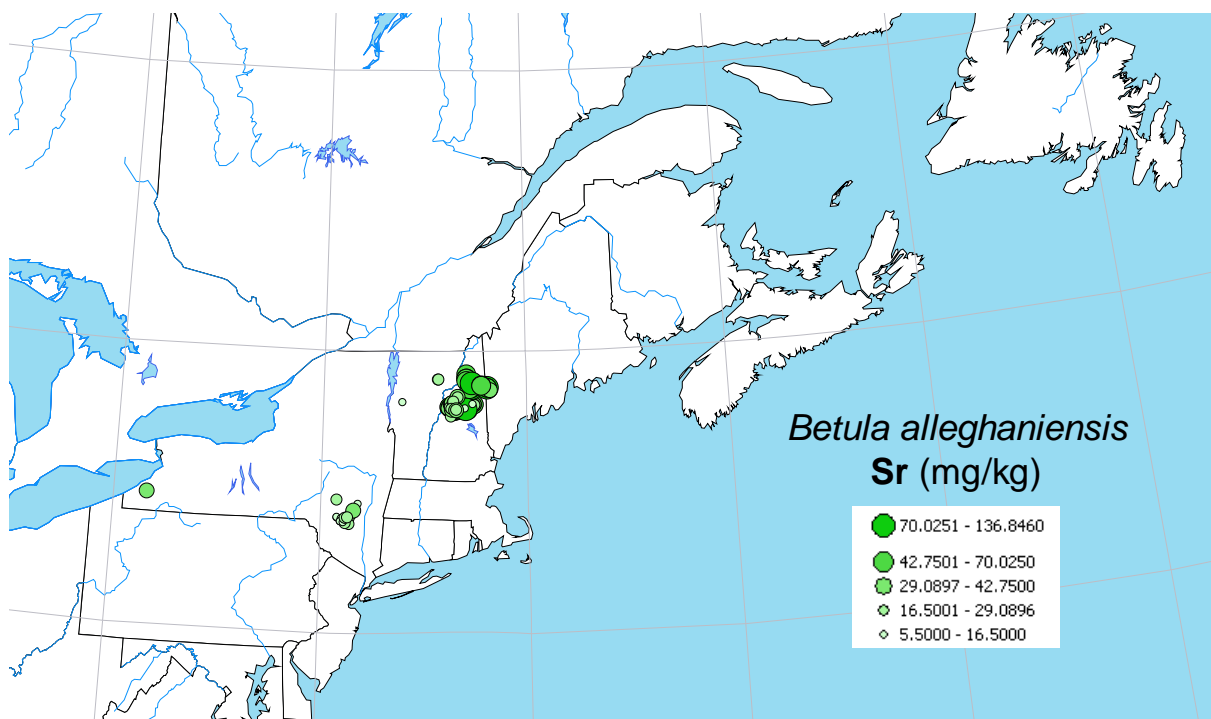
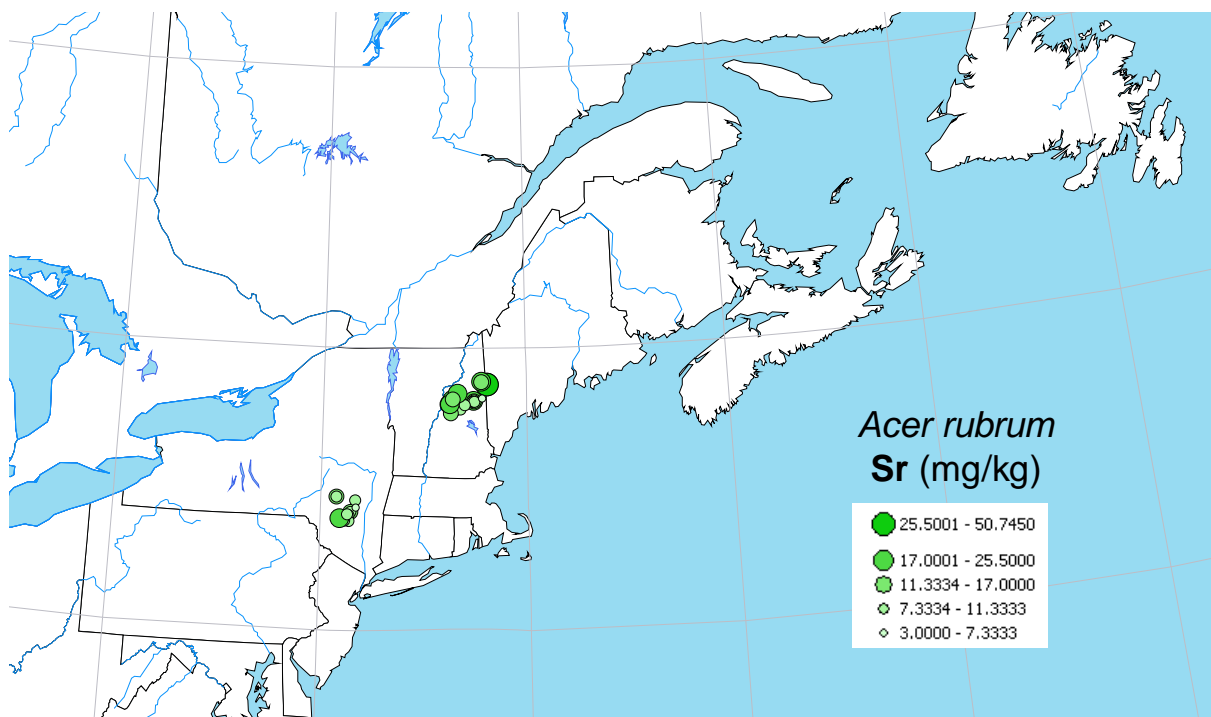


Figure 51. Maps for foliar strontium in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)





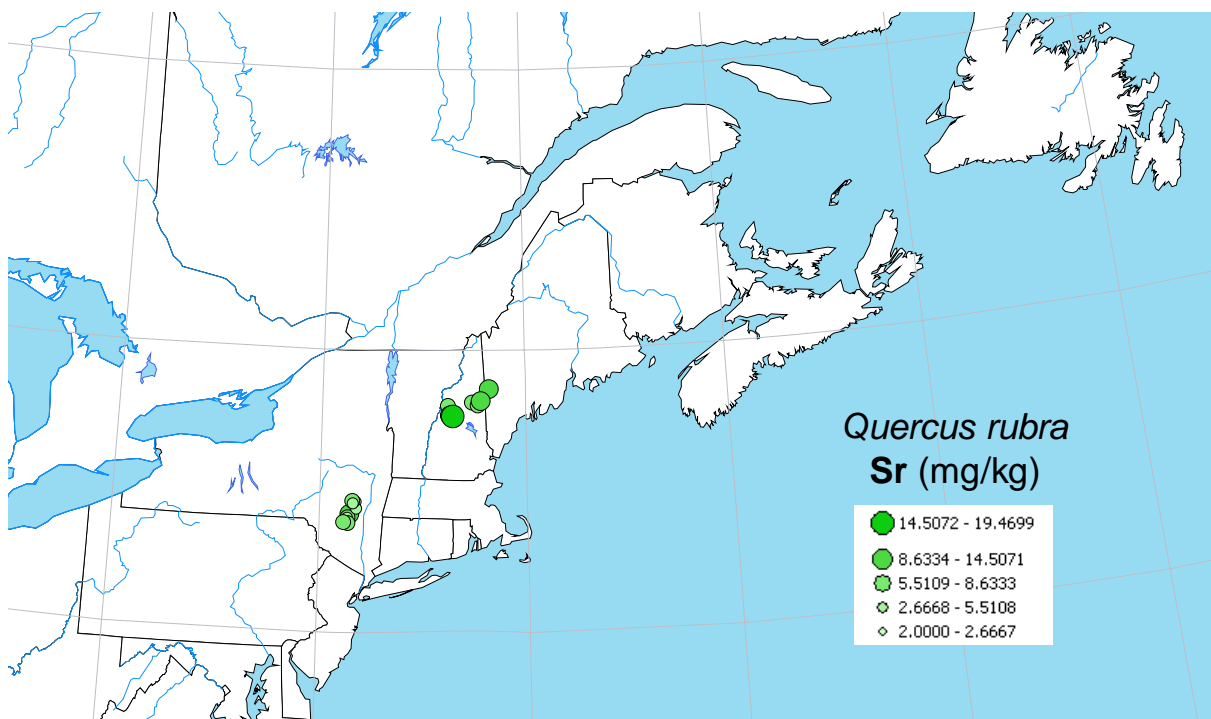
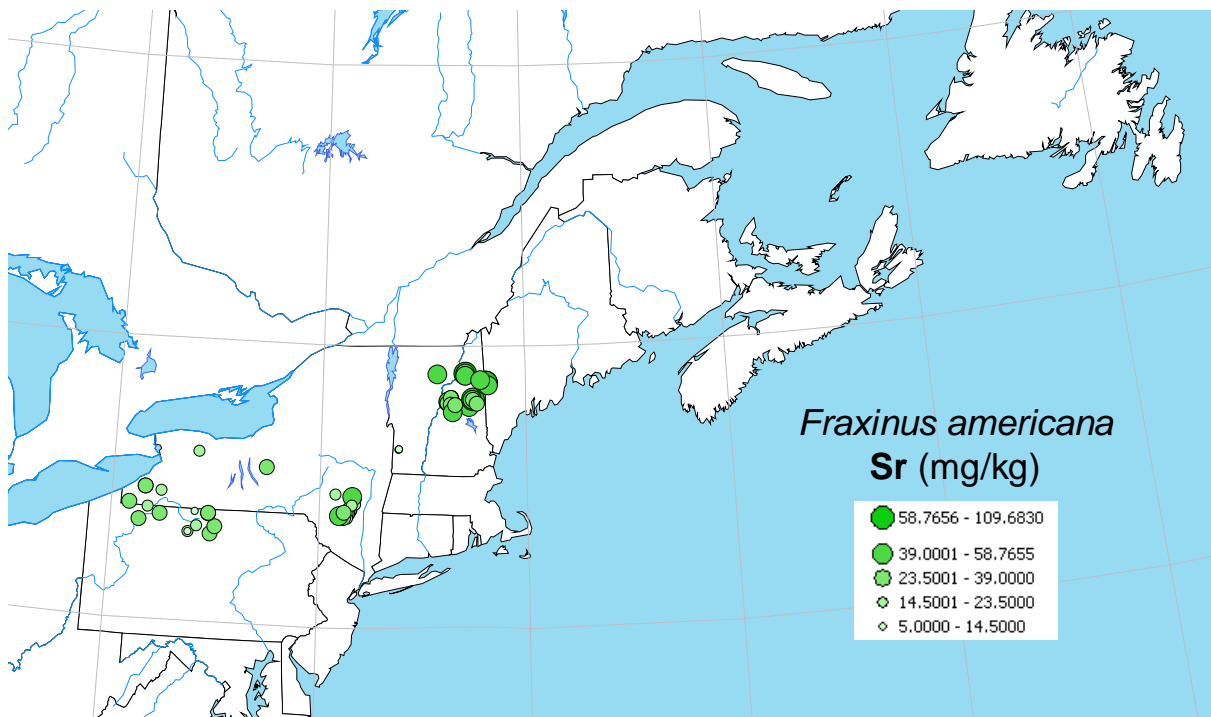


Figure 52. Maps for foliar strontium in softwood species.

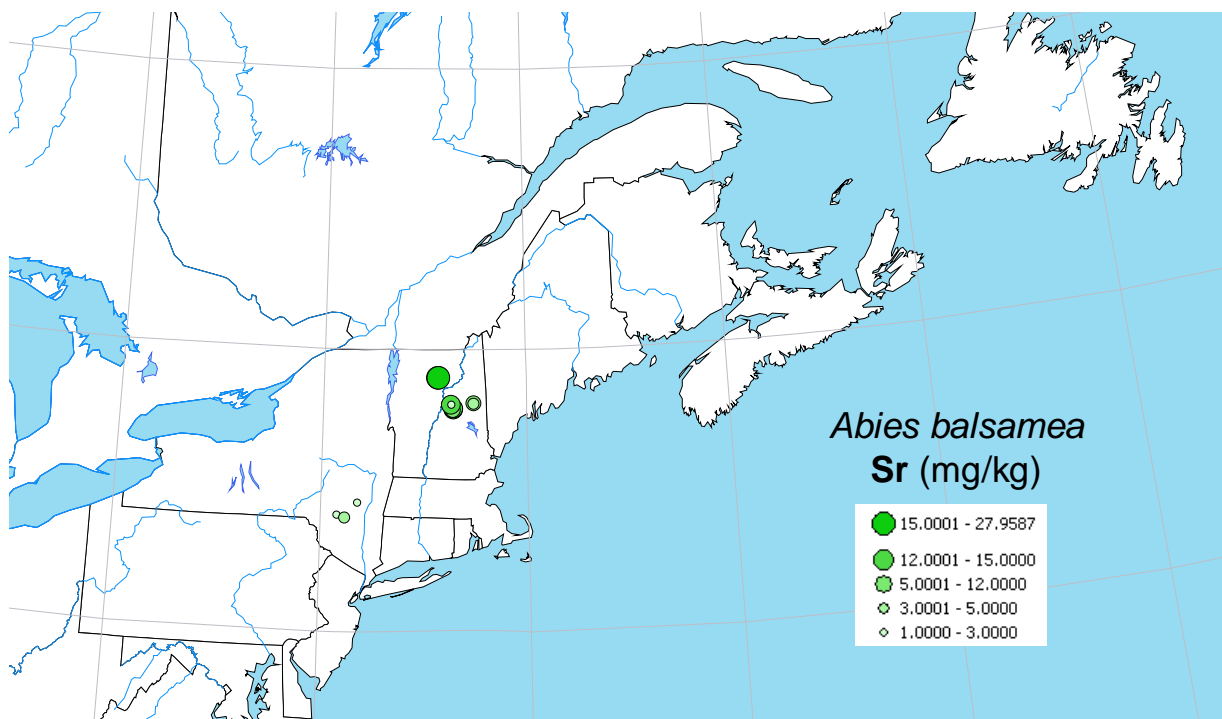
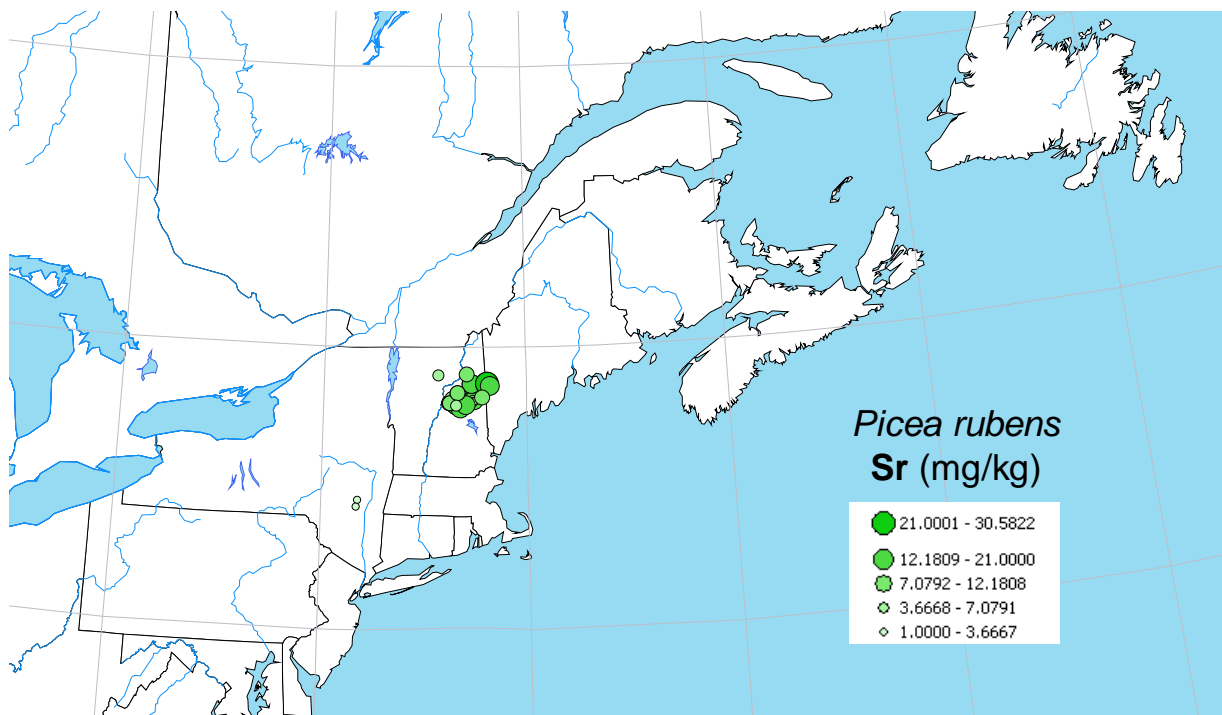
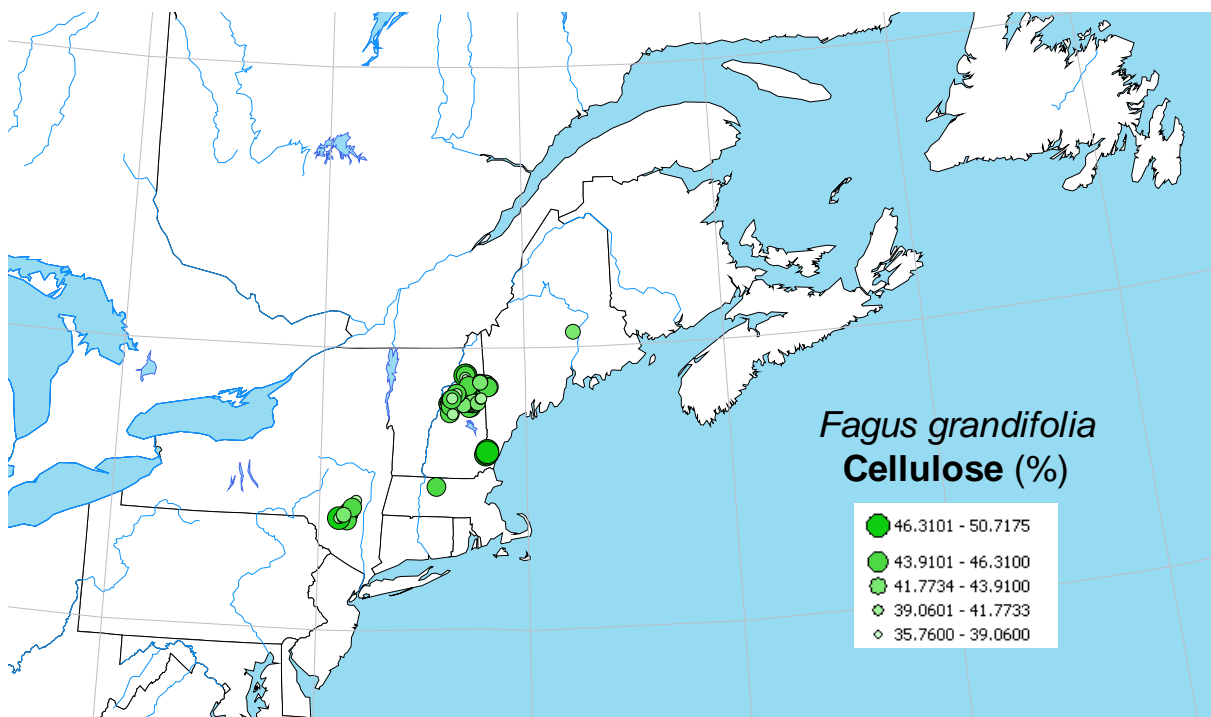
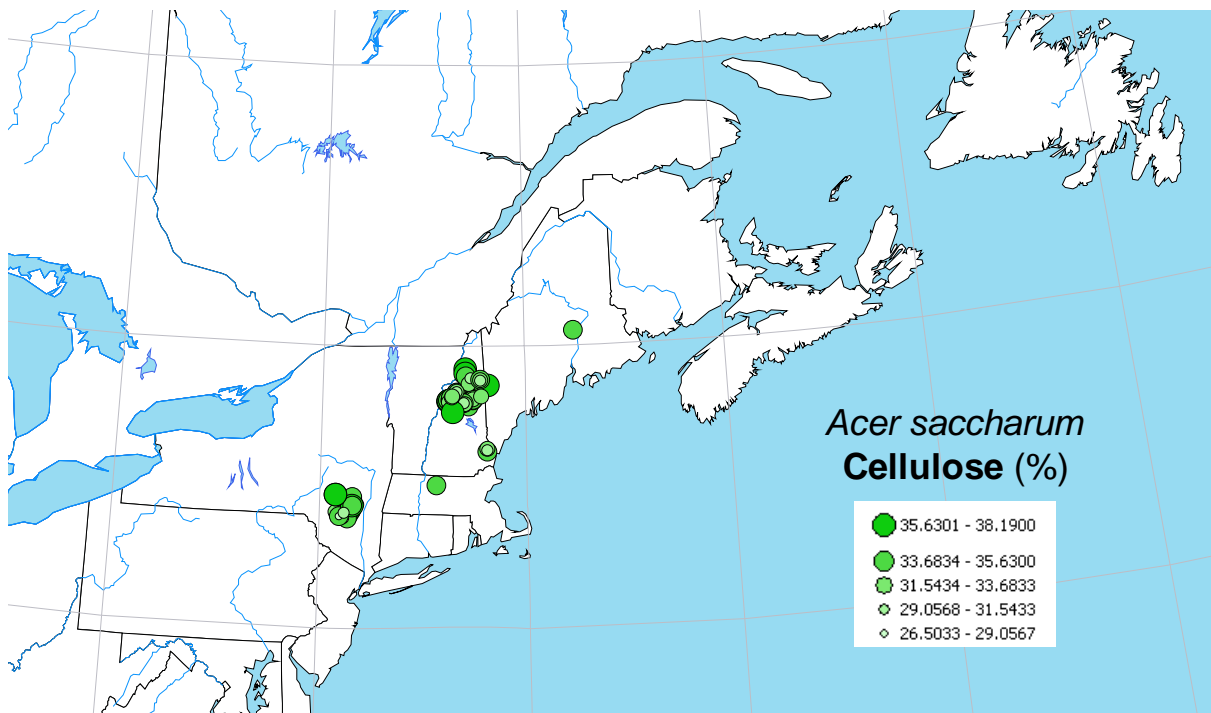
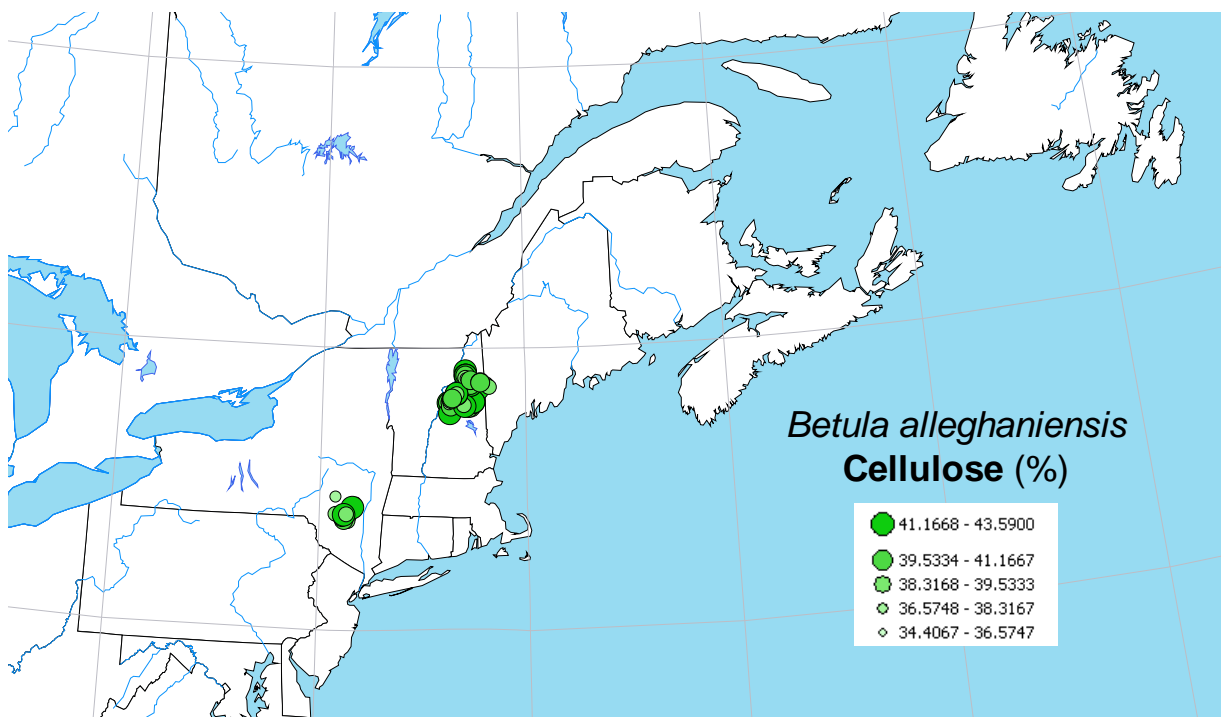
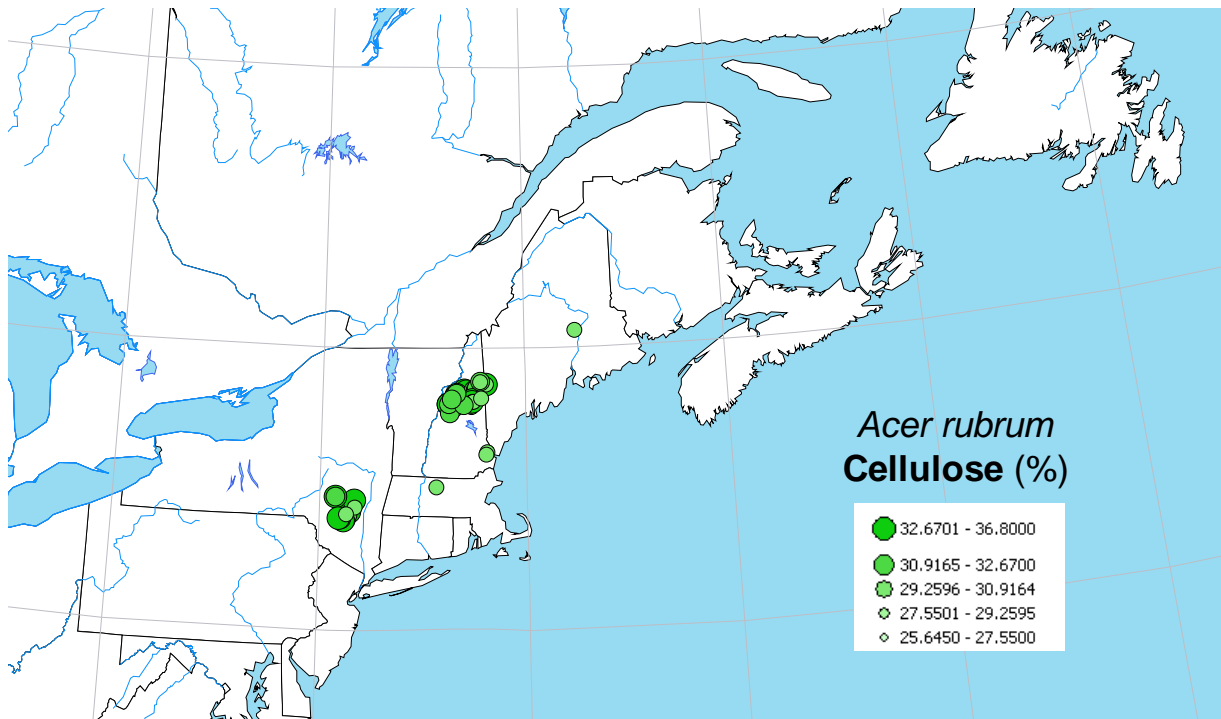


Figure 53. Maps for foliar cellulose in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)





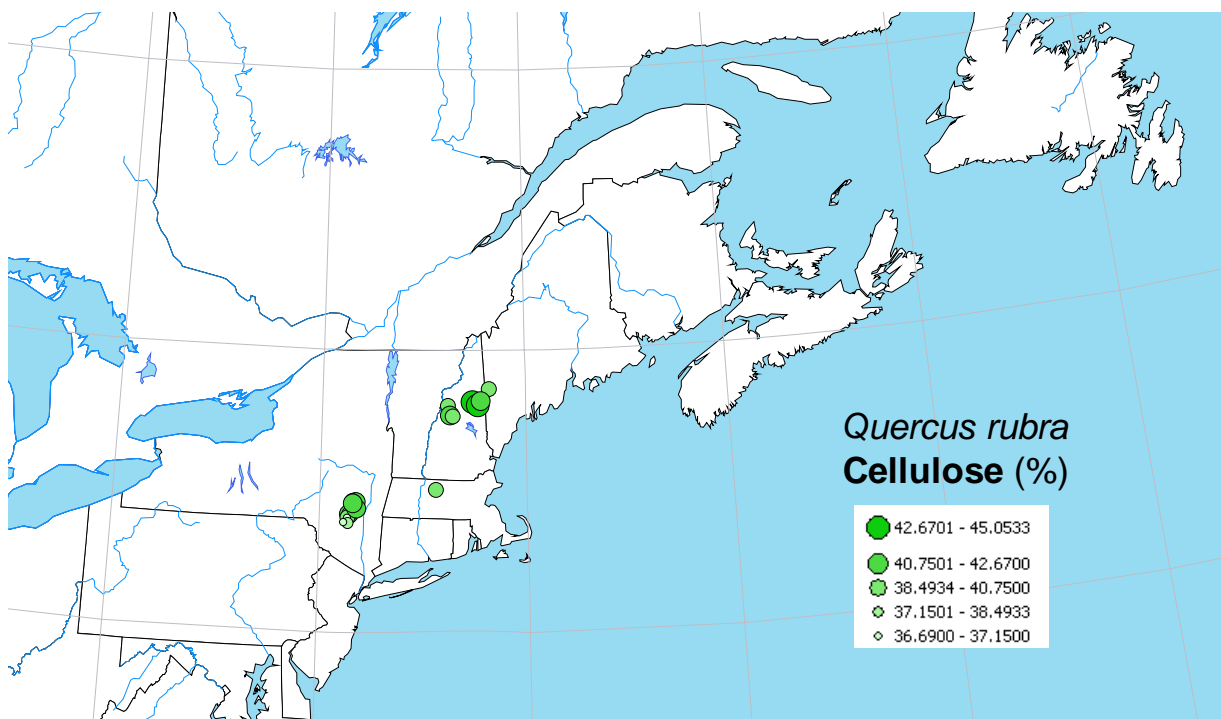
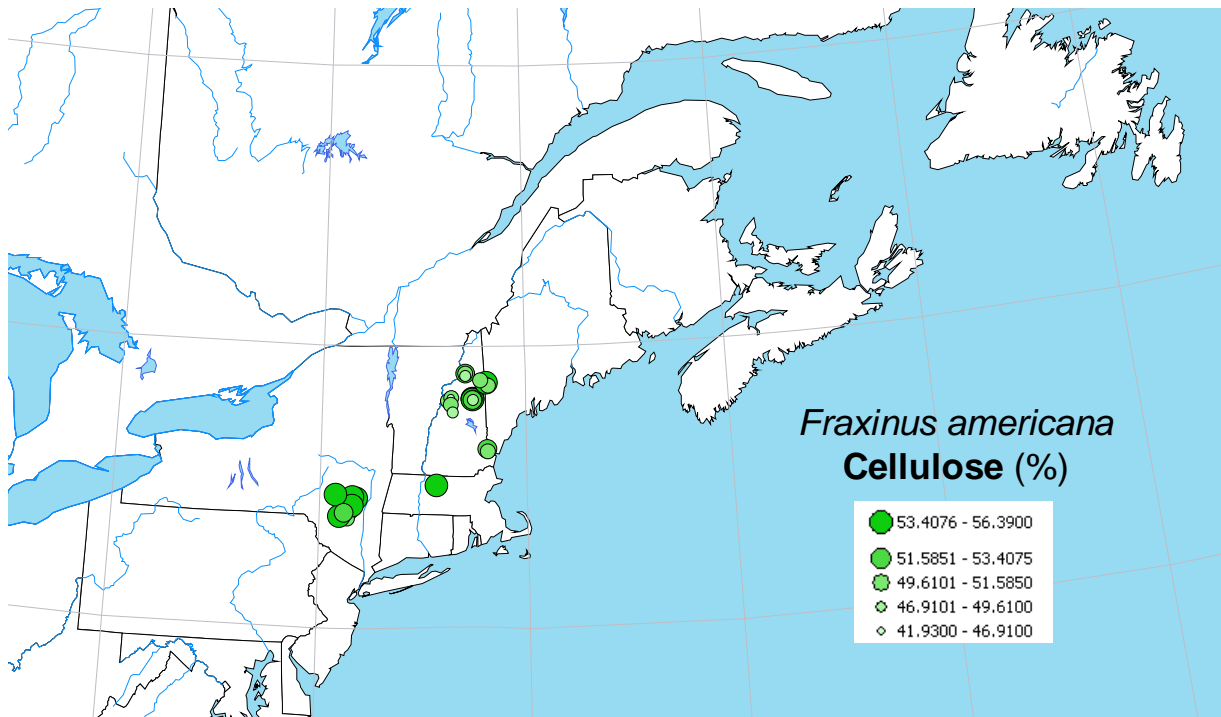


Figure 54. Maps for foliar cellulose in softwood species.

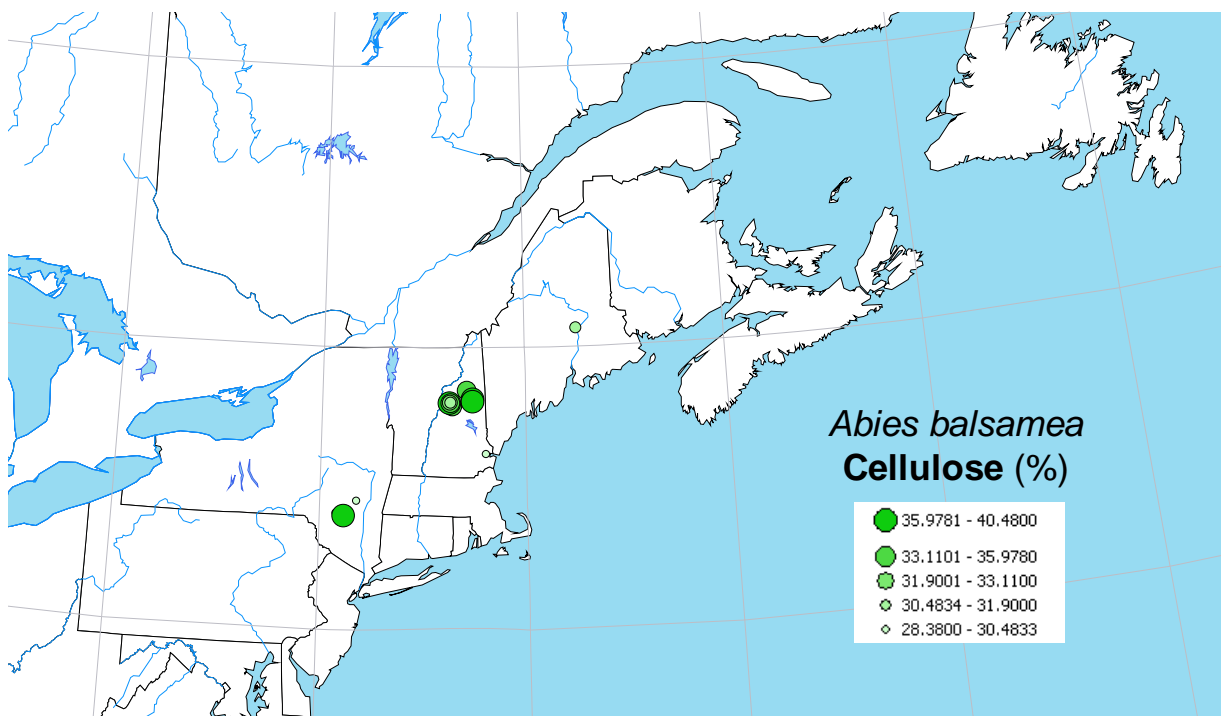
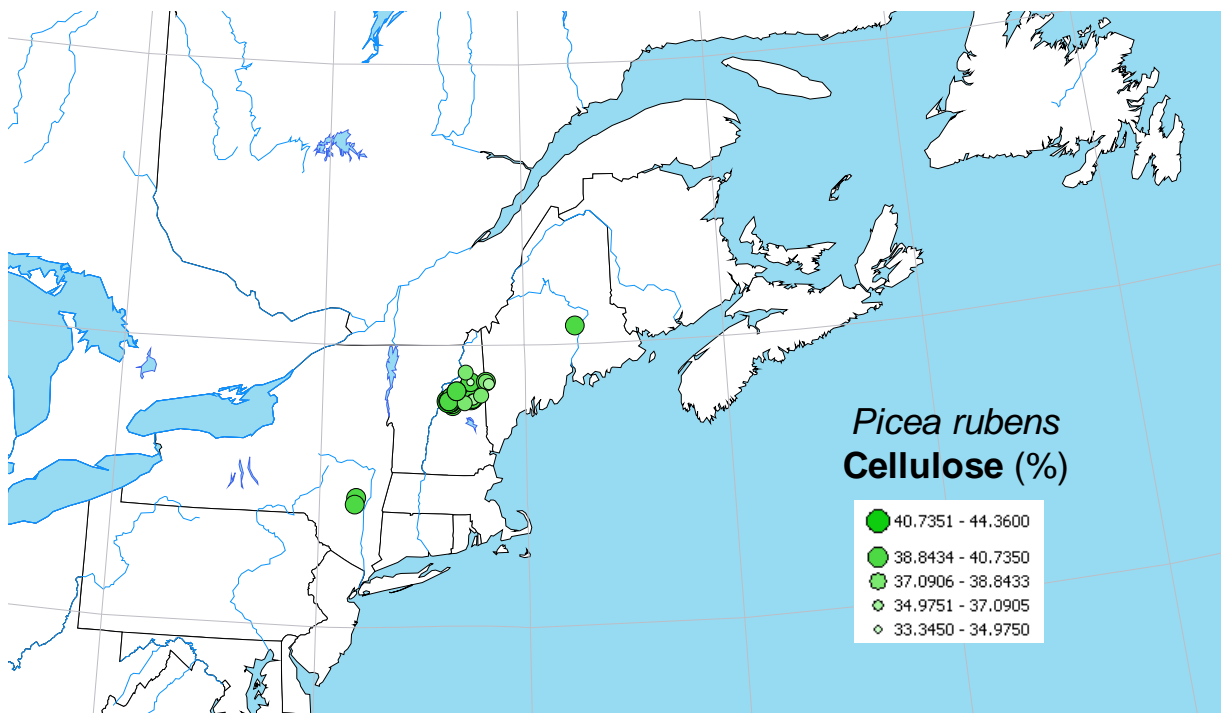
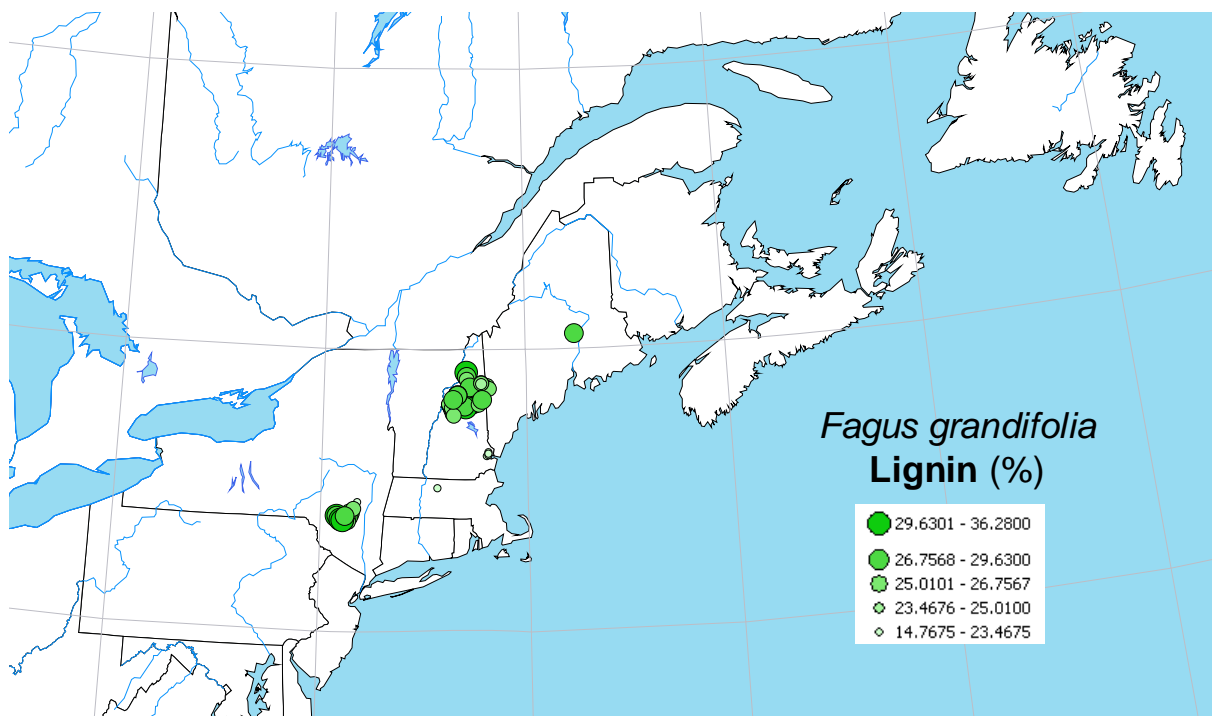
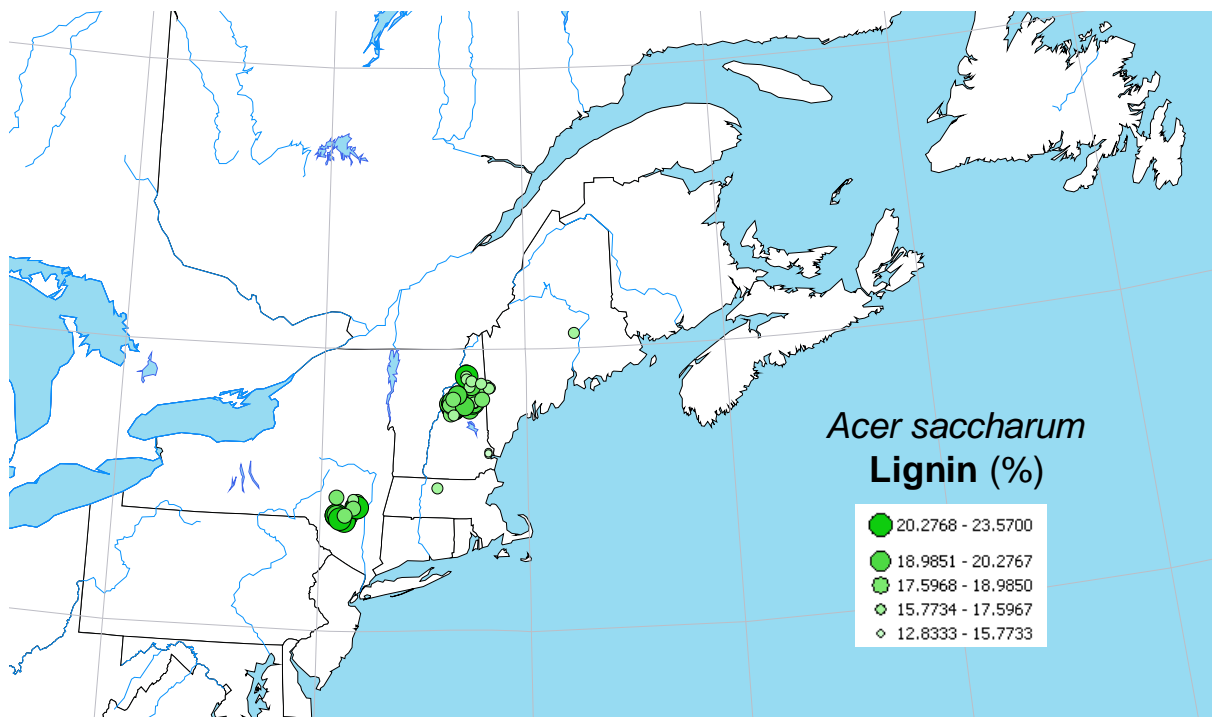
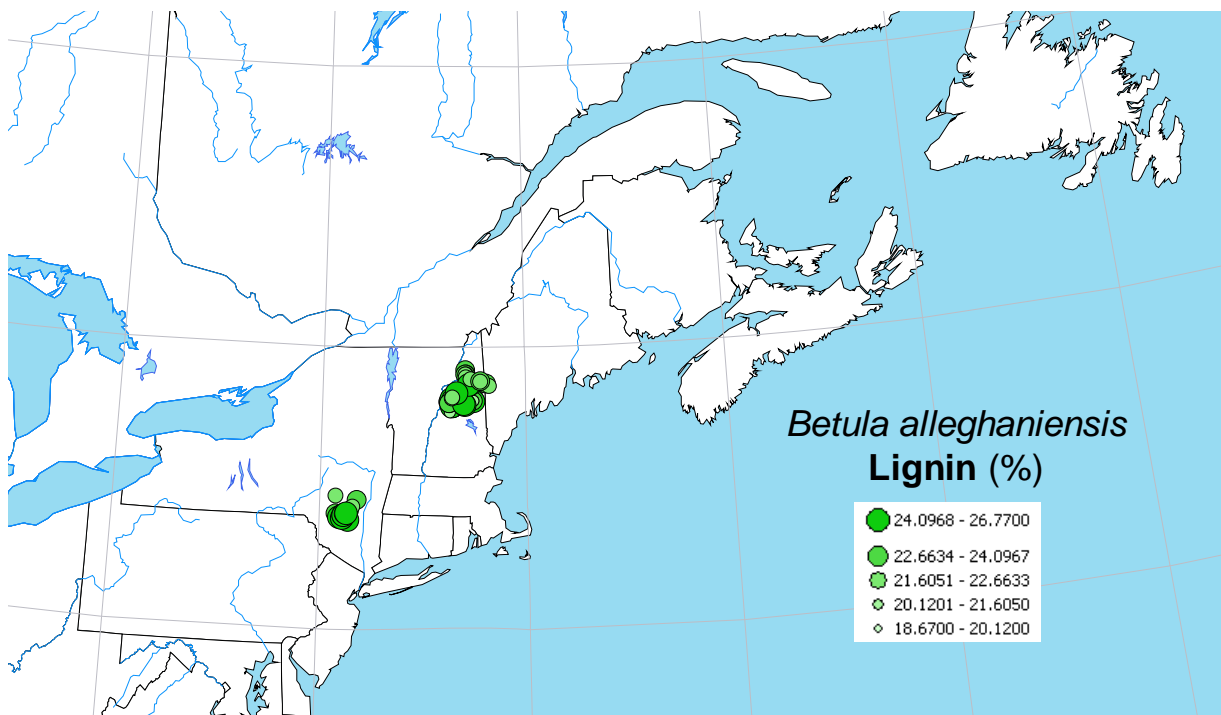
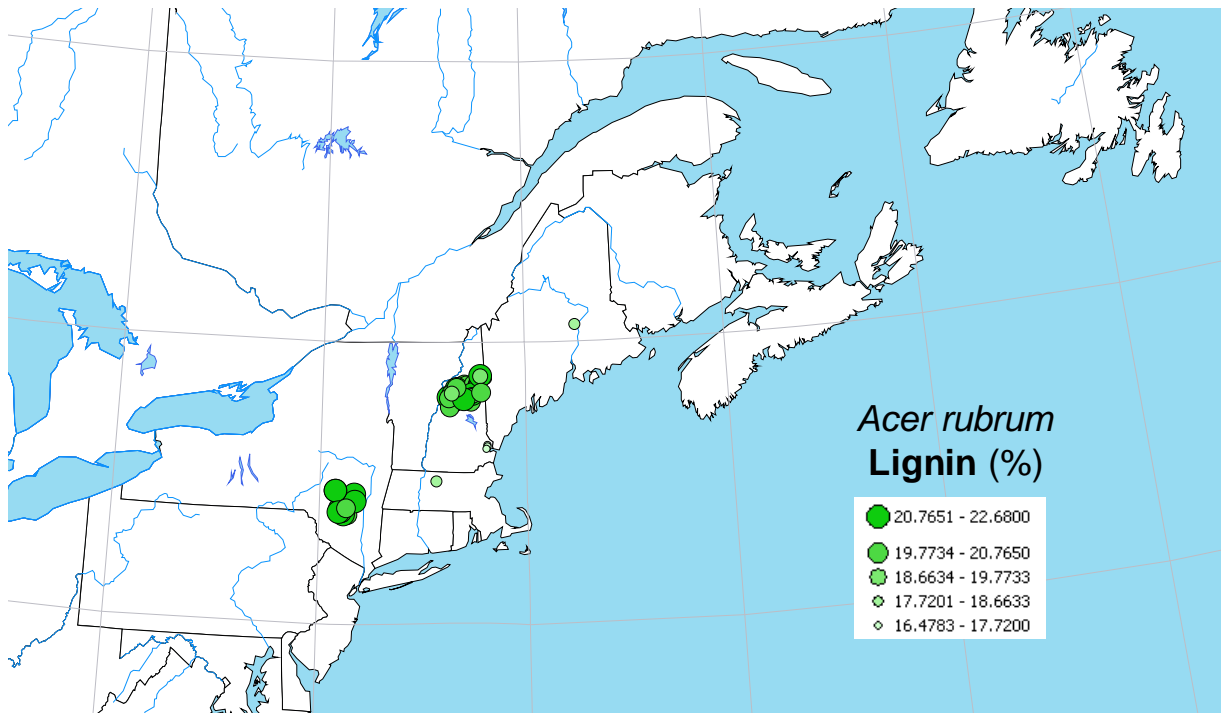


Figure 55. Maps for foliar lignin in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)





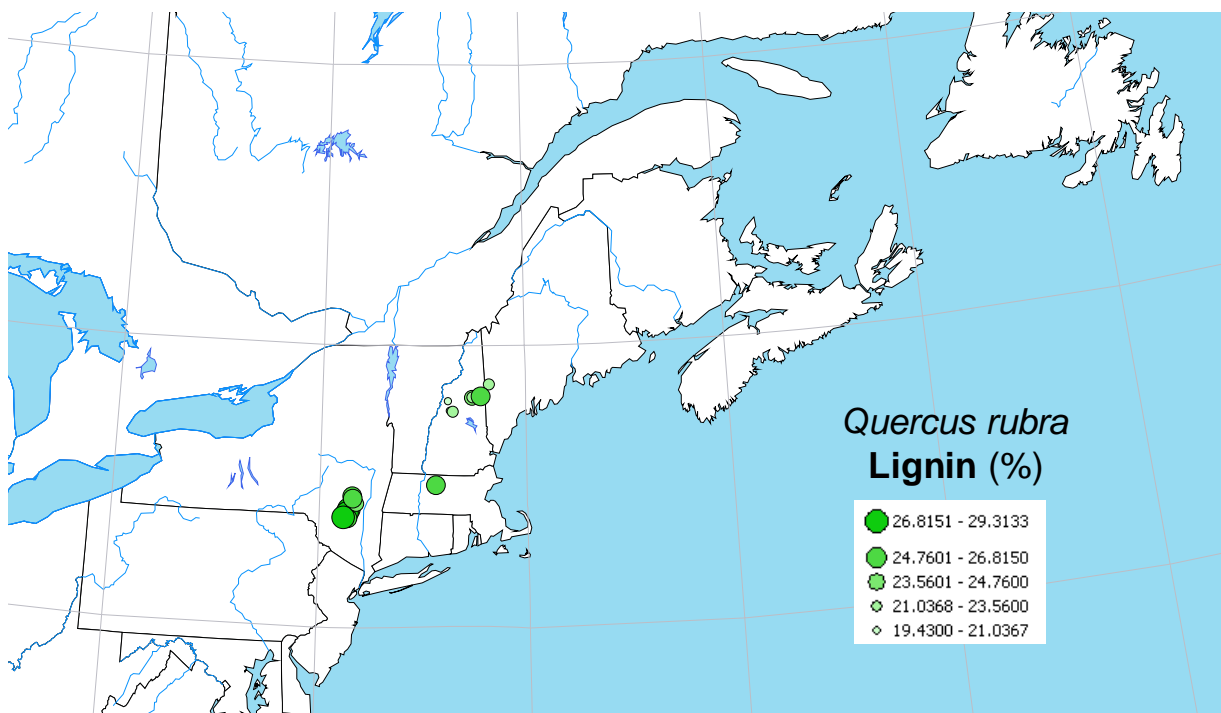
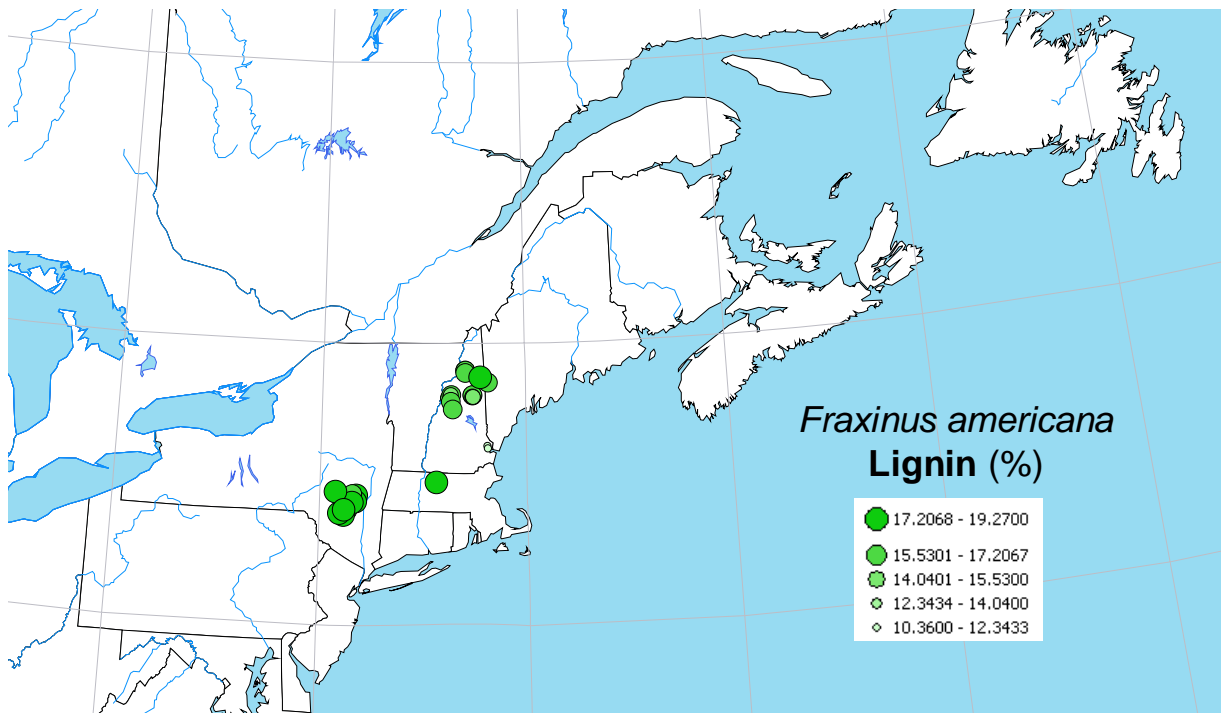
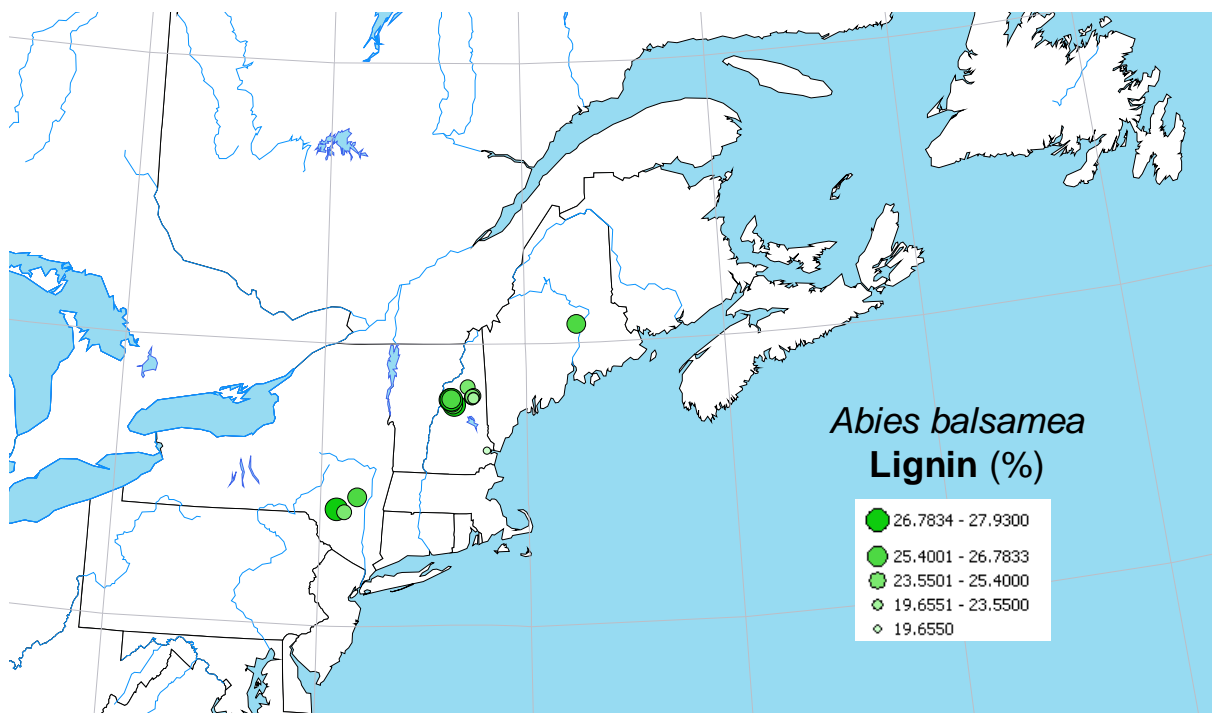
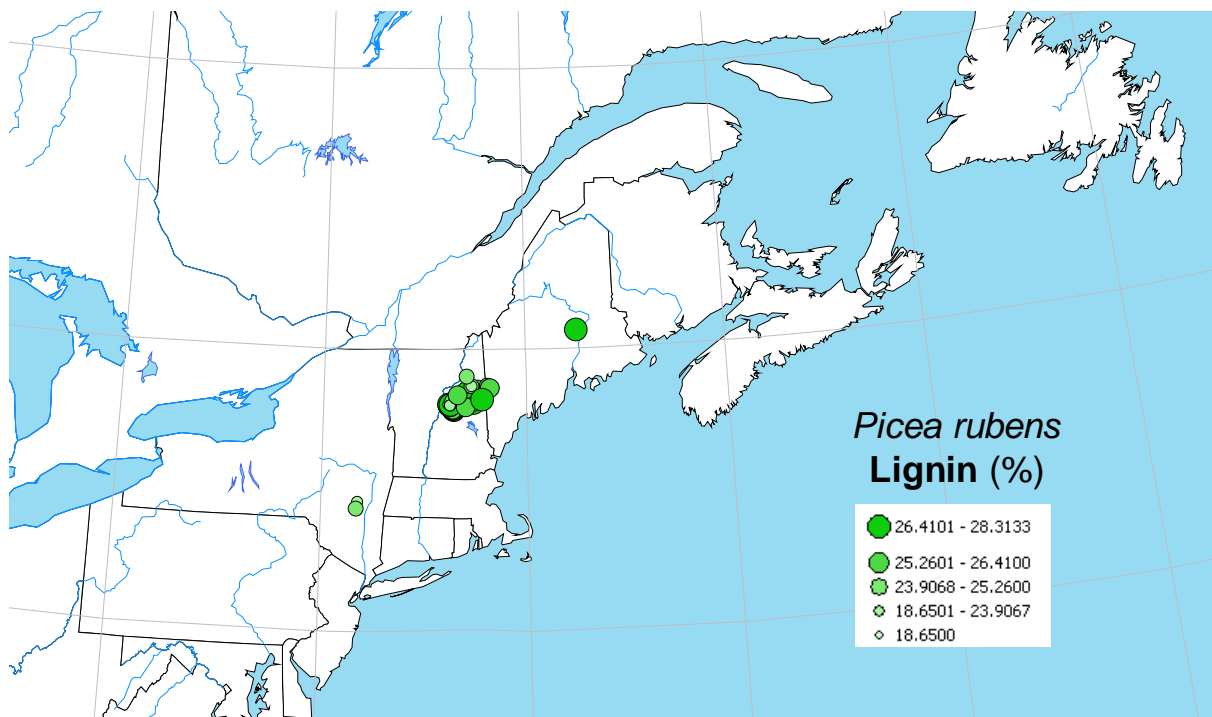


Figure 56. Maps for foliar lignin in softwood species.



Appendix B-5: Foliar Chemistry Linear Regressions with Latitude, Longitude and Elevation

Table 2. Results of linear regression of each parameter against latitude, longitude and elevation. Trend indicates positive or negative correlation and R² coefficients for the relationship are given below. (table spans multiple pages)

Latitude

	Acer s.	Fagus g.	Acer r.	Betula a.	Fraxinus a.	Quercus r.	Picea r.	Abies b.
Trend	N	0	0	0	0	---	0	0
	Ca	0	0	0	0	0	0	+++
	Mg	0	0	0	0	---	0	+++
	K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	P	---	0	0	0	---	0	0
	Al	---	0	0	0	0	+++	0
	Sr	0	0	0	+++	+++	+++	+++
	Cellulose	0	0	0	0	0	+++	0
	Lignin	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
	R ²	N	0.0123	0.0241	0.0123	0.0139	0.0889	0.2814
Ca		0.0498	0.0060	0.0044	0.0104	0.0070	0.0011	0.0225
Mg		0.0216	0.0011	0.0009	0.0005	0.1410	0.0473	0.0002
K		0.0162	0.0404	0.0179	0.0052	0.0657	0.0001	0.0185
P		0.1119	0.0733	0.0676	0.0529	0.1093	0.0374	0.0166
Al		0.1008	0.0186	0.0221	0.0286	0.0069	0.2011	0.0339
Sr		0.0589	0.0899	0.0494	0.1025	0.2527	0.3212	0.1210
Cellulose		0.0028	0.0005	0.0216	0.0110	0.0008	0.3370	0.0115
Lignin		0.0366	0.0344	0.1375	0.0498	0.0206	0.4365	0.0053

Longitude

	Acer s.	Fagus g.	Acer r.	Betula a.	Fraxinus a.	Quercus r.	Picea r.	Abies b.
Trend	N	0	0	0	---	---	0	0
	Ca	0	0	0	0	0	0	+++
	Mg	0	0	0	0	0	+++	+++
	K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Al	---	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sr	0	0	0	0	+++	+++	+++
	Cellulose	0	0	0	0	0	+++	0
	Lignin	0	---	---	0	0	---	0

R²	N	0.0387	0.0306	0.0387	0.0573	0.1808	0.2999	0.0562	0.0244
	Ca	0.0685	0.0058	0.0021	0.0047	0.0001	0.0005	0.0140	0.1403
	Mg	0.0630	0.0038	0.0002	0.0001	0.0680	0.1173	0.0028	0.1024
	K	0.0297	0.0403	0.0278	0.0008	0.0219	0.0743	0.0225	0.0104
	P	0.0982	0.0573	0.0208	0.0539	0.0687	0.0715	0.0000	0.0041
	Al	0.2020	0.0211	0.0086	0.0056	0.0097	0.0623	0.0200	0.0861
	Sr	0.0194	0.0394	0.0351	0.0568	0.2013	0.3195	0.1618	0.0621
	Cellulose	0.0017	0.0273	0.0656	0.0025	0.0004	0.3465	0.0162	0.0001
	Lignin	0.0942	0.1061	0.2826	0.0662	0.0683	0.3515	0.0000	0.0620

Elevation

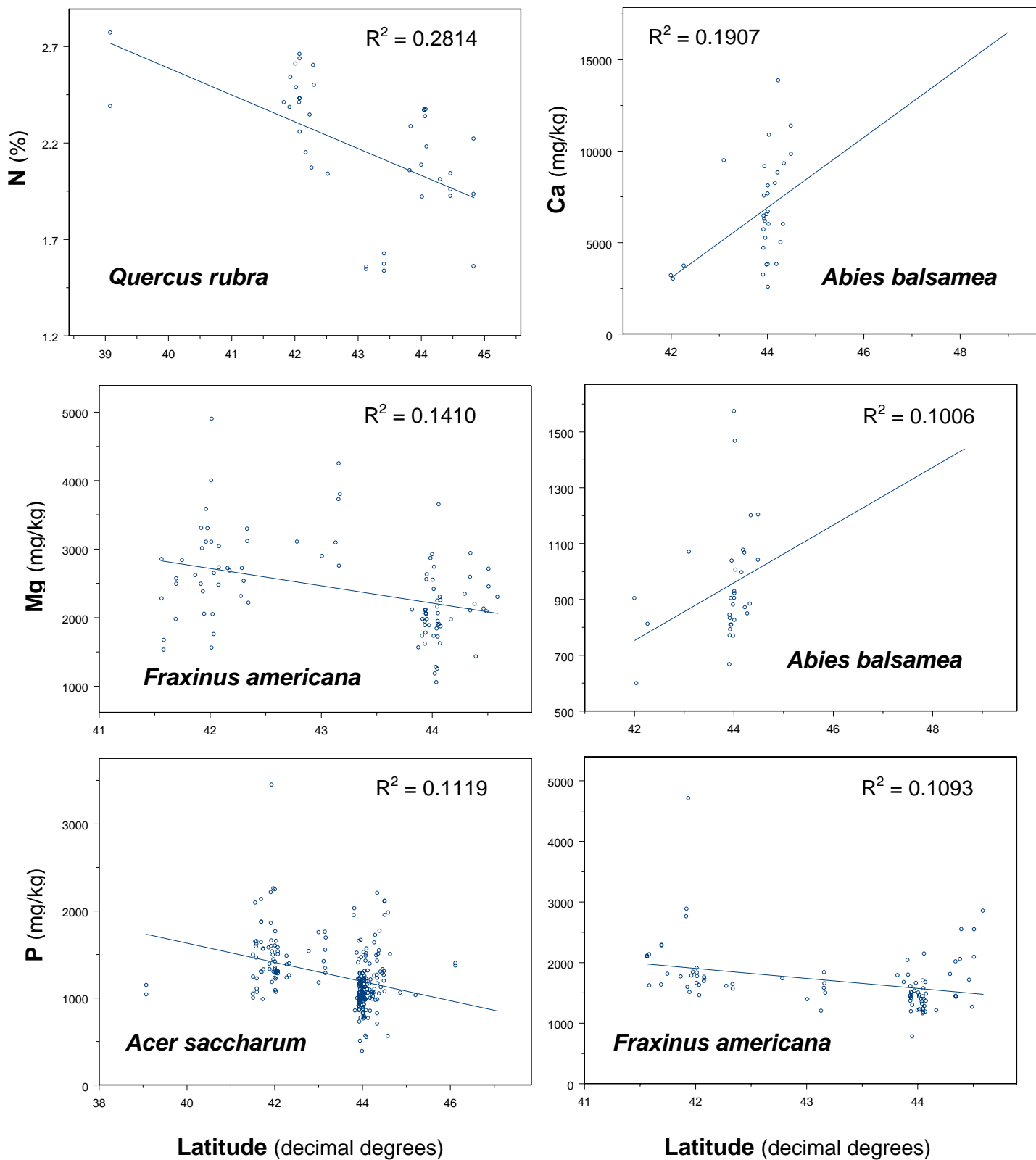
Trend		Acer s.	Fagus g.	Acer r.	Betula a.	Fraxinus a.	Quercus r.	Picea r.	Abies b.
	N	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
	Ca	0	0	0	---	---	0	---	---
	Mg	0	0	0	0	0	---	0	0
	K	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	---
	P	0	0	0	0	0	+++	0	0
	Al	0	0	0	0	0	---	0	---
	Sr	0	0	0	---	0	---	+++	---
	Cellulose	0	---	+++	0	---	---	0	0
	Lignin	+++	0	+++	0	+++	0	0	+++
R²	N	0.3683	0.2849	0.3683	0.2086	0.4209	0.6124	0.2780	0.1043
	Ca	0.0988	0.0585	0.0043	0.1273	0.3413	0.0471	0.1430	0.2385
	Mg	0.0690	0.0678	0.0065	0.0961	0.0779	0.1302	0.0218	0.0541
	K	0.0258	0.0189	0.0302	0.0145	0.0071	0.0007	0.2152	0.1560
	P	0.0164	0.0067	0.0282	0.0322	0.0942	0.1051	0.0005	0.0114
	Al	0.0424	0.0002	0.0006	0.0026	0.0062	0.3273	0.0062	0.5345
	Sr	0.0478	0.0760	0.0056	0.1532	0.0817	0.1325	0.5517	0.4748
	Cellulose	0.0230	0.2141	0.2011	0.0080	0.2800	0.4083	0.0437	0.0043
	Lignin	0.2869	0.0855	0.4103	0.0050	0.1135	0.0781	0.0669	0.3627

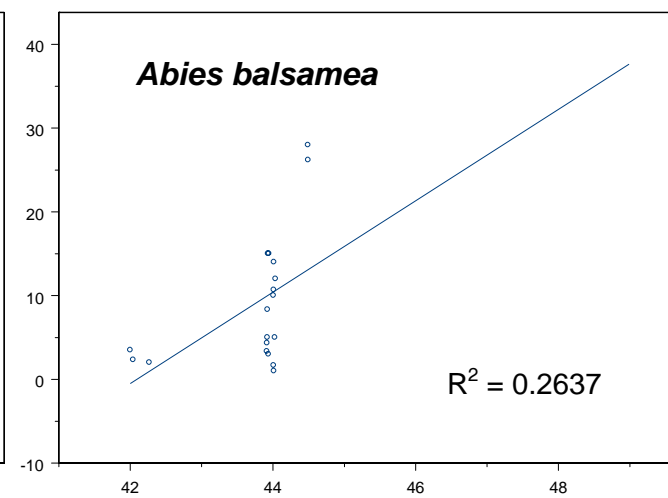
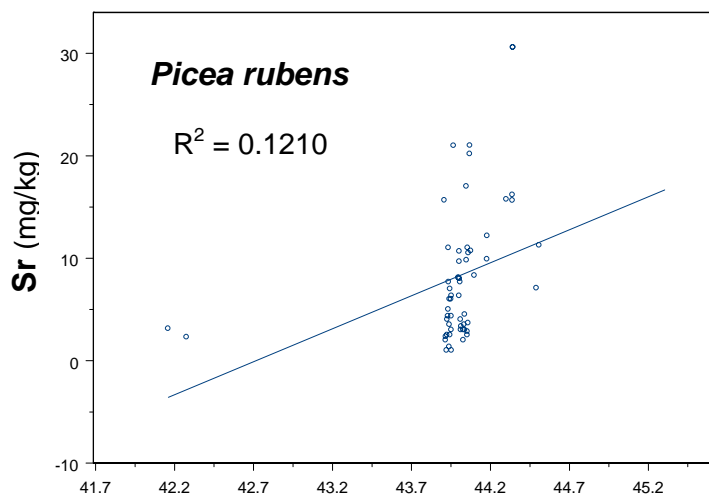
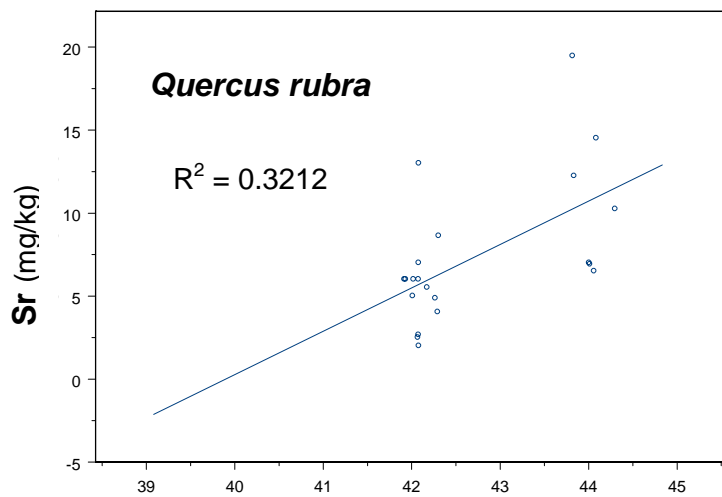
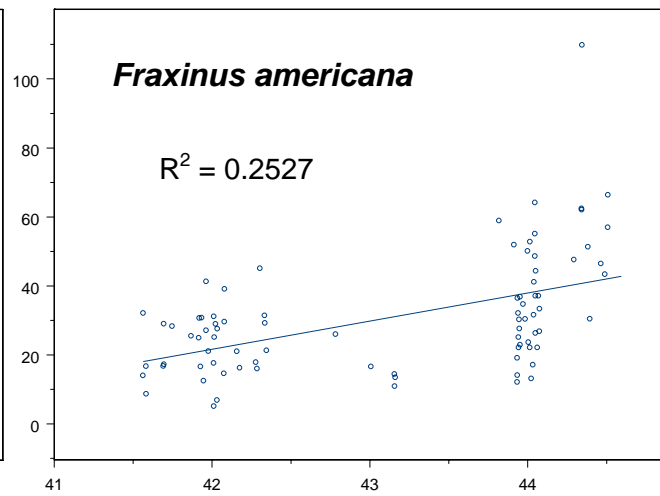
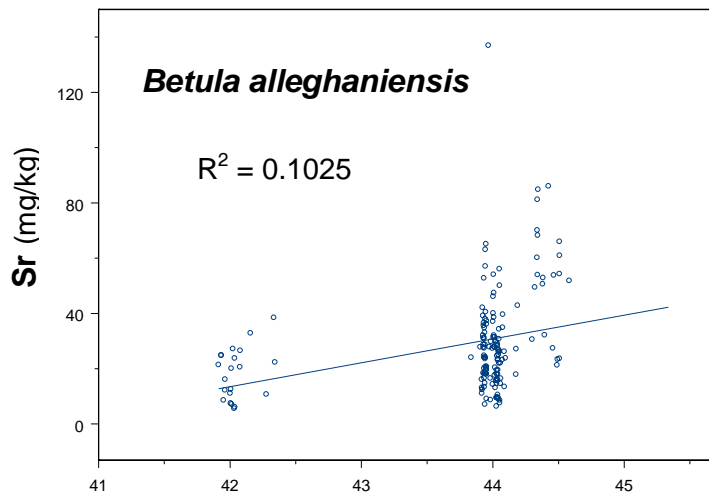
'---' indicates a significant negative relationship with an $r^2 > 0.10$.

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'0' indicates either no significant relationship or significant with an $r^2 < 0.10$.

Figure 57. Graphs of parameters with strongest trends with latitude. (figure spans multiple pages)





Latitude (decimal degrees)

Latitude (decimal degrees)

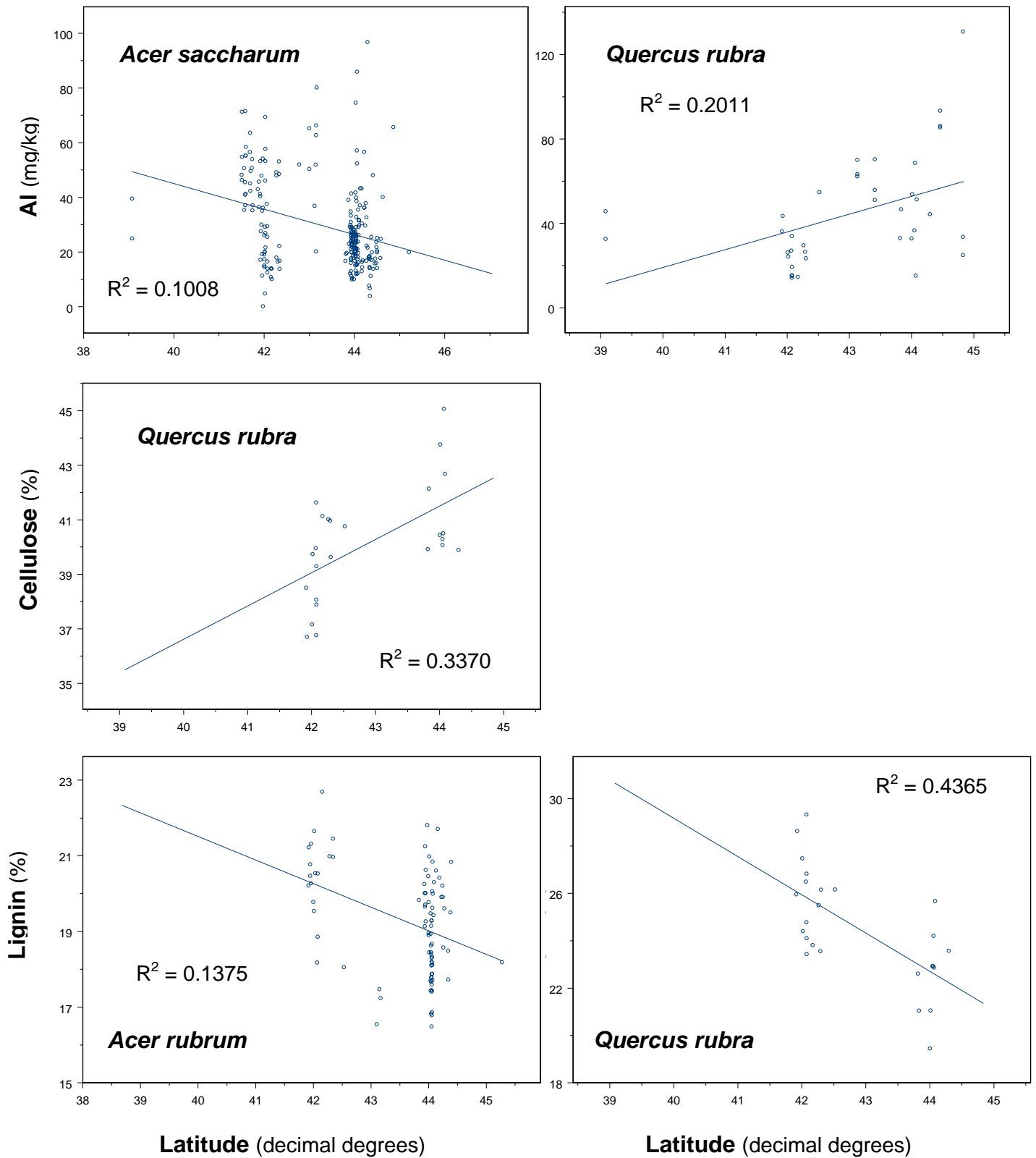
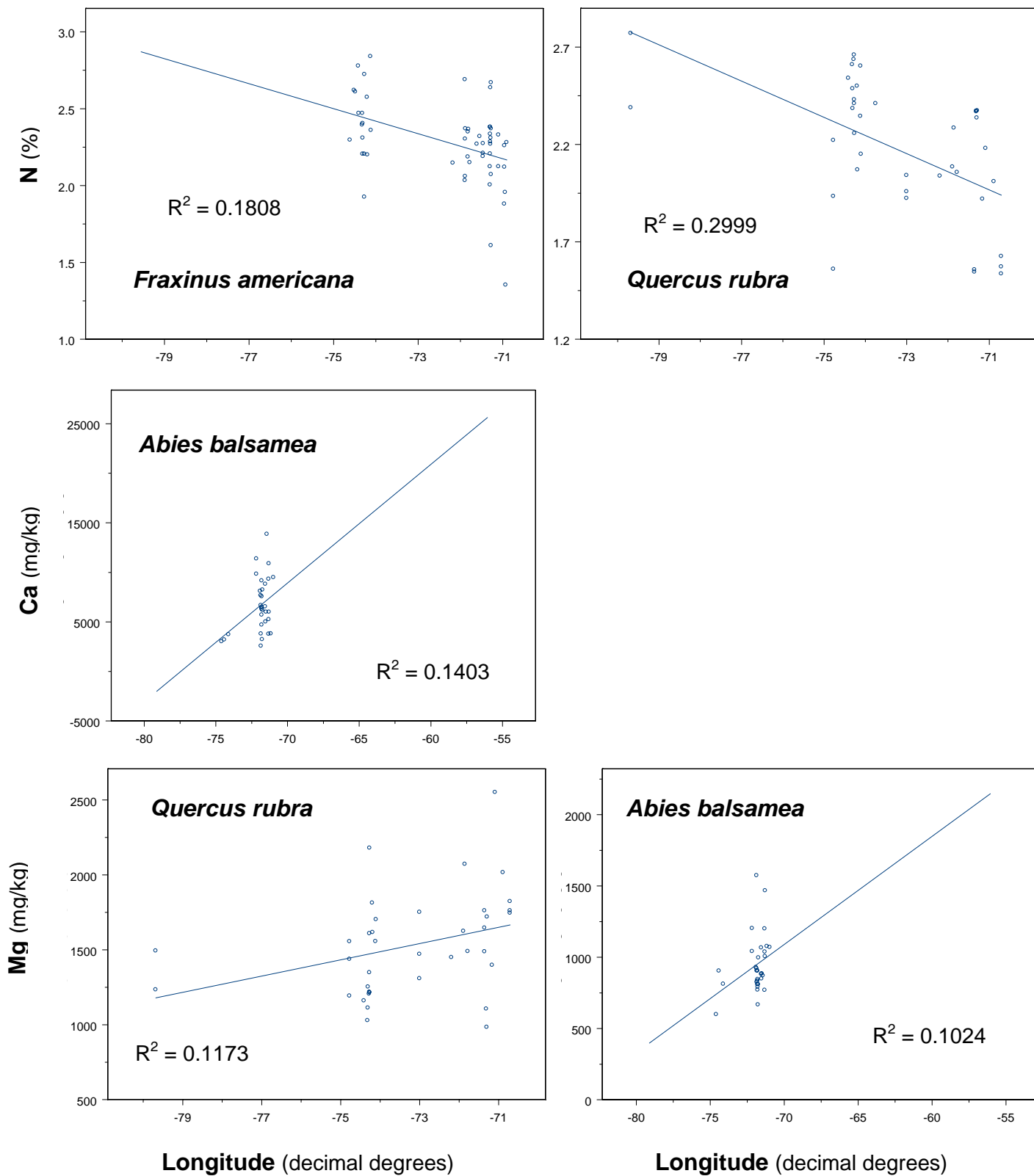
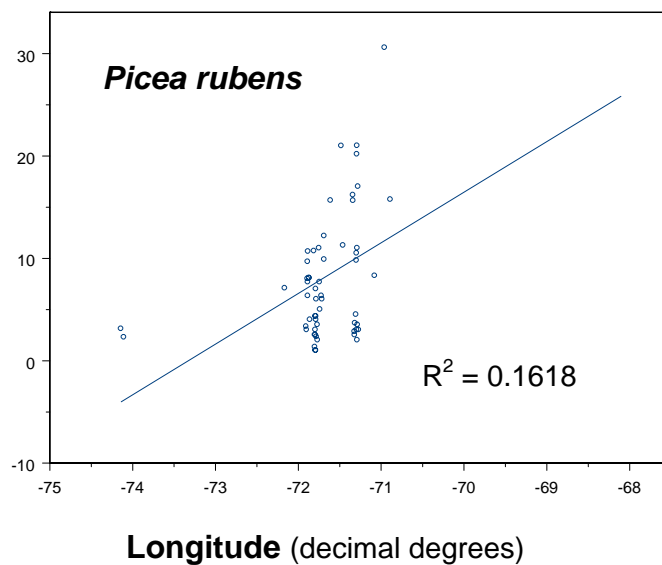
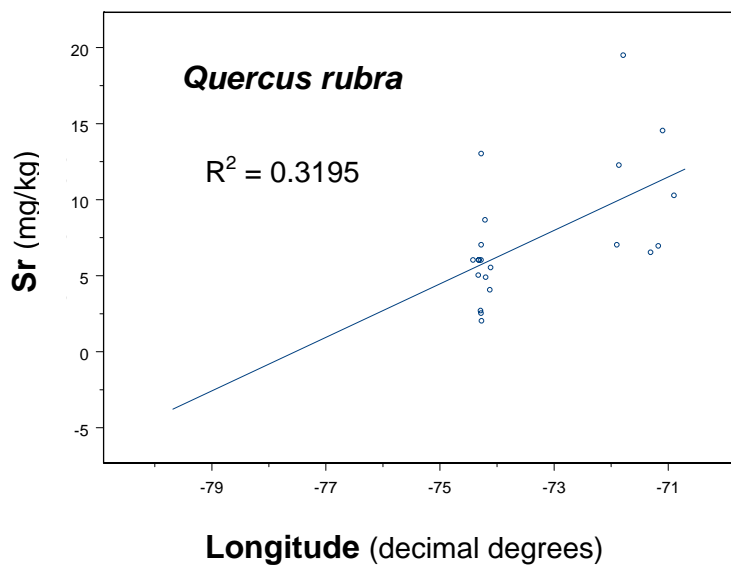
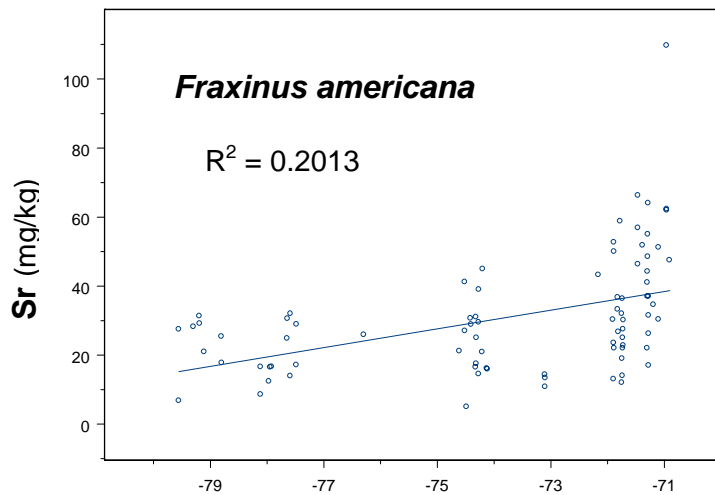
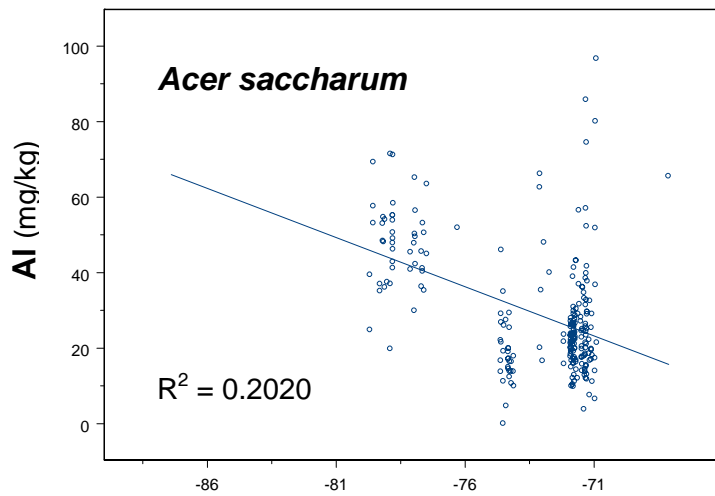


Figure 58. Graphs of parameters with strongest trends with longitude. (figure spans multiple pages)





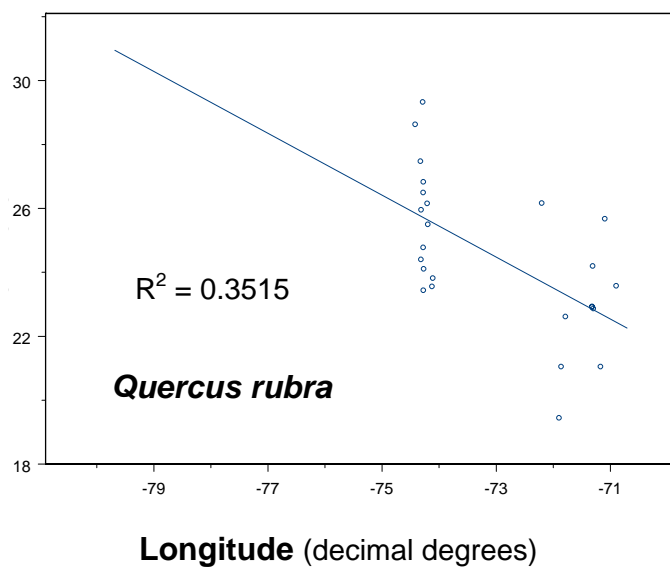
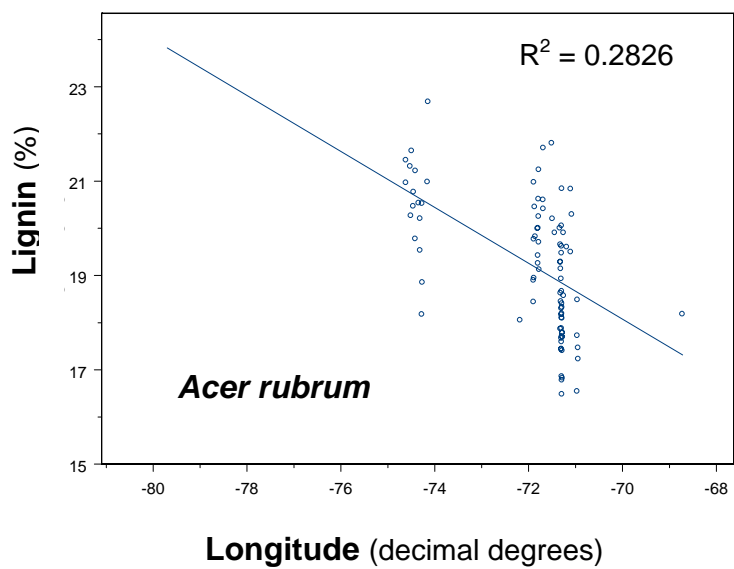
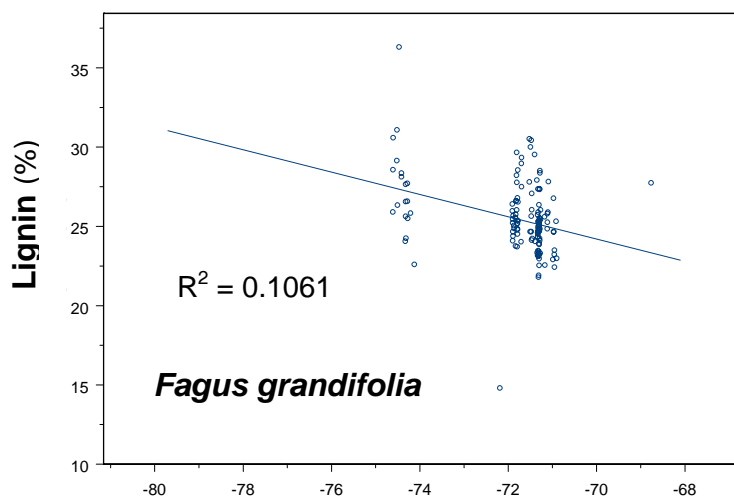
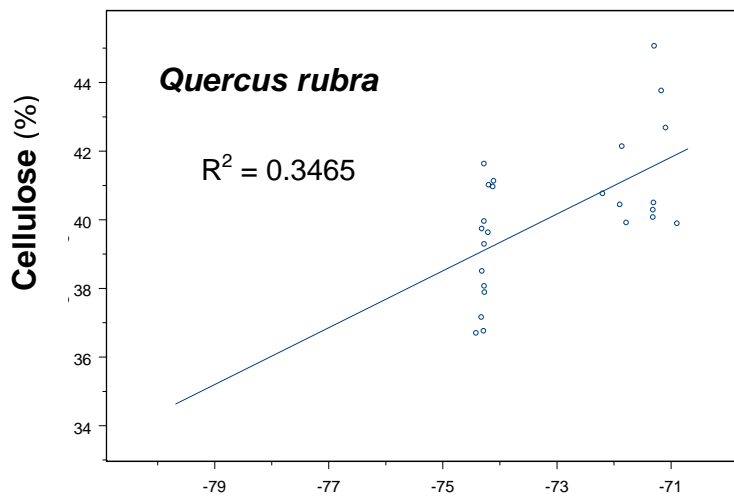
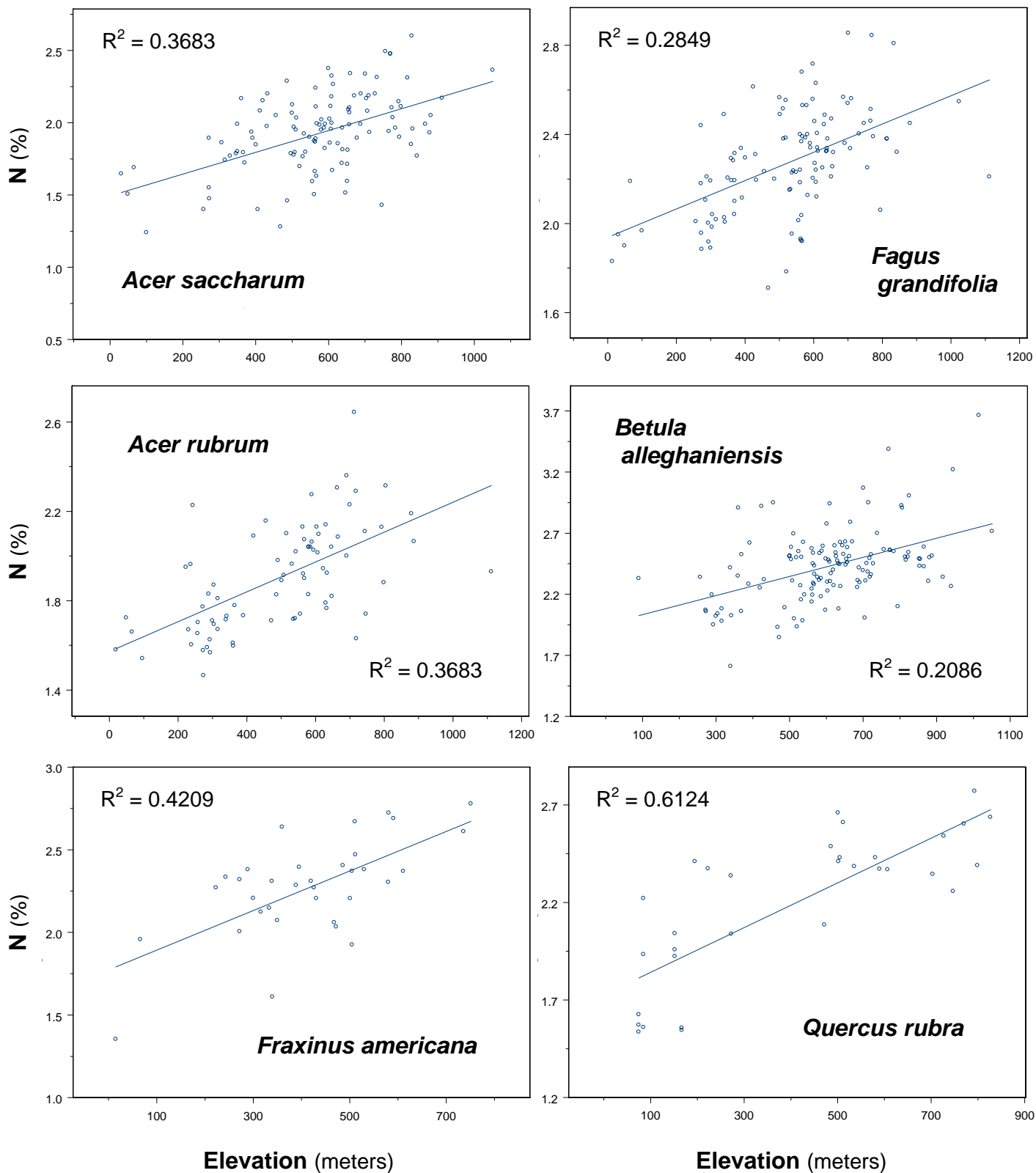
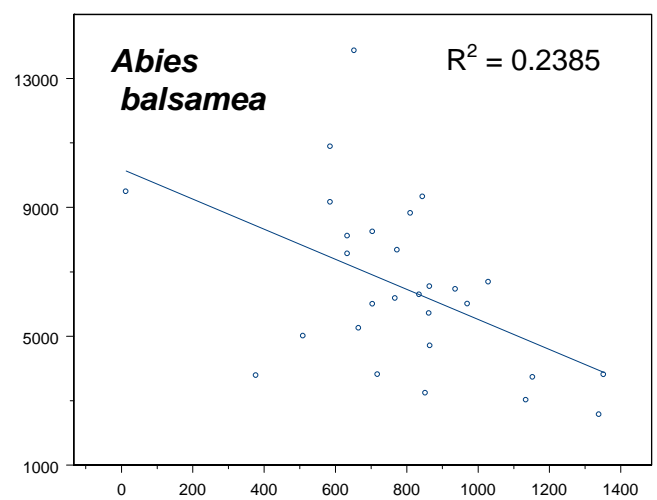
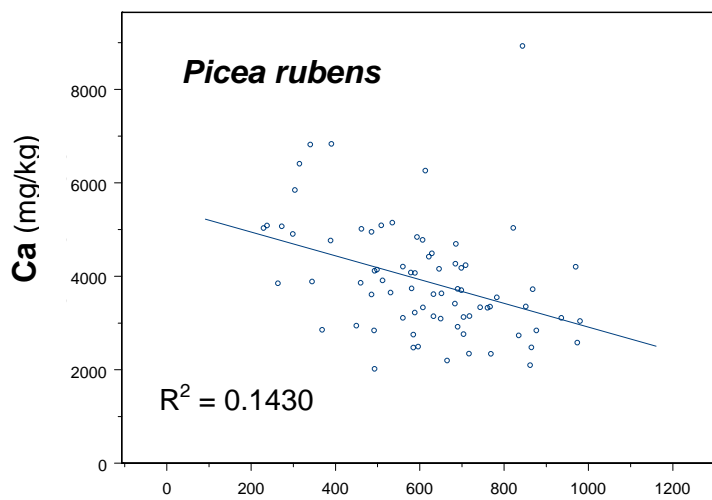
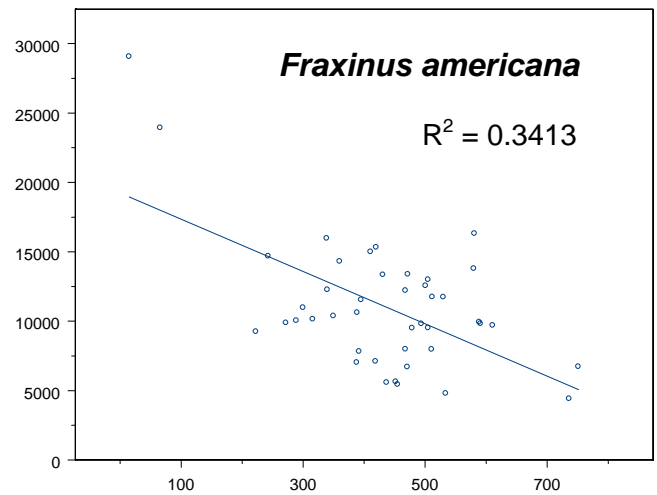
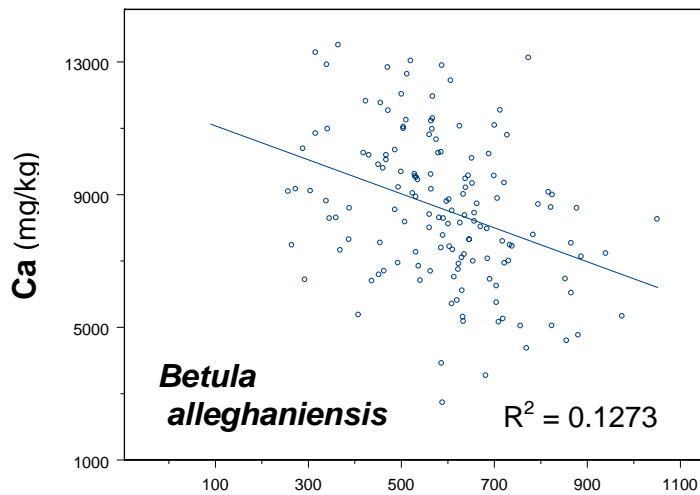
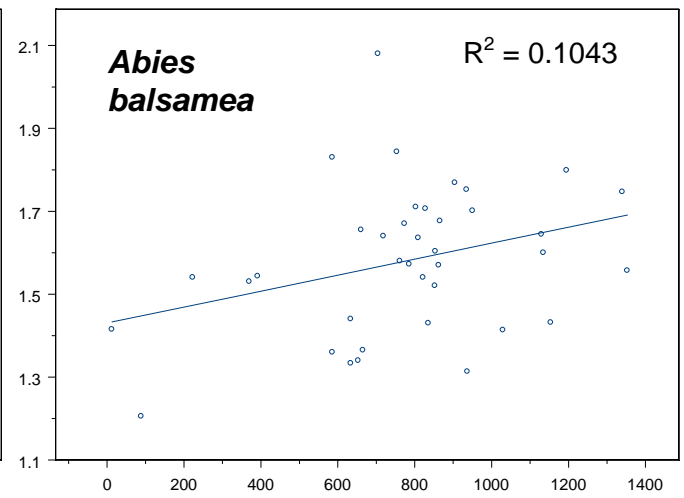
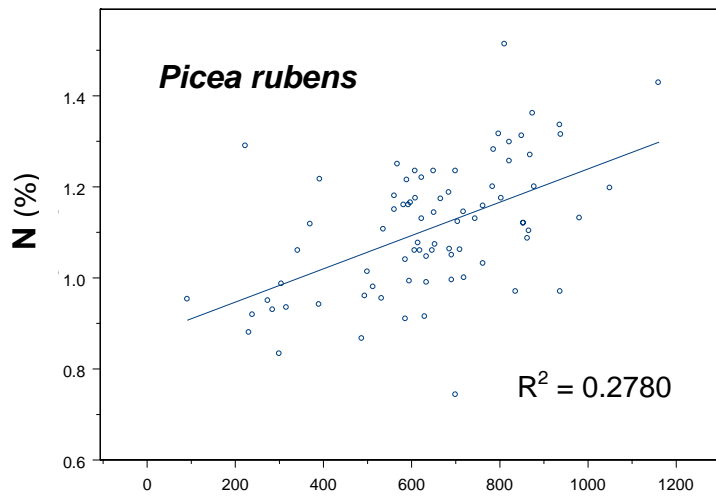


