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2007 and 2008 Yamal Expeditions:
Nadym, Laborovaya, Vaskiny Dachi, and Kharasavey**



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ABSTRACT

The overarching goal of the Yamal portion of the Greening of the Arctic project is to examine how the terrain and anthropogenic factors of reindeer herding and resource development combined with the climate variations on the Yamal Peninsula affect the spatial and temporal patterns of vegetation change and how these changes are in turn affecting traditional herding of the indigenous people of the region. The purpose of the expeditions was to collect ground-observations in support of remote sensing studies at four locations along a transect that traverses all the major bioclimate subzones of the Yamal Peninsula. This data report is a summary of information collected during the 2007 and 2008 expeditions. It includes all the information from the 2008 data report (Walker et al. 2008) plus new information collected at Kharasavey in Aug 2008. The locations included in this report are Nadym (northern taiga subzone), Laborovaya (southern tundra = subzone E of the Circumpolar Arctic Vegetation Map (CAVM), Vaskiny Dachi (southern typical tundra = subzone D), and Kharasavey (northern typical tundra = subzone C). Another expedition is planned for summer 2009 to the northernmost site at Bely Ostrov (Arctic tundra = subzone B).

Data are reported from 10 study sites – 2 at Nadym, 2 at Laborovaya, and 3 at Vaskiny Dachi and 3 at Kharasavey. The sites are representative of the zonal soils and vegetation, but also include variation related to substrate (clayey vs. sandy soils). Most of the information was collected along 5 transects at each sample site, 5 permanent vegetation study plots, and 1-2 soil pits at each site. The expedition also established soil and permafrost monitoring sites at each location. This data report includes: (1) background for the project, (2) general descriptions and photographs of each locality and sample site, (3) maps of the sites, study plots, and transects at each location, (4) summary of sampling methods used, (5) tabular summaries of the vegetation data (species lists, estimates of cover abundance for each species within vegetation plots, measured percent ground cover of species along transects, site factors for each study plot), (6) summaries of the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) and leaf area index (LAI) along each transect, (7) soil descriptions and photos of the soil pits at each study site, (8) summaries of thaw measurements along each transect, and (9) contact information for each of the participants. One of the primary objectives was to provide the Russian partners with full documentation of the methods so that Russian observers in future years could repeat the observations independently.

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Project overview

The terrain and vegetation of the Yamal Peninsula in northern Russia is experiencing rapid change due to a variety of natural and anthropogenic factors including unusual permafrost conditions, gas and oil development, grazing and trampling by the native Nenets' reindeer herds, and climate change (**Figure 1**).



Figure 1. A Nenets reindeer herder drives her sled by an oil derrick on heavily disturbed terrain in the Bovanenkova oil field, Yamal Peninsula, Russia. (Photo copyright and courtesy of Don and Cherry Alexander.)

The Yamal Land Cover/Land-Use Change project examines how the terrain and anthropogenic factors of reindeer herding and resource development, combined with the climate variations on the Yamal Peninsula, affect the spatial and temporal patterns of vegetation change and how these changes are in turn affecting traditional herding by the indigenous people of the region. One goal is to collect ground-based observations of the vegetation, soils, and spectral properties of vegetation along the climate gradient on the Yamal Peninsula to help interpret the information from space-based sensors.

This data report provides a record of the methods used and the data collected in the summers of 2007 and 2008 at four sites along a transect in the Yamal region: Nadym, Laborovaya, Vaskiny Dachi and Kharasavey (**Figure 2**). Scientists from

Finland, Russia, Switzerland, and the United States participated in both expeditions (see list of participants, **Appendix A**). A third expedition is scheduled for summer 2009 to Ostrov Belyy.

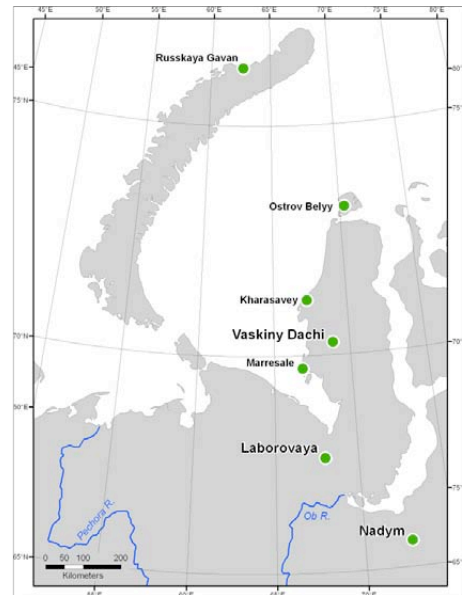


Figure 2. The 2007-08 study locations at Nadym, Laborovaya, Vaskiny Dachi, and Kharasavey and other proposed study locations.

The sites chosen for the studies were selected because they are representative of the bioclimate subzones described on the Circumpolar Arctic Vegetation Map (CAVM Team 2003) and because they have histories of previous research. Nadym and Kharasavey have been studied since the early 1970s by Dr. Nataliya Moskalenko and scientists at the Earth Cryosphere Institute. Vaskiny Dachi has been studied since the late 1980s by Dr. Marina Leibman. Dr. Moskalenko and Leibman are chief research scientists at the Moscow unit of the Earth Cryosphere Institute, Siberia Branch of the Russian Academy of Science.

Laborovaya is a research site of the Environmental and Social Impacts of Industrial Development in Northern Russia (ENSINOR) project, directed by Dr. Bruce

Forbes of the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland.

Description of the study sites

Nadym (Nataliya Moskalenko)

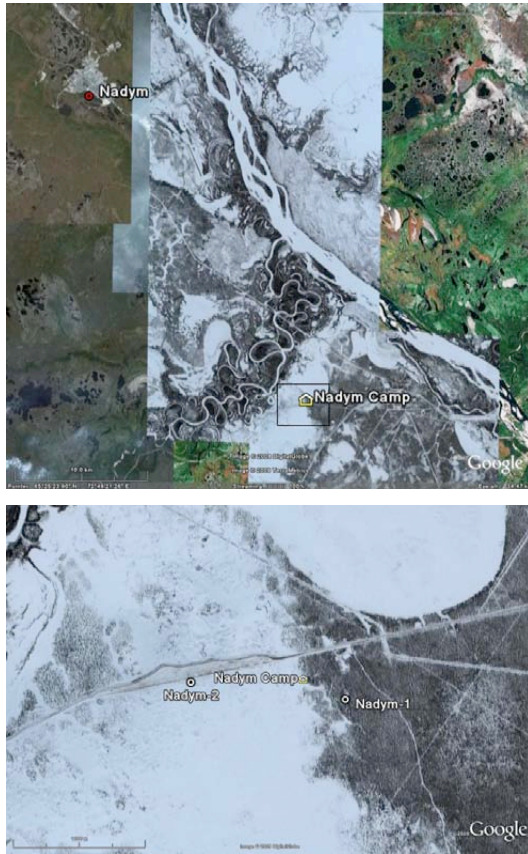


Figure 3. Location of study sites near Nadym. Upper image shows the region southeast of Nadym and the study location (black rectangle). The large river in the upper image is the Nadym River. Lower image shows the location of the field camp and the two study sites. The river in the upper left of the lower image is the Hejgi-Jakha River. The extensive road network is associated with oil development in the region. Images by Google Earth, copyright Digital Earth.

The expedition established the Nadym study sites during the period 3-10 Aug 2007. The sites are situated about 30 km south-southeast of the city of Nadym at 65° 18.87' N, and 72° 52.84' E. (**Figure 3**). Researchers at the Earth Cryosphere Institute have studied this location since 1970. It is a monitoring site for the Circumpolar Active Layer Monitoring (CALM) project, and there are long-term

climate and permafrost records from numerous nearby localities, as well as detailed information regarding the geology, vegetation, permafrost, and anthropogenic disturbances (Melnikov et al. 2004; Moskalenko 1984, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2005a, b; Pavlov and Moskalenko 2002; Ponomareva 2005, 2007) plus ongoing studies of animals and insects.

Physiography and geology

The study sites are situated on a flat fluvial-lacustrine plain that is dissected by the Nadym and Hejgi-Jakha rivers. Two major terraces of the Nadym River cover much of the local area in the vicinity of the research sites. The Terrace II deposits (Karga age, 20-40 kya) have elevations between 14 and 20 m and are covered largely by well-drained sandy soils and forests. The Terrace III fluvial-lacustrine plain (Zyranski age, 60-80 kya) is 25 to 30 m in elevation and is covered with many lakes and mires, peat up to 5 m thick, and a mix of tundra and open woodlands. Numerous large well-drained palsas rise above the boggy landscapes.

Climate

The climate of West Siberia is influenced by maritime air masses from the Atlantic Ocean and continental air masses from the Asia. Interaction of these opposing air masses causes highly variable weather. Winter (November-March) is characterized by low temperatures interspersed with periods of sharp warming accompanied by continuous overcast and snowfalls. In April the transition season begins with consolidation and destruction of the snow cover. In May sharp cold snaps accompanied by spring blizzards (*burans*) are possible. Spring is the driest, clearest, and windiest season. In summer (June-July), cloudy weather is typical with occasional intensive rains. Autumn (August-September) has long periods of continuous overcast conditions and precipitation. The climate of the Nadym site is summarized in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Climate conditions of the Nadym site.