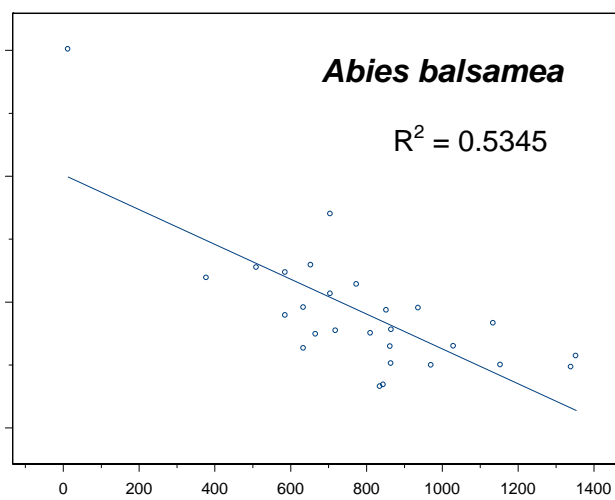
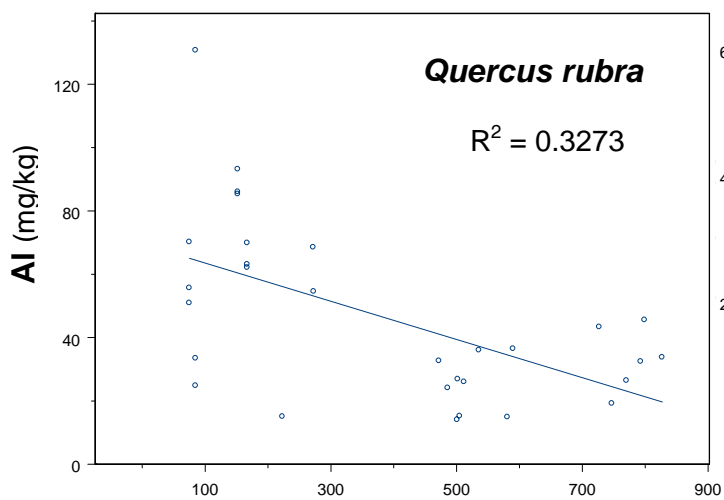
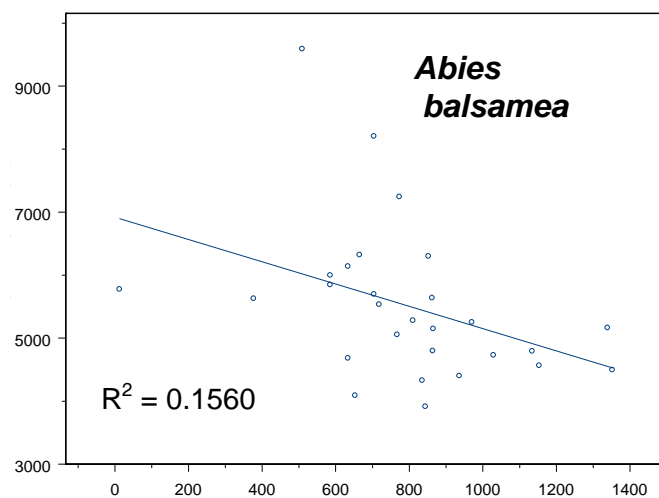
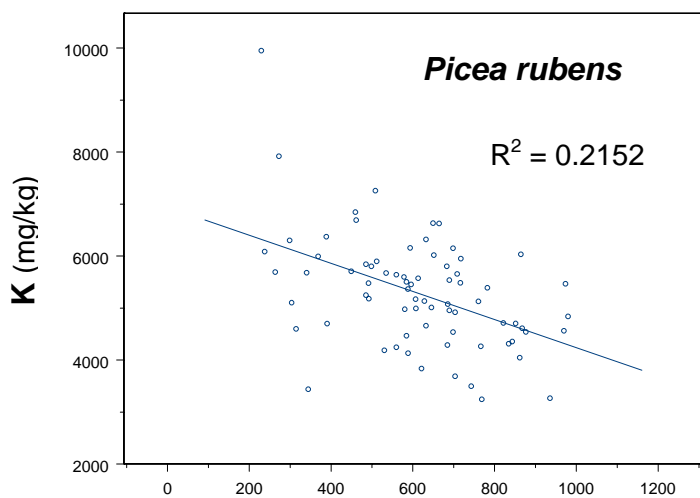
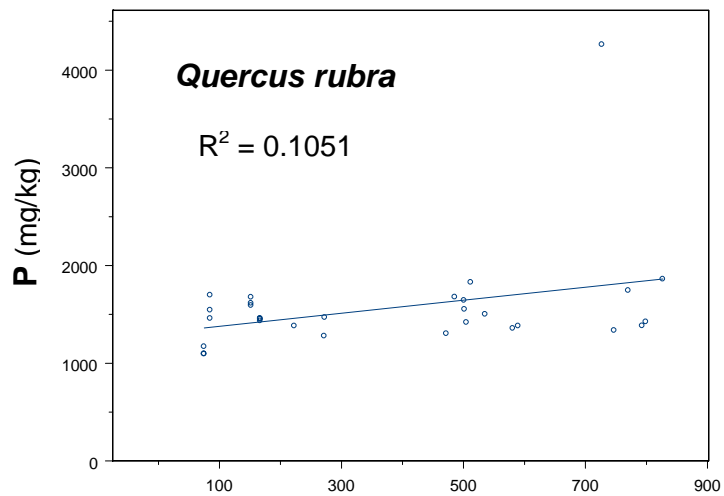
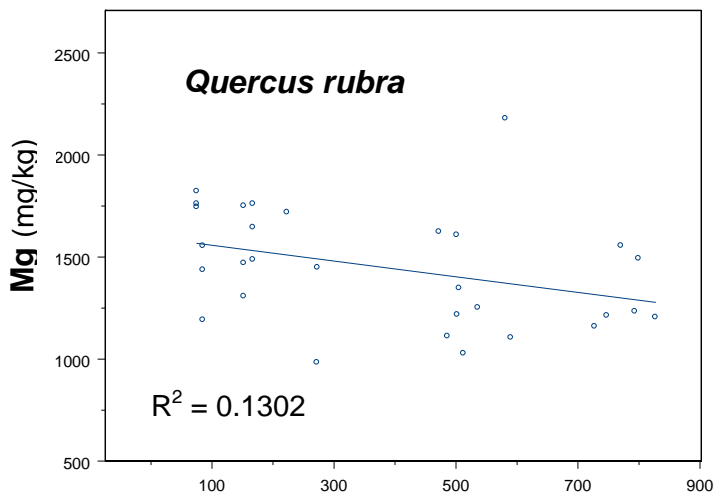
Figure 59. Graphs of parameters with strongest trends with elevation. (figure spans multiple pages)





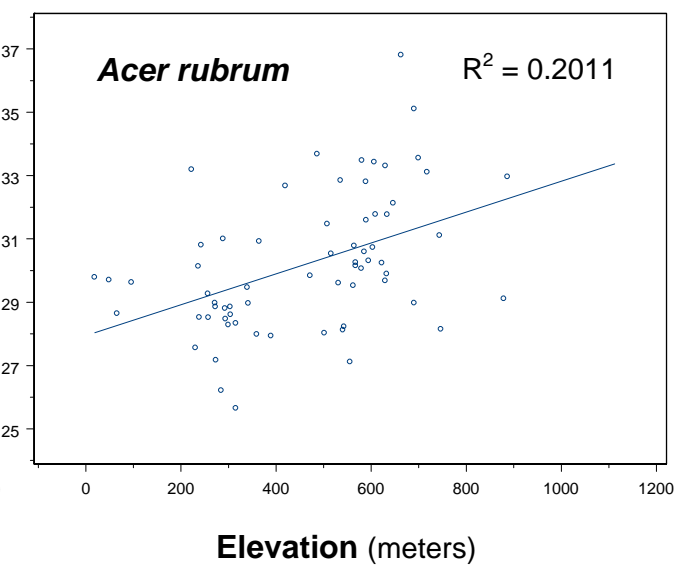
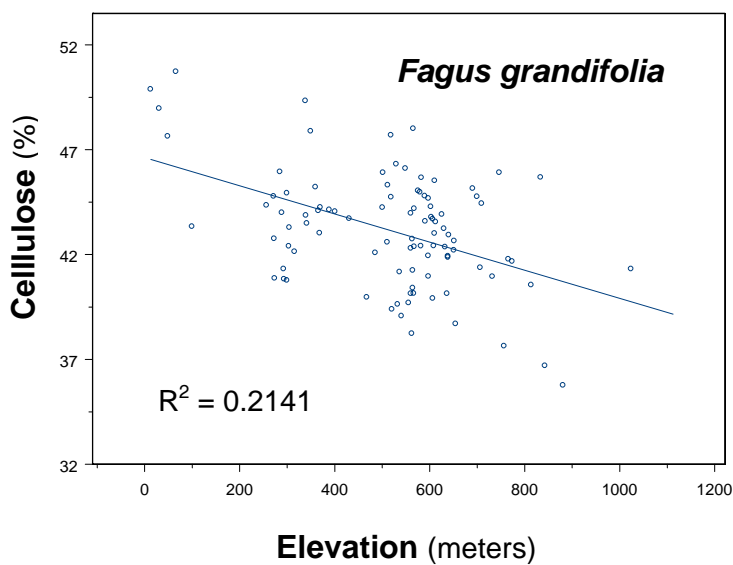
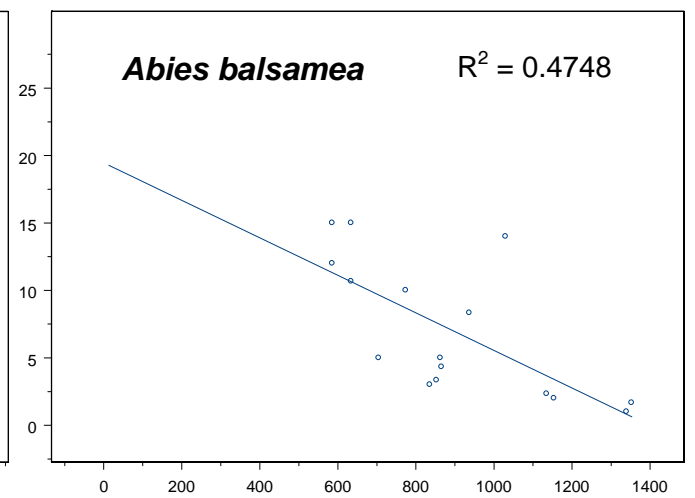
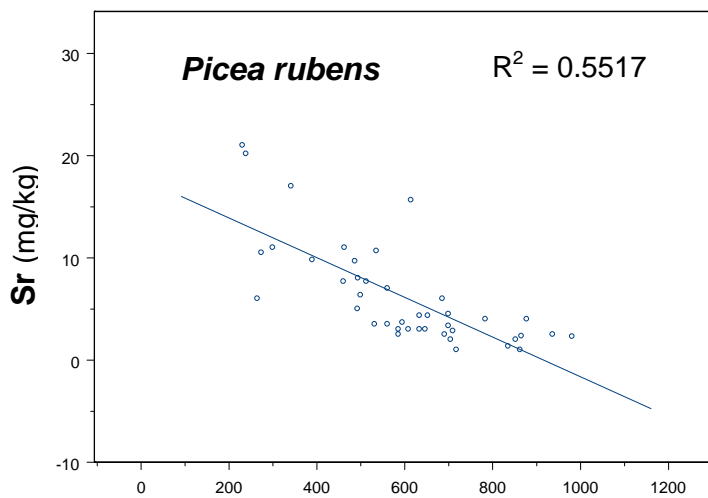
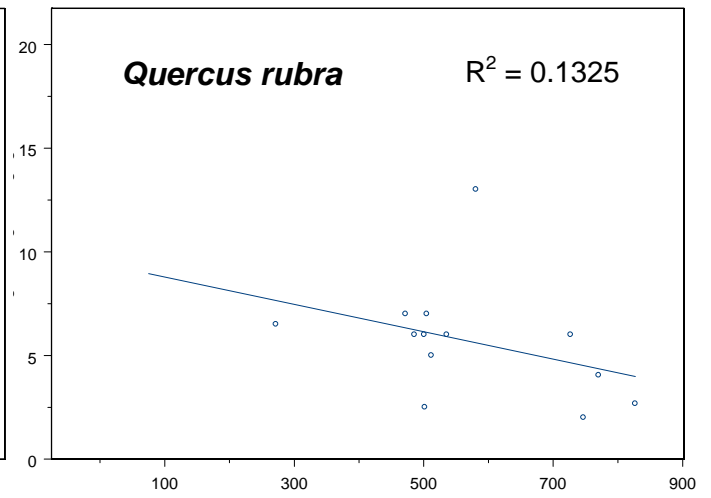
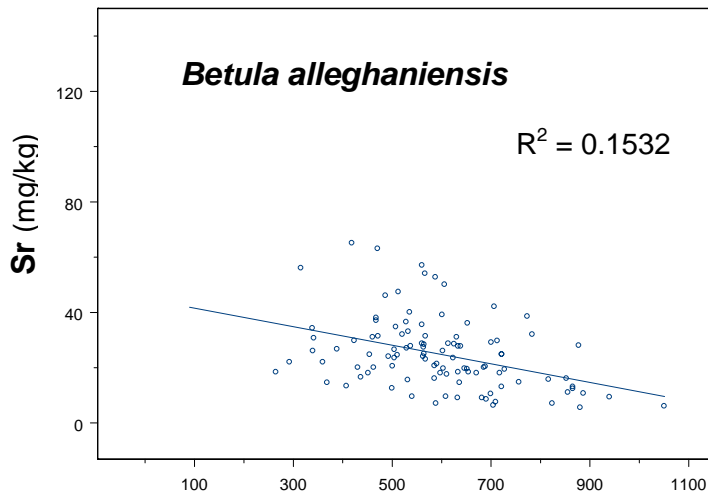
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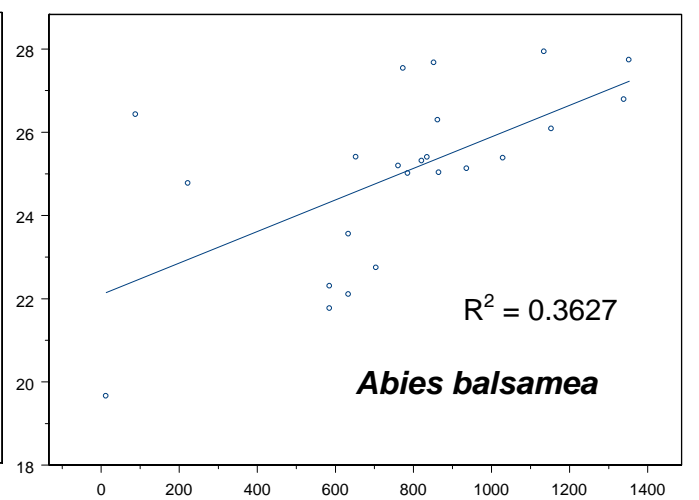
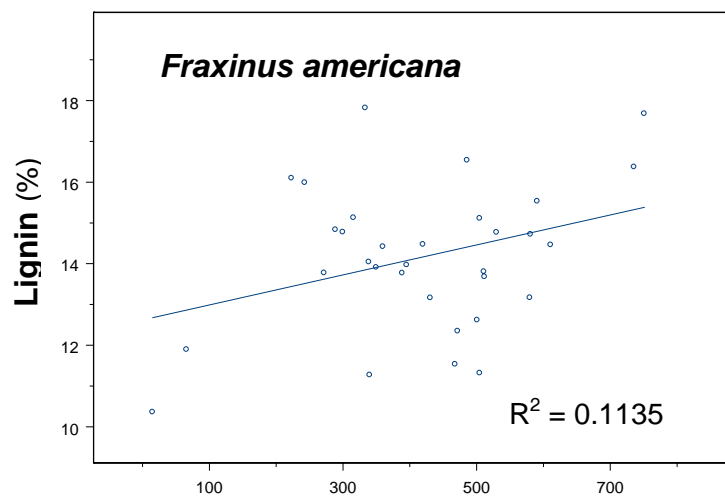
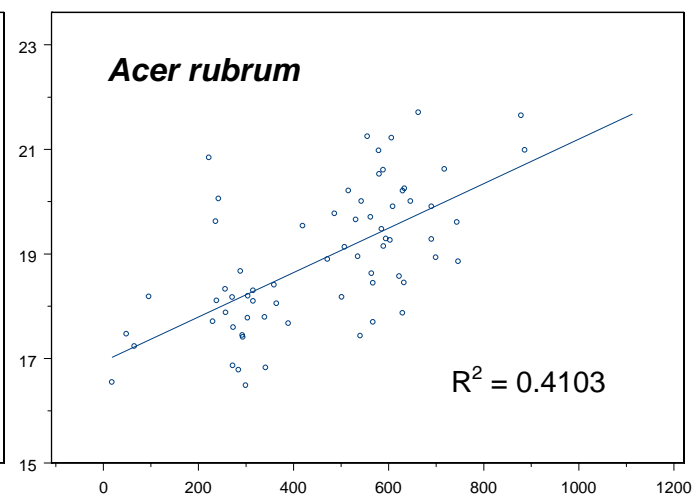
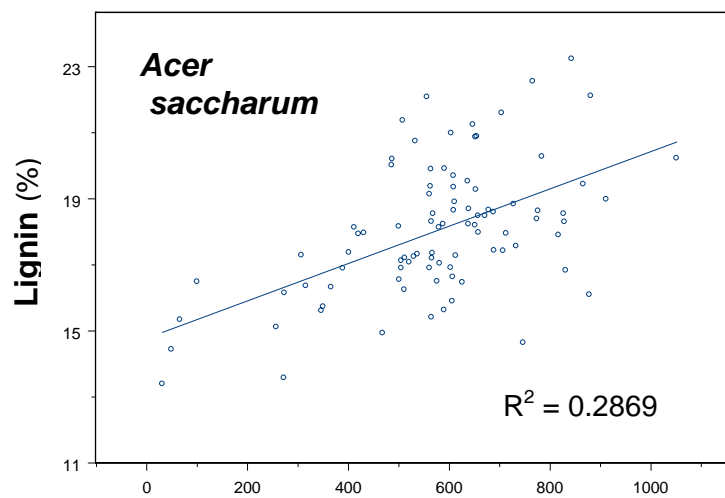
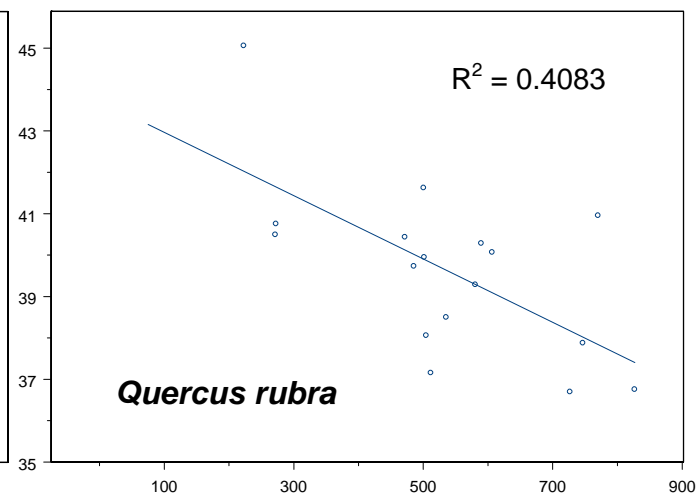
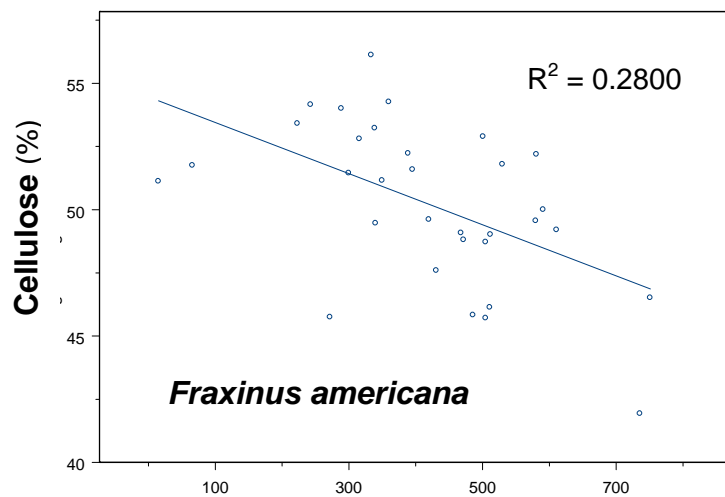
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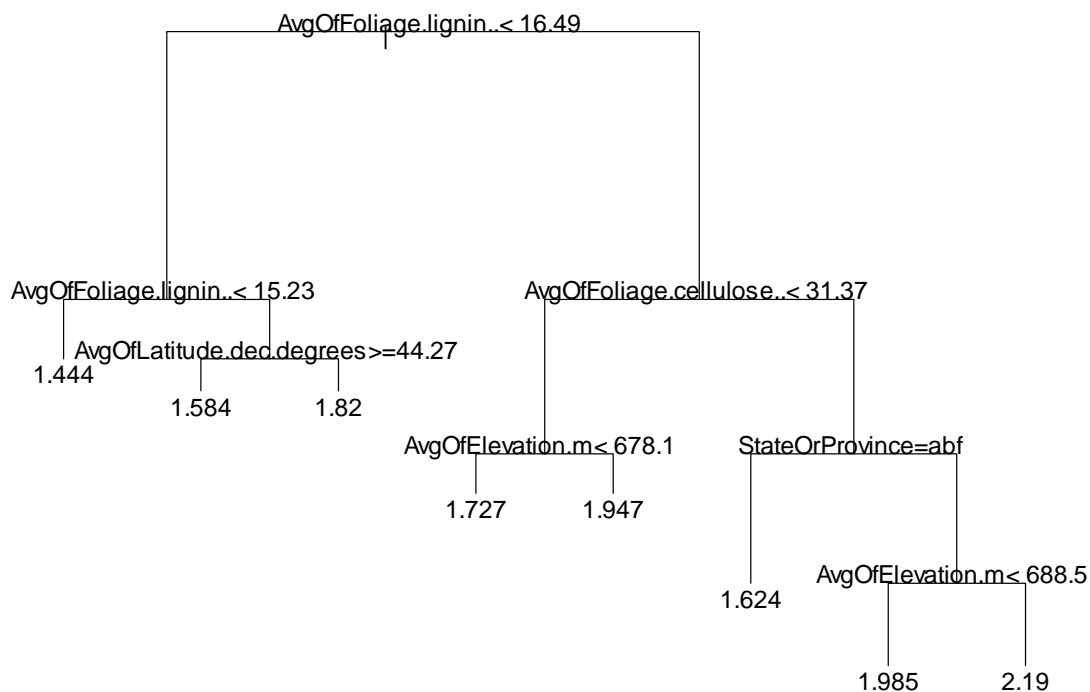
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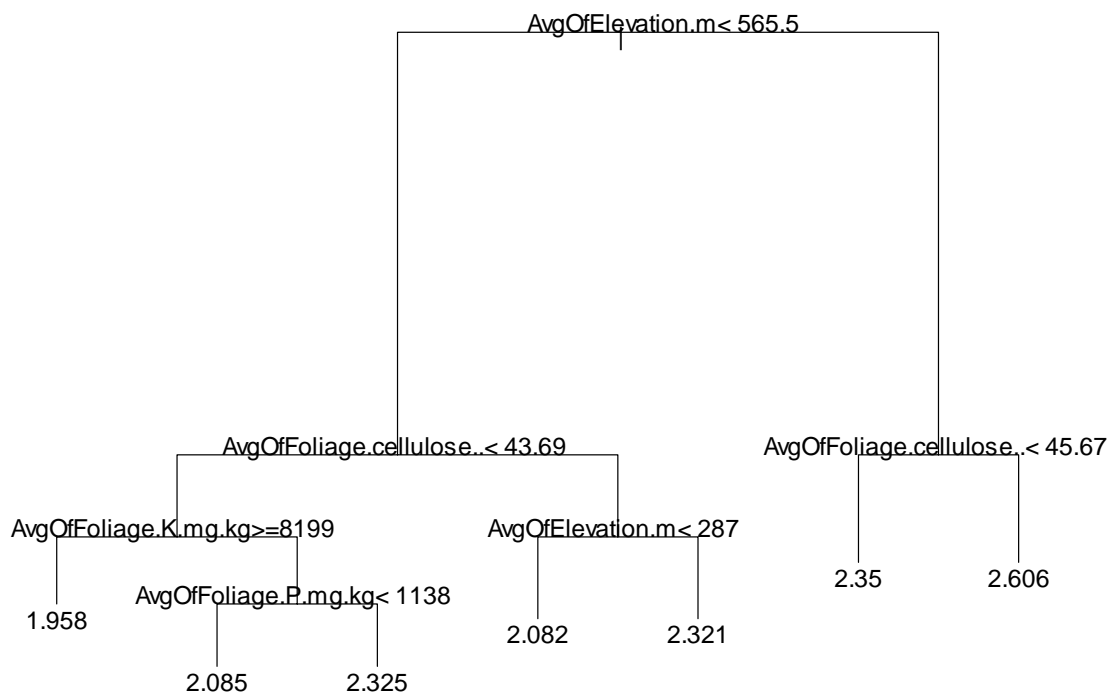
Appendix B-6: Foliar Chemistry Classification and Regression Trees (CART)

Figure 60. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar nitrogen in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)

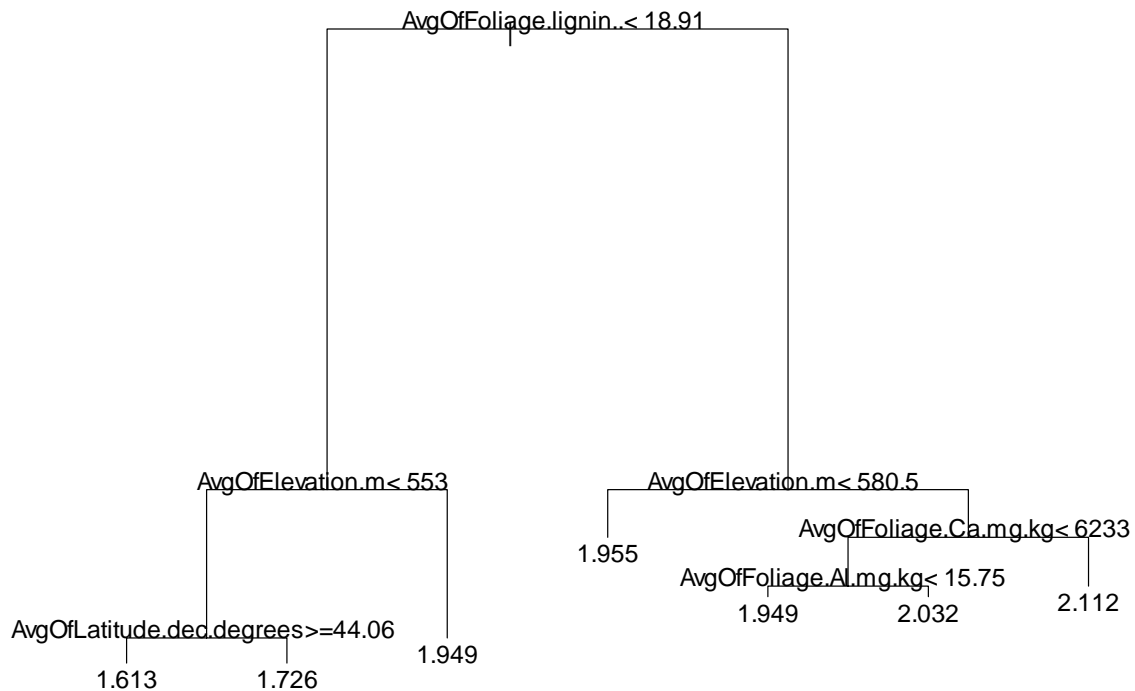
N : *Acer saccharum*



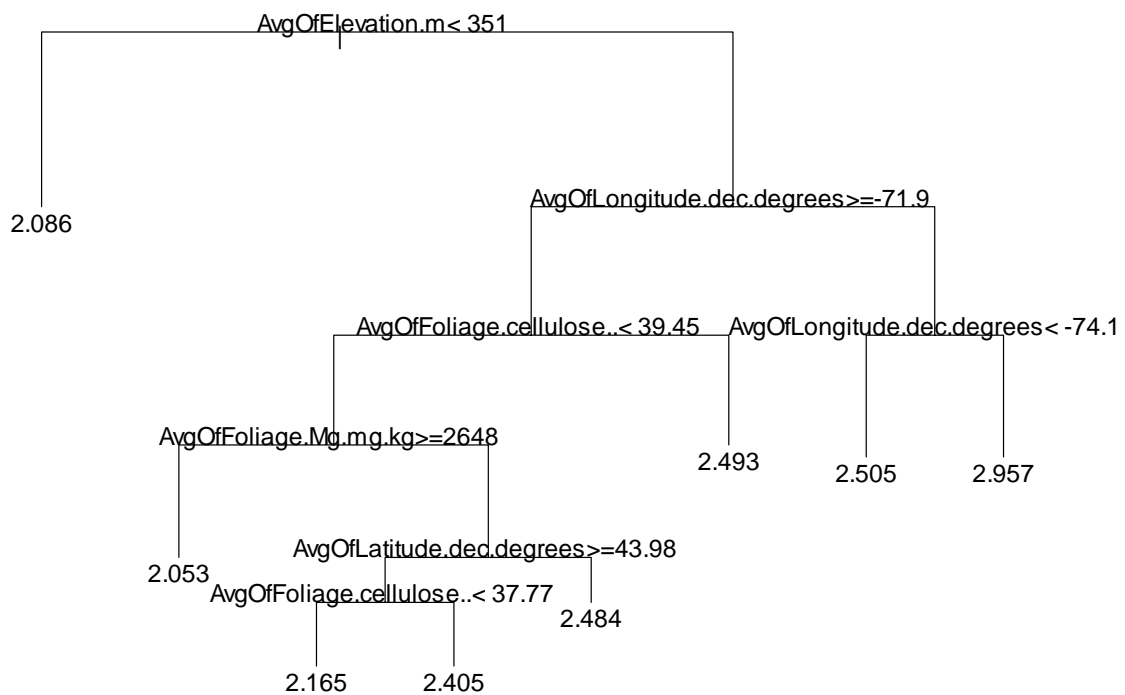
N : *Fagus grandifolia*



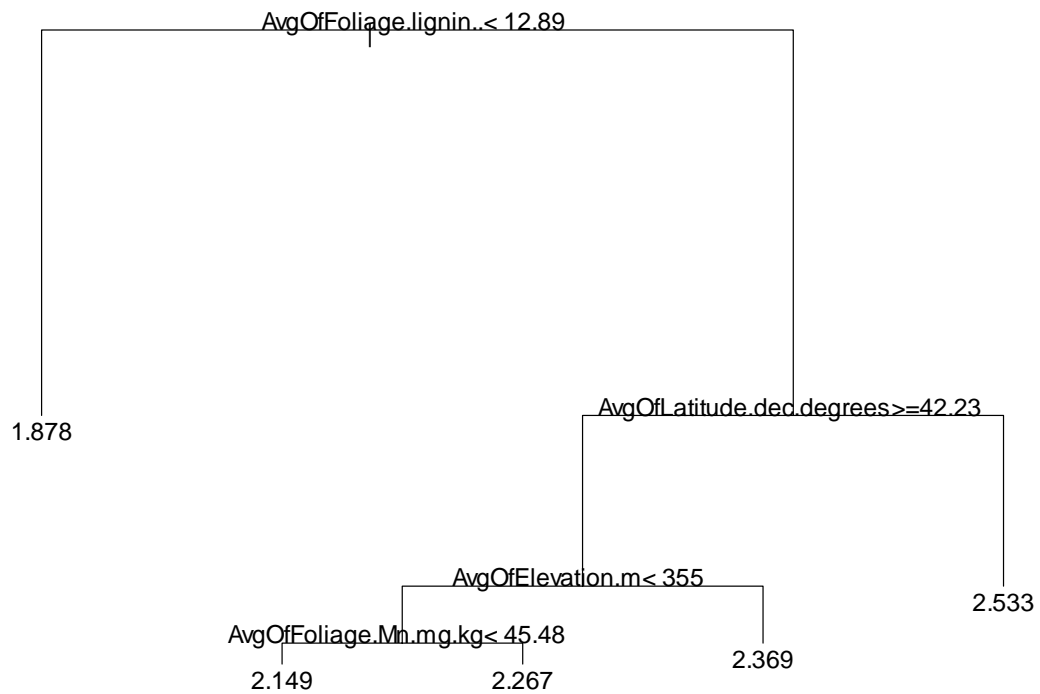
N : *Acer rubrum*



N : *Betula alleghaniensis*



N : *Fraxinus americana*



N : *Quercus rubra*

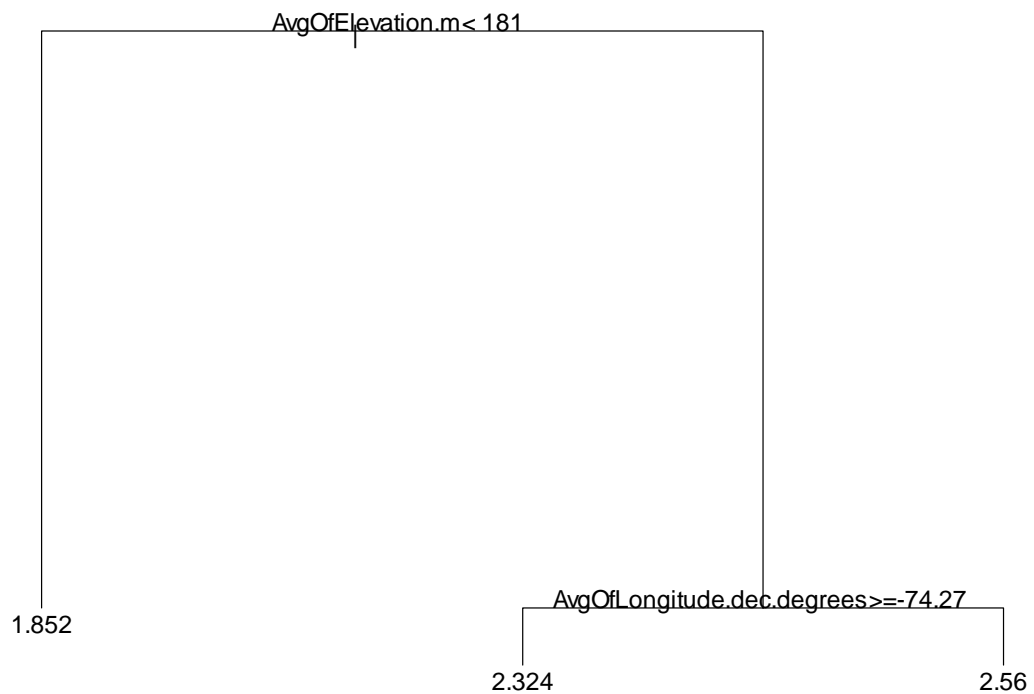
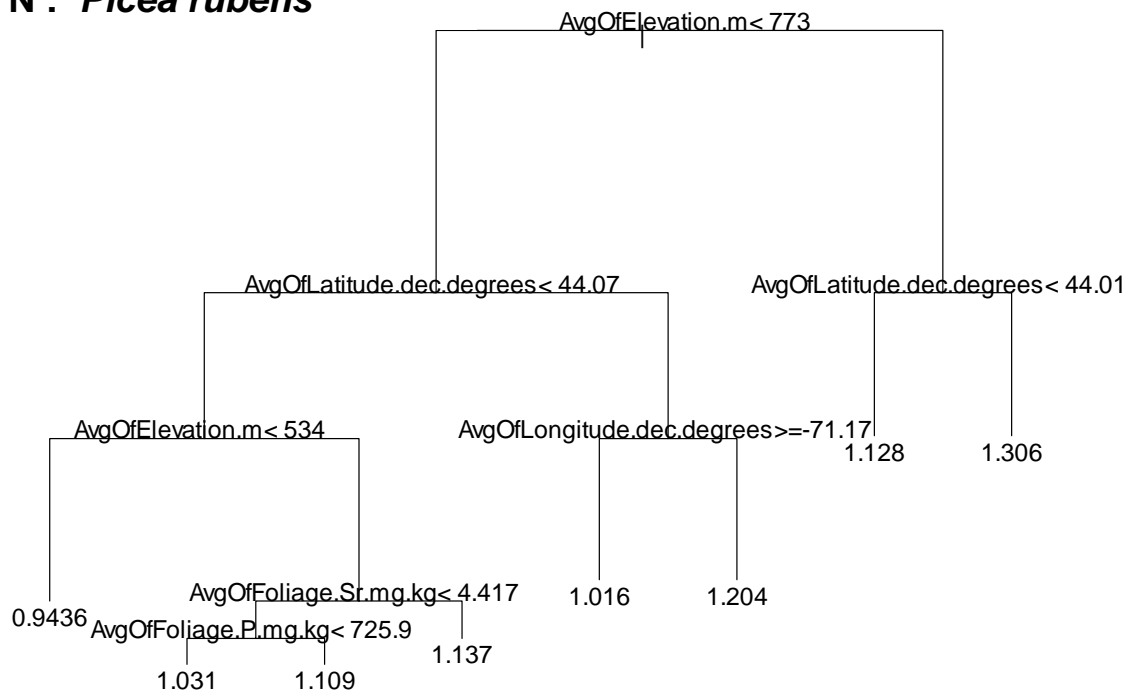


Figure 61. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar nitrogen in softwood species.

N : *Picea rubens*



N : *Abies balsamea*

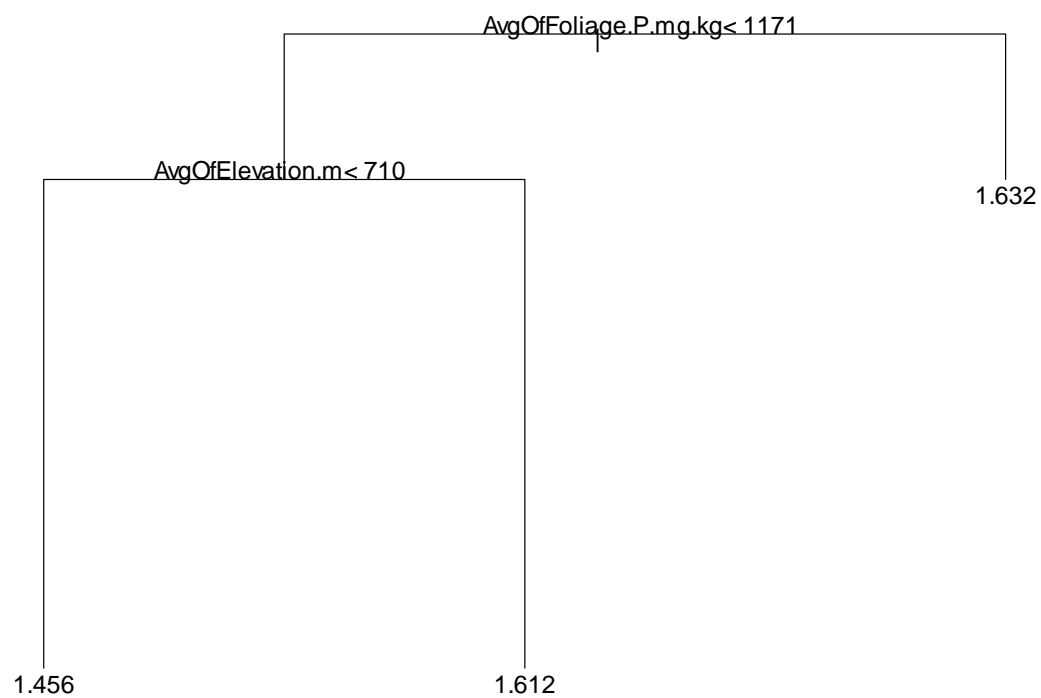
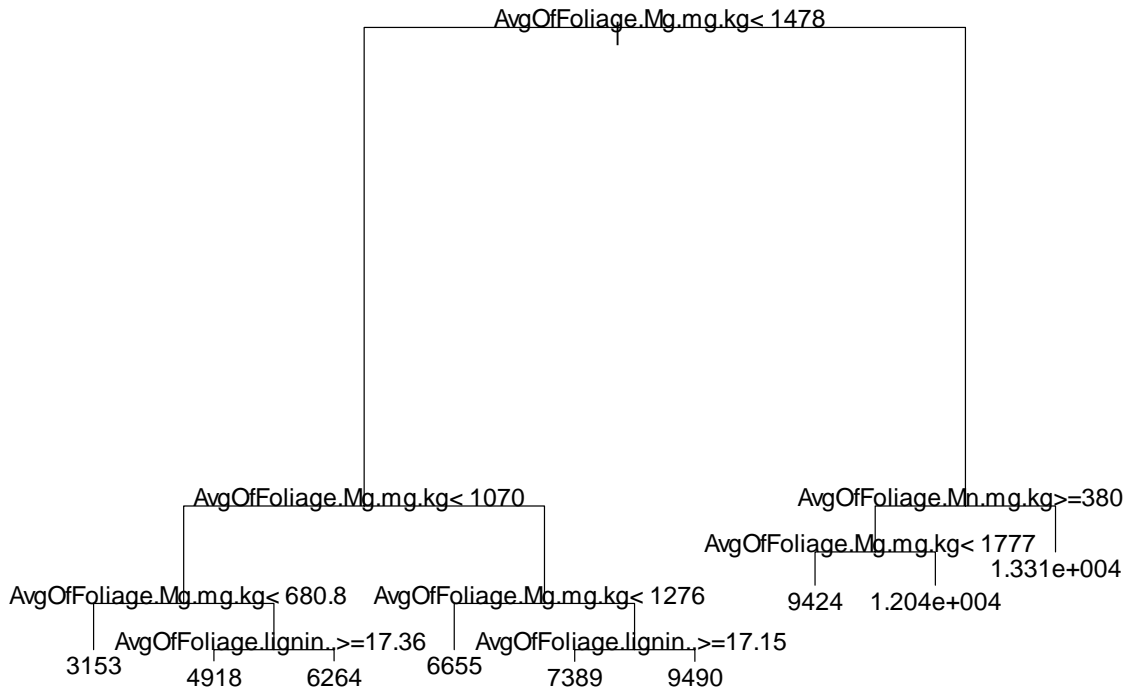


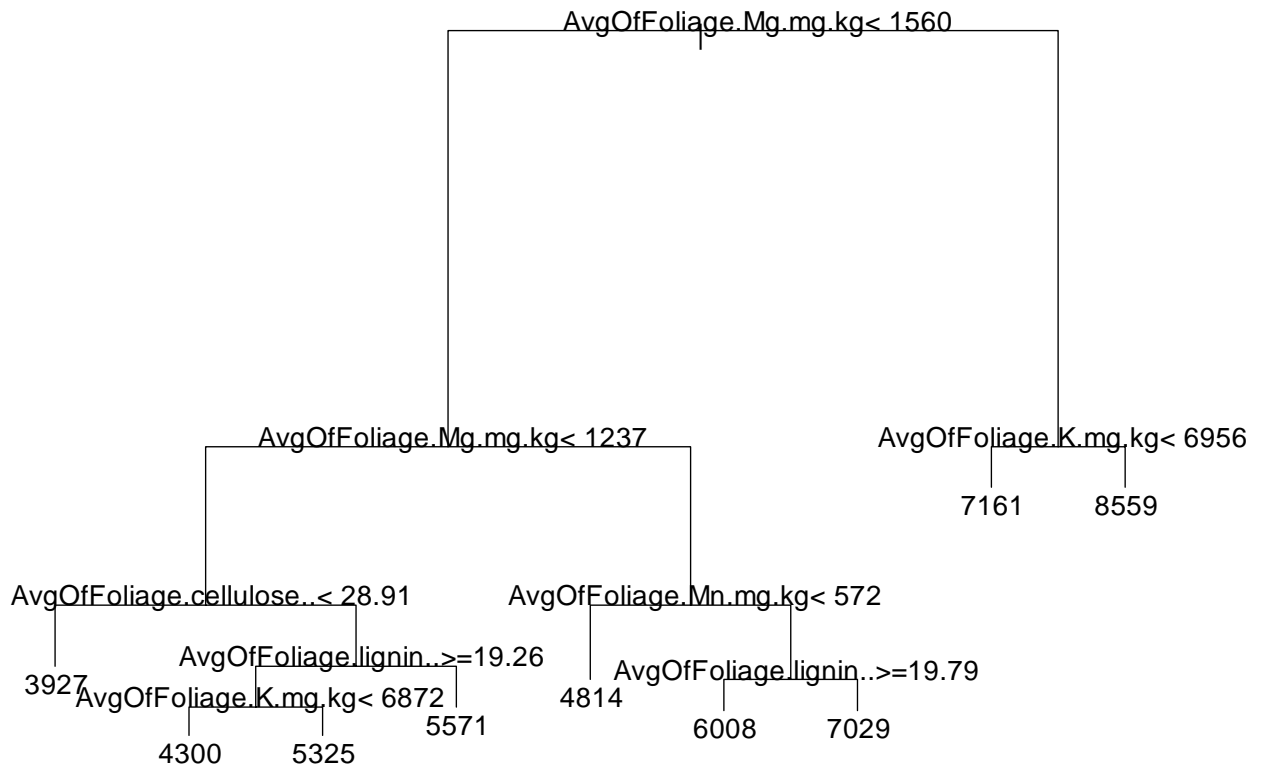
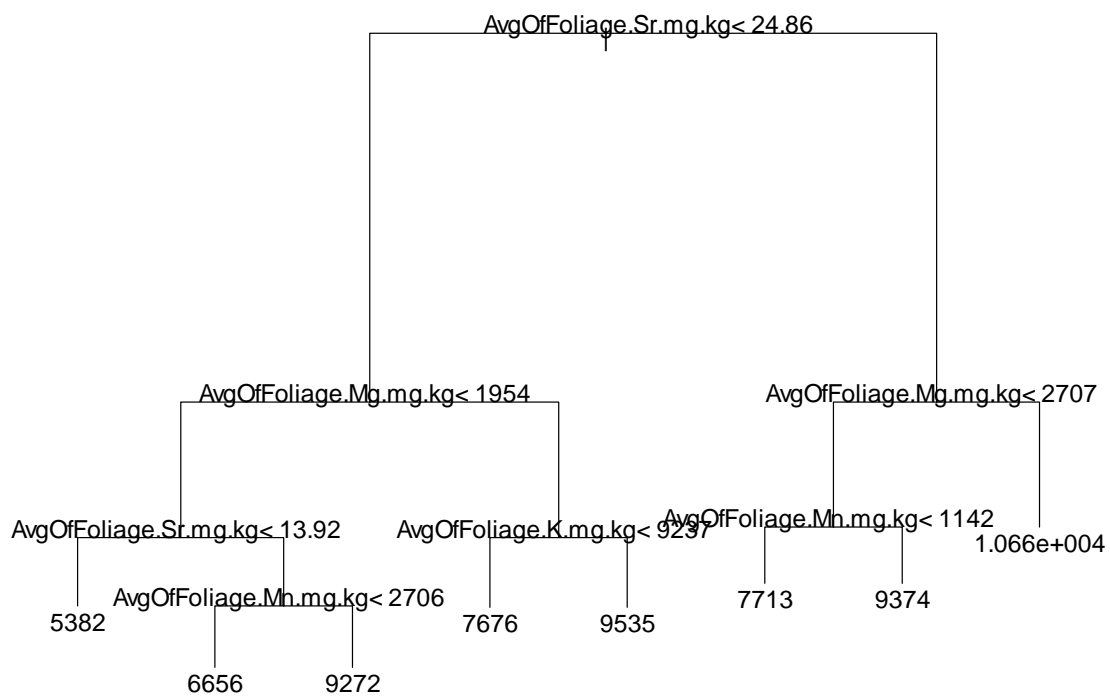
Figure 62. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar calcium in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)

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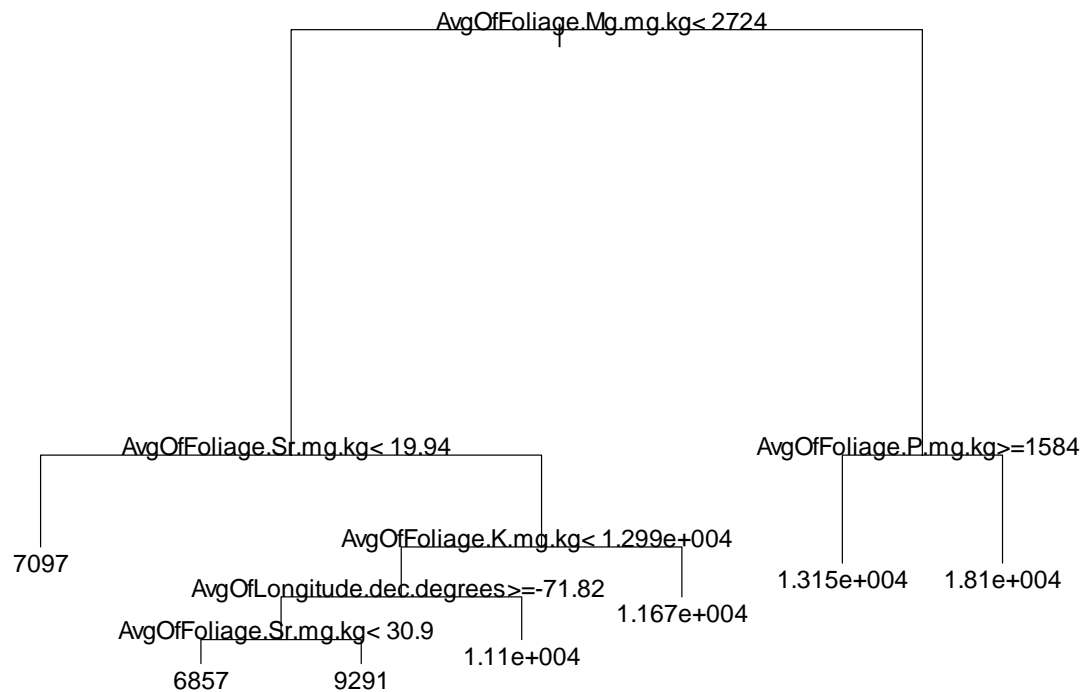


Ca : *Fagus grandifolia*



Ca : *Acer rubrum***Ca : *Betula alleghaniensis***

Ca : *Fraxinus americana*



Ca : *Quercus rubra*

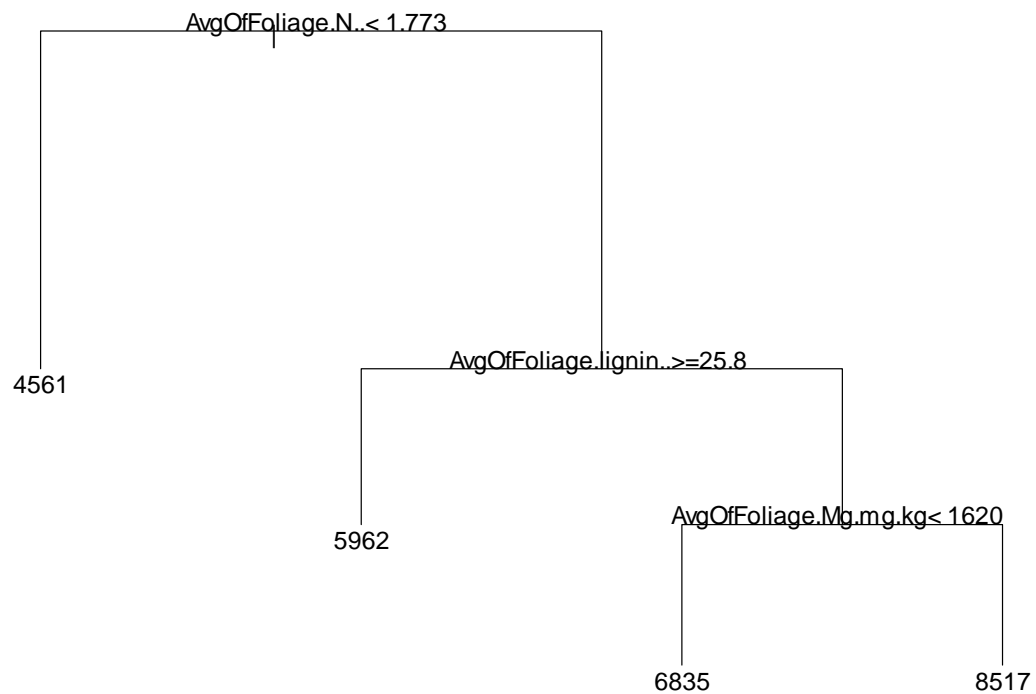
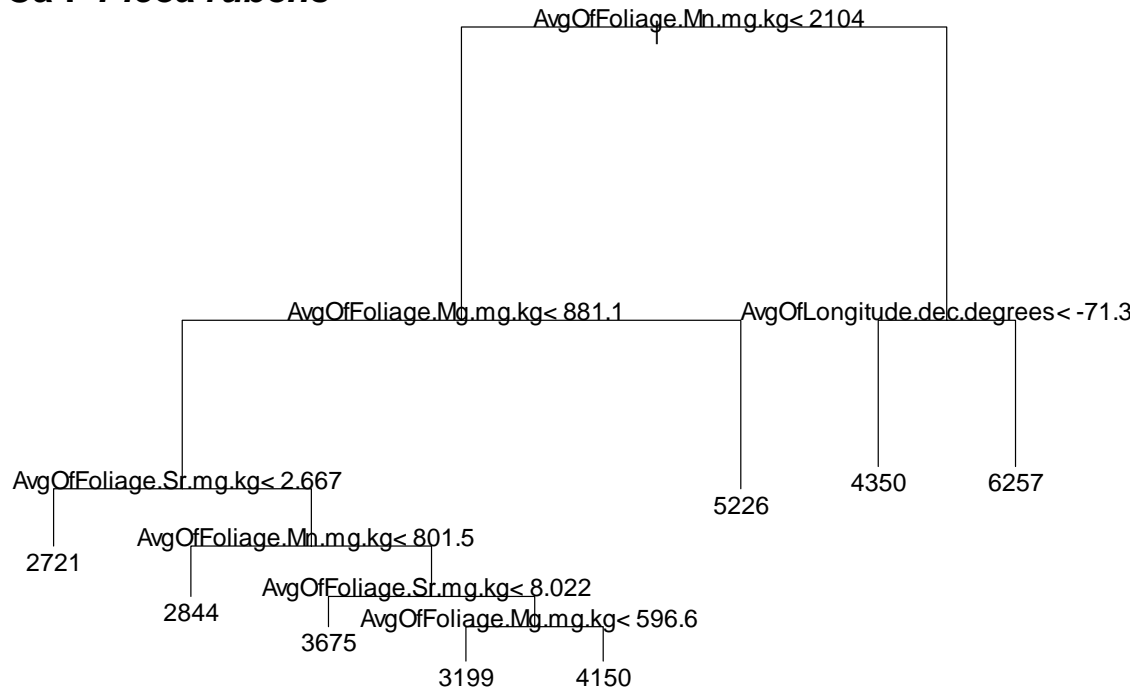


Figure 63. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar calcium in softwood species.

Ca : *Picea rubens*



Ca : *Abies balsamea*

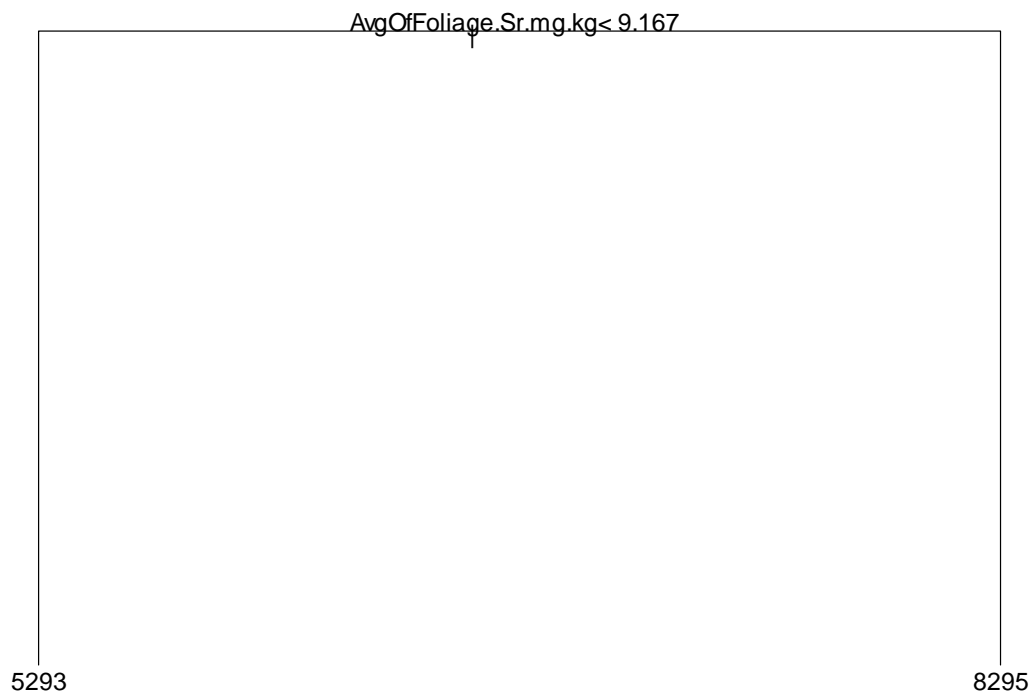
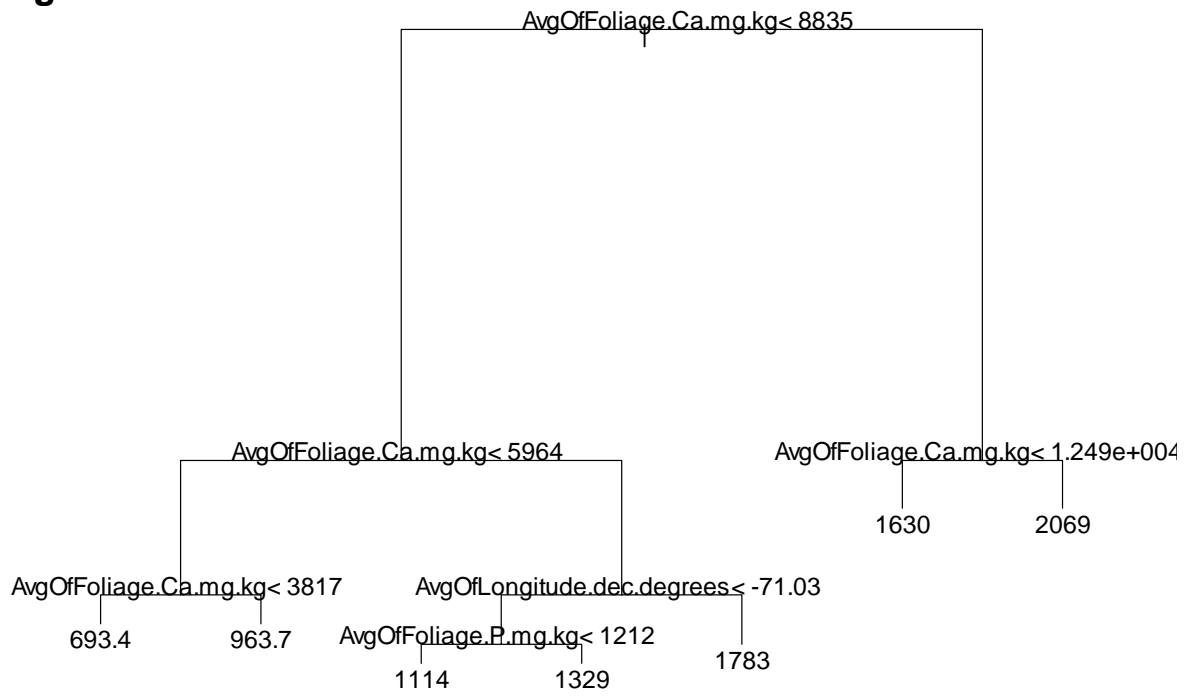
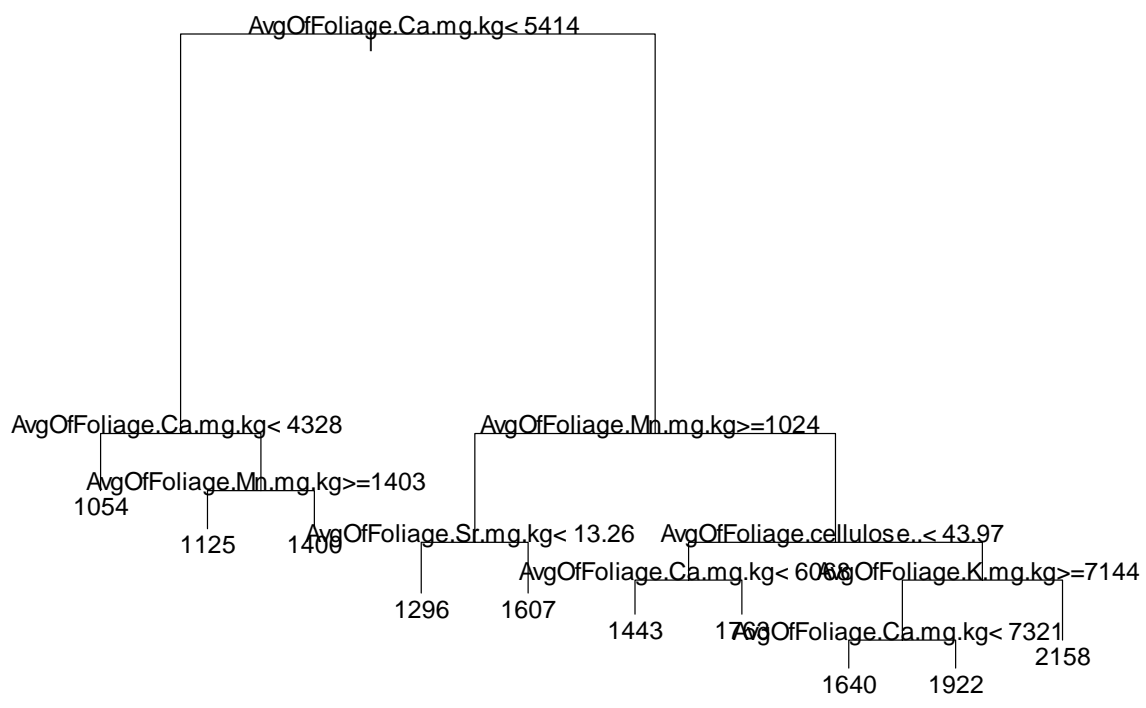


Figure 64. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar magnesium in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)

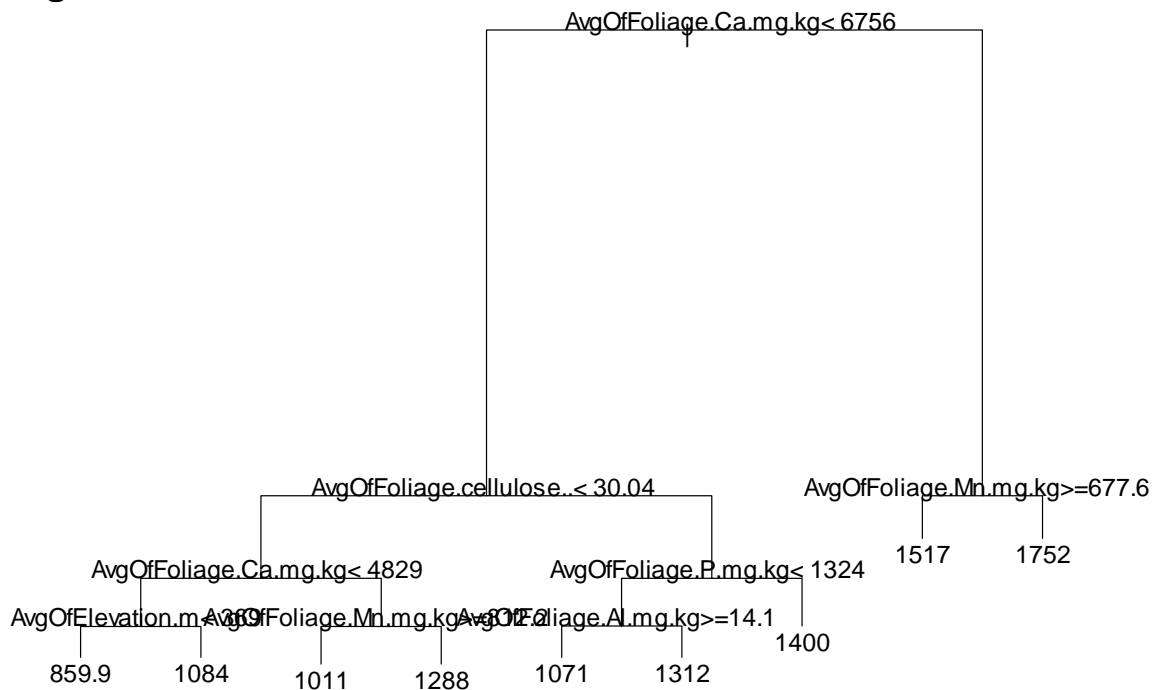
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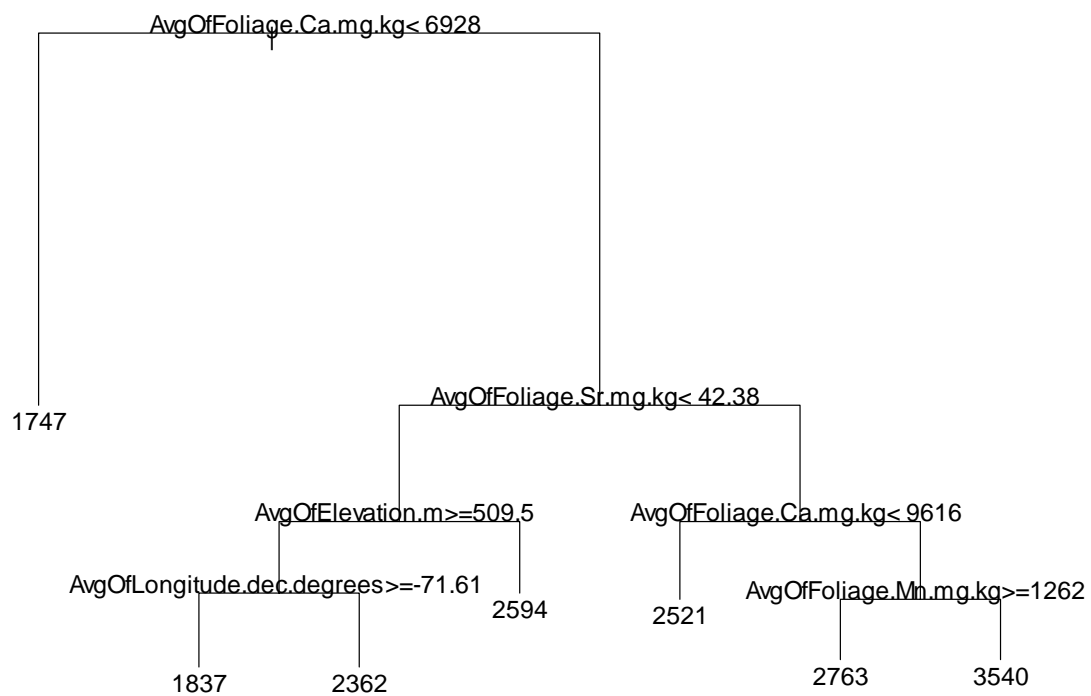
Mg : *Fagus grandifolia*



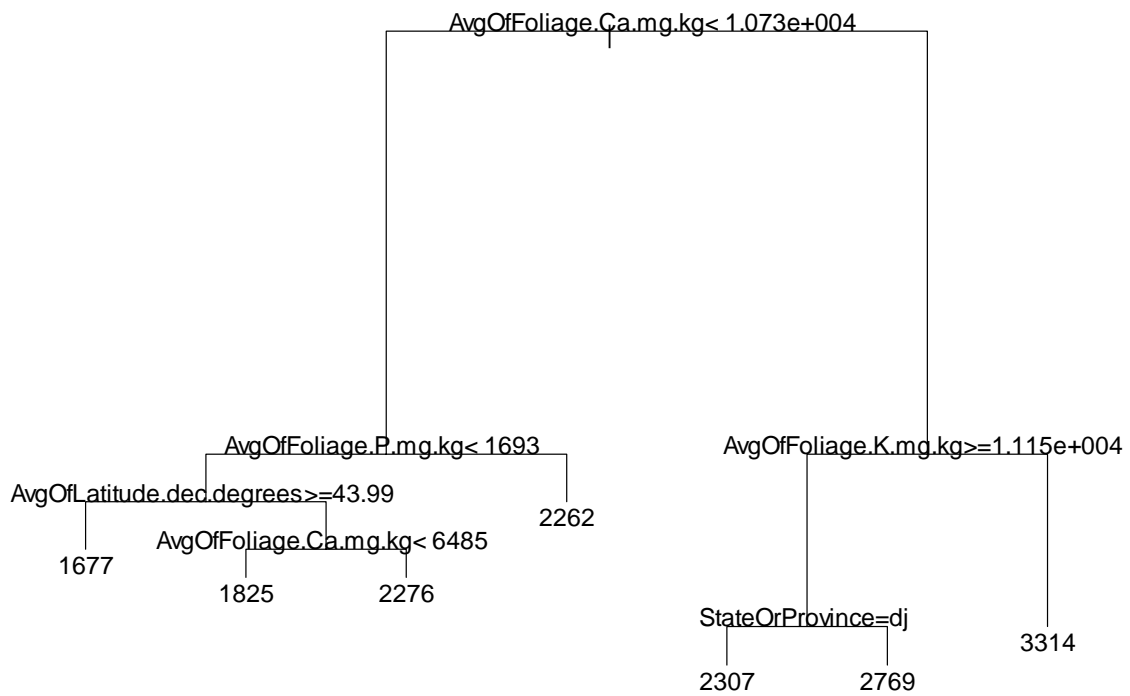
Mg : *Acer rubrum*



Mg : *Betula alleghaniensis*



Mg : *Fraxinus americana*



Mg : *Quercus rubra*

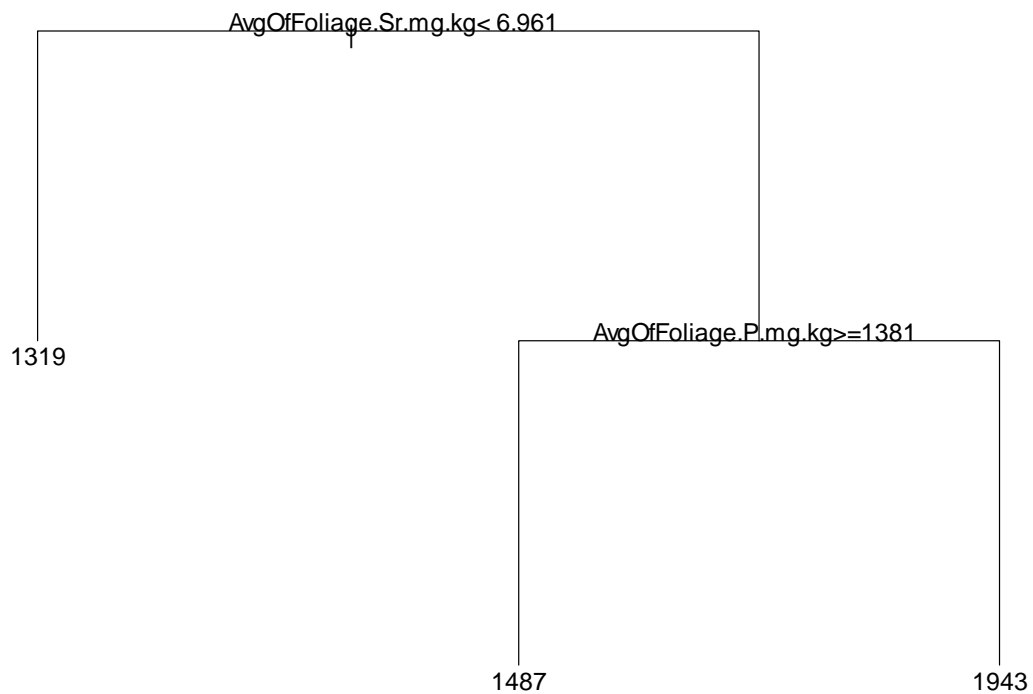
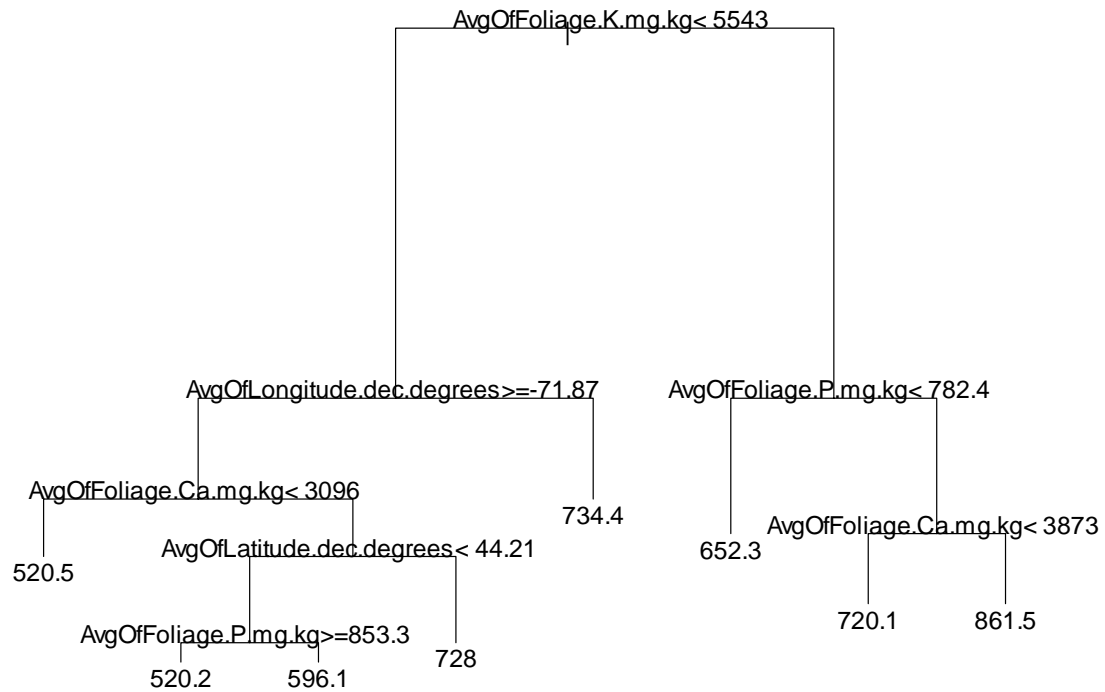


Figure 65. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar magnesium in softwood species.

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Mg : *Abies balsamea*

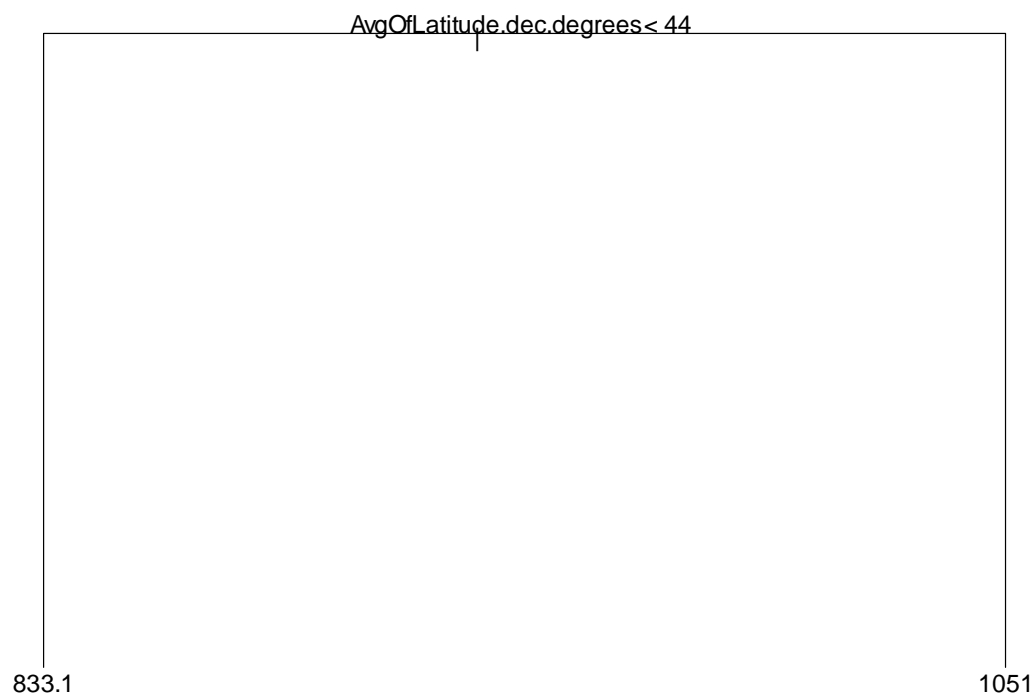
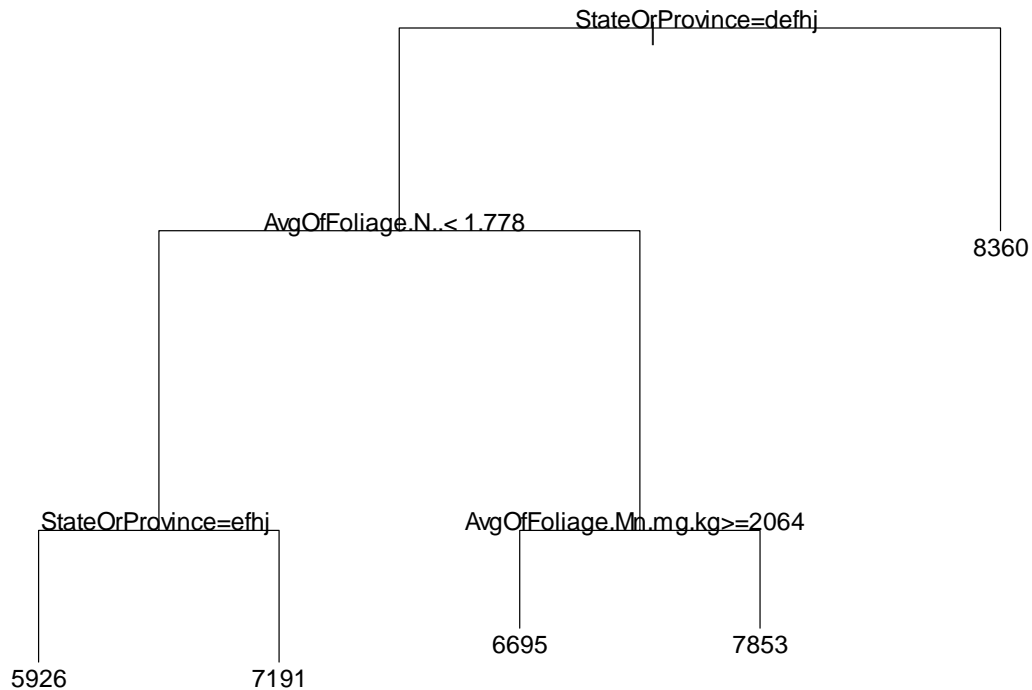
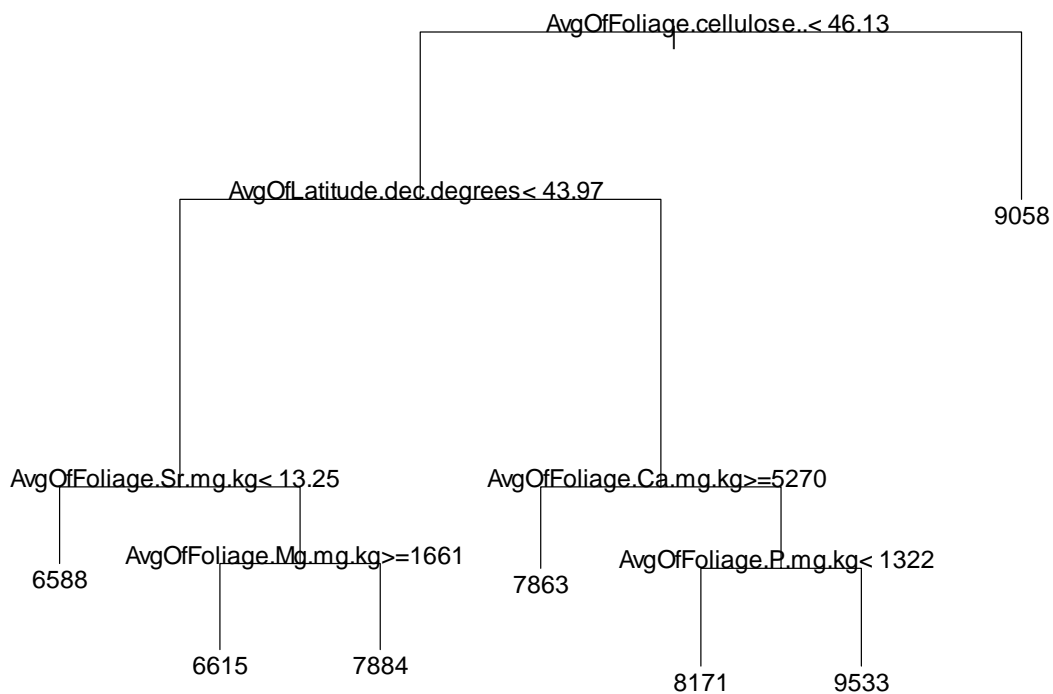


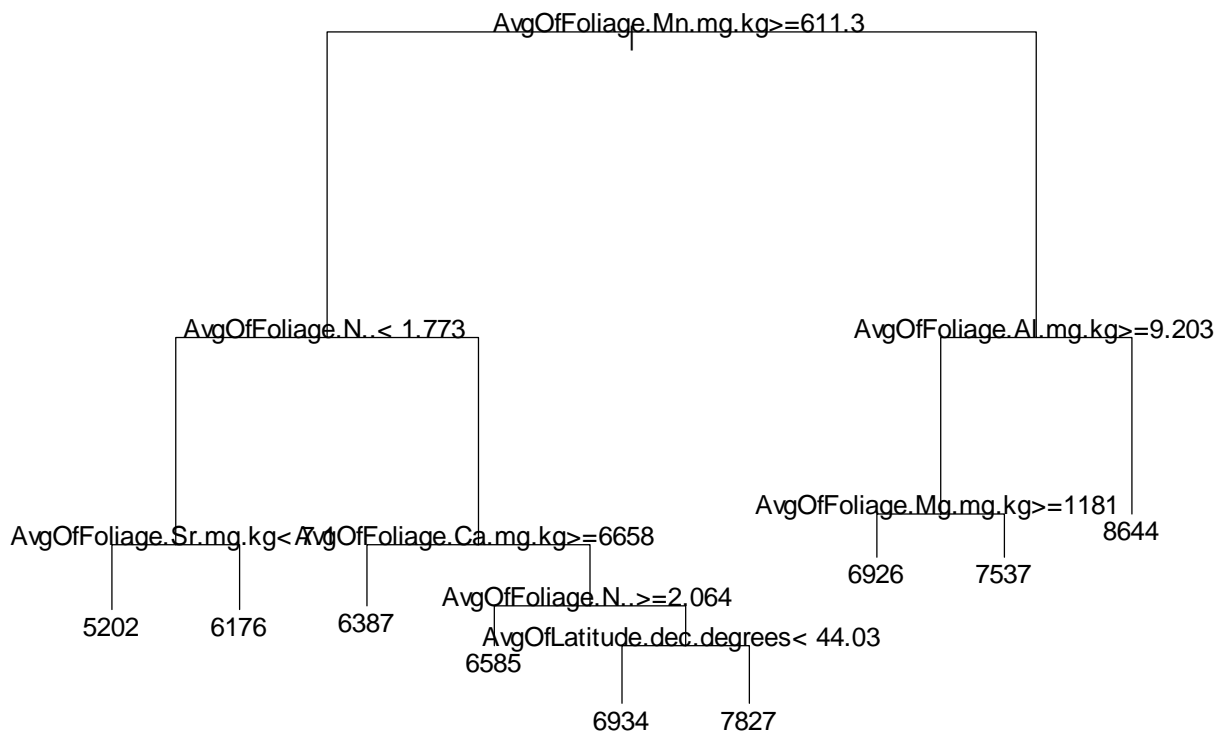
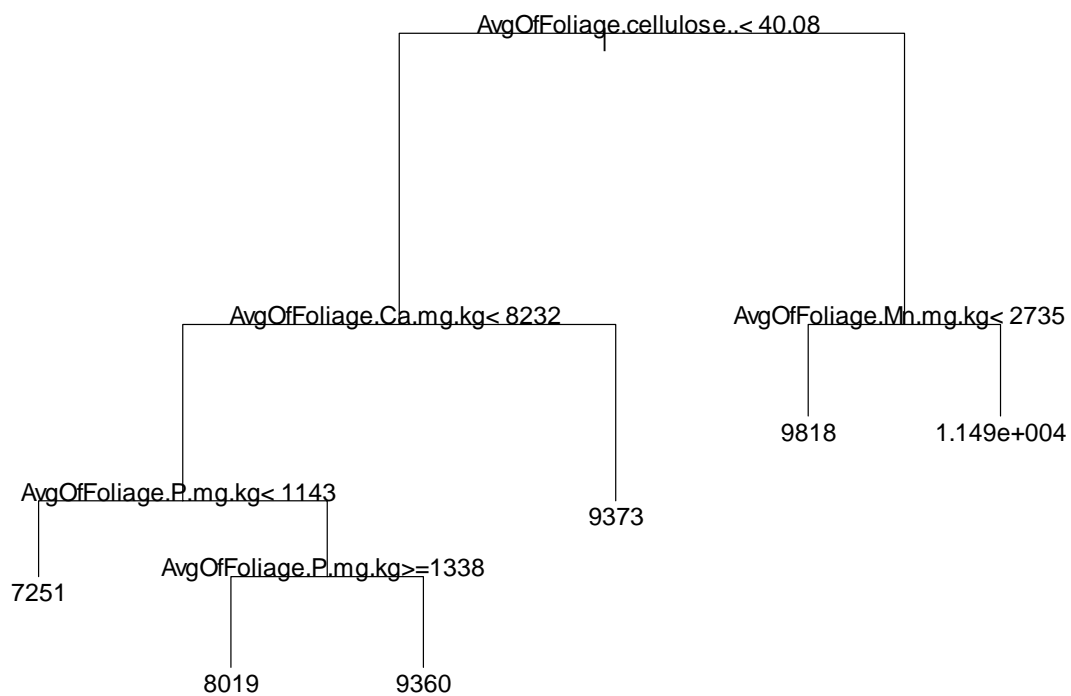
Figure 66. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar potassium in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)

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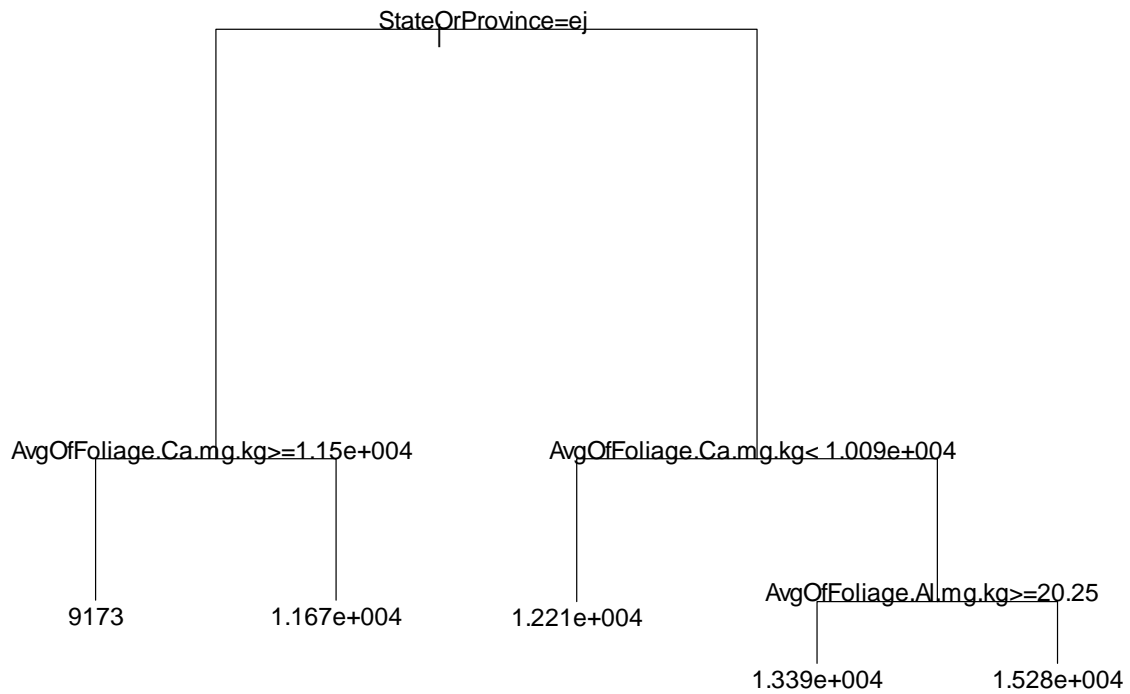


K : *Fagus grandifolia*



K : *Acer rubrum***K : *Betula alleghaniensis***

K : *Fraxinus americana*



K : *Quercus rubra*

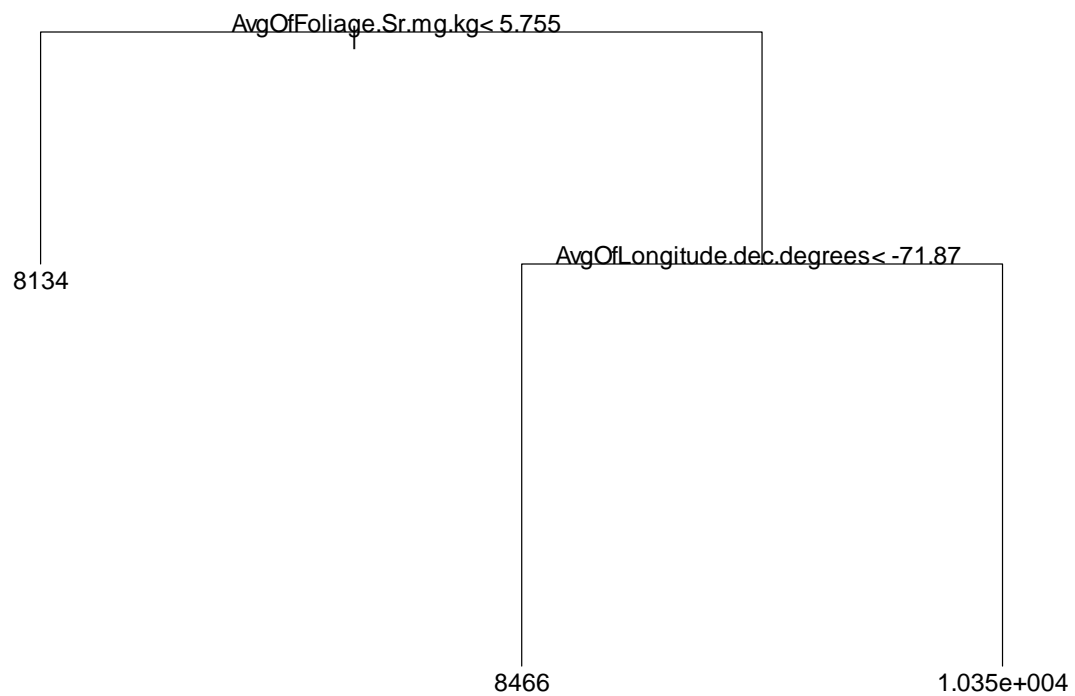
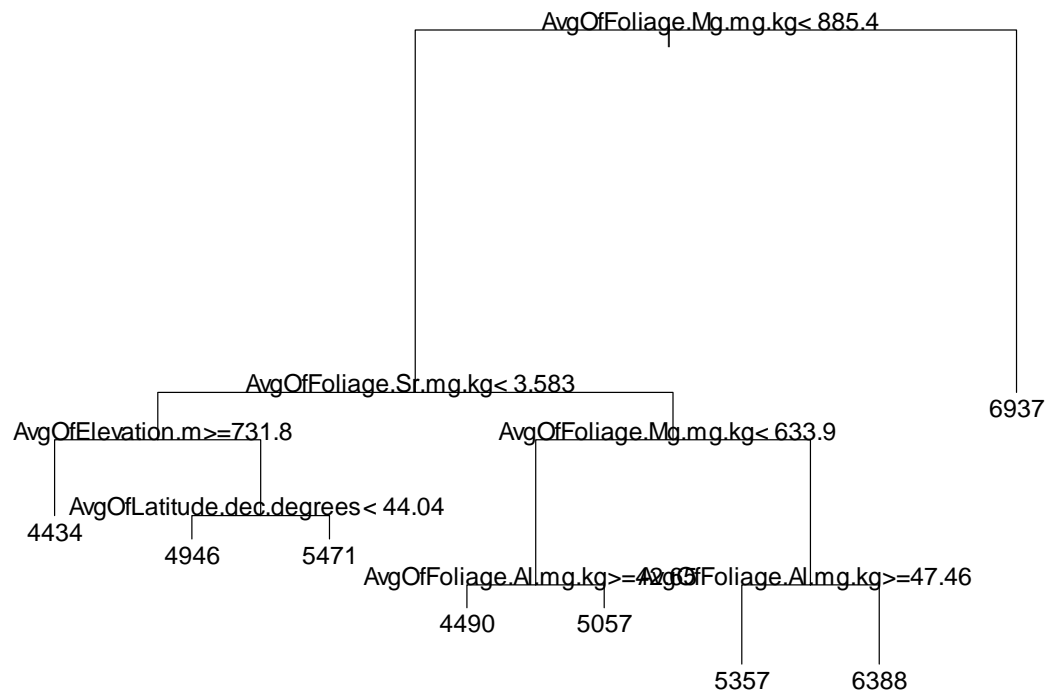


Figure 67. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar potassium in softwood species.

K : *Picea rubens*



K : *Abies balsamea*

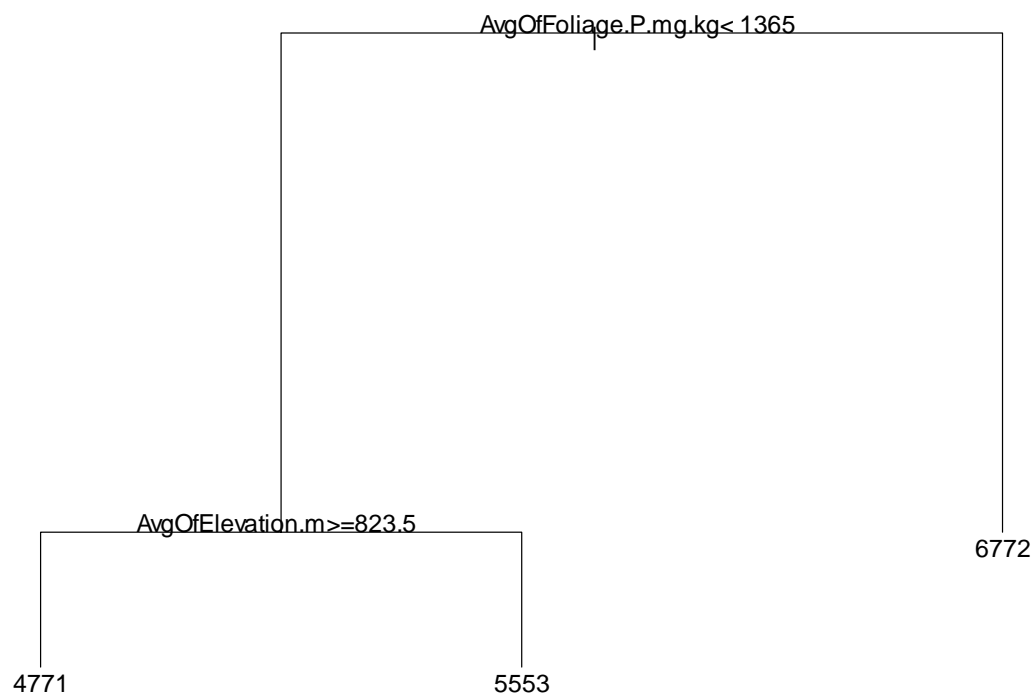
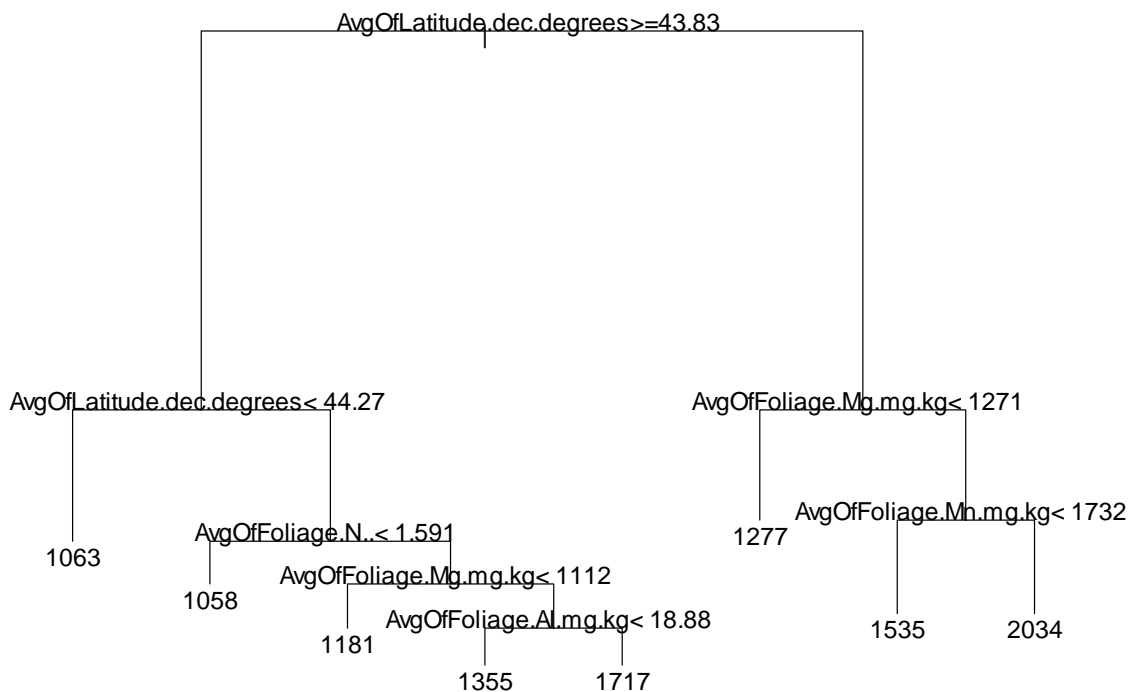
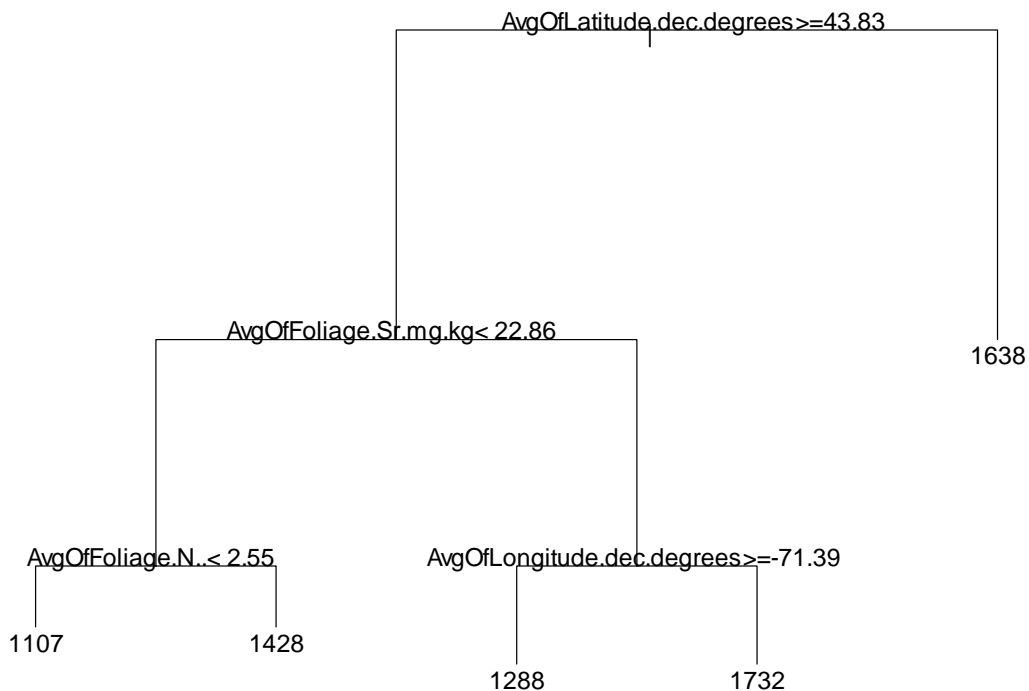


Figure 68. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar phosphorus in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)

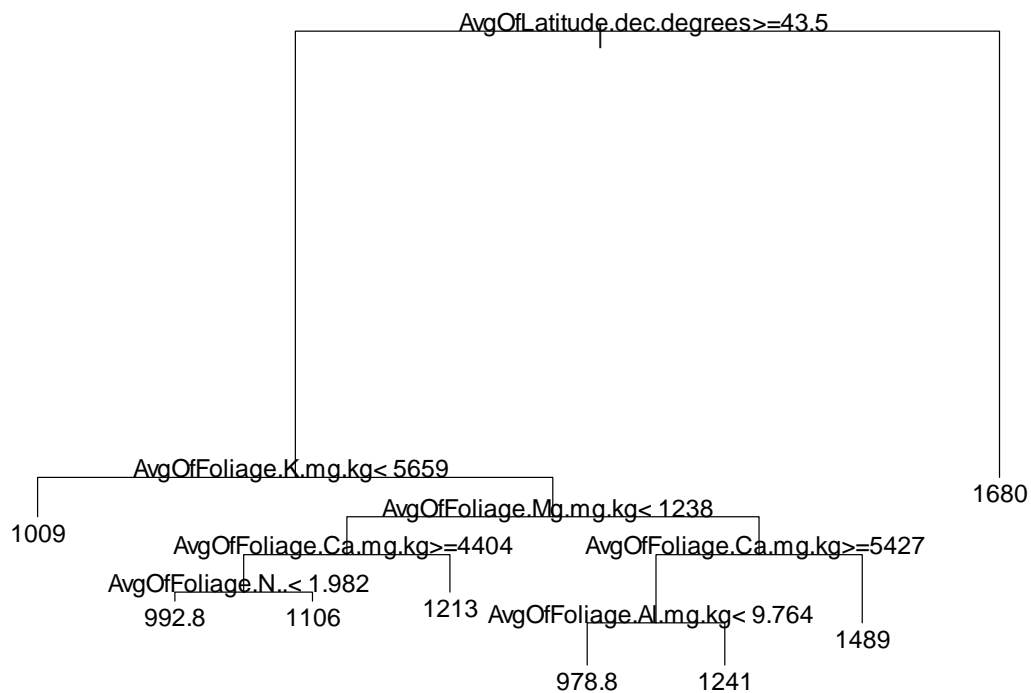
P : *Acer saccharum*



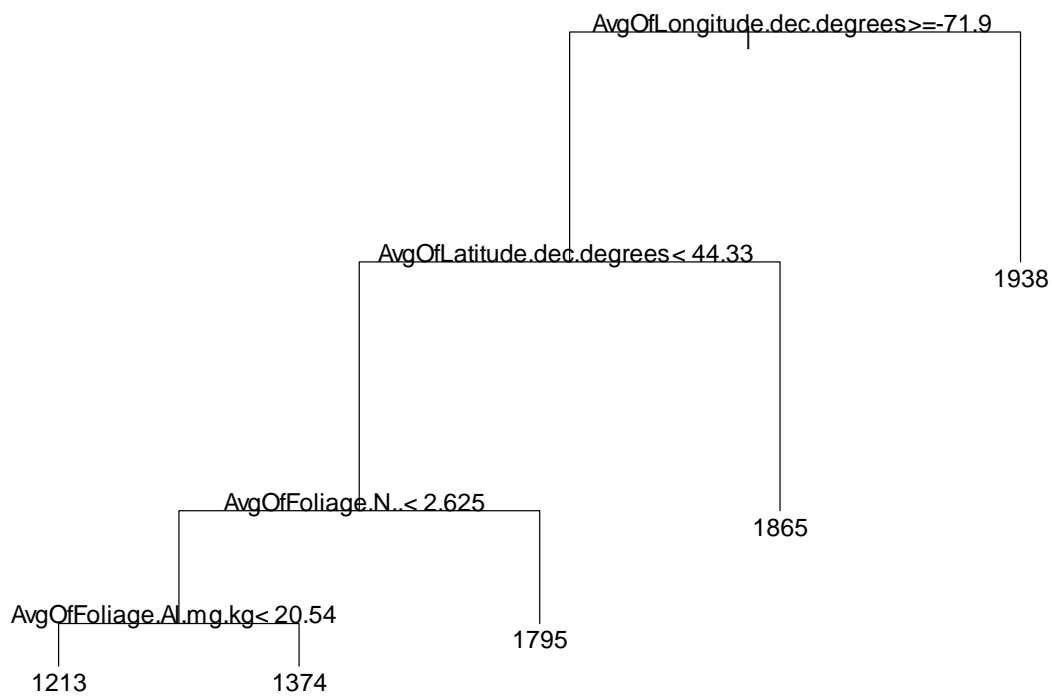
P : *Fagus grandifolia*



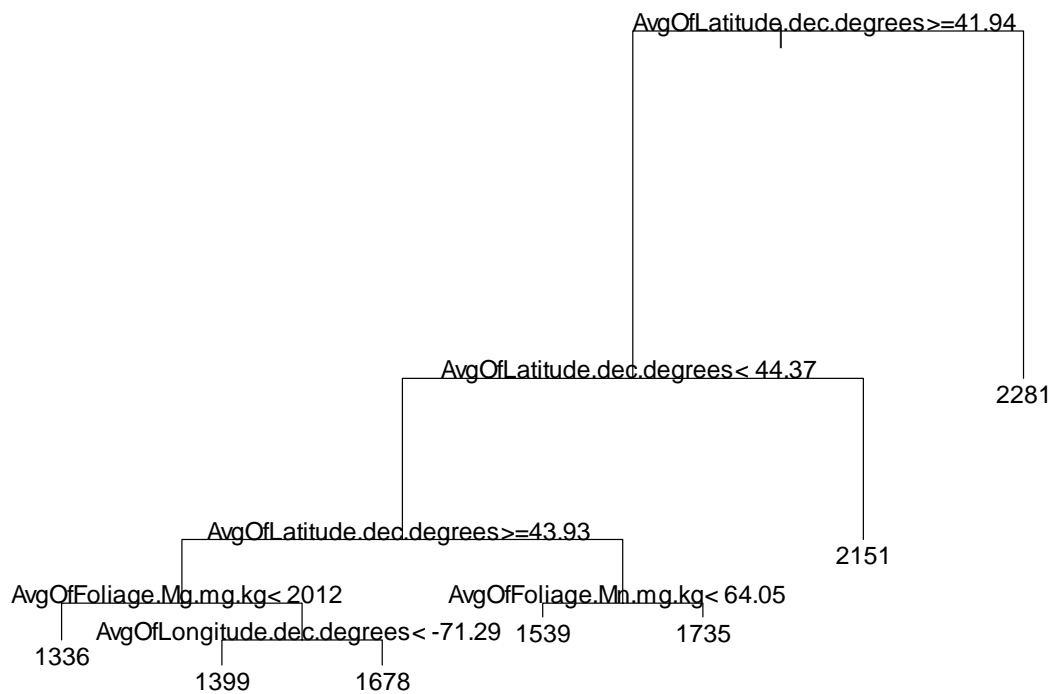
P : *Acer rubrum*



P : *Betula alleghaniensis*



P : *Fraxinus americana*



P : *Quercus rubra*

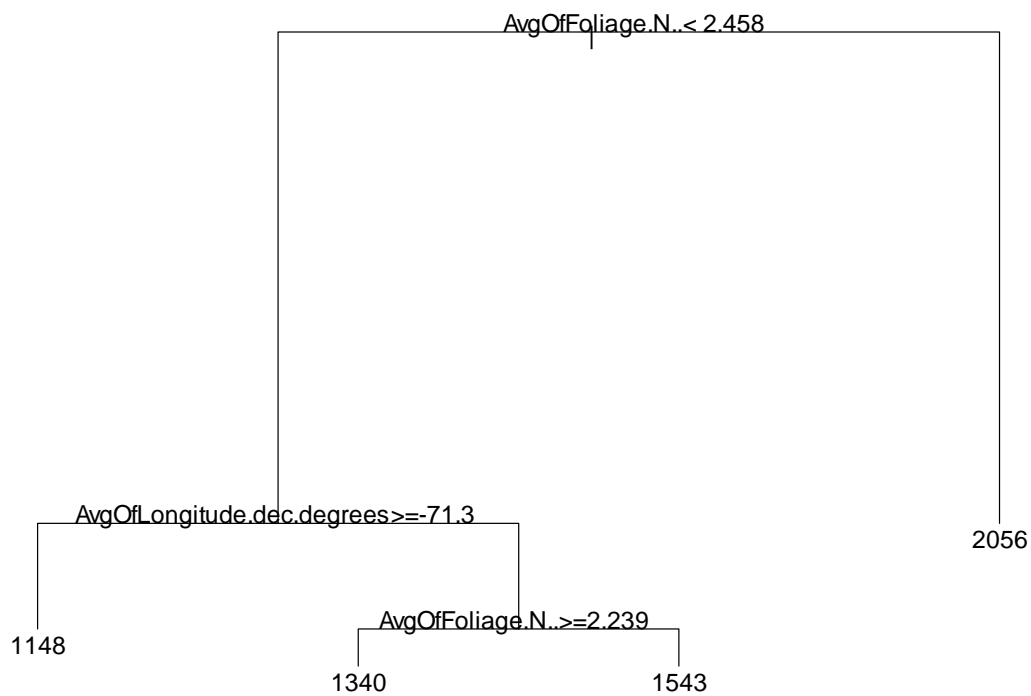
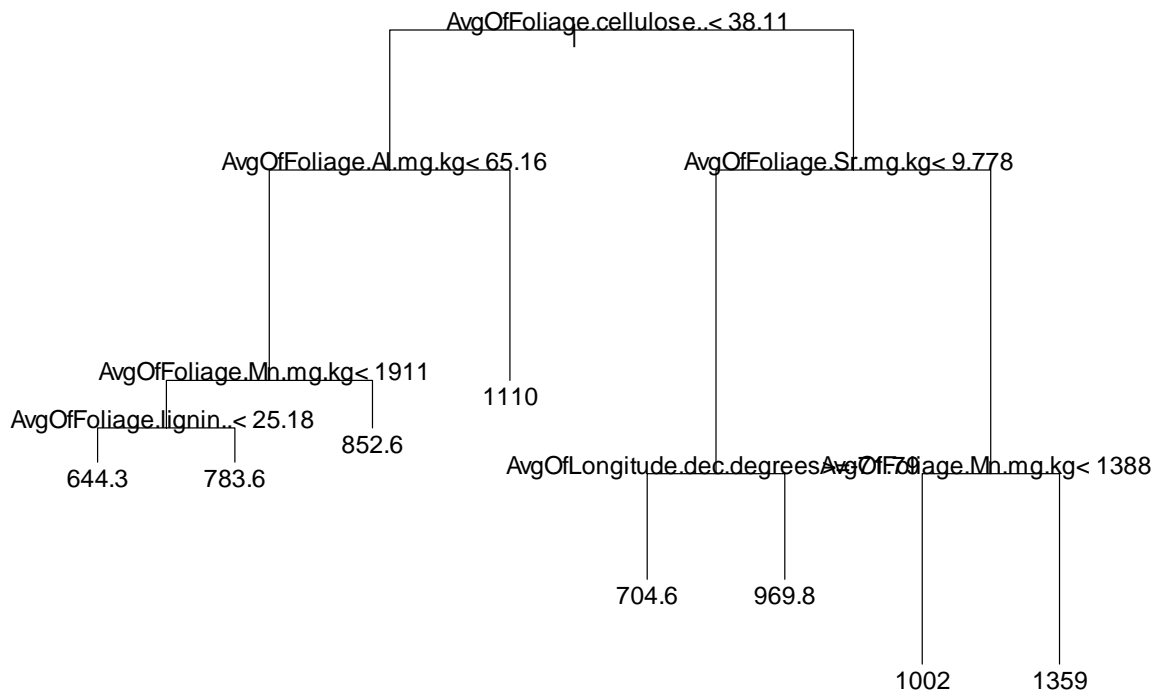


Figure 69. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar phosphorus in softwood species.

P : *Picea rubens*



P : *Abies balsamea*

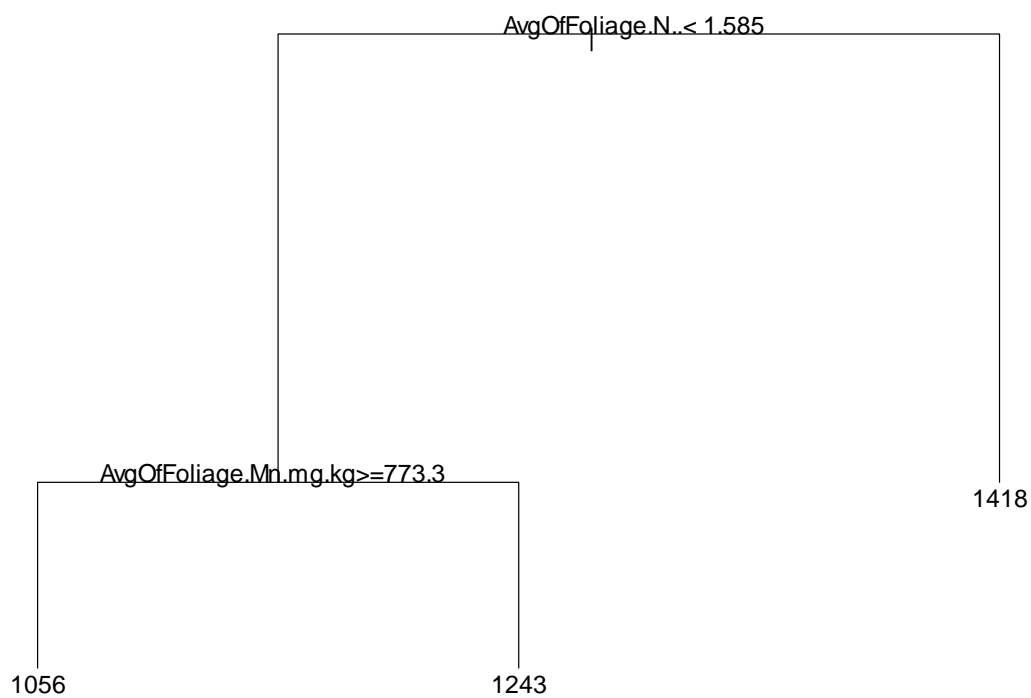
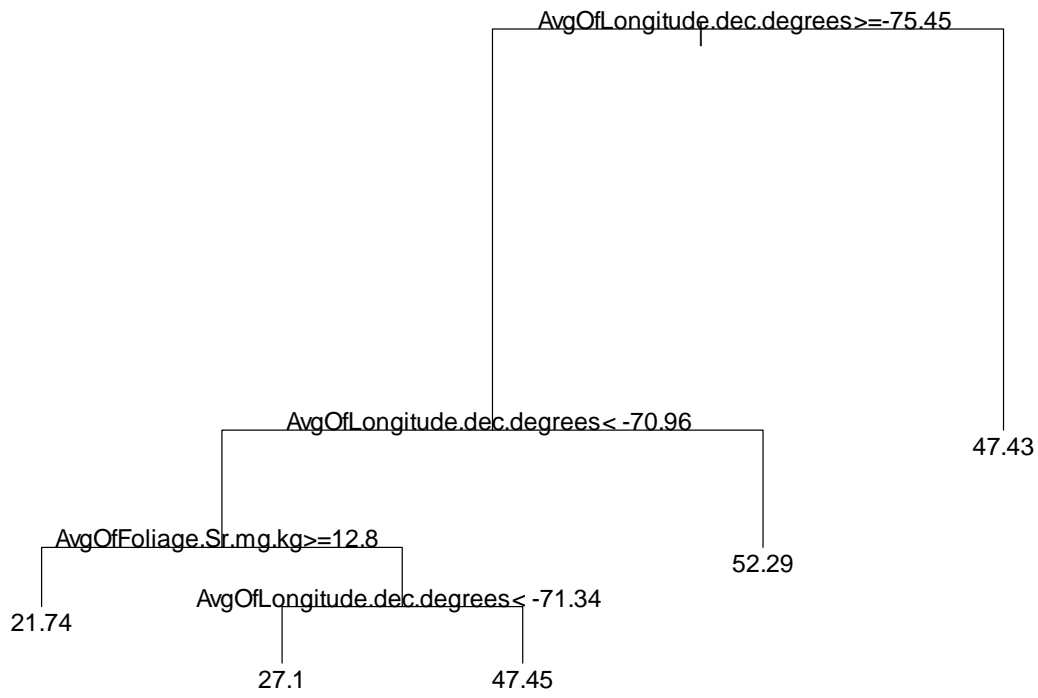
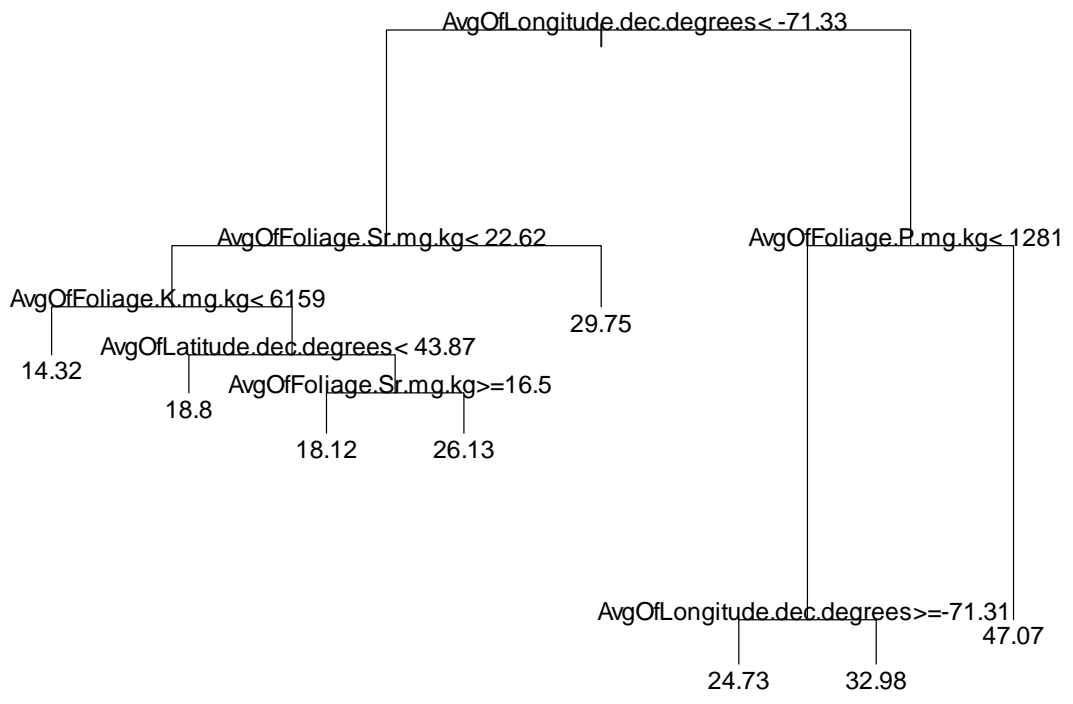


Figure 70. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar aluminum in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)

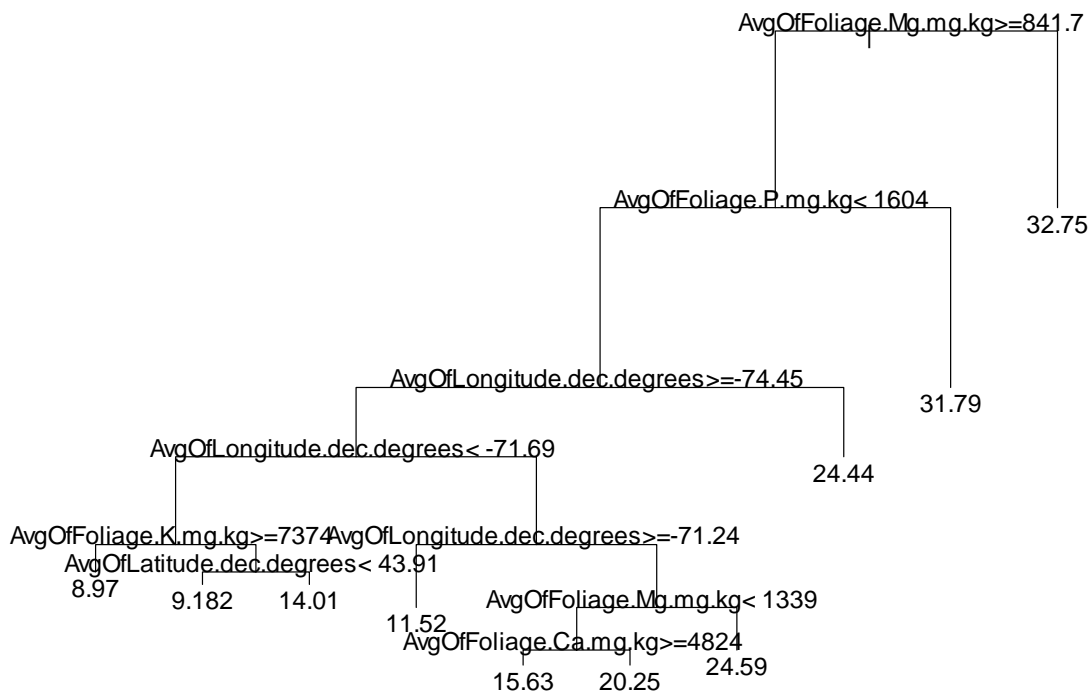
Al : *Acer saccharum*



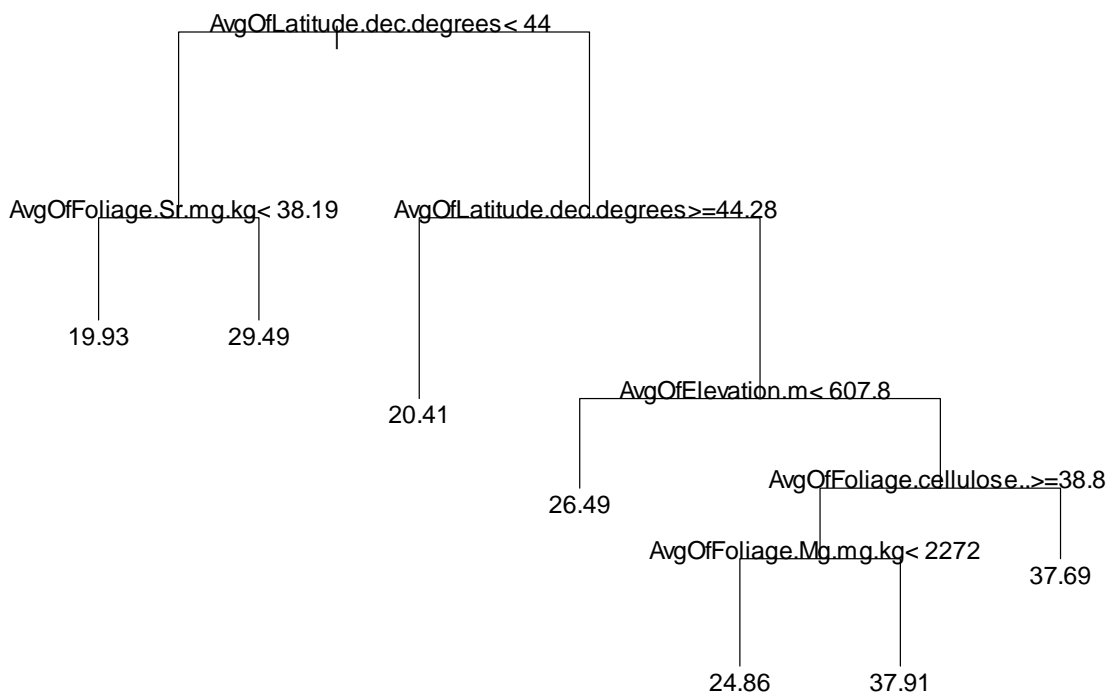
Al : *Fagus grandifolia*



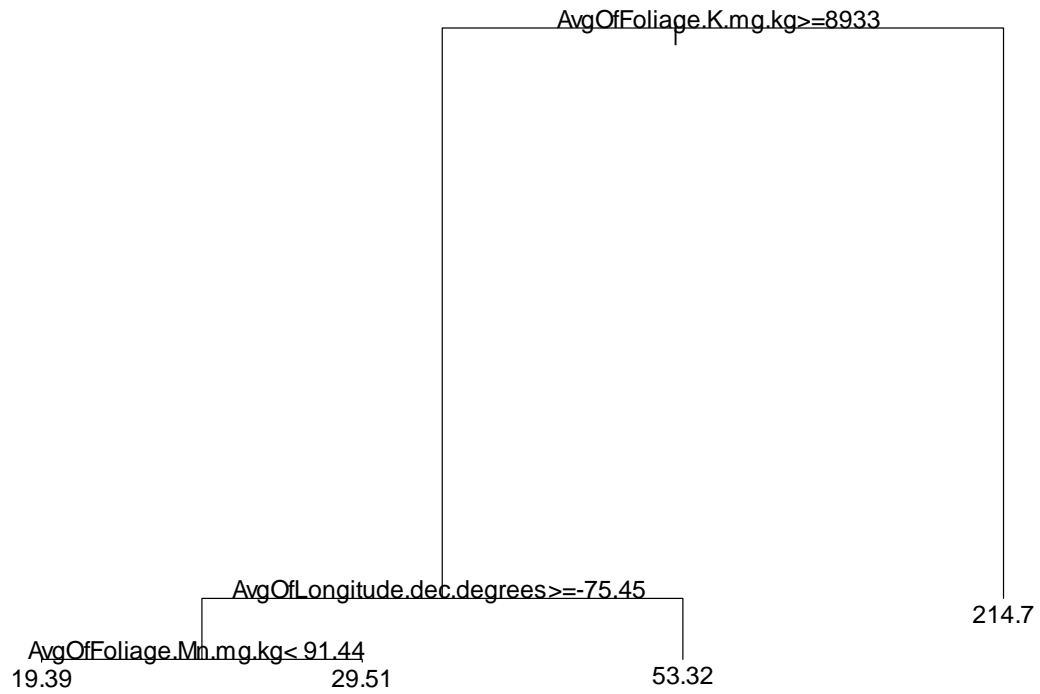
AI : *Acer rubrum*



AI : *Betula alleghaniensis*



AI : *Fraxinus americana*



AI : *Quercus rubra*

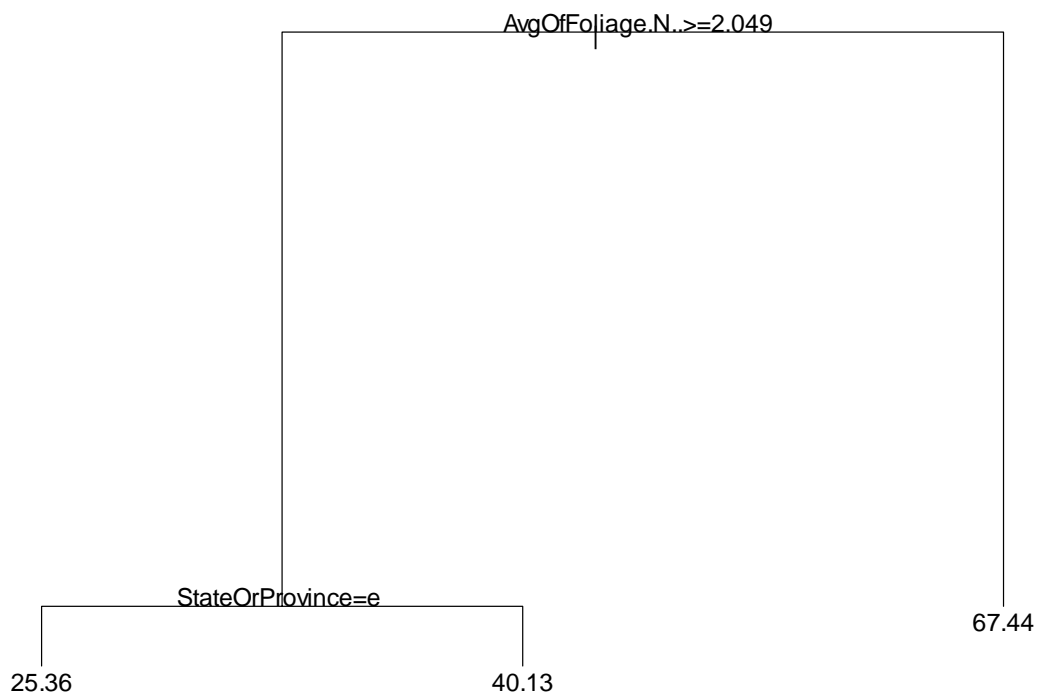
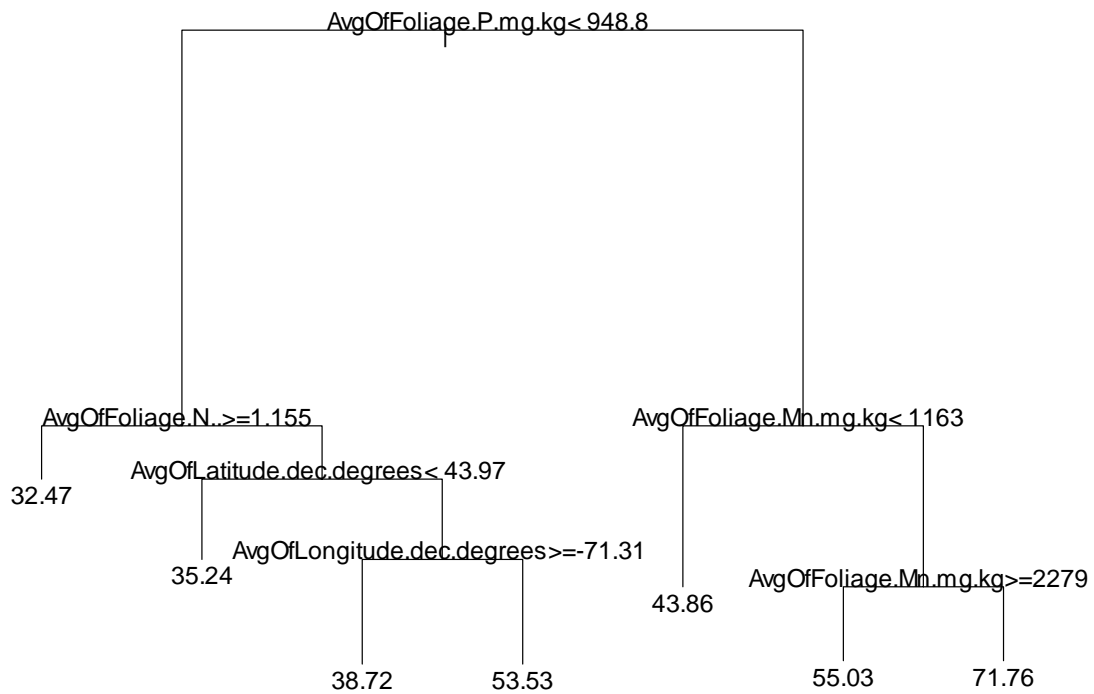


Figure 71. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar aluminum in softwood species.

AI : *Picea rubens*



AI : *Abies balsamea*

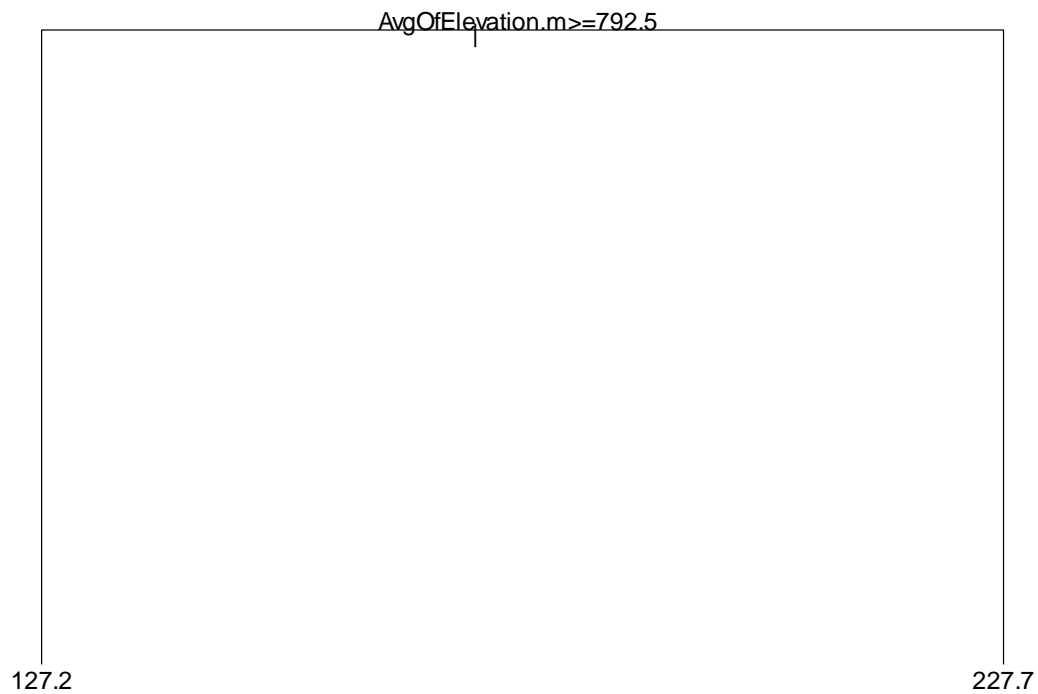
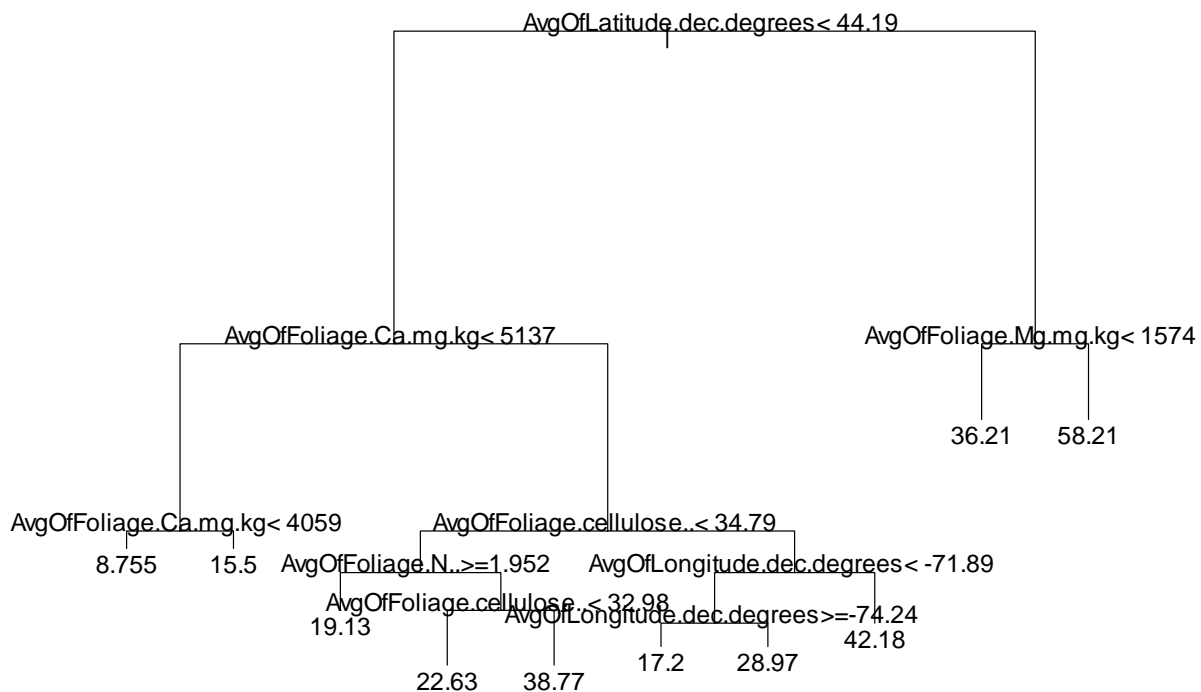
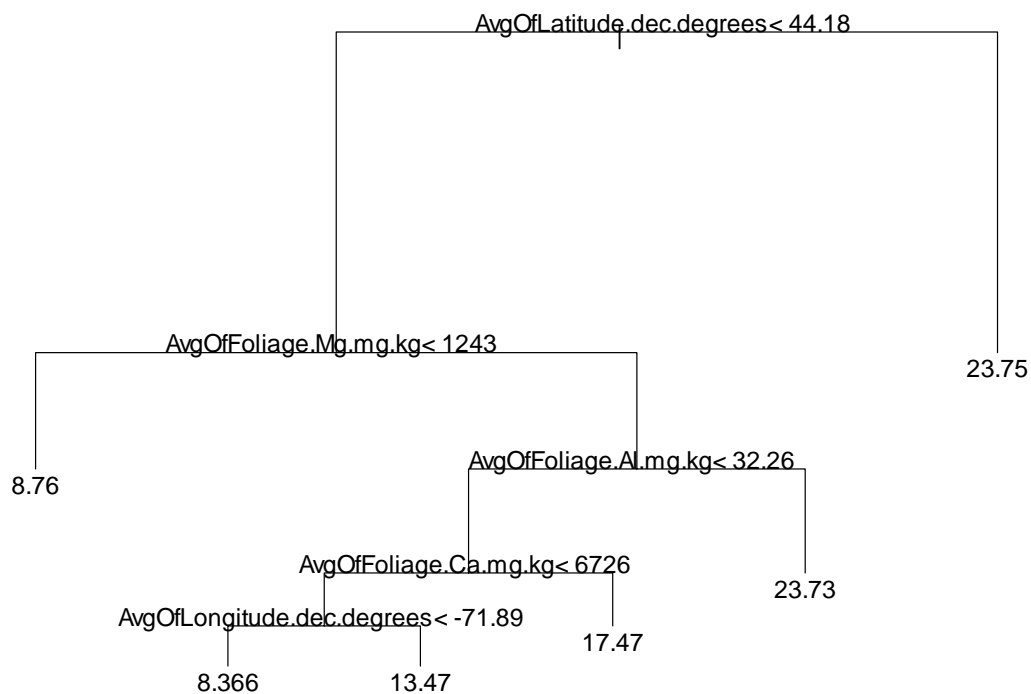


Figure 72. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar strontium in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)

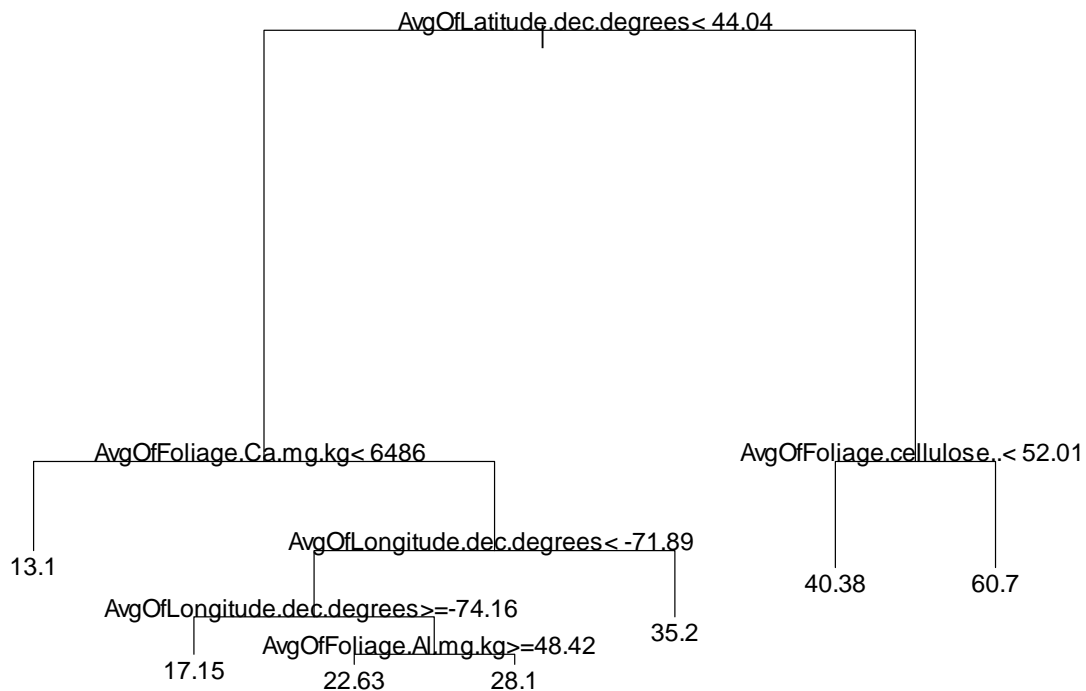
Sr : *Acer saccharum*



Sr : *Fagus grandifolia*



Sr : *Fraxinus americana*



Sr : *Quercus rubra*

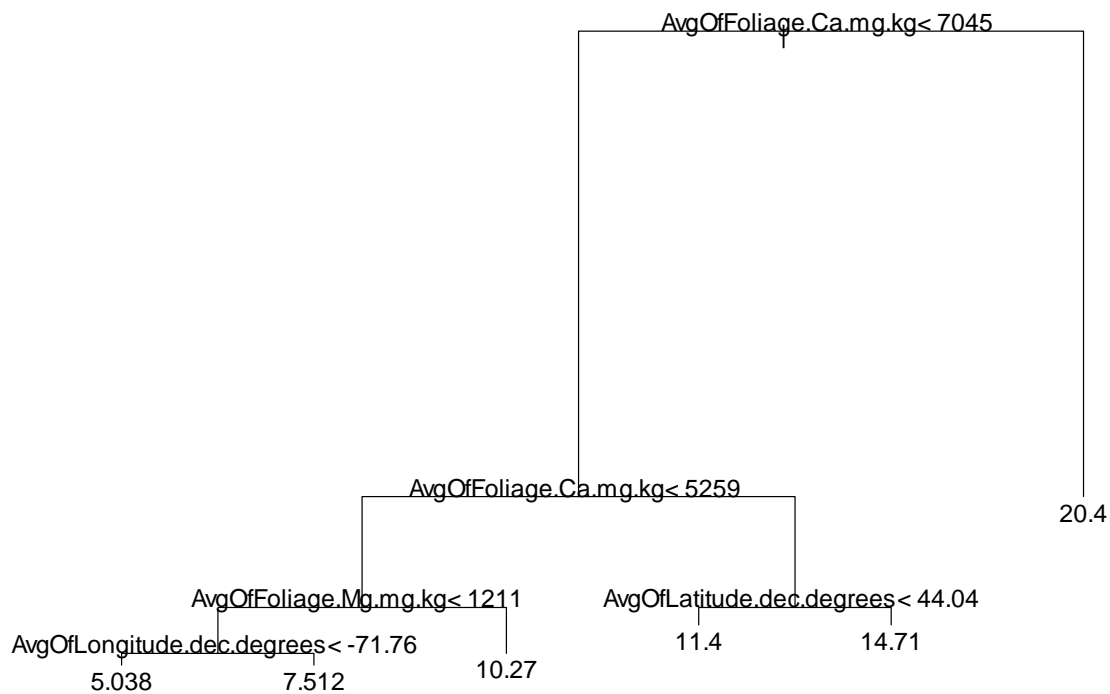
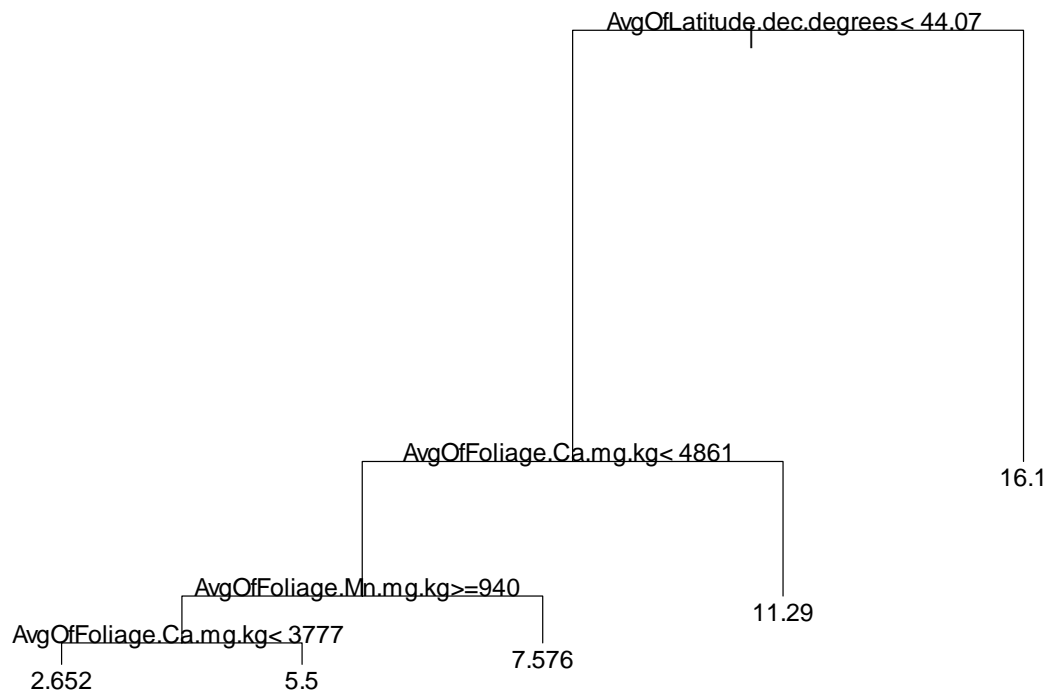


Figure 73. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar strontium in softwood species.

Sr : *Picea rubens*

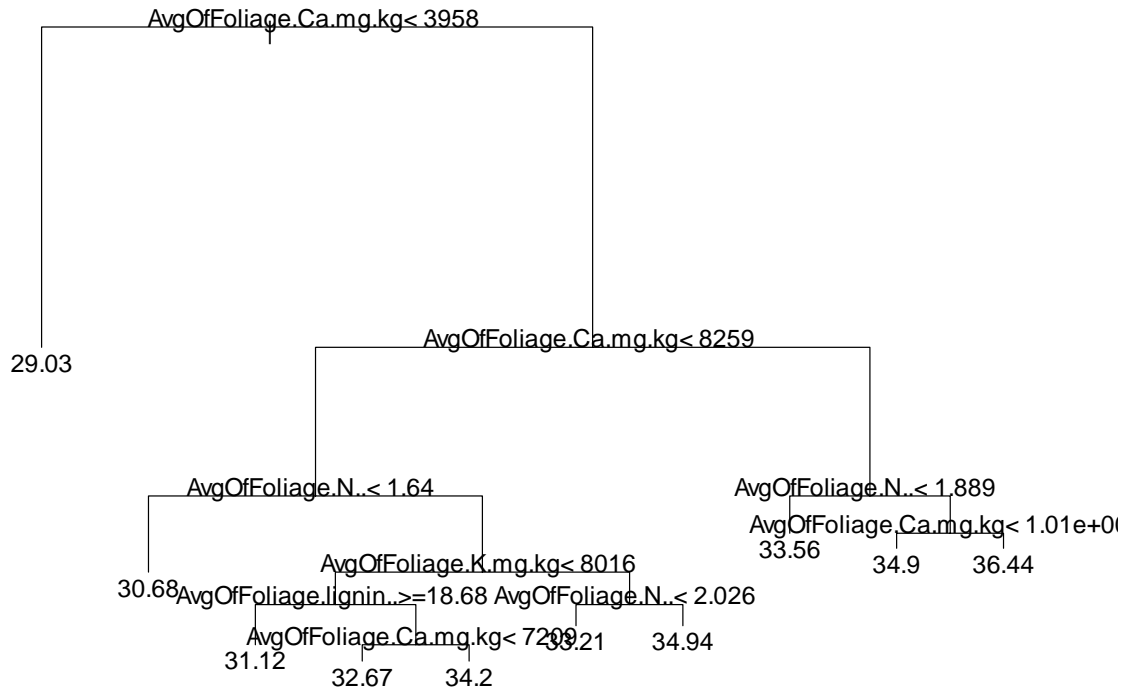


Sr : *Abies balsamea*

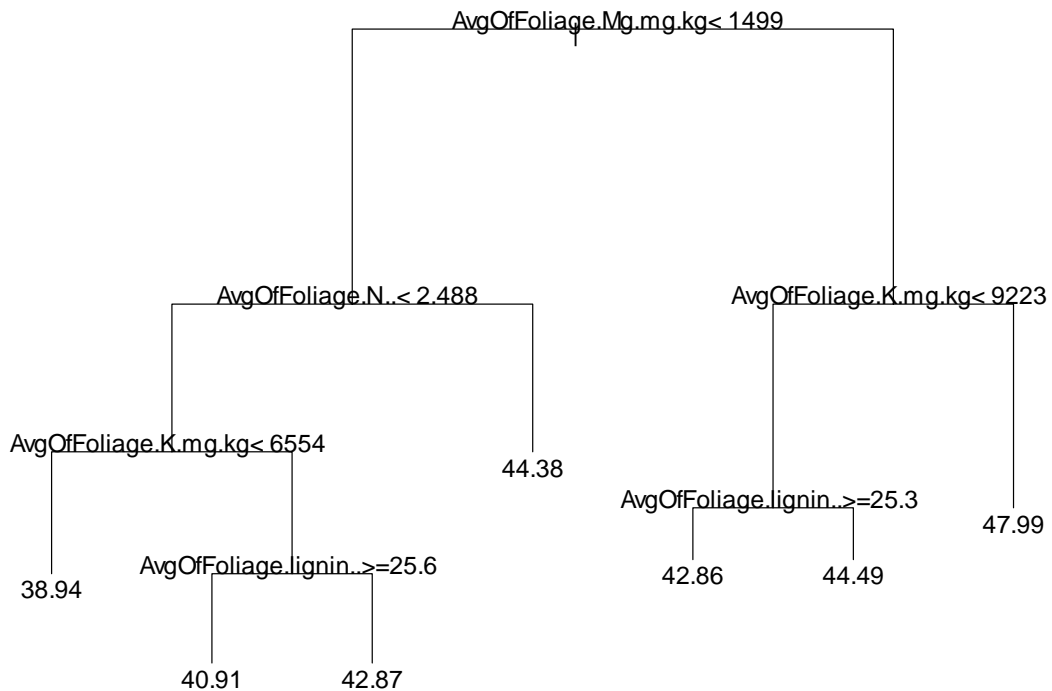
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Figure 74. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar cellulose in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)

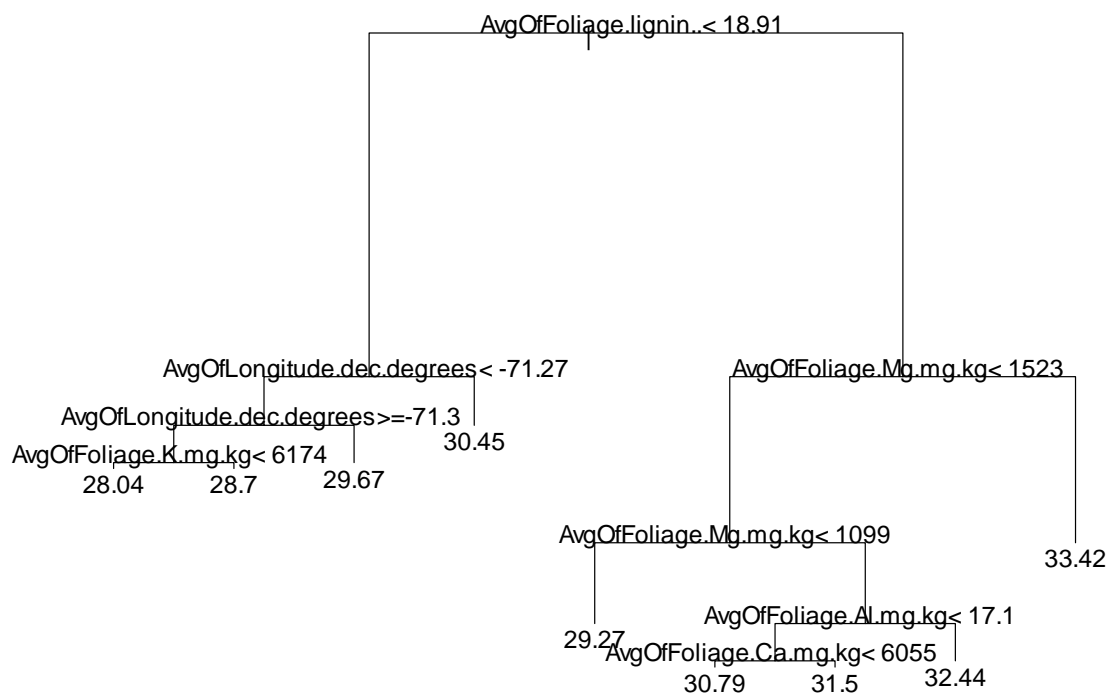
Cellulose : *Acer saccharum*



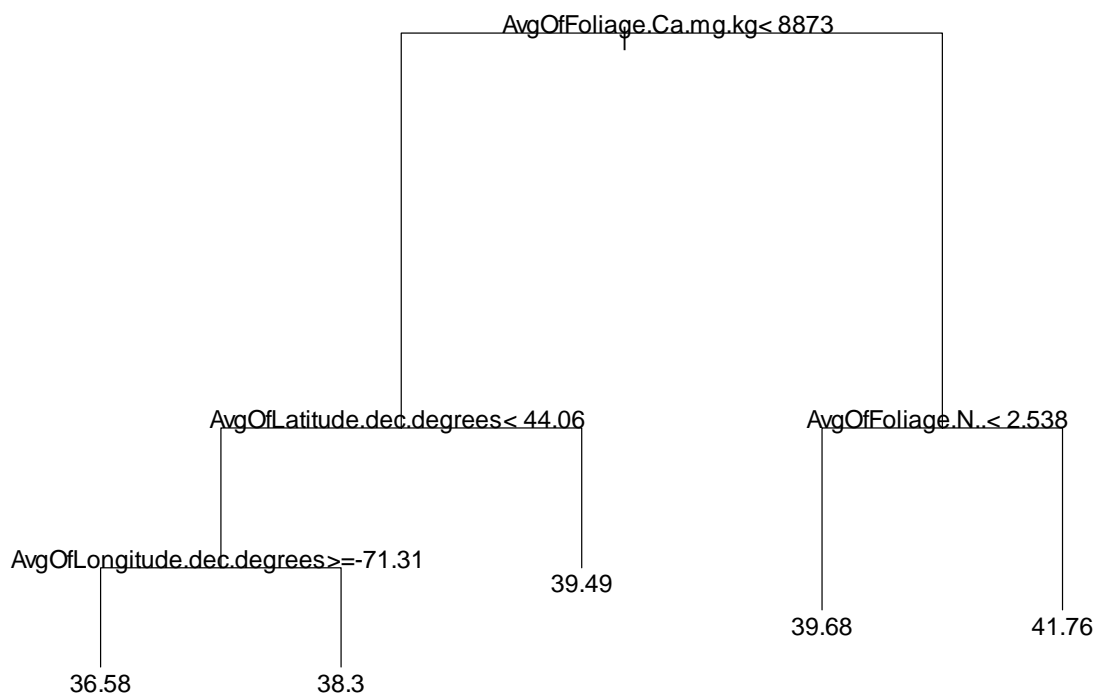
Cellulose : *Fagus grandifolia*



Cellulose : *Acer rubrum*



Cellulose : *Betula alleghaniensis*



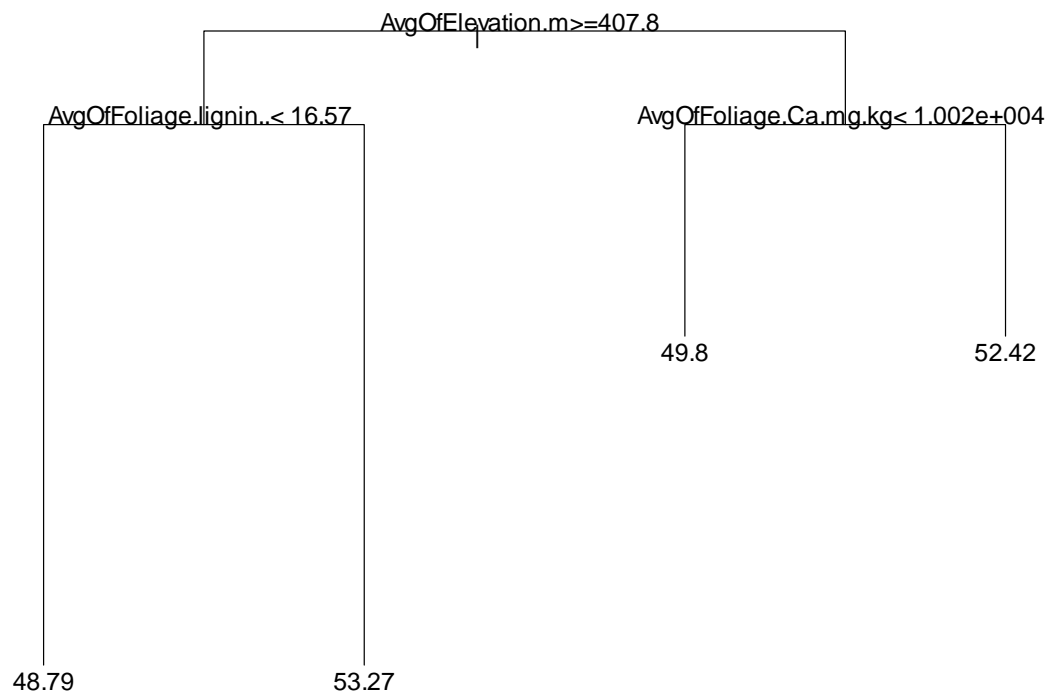
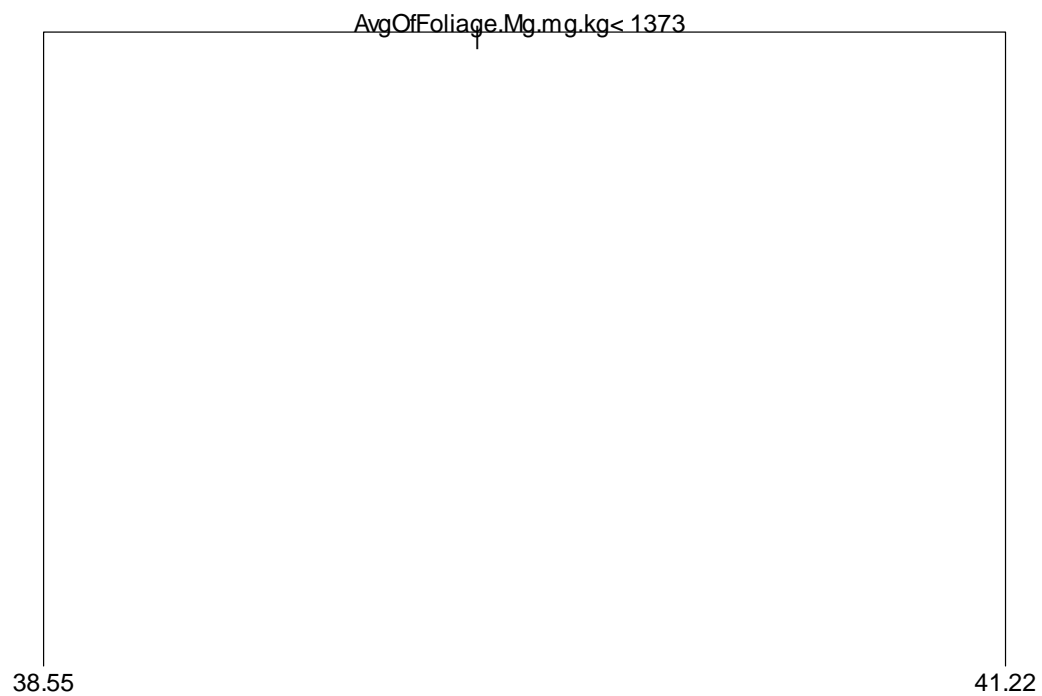
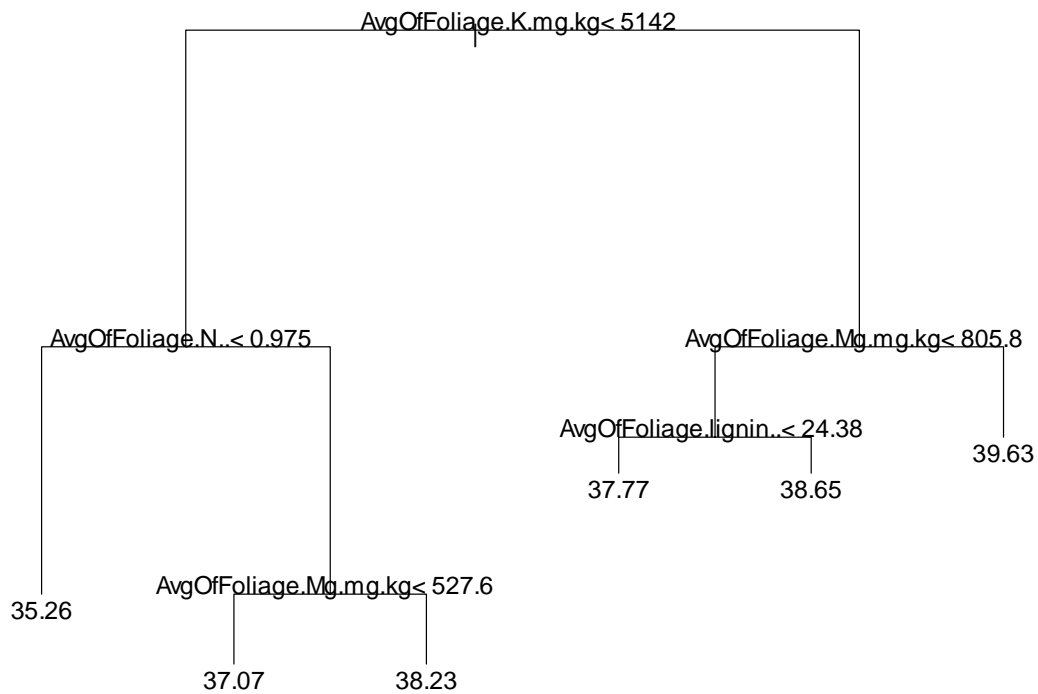
Cellulose : *Fraxinus americana***Cellulose : *Quercus rubra***

Figure 75. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar cellulose in softwood species.

Cellulose : *Picea rubens*



Cellulose : *Abies balsamea*

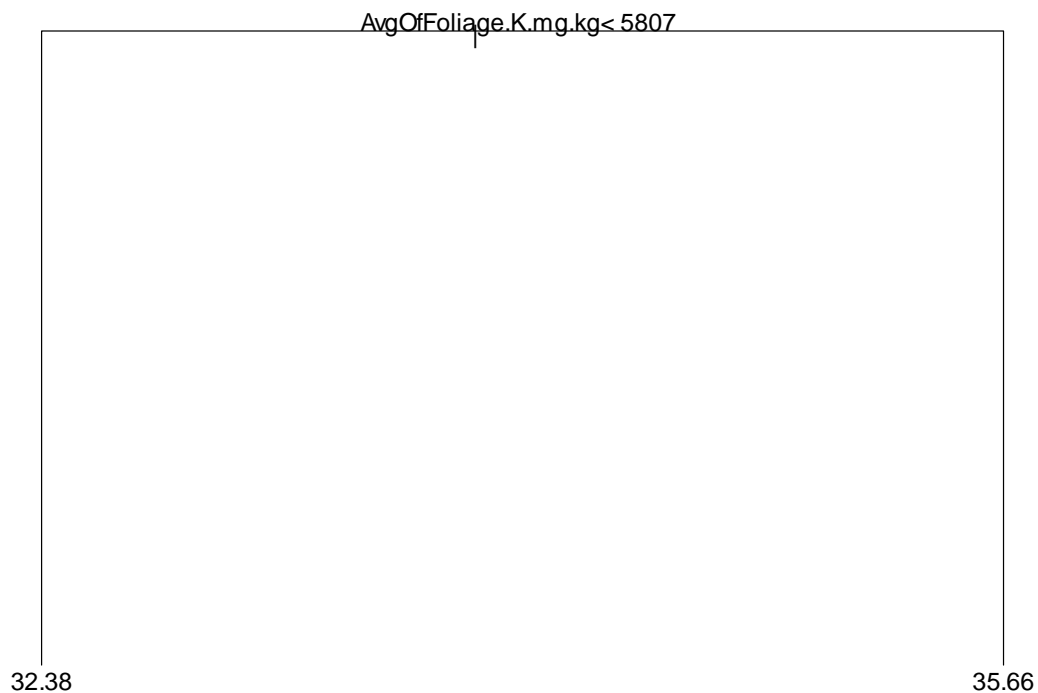
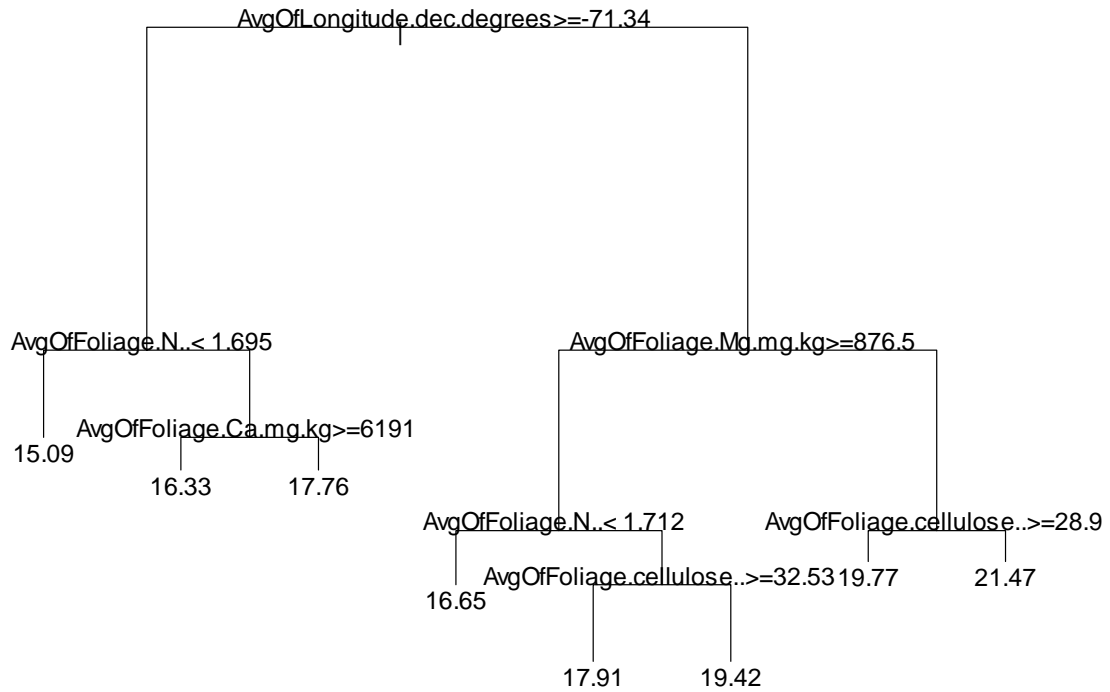
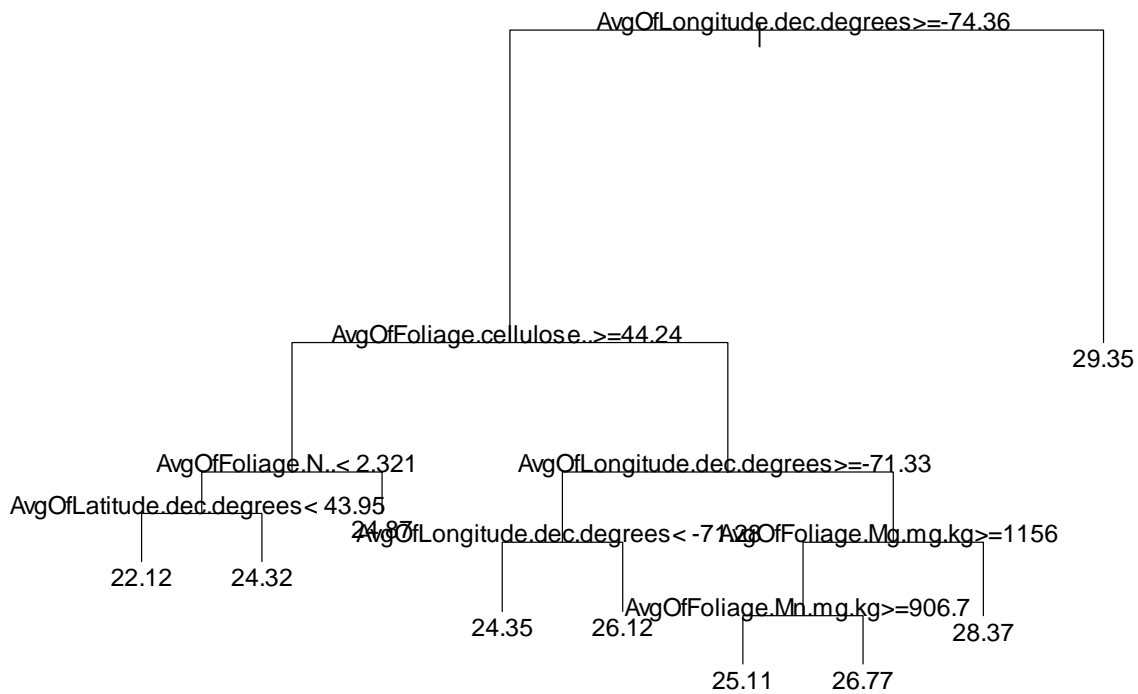


Figure 76. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar lignin in hardwood species. (figure spans multiple pages)

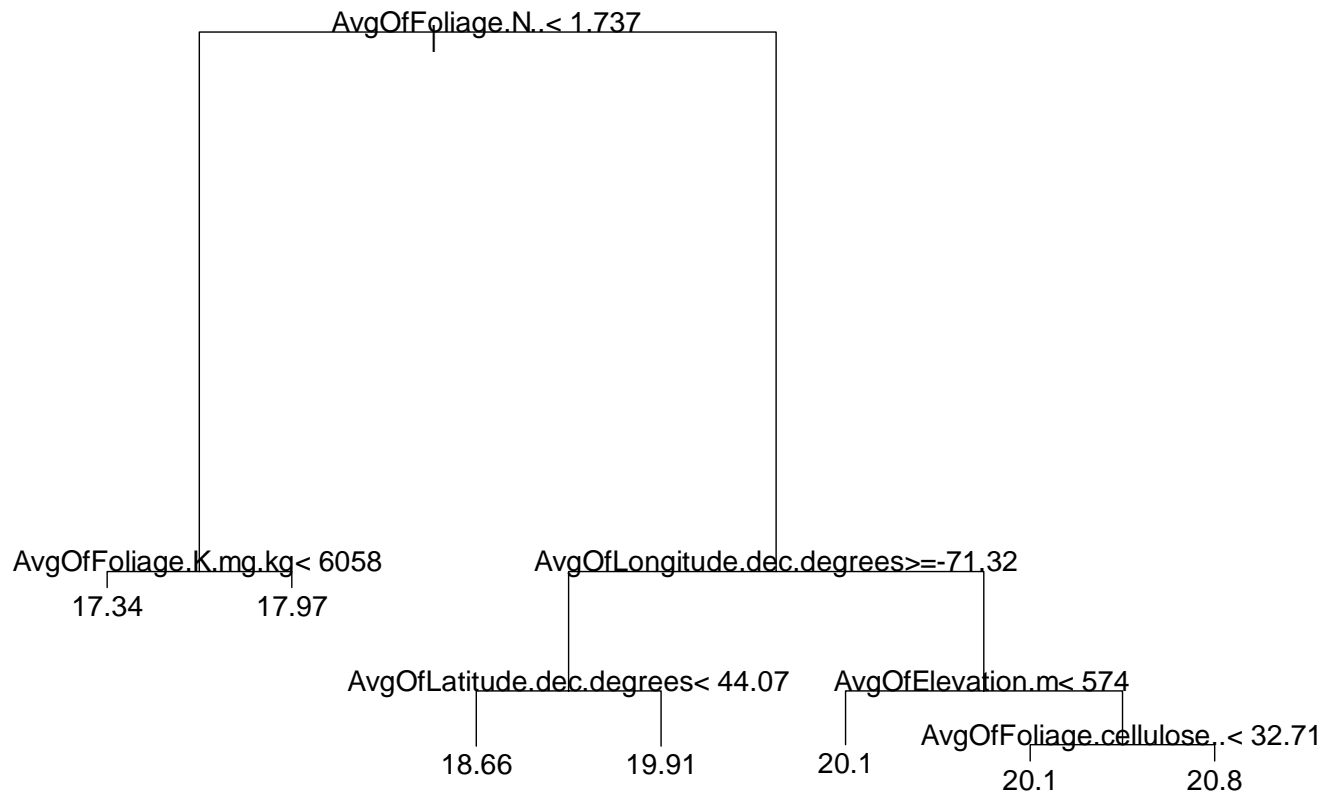
Lignin : *Acer saccharum*



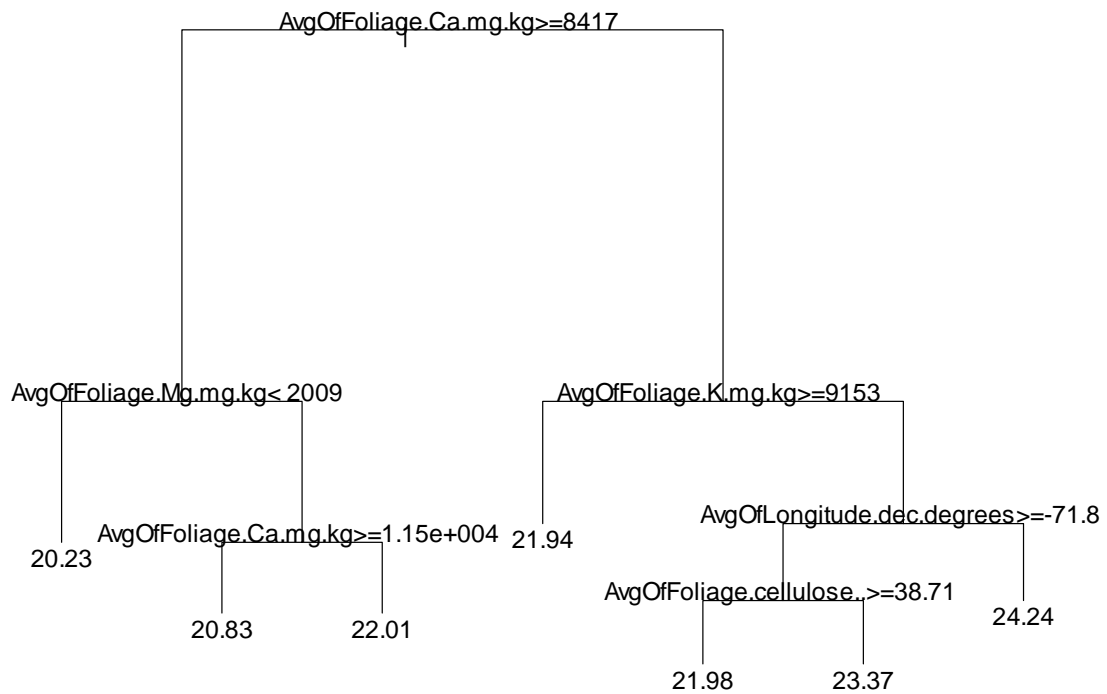
Lignin : *Fagus grandifolia*



Lignin : *Acer rubrum*



Lignin : *Betula alleghaniensis*



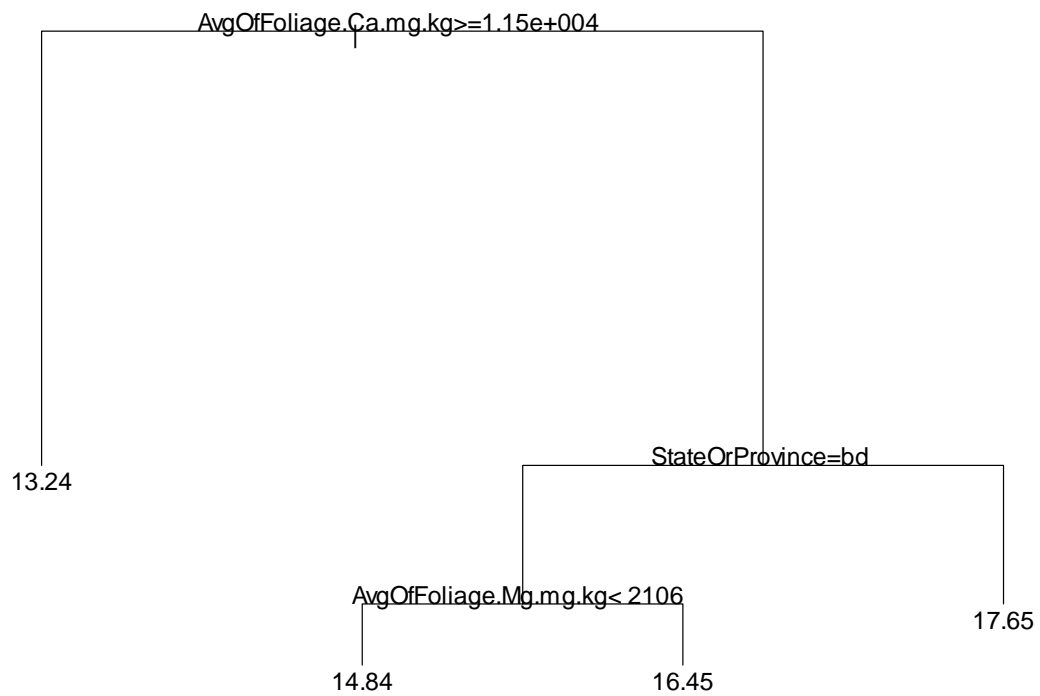
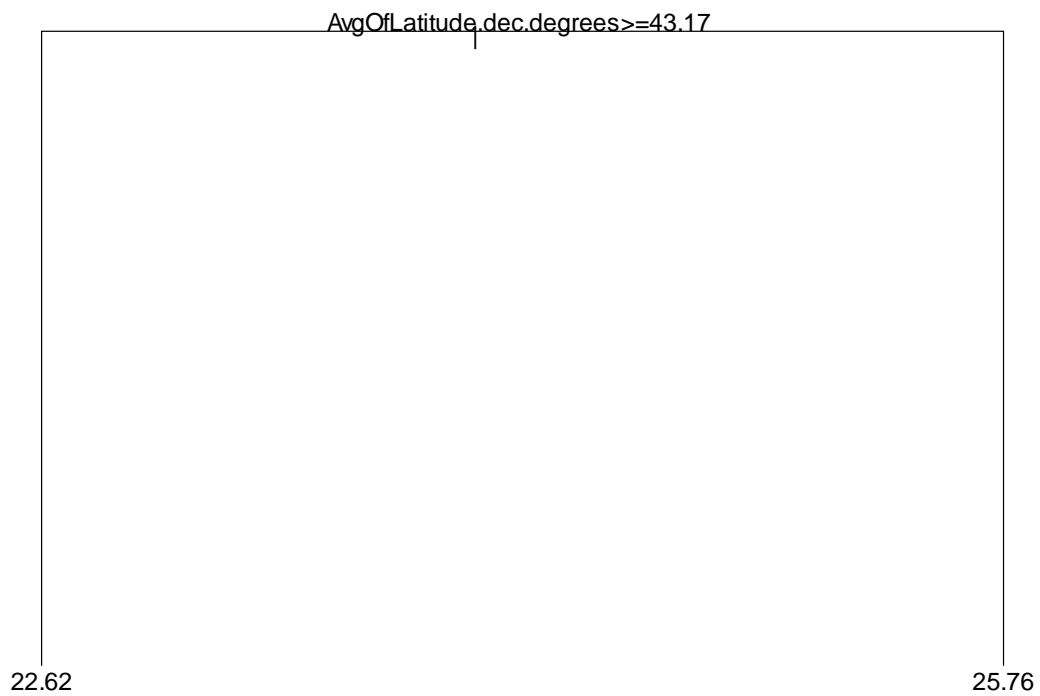
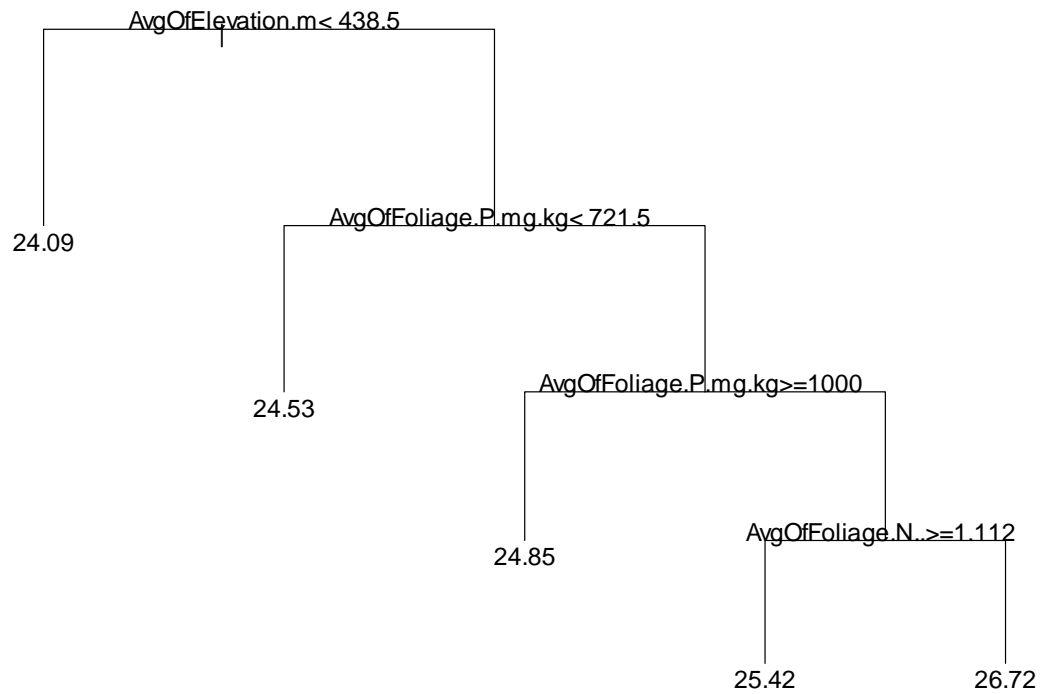
Lignin : *Fraxinus americana***Lignin : *Quercus rubra***

Figure 77. Classification and regression trees (CART) for foliar lignin in softwood species.