Average air temperature (°C):

Annual -5.9

Summer 10.8

Winter -14.2

Annual amplitude (meteorological), °C 40.5

Mean-annual ground-surface temp. (°C) +1 to -3

Date of transition of air temp through 0 °C

In the spring 27 May

In the autumn 20 Oct

Precipitation (mm):

Annual 483

Liquid 237

Snow cover:

Date of formation 15 Oct

Date of melting 27 May

Maximum depth (April) (cm) 76

Average density (in April), kg m⁻³ 290

Soils

The Nadym research sites are situated in the northern taiga bioclimate subzone. A wide variety of ecosystems are present due to Nadym's position within this transitional region. The parent materials for the soils are derived from fluvial-lacustrine deposits. Mainly sandy materials interbedded with loamy and clay deposits were repeatedly spread by the river systems. The heterogeneous soil textures complicate the permafrost distribution patterns. Key soil processes are peat accumulation, gleying and podzolization. In well-drained forested ecosystems on Terrace II, podzolic soils are common with evidence of previous cryogenic attributes, such as networks of former ice wedges (pseudomorphs) that are filled with loamy and/or clayey materials. On Terrace III, superimposed on these sandy soils, are the effects of various bog-forming and metamorphic cryogenic processes (including paludification, thermokarst, frost heave, and thermal abrasion) that create a heterogeneous complex of soils with permafrost landforms and peatlands with peat-gley soils.

Vegetation



Figure 4. Nadym-1 (forest site). The trees are mainly Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*), and mountain birch (*Betula tortuosa*) mixed with Siberian larch (*Larix sibirica*). The understory consists of dwarf shrubs (*Ledum palustre*, *Betula nana*, *Empetrum nigrum*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*), lichens (mainly *Cladonia stellaris*) and mosses (mainly *Pleurozium schreberi*). Photo no. DSC_0325, 8/09/07, P. Kuss.



Figure 5. Nadym-2 (CALM-grid site). Hummocky tundra consists of a complex of vegetation with a *Ledum palustre*-*Betula nana*-*Cladonia* spp. dwarf-shrub community on the hummocks and a *Cladonia stellaris*-*Carex glomerata* lichen community in the inter-hummock areas. Photo no. DSC_0101 8/03/07, D.A. Walker.

Zonal northern taiga forest covers large areas of Terrace II. Here there are birch-larch (*Betula tortuosa*-*Larix sibirica*) and birch-pine shrub-lichen (*Betula tortuosa*-*Pinus sylvestris*/*Betula nana*-*Cladonia stellaris*) open woodlands.

Terrace III is characterized by peatlands occupied by *Rubus chamaemorus*-*Ledum palustre*-*Sphagnum*-lichen tundra on raised palsas and elevated microsites and *Eriophorum*-*Carex*-*Sphagnum* mires in the lower microsites. Large frost mounds also occur in these peatlands and are

characterized by *Pinus sibirica*-*Ledum palustre*-*Cladonia* open woodlands.

Our Nadym-1 study site (forest site) is located in a lichen woodland on Terrace II (**Figure 4**), and the Nadym-2 study site (CALM Grid site) is located on Terrace III at the 100 x 100-m CALM grid in hummocky tundra (**Figure 5**). The study areas are currently not used by the Nenets for reindeer forage lands, so the lichen areas are well preserved at both sites.

Laborovaya (Bruce Forbes)



Figure 6. Location of the Laborovaya field camp and study sites. The Obskaya-Paijuta railway/road corridor is evident, and a quarry used for construction of the railroad just north of the field camp is on a sandstone ridge. Another sandstone ridge is about 2 km west of camp. Several large thaw lakes are to the south of camp. Google Earth image, copyright Digital Globe.

The Laborovaya study sites were sampled during the period 13-21 Aug 2007. The expedition traveled to the site via rented truck from Labytnangi. The Laborovaya region has been studied since 1997 by Dr. Bruce Forbes and colleagues researching anthropogenic disturbances in the region and more recently in conjunction with the ENSINOR studies. No detailed climate or geological information is available for the Laborovaya location. The following information is modified from Forbes (1997).



Figure 7. Base camp at the Laborovaya location. The Obskaya-Paijuta railway/road corridor is in the background, and the access road to a nearby quarry is in the foreground. Photo no. DSC_0597, 8/14/07, D.A. Walker.

Location and physiography

The study sites are situated in the foothills at the northern end of the Polar Urals. Our base camp was at lat. 67° 42.21' N, long. 68° 01.08 E, about 21 km northeast of the small settlement of Laborovaya and at km 147 of the Obskaya-Paijuta railway/road corridor (**Figure 6**). The base camp was located near a small oxbow lake adjacent to an access road that leads to a gravel quarry used for construction of the road and railroad (**Figure 7**).

This section of the transport corridor was constructed in 1989, and the quarries have been essentially abandoned since that time. The road and railroad are in active use throughout the year, largely for the transport of construction materials and workers along the corridor, although a few small personal vehicles also use the road.

The local physiography consists of flat plains with thaw lakes to the east and north and hills with sandstone bedrock outcrops to the west and south. Surficial materials on the plains consist primarily of Pleistocene sands underlain by saline clays.

Climate

The nearest year-round meteorological station is at Salekhard, 150 km to the south, near the mouth of the Ob River (Fig. 1), which is not comparable because Salekhard is in the forest and is warmer and calmer

than the Laborovaya region. Laborovaya lies within the continuous permafrost zone.

Vegetation

Phytogeographically, the study site lies about 100 km north of the latitudinal treeline within the southern tundra subzone (= Subzone E of the Circumpolar Arctic Vegetation Map, (CAVM Team et al. 2003)). According to Yurtsev (1994), the Yamal-Gydan West Siberian subprovince is characterized by a low floristic richness due to gaps in the ranges of species with predominantly montane, east Siberian distributions and western (amphi-Atlantic) distributions. The region's vegetation has been mapped at small scale (Ilyina et al., 1976) and its community types described by Meltzer (1984).

Ridge tops on the sandstone hills are dry. Well-developed stands of alder (*Alnus fruticosa*) are common on slopes in the vicinity of the study site and especially in riparian zones. Shrub willows (*Salix* spp.) are generally <30 cm in height, although individuals >2 m occur in riparian zones and on hillslopes. The areas between hills are a mix of wetlands and more mesic vegetation. Much of the tundra is overgrazed with only sparse lichen cover. The study area is extensively grazed in summer by reindeer herds belonging to the Nenets, a group of aboriginal nomadic pastoralists. Vilchek & Bykova (1992) estimated that the number of reindeer on Yamal is already 1.5 to 2 times greater than the optimum for the region.

We had two study sites at Laborovaya – one was moist dwarf-shrub, sedge tundra on moist clayey soils located about 1.1 km west-northwest of basecamp in a valley between two sandstone ridges (**Figure 8**), and the other was relatively dry dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra on a sandy site located about 1.2 km southeast of the base camp near a small stream (**Figure 9**).

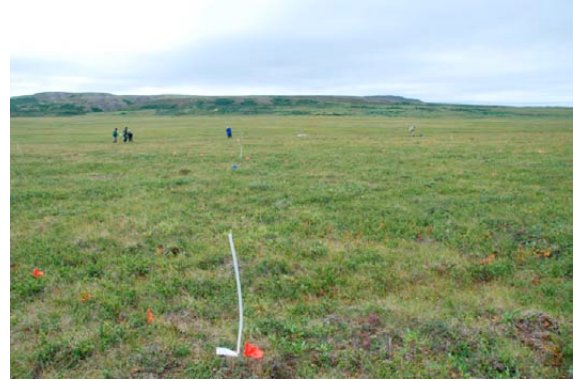


Figure 8. Laborovaya-1 study site (clay site). The vegetation is a moist dwarf-shrub, sedge moss tundra dominated by *Carex bigelowii*, *Eriophorum vaginatum*, *Betula nana*, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *V. uliginosum*, *Aulacomnium palustre*, *Hylocomium splendens*, and *Dicranum* spp. Photo no. DSC_0188, 8/16/07, D.A. Walker.

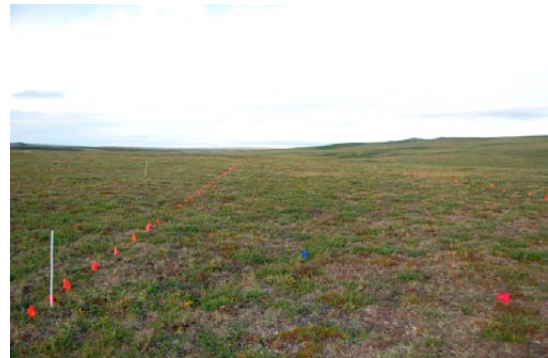


Figure 9. Laborovaya-2 study site (sand site). The vegetation is moist/dry dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra dominated by *Betula nana*, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *V. uliginosum*, *Carex bigelowii*, *Cladonia arbuscula*, *Sphaerophorus globosus*, and *Polytrichum strictum*. Photo no. DSC_0596, 8/17/07, D.A. Walker.

Vaskini Dachi (Marina Leibman)

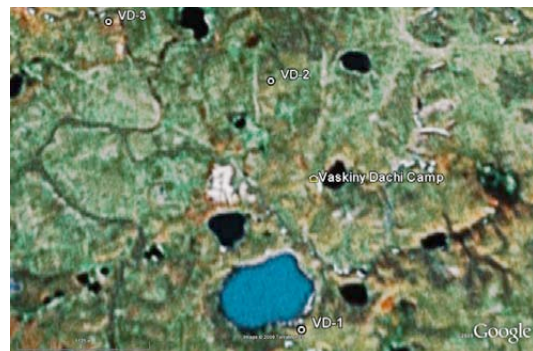


Figure 10. Location of the camp and study sites at Vaskini Dachi. The eastern end of the road network

in the Bovanenkova gas field is in the upper left. Google Earth image, copyright Digital Earth.