Lignin : *Picea rubens*



Lignin : *Abies balsamea*

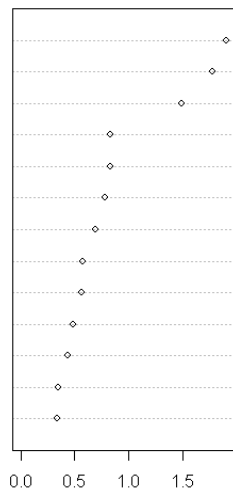


Appendix B-7: Foliar Chemistry Random Forest Diagrams

Figure 78. Random Forest diagrams for foliar nitrogen in hardwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Acer saccharum

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 AvgOfElevation.m
 AvgOfFoliage.cellulose..
 AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
 StateOrProvince
 AvgOfFoliage.K.mg.kg
 AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
 AvgOfFoliage.Mg.mg.kg
 AvgOfFoliage.Sr.mg.kg
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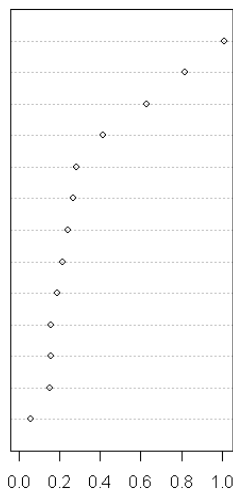
Fagus grandifolia

AvgOfElevation.m
 AvgOfFoliage.cellulose..
 AvgOfFoliage.P.mg.kg
 AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
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 AvgOfFoliage.K.mg.kg
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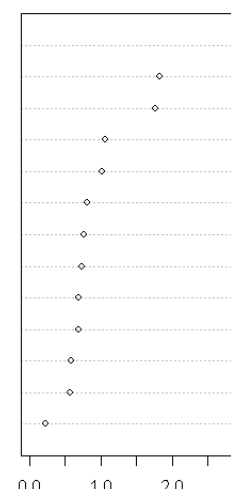
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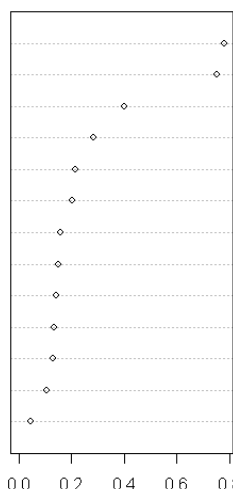
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Fraxinus americana

AvgOfFoliage.lignin..
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 StateOrProvince



Quercus rubra

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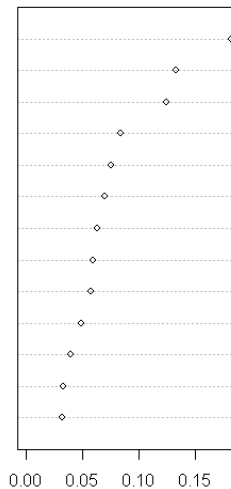
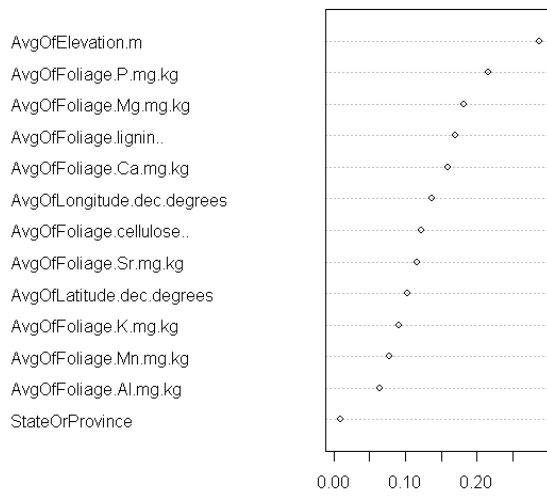


Figure 79. Random Forest diagrams for foliar nitrogen in softwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Picea rubens



Abies balsamea

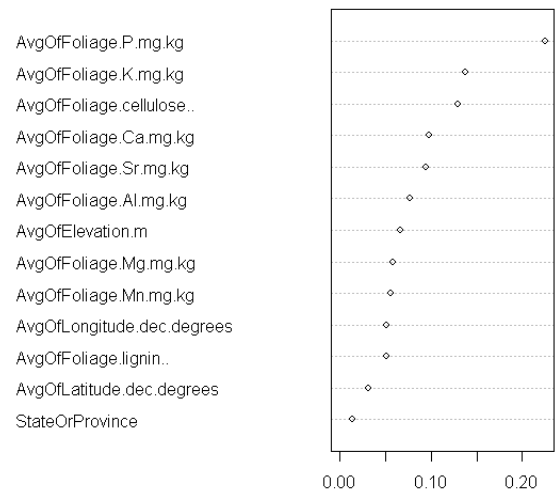
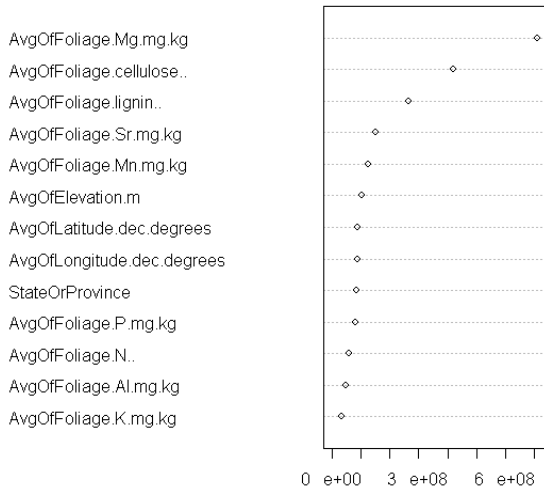
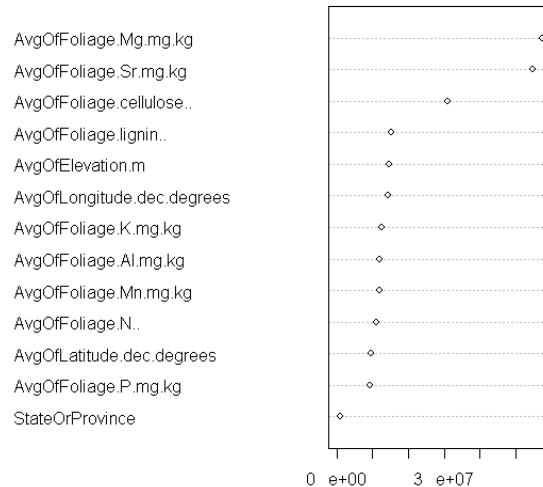


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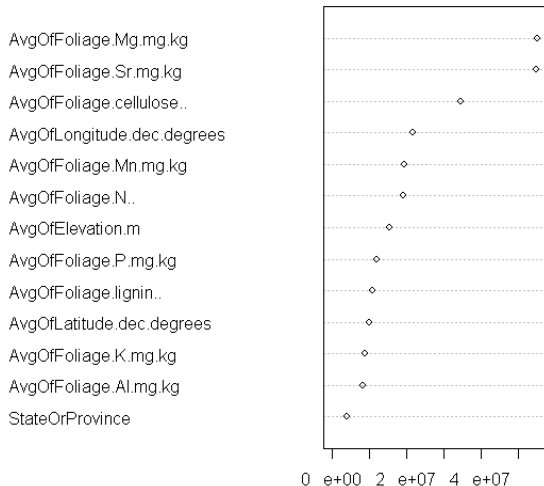
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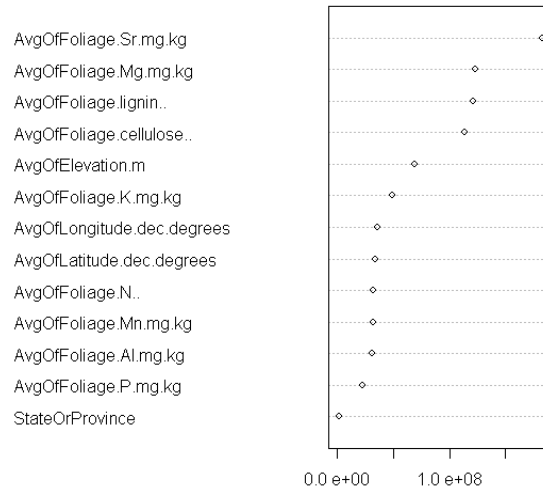
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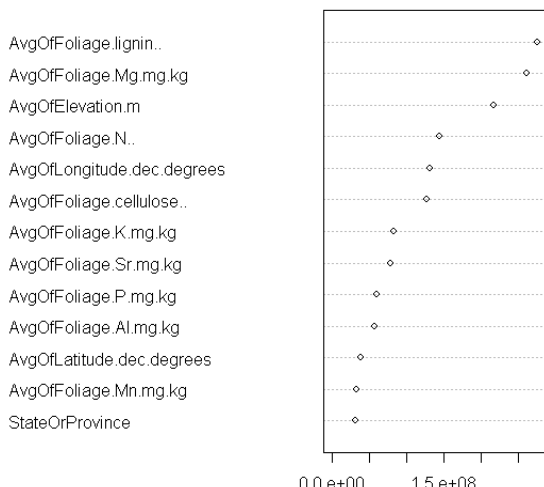
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Betula alleghaniensis



Fraxinus americana



Quercus rubra

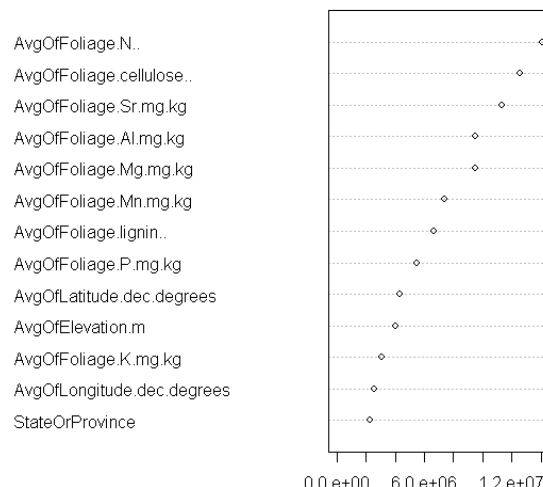


Figure 81. Random Forest diagrams for foliar calcium in softwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Picea rubens

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- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfFoliage.Mg.mg.kg
- AvgOfFoliage.Al.mg.kg
- AvgOfFoliage.N..
- AvgOfFoliage.K.mg.kg
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfFoliage.cellulose..
- AvgOfFoliage.P.mg.kg
- StateOrProvince



Abies balsamea

- AvgOfFoliage.Sr.mg.kg
- AvgOfFoliage.P.mg.kg
- AvgOfFoliage.lignin..
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfFoliage.Mg.mg.kg
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- StateOrProvince

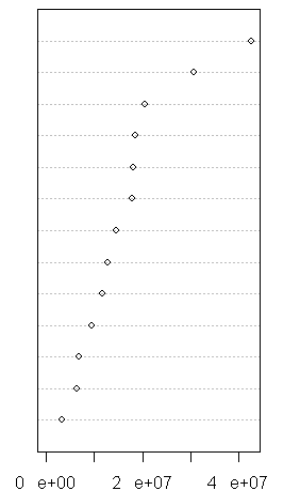
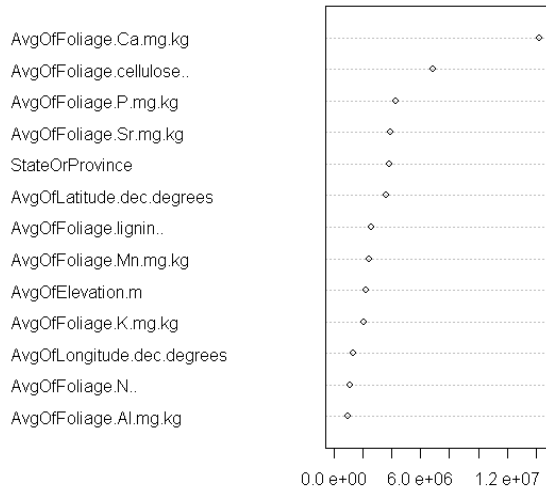
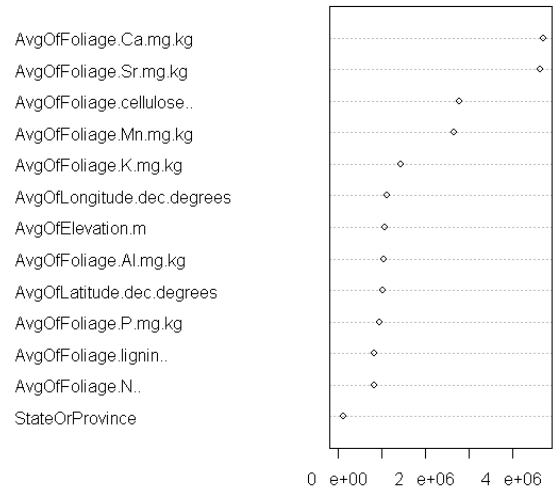


Figure 82. Random Forest diagrams for foliar magnesium in hardwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

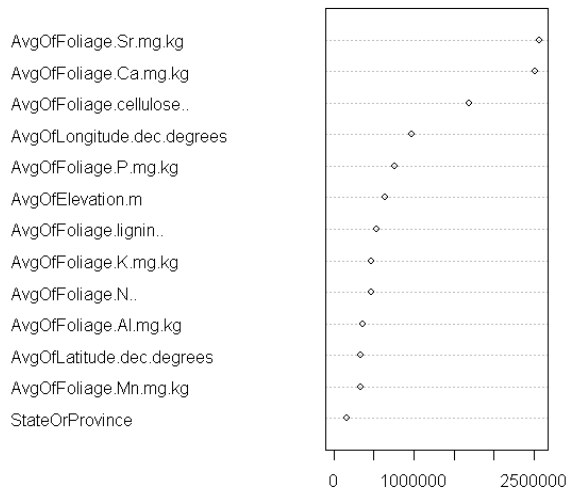
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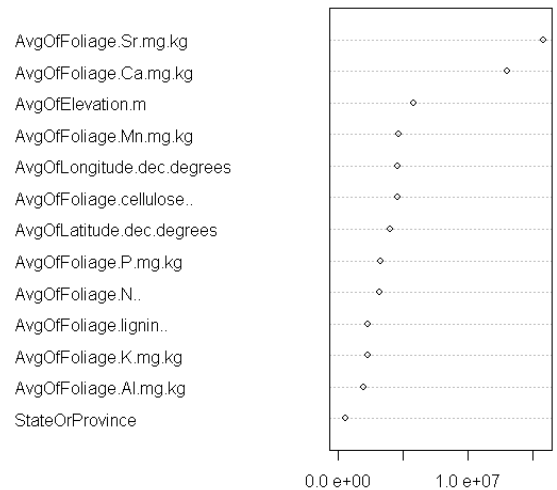
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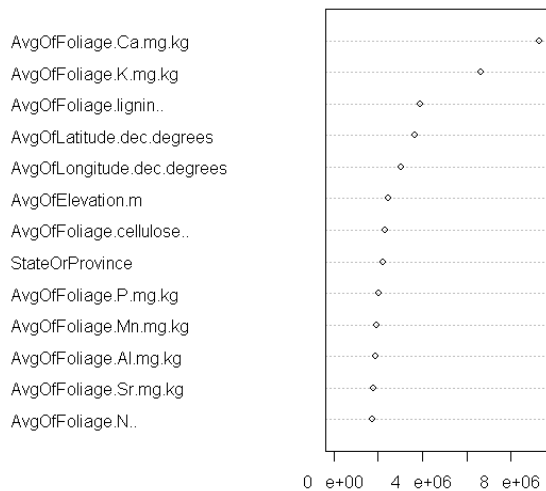
Acer rubrum



Betula alleghaniensis



Fraxinus americana



Quercus rubra

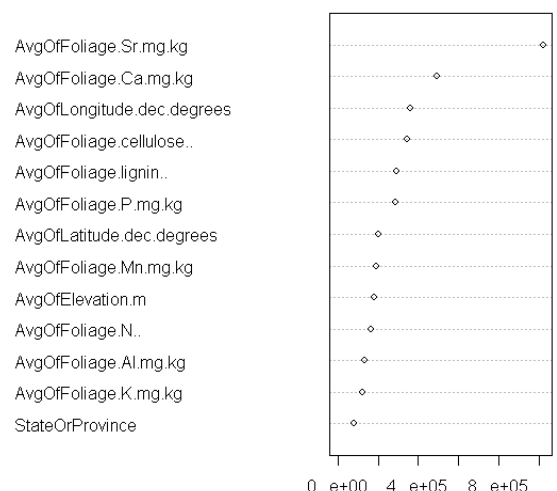
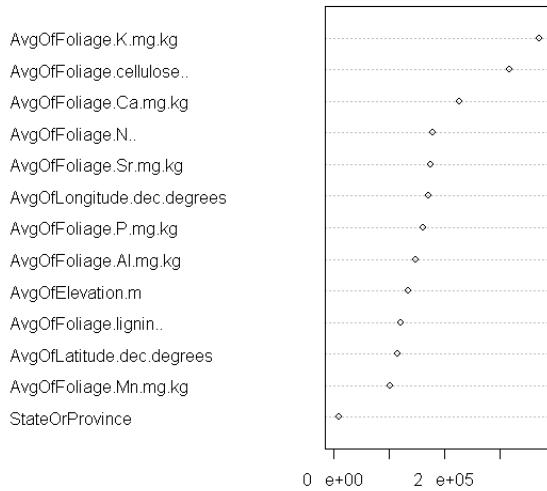


Figure 83. Random Forest diagrams for foliar magnesium in softwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Picea rubens



Abies balsamea

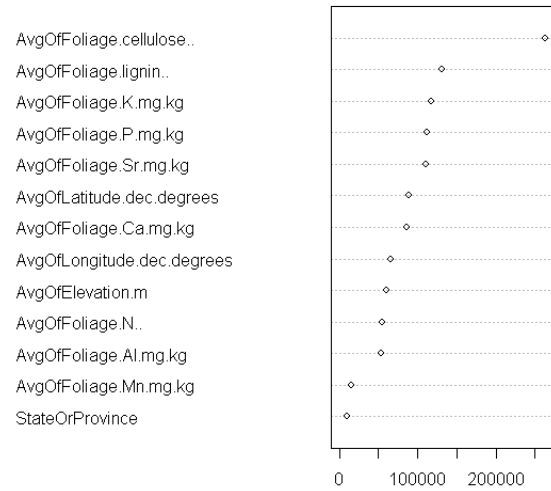
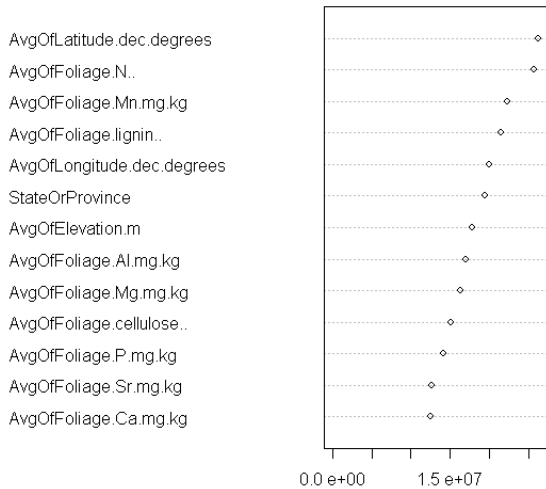
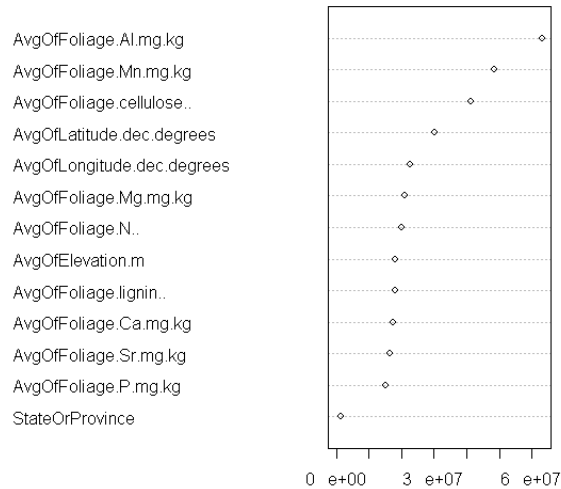


Figure 84. Random Forest diagrams for foliar potassium in hardwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

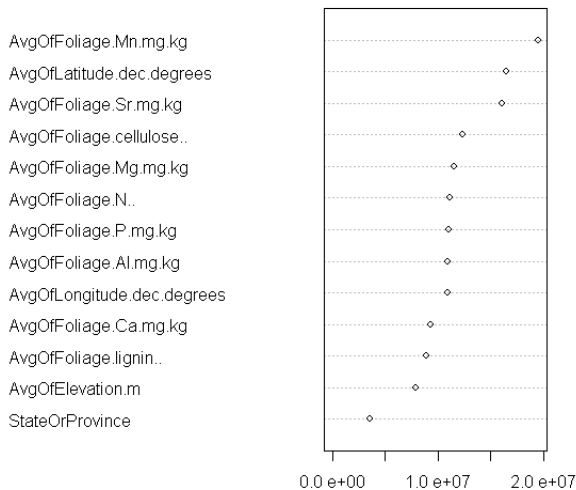
Acer saccharum



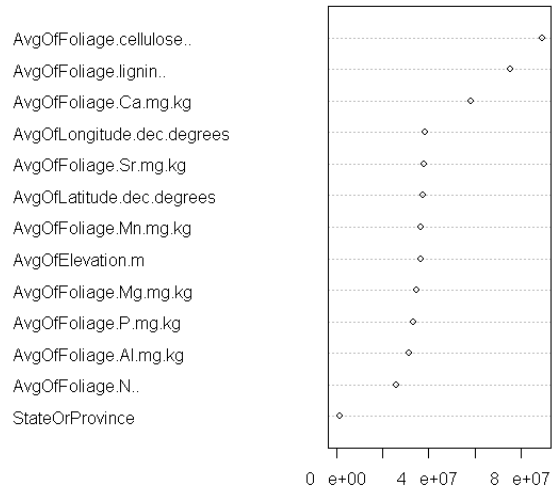
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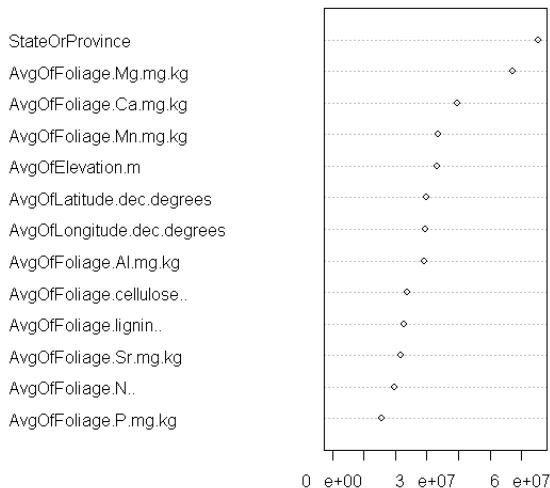
Acer rubrum



Betula alleghaniensis



Fraxinus americana



Quercus rubra

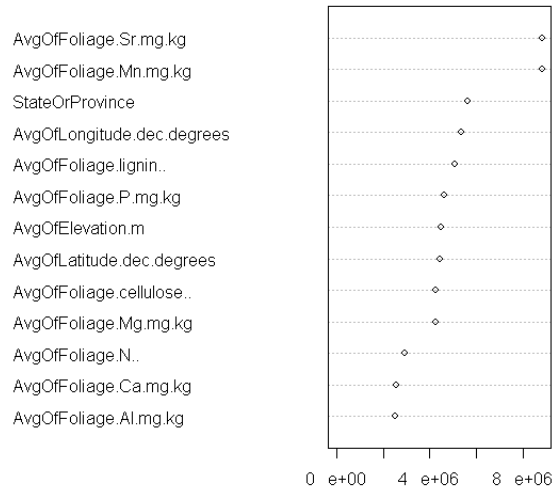
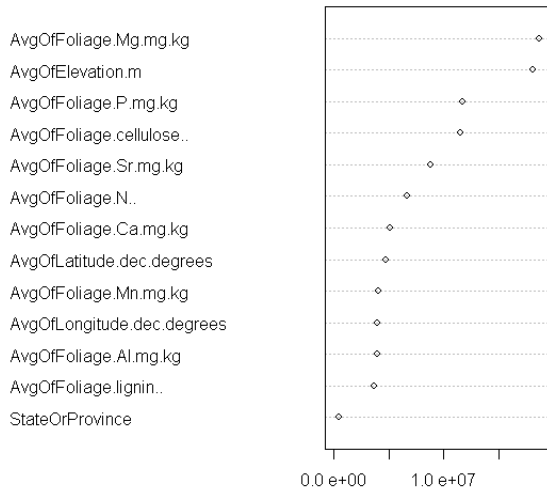


Figure 85. Random Forest diagrams for foliar potassium in softwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Picea rubens



Abies balsamea

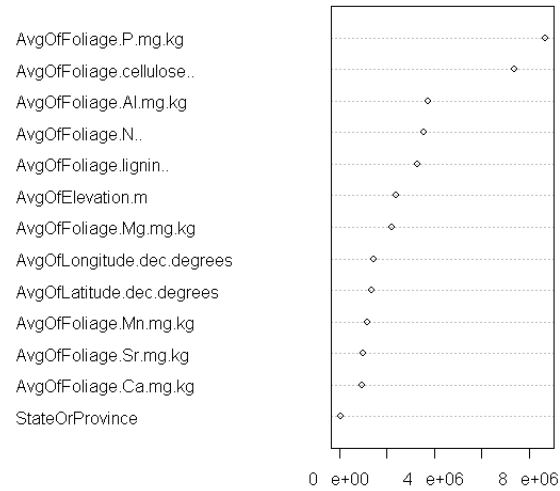
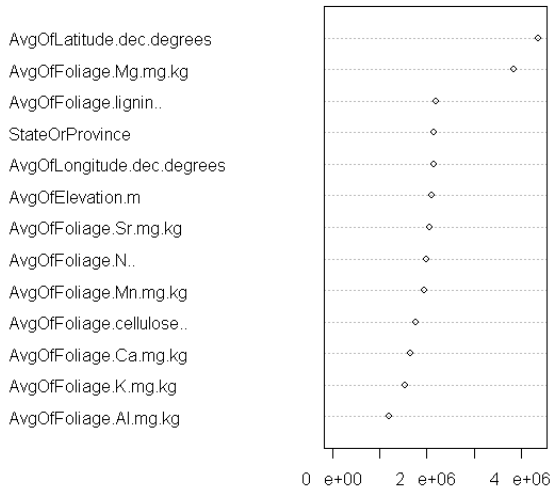
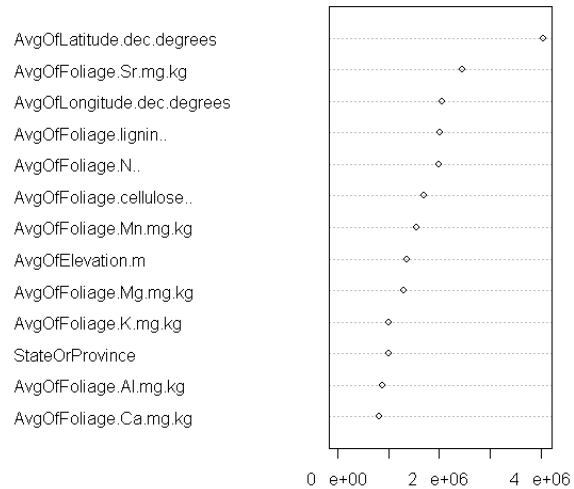


Figure 86. Random Forest diagrams for foliar phosphorus in hardwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

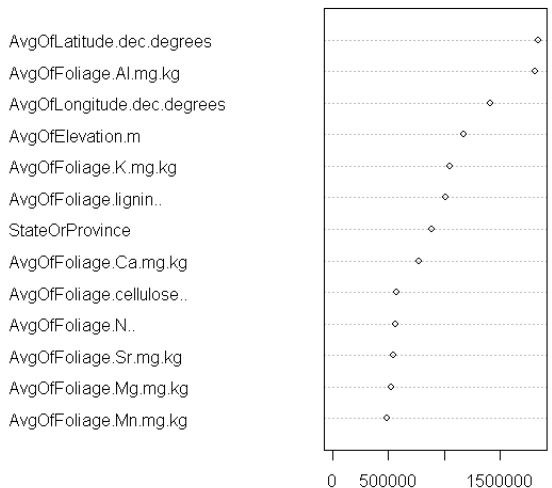
Acer saccharum



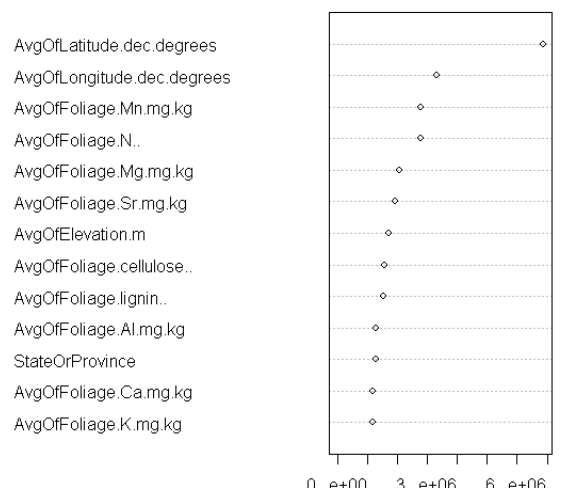
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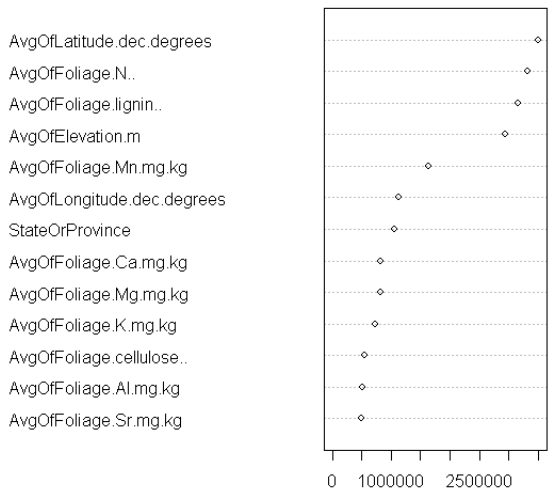
Acer rubrum



Betula alleghaniensis



Fraxinus americana



Quercus rubra

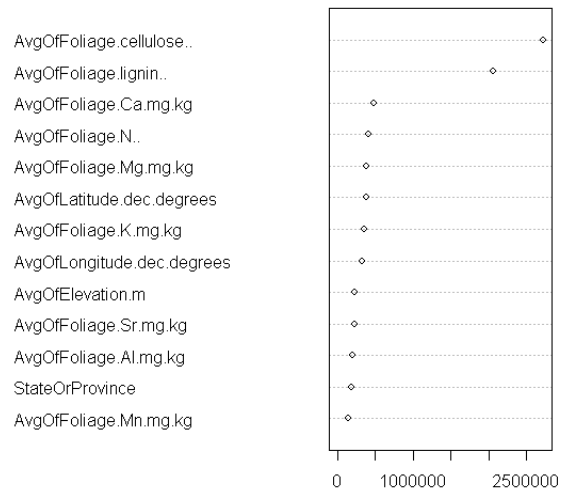
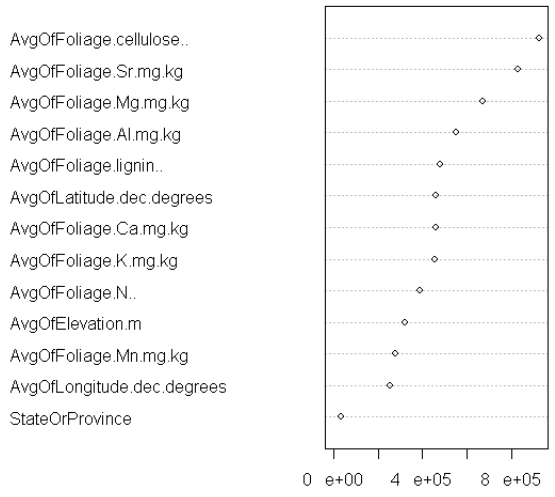


Figure 87. Random Forest diagrams for foliar phosphorus in softwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Picea rubens



Abies balsamea

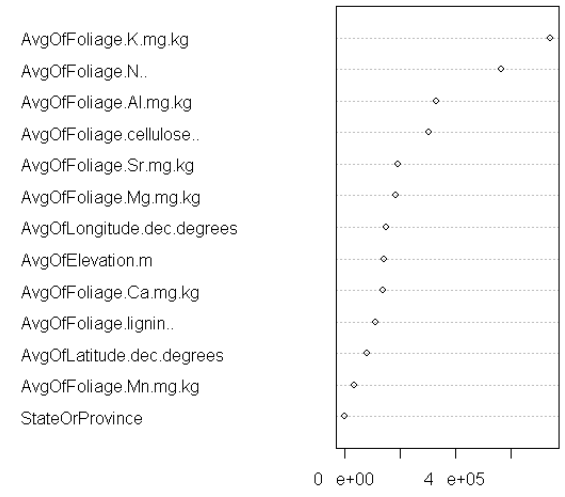
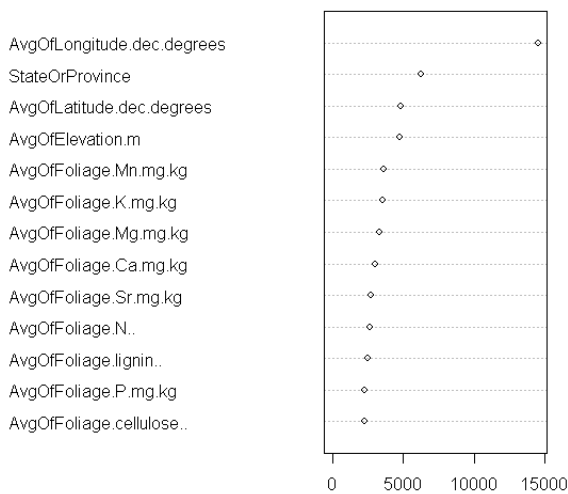
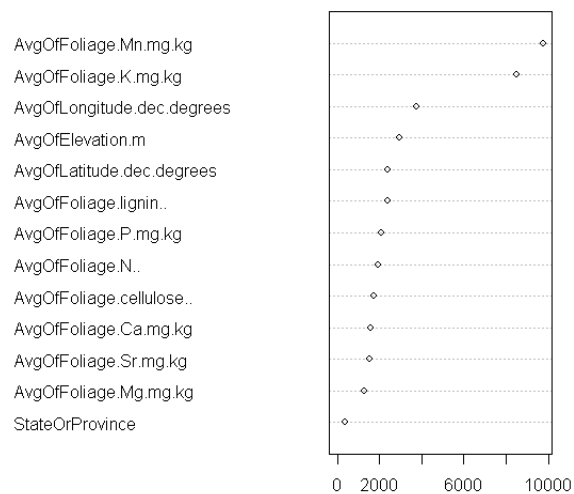


Figure 88. Random Forest diagrams for foliar aluminum in hardwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

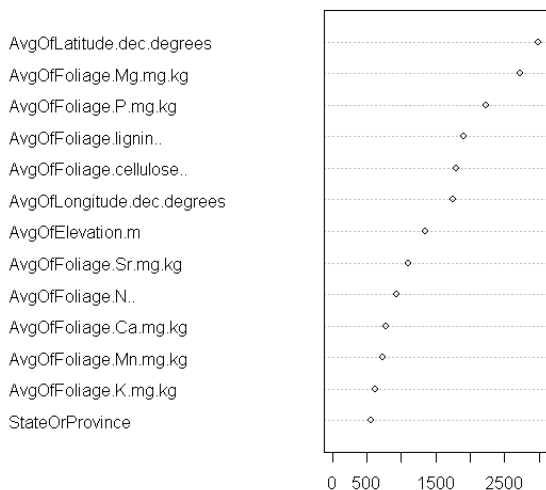
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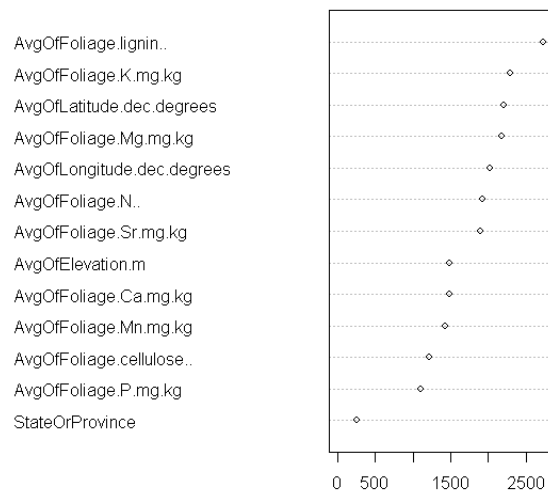
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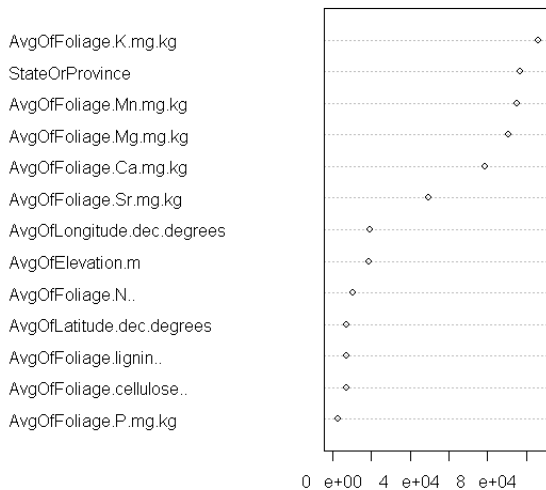
Acer rubrum



Betula alleghaniensis



Fraxinus americana



Quercus rubra

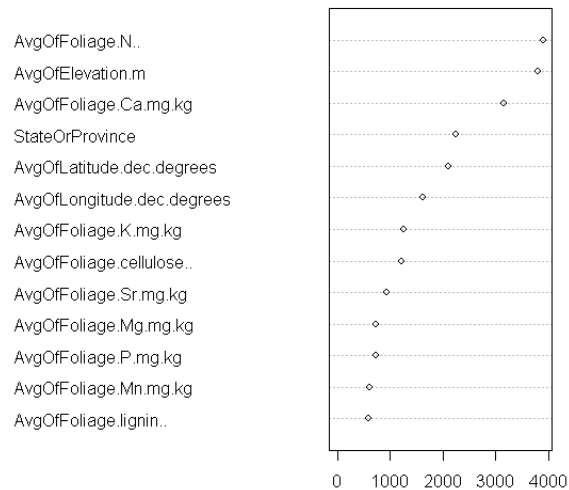
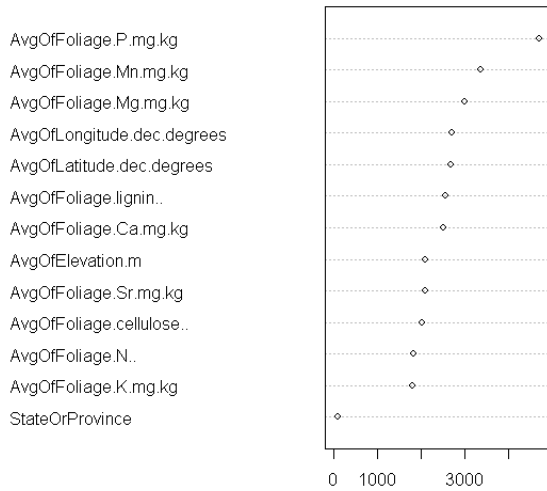


Figure 89. Random Forest diagrams for foliar aluminum in softwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Picea rubens



Abies balsamea

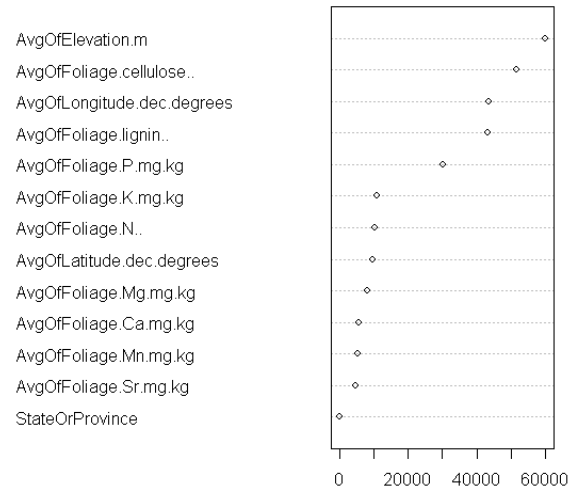
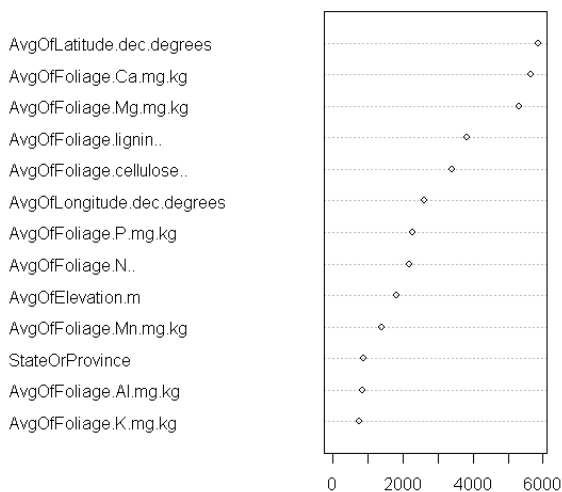
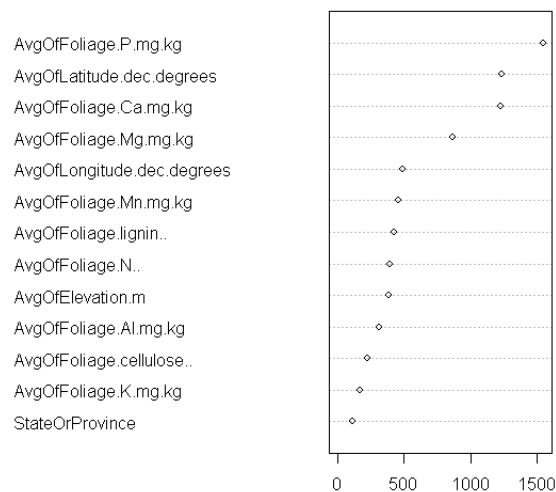


Figure 90. Random Forest diagrams for foliar strontium in hardwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

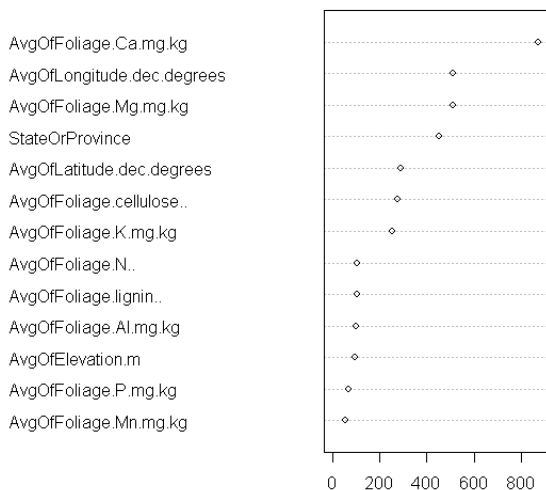
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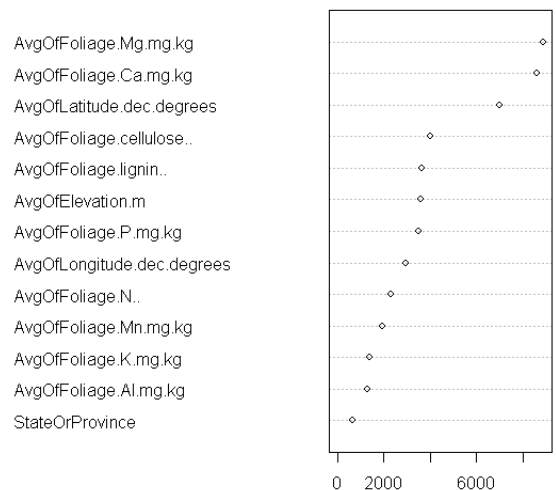
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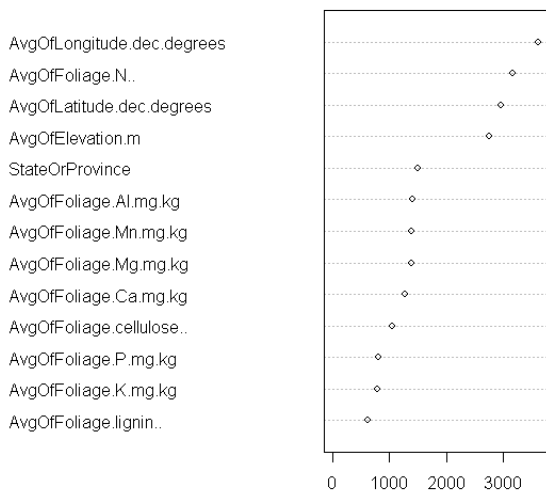
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Quercus rubra

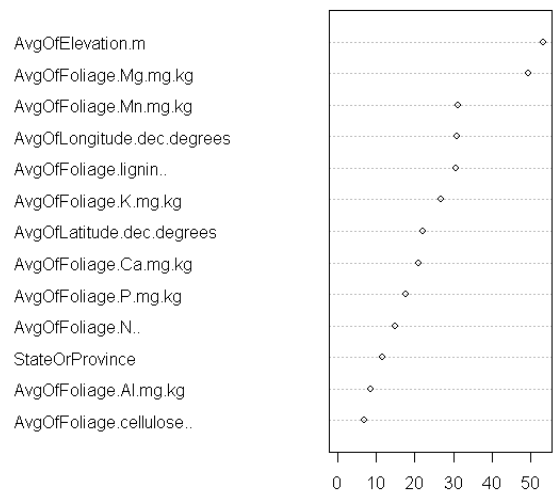
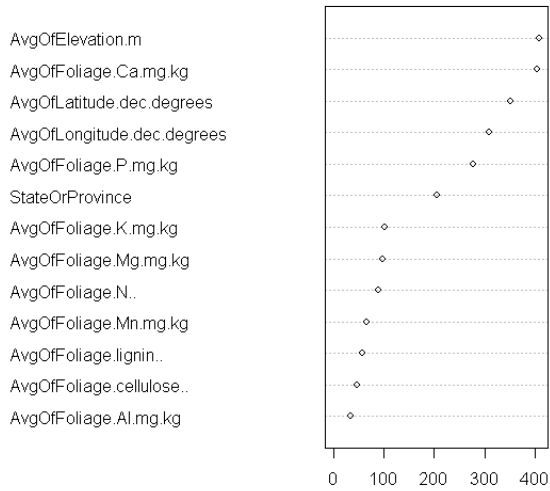


Figure 91. Random Forest diagrams for foliar strontium in softwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Picea rubens



Abies balsamea

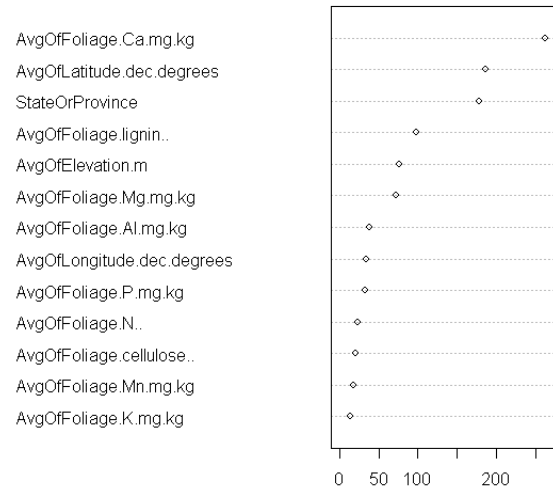
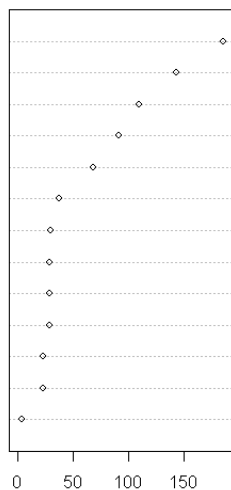


Figure 92. Random Forest diagrams for foliar cellulose in hardwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

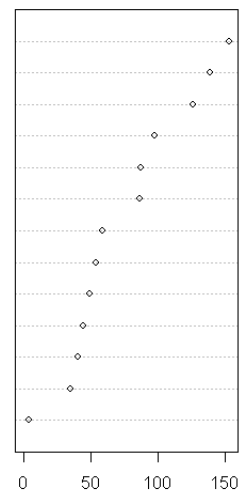
Acer saccharum

- AvgOfFoliage.Ca.mg.kg
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- AvgOfFoliage.N..
- AvgOfFoliage.lignin..
- AvgOfFoliage.Sr.mg.kg
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfFoliage.K.mg.kg
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- StateOrProvince



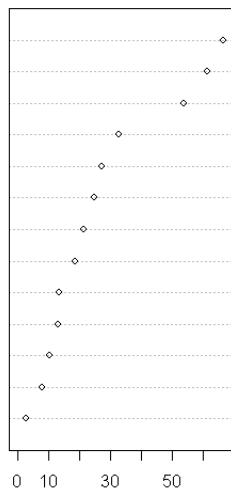
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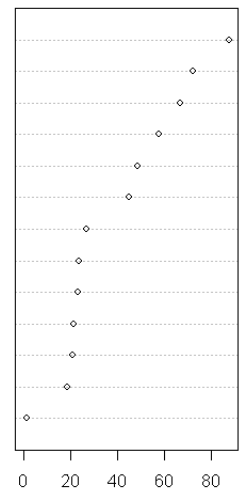
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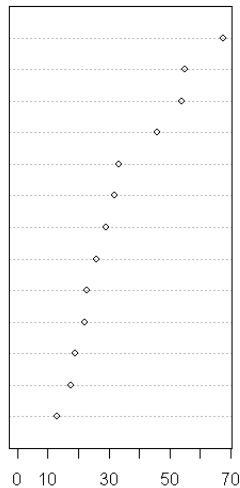
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- AvgOfFoliage.Al.mg.kg
- AvgOfFoliage.Mn.mg.kg
- StateOrProvince



Fraxinus americana

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- AvgOfElevation.m
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- StateOrProvince



Quercus rubra

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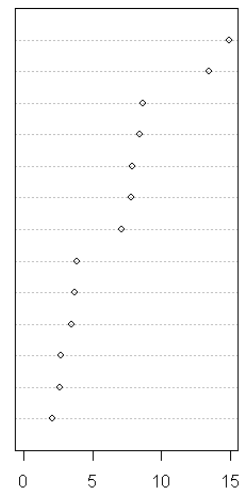
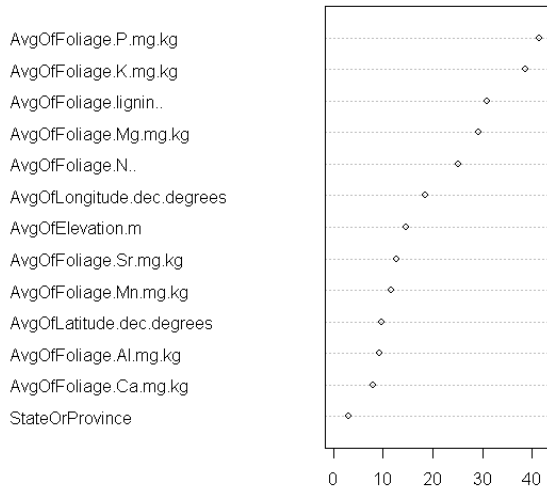


Figure 93. Random Forest diagrams for foliar cellulose in softwood species. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Picea rubens



Abies balsamea

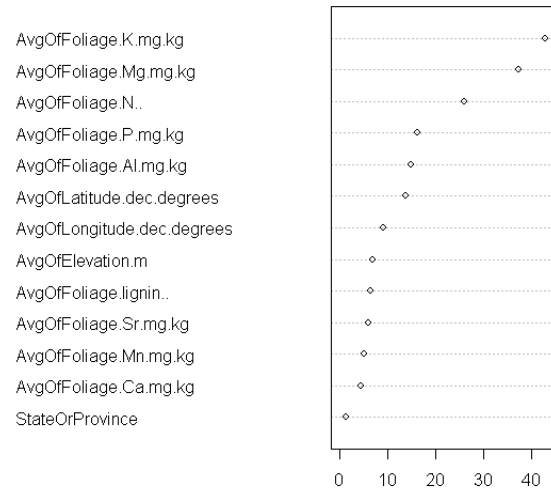
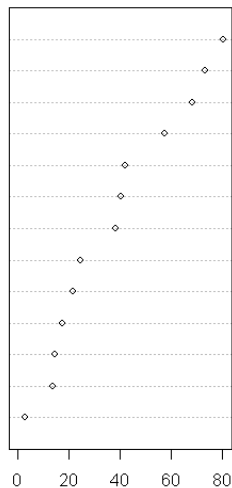


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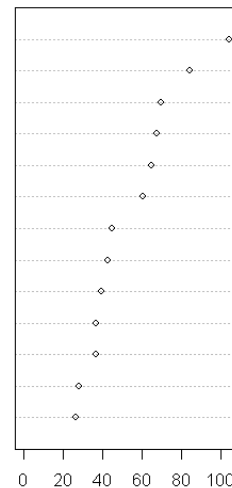
Acer saccharum

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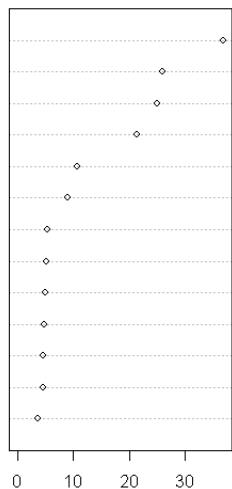
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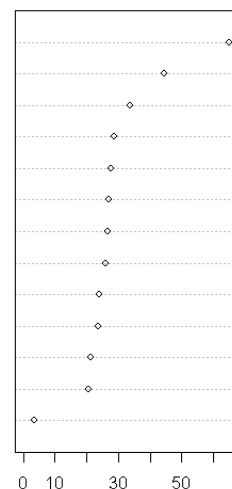
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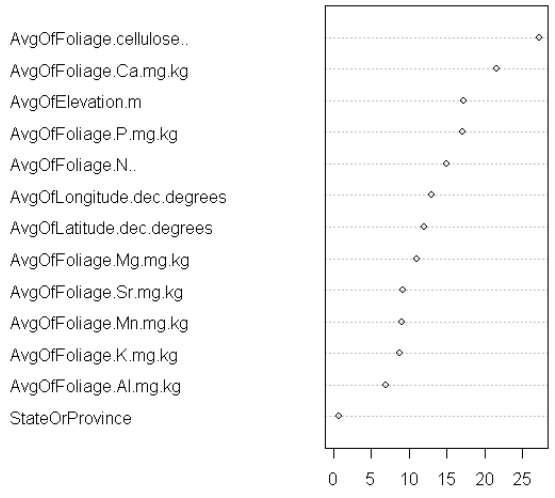
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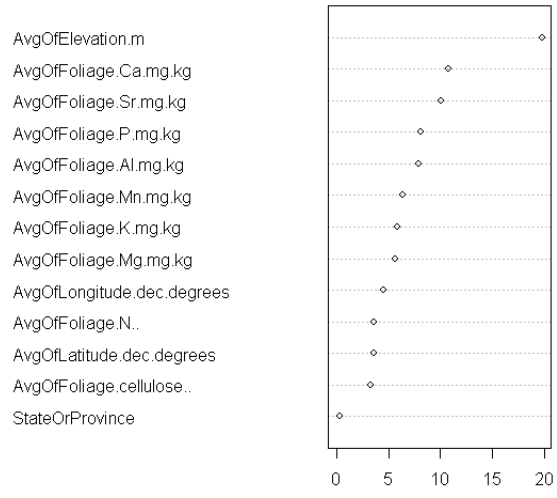


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Picea rubens



Abies balsamea



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Table 1. Summary statistics for soil chemistry dataset. (table spans multiple pages)

Organic layer, hardwood stand

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
pH (CaCl ₂)	3.53	3.50	2.74	4.75	0.41	55
Total C (%)	35.89	36.34	12.23	50.61	7.59	95
Total N (%)	1.66	1.65	0.66	2.43	0.36	95
CN ratio	21.75	20.98	15.58	35.24	3.78	103
Ca (cmoles/kg)	15.75	14.90	0.10	44.90	10.10	15
Mg (cmoles/kg)	3.06	2.30	1.20	8.03	2.07	15
K (cmoles/kg)	1.45	1.50	0.30	2.70	0.79	14
Al (cmoles/kg)	1.46	1.02	0.20	5.67	1.45	13
Nitr/Min (%)	19.52	11.09	-0.49	100.00	22.56	96

Organic layer, mixed stand

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
pH (CaCl ₂)	3.44	3.38	2.75	4.25	0.44	24
Total C (%)	41.77	45.52	12.26	52.84	10.51	24
Total N (%)	1.50	1.62	0.44	2.61	0.63	23
CN ratio	26.36	25.00	15.81	42.67	6.74	14
Ca (cmoles/kg)	9.33	9.07	0.95	25.40	6.27	20
Mg (cmoles/kg)	2.41	2.52	0.00	5.85	1.47	22
K (cmoles/kg)	1.15	1.00	0.00	2.80	0.80	22
Al (cmoles/kg)	2.93	2.10	0.00	9.10	2.52	22
Nitr/Min (%)	32.90	29.52	0.20	72.38	37.59	4

Organic layer, softwood stand

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
pH (CaCl ₂)	3.27	3.22	2.64	4.90	0.41	62
Total C (%)	39.74	40.24	18.00	51.92	6.67	72
Total N (%)	1.56	1.56	0.91	2.34	0.29	71
CN ratio	26.79	25.70	14.60	43.67	5.67	68
Ca (cmoles/kg)	17.46	15.38	4.45	41.00	12.29	12
Mg (cmoles/kg)	3.17	2.50	0.90	8.65	2.36	12
K (cmoles/kg)	1.52	1.30	0.50	3.30	0.81	11
Al (cmoles/kg)	1.99	1.80	0.00	4.25	1.48	11
Nitr/Min (%)	7.91	1.67	-0.67	54.03	12.53	56

Upper mineral layer, hardwood stand

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
pH (CaCl ₂)	3.80	3.71	3.15	4.65	0.41	52
Total C (%)	8.27	7.47	2.41	43.93	5.15	80
Total N (%)	0.42	0.37	0.05	1.56	0.23	81
CN ratio	18.25	17.97	10.50	30.00	3.73	77
Ca (cmoles/kg)	1.71	0.58	0.00	18.95	3.74	27
Mg (cmoles/kg)	0.22	0.15	0.00	1.35	0.31	27
K (cmoles/kg)	0.14	0.10	0.00	0.43	0.12	23
Al (cmoles/kg)	3.58	2.30	0.40	11.40	3.10	23
Nitr/Min (%)	52.13	55.26	0.03	100.00	28.74	77

Upper mineral layer, mixed stand

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
pH (CaCl ₂)	4.01	3.92	3.10	6.40	0.56	32
Total C (%)	6.27	5.56	1.49	20.51	4.33	22
Total N (%)	0.24	0.18	0.02	1.01	0.22	26
CN ratio	20.87	19.46	10.50	52.00	8.90	20
Ca (cmoles/kg)	0.76	0.20	0.00	9.20	1.87	32
Mg (cmoles/kg)	0.34	0.15	0.00	1.80	0.47	32
K (cmoles/kg)	0.14	0.10	0.00	0.60	0.15	32
Al (cmoles/kg)	5.37	3.75	0.80	16.20	4.28	31
Nitr/Min (%)	6.86	3.05	0.04	17.48	9.32	3

Upper mineral layer, softwood stand

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
pH (CaCl ₂)	3.77	3.66	3.09	4.76	0.44	53
Total C (%)	6.62	6.29	1.94	13.66	2.68	57
Total N (%)	0.29	0.28	0.04	0.79	0.14	56
CN ratio	23.38	22.27	16.58	38.82	4.80	54
Ca (cmoles/kg)	0.55	0.40	0.17	1.60	0.41	13
Mg (cmoles/kg)	0.46	0.20	0.04	3.15	0.83	13
K (cmoles/kg)	0.18	0.17	0.00	0.30	0.10	10
Al (cmoles/kg)	5.53	3.74	0.13	17.50	5.35	12
Nitr/Min (%)	32.75	32.60	0.02	82.10	22.56	34

Lower mineral layer, hardwood stand

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
pH (CaCl ₂)	4.70	4.65	3.15	6.45	0.59	22
Total C (%)	1.96	1.91	0.15	6.69	1.79	17
Total N (%)	0.09	0.07	0.01	0.37	0.09	22
CN ratio	16.73	14.50	6.50	32.00	8.59	8
Ca (cmoles/kg)	0.95	0.28	0.00	10.15	2.16	23
Mg (cmoles/kg)	0.15	0.06	0.00	0.97	0.25	23
K (cmoles/kg)	0.09	0.10	0.00	0.23	0.07	23
Al (cmoles/kg)	1.69	0.93	0.14	10.98	2.40	23
Nitr/Min (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0

Lower mineral layer, mixed stand

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
pH (CaCl ₂)	4.67	4.60	4.15	6.72	0.45	33
Total C (%)	1.71	1.50	0.19	6.51	1.58	20
Total N (%)	0.11	0.06	0.01	0.53	0.13	30
CN ratio	15.48	15.33	5.40	33.50	7.90	16
Ca (cmoles/kg)	0.50	0.10	0.00	7.57	1.38	33
Mg (cmoles/kg)	0.27	0.07	0.00	4.70	0.82	33
K (cmoles/kg)	0.10	0.07	0.00	0.57	0.11	33
Al (cmoles/kg)	1.61	0.86	0.00	6.85	1.81	33
Nitr/Min (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0

Lower mineral layer, softwood stand

	mean	median	min	max	sd	n
pH (CaCl ₂)	4.73	4.72	4.47	5.03	0.19	11
Total C (%)	1.38	0.62	0.24	4.80	1.71	7
Total N (%)	0.08	0.03	0.01	0.25	0.09	9
CN ratio	16.21	15.42	8.00	26.00	8.49	4
Ca (cmoles/kg)	0.21	0.13	0.05	0.95	0.25	11
Mg (cmoles/kg)	0.16	0.07	0.00	0.72	0.23	11
K (cmoles/kg)	0.10	0.09	0.03	0.40	0.11	10
Al (cmoles/kg)	0.90	0.53	0.20	2.83	0.82	11
Nitr/Min (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0

Appendix B-2: Soil Chemistry Boxplots

Figure 1. Boxplots for soil pH in organic and upper mineral layers. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

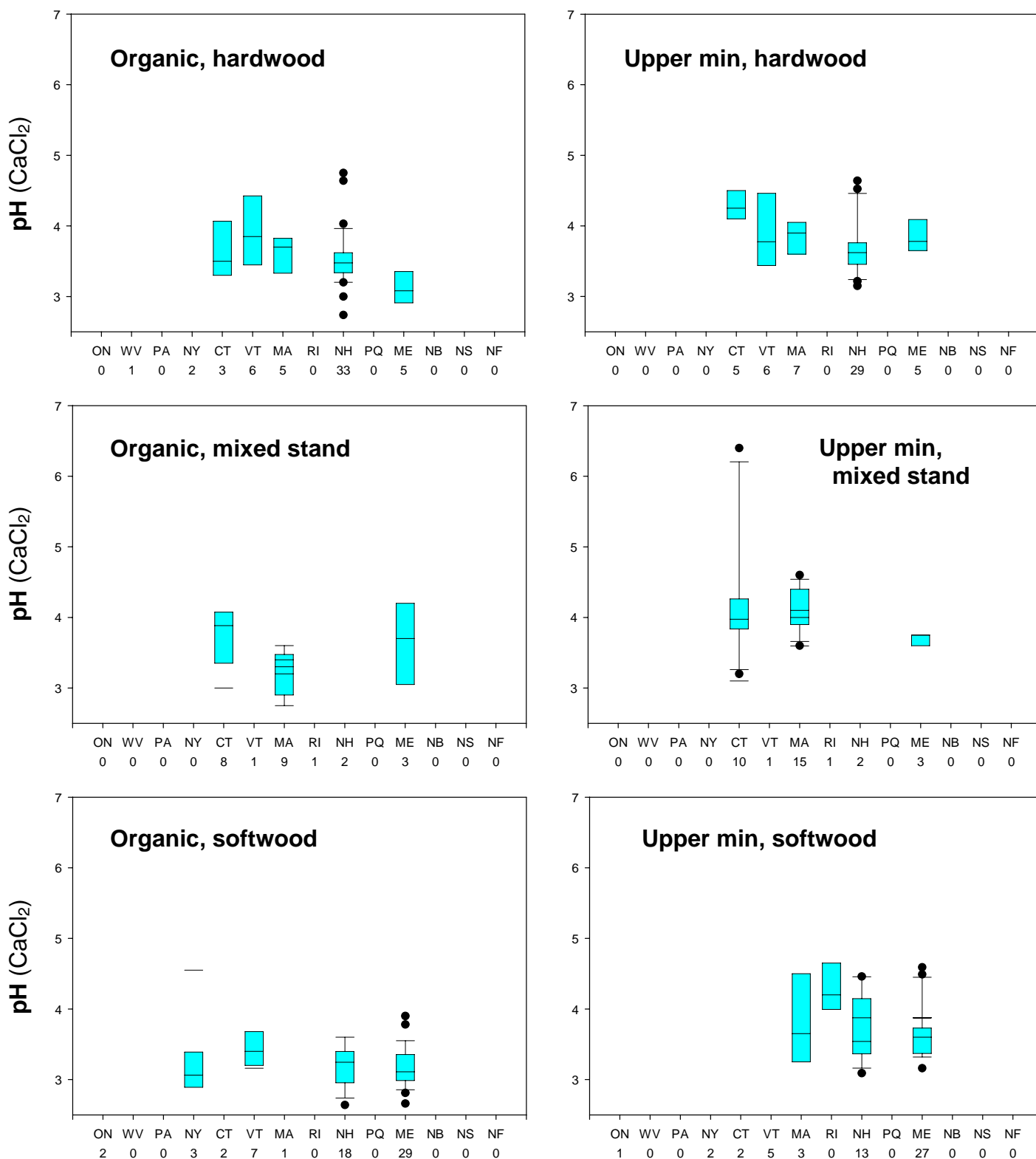


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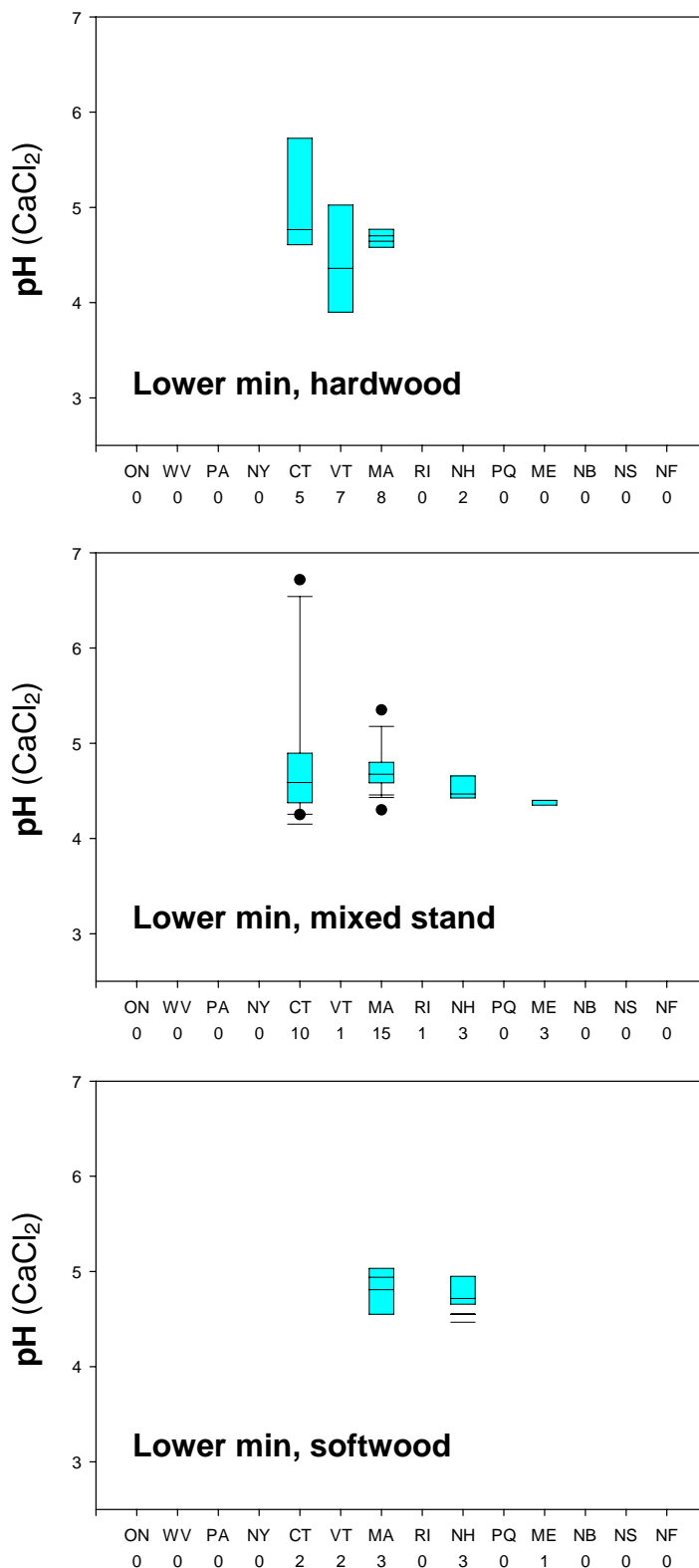


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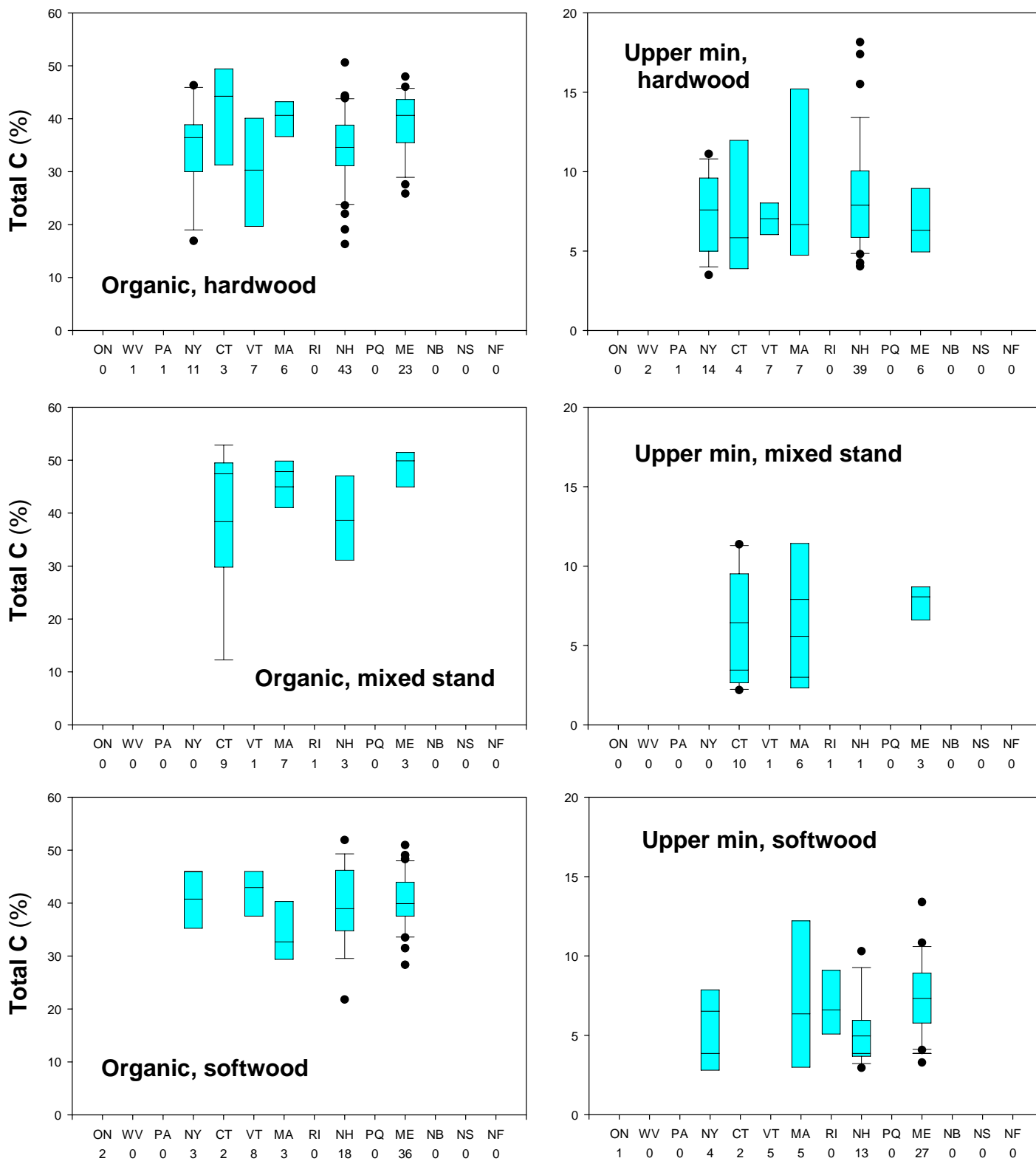


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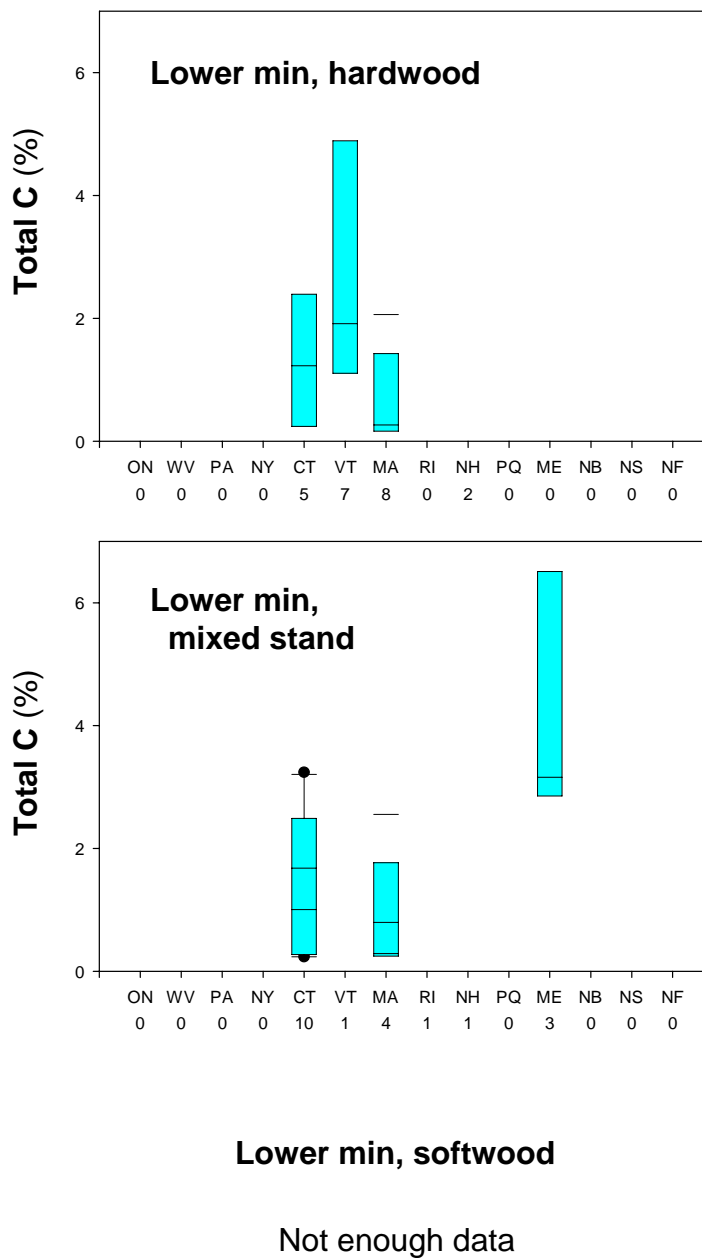


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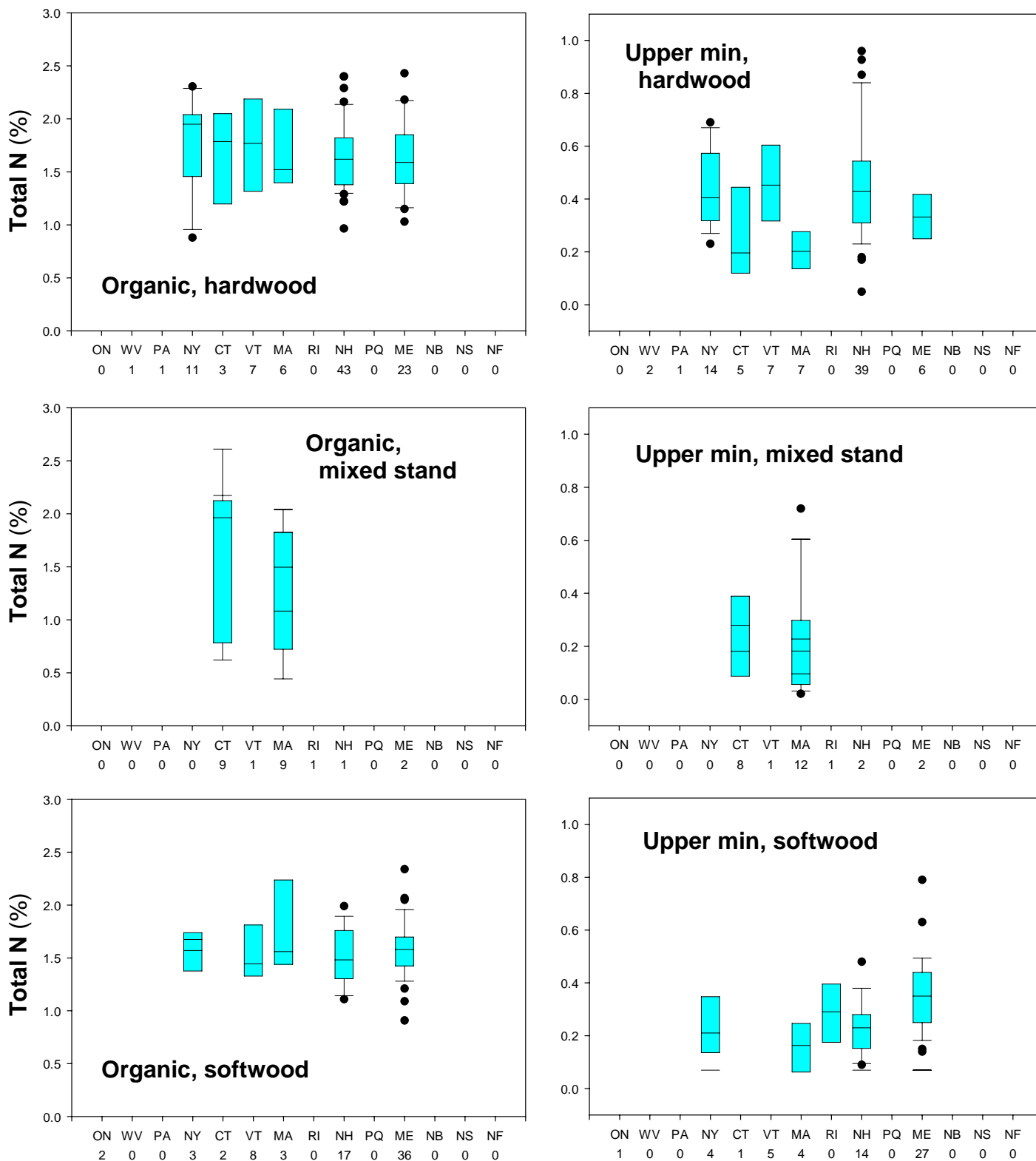


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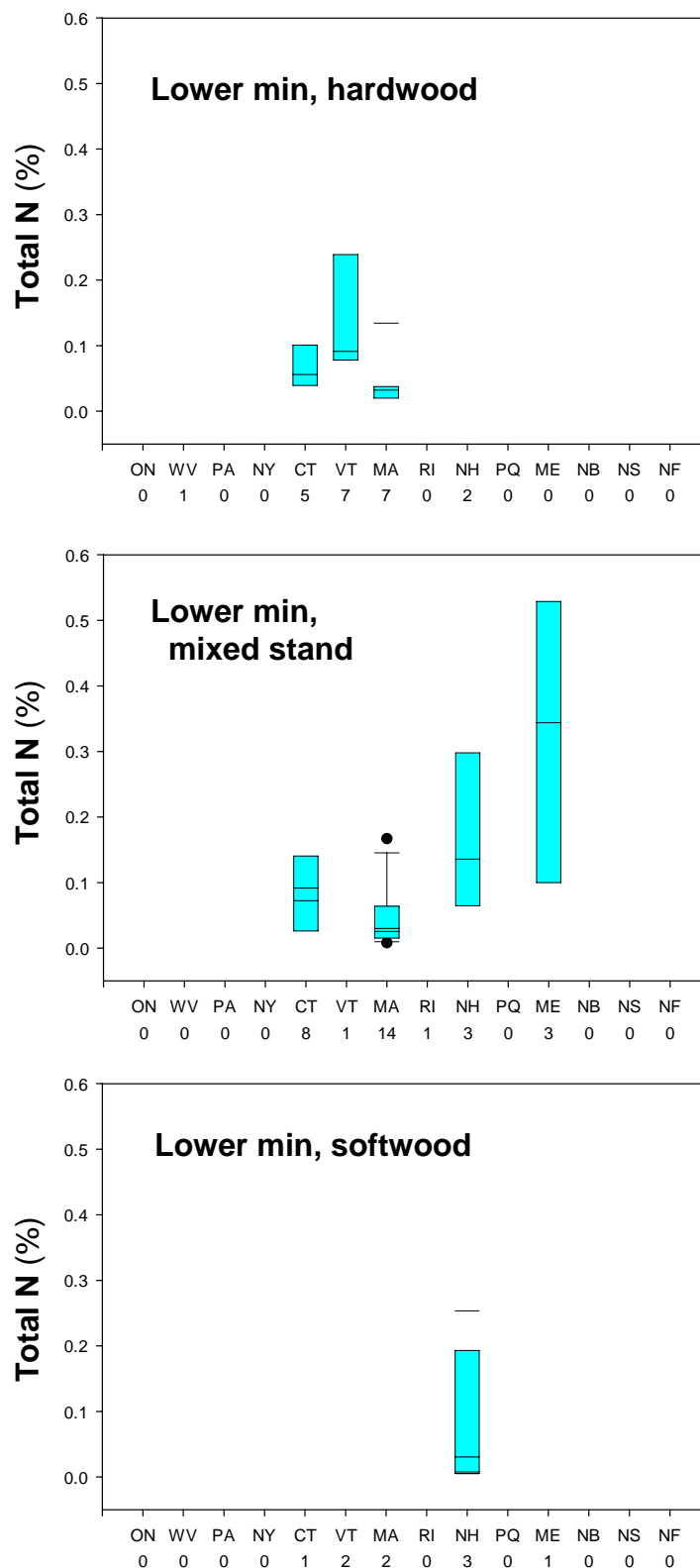


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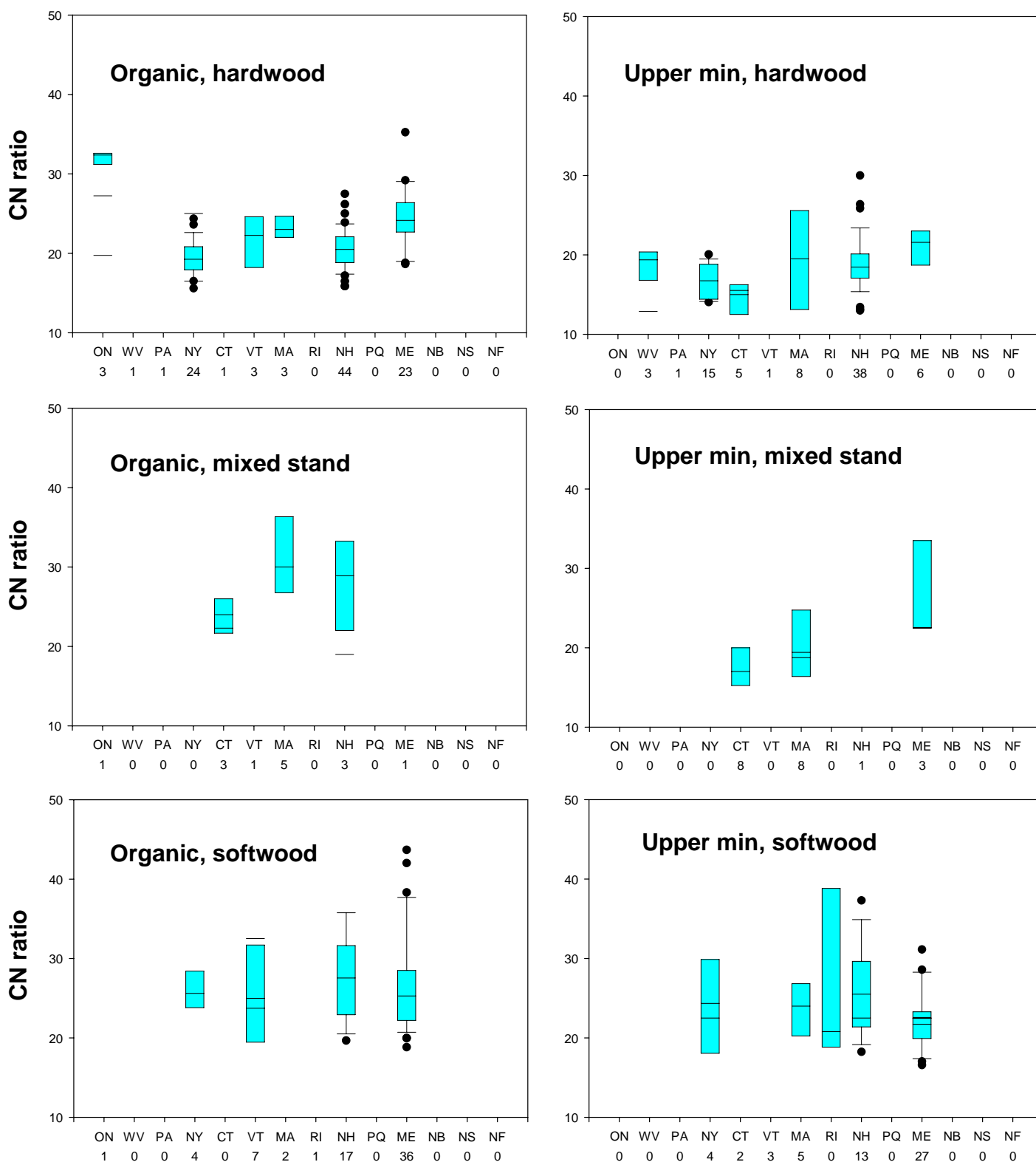
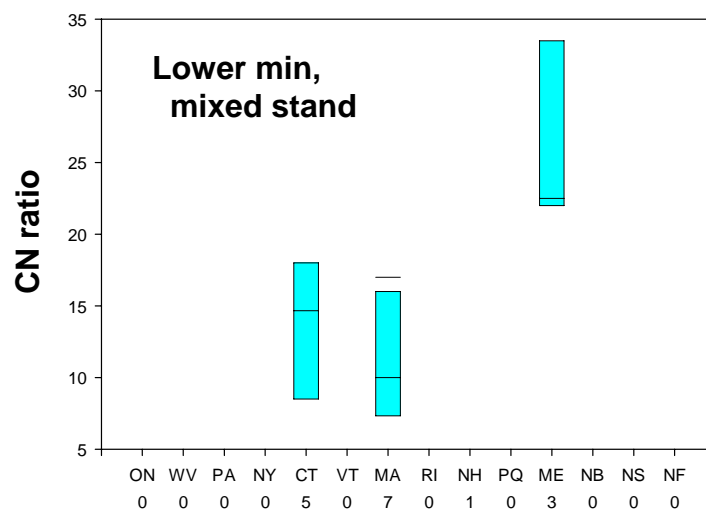
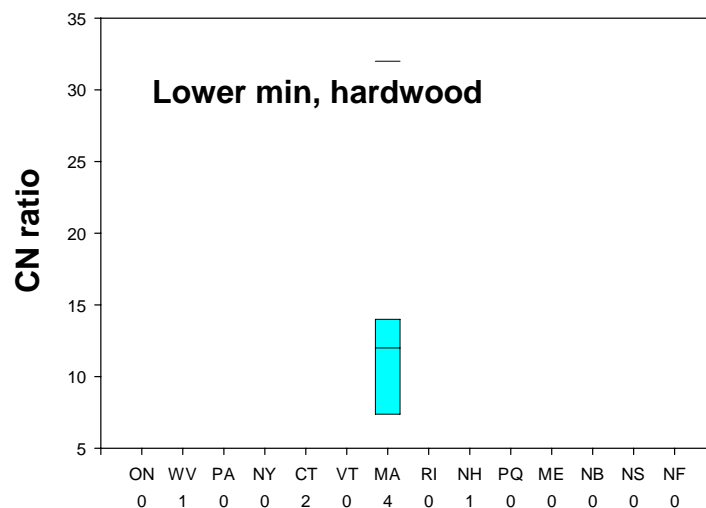


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Lower min, softwood

Not enough data

Figure 9. Boxplots for soil calcium in organic and upper mineral layers. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

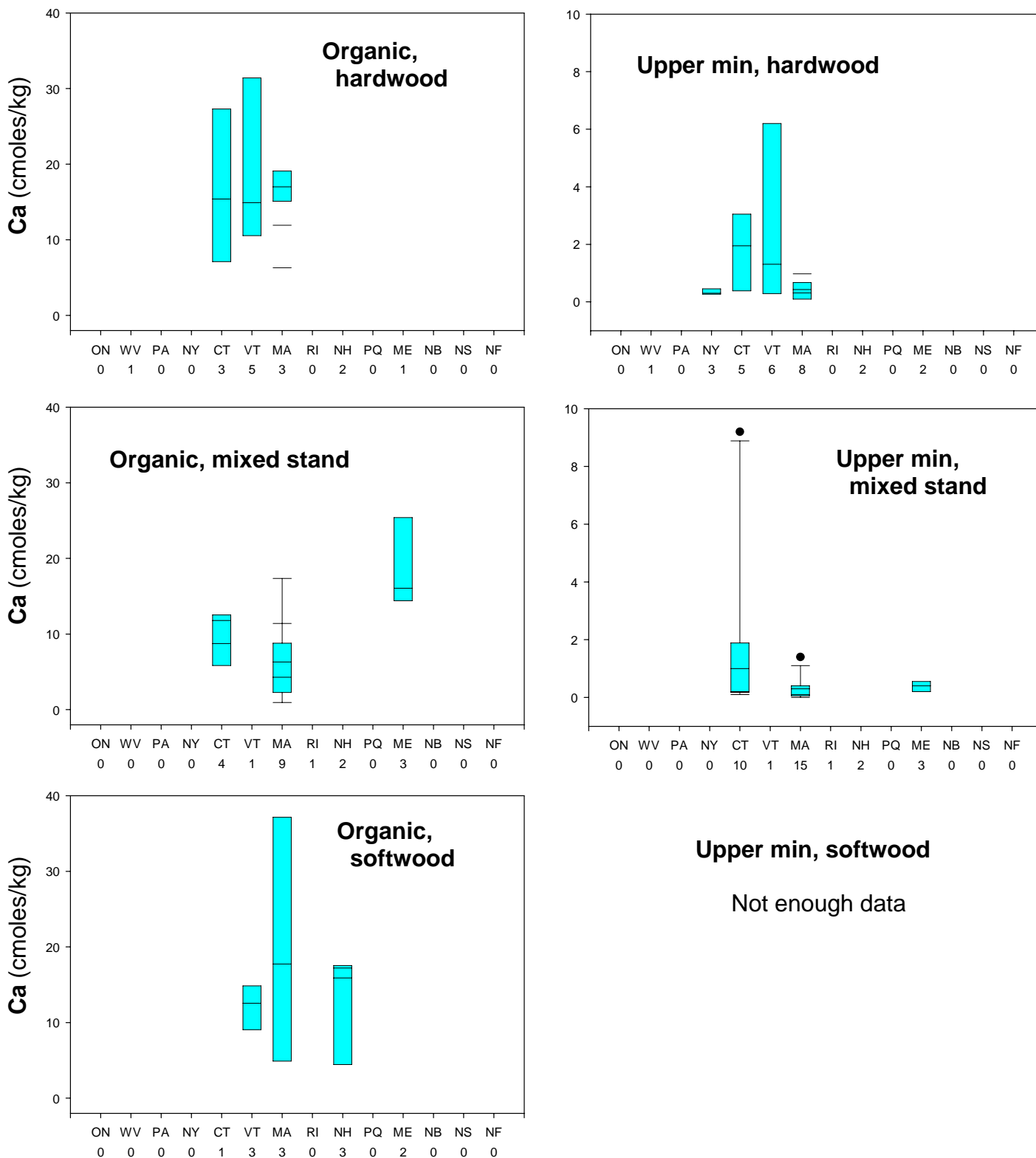


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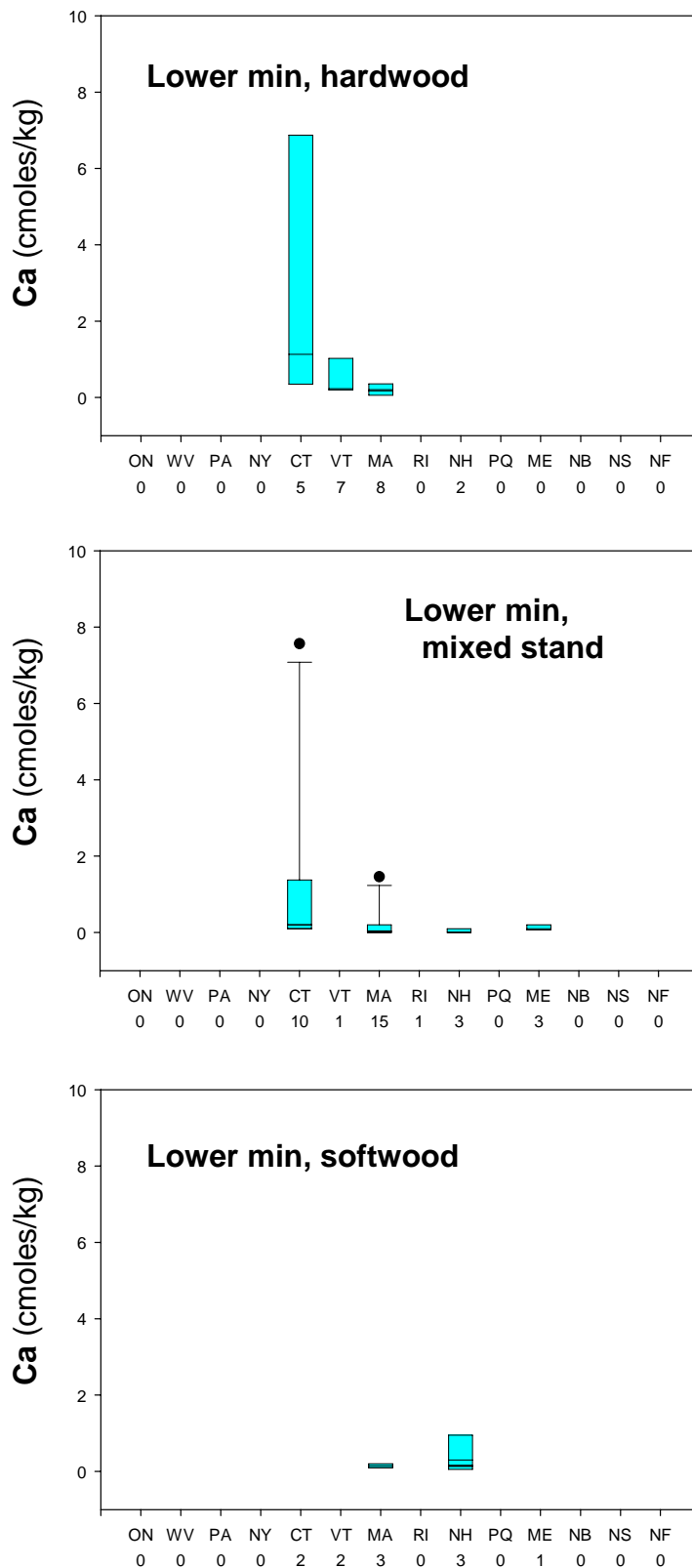


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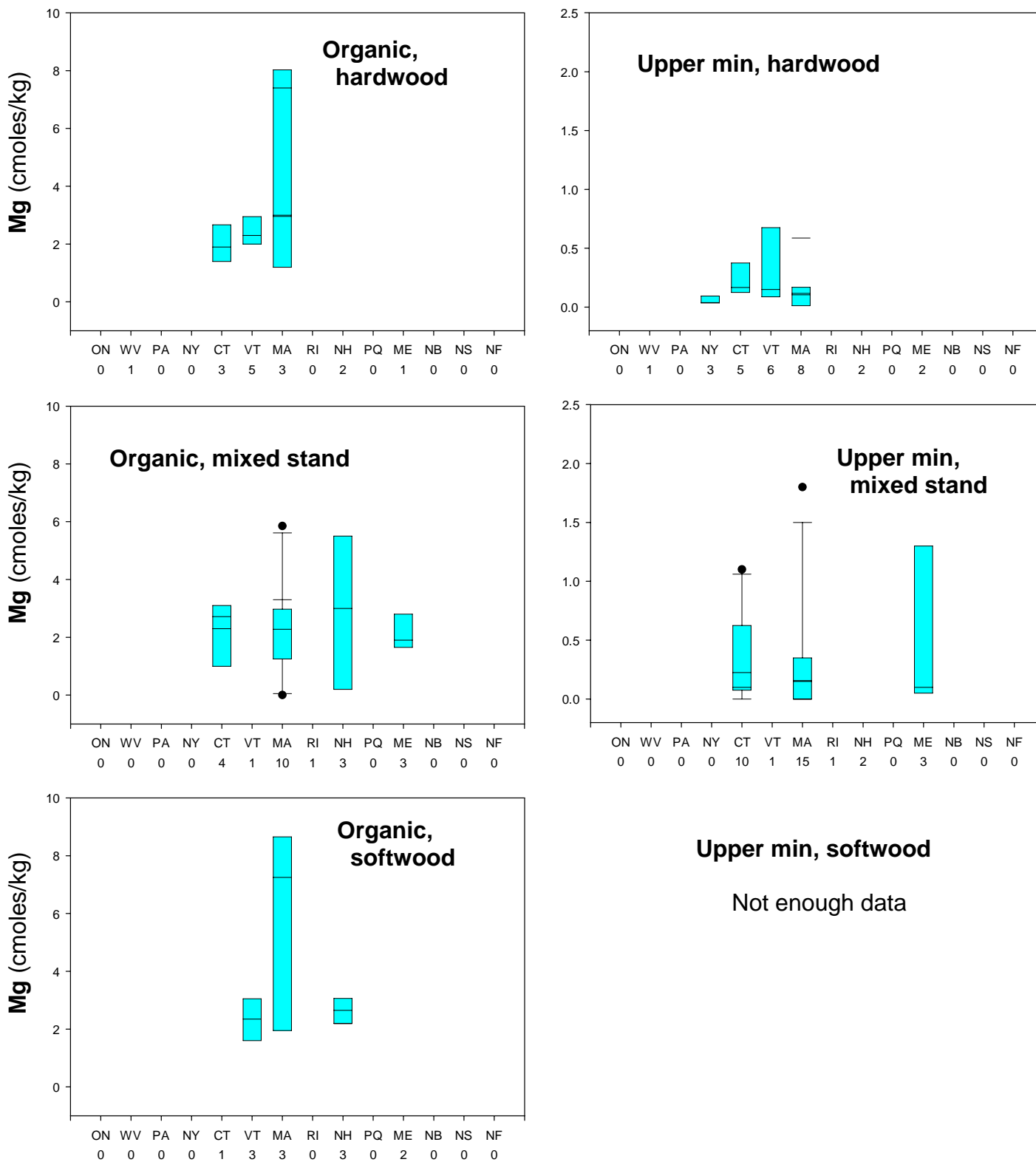


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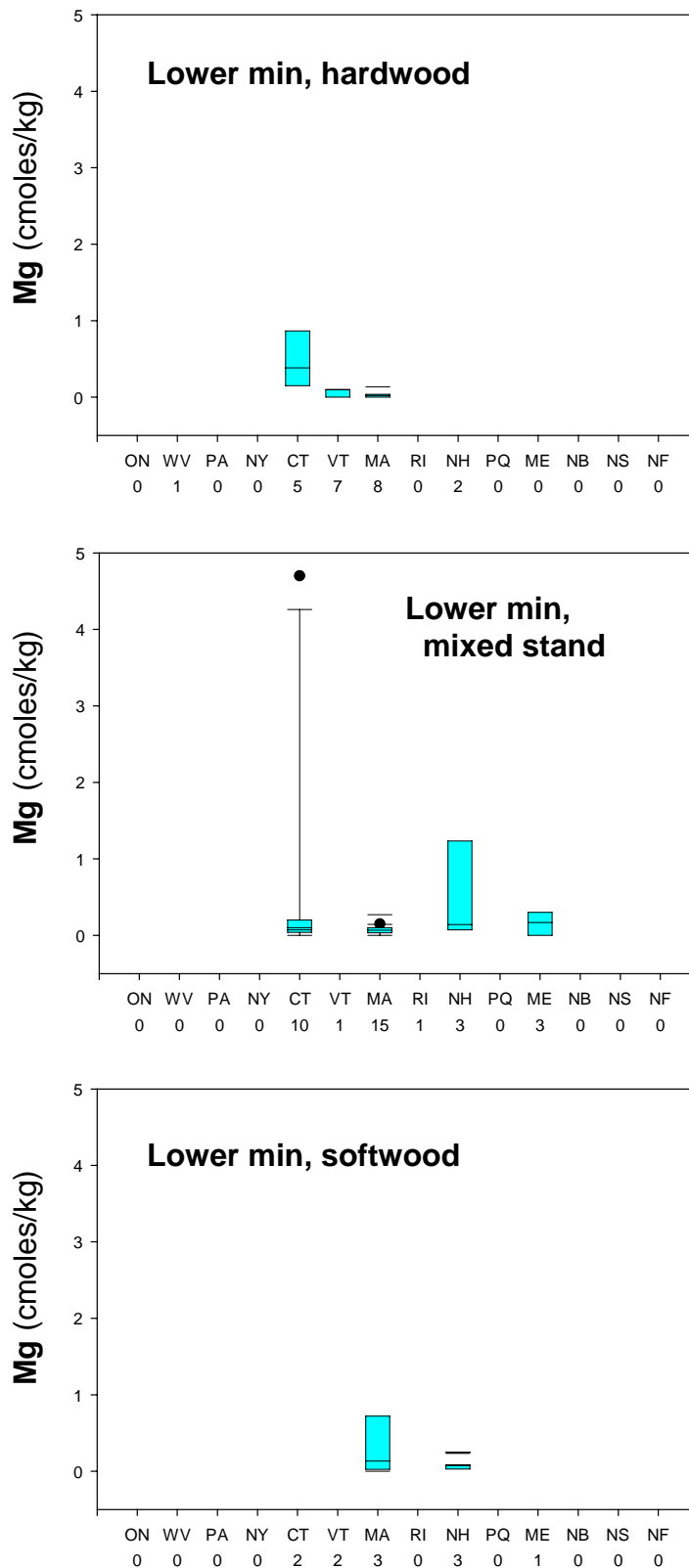


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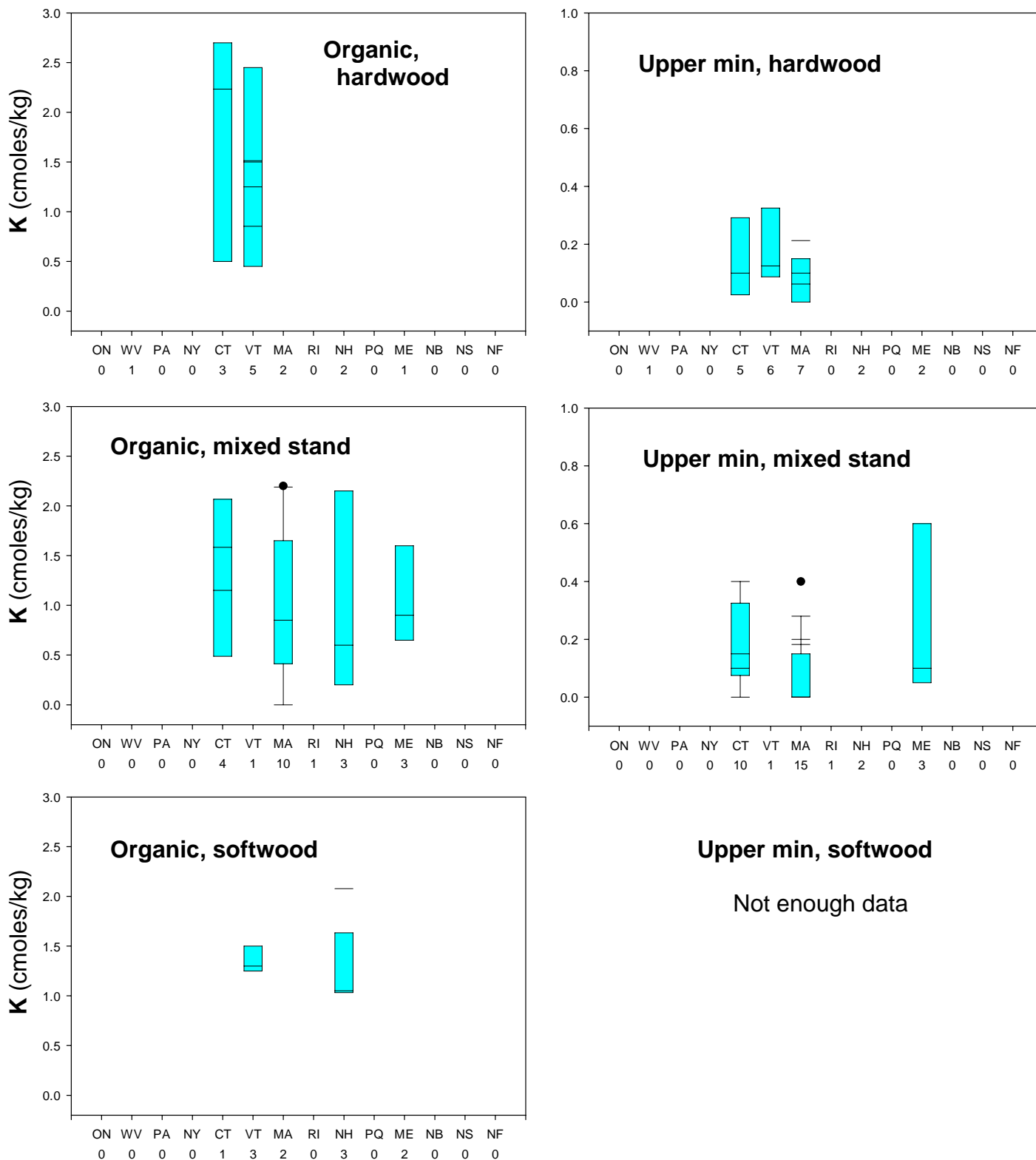


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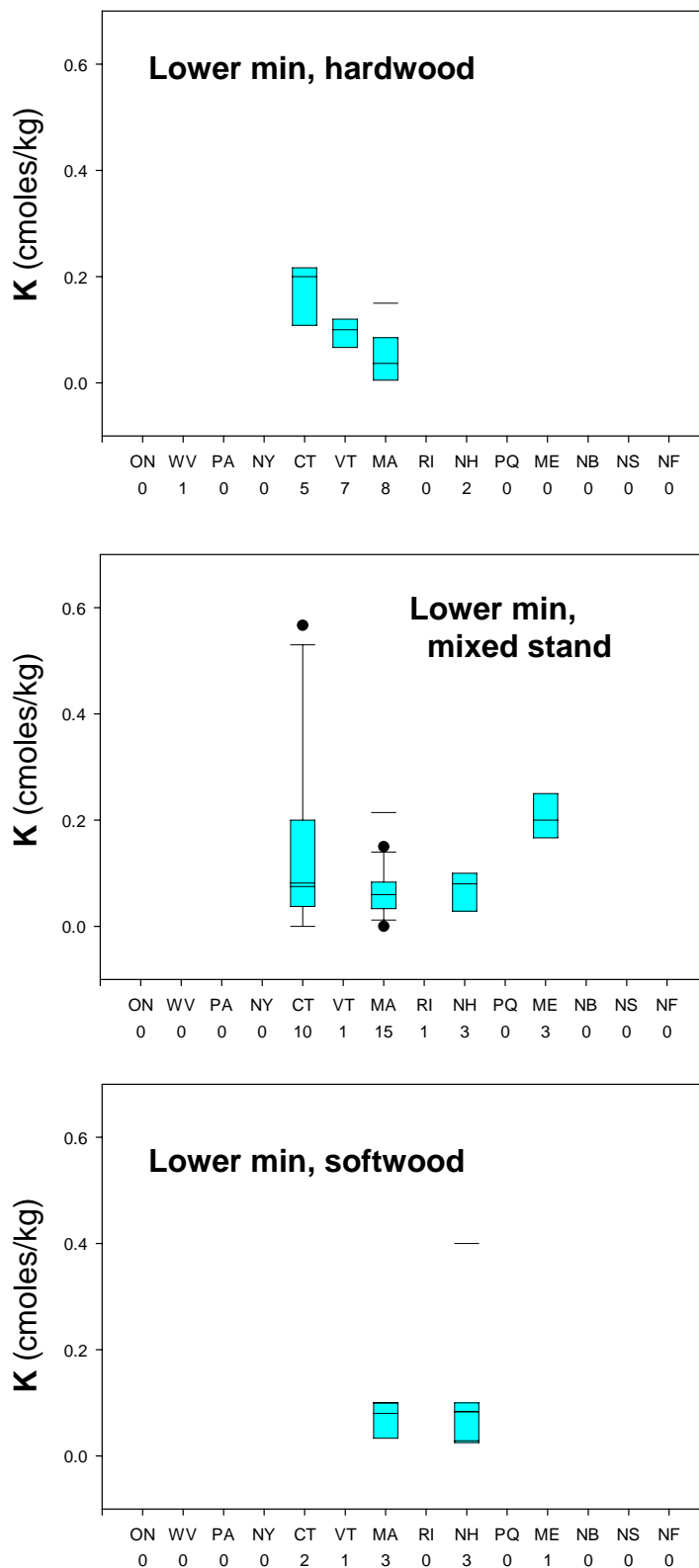