Figure 11. Vaskiny Dachi Camp at the far end of the small lake. Photo no. MG_9350, 8/28/07, D.A. Walker.

The Vaskiny Dachi location was visited and sampled during the period 21-30 Aug 2007. The location is southeast of the main Bovanenkova gas field in the central part of the Yamal Peninsula ($70^{\circ} 17.21' \text{ N}$, $68^{\circ} 53.65' \text{ E}$) (**Figure 10** and **Figure 11**). Travel to and from the location was by helicopter. Vaskiny Dachi is the name of a field camp established by Dr. Marina Leibman, who leads a team of scientists in the study of cryogenic processes at Vaskiny Dachi (Leibman 1994, 1995, 1998, 2001; Leibman et al. 1991, 1993 a, 1993 b, 1997; Leibman and Stretskaya 1996, 1997; Romanovskii et al. 1996; Stretletskaia et al. 2003). The site is visited annually and has been a CALM monitoring site since 1993. Much of the work has focused on landslides and considerable information is available for vegetation response to landslide disturbances (Ukrainitseva 1997, 1998; Ukrainitseva and Leibman 2000, 2007; Ukrainitseva et al. 2000, 2002, 2003).

Topography and geology

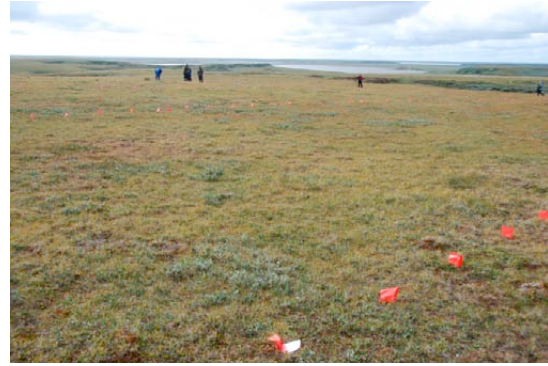


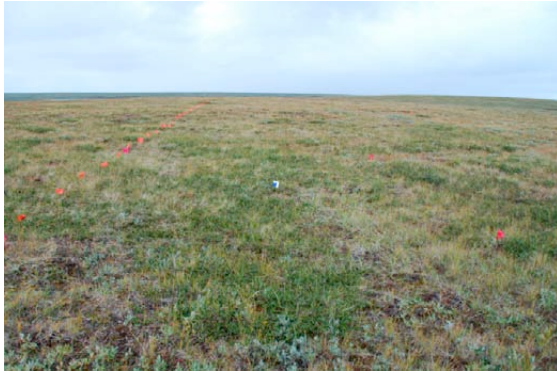
Figure 12. Vaskiny Dachi-1 study site on Terrace IV. The soils are clay and the vegetation is heavily grazed sedge, dwarf-shrub-moss tundra dominated by *Carex bigelowii*, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *Salix glauca*, *Hylocomium splendens*, and *Aulacomnium turgidum*. Photo DSC_0146, 8/23/07, D.A. Walker.

The research sites are located in the watersheds of the Se-Yakha and Mordy-Ykha rivers (**Figure 10**) in a region with a number of highly-dissected alluvial-lacustrine-marine plains and terraces. The deposits are sandy to clayey, most are saline within the permafrost, and some are saline in the active layer. Hilltops in sandy areas are often windblown with sand hollows, some covering large areas. Saddles between the hilltops are often occupied by polygonal peatlands. The topography of the region is defined by a series of marine terraces and plains.

The highest plain is the *Salekhardskaya* marine plain (Terrace V) with maximum elevations of 58 m. Depths of dissection at this level are 20-50 m. The geological section is composed of clay with clastic inclusions of marine and glacio-marine origin. The top several centimeters to several decimeters of soil consist of silty sand enriched with clasts through wind erosion. Lowered surfaces are often occupied by peatlands. This terrace covers a relatively small portion of the landscape.

The *Kazantsevskaia* coastal-marine plain (Terrace IV) is at 40-45 m elevation and built of interbedding of clayey and sandy deposits with a considerable amount of organic matter dispersed in the section. The

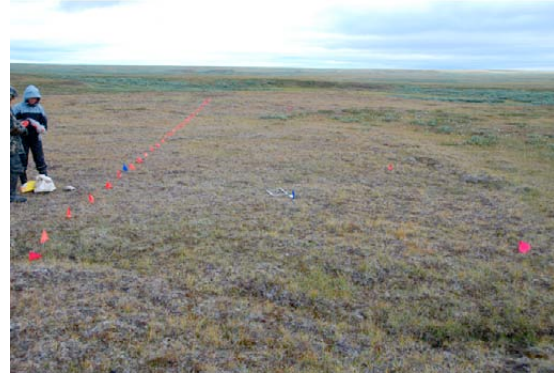
surfaces sometimes have windblown sands, but are mainly tussocky, hummocky or frost-boil tundras and peatlands in the lower areas. Our Vaskiny Dachi-1 study site was on a gentle Terrace-IV hill-top (*Figure 12*).



*Figure 13. Vaskiny Dachi-2 study site on Terrace III. The soils are a mix of sand and clay. The vegetation is heterogeneous, but dominated by *Betula nana*, *Calamagrostis holmii*, *Carex bigelowii*, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *Aulacomnium turgidum*, *Hylocomium splendens*, and *Ptilidium ciliare*. Photo DSC_0344, 8/25/07, P. Kuss.*

The third fluvial-marine or fluvial lacustrine terrace (Terrace III) is up to 26 m in elevation, built of fine interbedding of sandy, silty, loamy, and organic layers of several millimeters to several centimeters thick. Flat hilltops are often occupied by polygonal sandy landscapes with windblown sand hollows on the tops of high-centered polygons. Lowered surfaces are hummocky tundras. Our Vaskiny-Dachi-2 study site was on a broad hill top of Terrace III (*Figure 13*).

Lower terraces (such as our Terrace II site, *Figure 14*) are of fluvial origin, probably ancient river terraces of the Mordy-Yakha and Se-Yakha rivers.



*Figure 14. Vaskiny Dachi-3 study site on Terrace II. The soils are sandy and the vegetation is a dry dwarf-shrub-lichen tundra dominated by *Carex bigelowii*, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *Cladonia arbuscula*, *Sphaerophorus globosus*, *Racomitrium lanuginosum*, and *Polytrichum strictum*. Photo DSC_0112, 8/27/07, D.A. Walker.*

Up to 60% of the study area is represented by gentle slopes (less than 7°), steep slopes (7-50°) occupy about 10% of the area, and the remaining 30% of the landscape is composed of flat hilltops, valleys and lake depressions.

Climate

The closest climate station is Marresale, which is about 100 km southeast and located at the coast, where summer temperatures are somewhat cooler than at Vaskiny Dachi. The average annual air temperature for the last 15 years at Marresale is -7.5°C. The average January temperature over the same period is -21.5°C, and the July mean temperature is 7.5°C. There has been a 1.3°C warming trend over the past 45 years. In 1962-1976 the mean annual temperature was -8.8°C, and in 1992-1997 it was -8.2°C.

The total precipitation is around 300 mm per year – half of this is snow and half is rain, which falls mainly in August-September. The end-of-winter-snow depth on flat surfaces is about 30 cm, snow drifts on leeward slopes may be up to 6 m deep. The average period with positive air temperatures at Marresale weather station is 59 days, and the transition to above freezing daily mean temperatures is usually in late June and early October.

Active layer and permafrost

Active-layer dynamics depend upon surficial deposits, gravimetric moisture content in the fall, organic and vegetative covers, and air temperature in summer. Maximum active-layer depths (1-1.2 m) are found in sands on bare surfaces or with sparse vegetation and low moisture content (up to 20%). Minimum active layer depths (50-60 cm) are found in peat or clay deposits covered by thick moss and with moisture contents more than 40%.

The region has continuous permafrost. Open taliks are present beneath the larger lakes 30-50 m deep and big river channels (such as Mordy-Yakha and Se-Yakha). Smaller lakes several meters deep have closed taliks 5-7 m deep under the lake bottoms. The older surfaces have the thickest permafrost. Permafrost thickness ranges from 270 to 400 m or more on the marine and coastal-marine plains, and is 100-150 m at the younger river terraces and 50 m at the modern sea level. The average annual ground temperatures at the depth of zero annual amplitude ranges between 0 and -9°C. The lowest permafrost temperatures are characteristic of the hilltops with sparse vegetation where snow is blown away. The warmest permafrost temperatures are in areas with tall willows due to retention of snow in depressions.

Cryogenic processes

The region has very dynamic erosional processes that are important with respect to the vegetation ecology. Highly erodable sands and the presence of massive ground ice near the surface contribute to the unstable landscapes. Cryogenic processes observed in the area are connected to tabular ground ice found in geological sections at the depths of 1 to 25 m practically everywhere. The most widespread processes observed in the study area are landslides of various types and thermoerosion of slopes. Aeolian erosion is common on convex hilltops. Thermokarst and frost heave are less common. In August 1989, 400 new landslides occurred within an area of 10 km², where previously there were only three modern landslides (but hundreds of ancient

landslides). The age of five of the older landslide events was determined by radiocarbon dating to be 300 to 2000 years old. Dendrochronology was used to determine the reaction of willows to land sliding. During the last two warm summers (2006-2007) several new areas of tabular ground ice were exposed by landslide activity (retrogressive thaw slumps).