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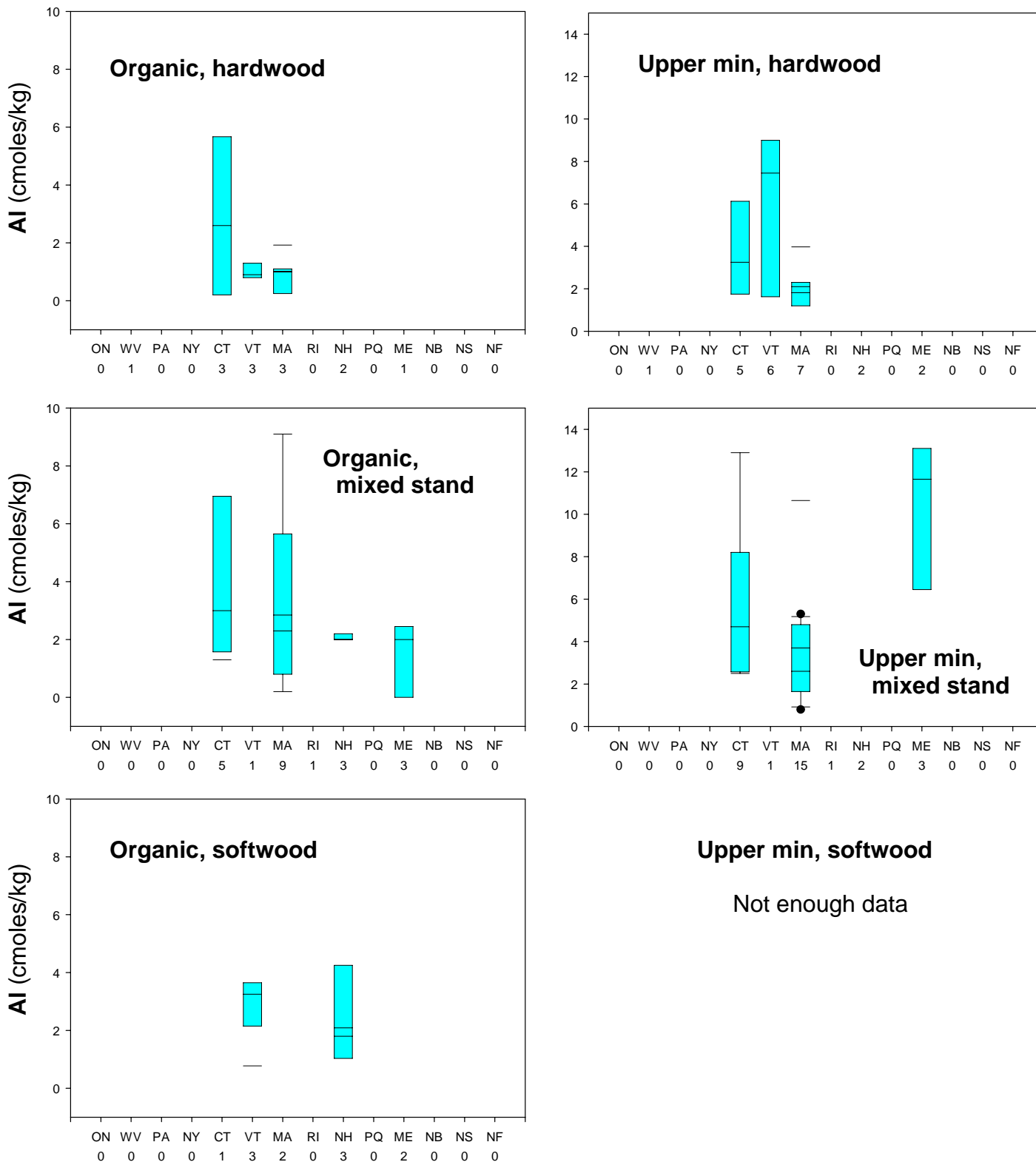


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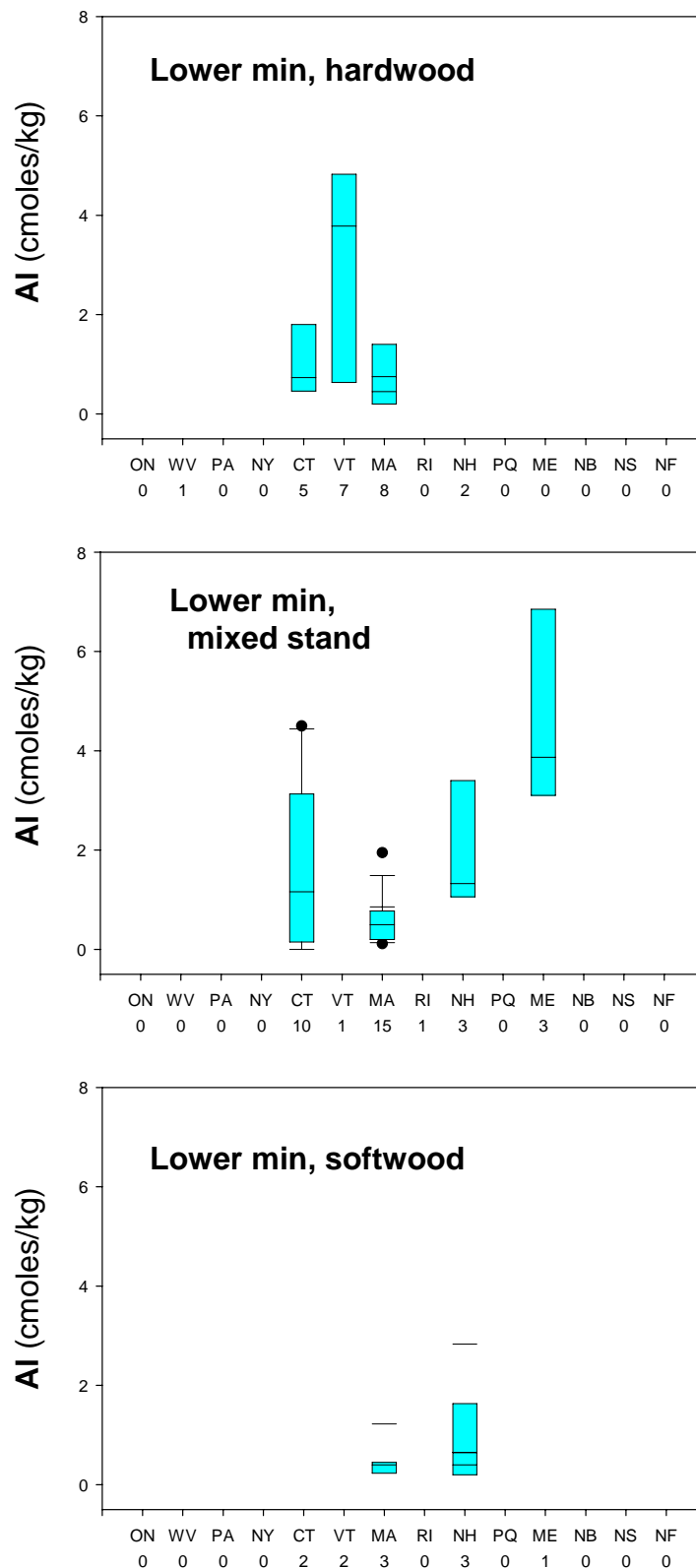
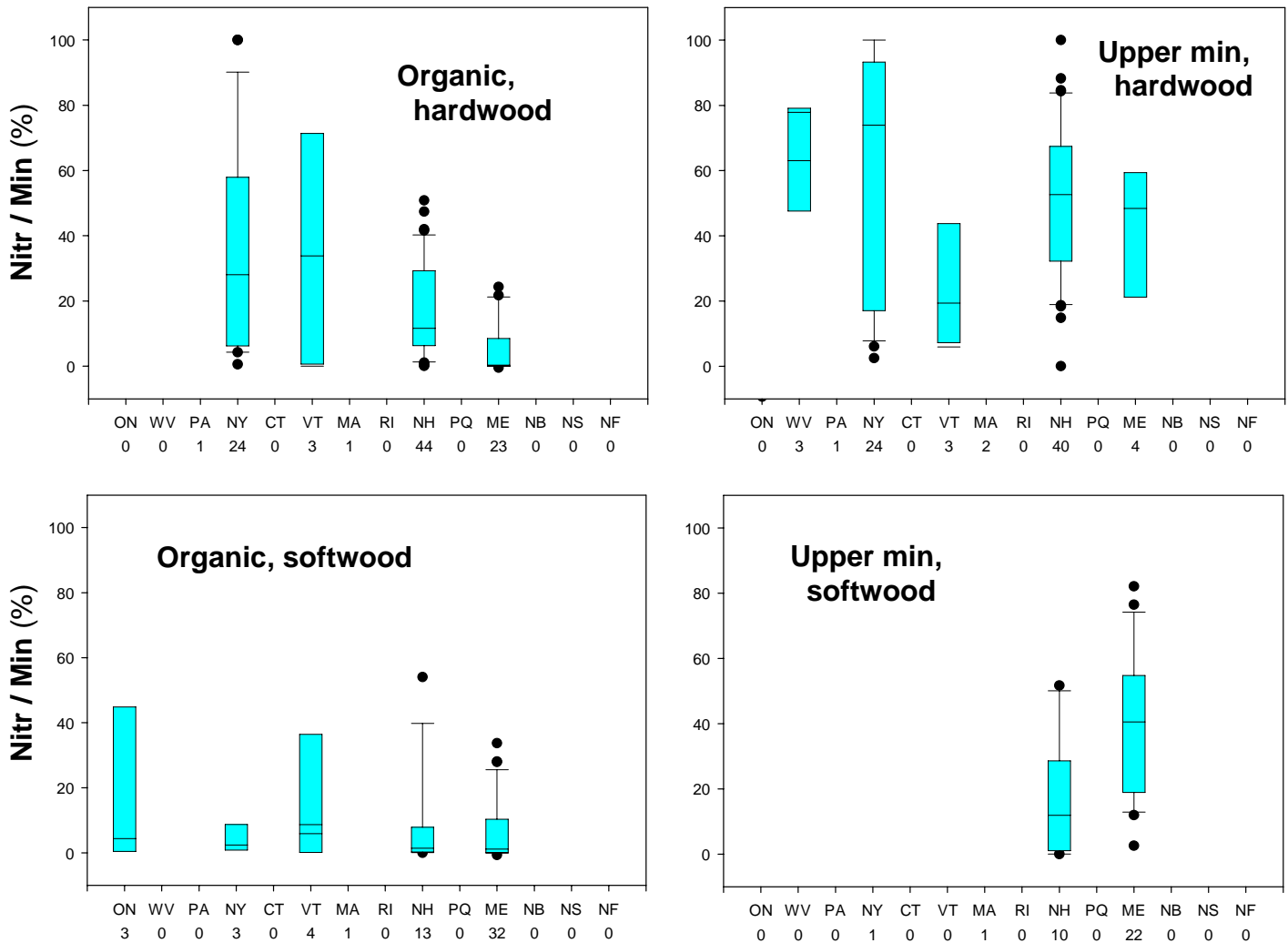
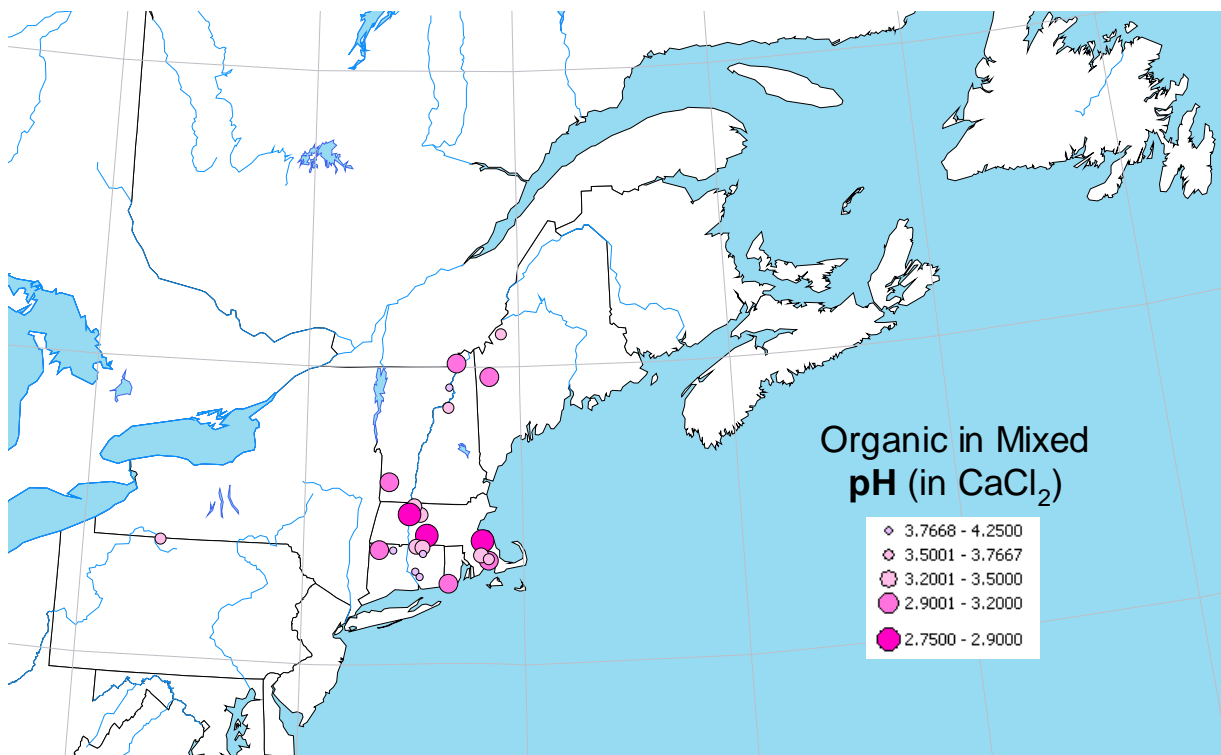
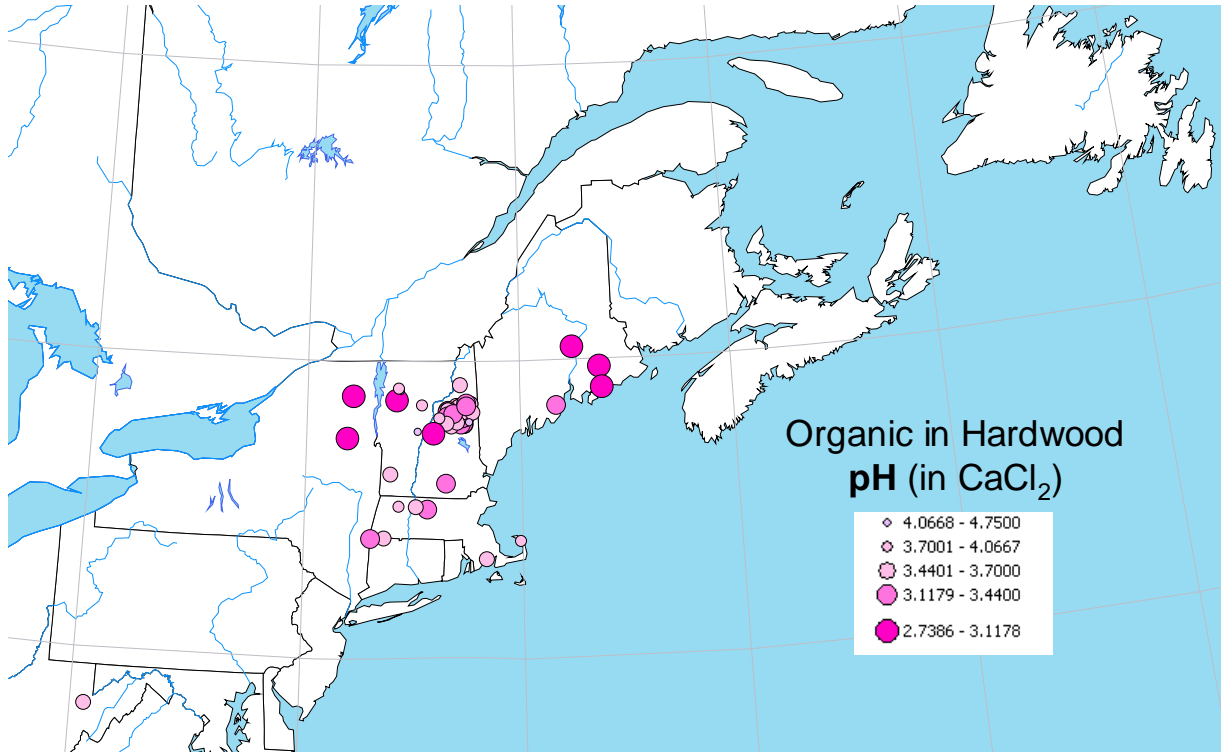


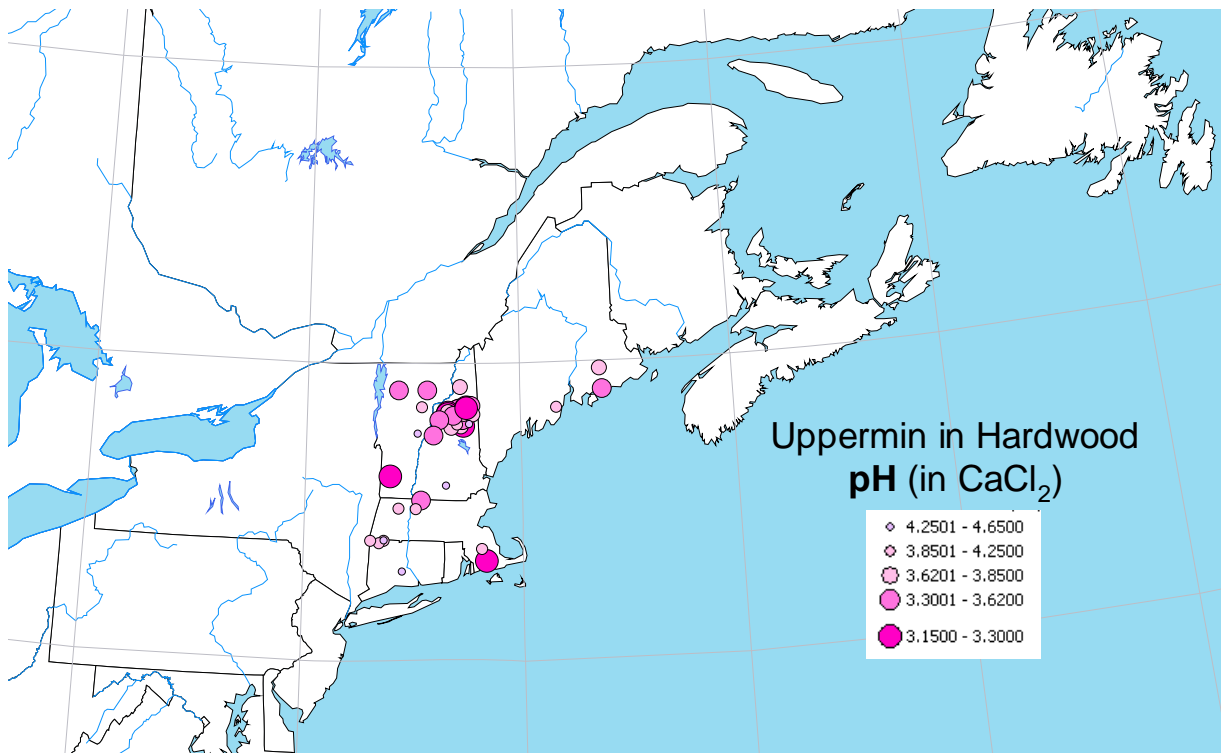
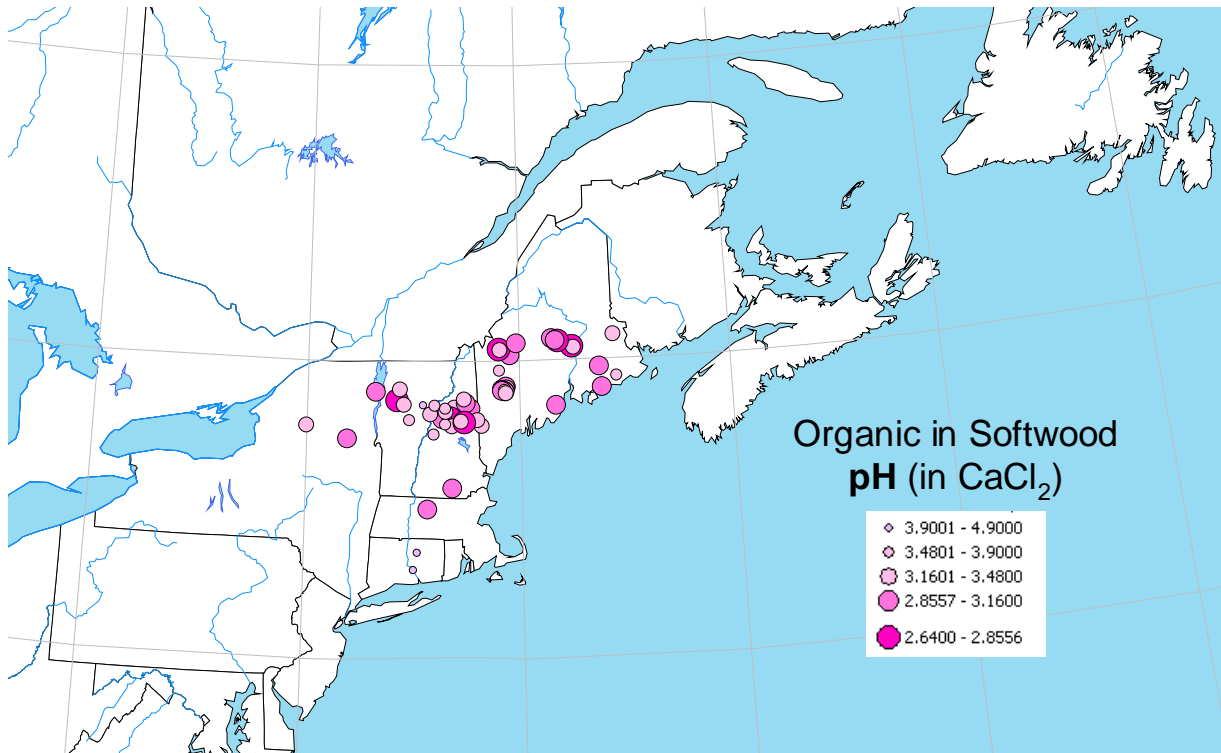
Figure 17. Boxplots for soil nitrification/mineralization in organic and upper mineral layers. Box boundaries indicate 25th and 75th percentile, line in box indicates the median, whiskers represent 10th and 90th percentile, and dots represent outliers. X axis includes US states and Canadian provinces listed in a rough west to east order, with the number of included sites listed below each label. At least three sites are required to generate a boxplot.

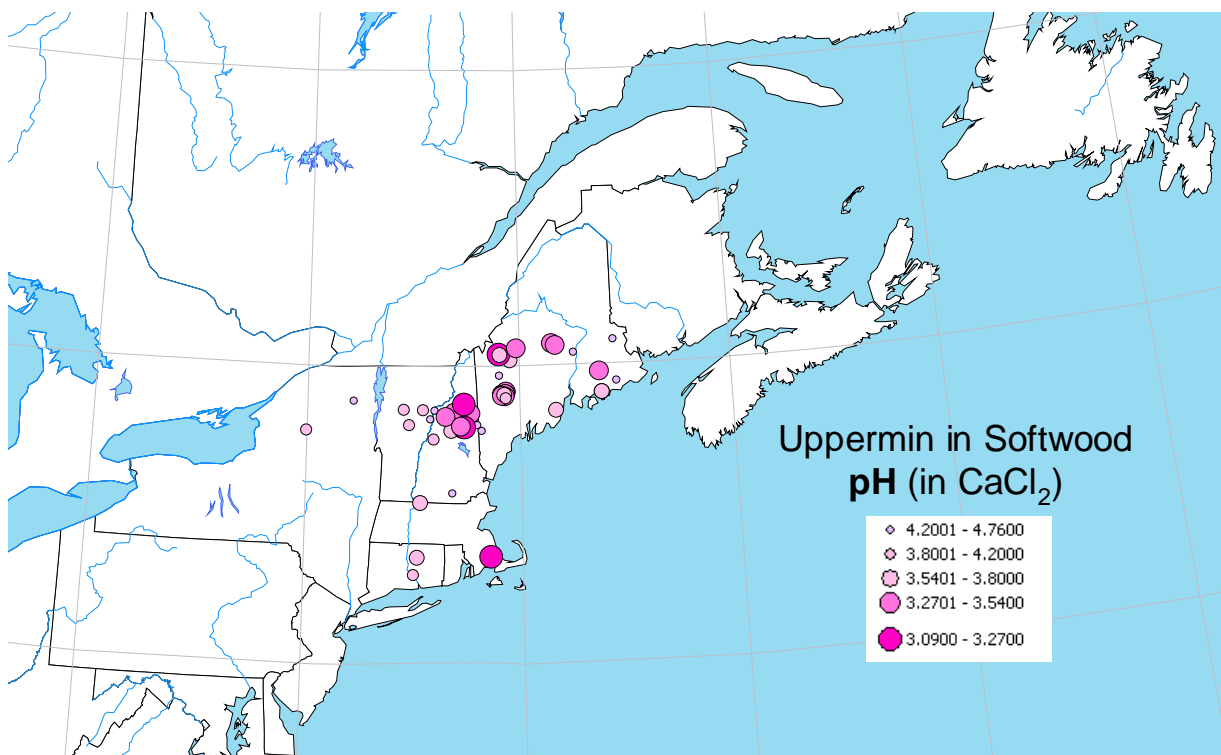
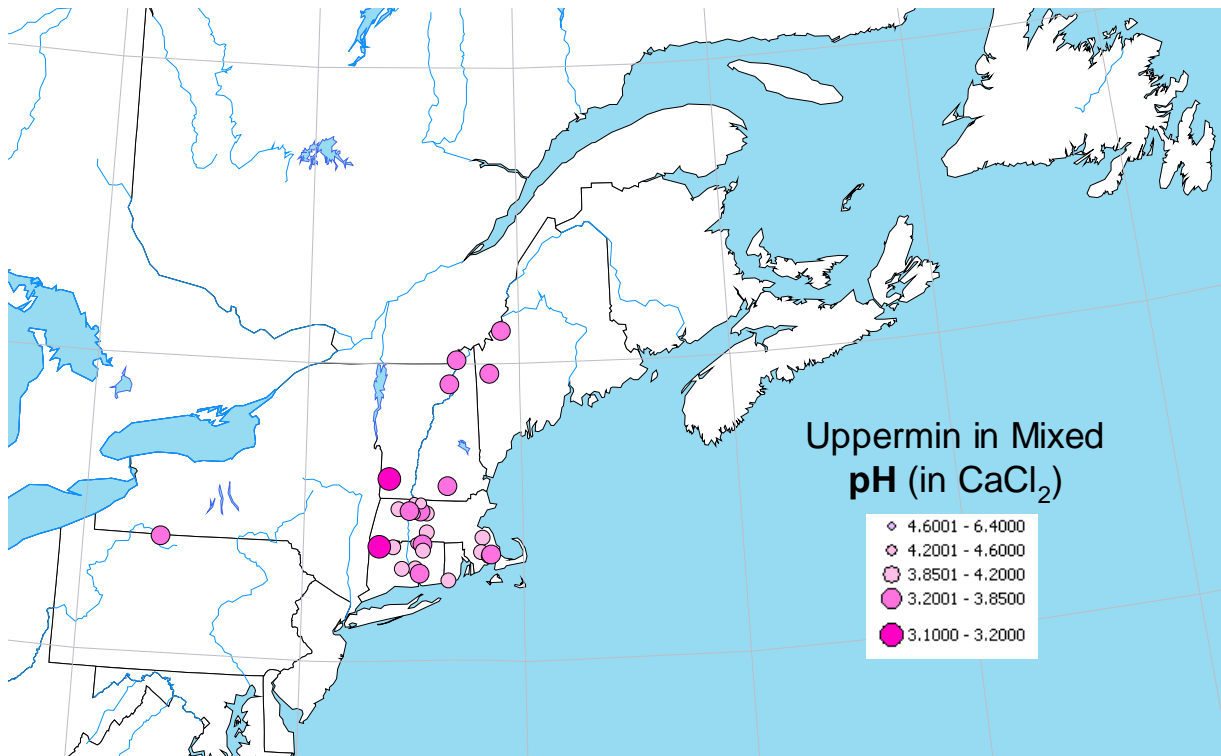


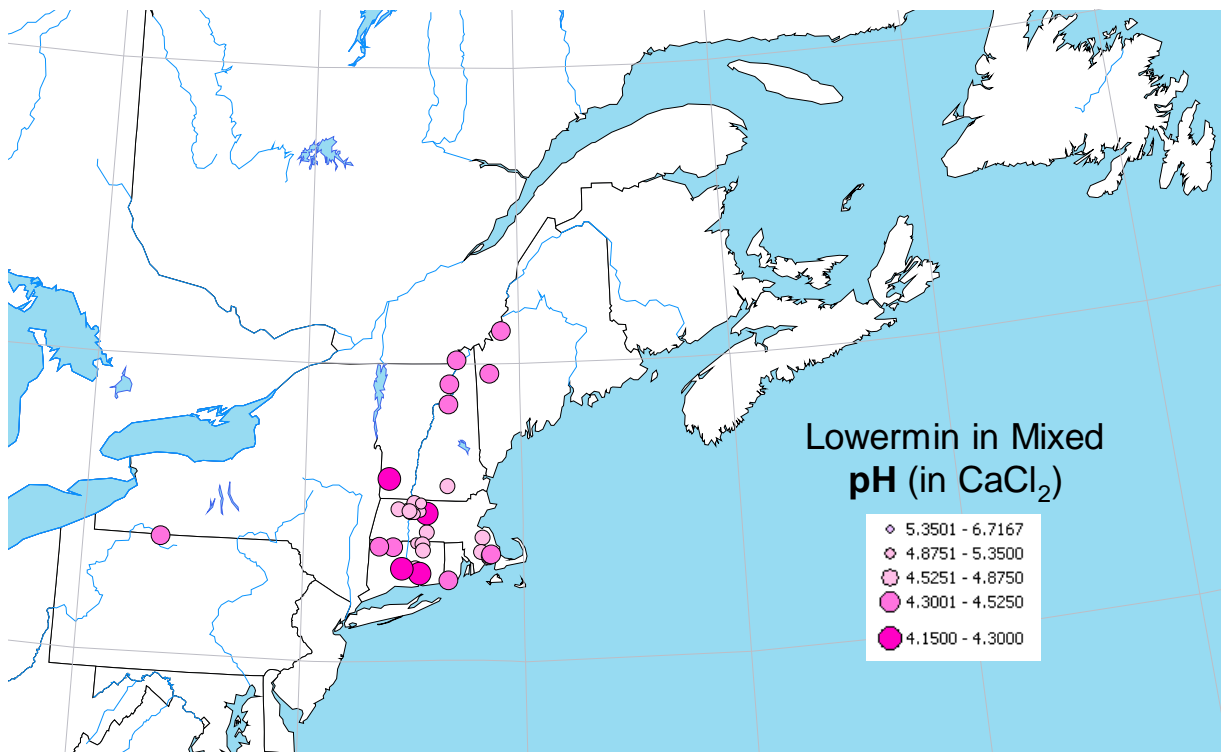
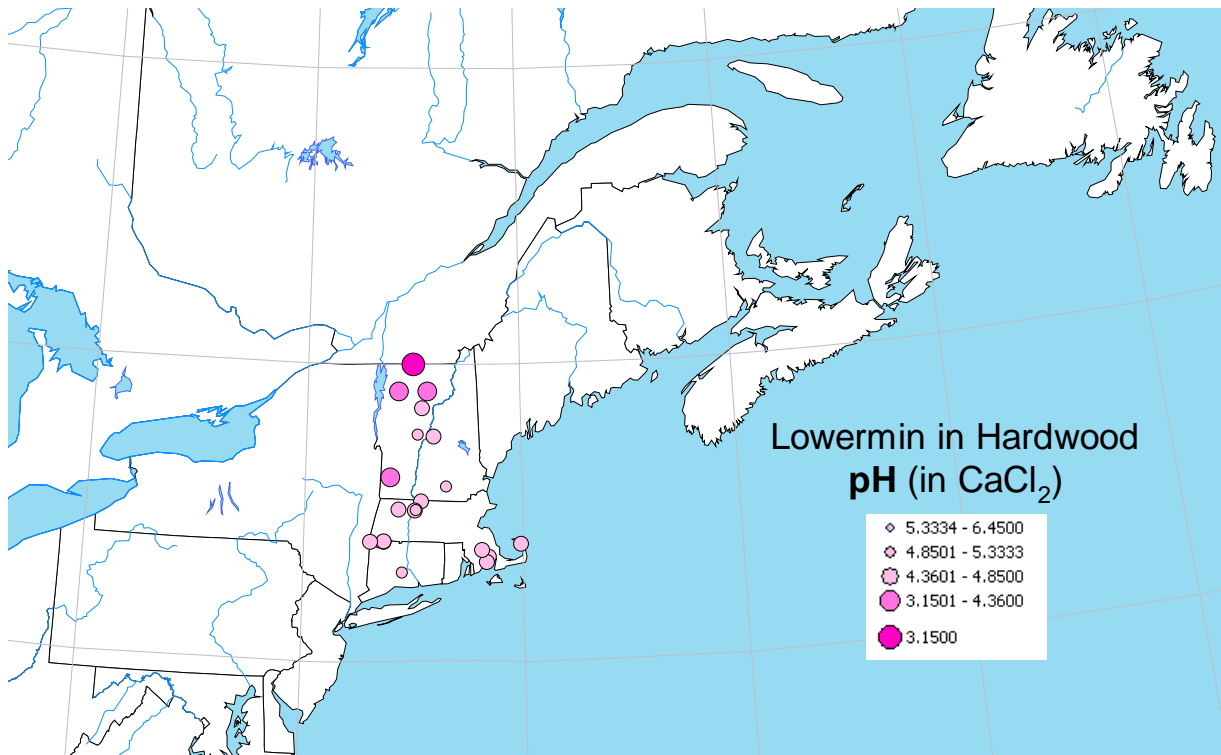
Appendix C-3: Soil Chemistry Maps

Figure 18. Maps for soil pH. (figure spans multiple pages)









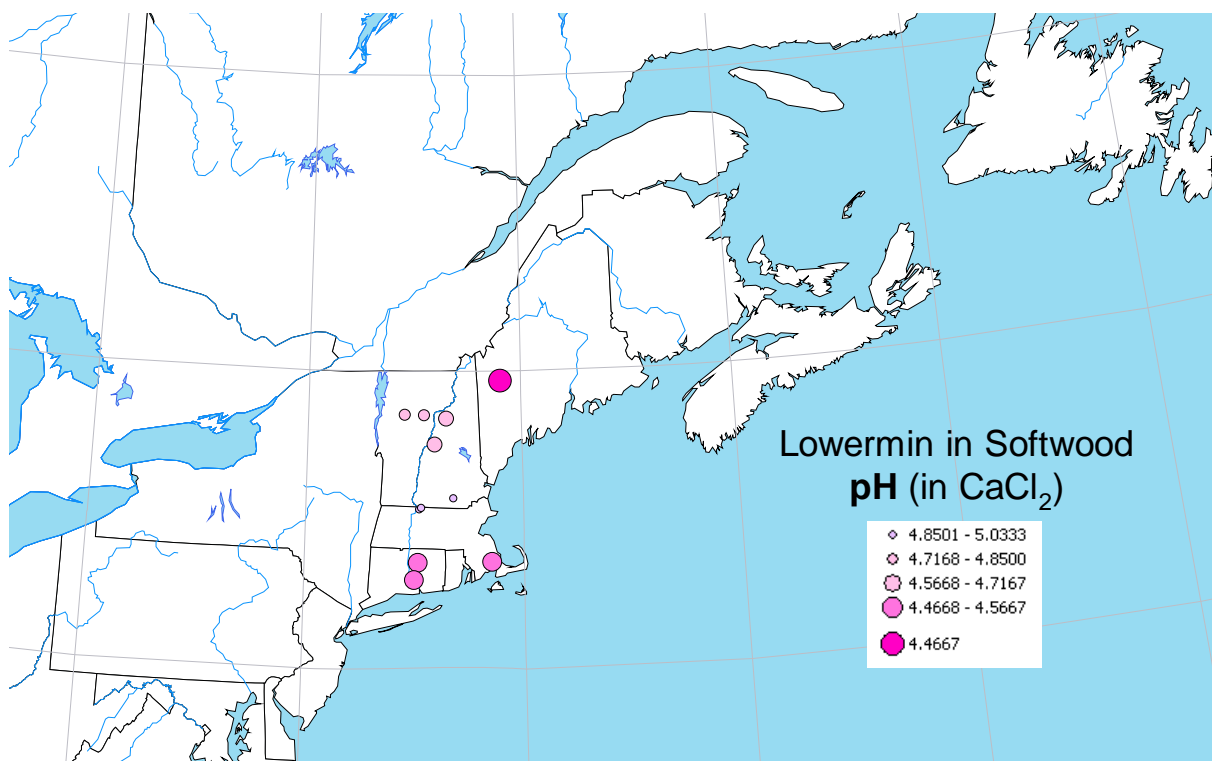
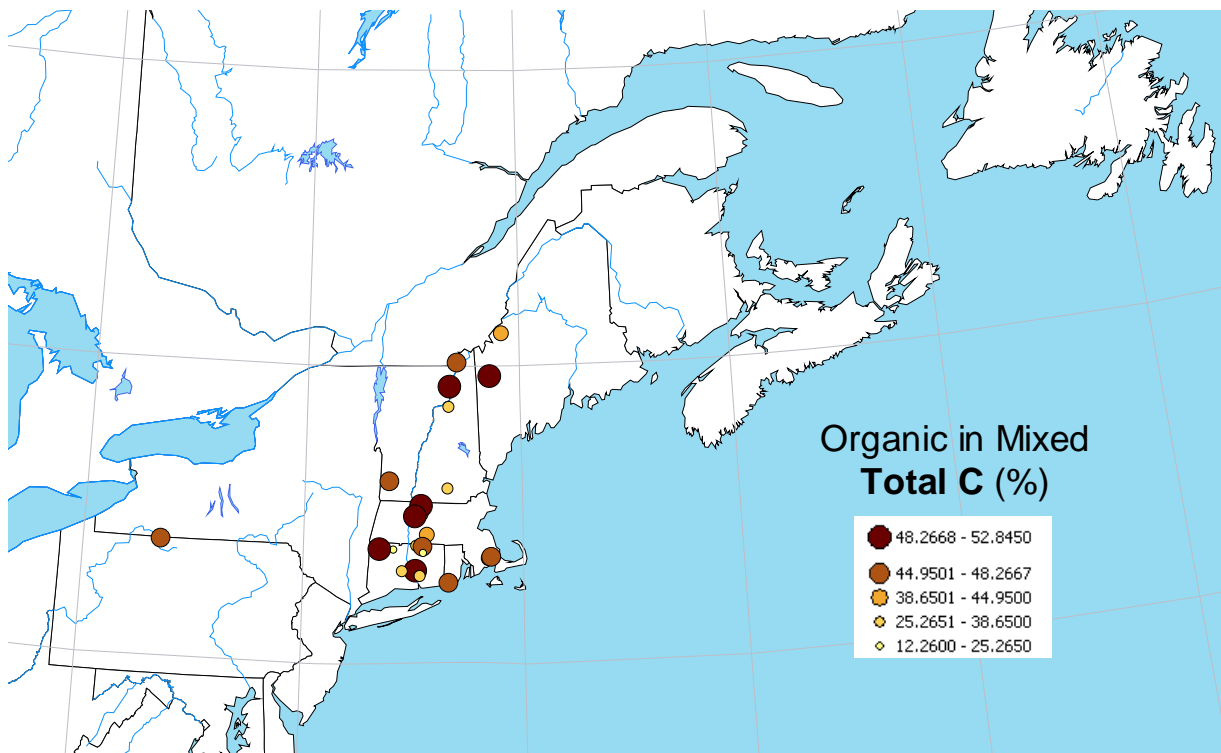
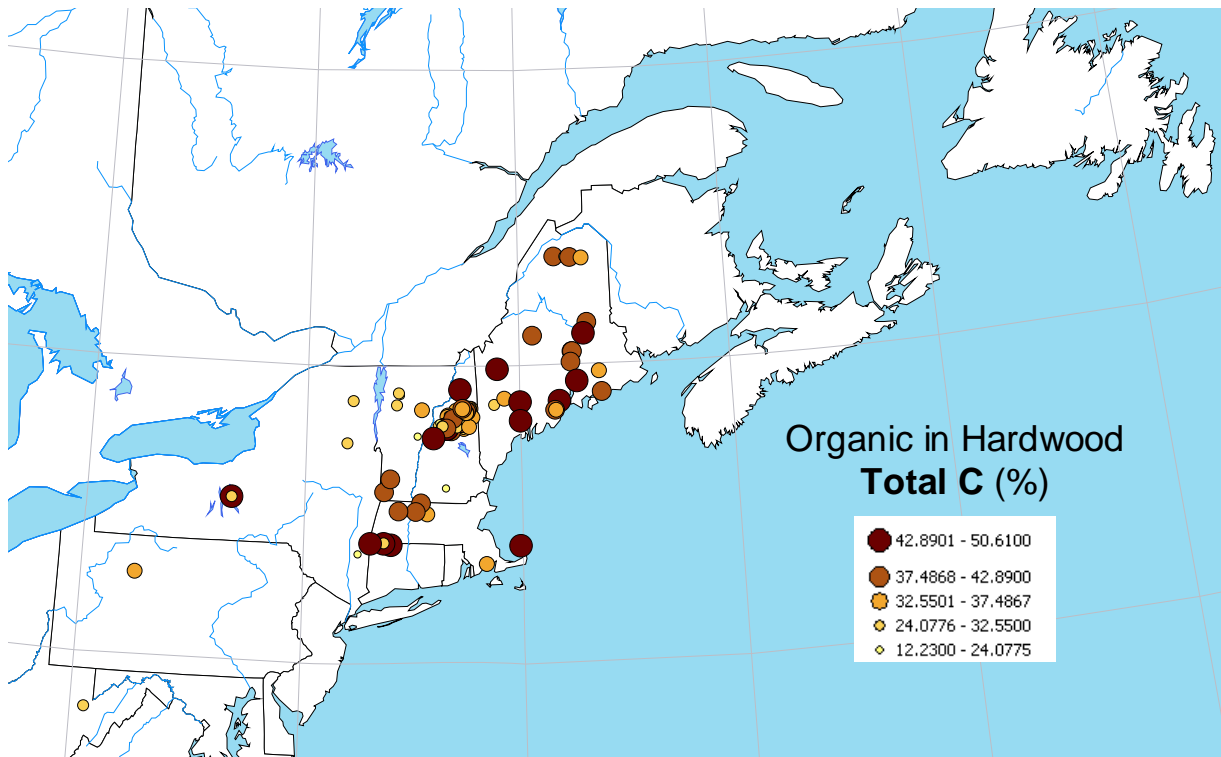
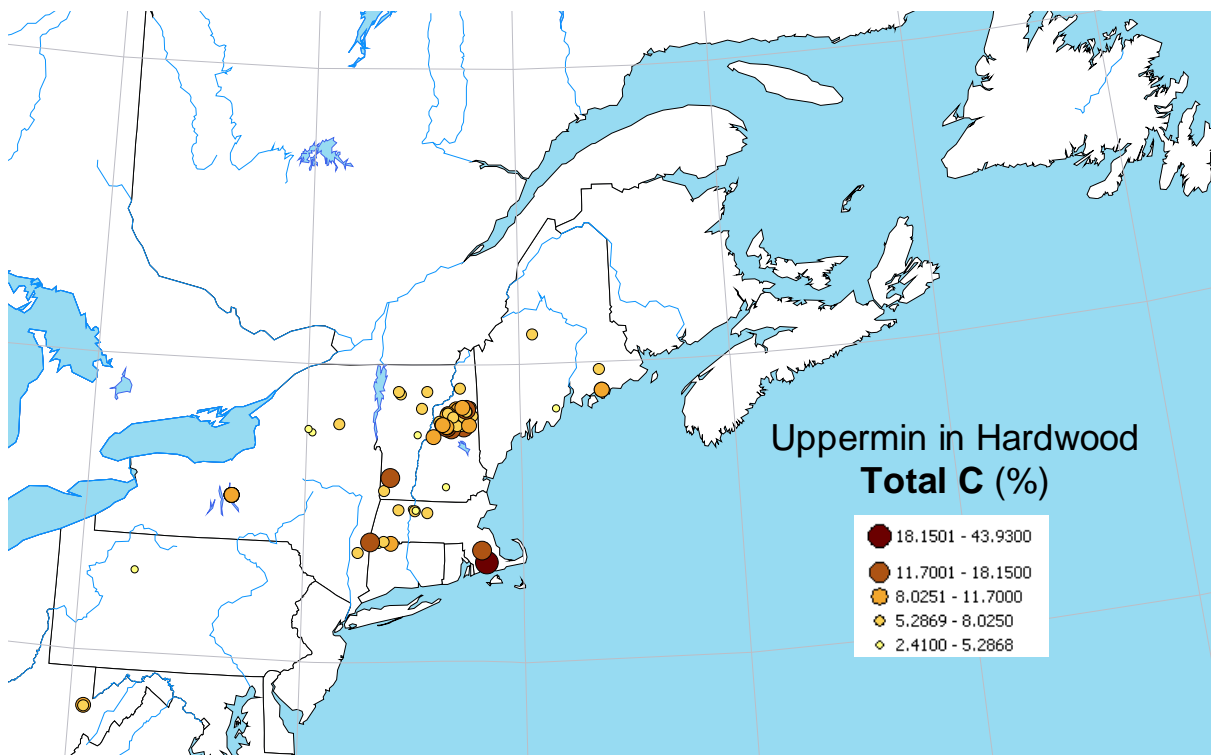
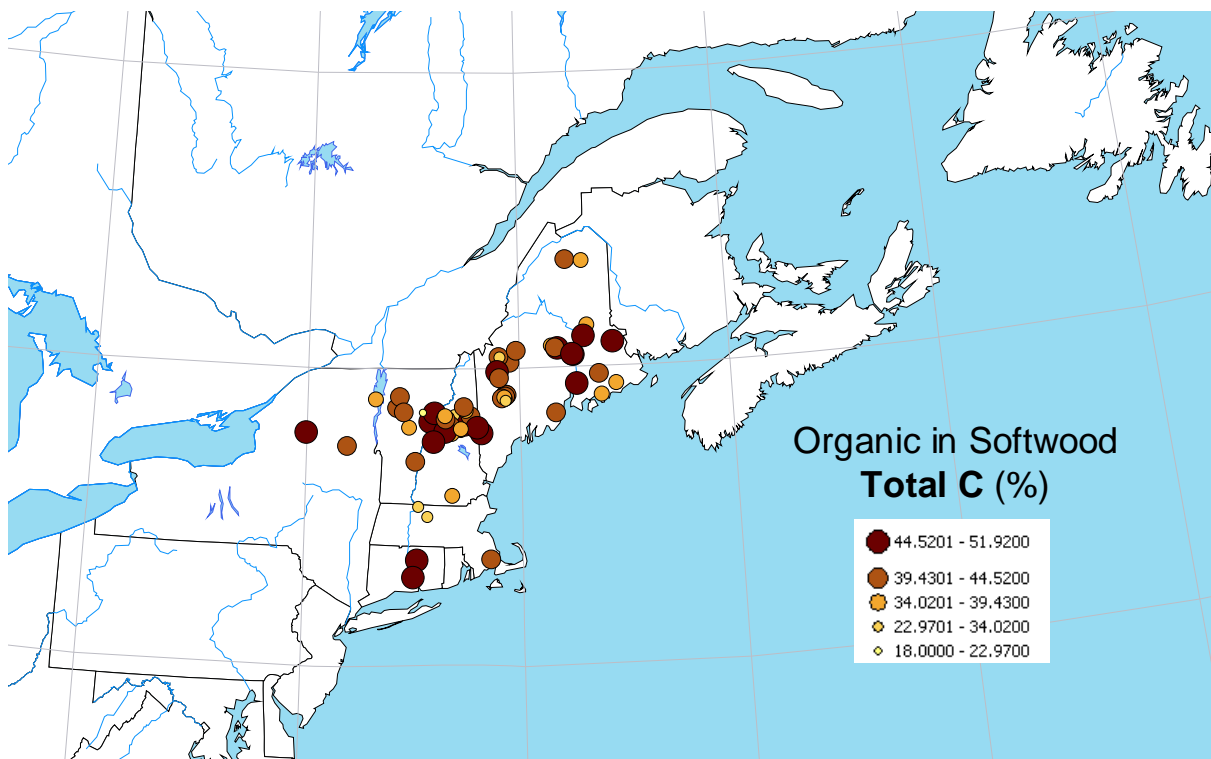
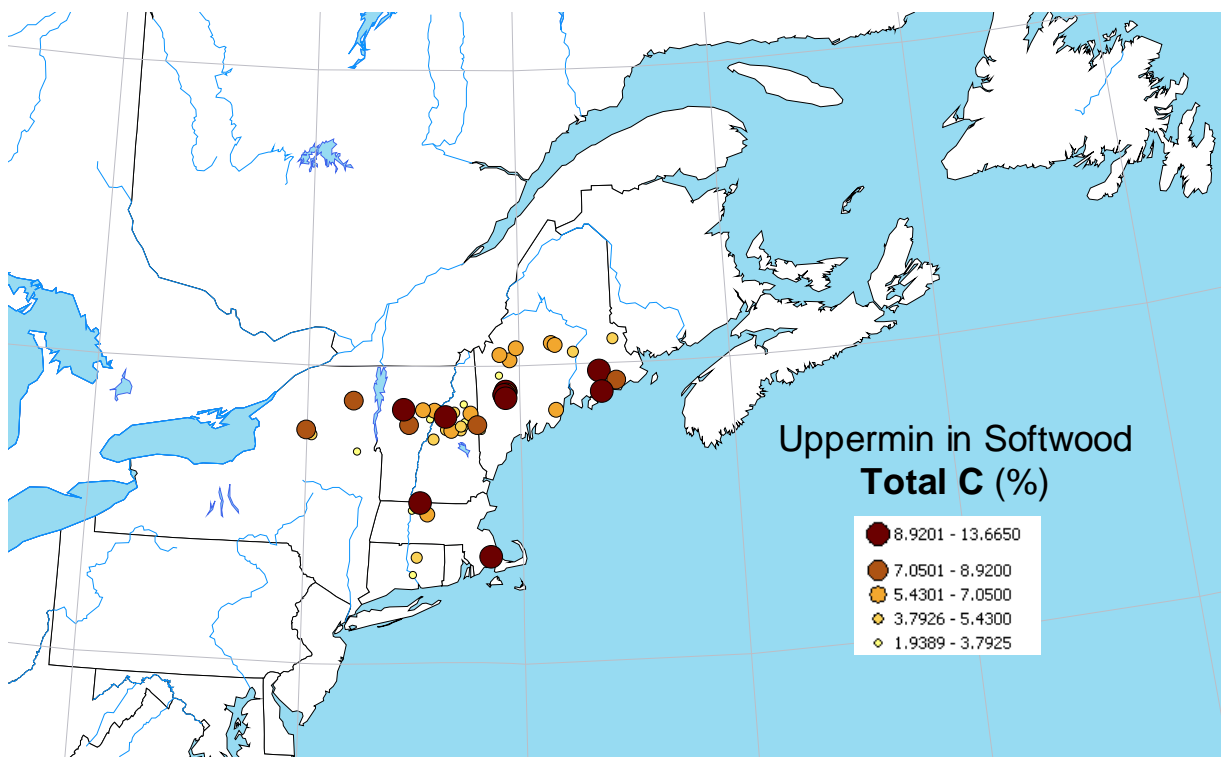
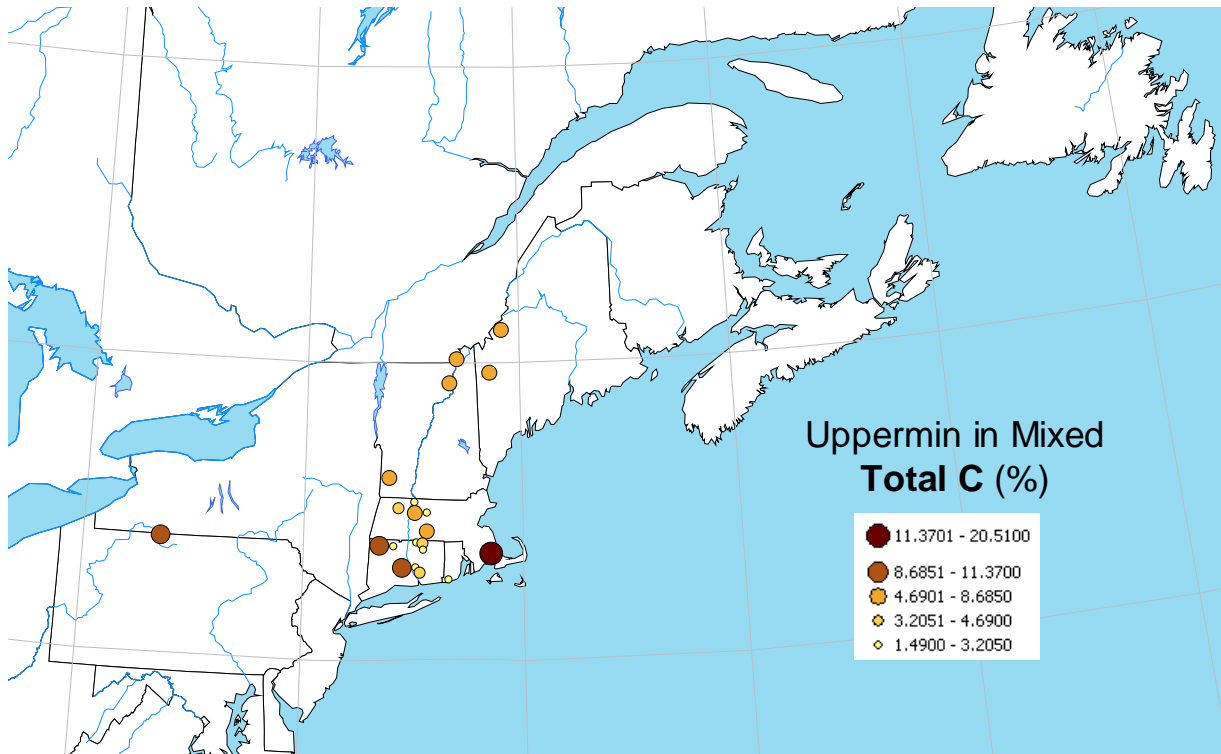
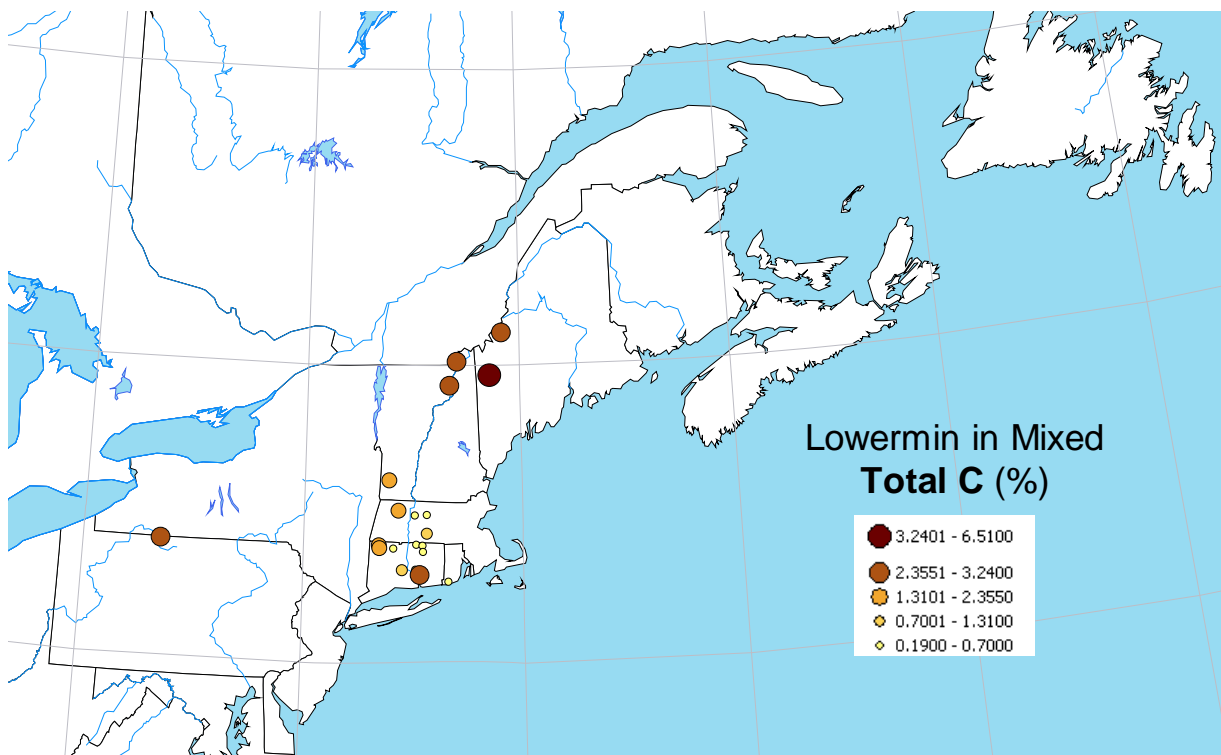
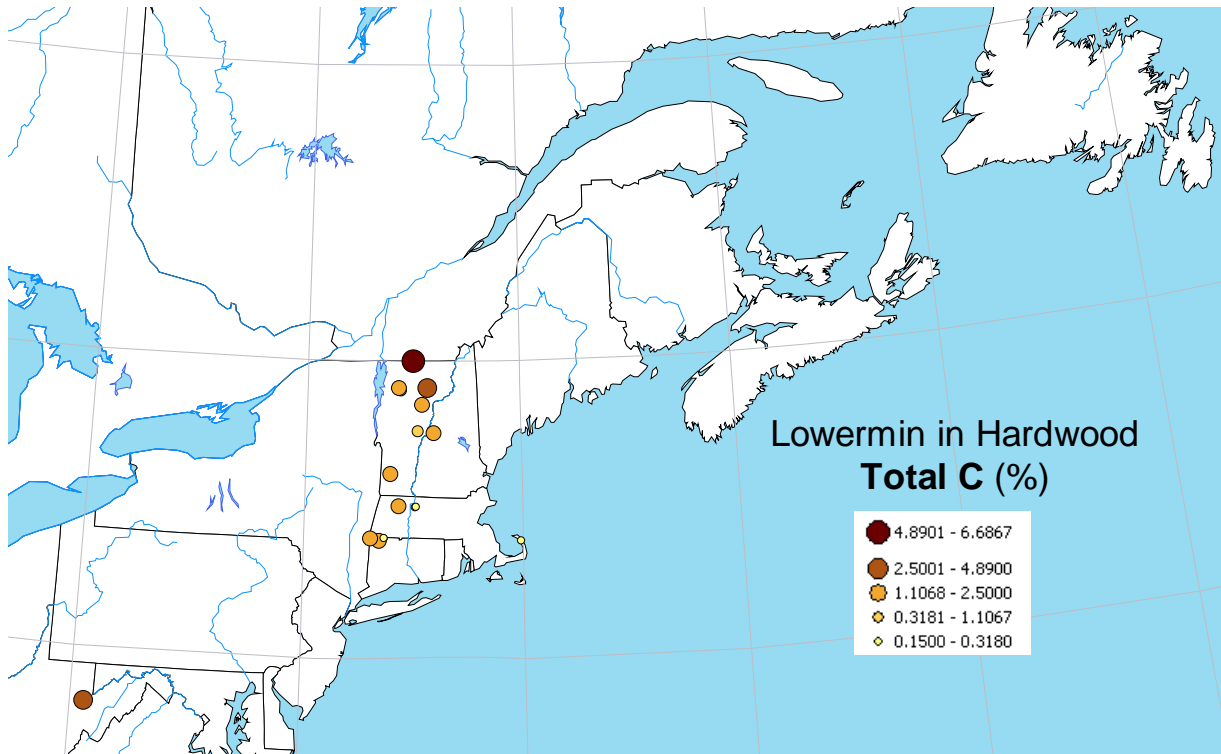


Figure 19. Maps for soil carbon. (figure spans multiple pages)









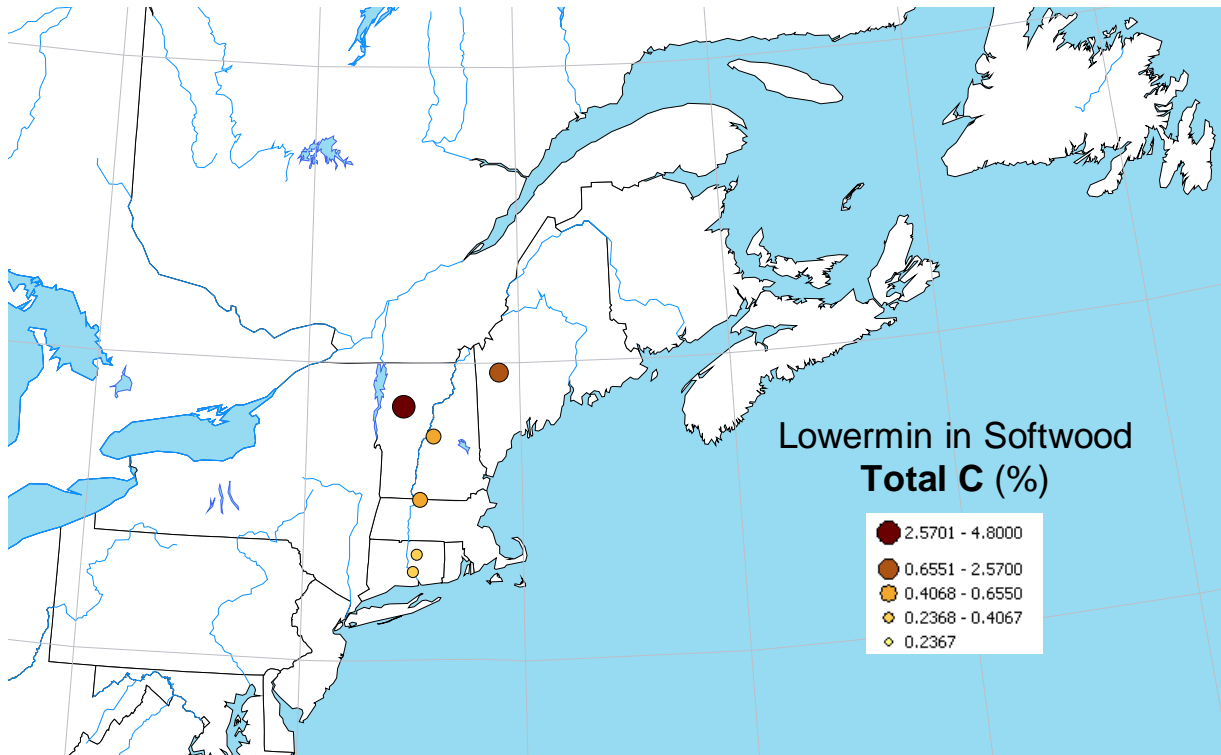
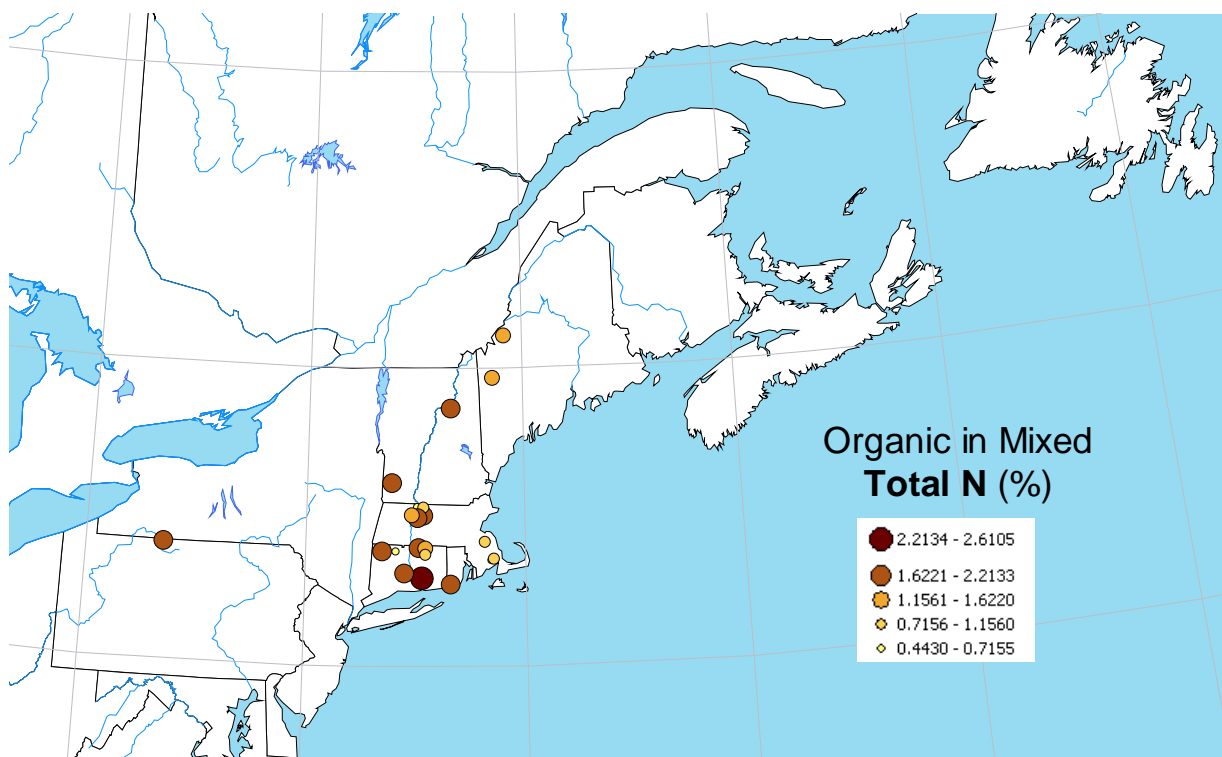
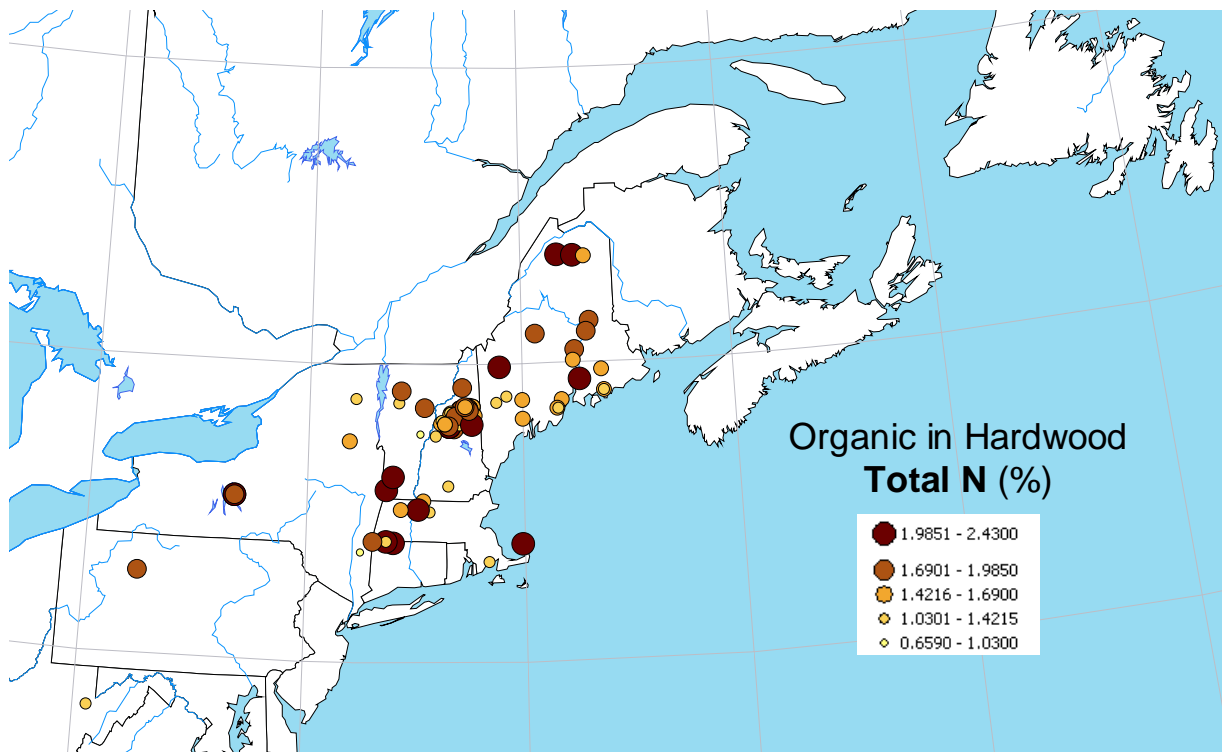
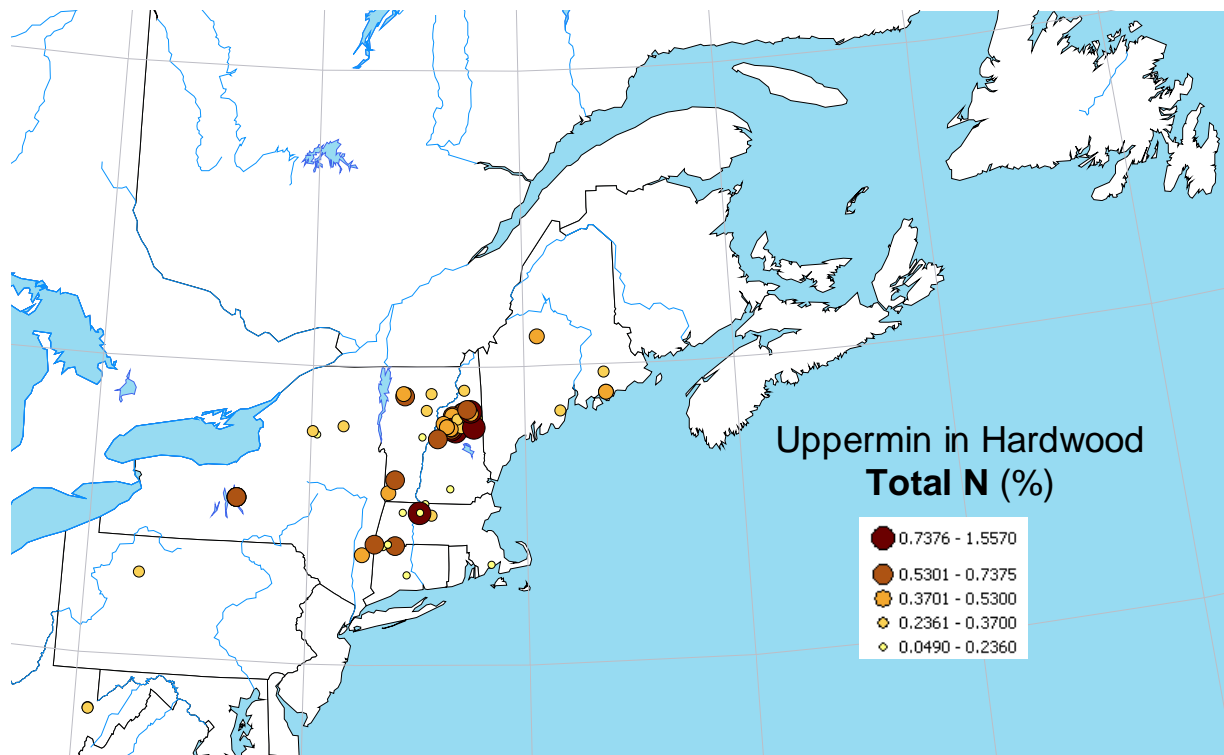
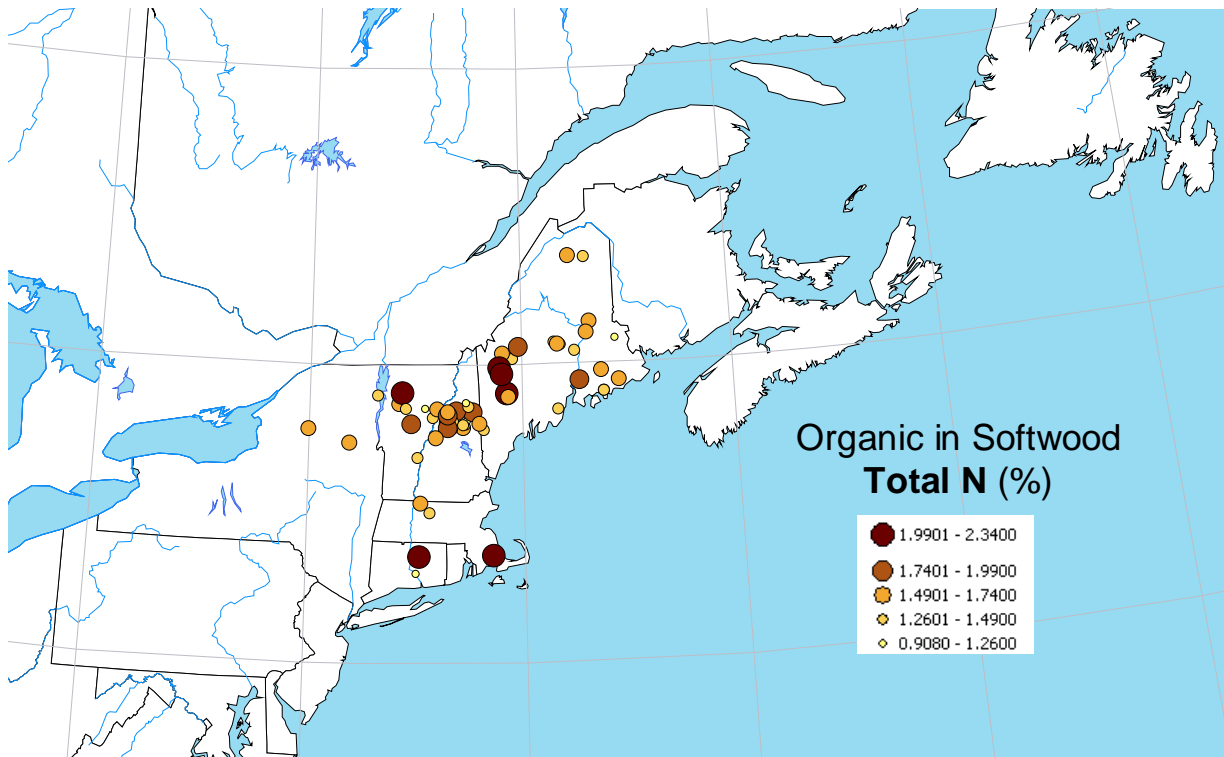
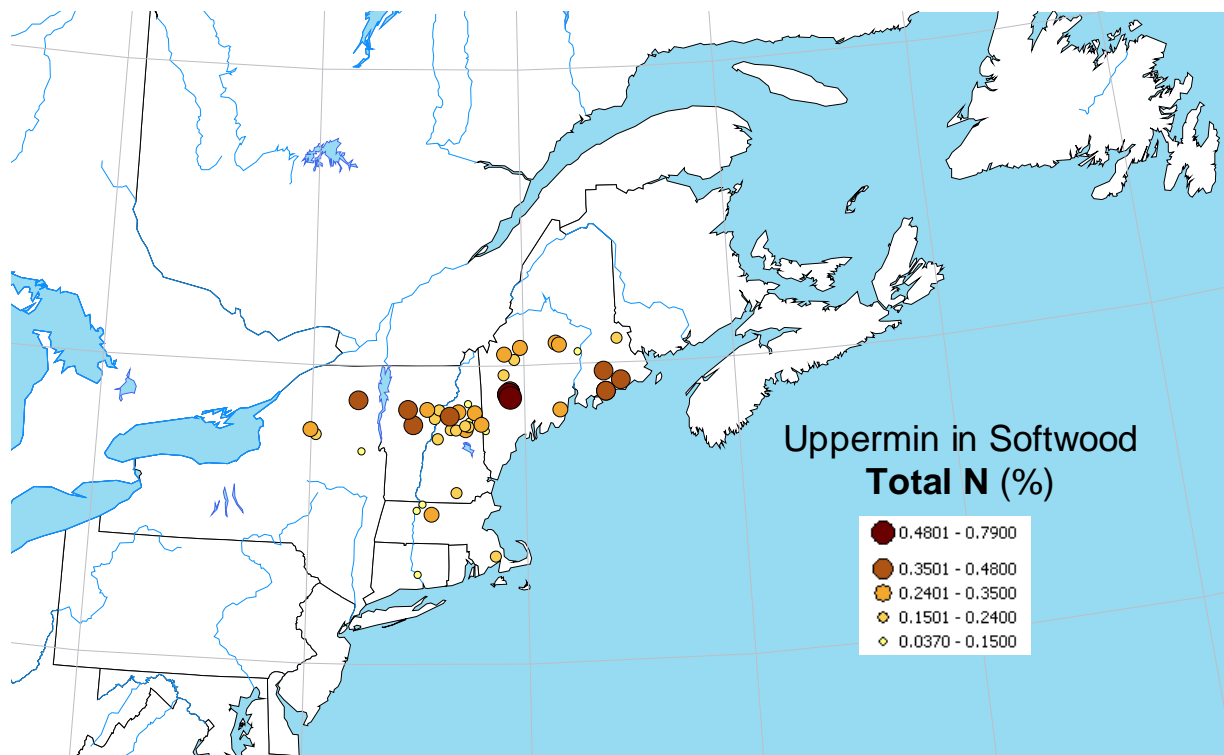
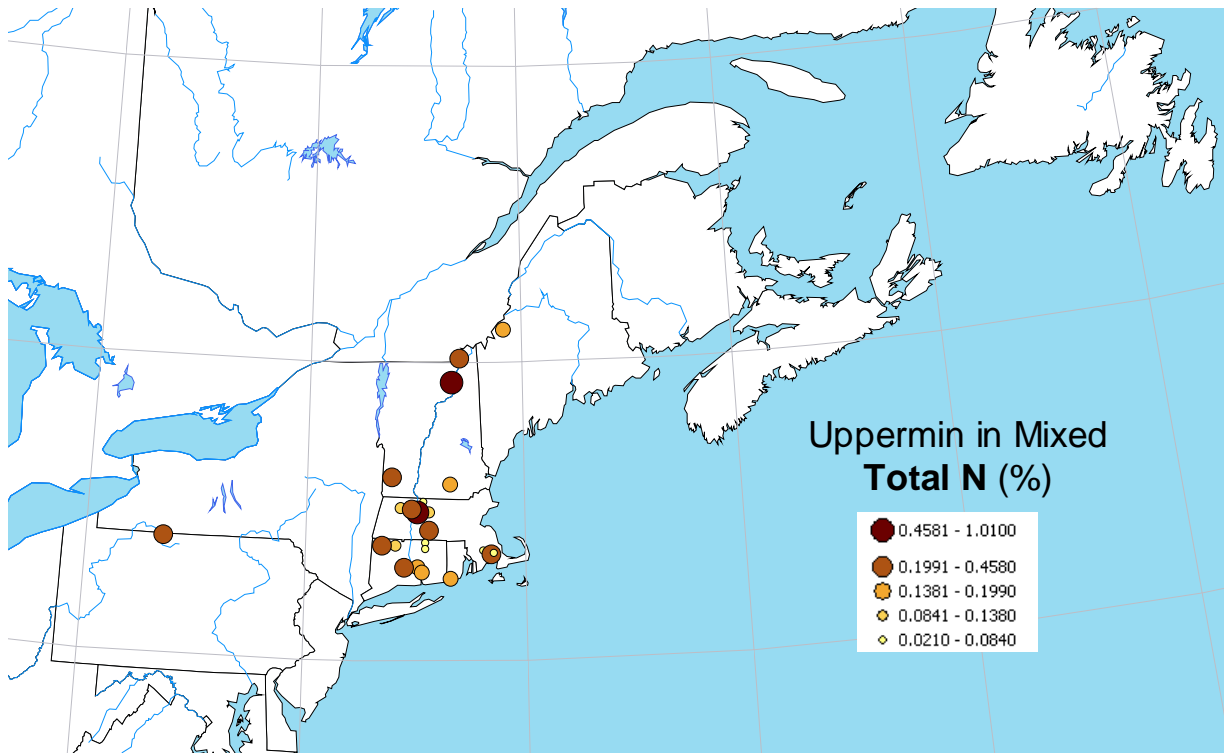
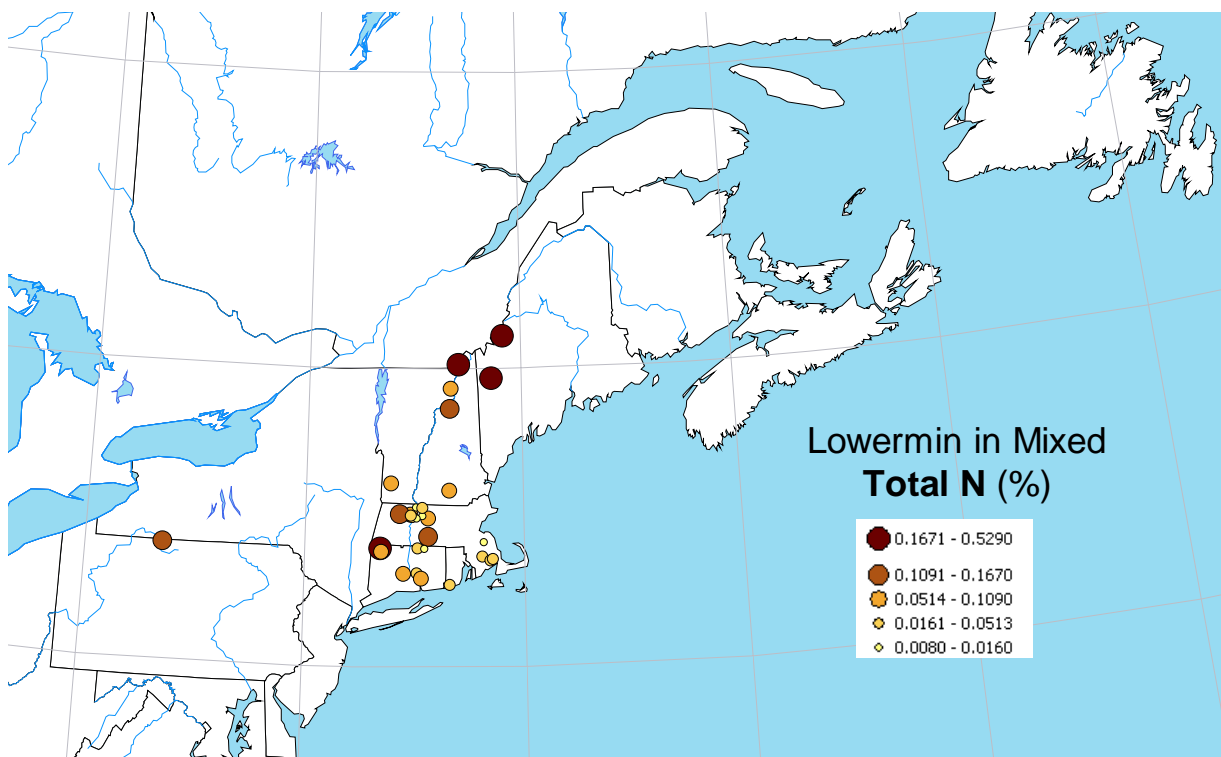
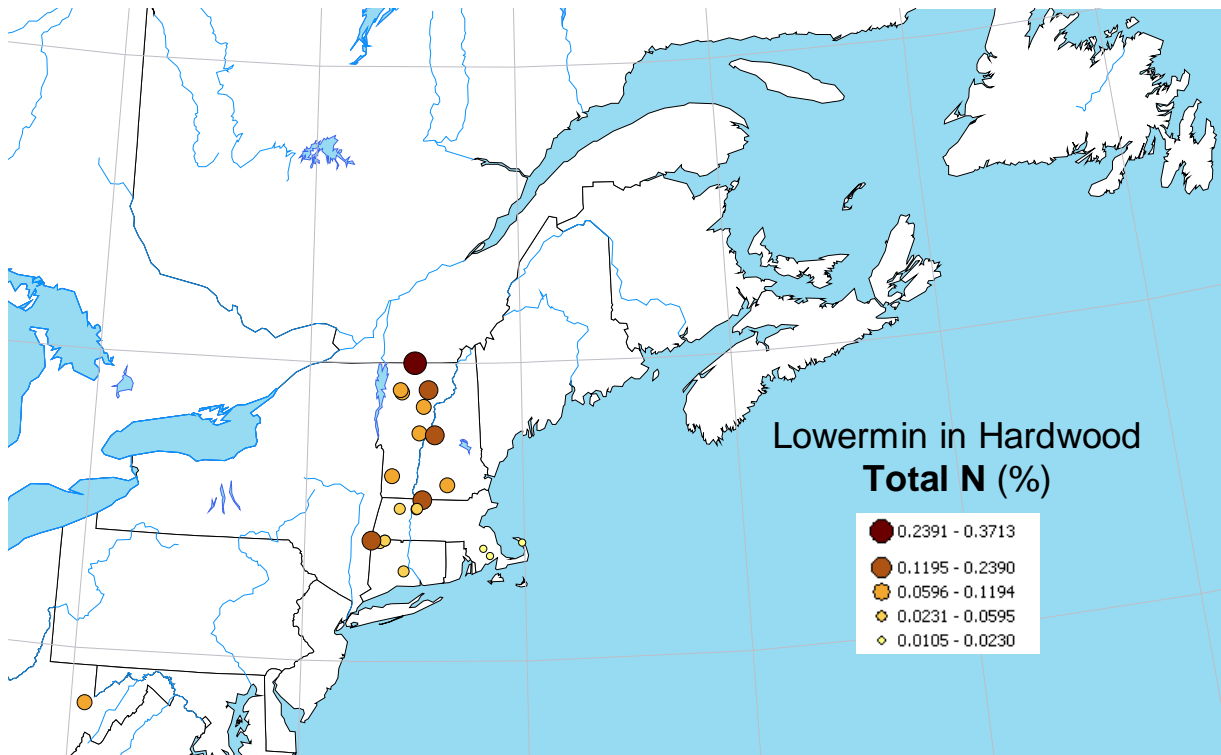


Figure 20. Maps for soil nitrogen. (figure spans multiple pages)









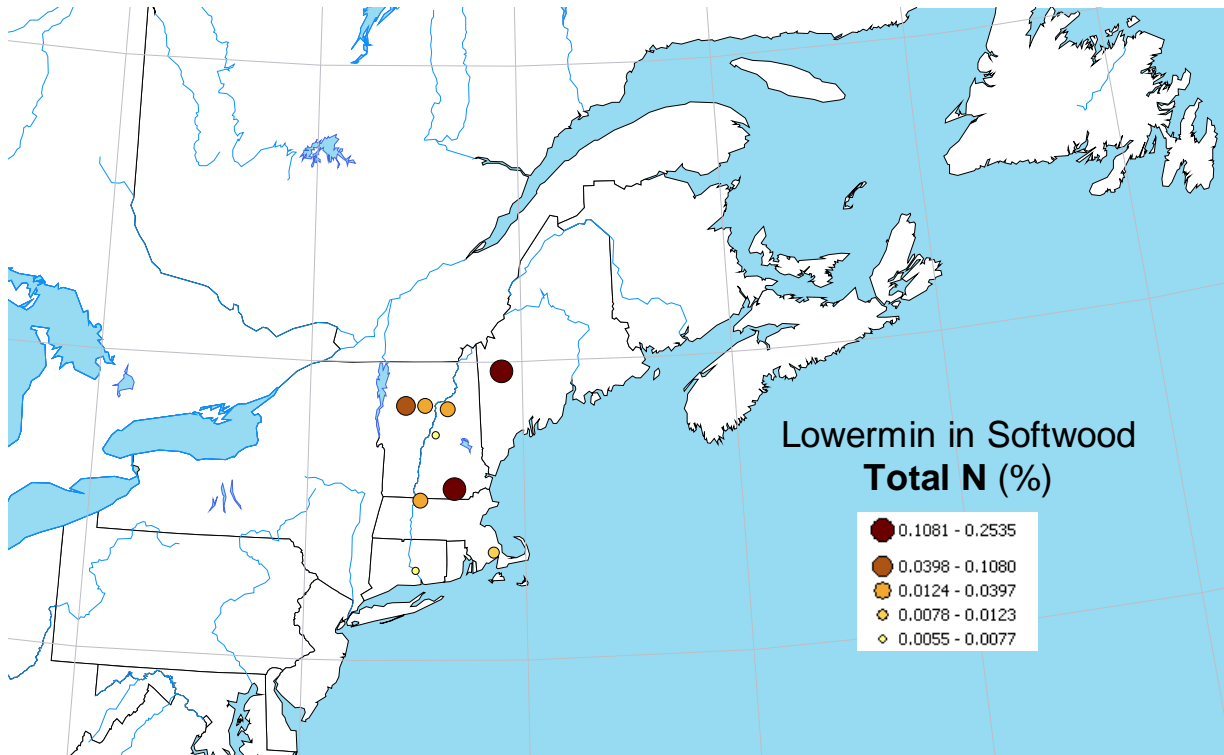
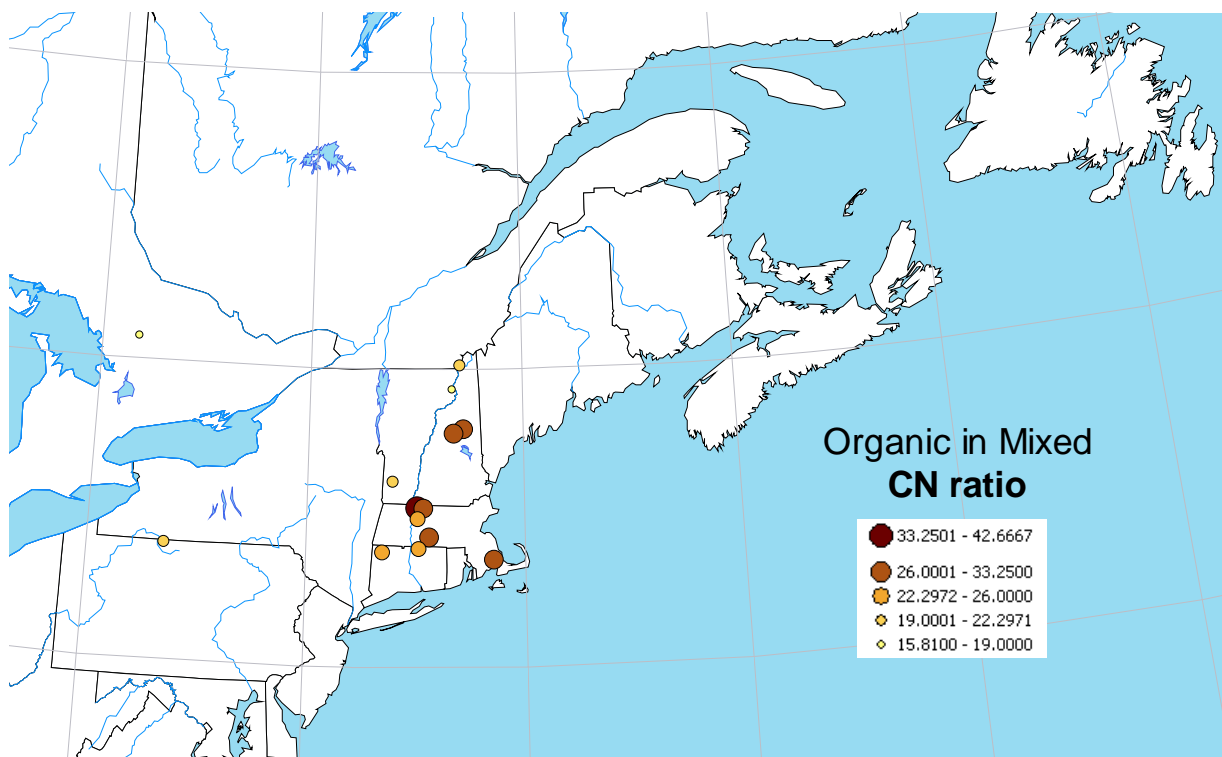
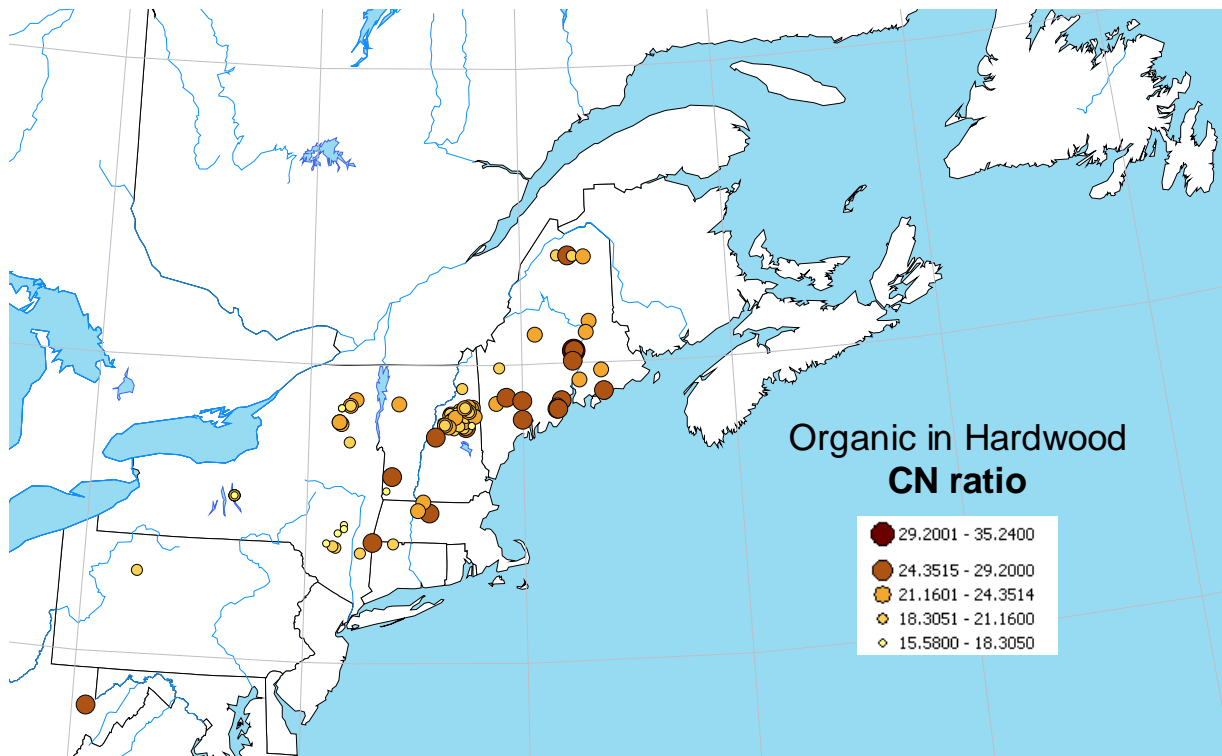
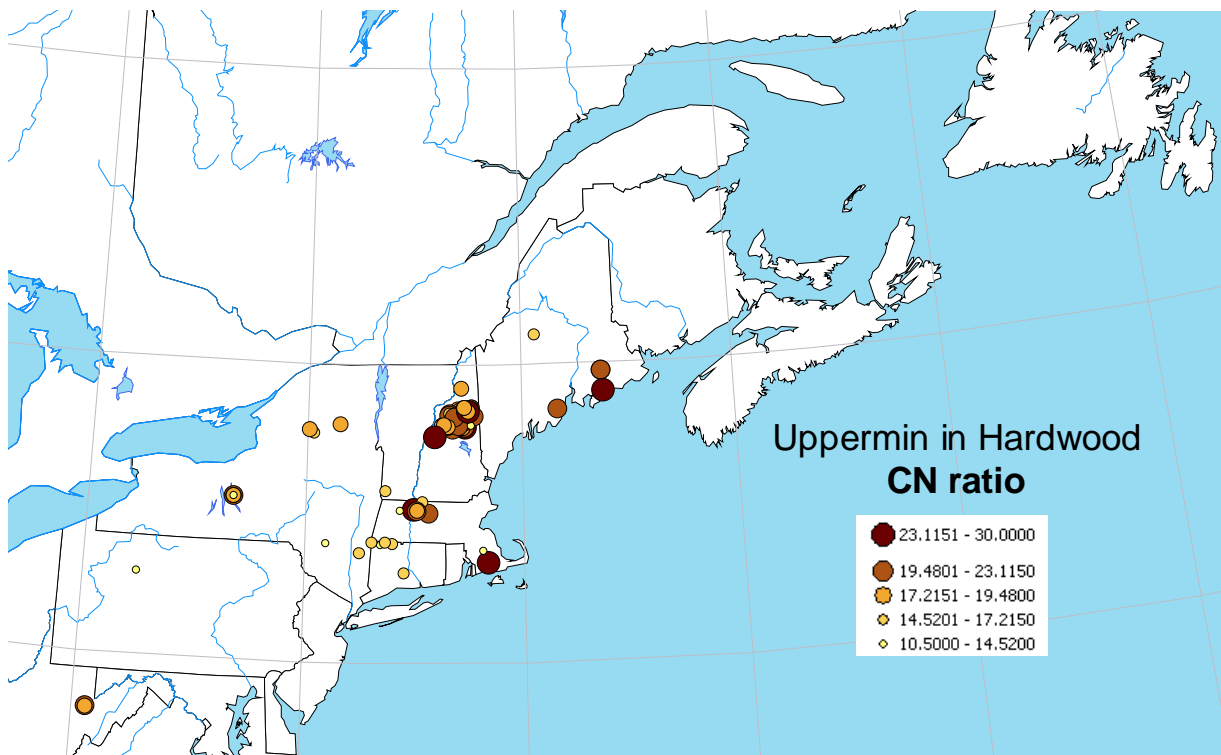
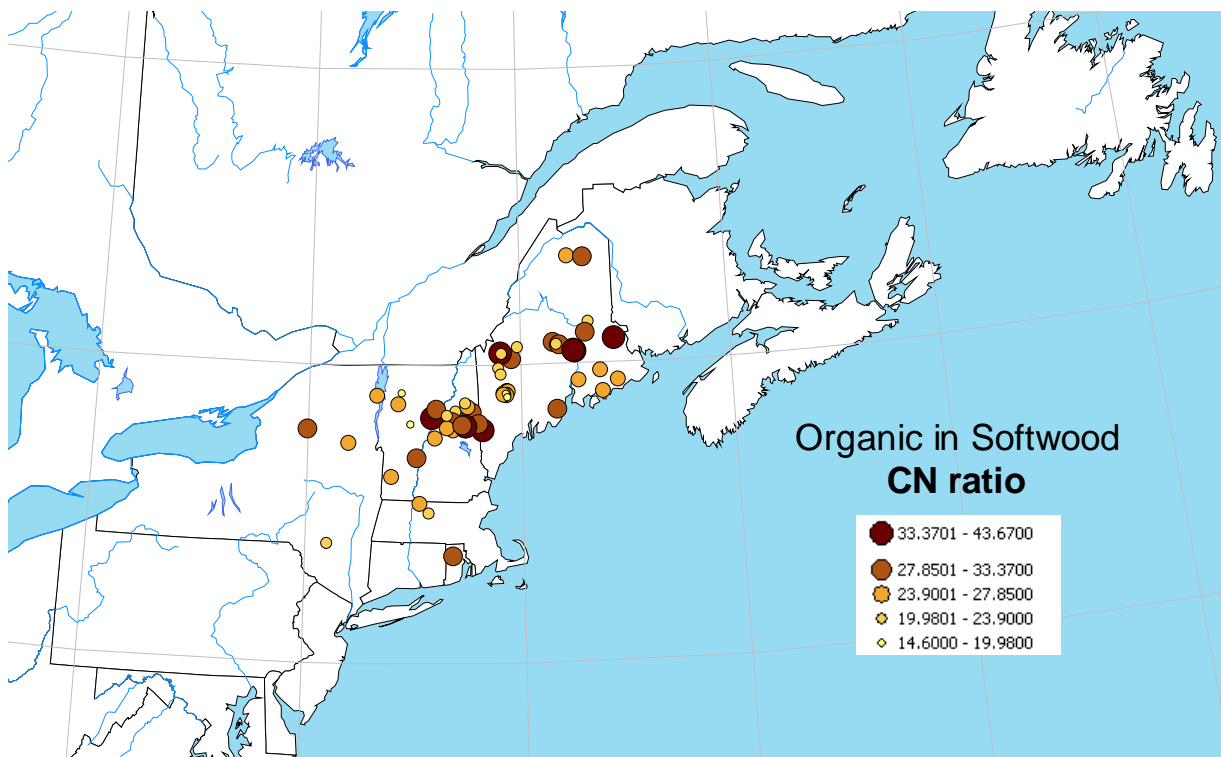
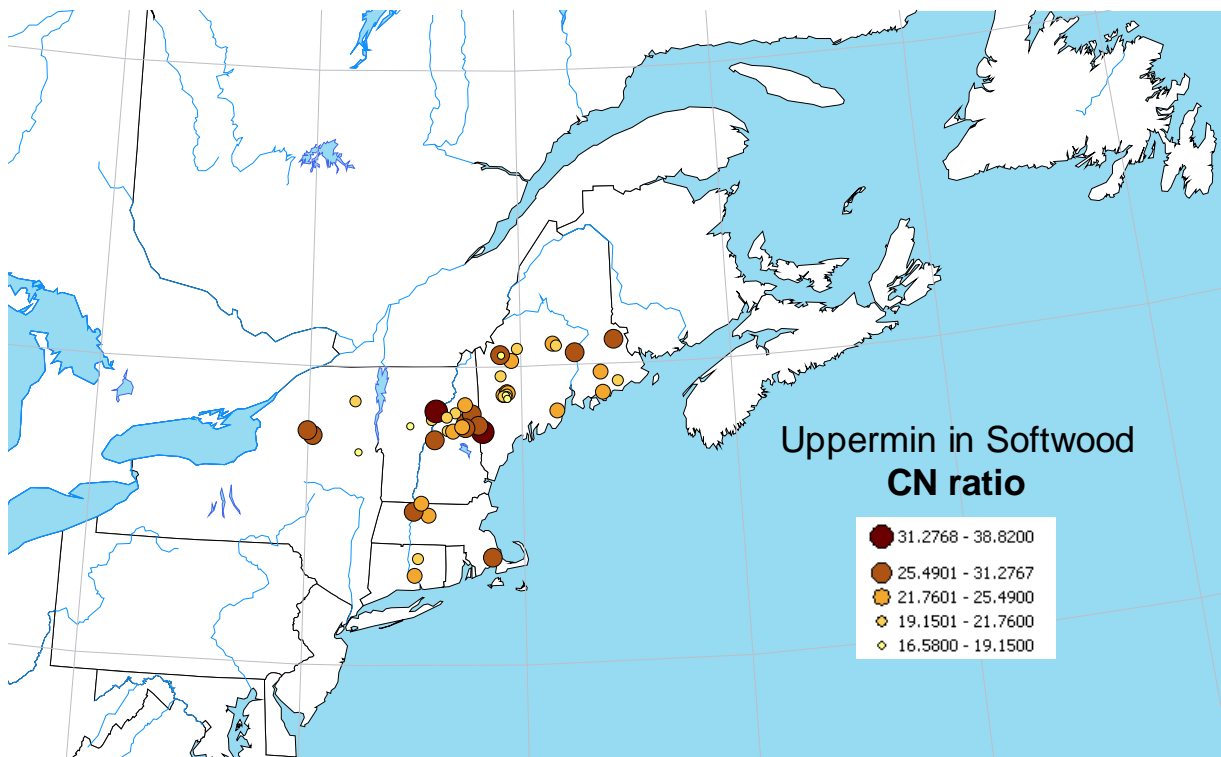
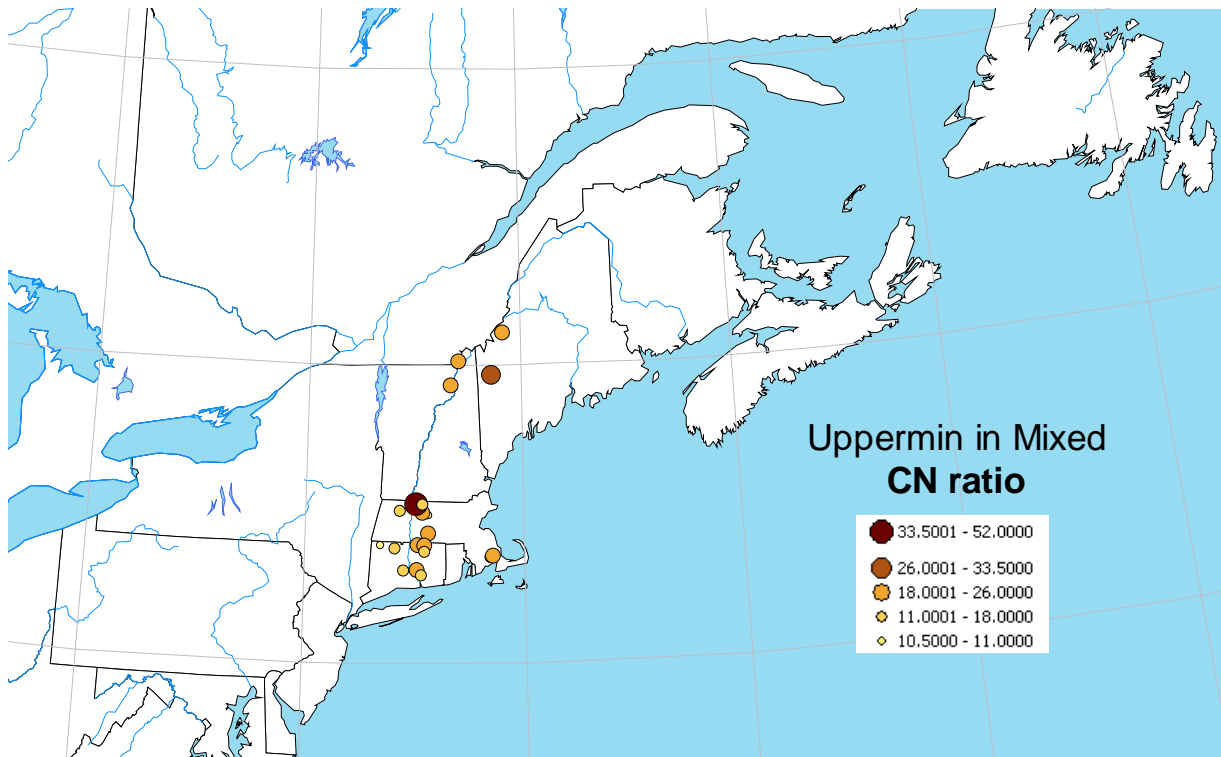
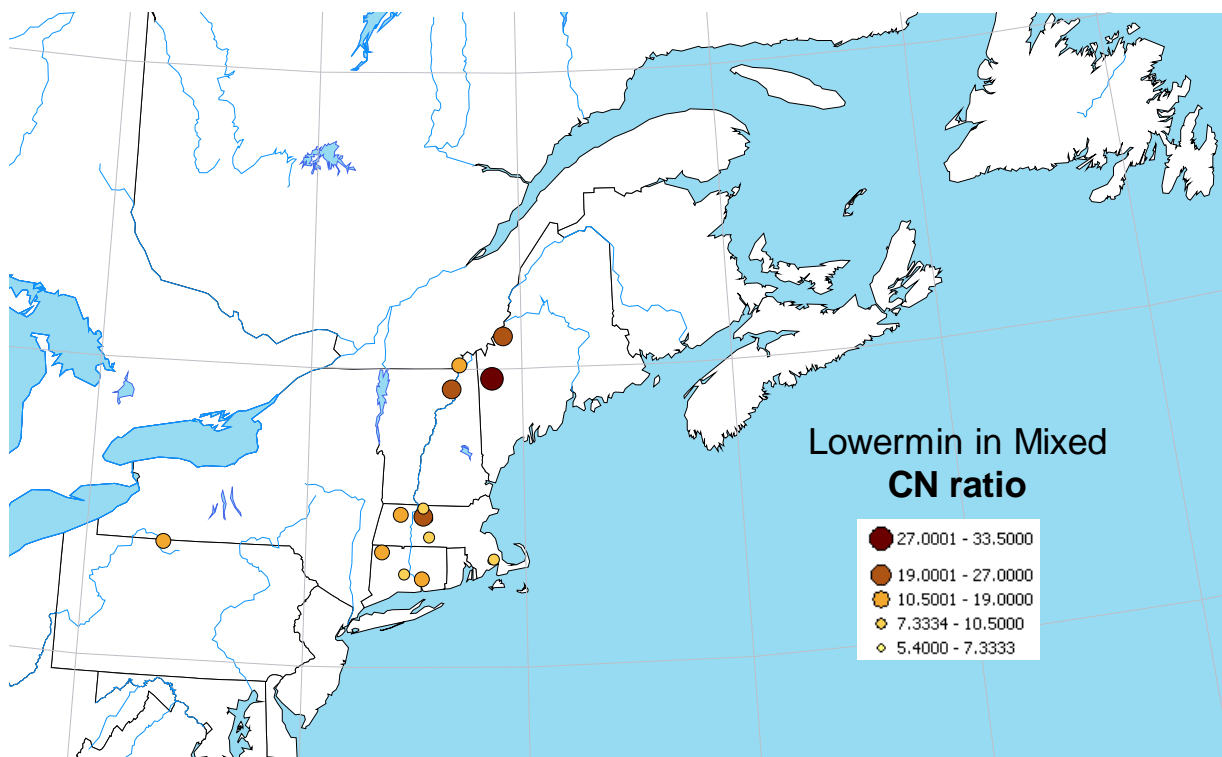
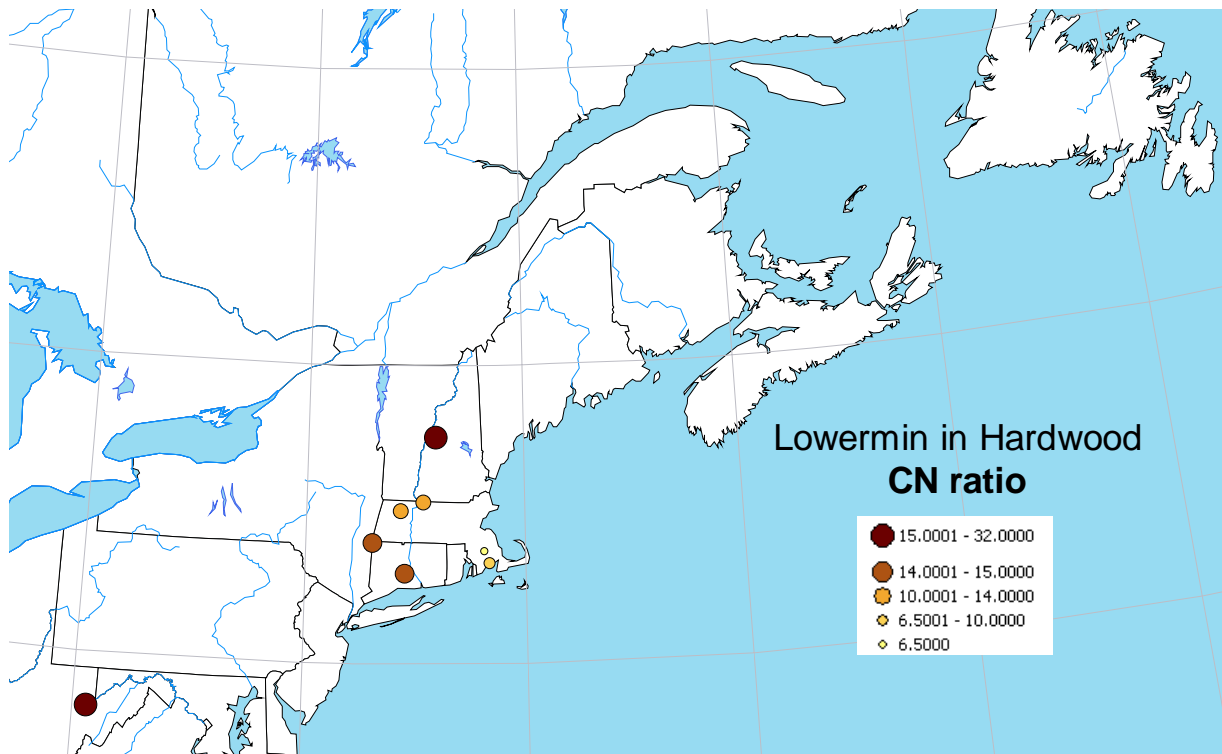


Figure 21. Maps for soil CN ratio. (figure spans multiple pages)









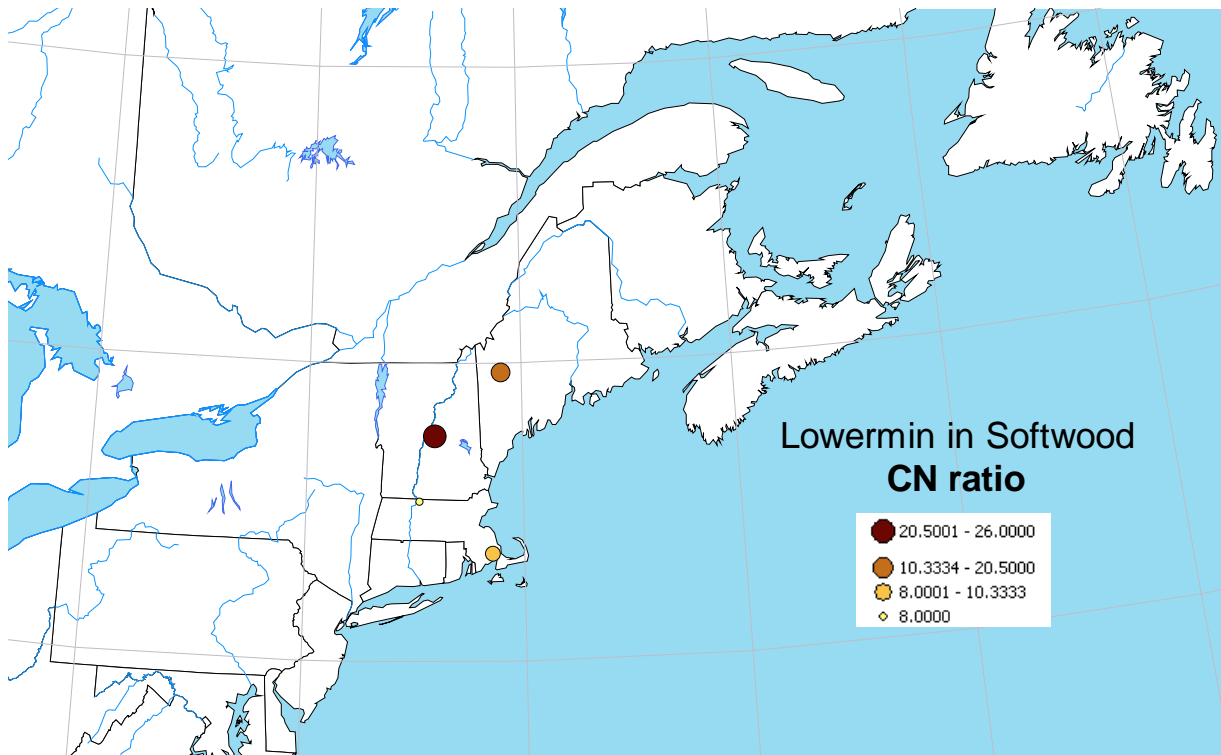
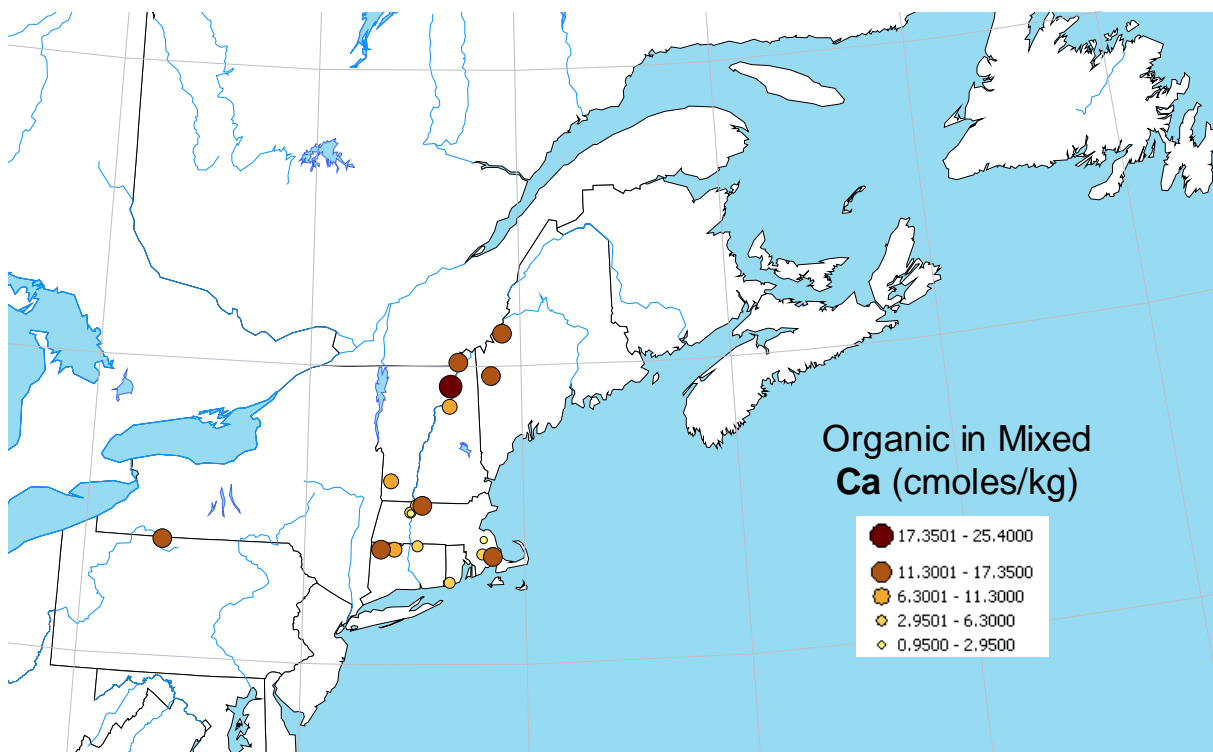
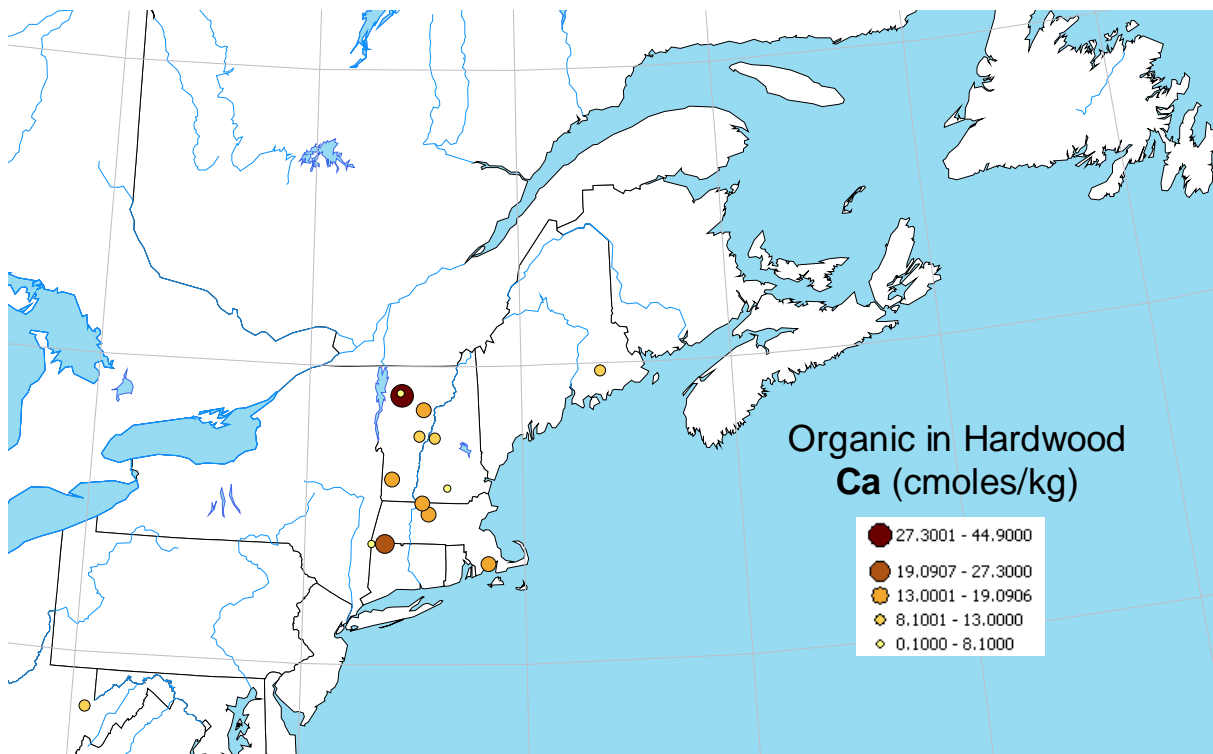
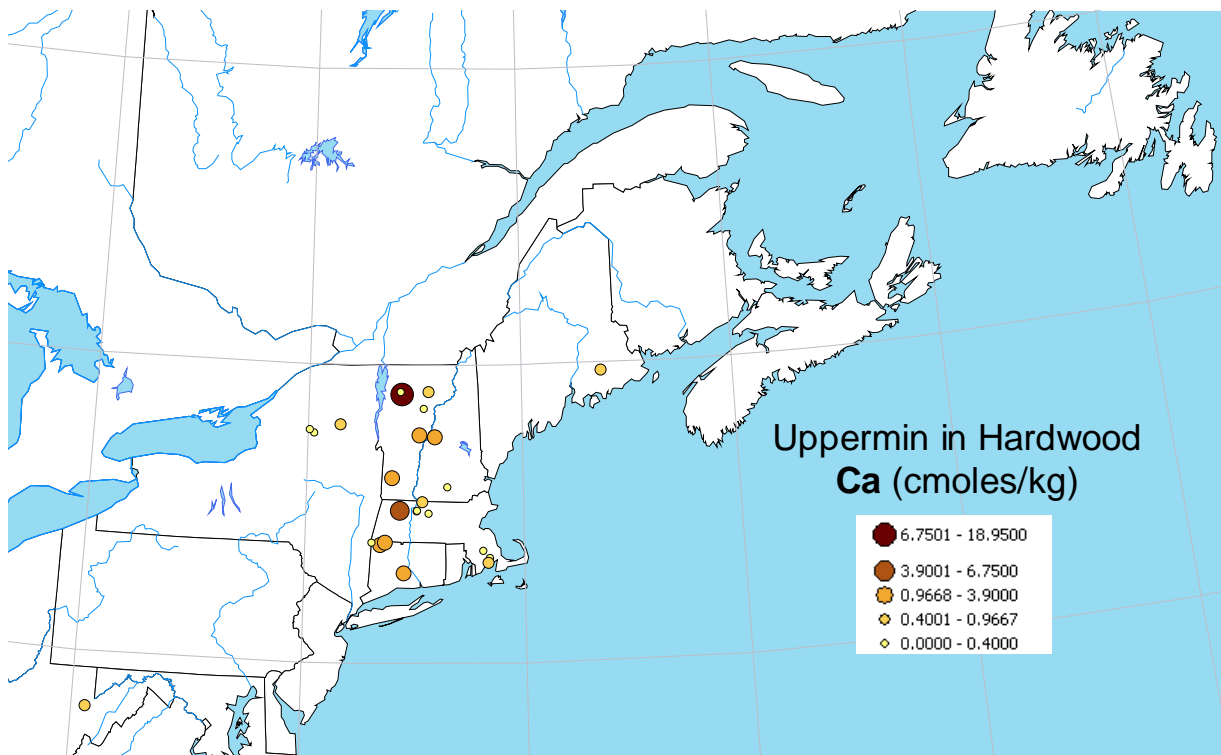
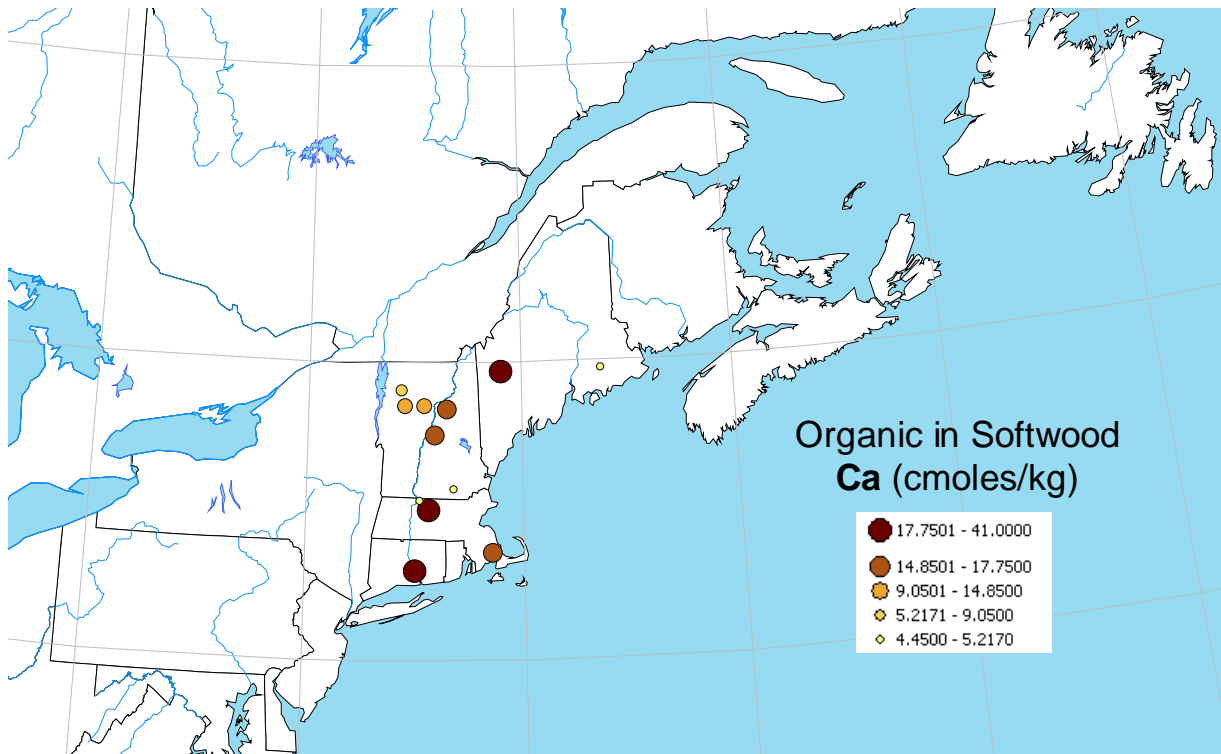
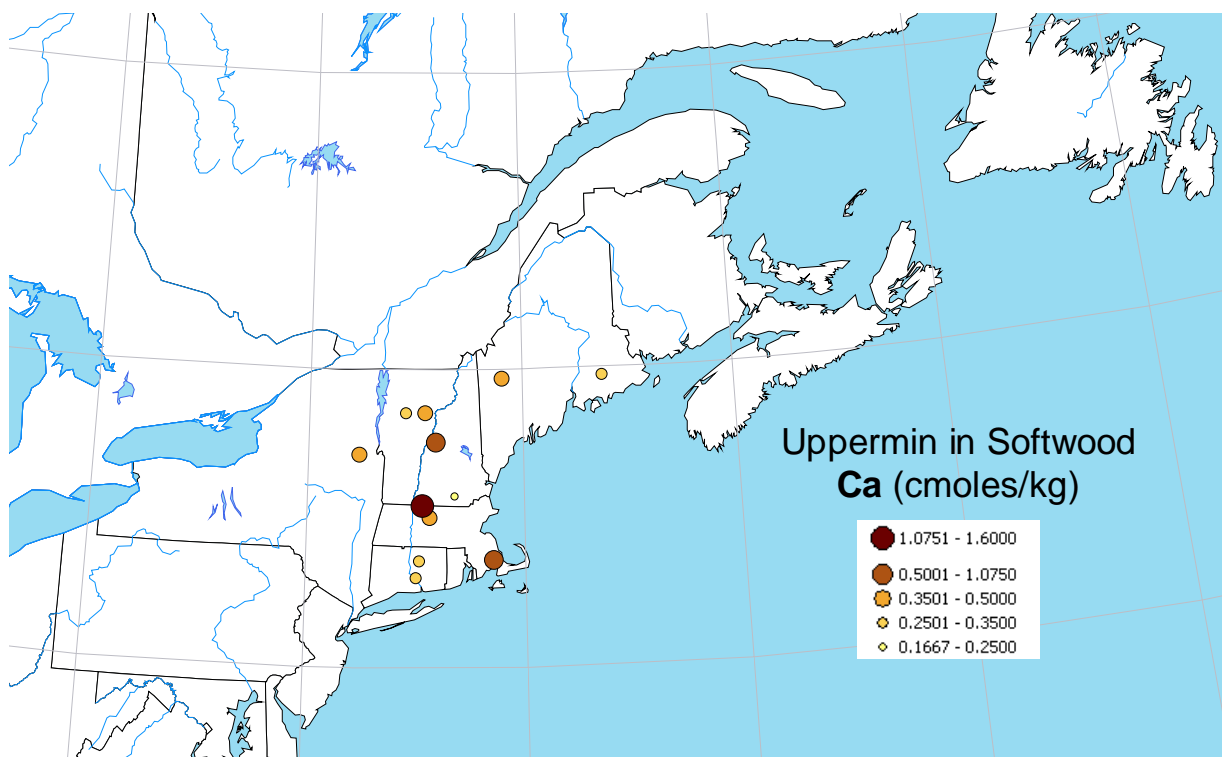
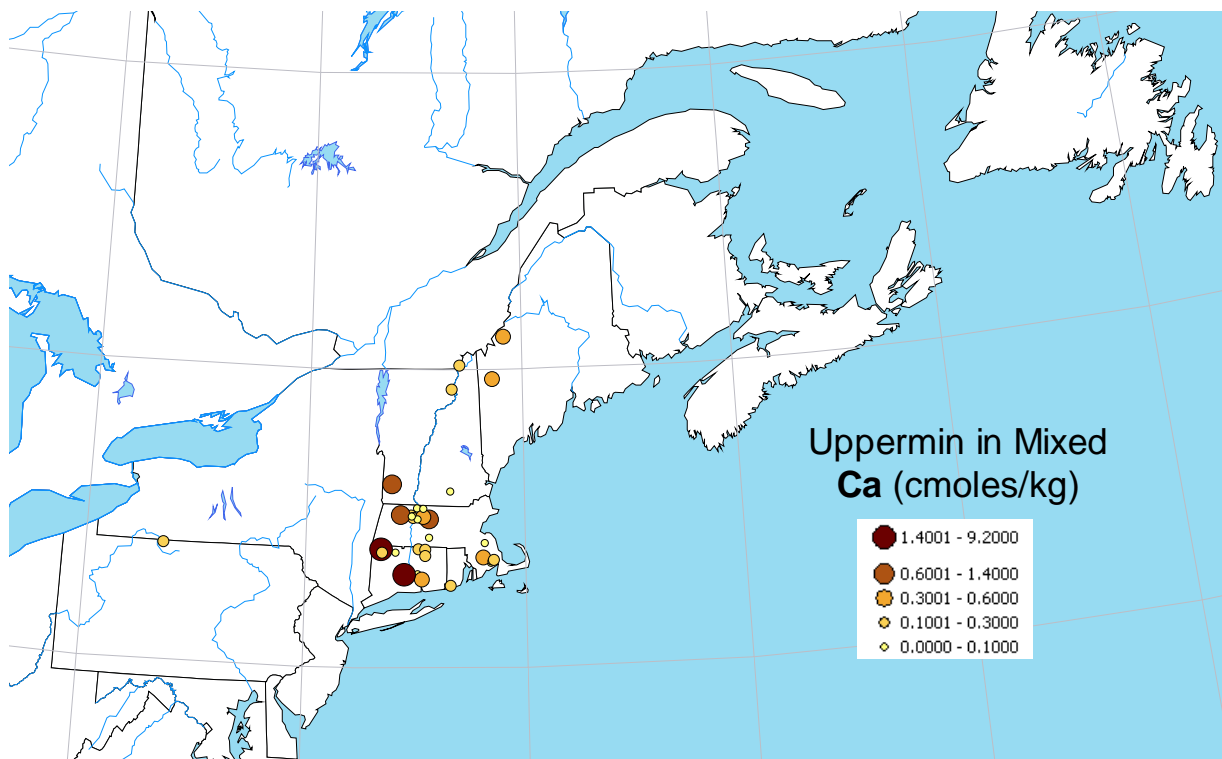
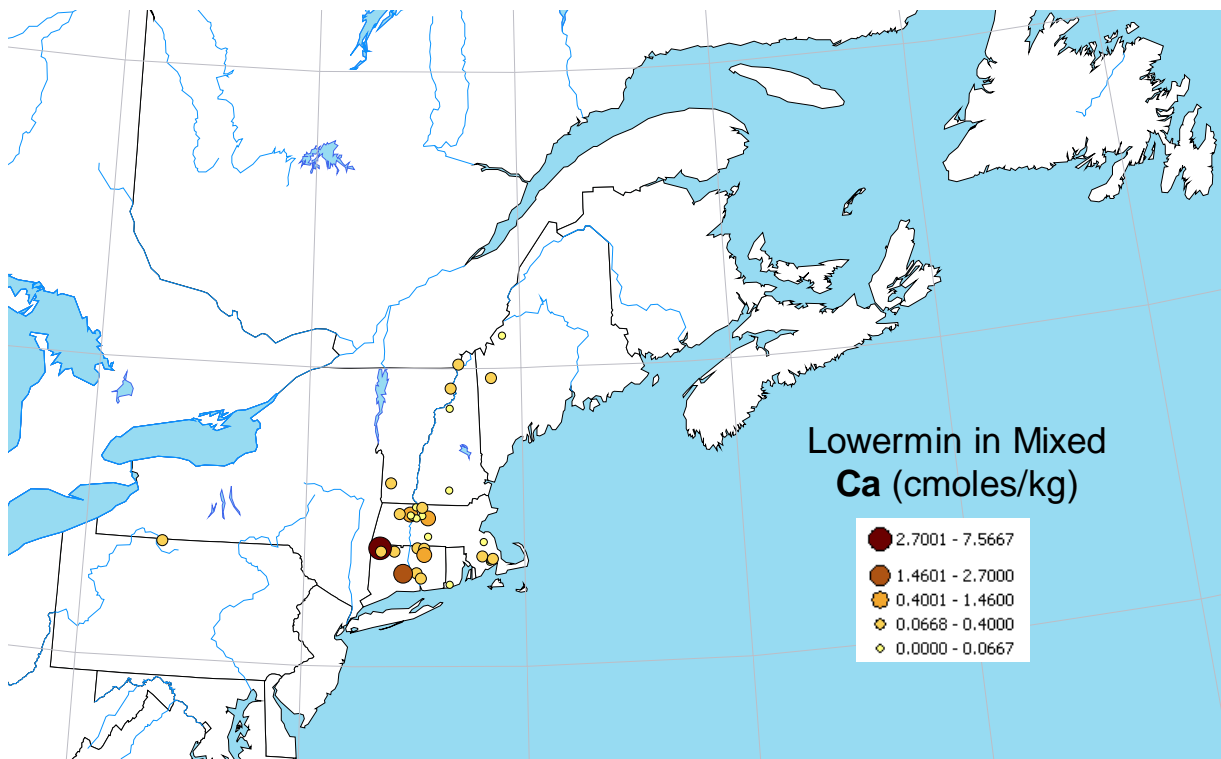
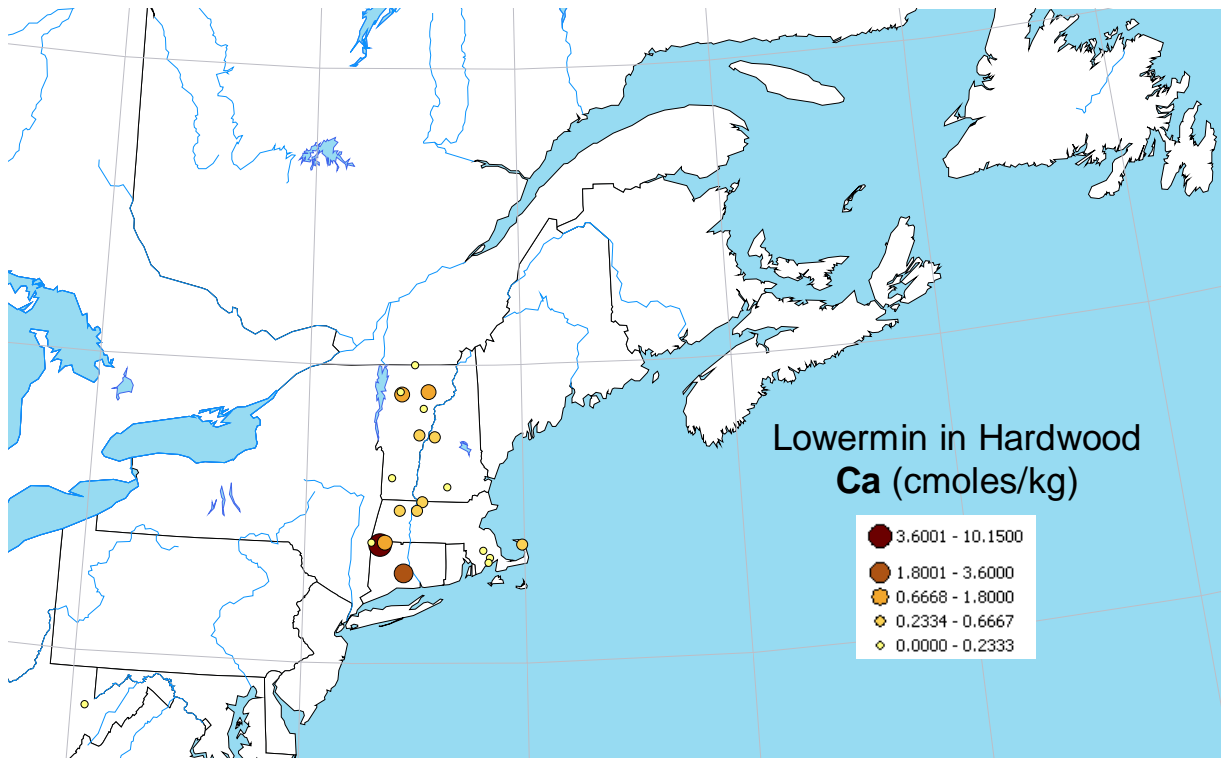


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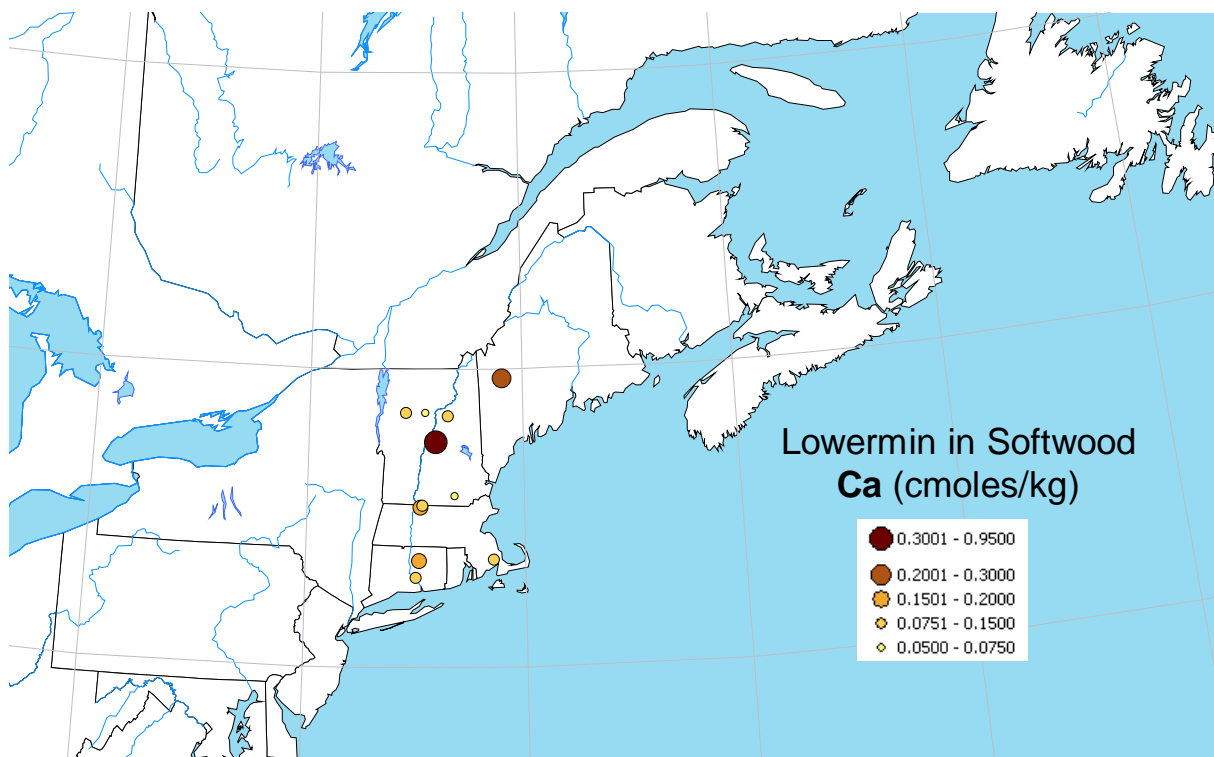
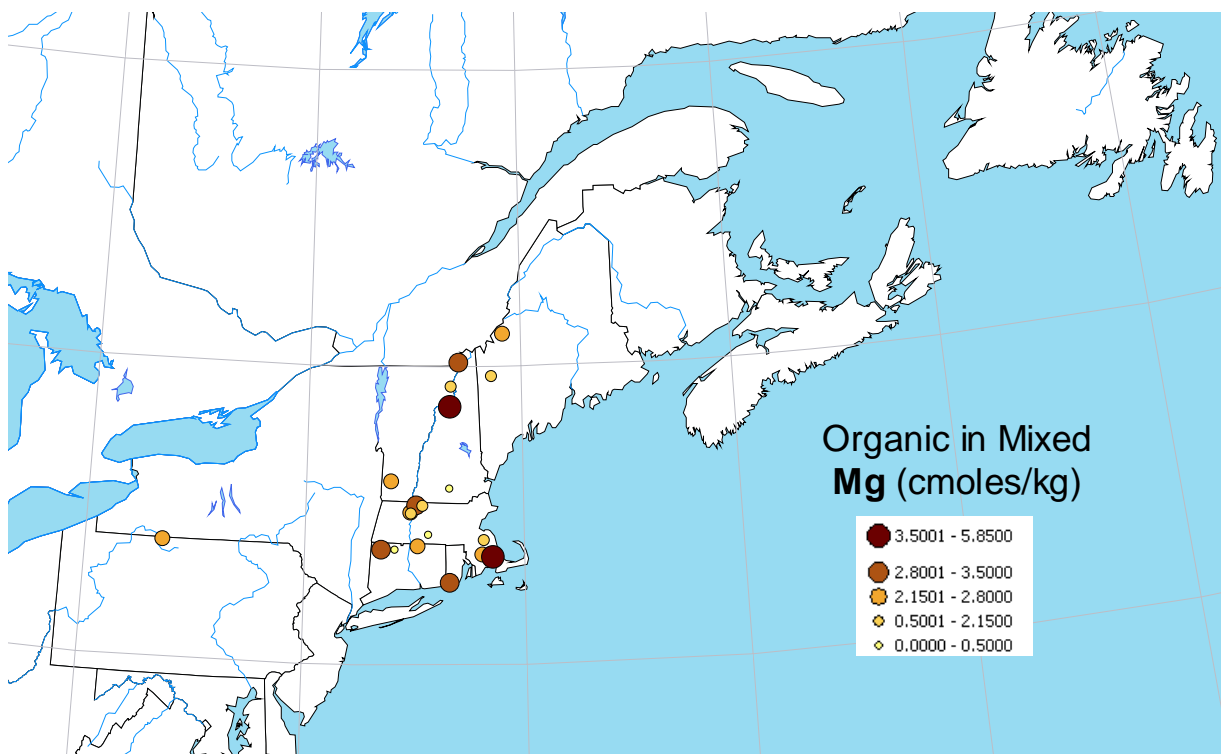
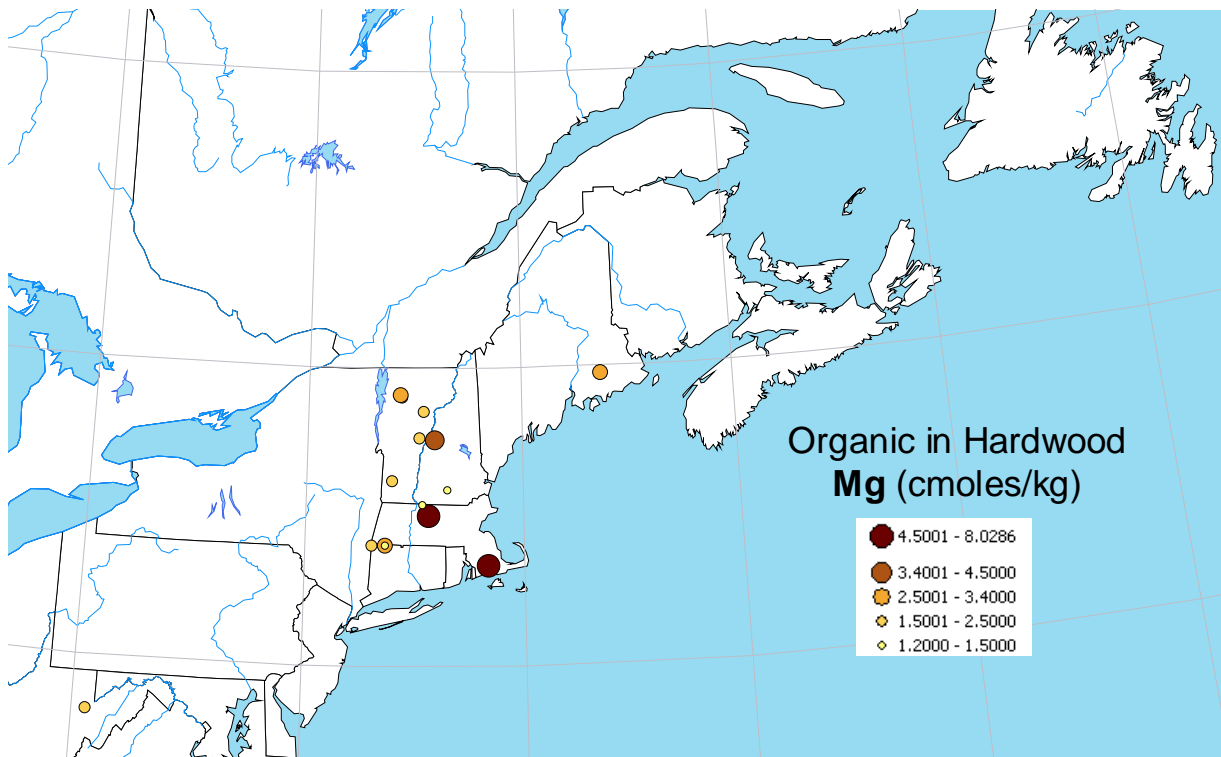
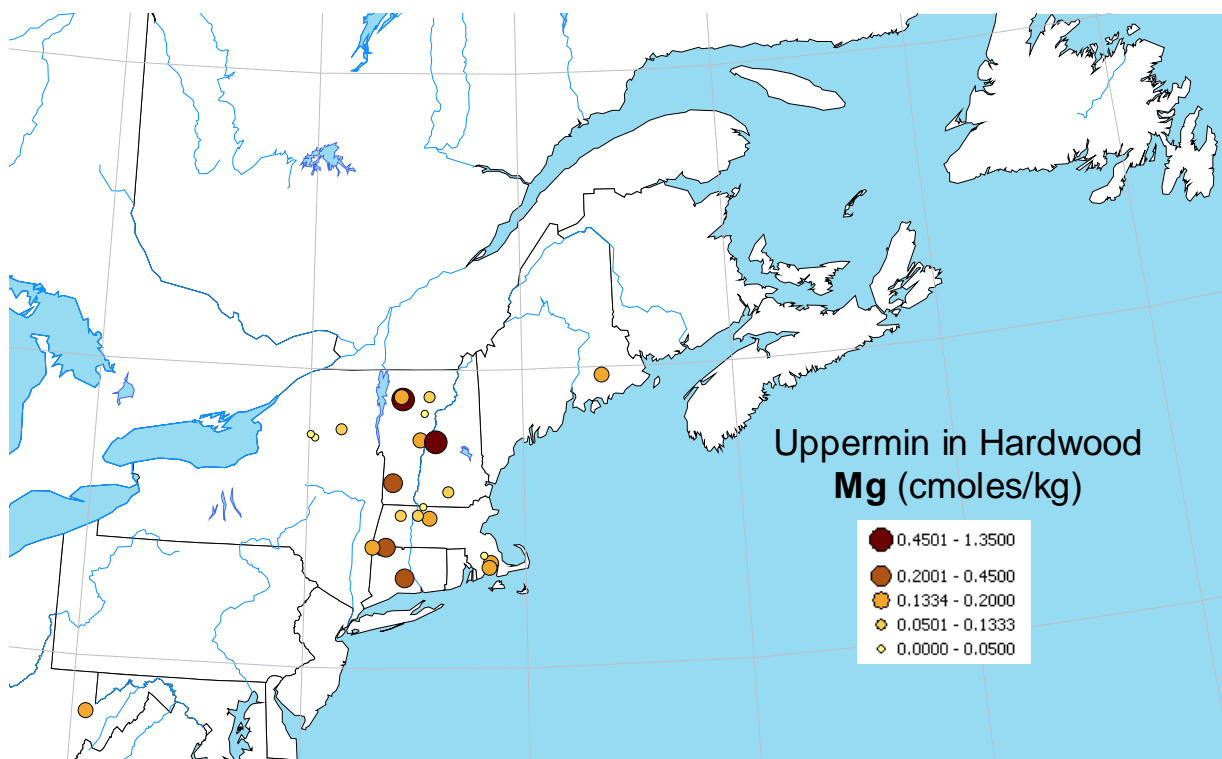
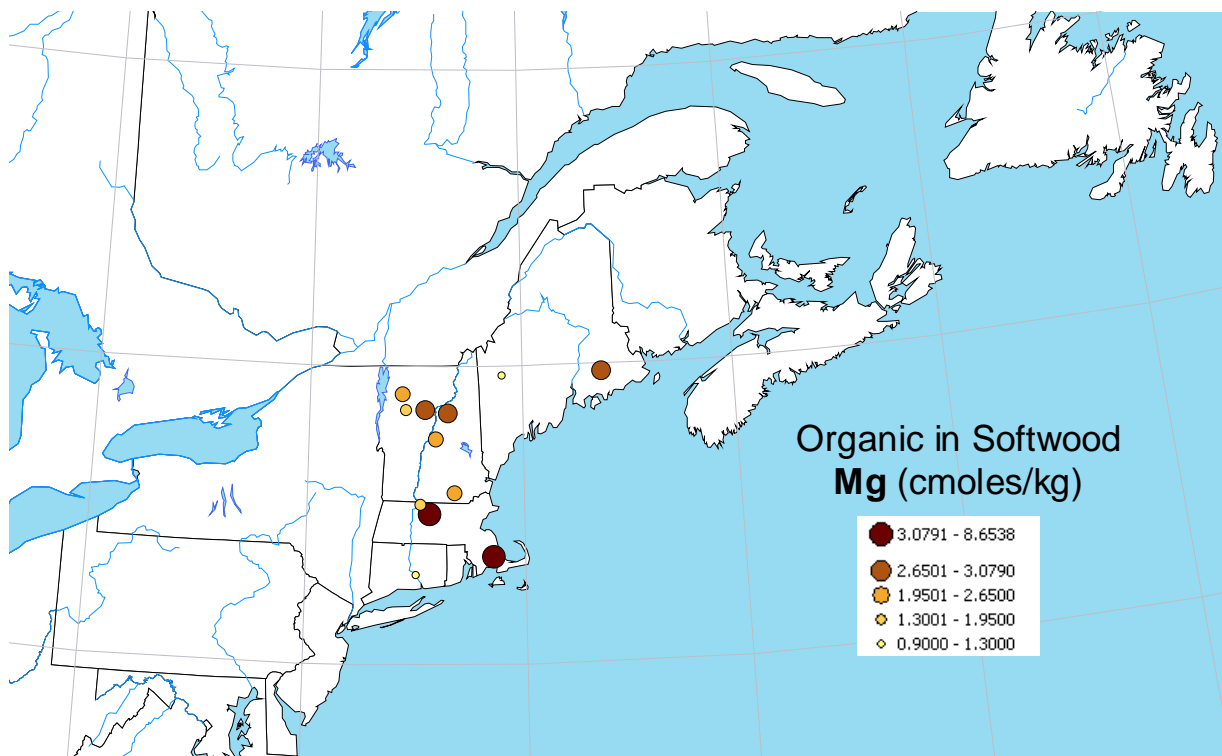
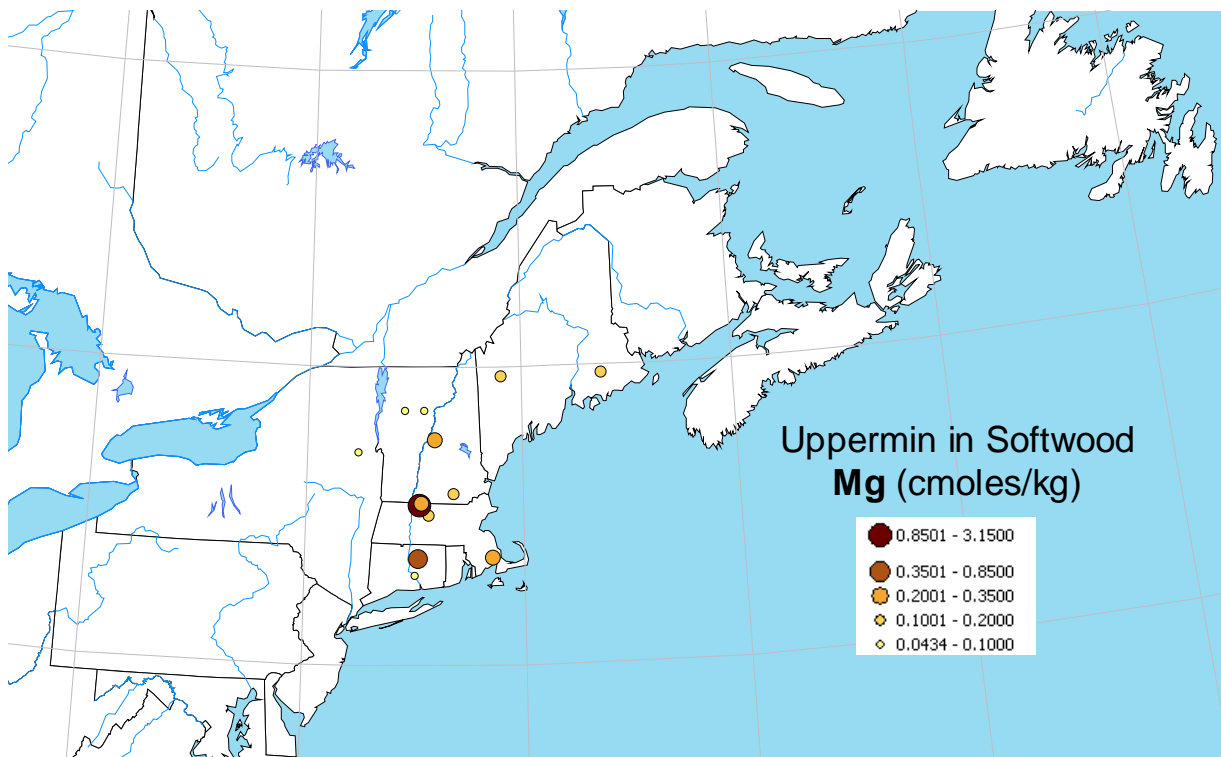
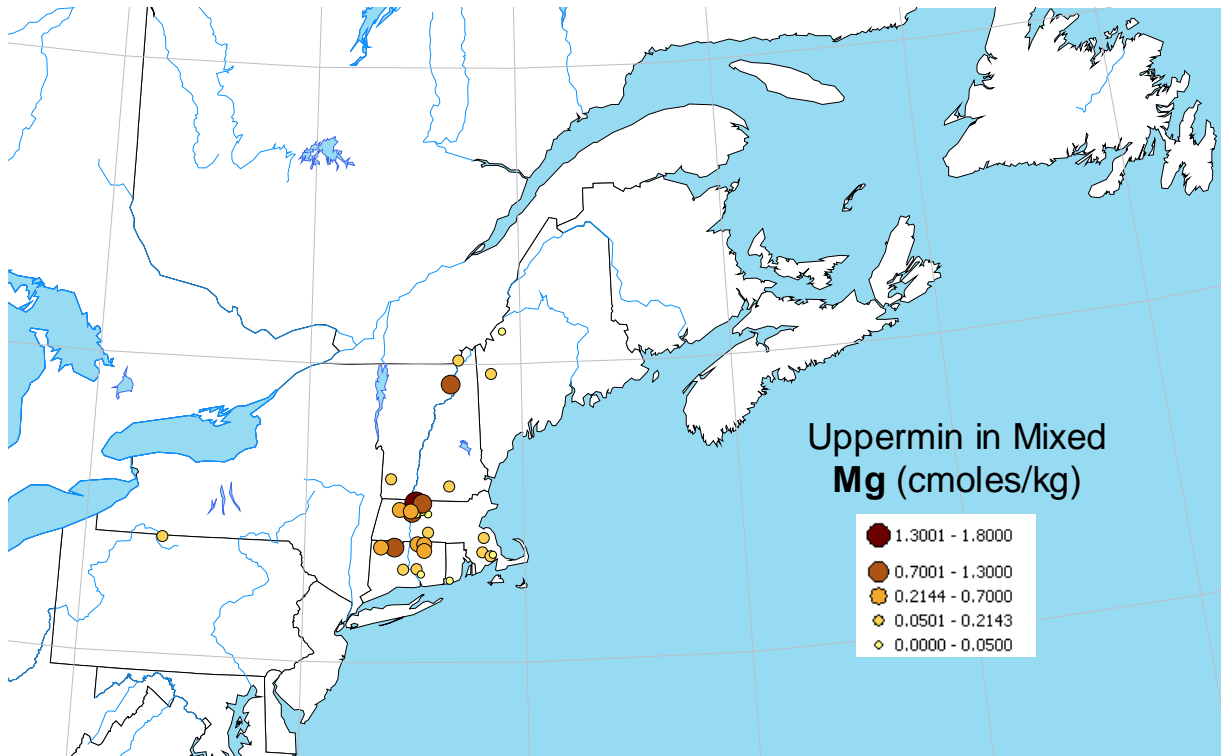
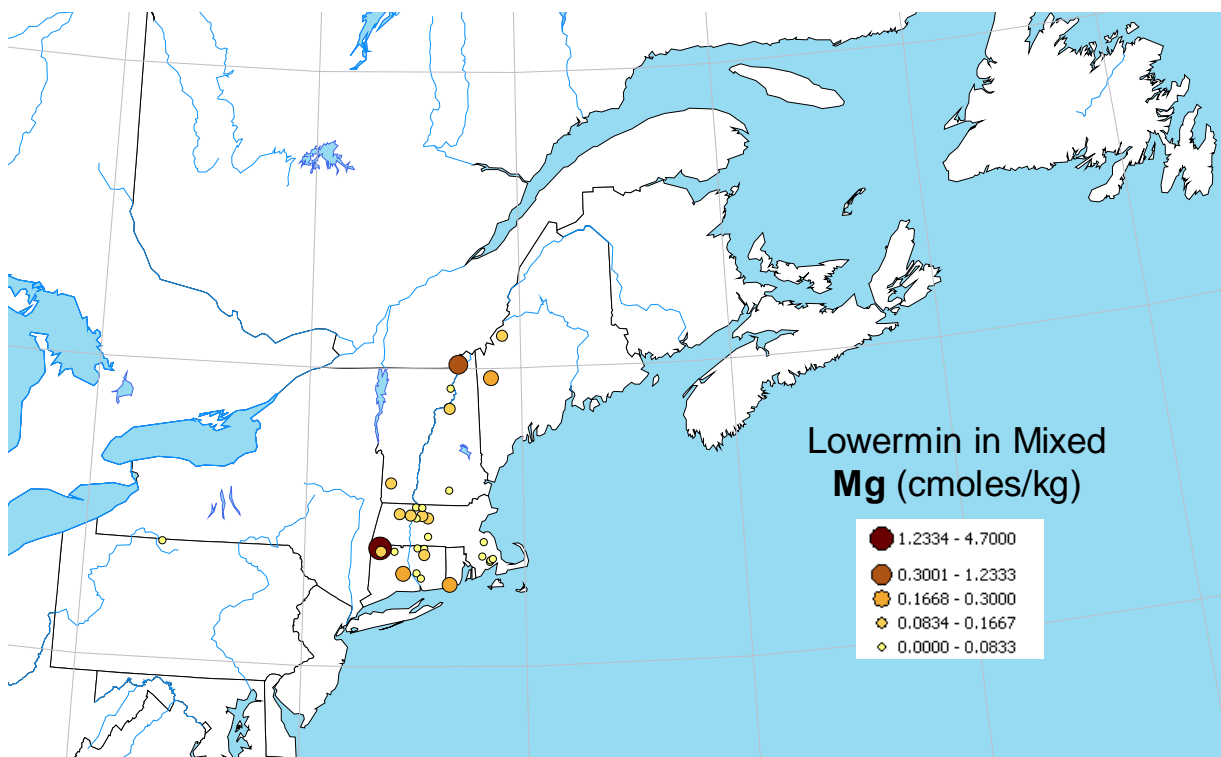
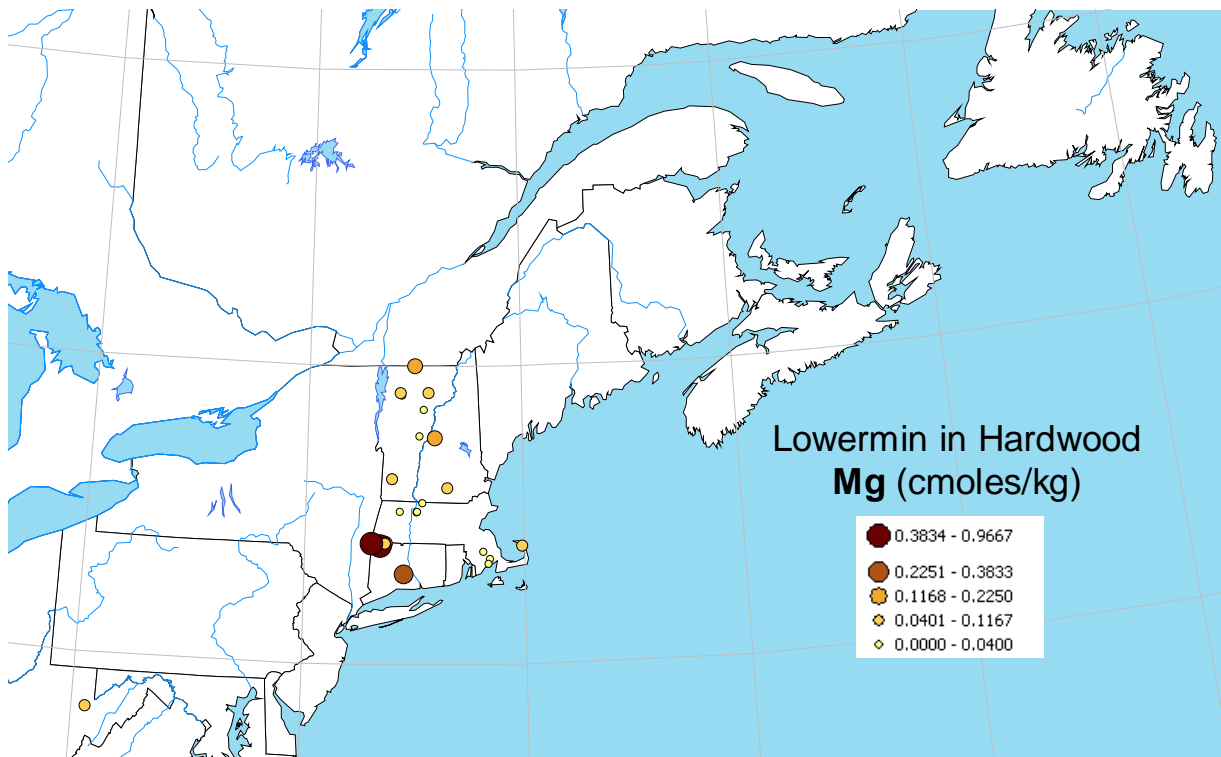


Figure 23. Maps for soil magnesium. (figure spans multiple pages)









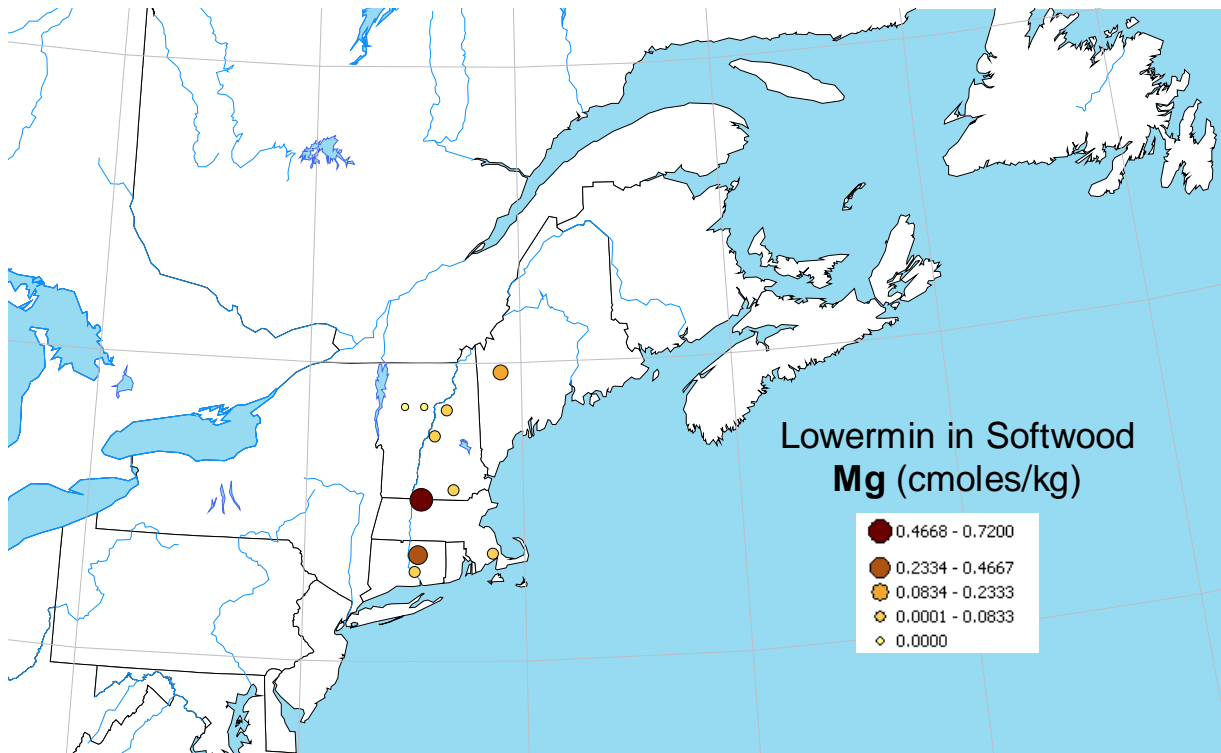
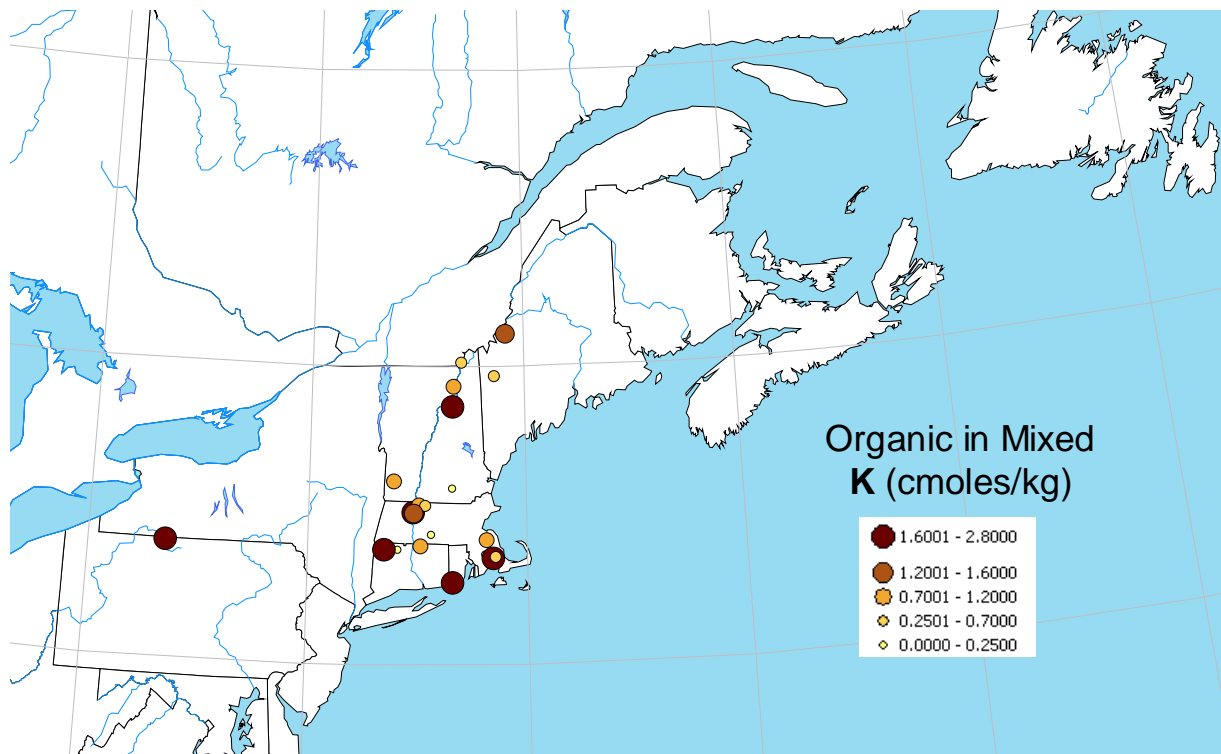
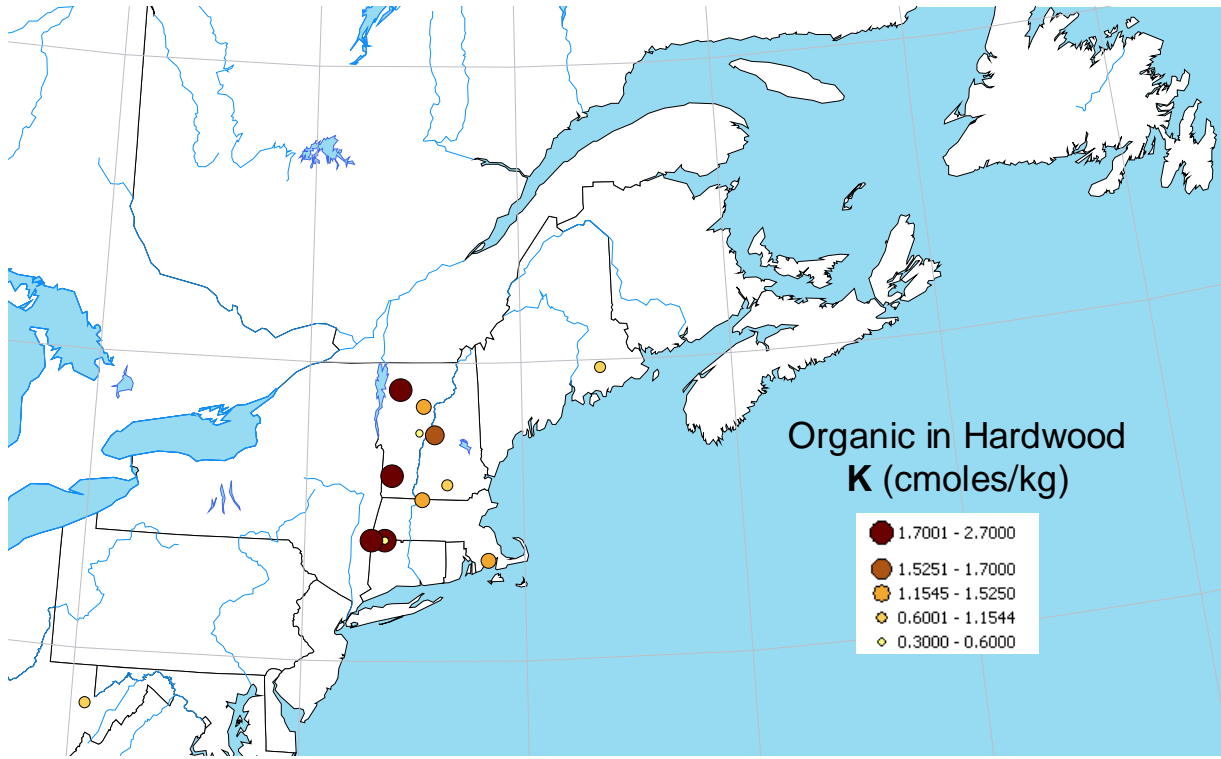
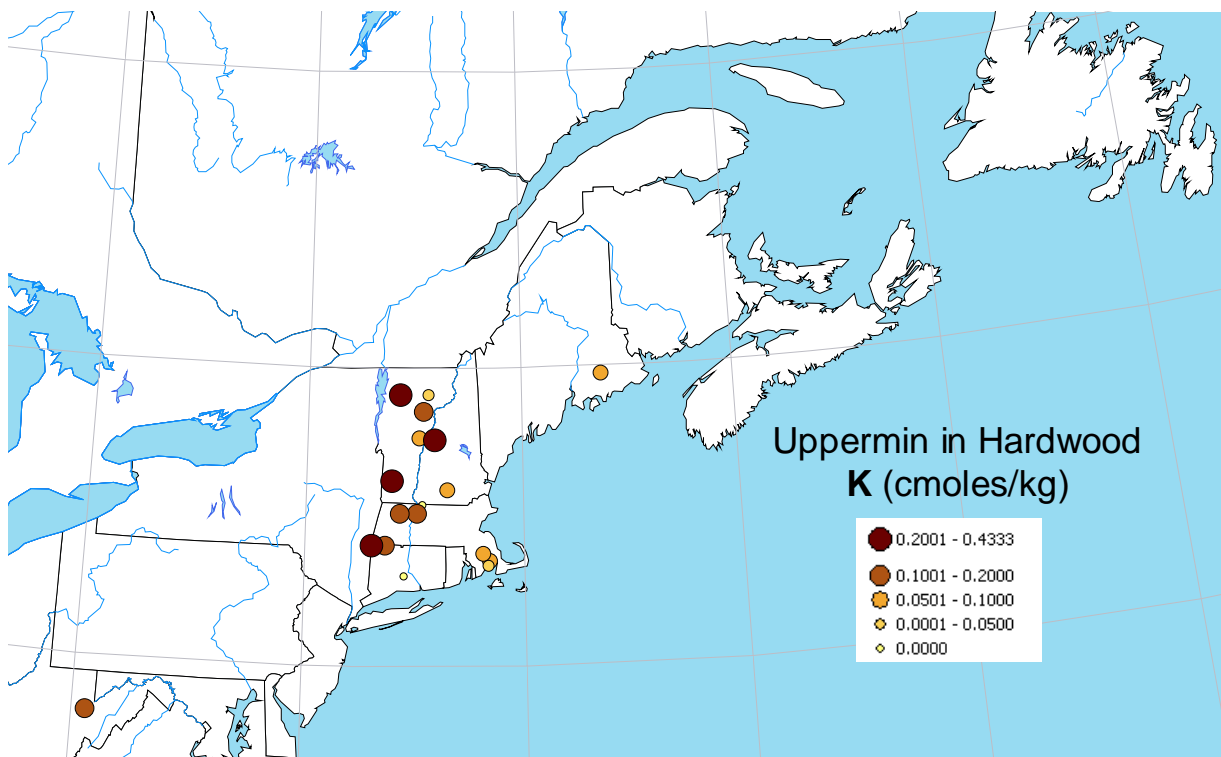
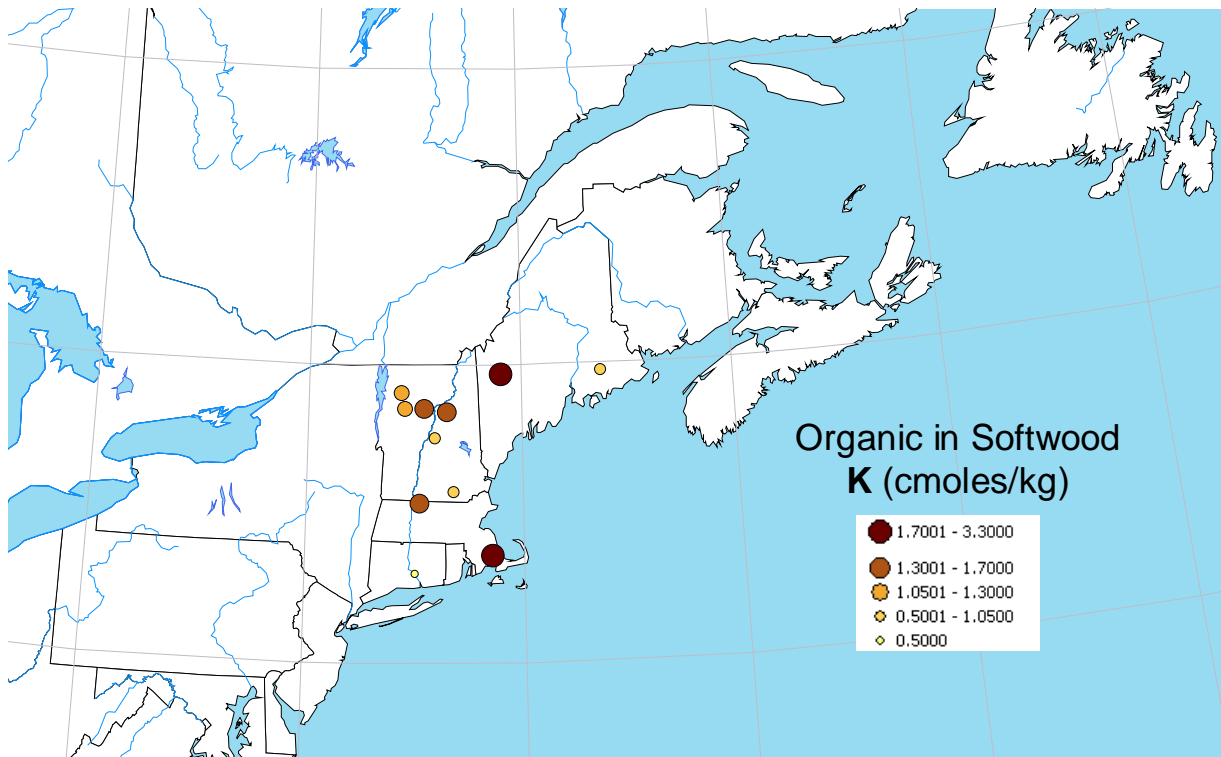
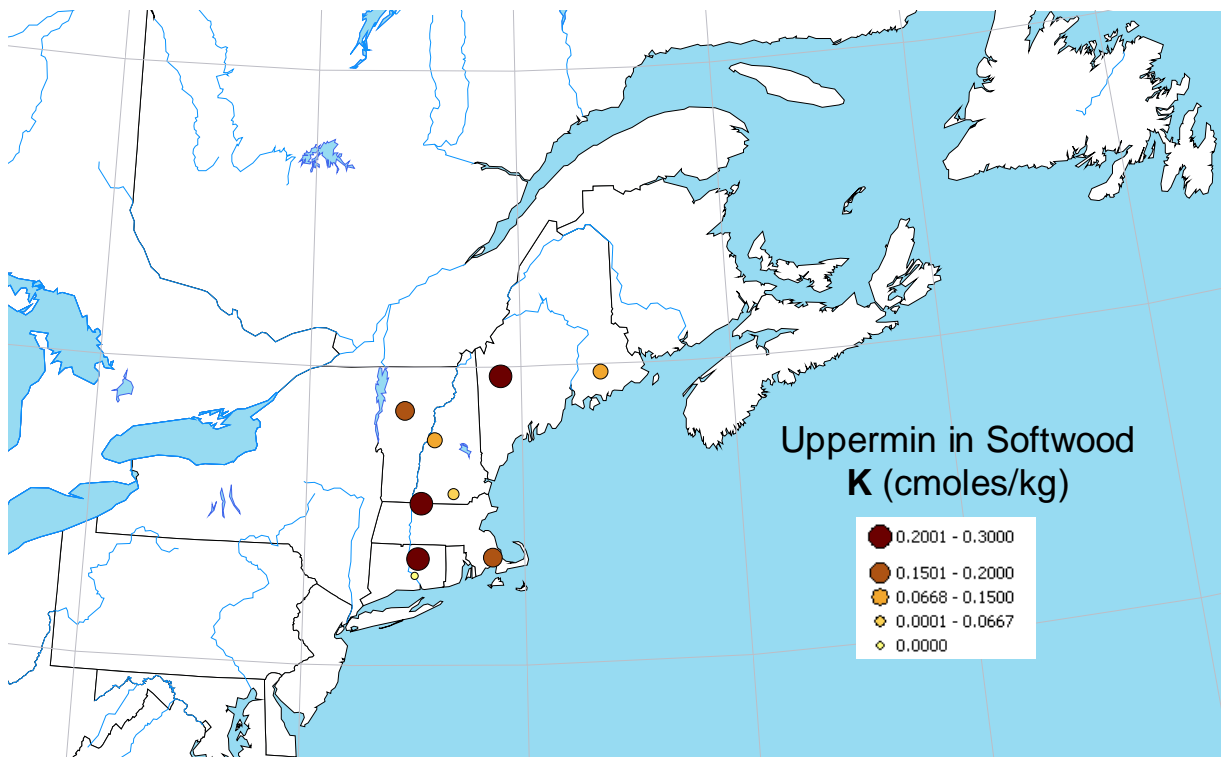
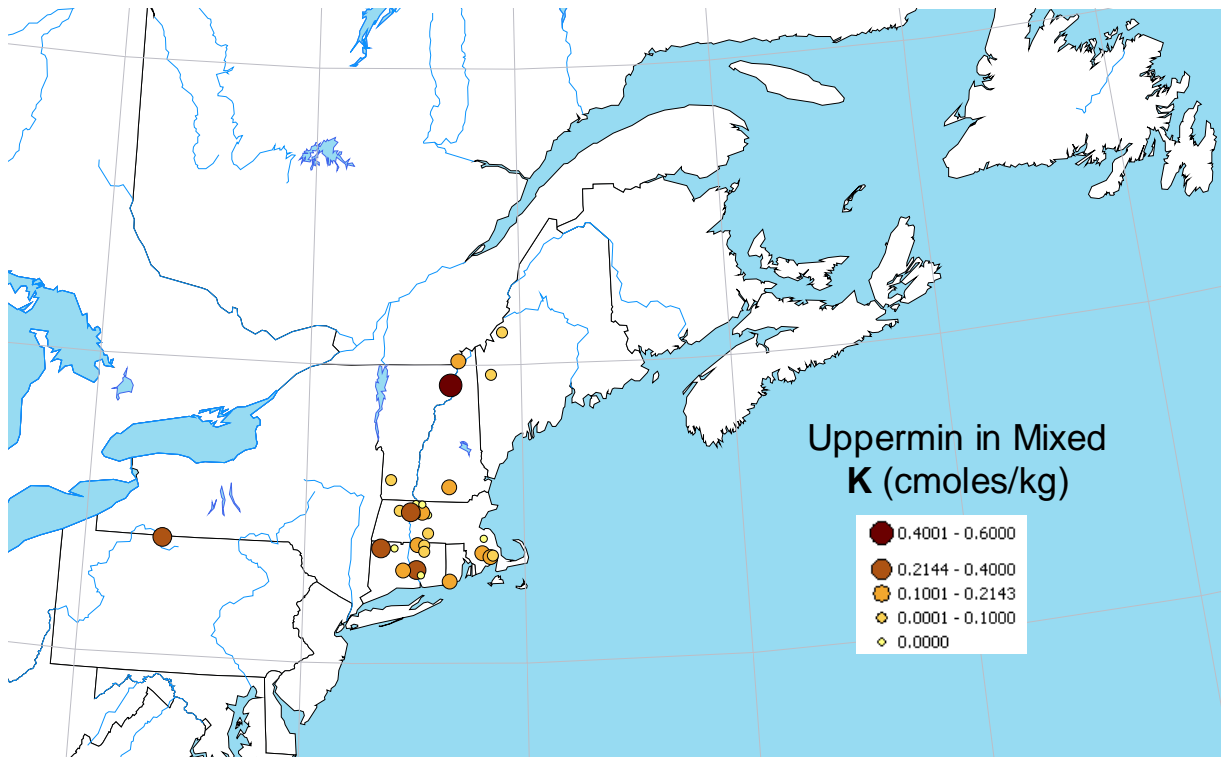
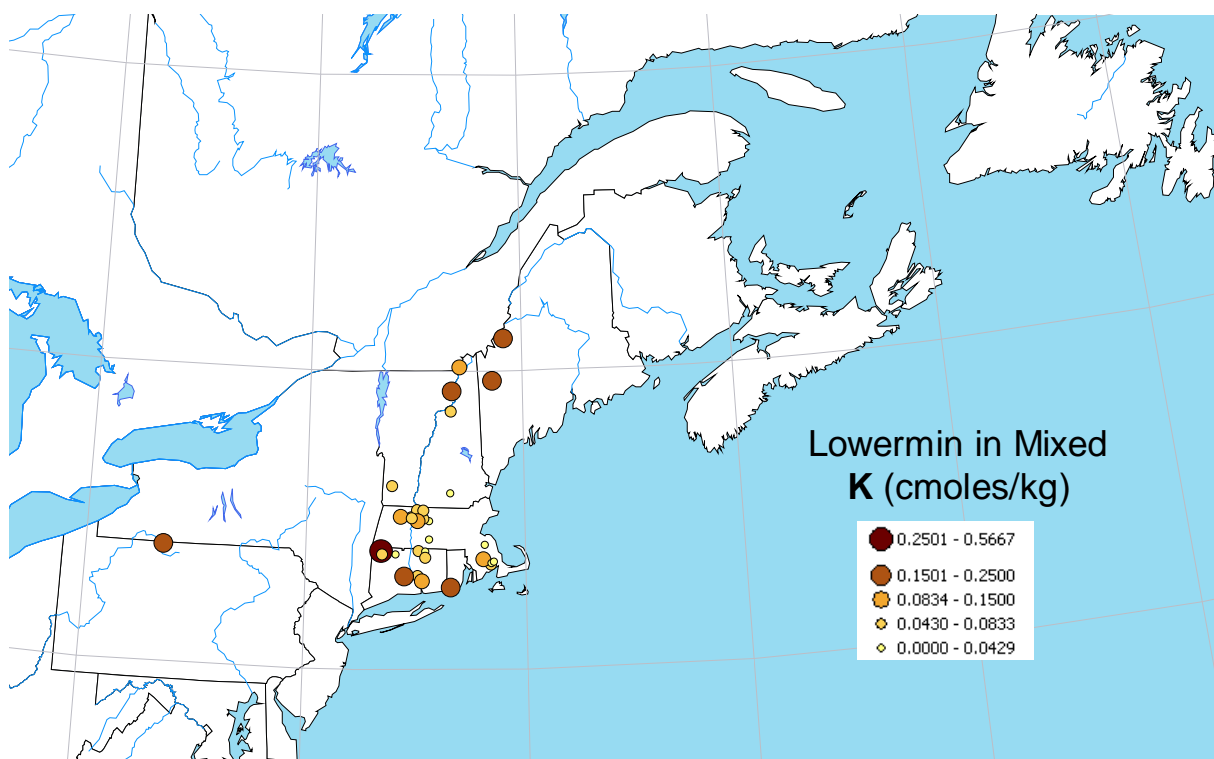
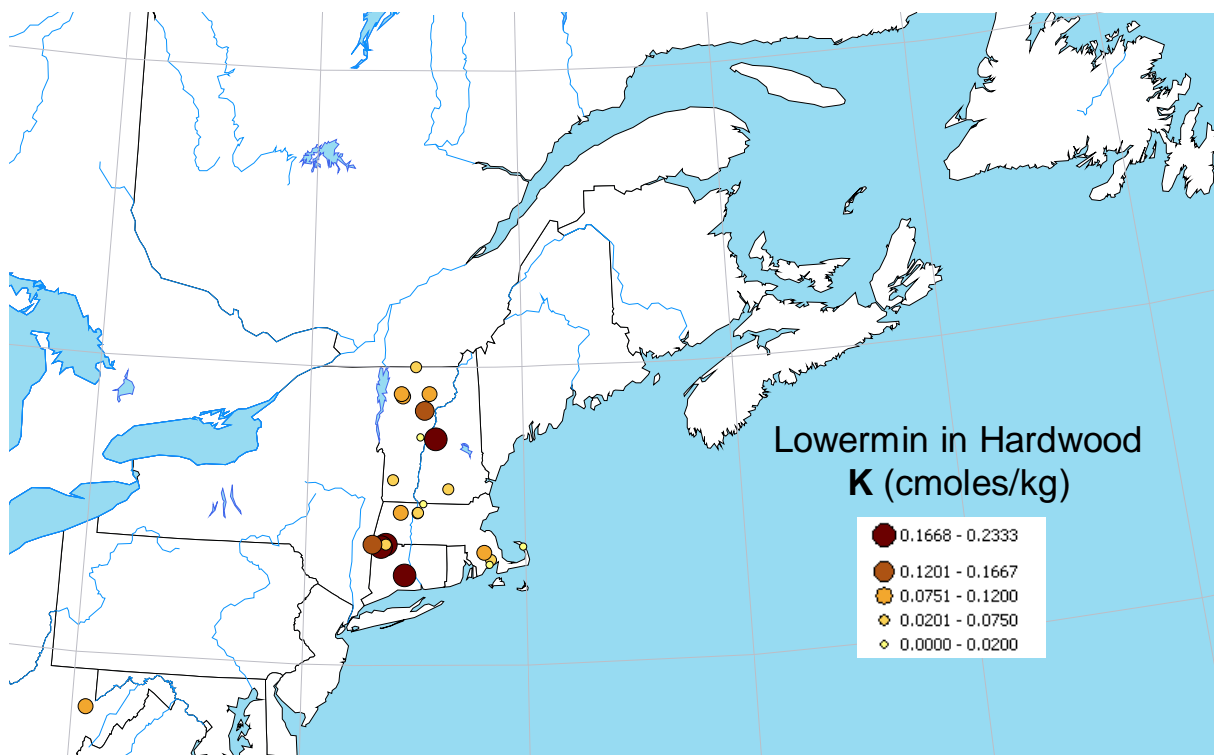


Figure 24. Maps for soil potassium. (figure spans multiple pages)