Geocology



Figure 15. Willow communities (*Salix lanata* and *S. glauca*) cover large areas of the landscapes near Vaskiny Dachi. Most of these are on old landslides and in valley bottoms. A more barren recent landslide surface is visible on the upper left side of the photo. Photo no. DSC_0488, 8/21/07, D.A. Walker.

A striking aspect of the regional vegetation is the abundance of willow thickets (*Salix lanata* and *S. glauca*) covering many hill slopes and valley bottoms (**Figure 15**). Studies of the willow communities in relationship to landslides have included: (a) vegetation succession, (b) ash chemistry of each vegetation group, (c) ground water chemistry, and (d) plant and soil chemistry using water extraction and X-ray-fluorescent analyses of air-dry and homogenized plants (Ukrainitseva 1997, 1998; Ukrainitseva and Leibman 2000, 2007; Ukrainitseva et al. 2000, 2002, 2003). Phytomass was measured in layers: shrubs from a 5 x 5-m area and herb and moss layers from 0.5 x 0.5-m plots.

The study concluded that there is a strong correlation between disturbance age soil fertility, and willow growth. Desalination of old marine sediments after the landslide event leads to active layer enrichment with

water-soluble salts, which supply plants with nutrition, provide active re-vegetation of herbs, and re-formation of soils, followed by willow-shrub expansion. Willows are the main reason for increased biodiversity and biological productivity. They provide more nutrition than typical tundra vegetation due to leaf litter.

Striking differences in soil chemistry were observed between stable undisturbed surfaces and landslide-affected slopes of various ages. The soil of stable hilltops is characterized by relatively low pH (pH 5.5-5.8), very low base saturation (4.5%), low nitrogen content (0.08-0.18%), and rather high organic carbon (1.5-2.3%); whereas recent landslide surfaces have high soil pH (7.5-8.0), much higher base saturation (50-100%), and low organic carbon content (0.2-0.7%).

Tall willow thickets occupy old landslide surfaces due to additional nutrients, especially where there is deep winter snow cover. On 1000-2000 year old landslides, soils show gradual reduction both in pH (down to 6.5) and in base saturation (down to 24.5 %) that indicates continuing desalination of the active layer deposits towards the background conditions. Organic carbon and nitrogen concentration in the older soils was double that of recent landslide surfaces, thus improving soil fertility. In summary, landslides that started more than 2000 years ago result in increased soil fertility and biomass in the modern typical tundra subzone of Yamal Peninsula.

Kharasavey (Pavel Orekhov)

Kharasavey is located on the northwestern coast of the peninsula (**Figure 2** and **Figure 17**). The area was sampled during 18-25 August 2008. Four study sites were chosen that were accessible from the gas-field road network.



Figure 16. Gently rolling terrain of the Kharasavey area. A portion of the gas-field road network and main gas-field camp facilities are visible (buildings on the sea coast). Photo DSC_0361, 8/30/07, D.A. Walker.

Three sites and an additional relevé (KH-RV-49) were described in **Table 2**.

Table 2. Locations of the Kharasavey study sites.

Site	Latitude	Longitude
Kharasavey Site 1:	71°10'43.71"N	66°58'47.84"E
Kharasavey Site 2a:	71°11'39.86"N	66°53'20.05"E
Kharasavey Site 2b:	71°11'39.98"N	66°55'43.75"E
KH-RV-49	71°11'38.14"N	66°56'5.33"E



Figure 17. Locations of study in relationship to the road network and gas field camp at Kharasavey.

Physiography and geology

In the central part of the Yamal Peninsula, sections of Terraces I and II often consist of marine sediments with a monotone layer of dark gray loams and clays with thin sand

layers and a large amount of organic material (Cryopedology Conditions, 2003).

One study site (KH-1, **Figure 18**) was placed on a homogeneous portion of Terrace II (mQ_{III}^{3-4}) with clay soils. Terrace II is at an elevation of 12-20 m and has diverse composition with complicated interbedding of sands, loams and clays.

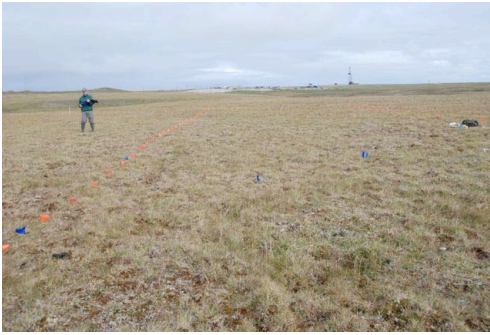


Figure 18. Kharasavey-1 study site on Terrace II. The soils are mostly clay. The vegetation is dominated by *Carex bigelowii*, *Calamagrostis holmii*, *Salix polaris*, *Dicranum elongatum* and *Cladonia spp.* Photo DSC_1512, 8/19/08, D.A. Walker.