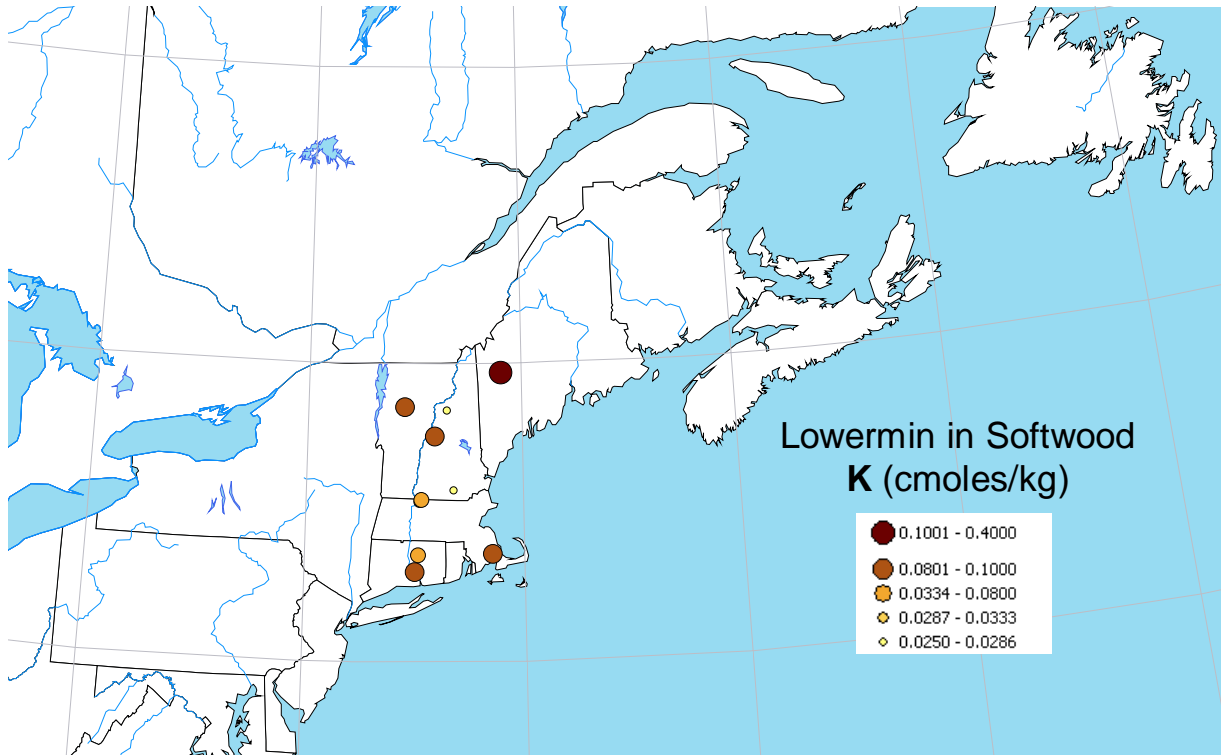
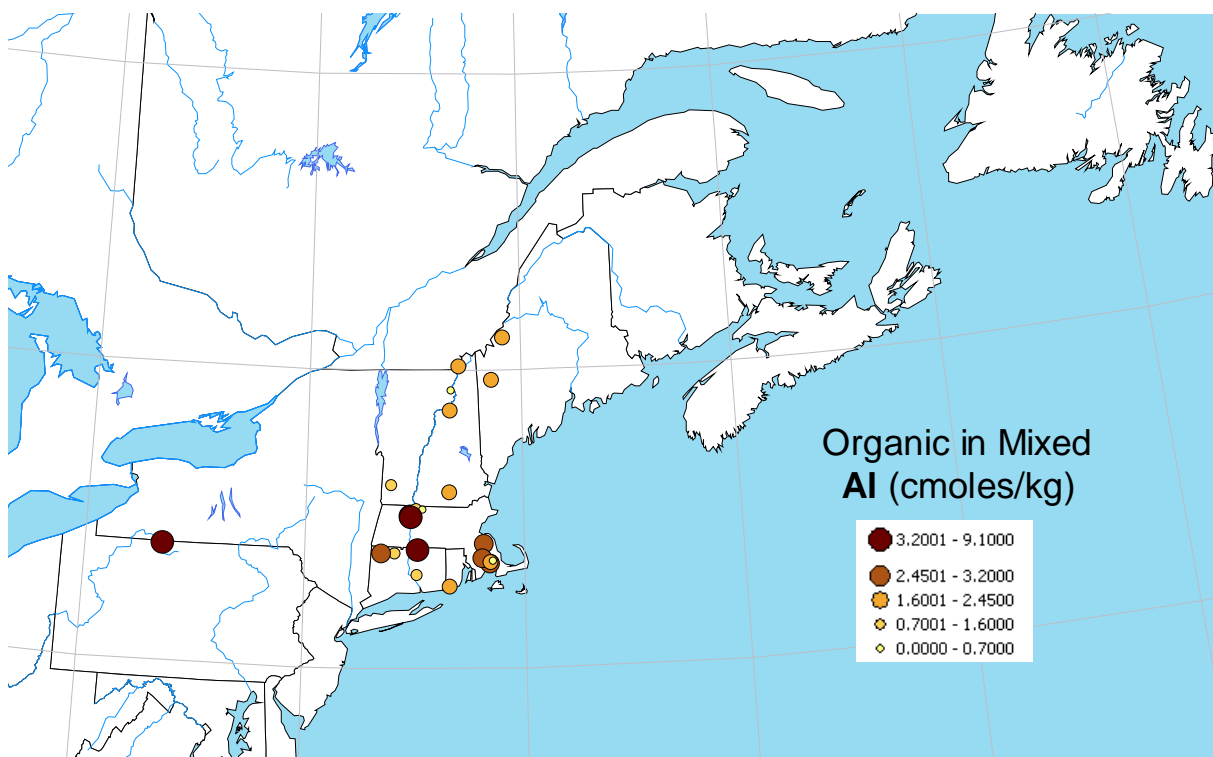
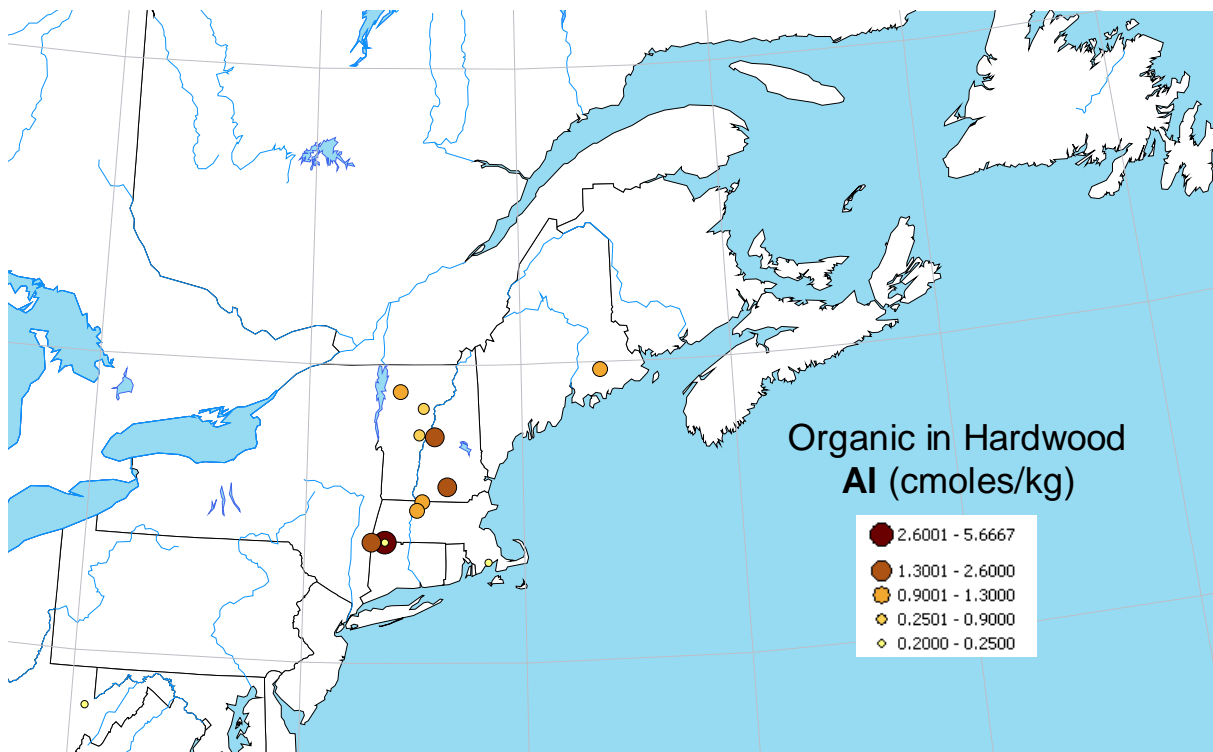
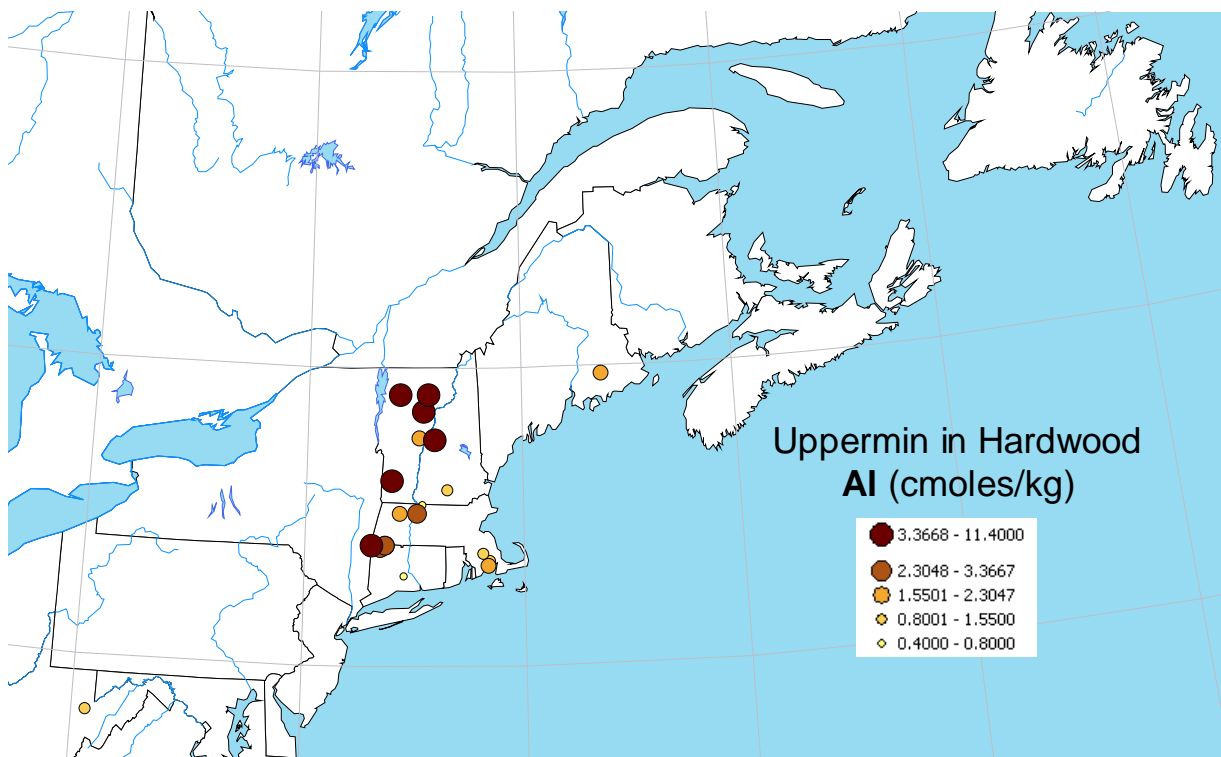
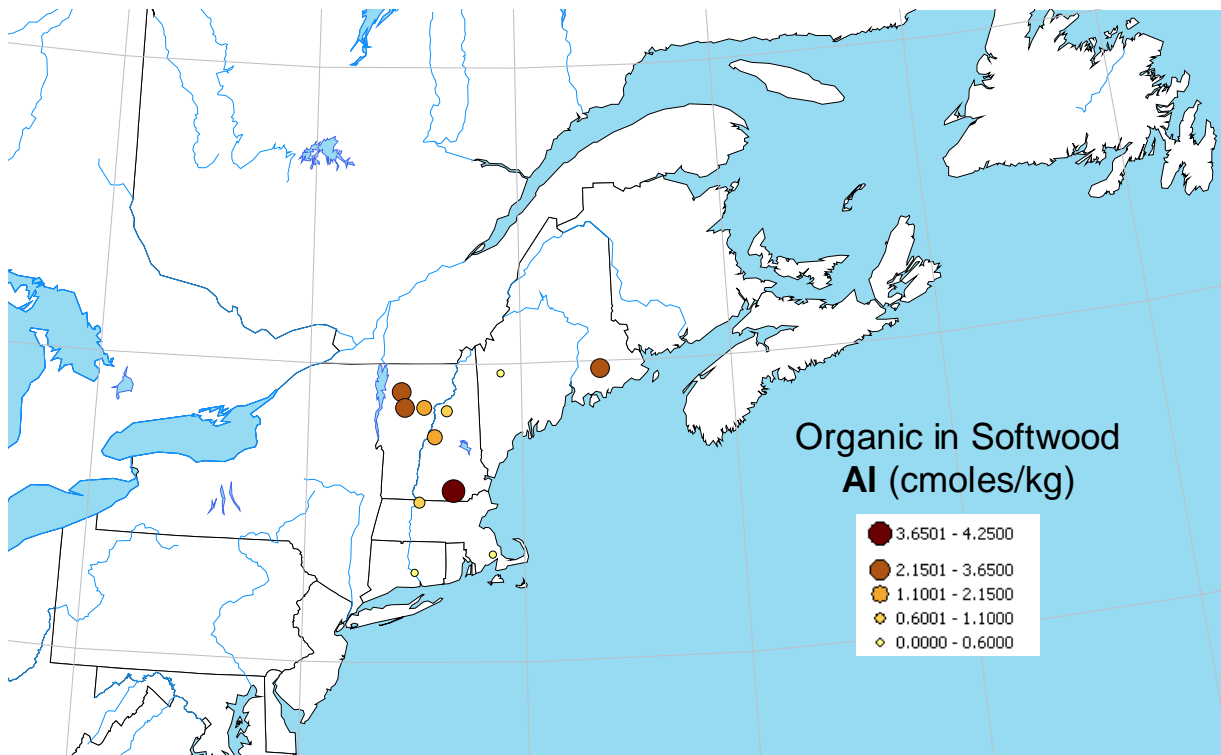
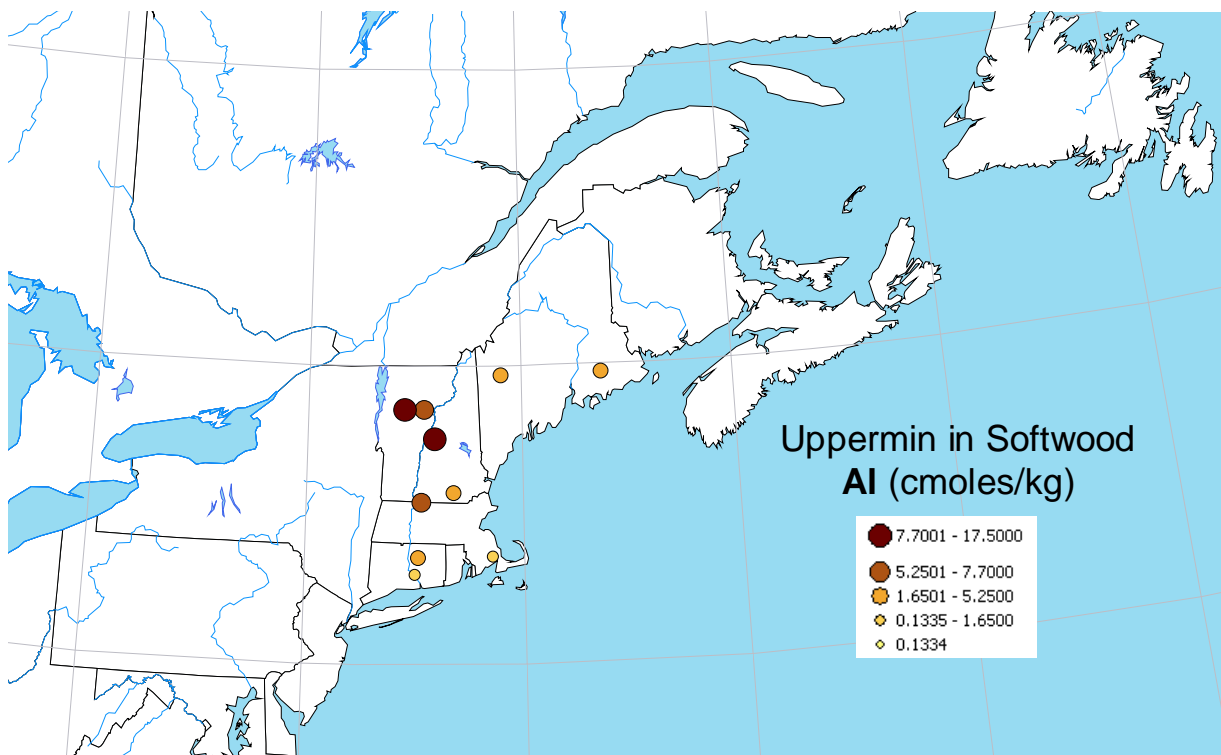
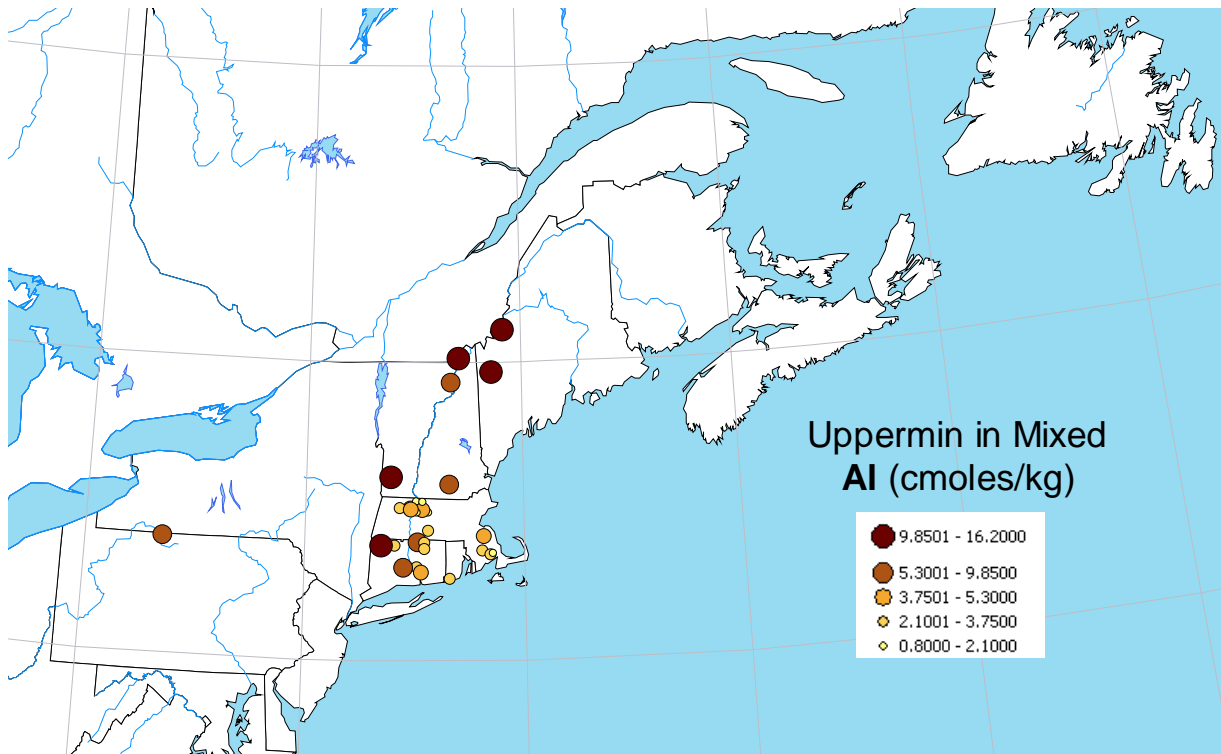
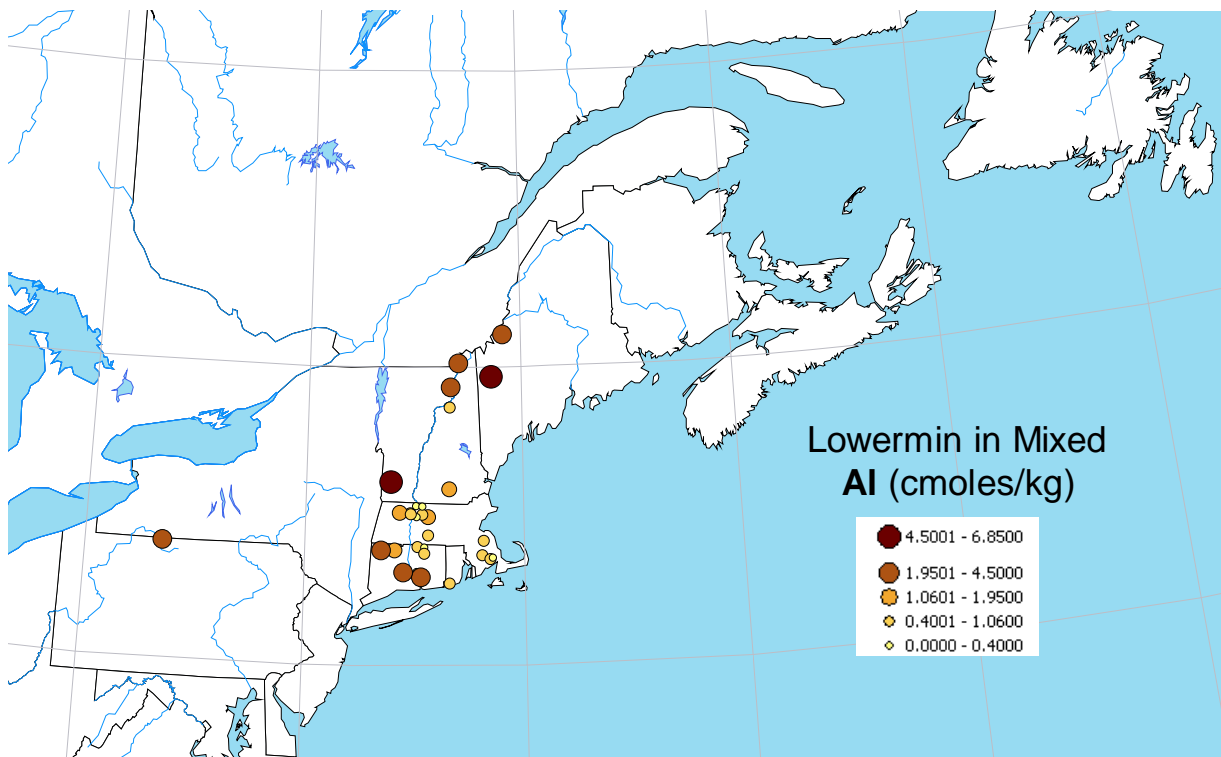
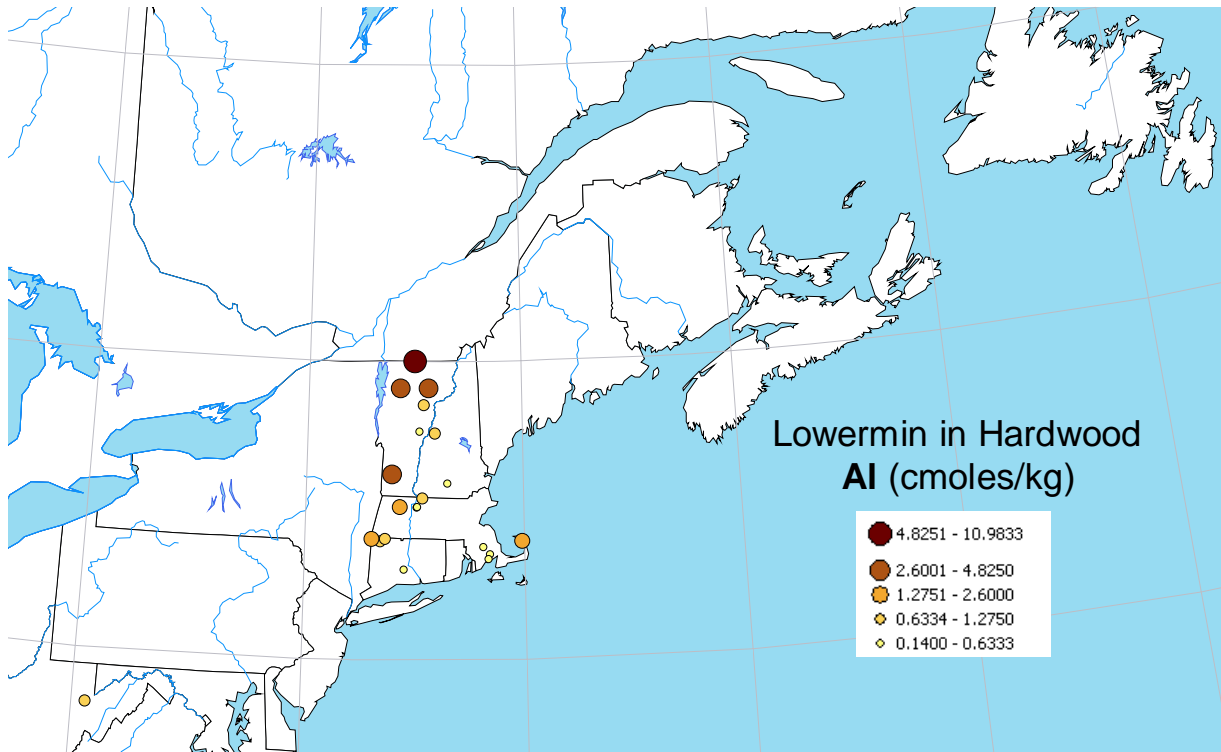


Figure 25. Maps for soil aluminum. (figure spans multiple pages)









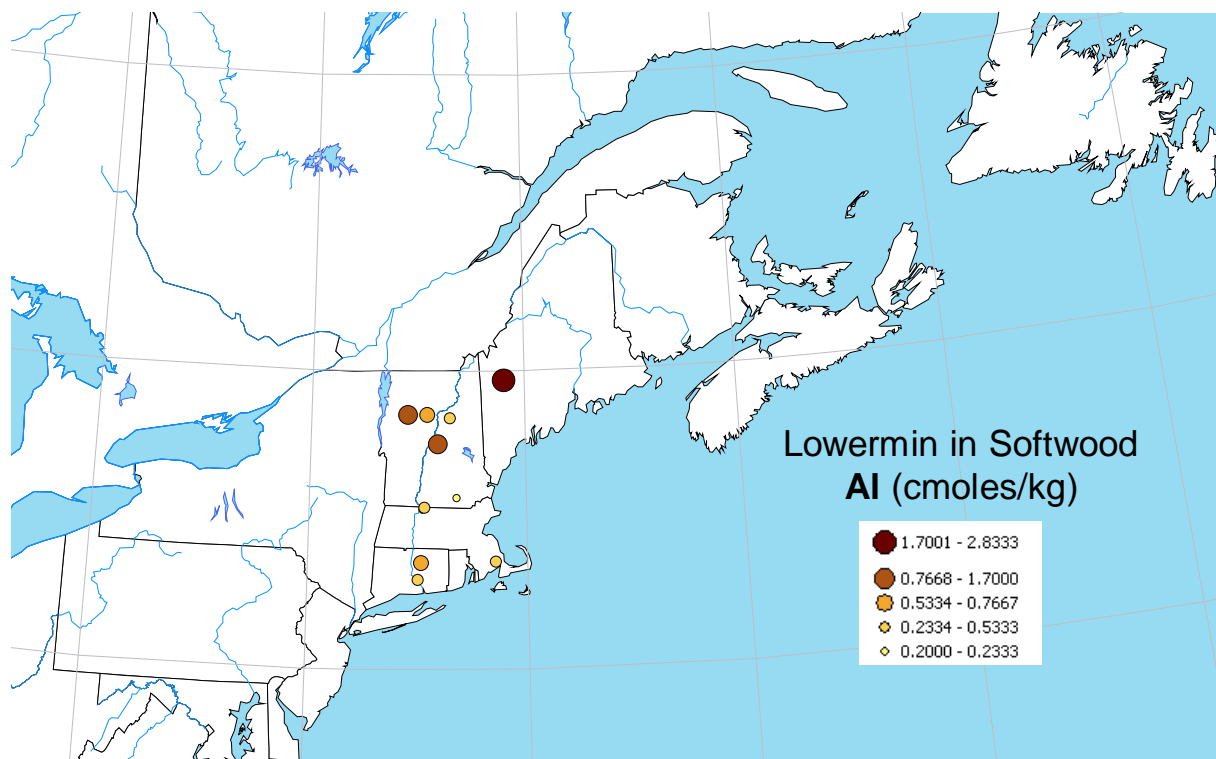
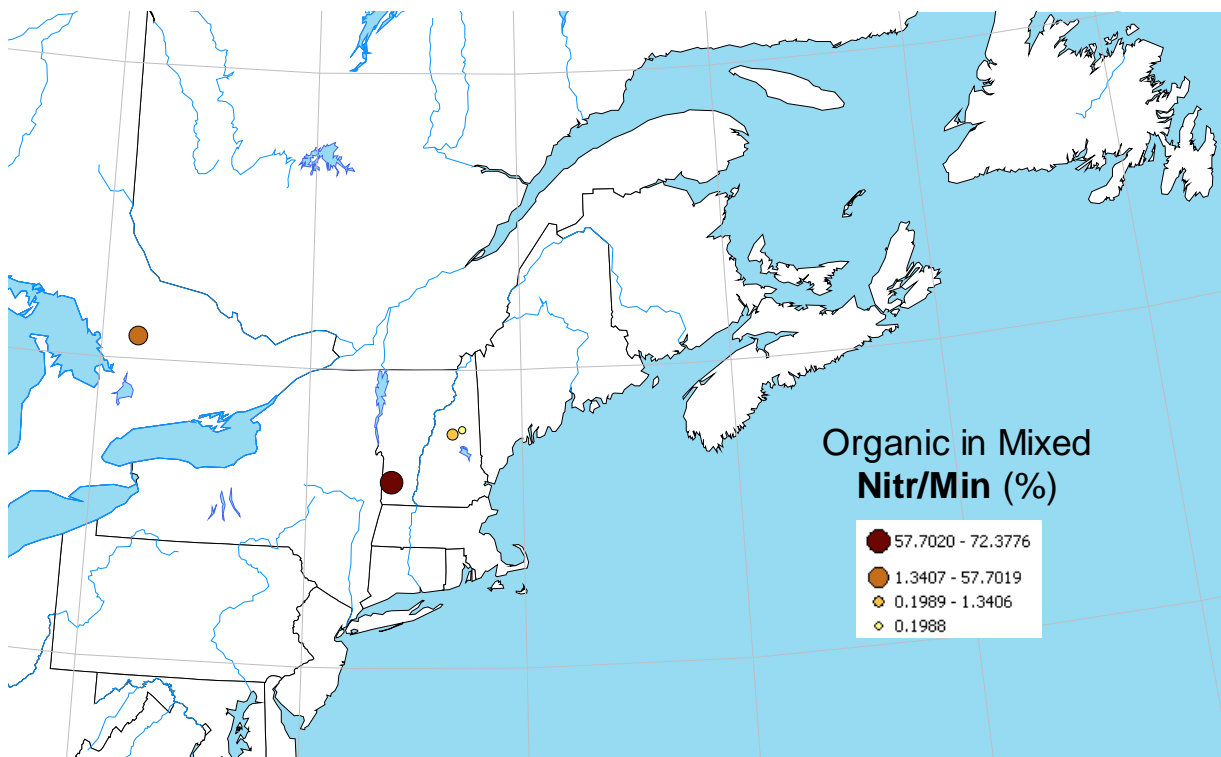
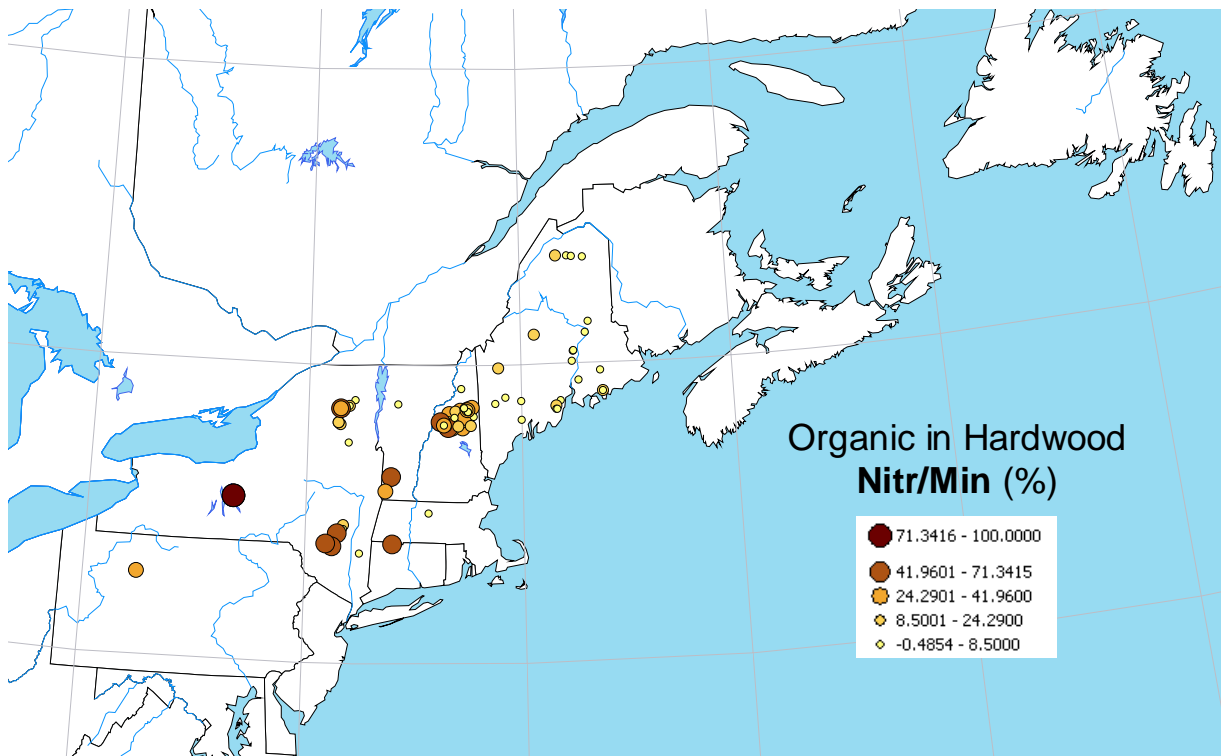
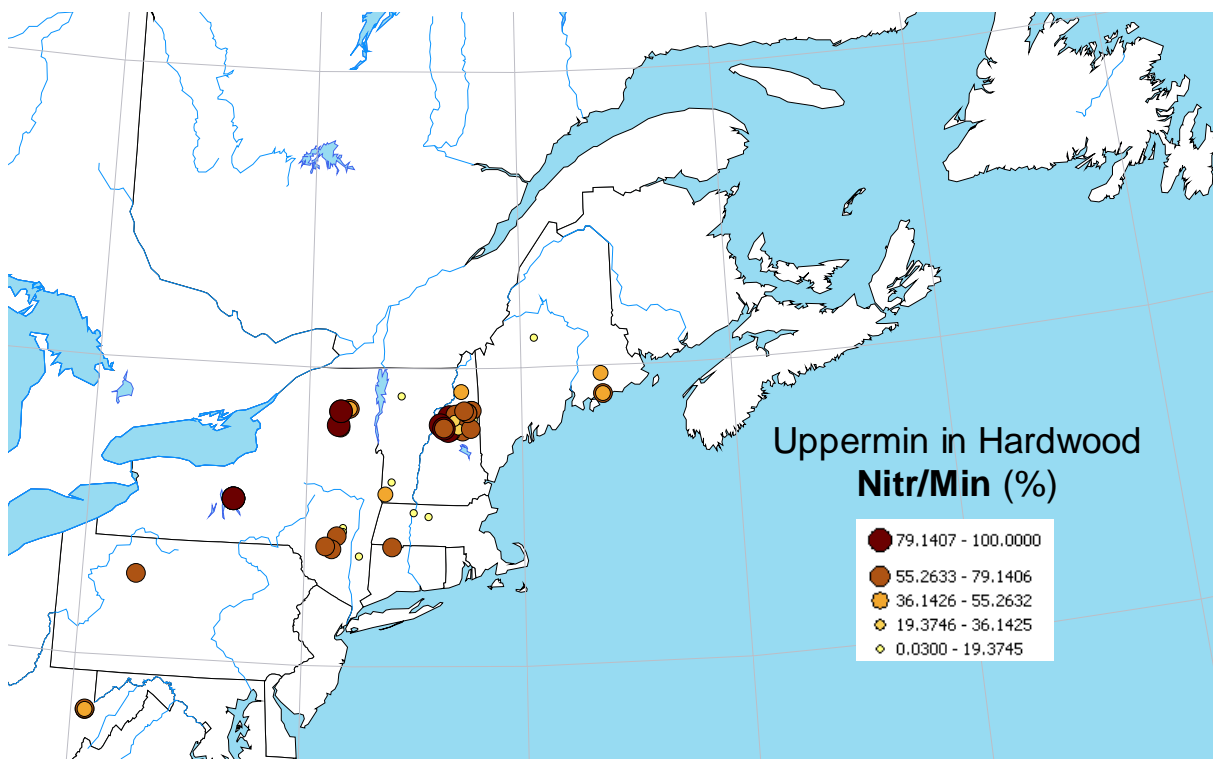
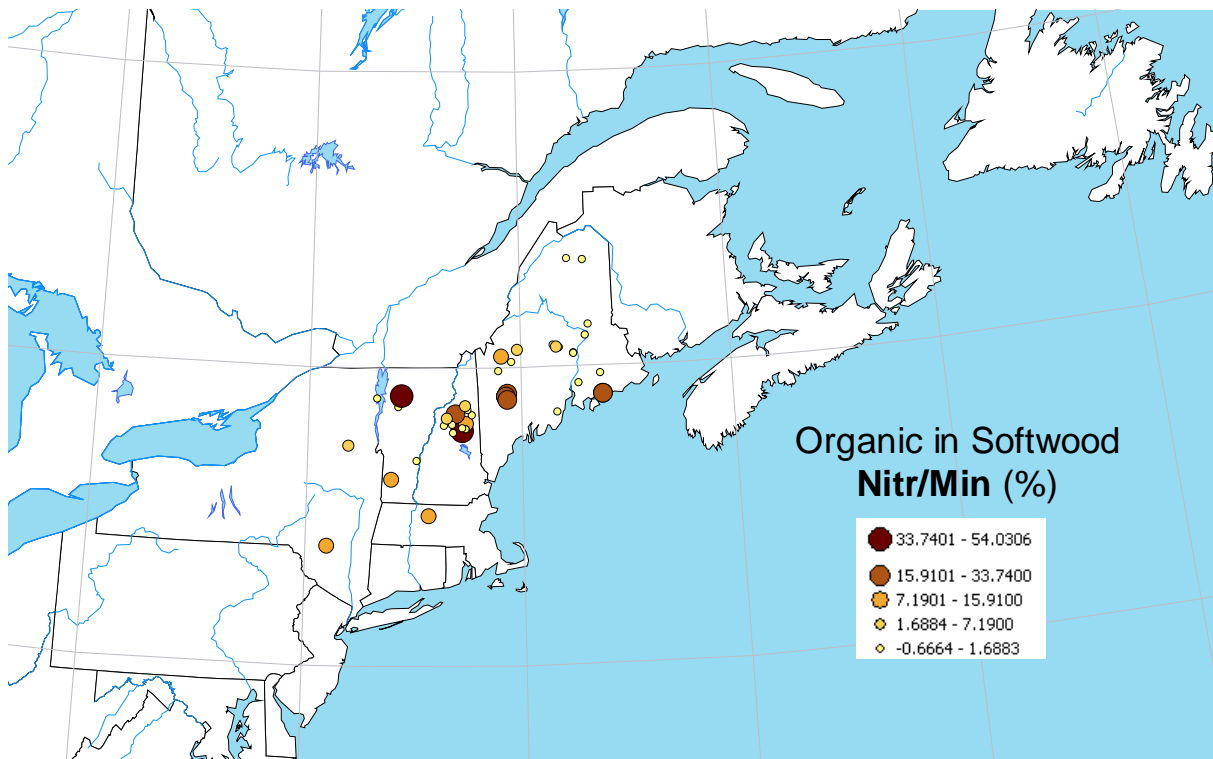
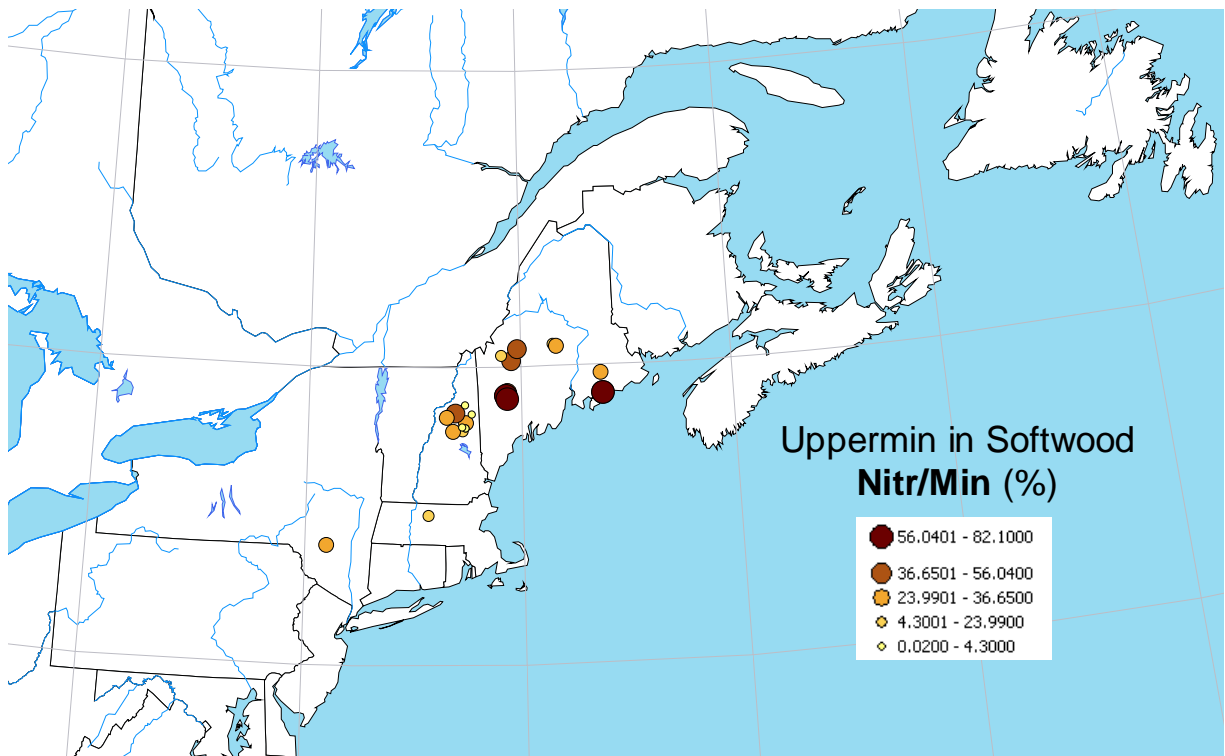
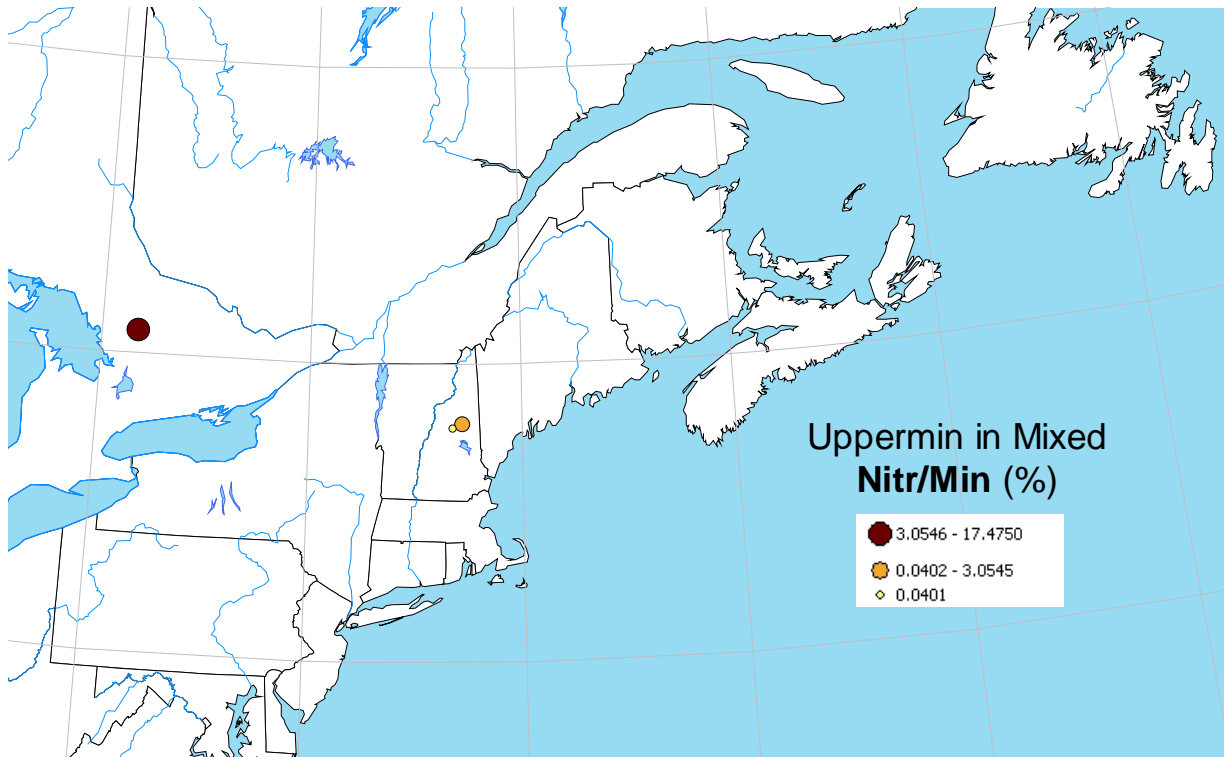


Figure 26. Maps for soil nitrification/mineralization. (figure spans multiple pages)







Appendix C-4: Soil Chemistry Linear Regressions with Latitude, Longitude and Elevation

Table 2. Results of linear regression of each parameter against latitude, longitude and elevation. Trend indicates positive or negative correlation and R² coefficients for the relationship are given below. (table spans multiple pages)

Latitude

	Organic layer			Upper mineral layer			Lower mineral layer		
	Hardwood	Mixed	Softwood	Hardwood	Mixed	Softwood	Hardwood	Mixed	Softwood
Trend									
pH	0	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	NA
Total C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+++	NA
Total N	0	0	0	0	+++	+++	+++	+++	NA
CN ratio	+++	NA	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA
Ca	NA	+++	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Mg	NA	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
K	NA	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Al	NA	0	NA	+++	+++	NA	+++	+++	NA
Nitr/Min	---	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
R²									
pH	0.0117	0.0001	0.0146	0.1127	0.0657	0.0069	0.1803	0.0406	NA
Total C	0.0027	0.0433	0.0293	0.0214	0.0173	0.0104	0.0716	0.3743	NA
Total N	0.0005	0.0010	0.0650	0.0127	0.1202	0.1256	0.3110	0.3482	NA
CN ratio	0.1269	NA	0.0125	0.0429	0.0755	0.0063	NA	NA	NA
Ca	NA	0.3113	NA	0.0254	0.0194	NA	0.0128	0.0265	NA
Mg	NA	0.0083	NA	0.0199	0.0169	NA	0.0339	0.0005	NA
K	NA	0.0050	NA	0.0004	0.0159	NA	0.0003	0.0202	NA
Al	NA	0.0500	NA	0.1223	0.3456	NA	0.2454	0.2438	NA
Nitr/Min	0.2161	NA	0.0017	0.0026	NA	0.0162	NA	NA	NA

Longitude

	Organic layer			Upper mineral layer			Lower mineral layer		
	Hardwood	Mixed	Softwood	Hardwood	Mixed	Softwood	Hardwood	Mixed	Softwood
Trend									
pH	0	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total N	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
CN ratio	0	NA	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA
Ca	NA	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Mg	NA	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
K	NA	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Al	NA	---	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Nitr/Min	---	NA	0	0	NA	+++	NA	NA	NA

R²	pH	0.0251	0.0404	0.1069	0.0411	0.0086	0.0053	0.0168	0.0074	NA
	Total C	0.0286	0.0000	0.0076	0.0076	0.0069	0.0078	0.0657	0.0066	NA
	Total N	0.0153	0.1119	0.0215	0.0004	0.0502	0.0031	0.0026	0.0038	NA
	CN ratio	0.0150	NA	0.0074	0.0904	0.0463	0.0132	NA	NA	NA
	Ca	NA	0.0016	NA	0.0018	0.0264	NA	0.0082	0.0315	NA
	Mg	NA	0.0021	NA	0.0006	0.0090	NA	0.0278	0.0089	NA
	K	NA	0.0687	NA	0.0767	0.0817	NA	0.0637	0.0414	NA
	Al	NA	0.1801	NA	0.0112	0.0181	NA	0.0027	0.0339	NA
	Nitr/Min	0.3423	NA	0.0360	0.0506	NA	0.1554	NA	NA	NA

Elevation

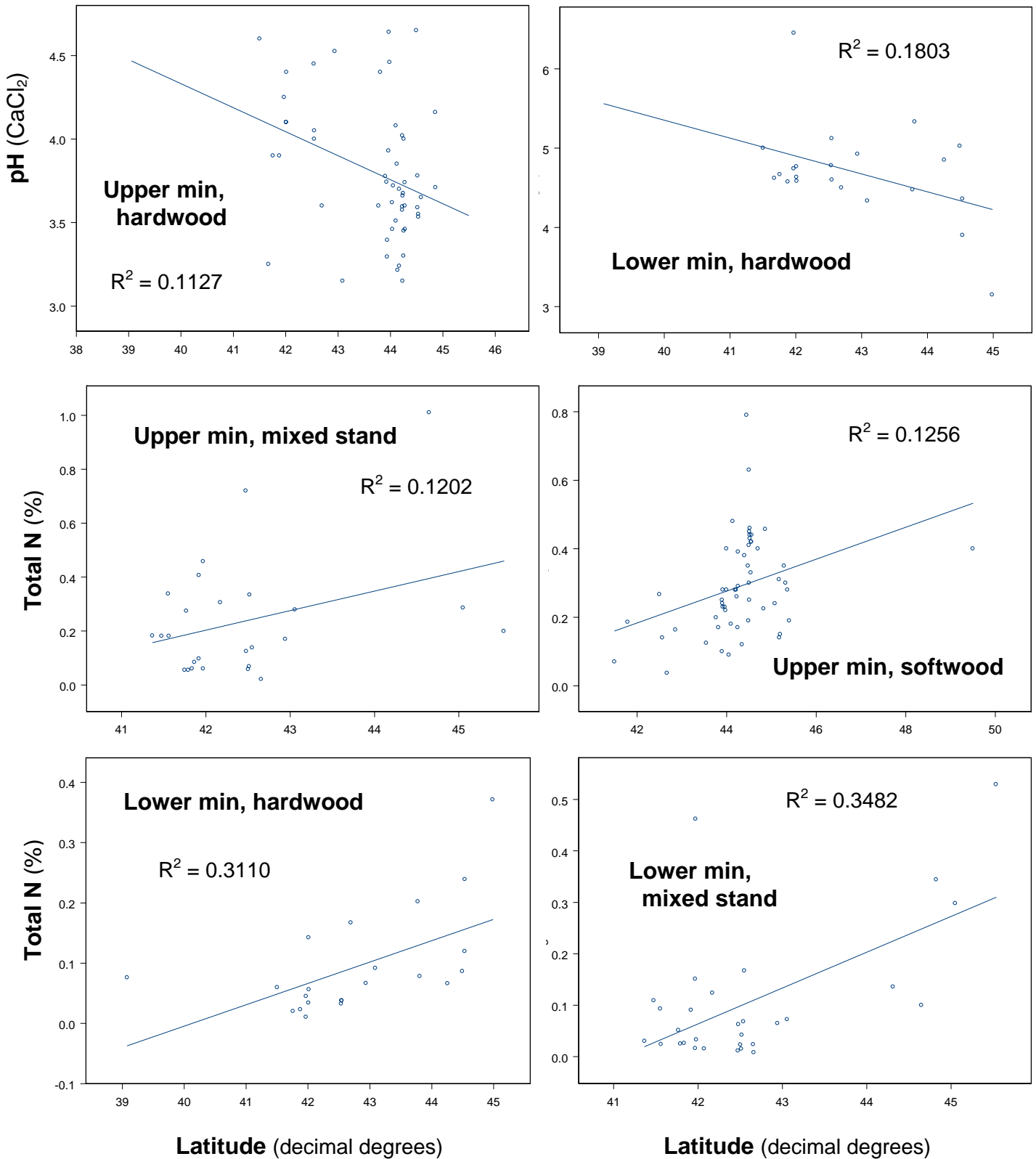
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	Hardwood	Mixed	Softwood	Hardwood	Mixed	Softwood	Hardwood	Mixed	Softwood	
Trend	pH	0	0	---	---	0	0	0	0	NA
	Total C	0	0	0	0	0	+++	+++	+++	NA
	Total N	0	+++	0	0	0	+++	+++	+++	NA
	CN ratio	0	NA	---	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA
	Ca	NA	+++	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
	Mg	NA	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
	K	NA	0	NA	+++	0	NA	0	0	NA
	Al	NA	0	NA	+++	+++	NA	+++	+++	NA
	Nitr/Min	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
	R²	pH	0.0121	0.0309	0.2036	0.1409	0.0186	0.0879	0.0718	0.0059
Total C		0.0968	0.0805	0.0077	0.0202	0.0148	0.1480	0.3817	0.1693	NA
Total N		0.0142	0.1099	0.0558	0.0247	0.0637	0.2101	0.2385	0.2780	NA
CN ratio		0.0498	NA	0.2132	0.0047	0.0017	0.0334	NA	NA	NA
Ca		NA	0.1925	NA	0.0281	0.0086	NA	0.0006	0.0047	NA
Mg		NA	0.0000	NA	0.0240	0.0022	NA	0.0171	0.0892	NA
K		NA	0.0182	NA	0.2740	0.0223	NA	0.0427	0.0597	NA
Al		NA	0.0173	NA	0.3220	0.4691	NA	0.2820	0.3158	NA
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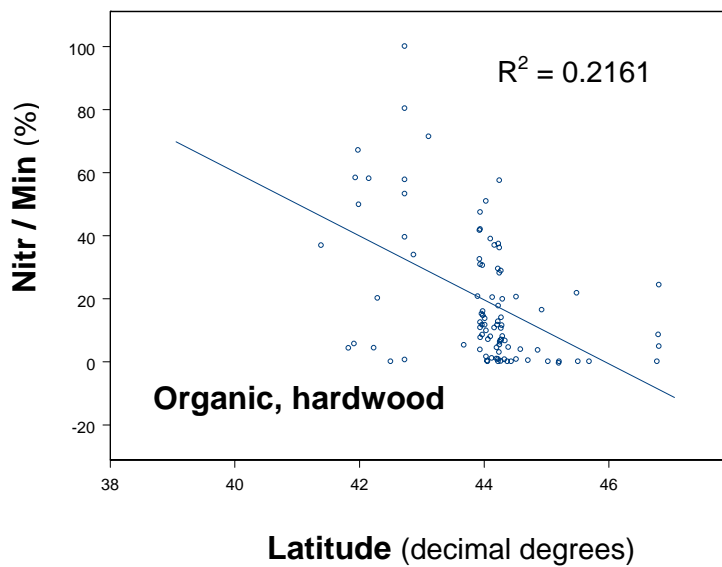
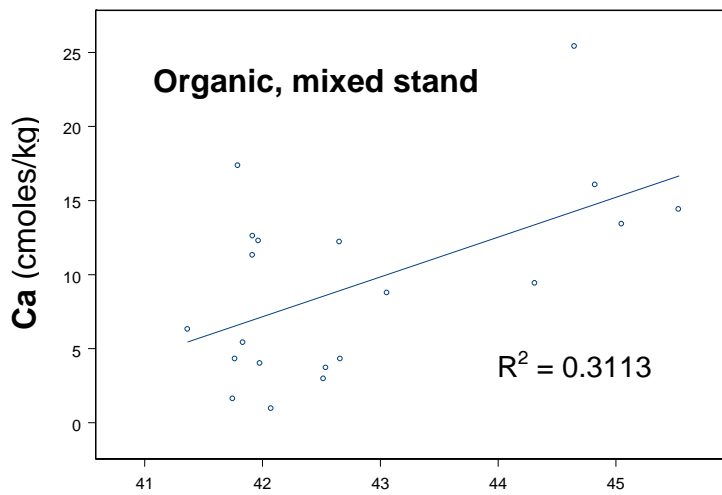
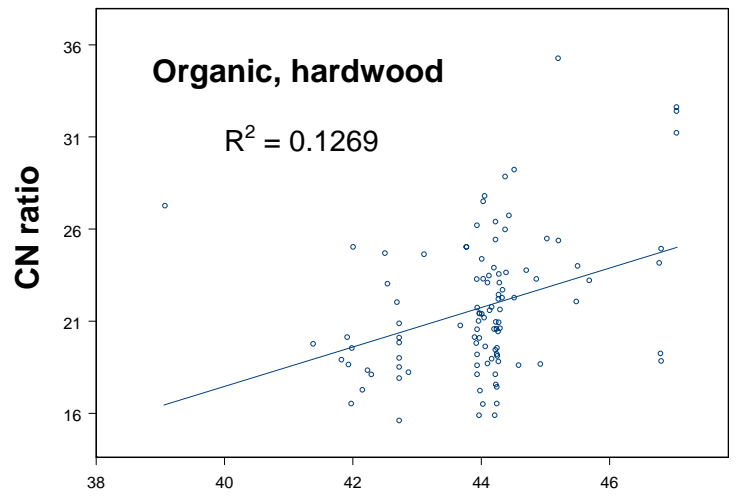
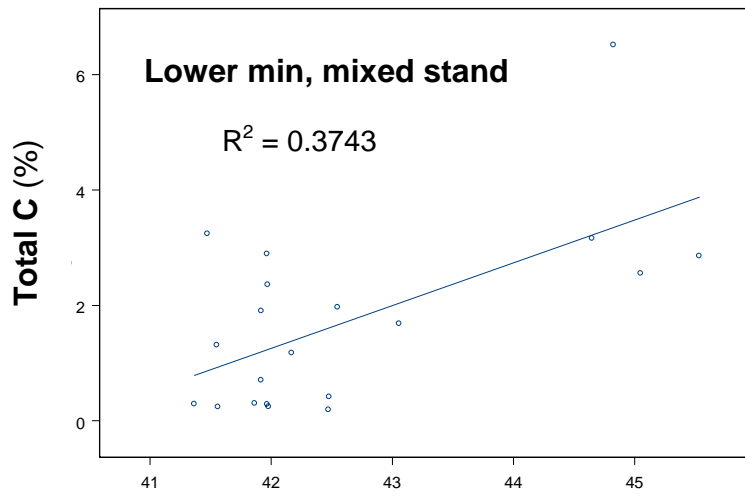
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Figure 27. Graphs of parameters with strongest trends with latitude. (figure spans multiple pages)





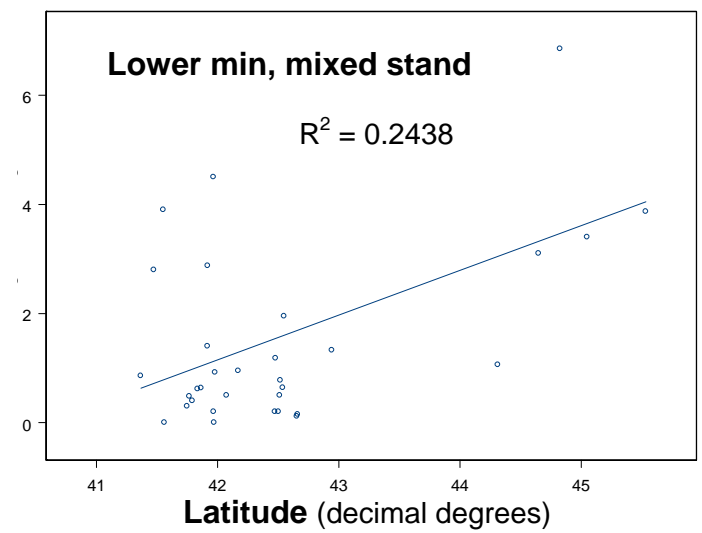
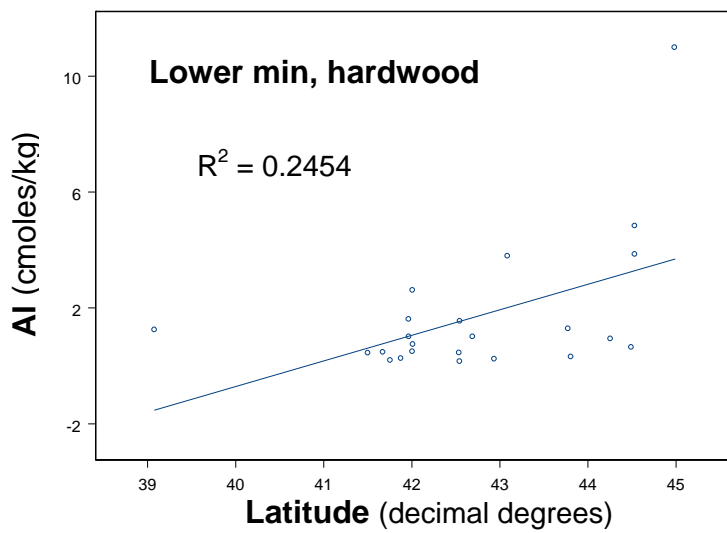
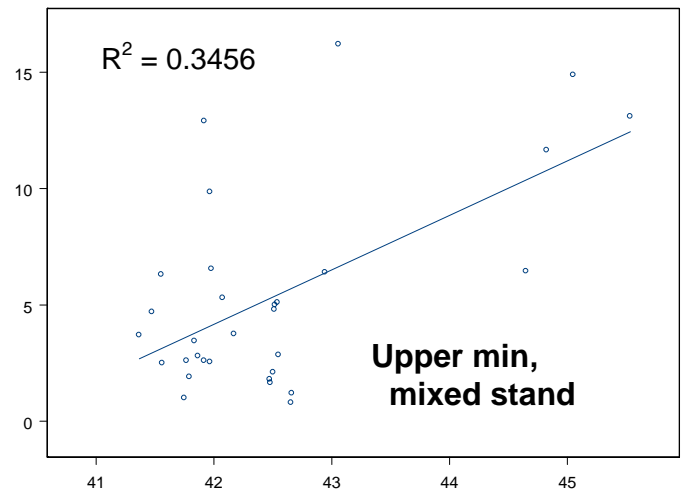
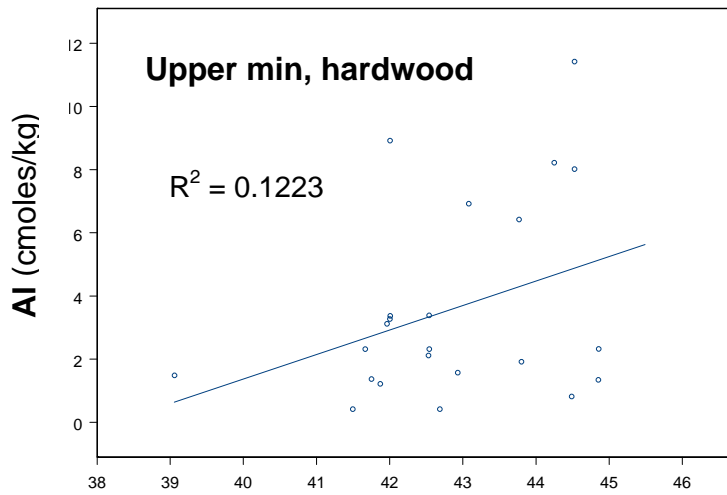


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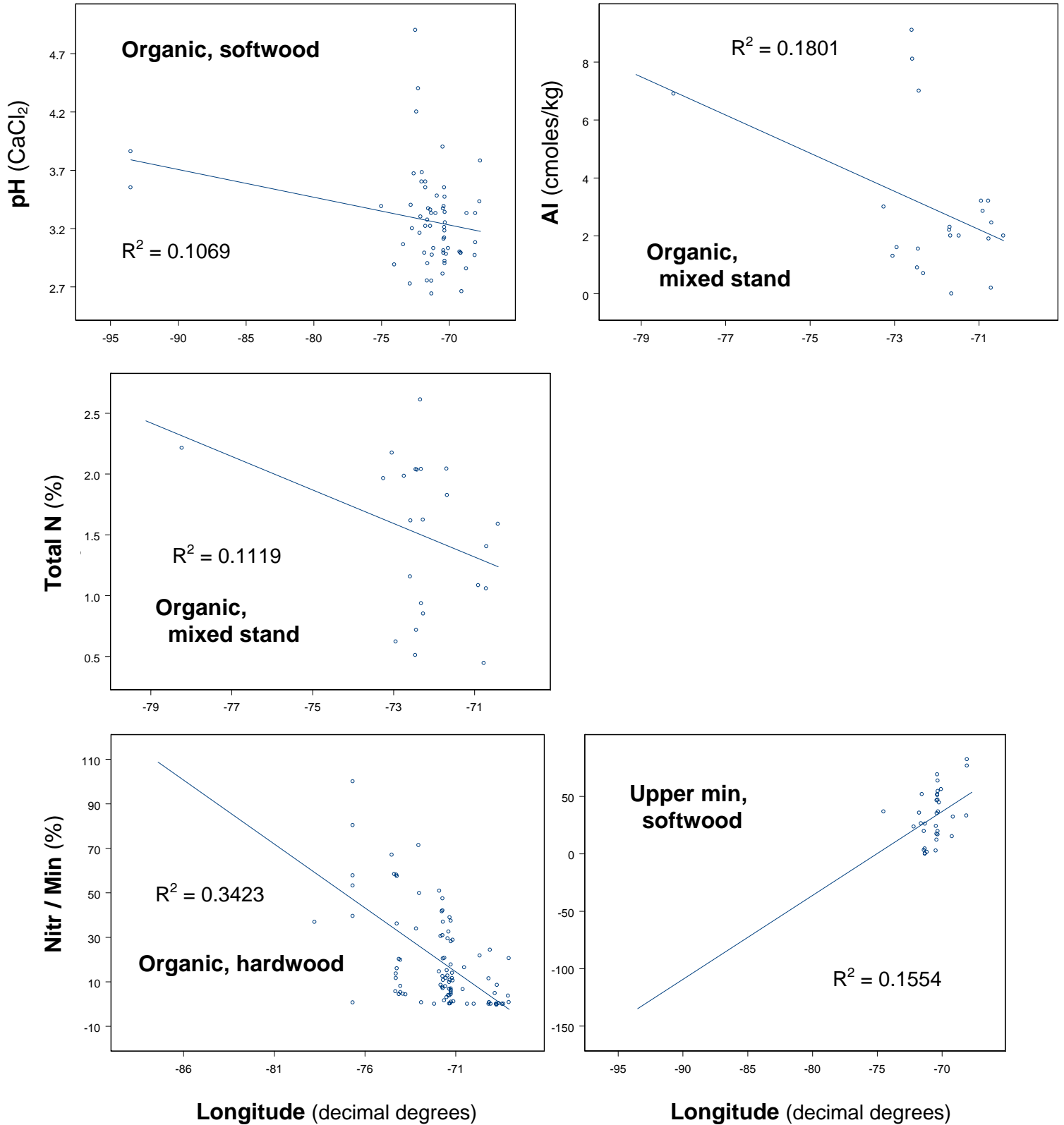
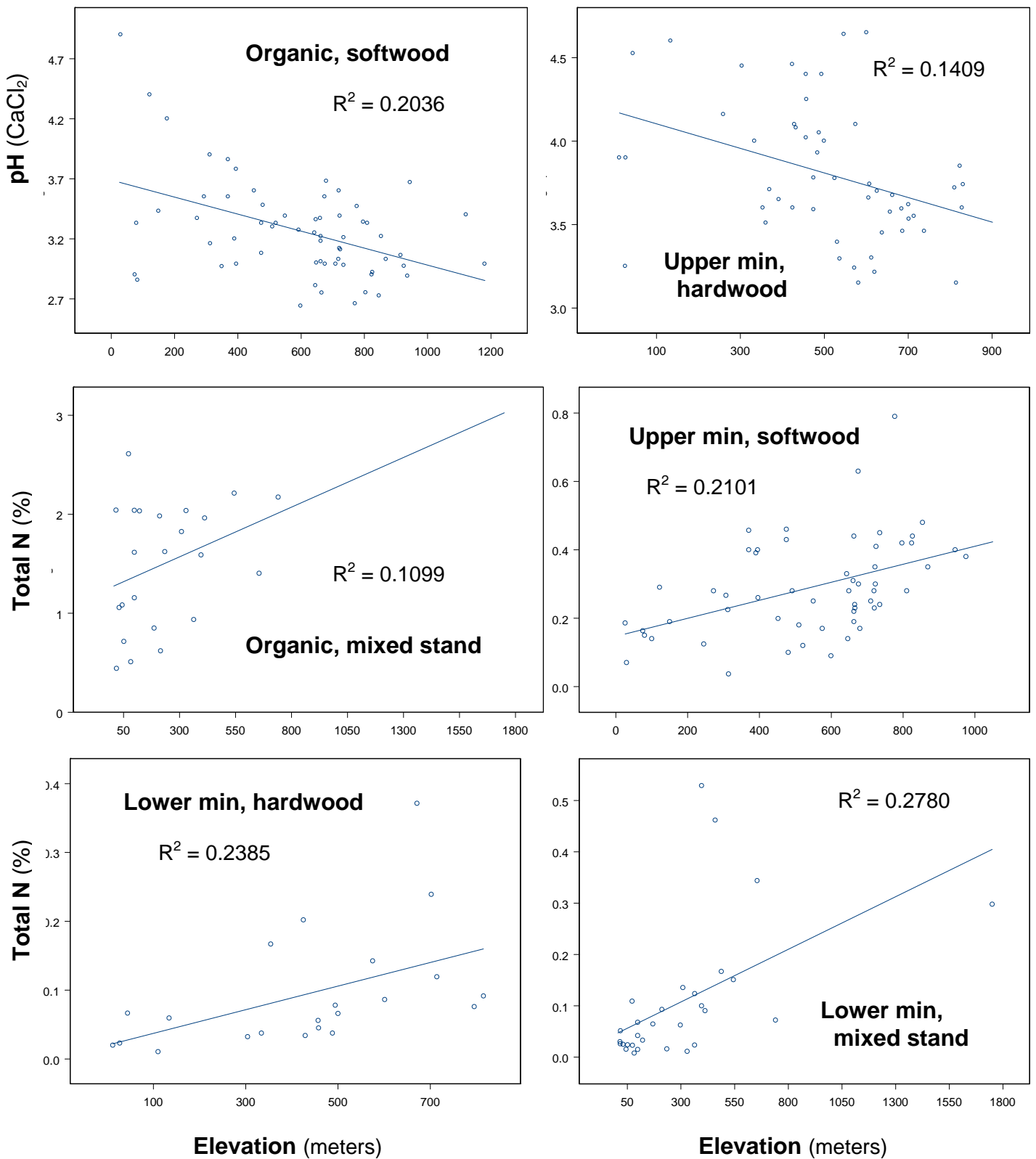
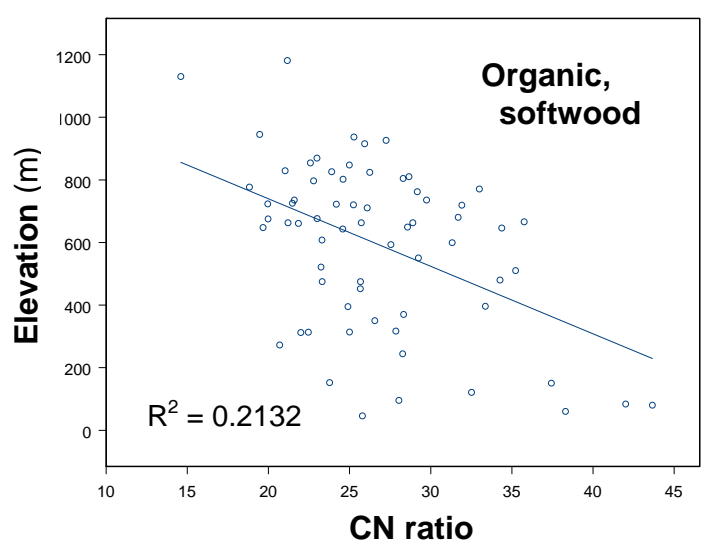
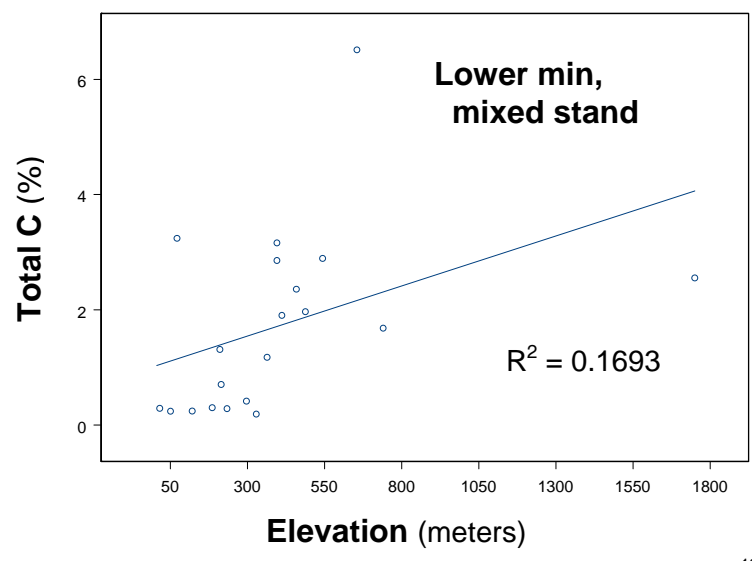
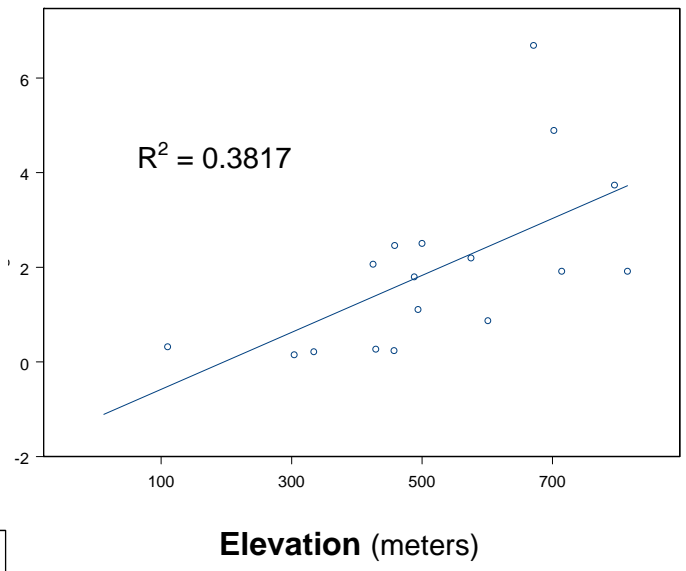
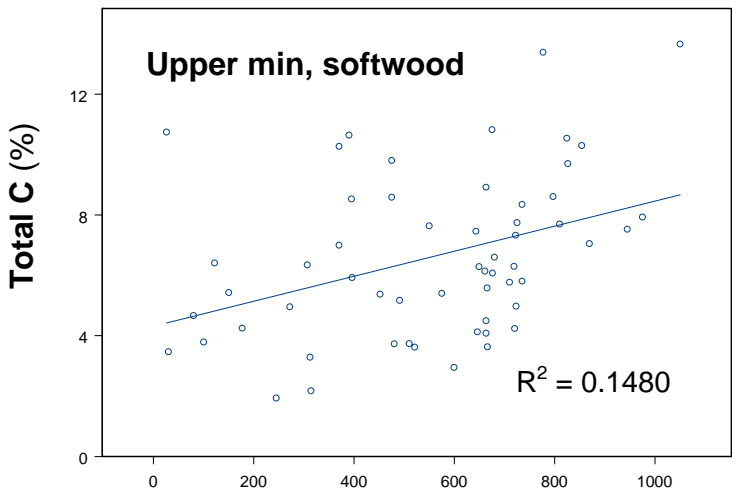
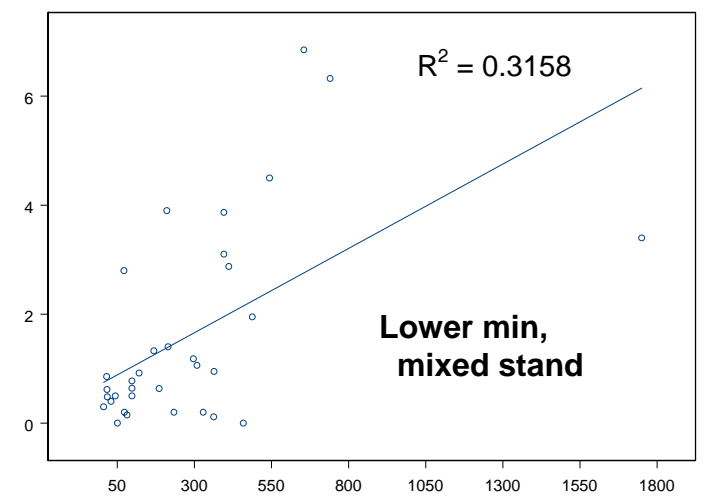
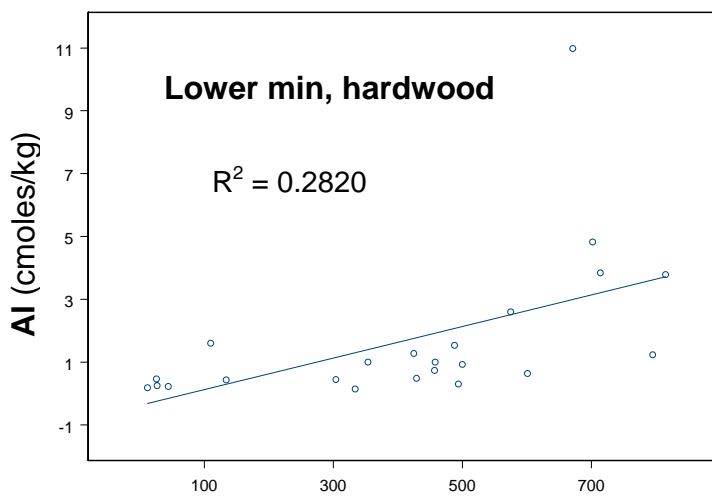
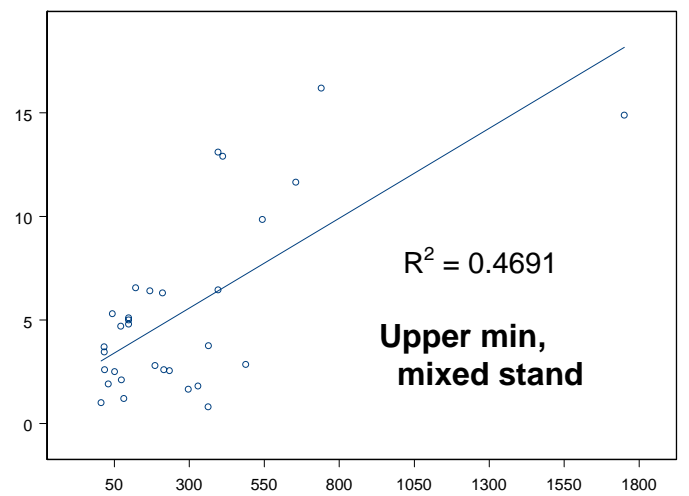
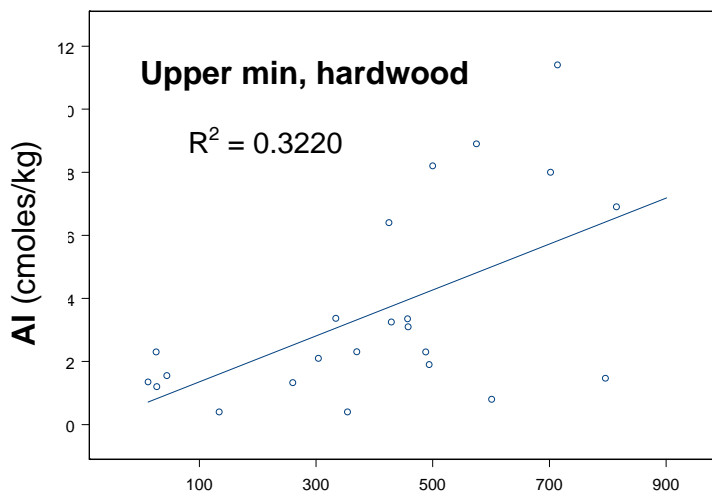
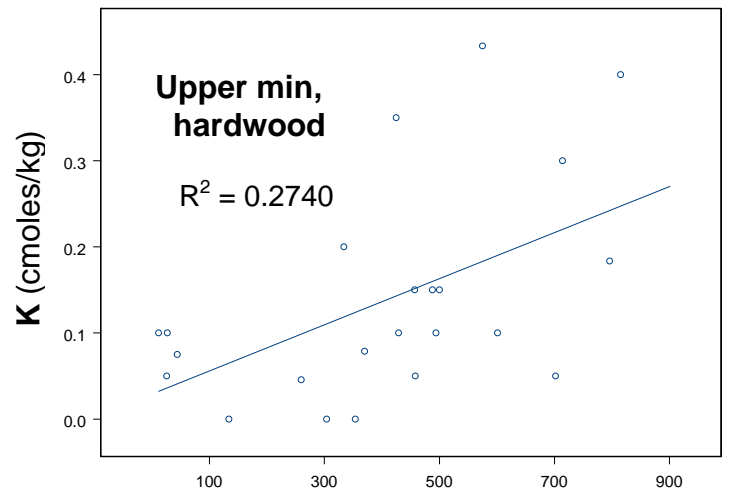
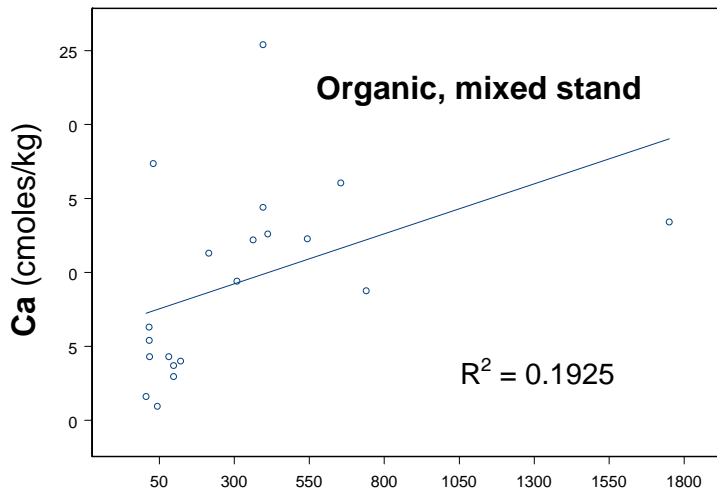


Figure 29. Graphs of parameters with strongest trends with elevation. (figure spans multiple pages)







Elevation (meters)

Elevation (meters)

Appendix C-5: Soil Chemistry Random Forest Diagrams

Figure 30. Random Forest diagrams for soil pH in organic and upper mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

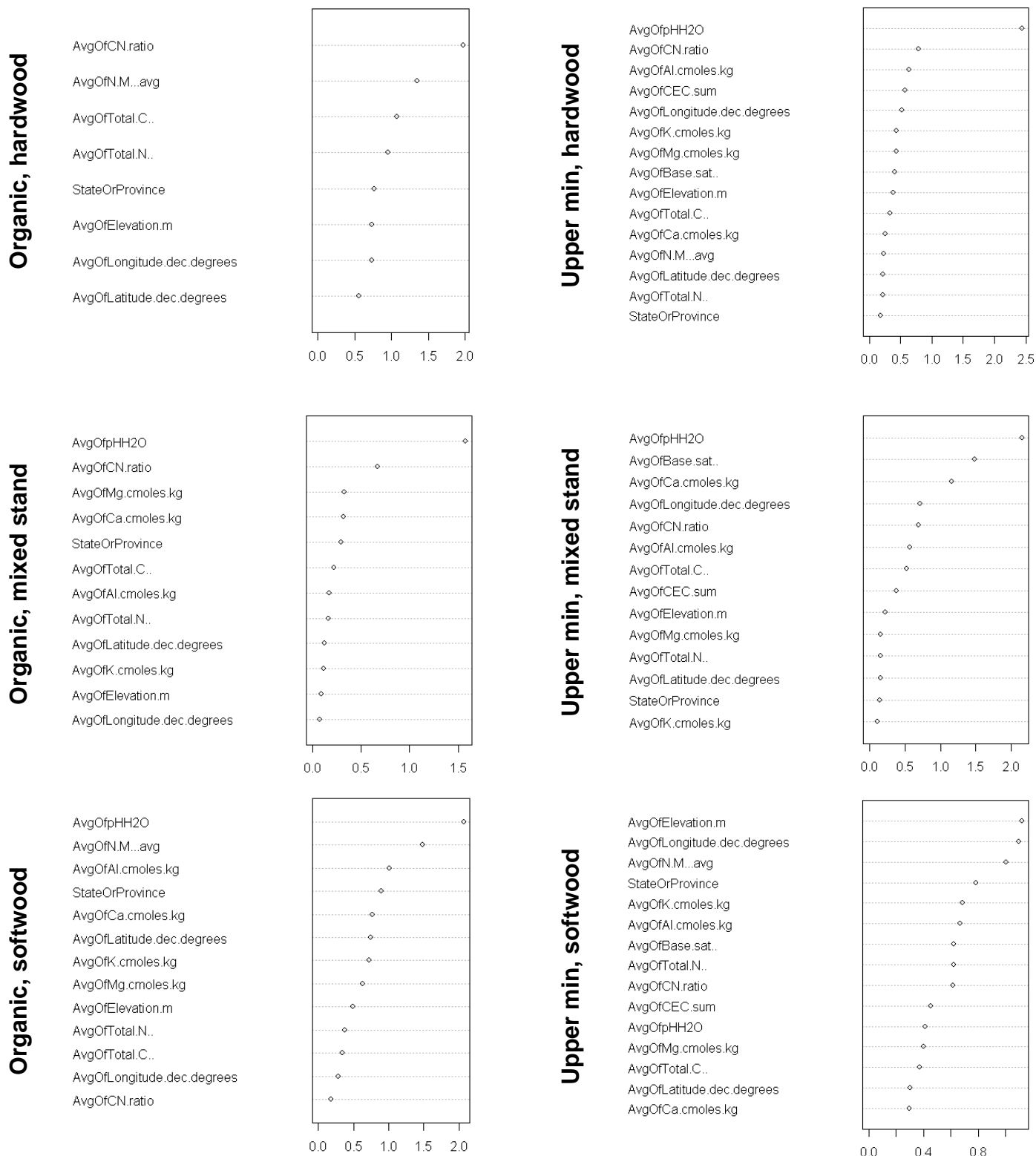


Figure 31. Random Forest diagrams for soil pH in lower mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

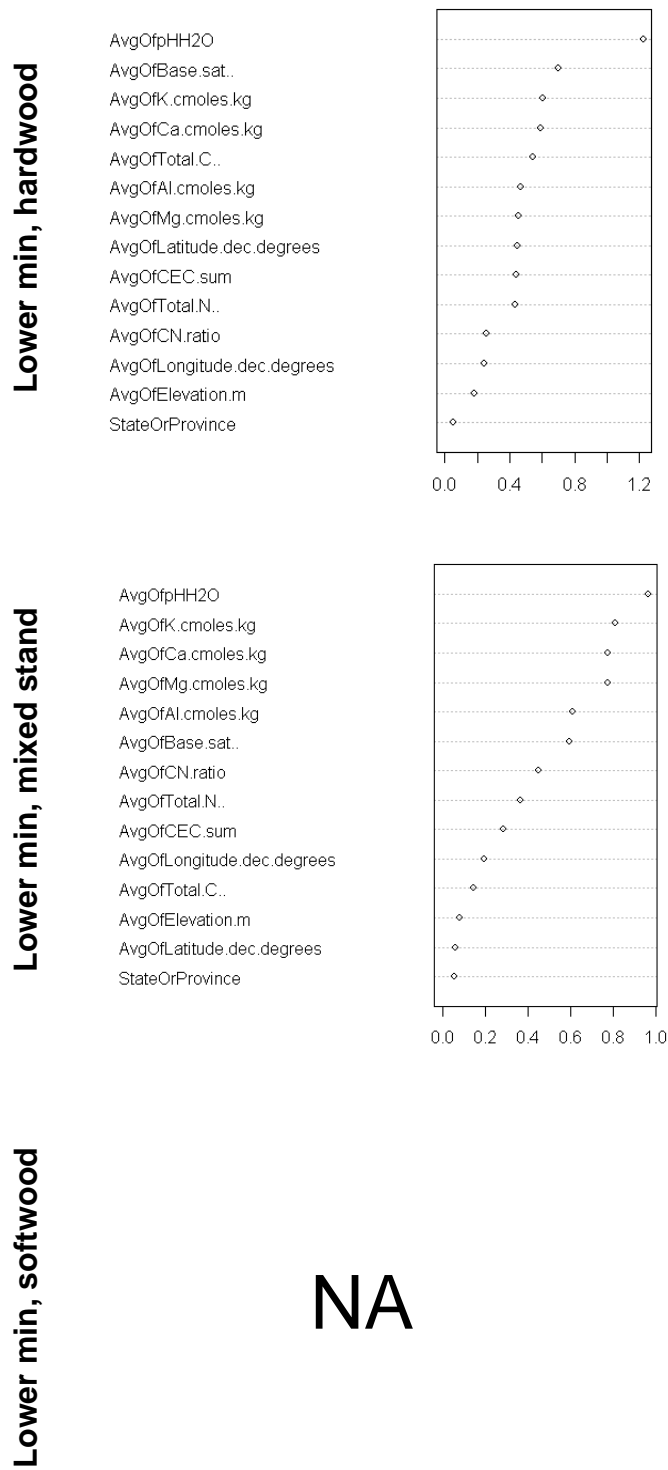


Figure 32. Random Forest diagrams for soil nitrogen in organic and upper mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Organic, hardwood

- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfN.M...avg
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- StateOrProvince



Upper min, hardwood

- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfCEC.sum
- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfpHH2O
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfBase.sat..
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfN.M...avg
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees



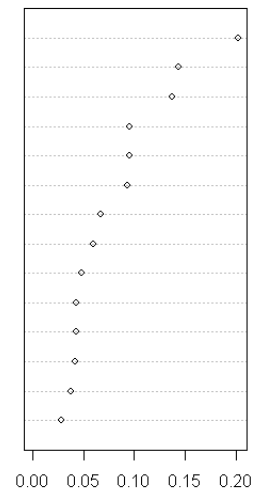
Organic, mixed stand

- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfTotal.C..



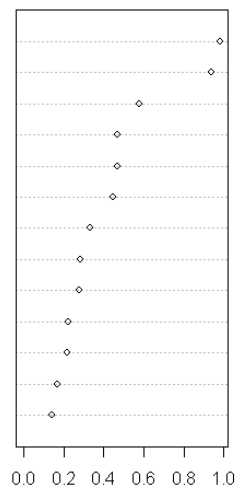
Upper min, mixed stand

- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfCEC.sum
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfBase.sat..
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg



Organic, softwood

- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfN.M...avg
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- StateOrProvince

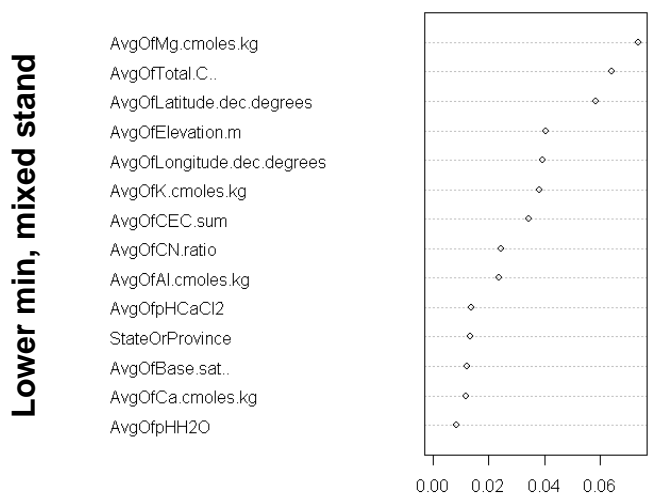
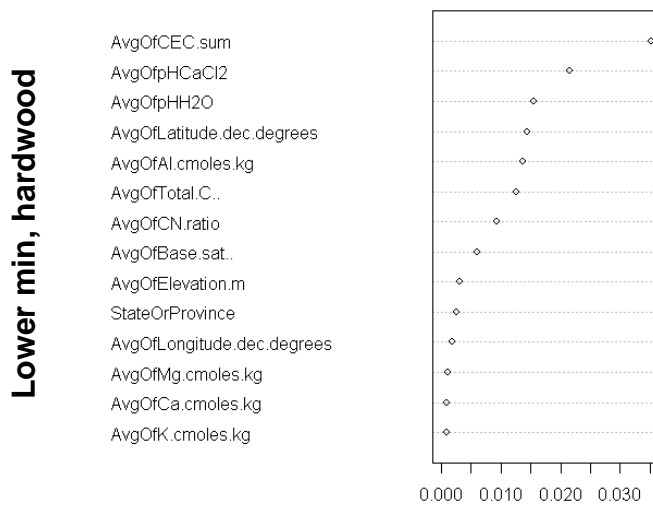


Upper min, softwood

- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfN.M...avg
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfBase.sat..
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfCEC.sum
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg



Figure 33. Random Forest diagrams for soil nitrogen in lower mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.



Lower min, softwood

NA

Figure 34. Random Forest diagrams for soil carbon in organic and upper mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

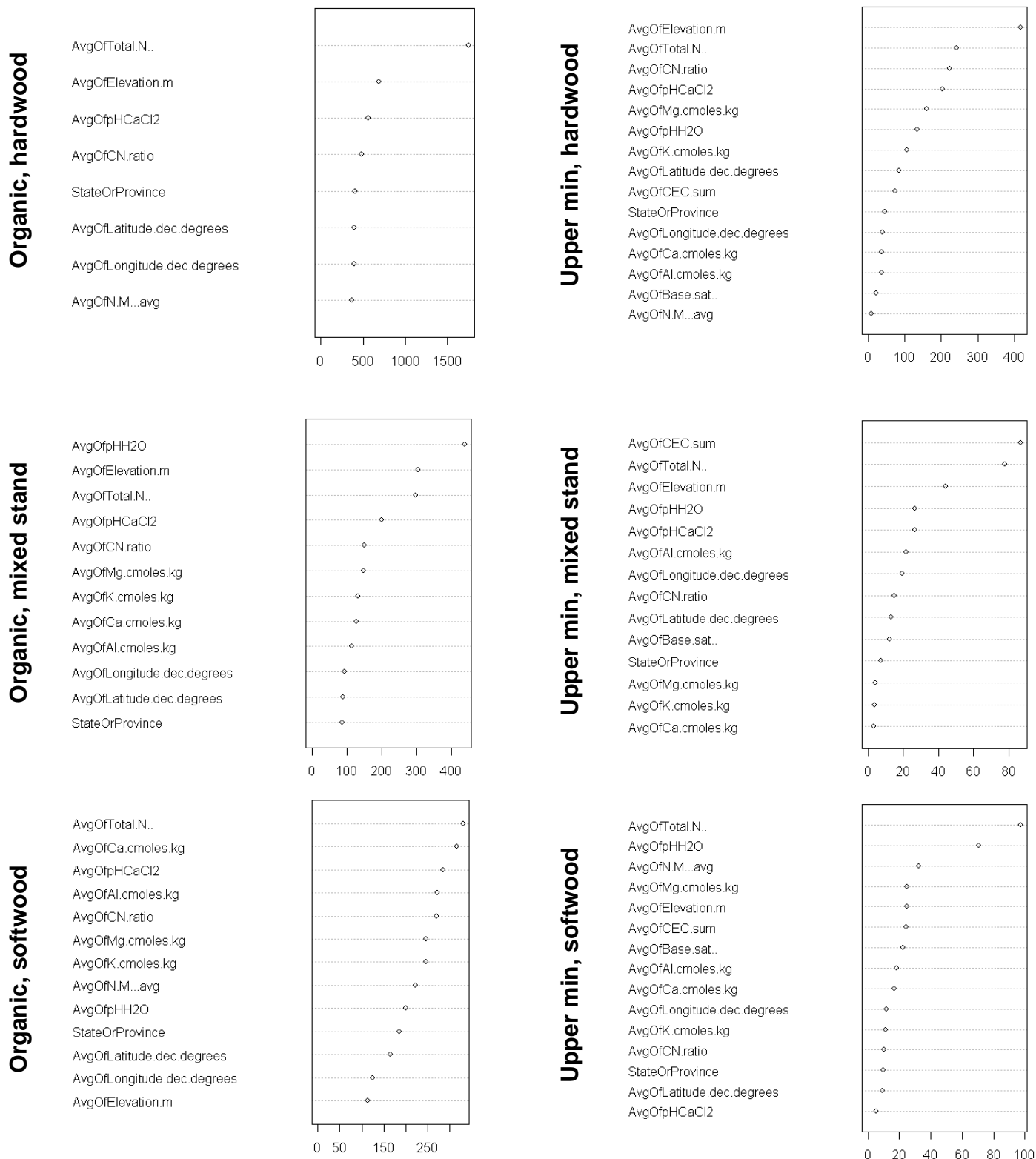
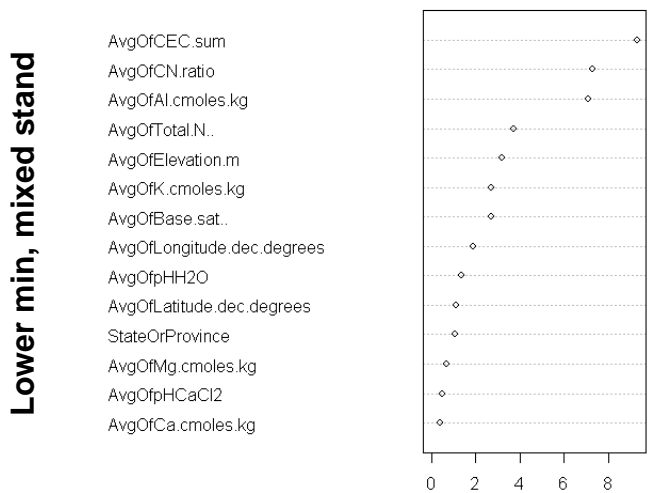
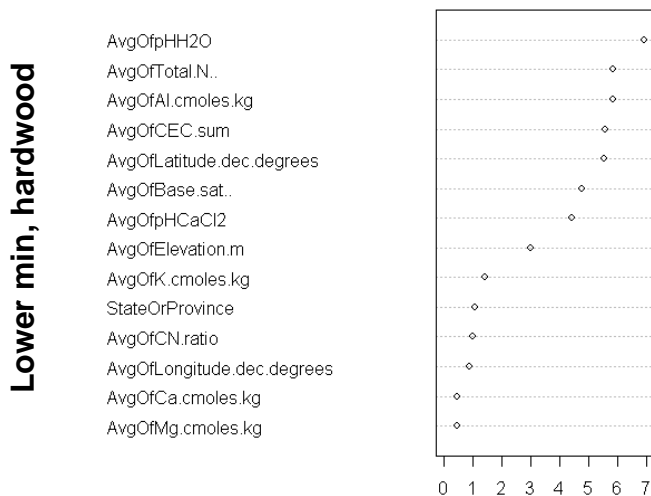


Figure 35. Random Forest diagrams for soil carbon in lower mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.



Lower min, softwood

NA

Figure 36. Random Forest diagrams for soil CN ratio in organic and upper mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

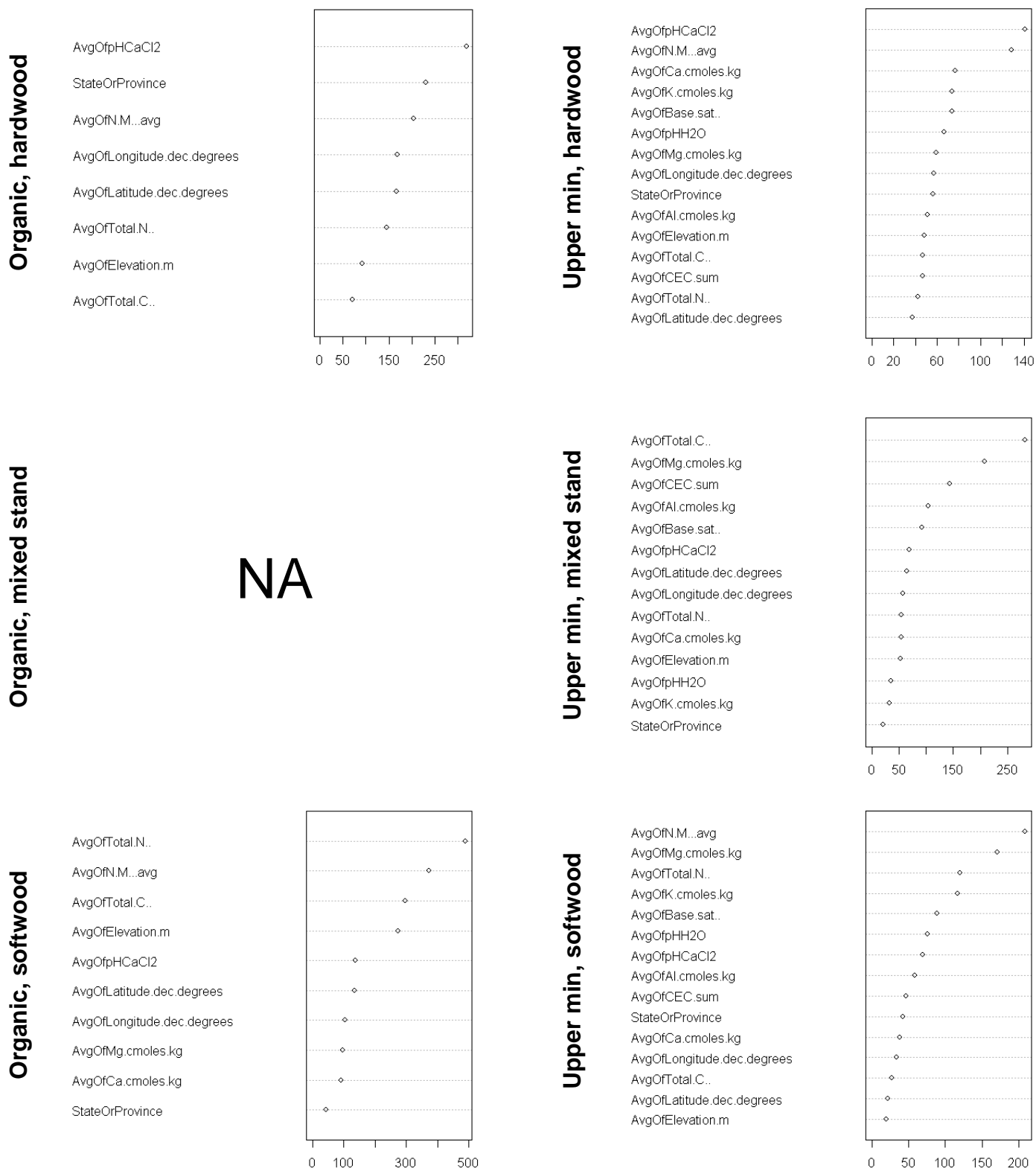


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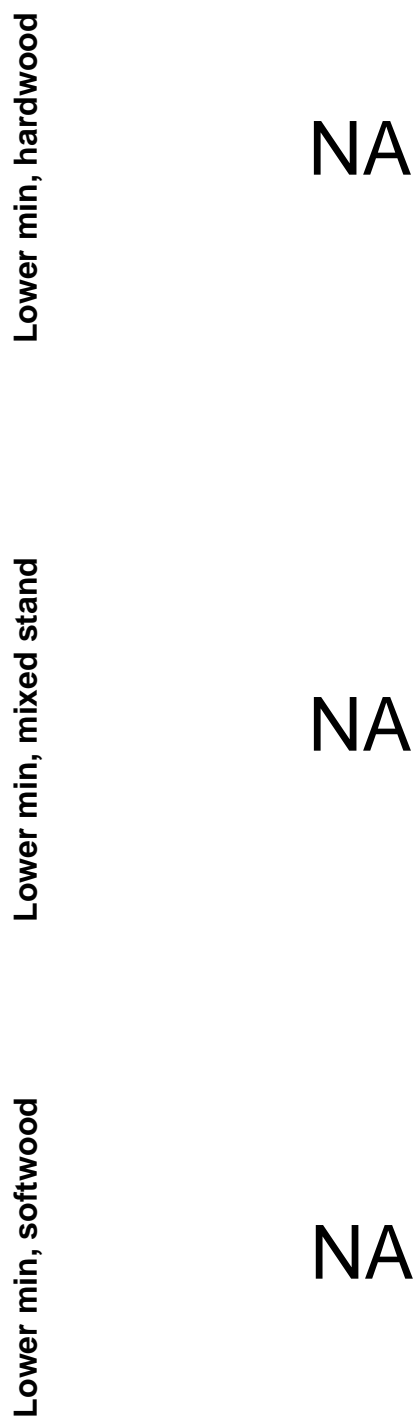


Figure 38. Random Forest diagrams for soil calcium in organic and upper mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Organic, hardwood

NA

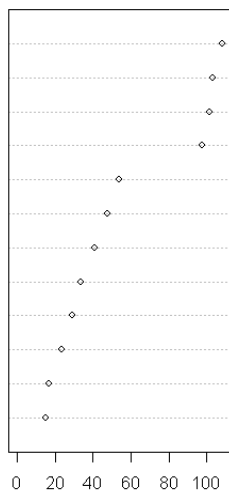
Upper min, hardwood

- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfBase.sat..
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfTotal.N..
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfCEC.sum
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg



Organic, mixed stand

- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfTotal.N..



Upper min, mixed stand

- AvgOfBase.sat..
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfElevation.m
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfTotal.N..
- AvgOfCEC.sum
- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg



Organic, softwood

NA

Upper min, softwood

NA

Figure 39. Random Forest diagrams for soil calcium in lower mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

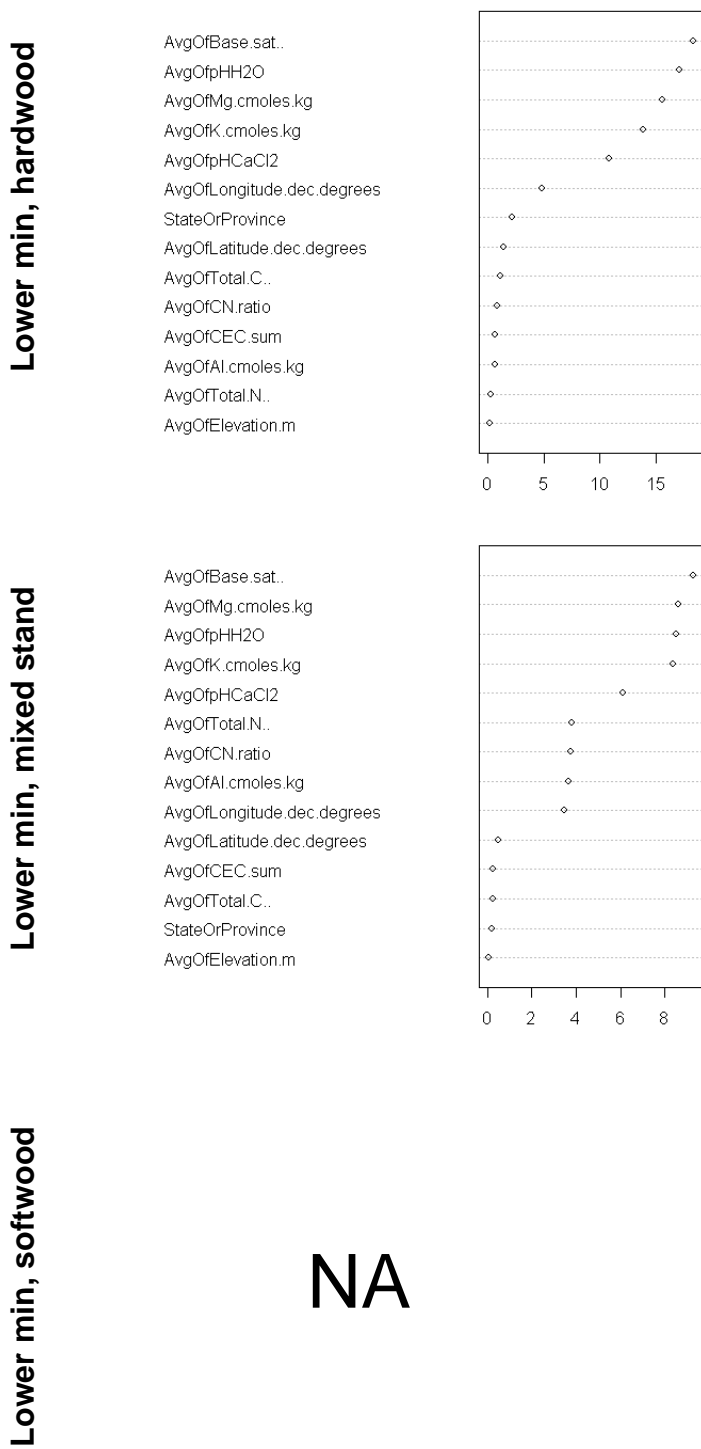


Figure 40. Random Forest diagrams for soil magnesium in organic and upper mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Organic, hardwood

NA

Upper min, hardwood

- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfTotal.N..
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfCEC.sum
- AvgOfBase.sat..
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees



Organic, mixed stand

- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfTotal.N..
- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees



Upper min, mixed stand

- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfTotal.N..
- AvgOfK.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfCEC.sum
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfBase.sat..
- AvgOfElevation.m
- StateOrProvince



Organic, softwood

NA

Upper min, softwood

NA

Figure 41. Random Forest diagrams for soil magnesium in lower mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

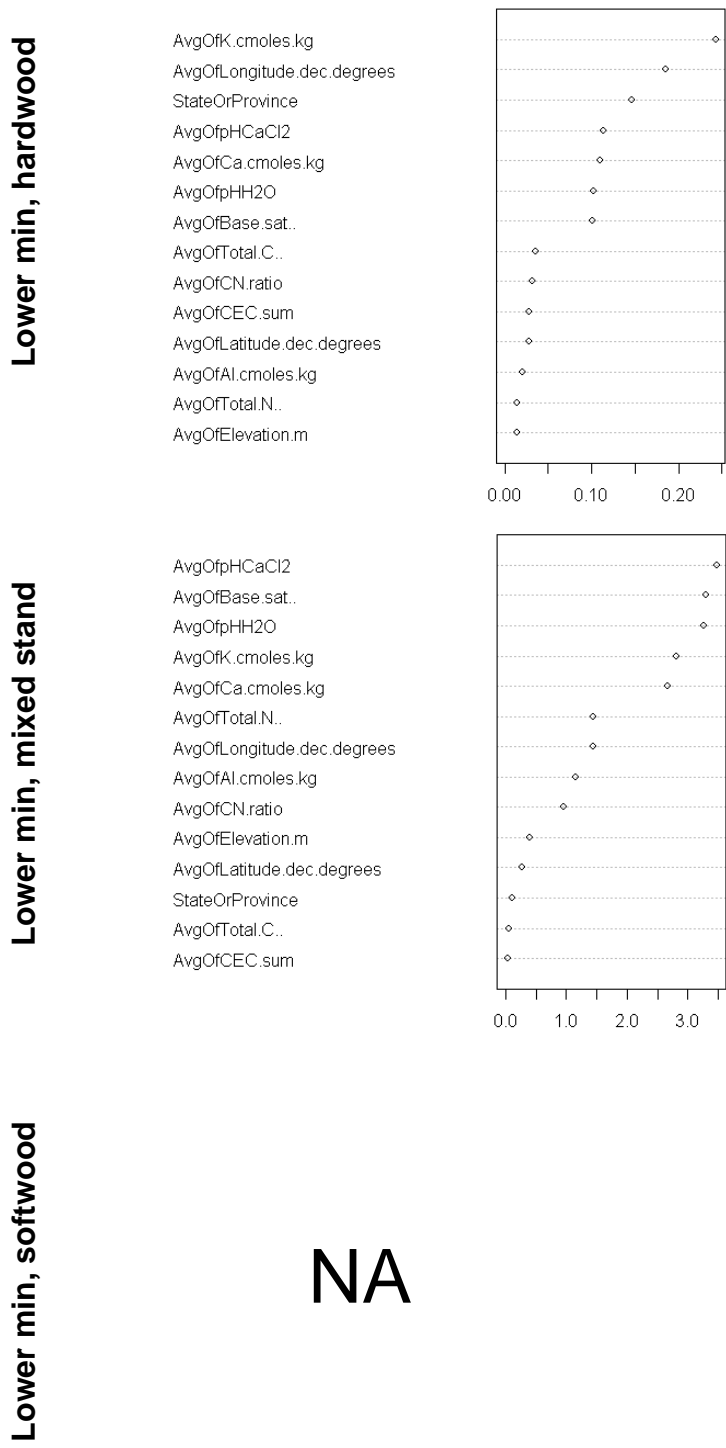


Figure 42. Random Forest diagrams for soil potassium in organic and upper mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

Organic, hardwood

NA

Upper min, hardwood

- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfCEC.sum
- AvgOfTotal.N..
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- AvgOfBase.sat..
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg



Organic, mixed stand

- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfTotal.N..
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfpHCaCl2



Upper min, mixed stand

- AvgOfTotal.N..
- AvgOfTotal.C..
- AvgOfAl.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfCEC.sum
- AvgOfMg.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfpHH2O
- AvgOfCN.ratio
- AvgOfLongitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfpHCaCl2
- StateOrProvince
- AvgOfLatitude.dec.degrees
- AvgOfElevation.m
- AvgOfCa.cmoles.kg
- AvgOfBase.sat..



Organic, softwood

NA

Upper min, softwood

NA

Figure 43. Random Forest diagrams for soil potassium in lower mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

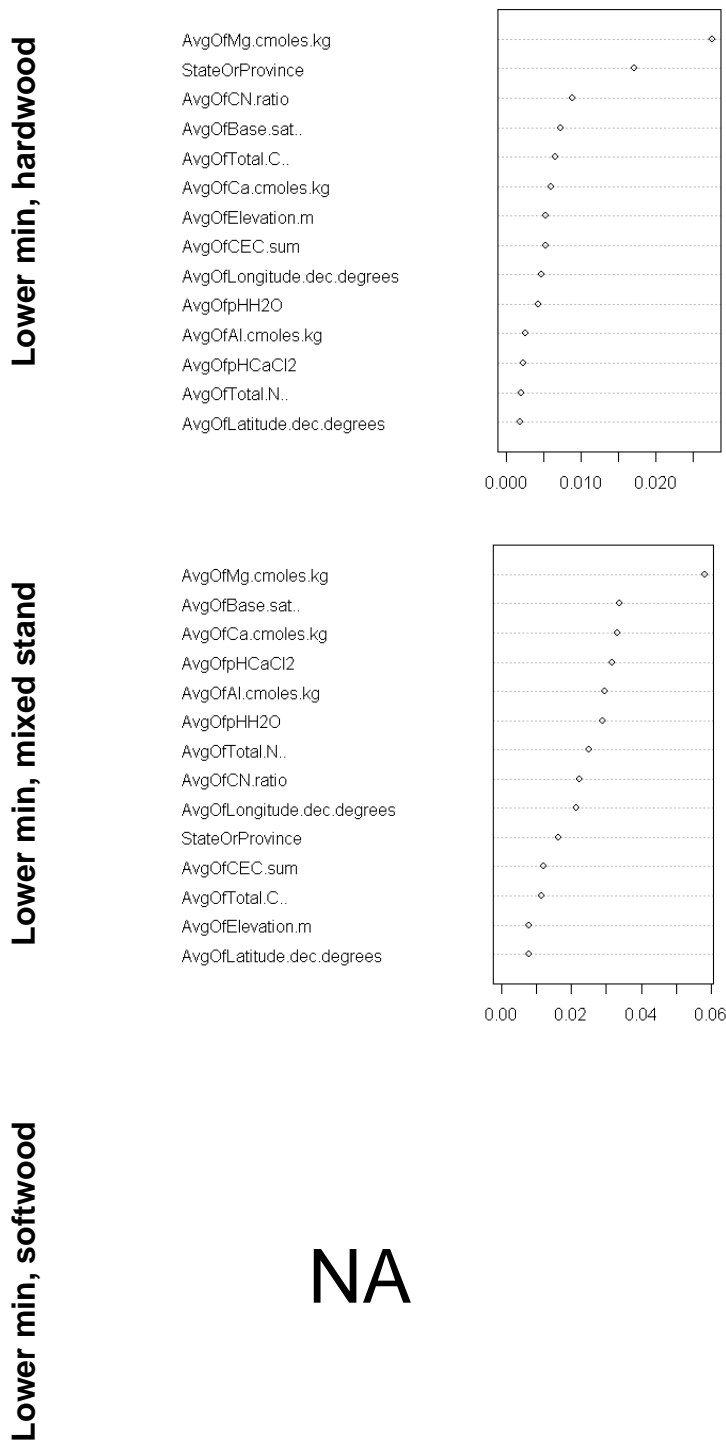


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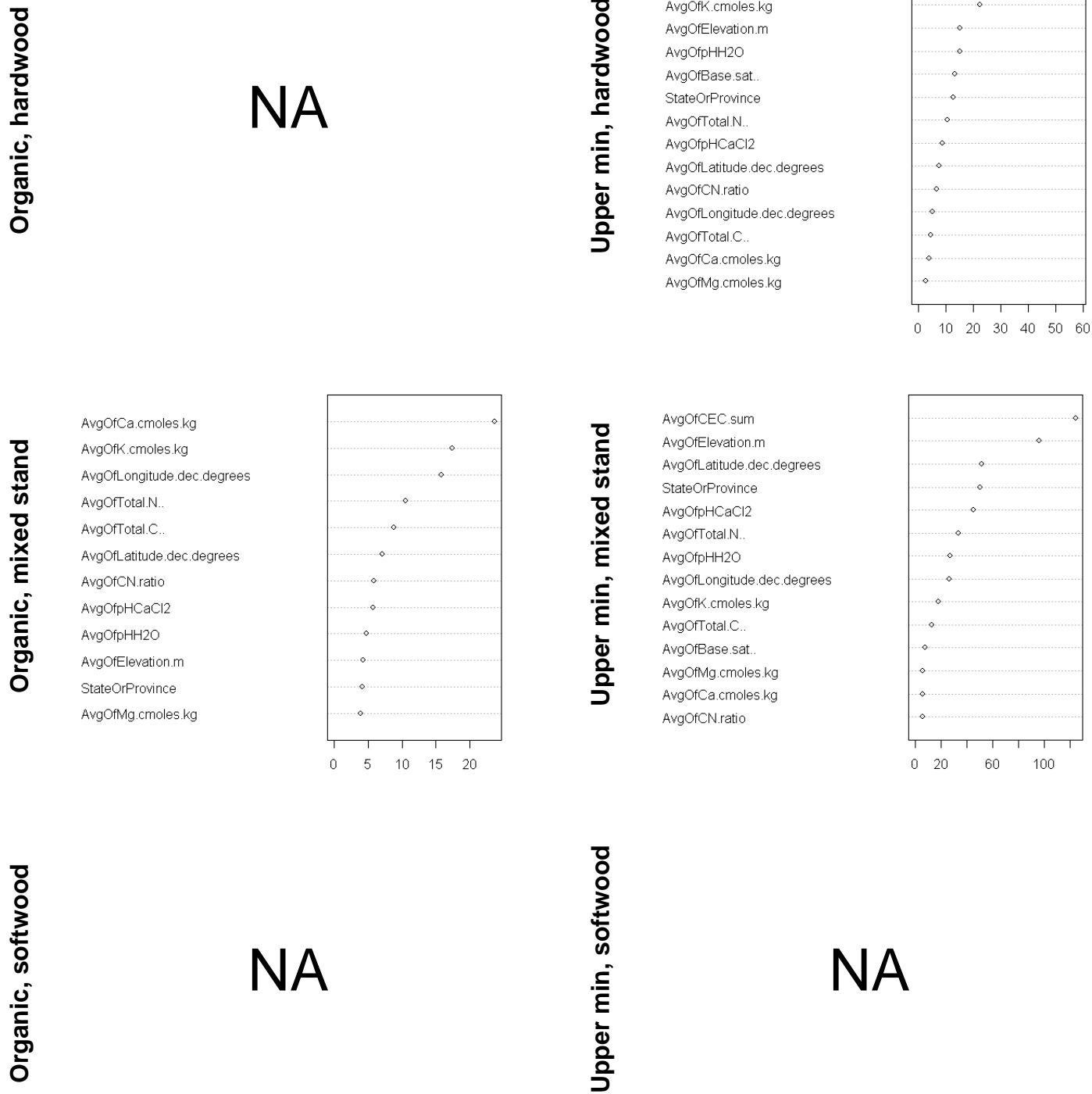
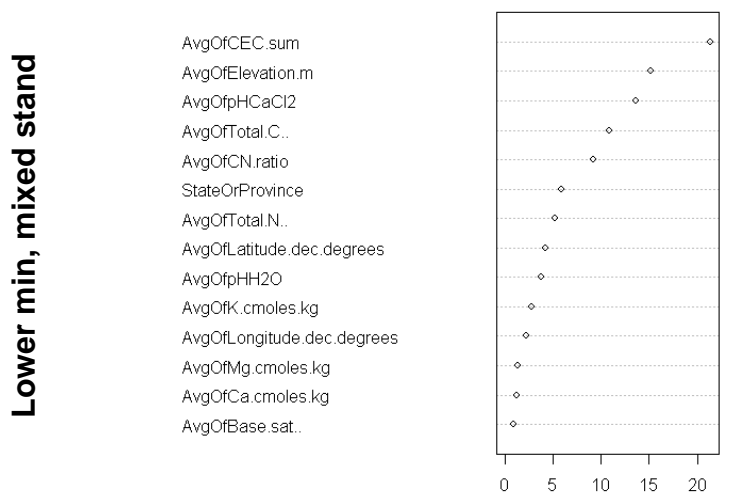
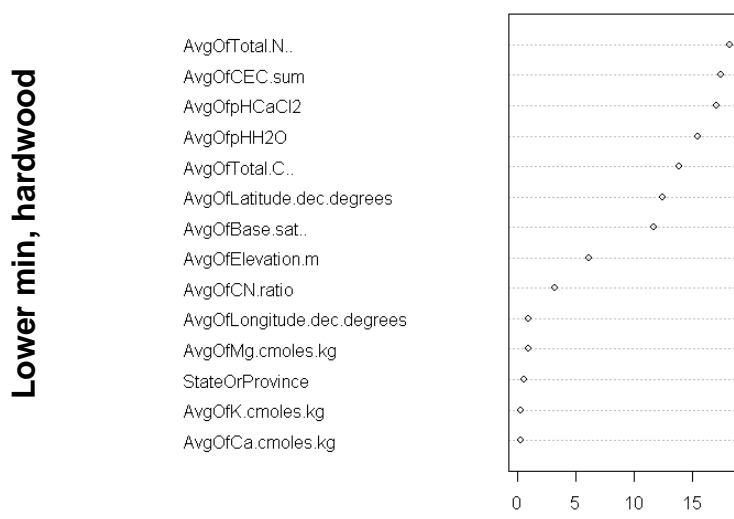


Figure 45. Random Forest diagrams for soil aluminum in lower mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.



Lower min, softwood

NA

Figure 46. Random Forest diagrams for soil nitrification/mineralization in organic and upper mineral layers. X axis is “IncnodePurity”, which is an importance value.

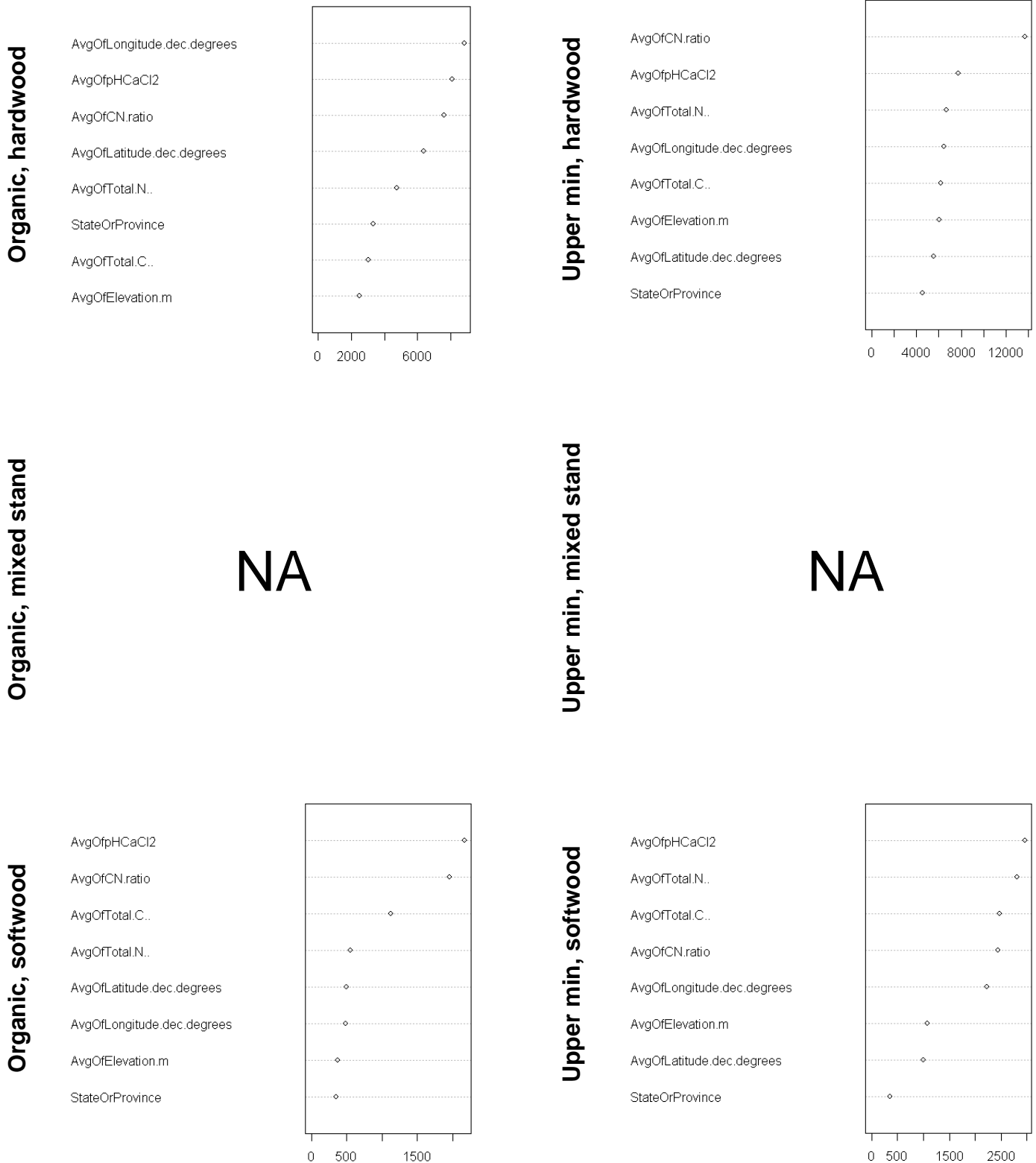
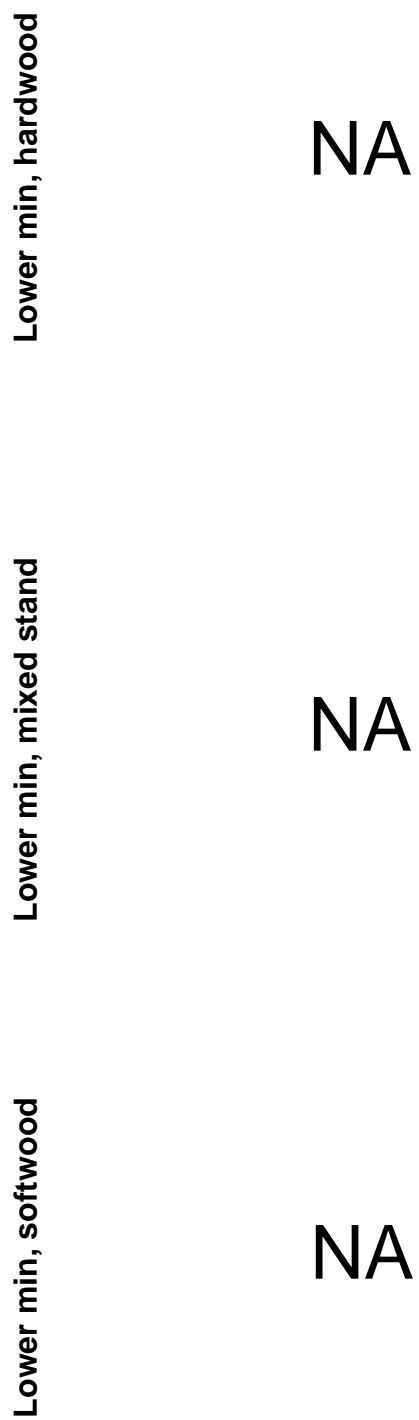


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Ollinger, S.V., J.D. Aber, G.M. Lovett, S.E. Millham and R.G. Lathrop. 1993. A spatial model of atmospheric deposition for the northeastern U.S. *Ecological Applications* 3: 459-472.

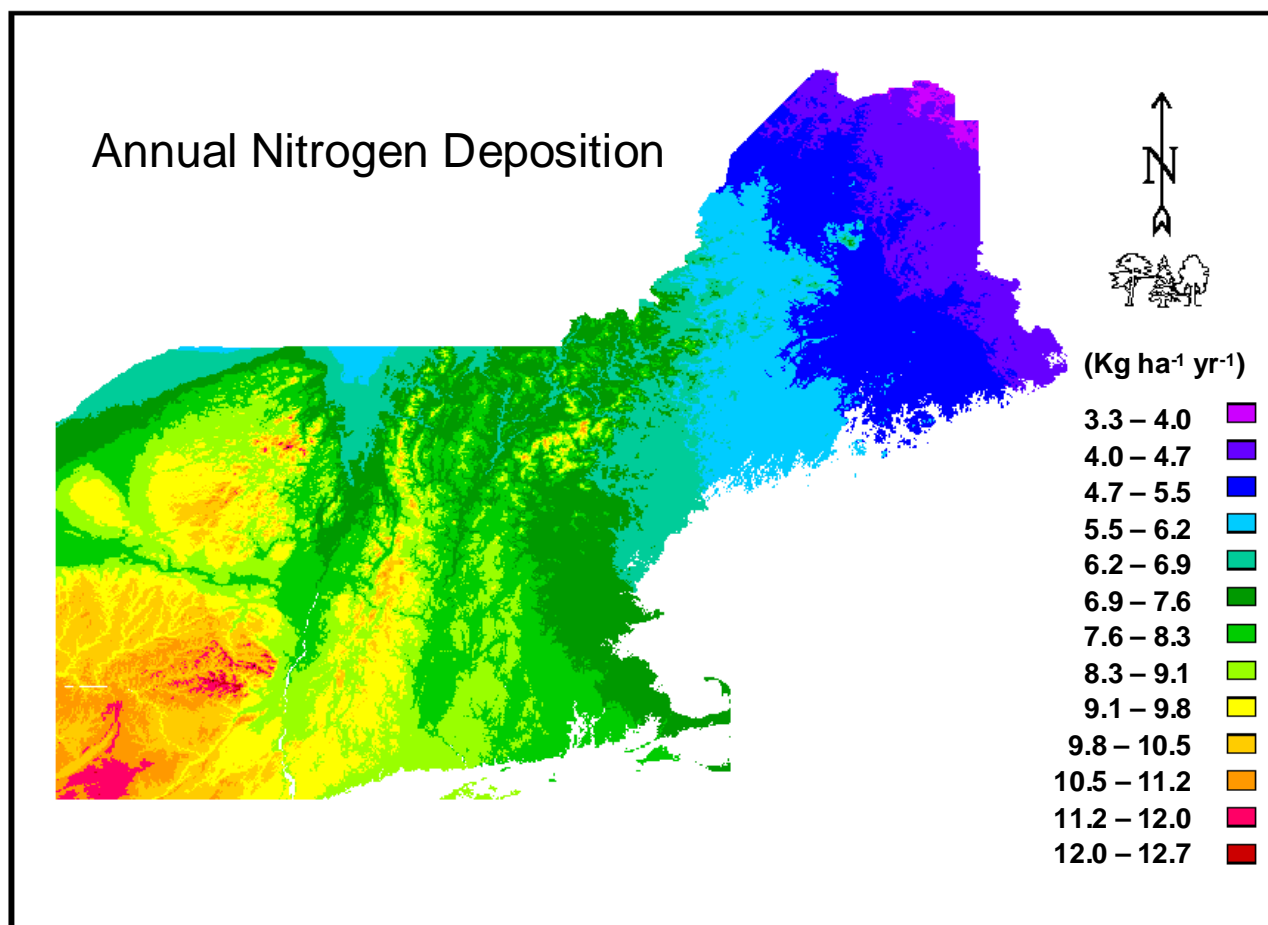


Figure 2. Estimated total sulfur deposition based on the ClimCalc model. Map was made from data from the following source:

Ollinger, S.V., J.D. Aber, G.M. Lovett, S.E. Millham and R.G. Lathrop. 1993. A spatial model of atmospheric deposition for the northeastern U.S. *Ecological Applications* 3: 459-472.

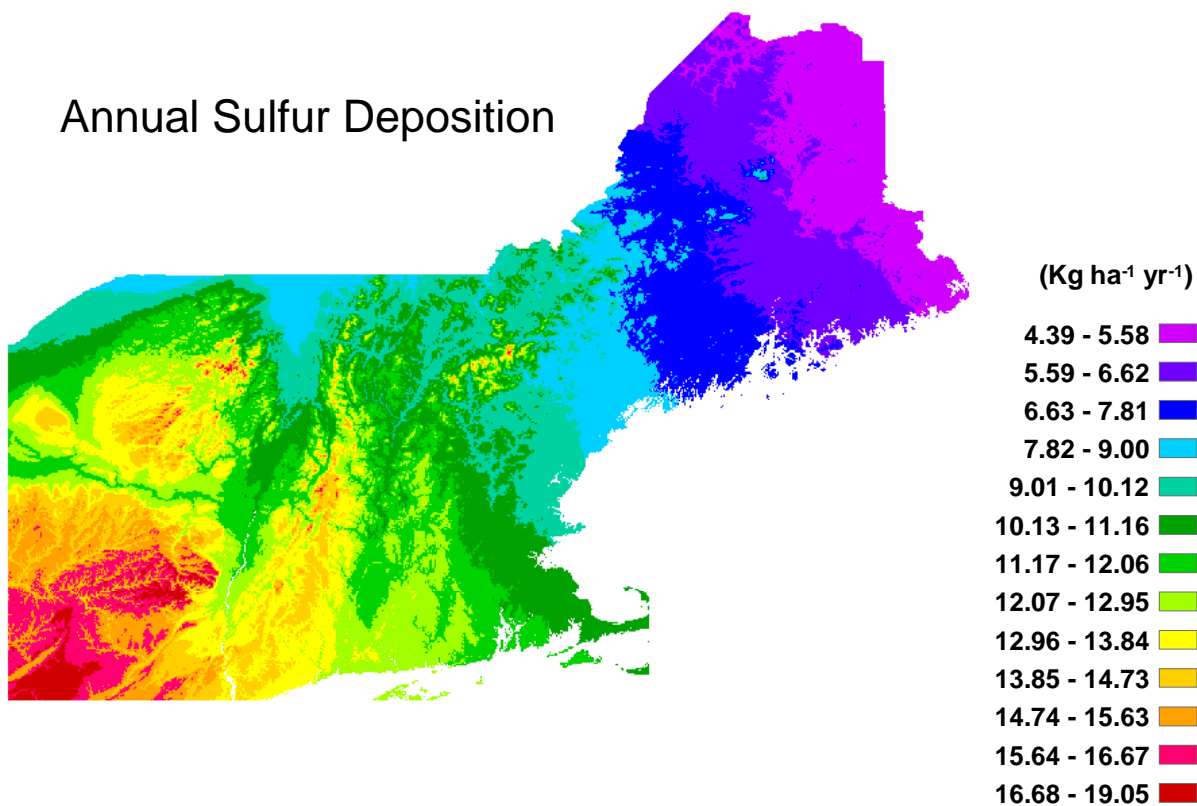
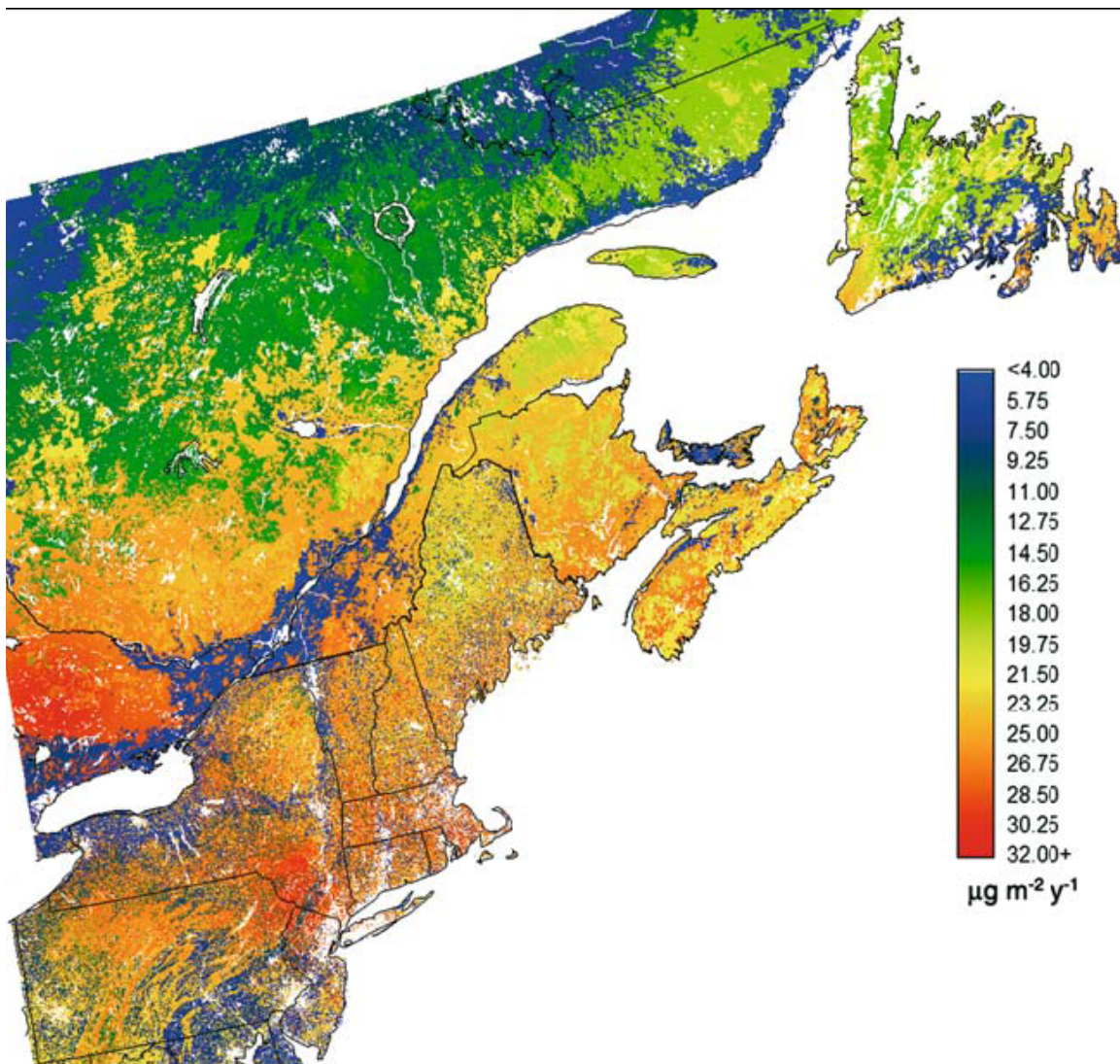


Figure 3. Estimated total mercury deposition to rural areas. Deposition was not estimated for areas with urban or residential land cover. Mercury deposition is likely to be much greater than depicted here in the immediate vicinity of urban areas and emissions sources.

Caption and graphic are from the following source:

Miller, E., VanArsdale, A., Keeler, G., Chalmers, A., Poissant, L., Kamman, N., Rulotte, R. 2005. Estimation and mapping of wet and dry mercury deposition across northeastern North America. *Ecotoxicology* 14: 53-70.



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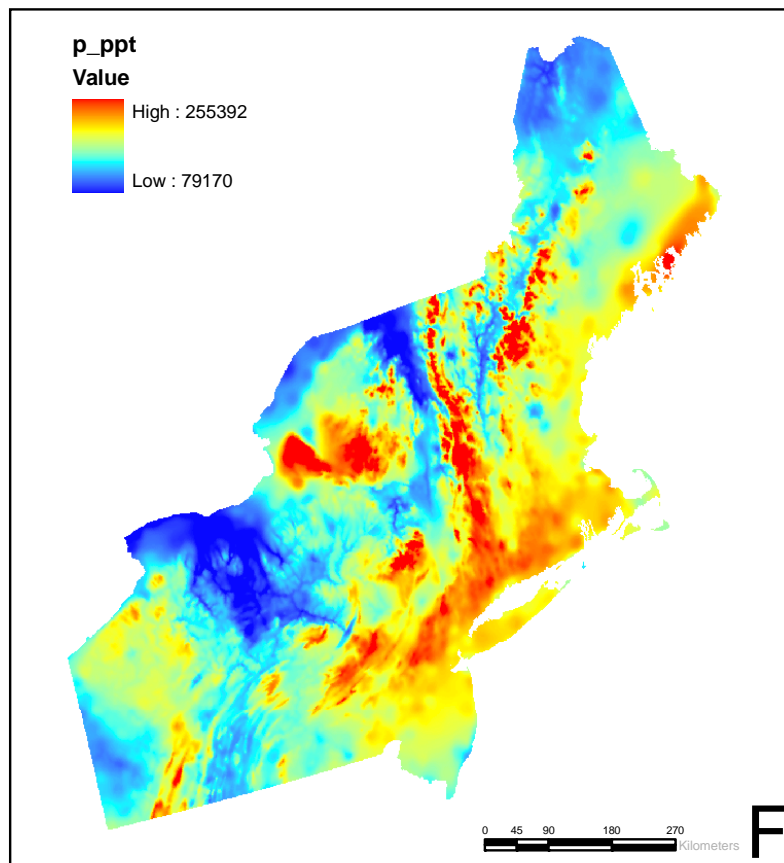
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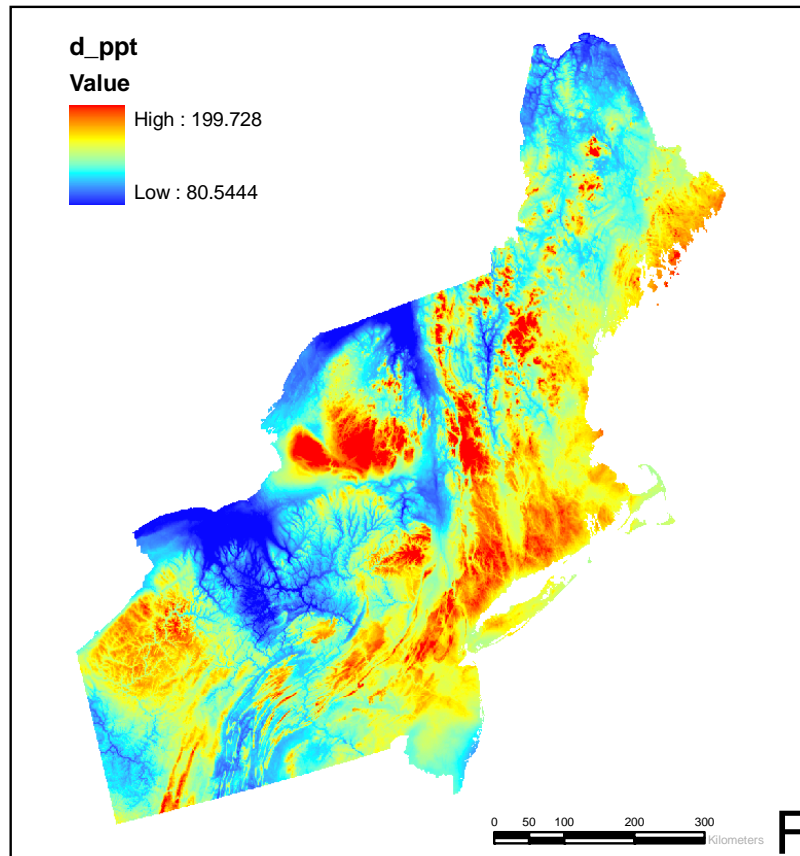
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Figure 1. Average annual precipitation for the 30-yr period of 1971-2000 (PRISM).
Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



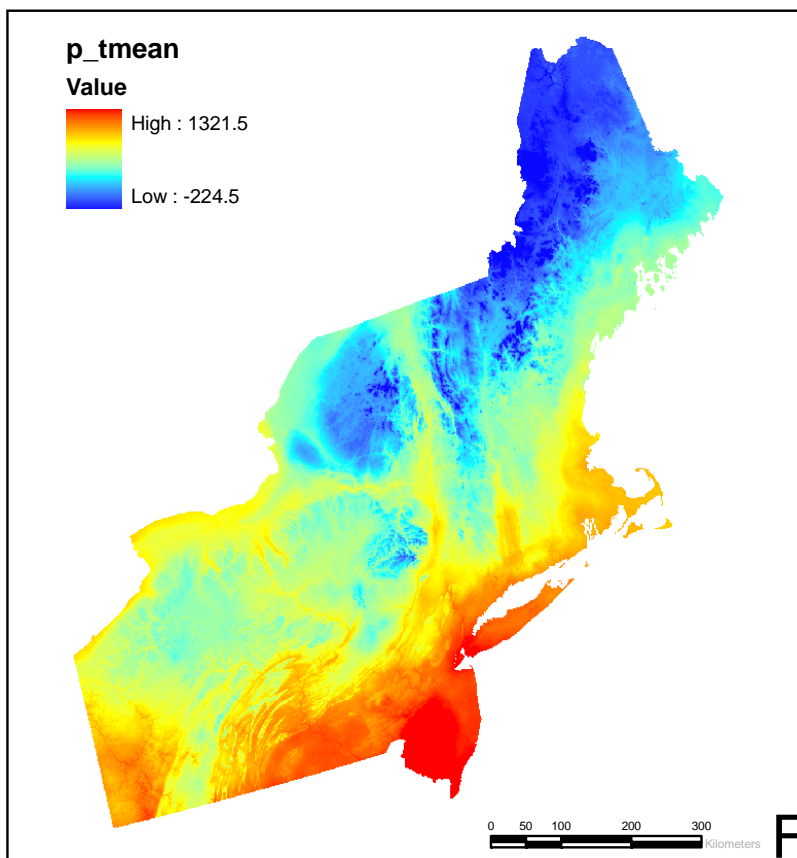
p_ppt
average annual precipitation, 1971-2000
cm/yr (*1000)

Figure 2. Average annual precipitation for the 18-yr period of 1980-1997 (DAYMET). Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



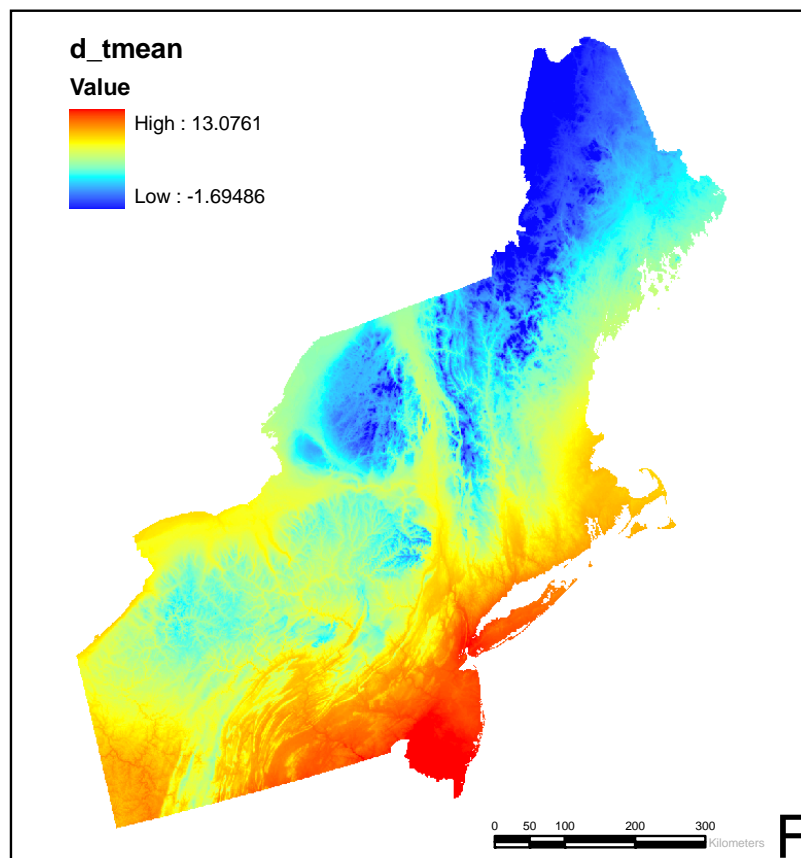
d_ppt
average annual precipitation 1980-1997
cm/yr

Figure 3. Average annual air temperature for the 30-yr period of 1971-2000 (PRISM).. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



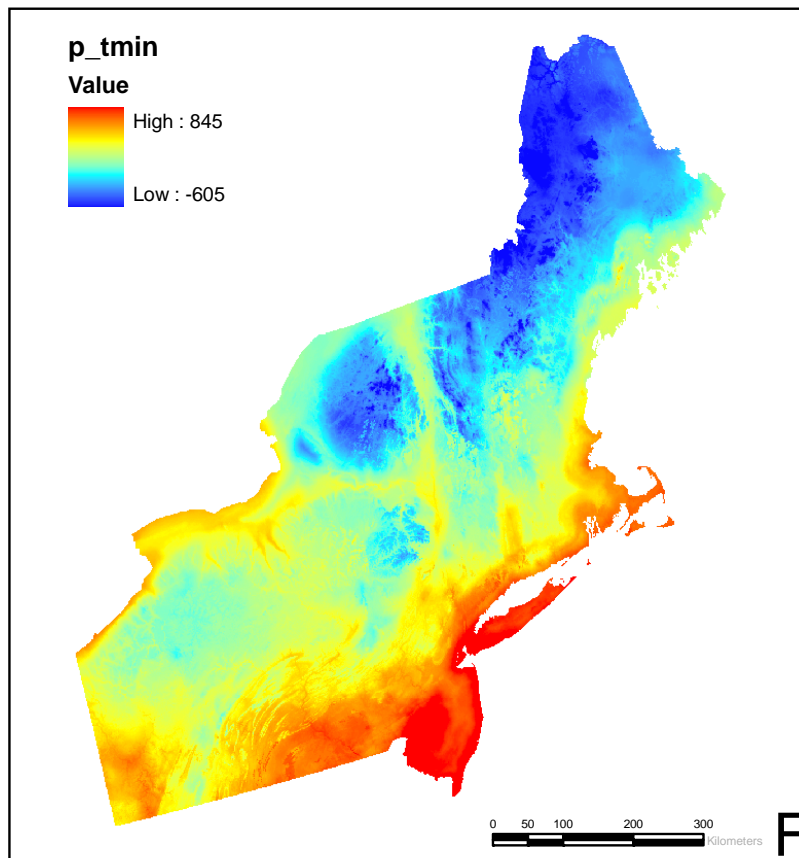
p_tmean
average annual air temperature 1971-2000
degrees C (* 100)

Figure 4. Average annual air temperature for the 18-yr period of 1980-1997 (DAYMET). Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



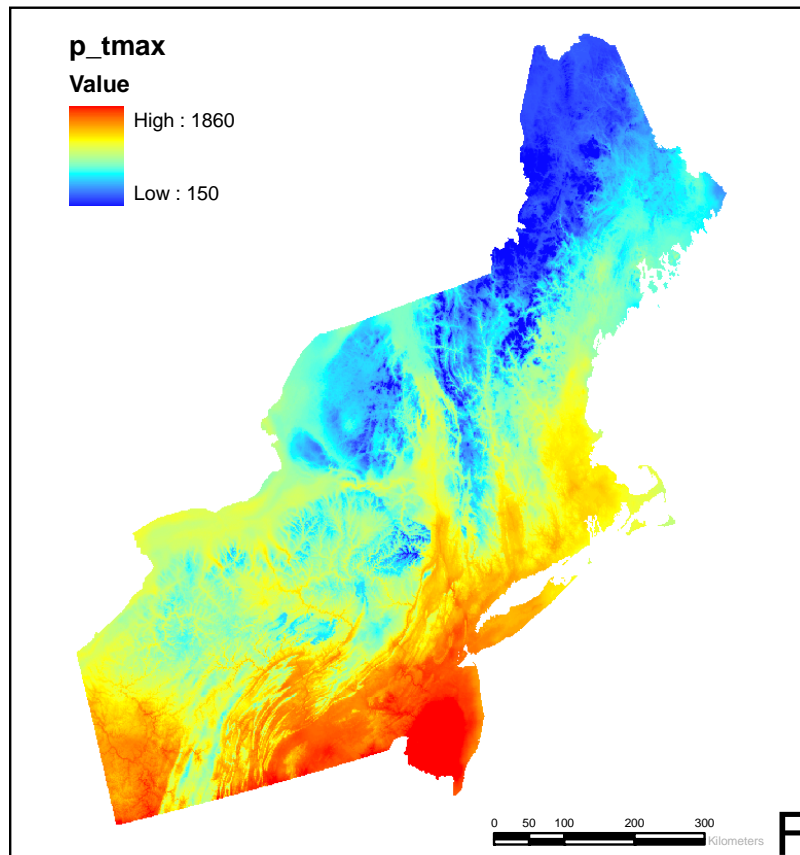
d_tmean
average annual air temperature 1980-1997
degrees C

Figure 5. Average annual minimum air temperature for the 30-yr period of 1971-2000 (PRISM).. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



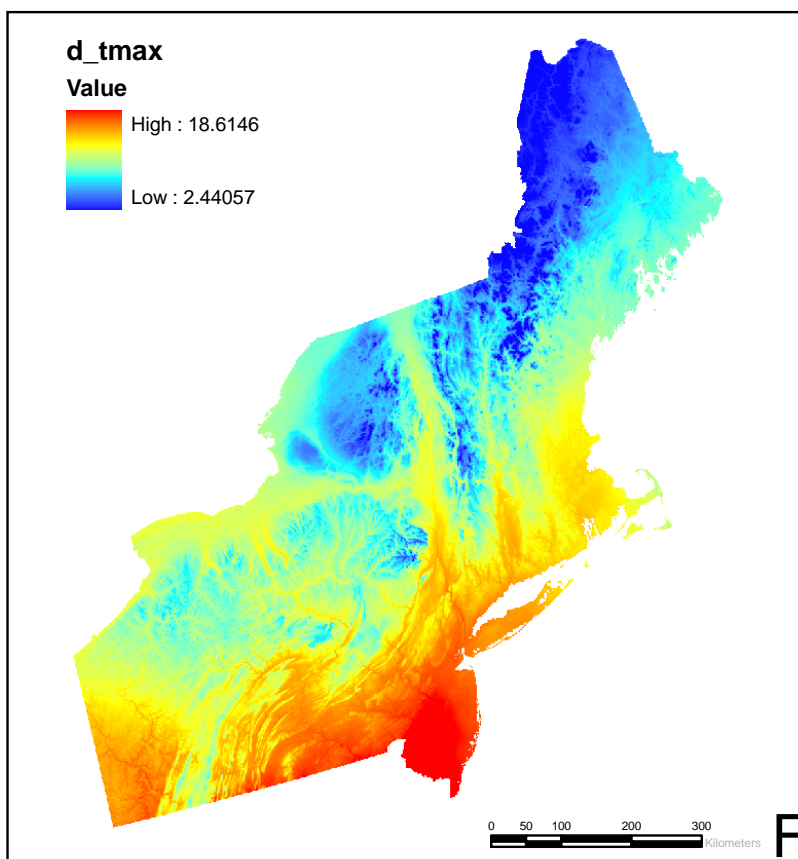
p_tmin
average annual minimum air temperature 1971-2000
degrees C (* 100)

Figure 6. Average annual maximum air temperature for the 30-yr period of 1971-2000 (PRISM).. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



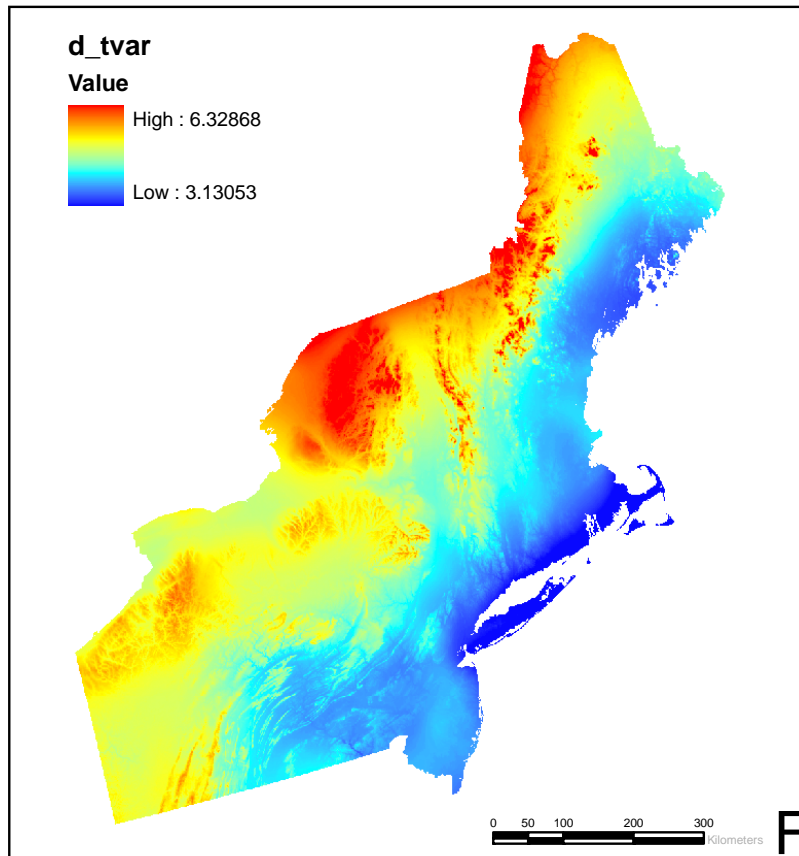
p_tmax
average annual maximum air temperature 1971-2000
degrees C (* 100)

Figure 7. Average annual maximum air temperature for the 18-yr period of 1980-1997 (DAYMET). Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



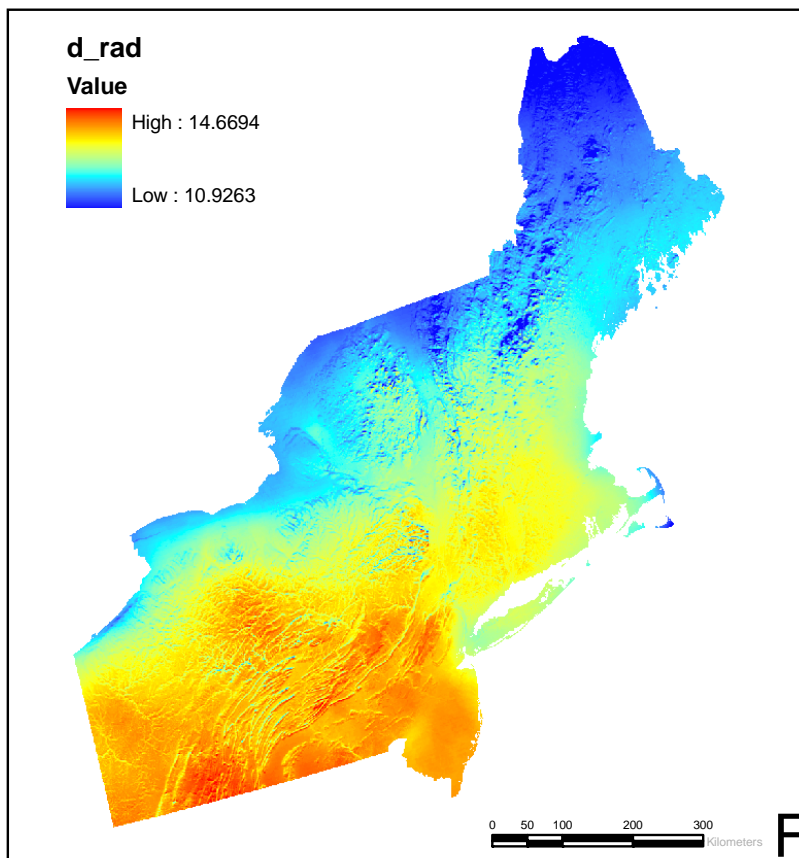
d_tmax
average annual maximum air temperature 1980-1997
degrees C

Figure 8. Average annual variability in air temperature for the 18-yr period of 1980-1997 (DAYMET). Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



d_tvar
average annual variation in air temperature 1980-1997
degrees C

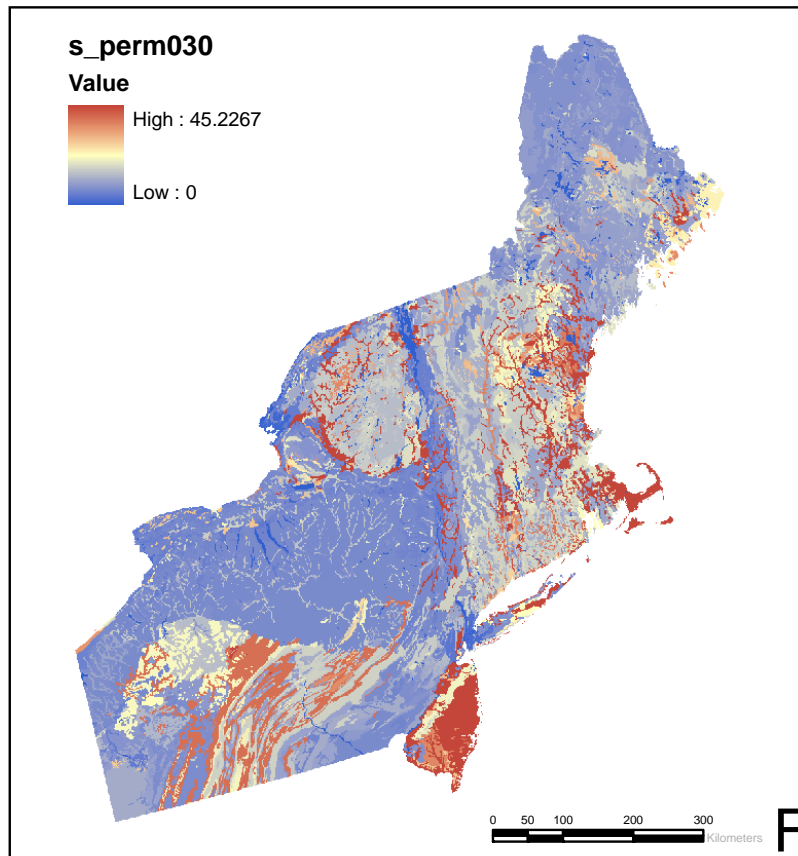
Figure 9. Average annual radiation for the 18-yr period of 1980-1997 (DAYMET).
Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



d_rad
average annual radiation 1980-1997
MJ m² day⁻¹

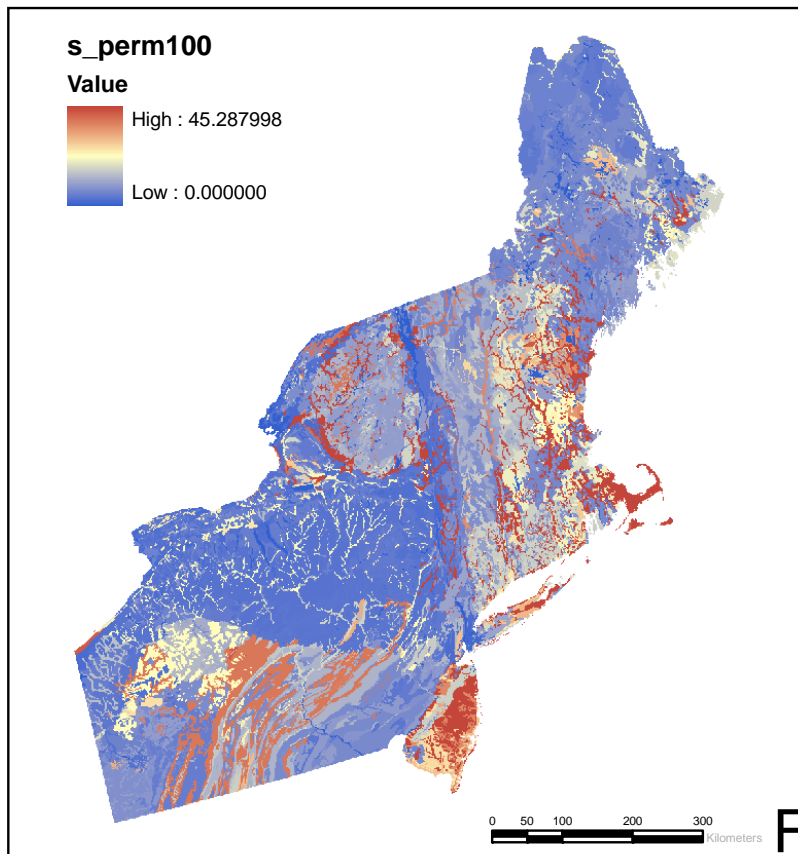
Appendix E-2: Regional Soil Characteristics Maps

Figure 10. Soil permeability rate from 0-30 cm depth of soil. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



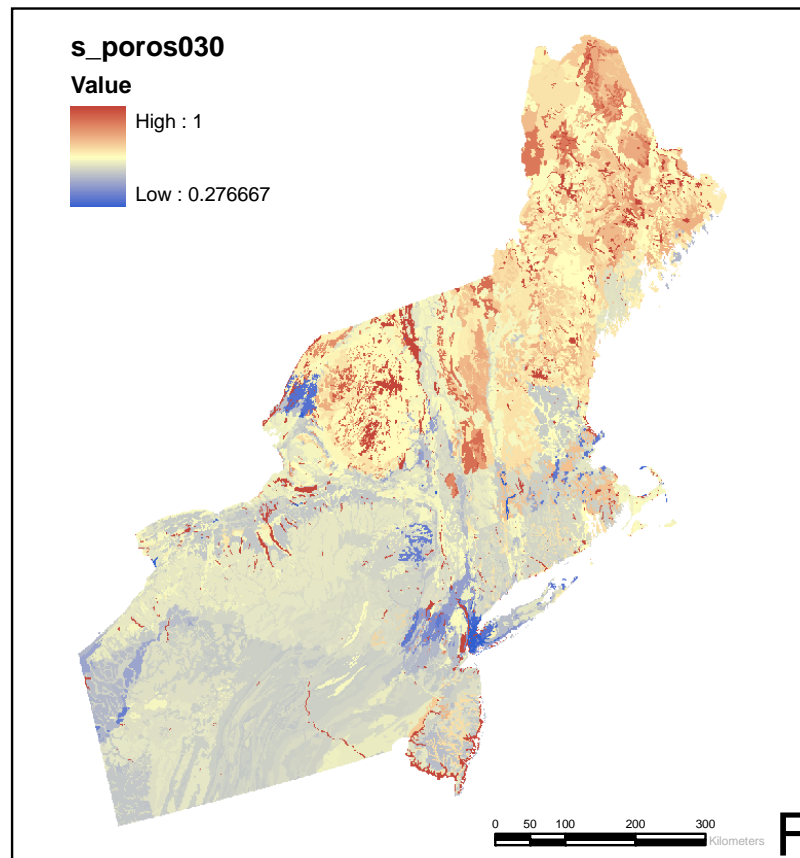
s_perm030
soil permeability rate, 0-30 cm depth
cm/hr

Figure 11. Soil permeability rate from 0-100 cm depth of soil. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



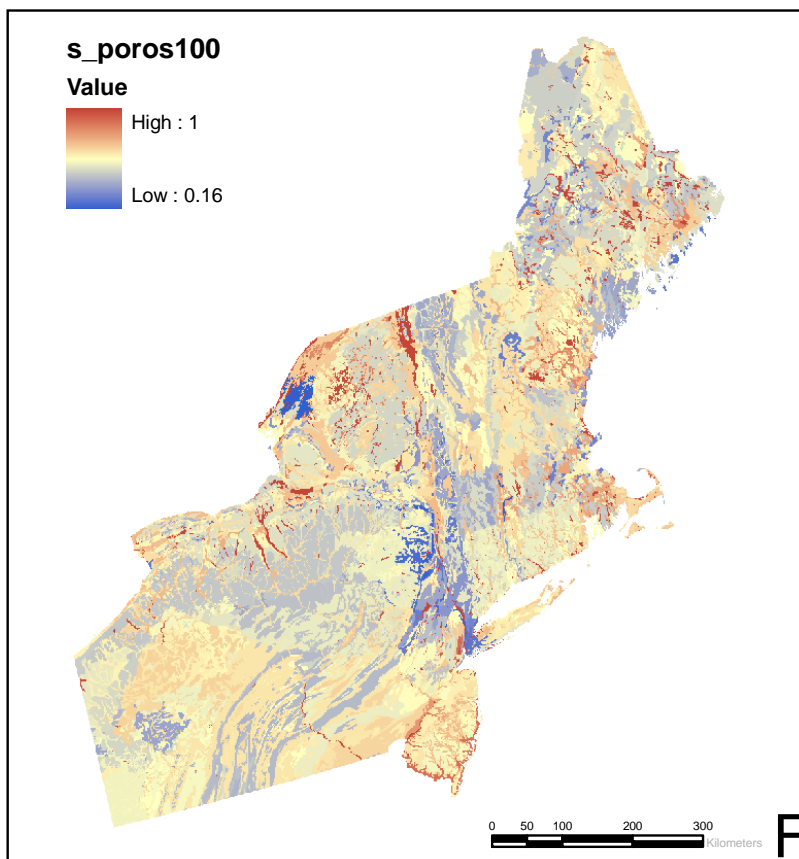
s_perm100
soil permeability rate, 0-100 cm depth
cm/hr

Figure 12. Soil porosity from 0-30 cm depth of soil. Source:
<http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



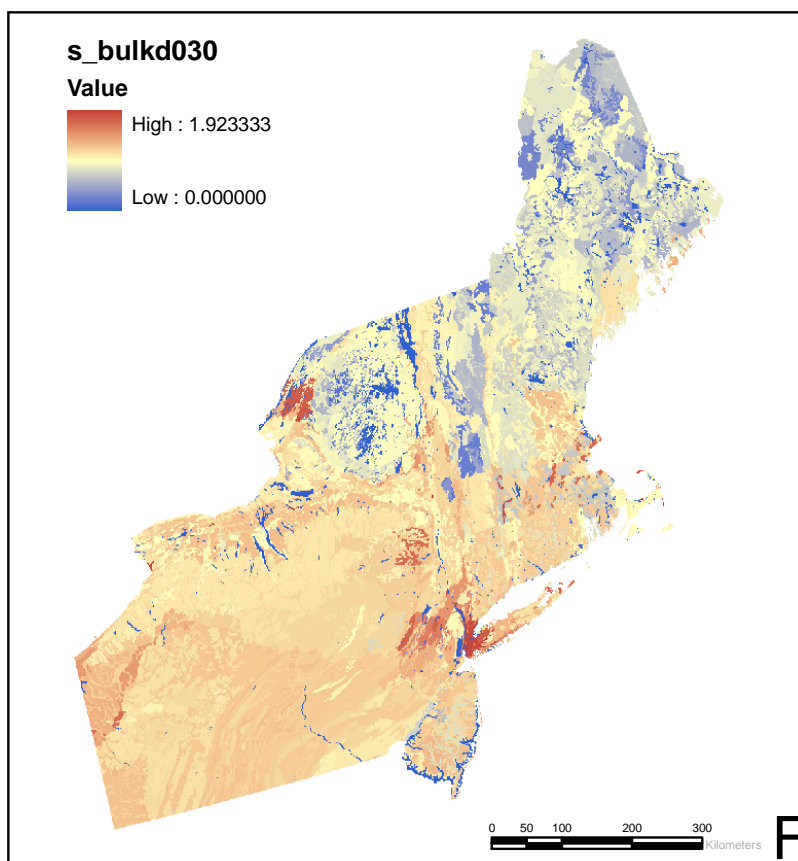
s_poros030
soil porosity, 0-30 cm depth
%

Figure 13. Soil porosity from 0-100 cm depth of soil. Source:
<http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



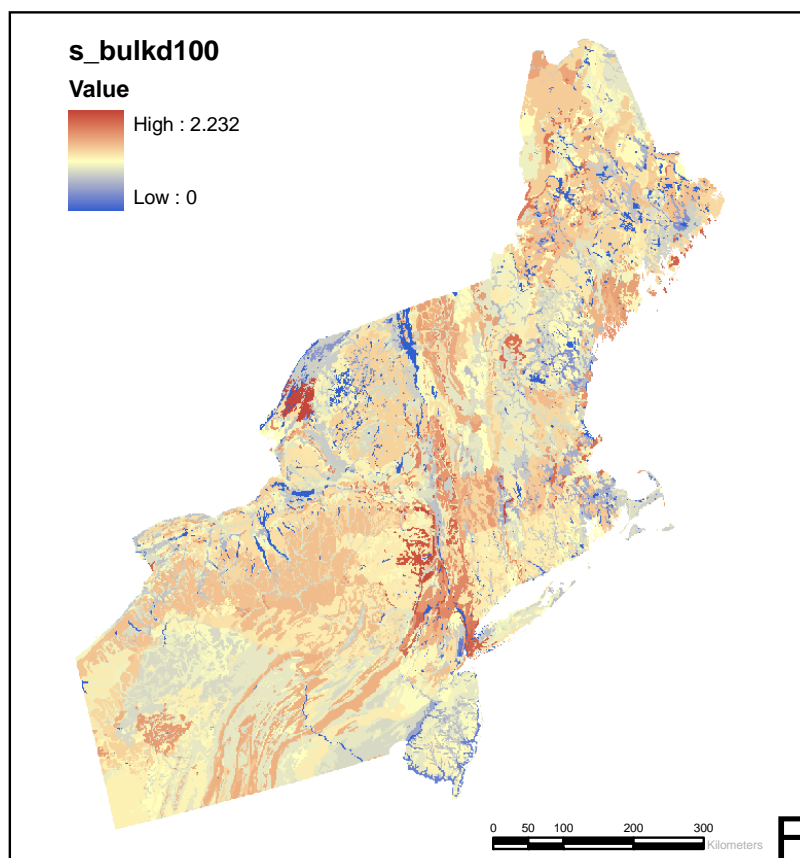
s_poros100
soil porosity, 0-100 cm depth
%

Figure 14. Soil bulk density from 0-30 cm depth of soil. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



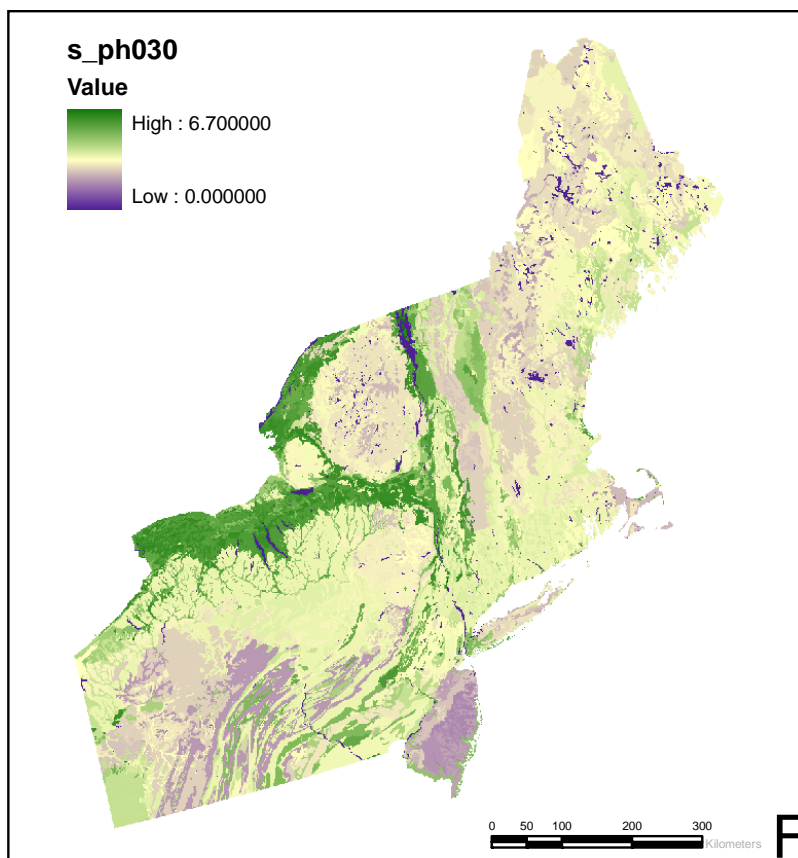
s_bulkd030
soil bulk density, 0-30 cm depth
g/cm³

Figure 15. Soil bulk density from 0-100 cm depth of soil. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



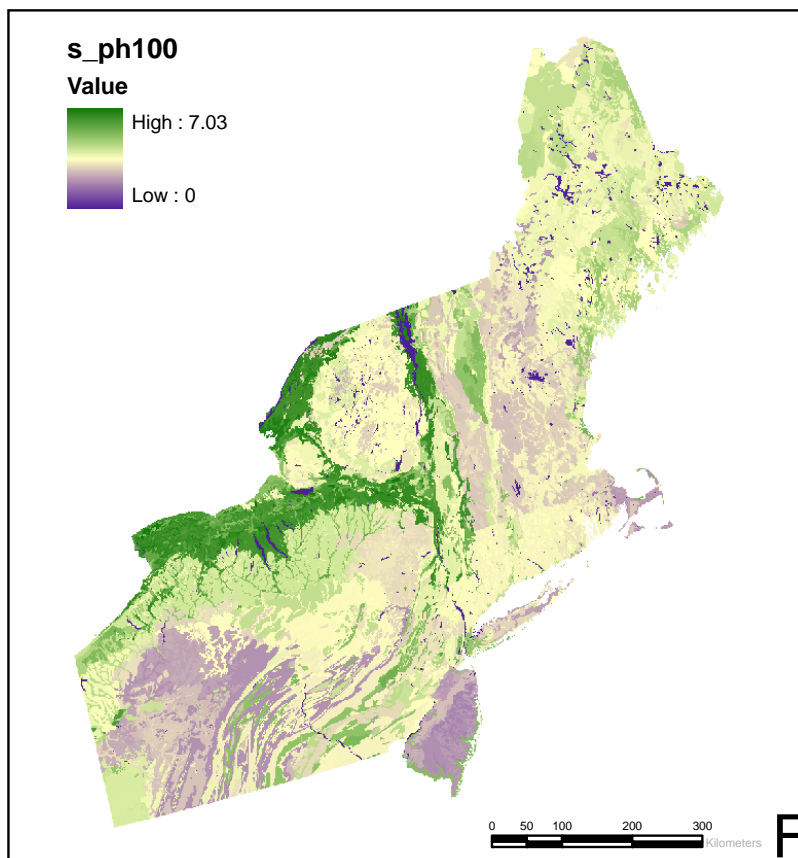
s_bulkd100
soil bulk density, 0-100 cm depth
g/cm³

Figure 16. Soil pH from 0-30 cm depth of soil. Source:
<http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



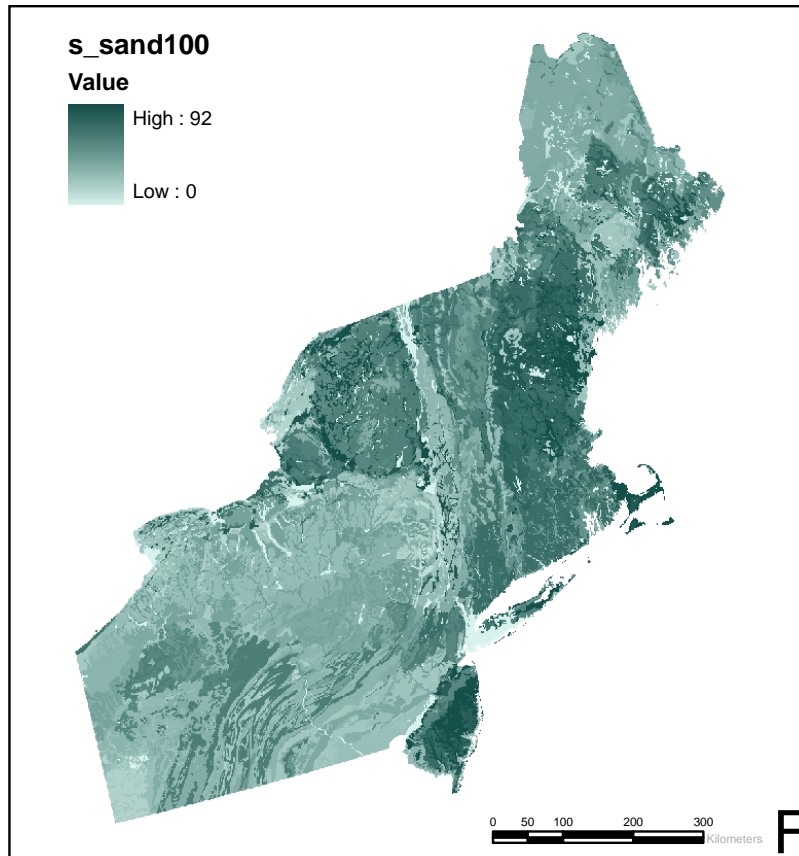
s_ph030
soil pH, 0-30 cm depth
pH units

Figure 17. Soil pH from 0-100 cm depth of soil. Source:
<http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



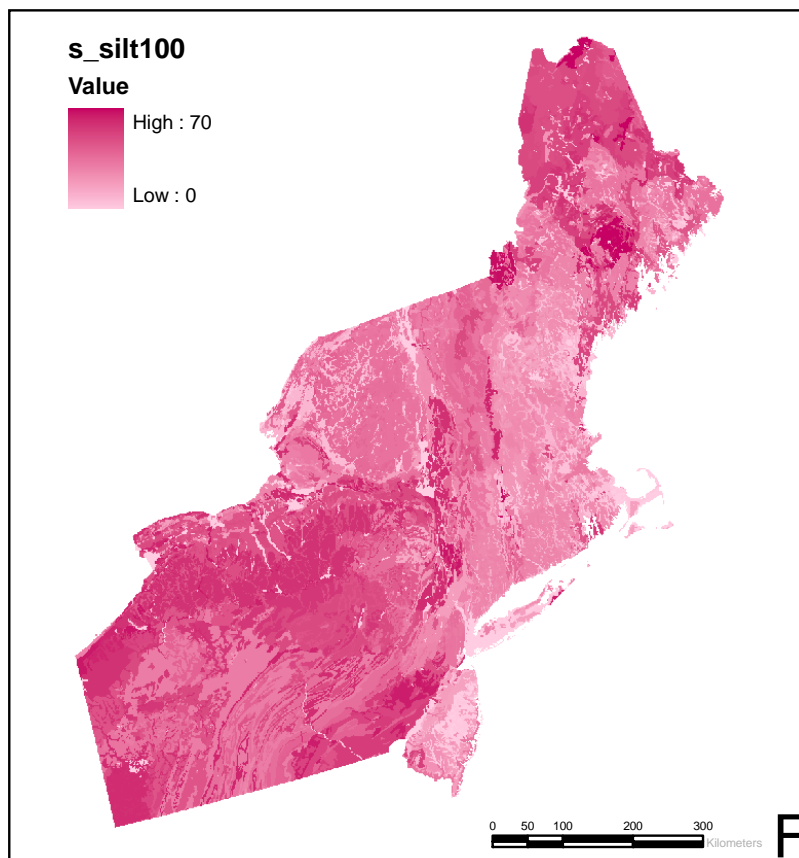
s_ph100
soil pH, 0-100 cm depth
pH units

Figure 18. Soil sand content from 0-100 cm depth of soil. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



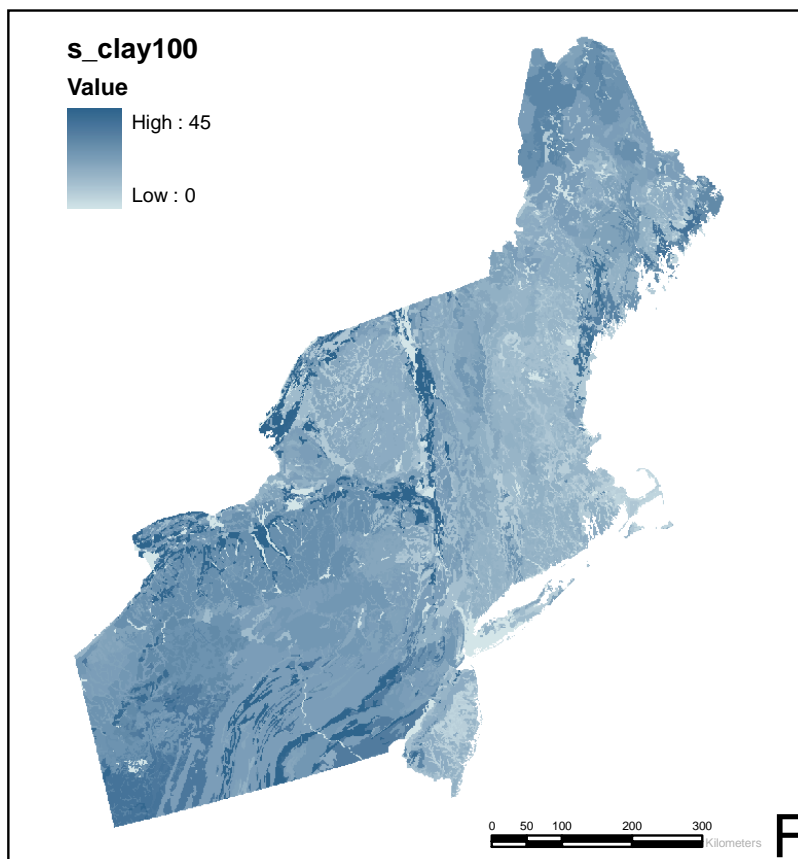
s_sand100
soil sand content, 0-100 cm depth
%

Figure 19. Soil silt content from 0-100 cm depth of soil. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



s_silt100
soil silt content, 0-100 cm depth
%

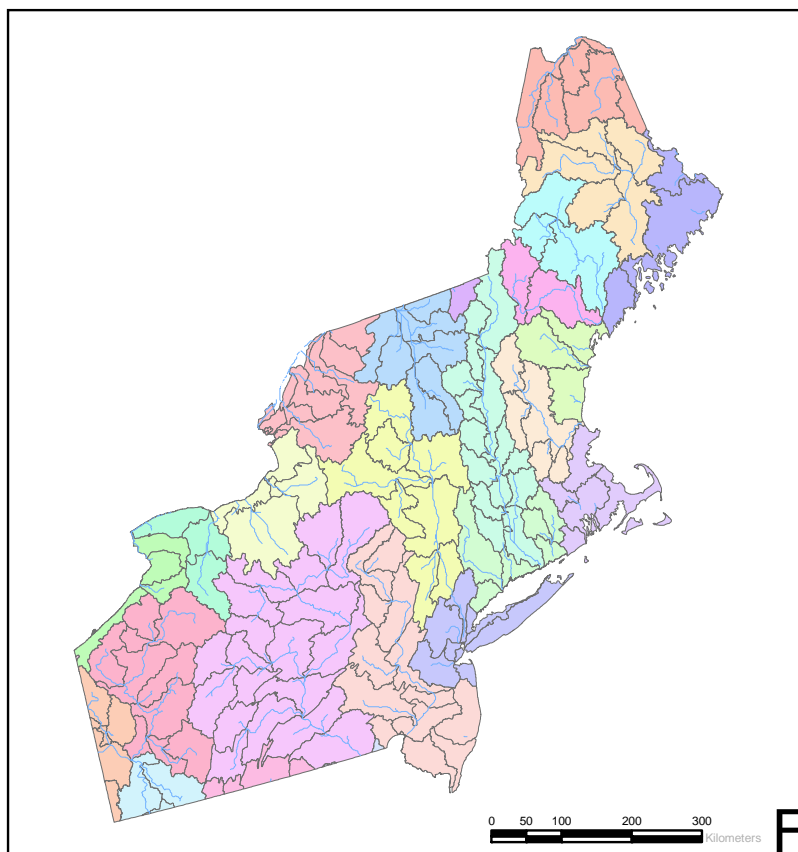
Figure 20. Soil clay content from 0-100 cm depth of soil. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



s_clay100
soil clay content, 0-100 cm depth
%

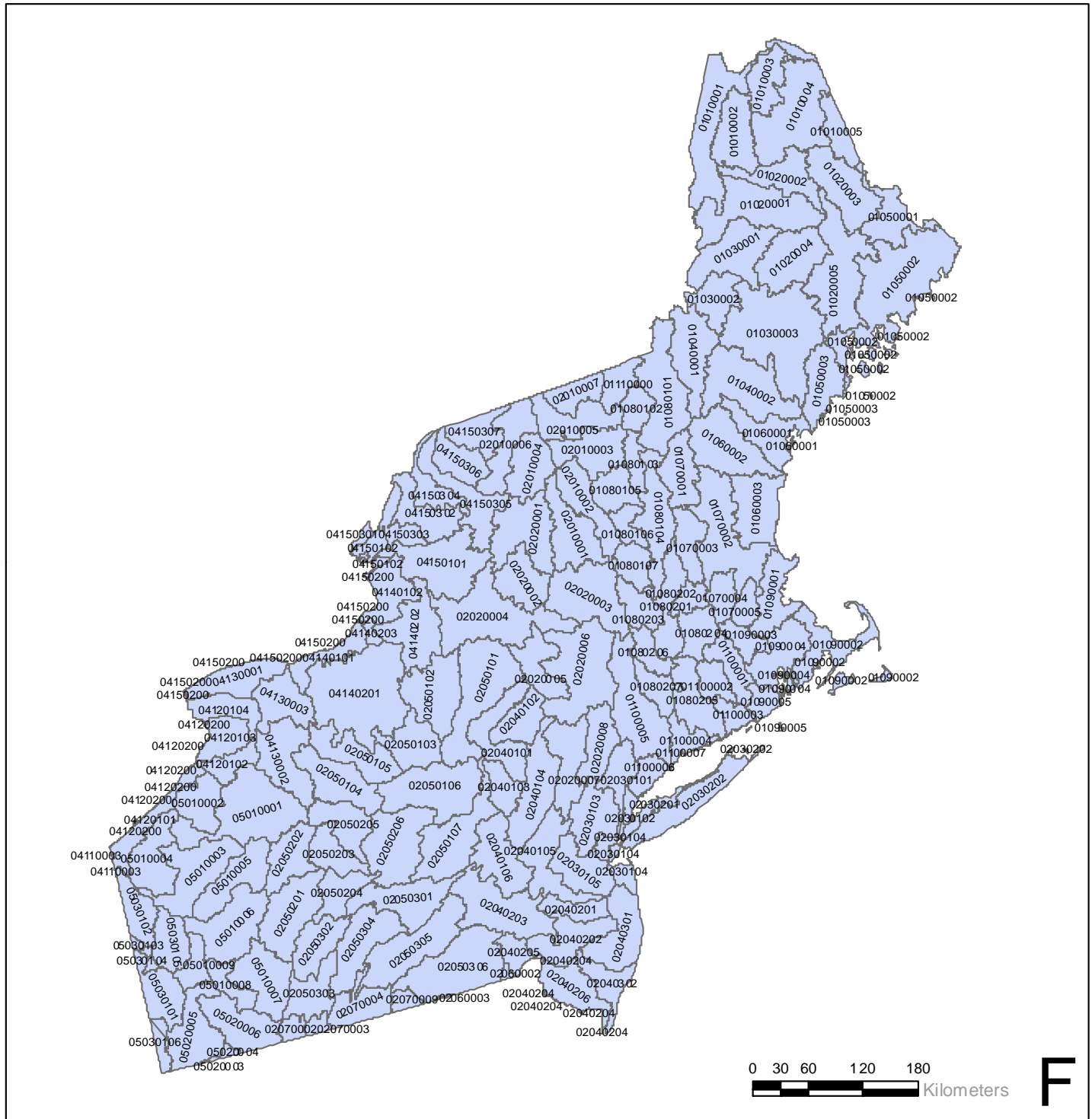
Appendix E-3: Regional Landscape Characteristics Maps

Figure 21. Watershed boundaries. Source:
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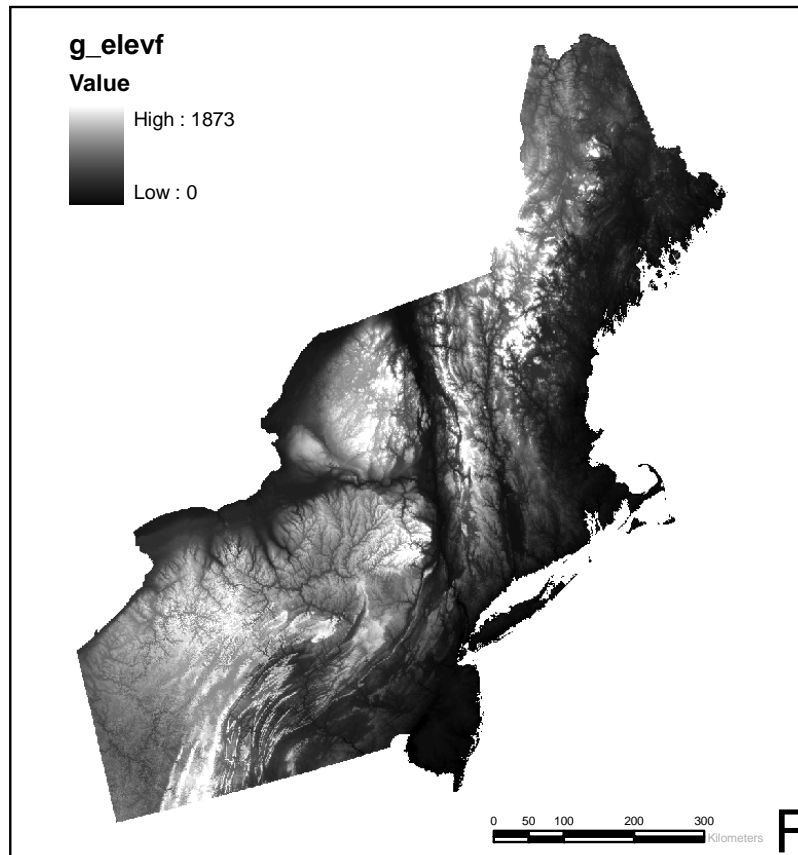
lm_huc8
watershed boundaries
hydrologic unit codes (2- to 8- digit)

Figure 22. Watershed boundaries with 8-digit Hydrologic Unit Codes. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



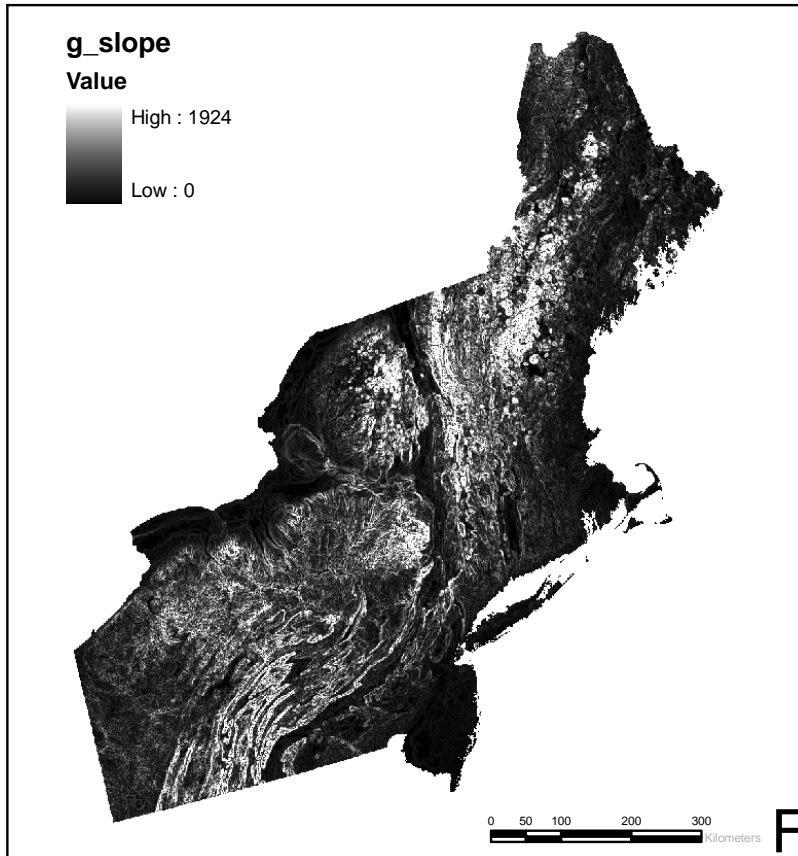
Im_nehucs
Watershed Boundaries
8-digit Hydrologic Unit Codes

Figure 23. Digital elevation data from the USGS GTOPO30 global digital elevation model of the world, and hydrologically corrected (for example with filled pits, to allow routing of water from inland to the coast). Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



g_elevf
elevation (m), conditioned & filled
georeferenced to HYDRO1K terrain data

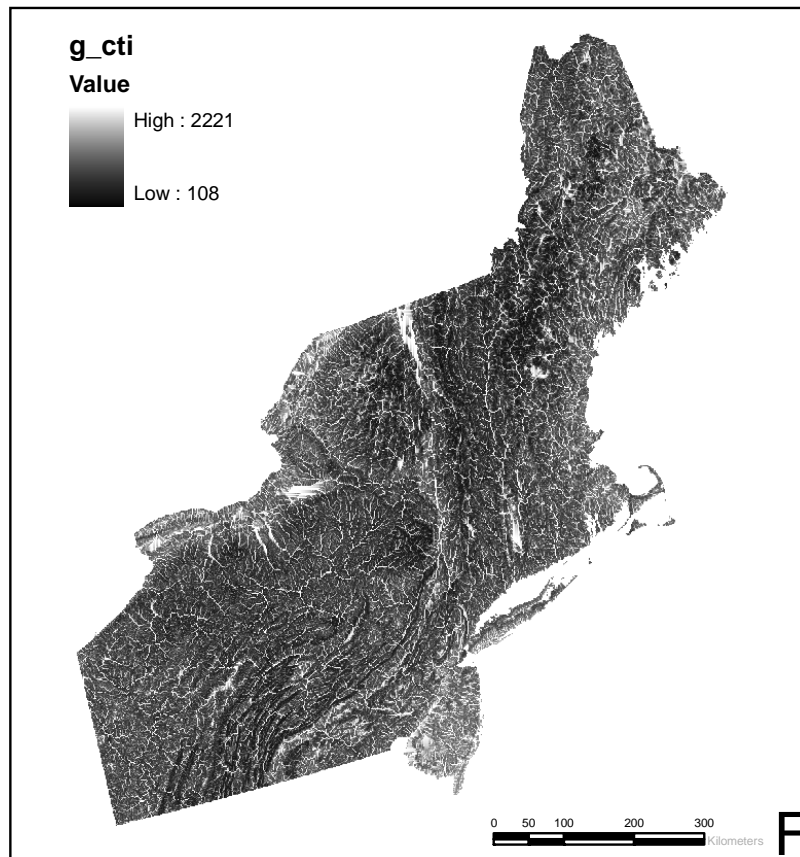
Figure 24. Slope of elevation, based on GTOPO30 terrain. Describes the maximum change in the elevations between each cell and its eight neighbors, in units of degrees of slope between 0 and 90. Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



g_slope
slope (of g_elevf)
degree (* 100)

Figure 25. Compound Topographic Index (CTI), based on GTOPO30 terrain. A wetness index that provides a metric of potential for landscape wetness, based solely on topography (i.e., independent of soil characteristics or precipitation regime).

Source: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/boyerlab/nercgis.html>



g_cti
compound topographic index (of g_elevf)
dimensionless (* 100)