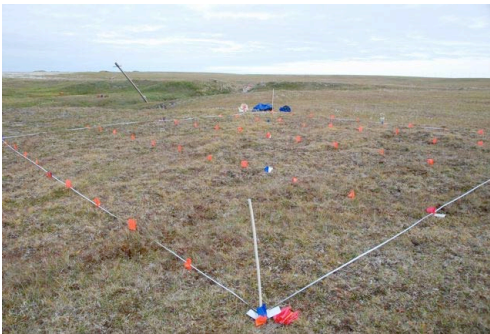


Figure 19. Kharasavey-2a study site on Terrace I. The soils are sands mixed with clay. The vegetation is dominated by *Carex bigelowii*, *Salix nummularia*, *Dicranum sp.*, and *Cladonia spp.* Photo DSC_1797, 8/22/08, D.A. Walker.

Sandy sites were uncommon at Kharasavey. Some dune-like features occur along some of the creeks, but no sandy areas could be located that had sufficient flat homogeneous terrain for a 50 x 50-m grid. Consequently, we selected two 10 x 10-m areas on sands. soils of the dune-like features (sites 2a and 2b).

One grid (KH-2a, **Figure 19**) is on a small bluff of Terrace I (mQ_{III-IV}) adjacent to a

creek with thin sands over much of the grid. Terrace I occurs at elevations of 7-12 m and is composed of Holocene to Late Pleistocene sediments with sand-and-clay composition. Sands often prevail in the upper part of the cross-section (to 5-7 meters depth). There are some vegetative remains, cinder inter-layers and sea-shell fragments in the sediments. Their thickness does not exceed 10-15 m.

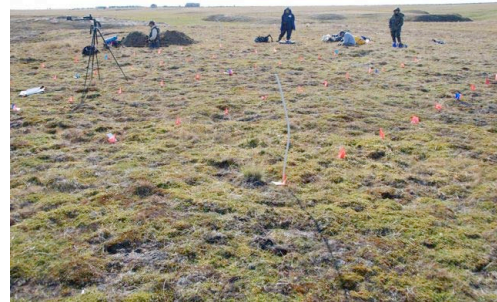


Figure 20. Kharasavey-2b study site on Terrace II. The soils are sands. The site dominated by *Salix nummularia*, *Luzula confusa*, *Polytrichum strictum*, and *Sphaerophorus globosus*. Photo DSC_1890, 8/23/08, D.A. Walker.

Site KH-2b (**Figure 20**) was placed on a sandy portion of Terrace II. Sands often increase in the upper part of Terrace-II sections. The thickness of the Terrace II deposits are up to 12-15 m. Sites KH-2a and KH-2b had 2 relevés each (see plot maps, **Figure 34** and **Figure 35**). A fifth sandy relevé was located on another sandy feature near site KH-2b.

Climate

Kharasavey has a severe climate with long (about nine-month) cold winters, strong winds, and cool short (about two-month) summers with frequent fog and drizzle. Annual solar radiation input does not exceed 700 MJ/m²/year, the radiation balance in October-March is negative, and in April-September it is weakly positive.

The average annual air temperature near Kharasavey Village is -9.8 °C; October through May average monthly air temperature is also negative (Cryopedology Conditions, 2003).

Monthly mean minimum air temperature is in January and February (-23 and -24 °C), while monthly mean maximum temperatures occur in July and August (+6 and +7 °C). The absolute minimum air temperature, -49 °C, occurred in February, and an absolute maximum of +29 °C occurred in July. An average annual sum of monthly positive temperatures is +14.7 °C mo and the sum of monthly negative temperatures is -131.3 °C mo. Average duration of the frost-free season is 50 days. In spring average daily temperatures usually exceed 0 °C at the end of May or at the beginning of June. The first freezing temperatures occur in the third decade of September. In October the season of steady frosts starts (Cryosphere, 2006).

Annual precipitation is 260-300 mm; about half of this falls as snow. The snow cover begins at the end of September or at the beginning of October and melts at the first half of June. The average end-of-winter depth of the snow is 19 cm. Wind redistribution of snow is most active during October-December, when up to 60% of winter precipitation falls. Topographic lows – hollows, ravines and stream valleys – completely fill with snow, and drift depths can reach 4-5 meters. On open and raised areas, snow thickness does not exceed 15-25 cm. In the process of snow accumulation snow density uniformly increases from 0.22 to 0.26 g/cm³ at the beginning of winter to 0.36 g/cm³ by the end of winter.

Landscapes

The landscapes of marine terraces I and II are flat to undulating and covered by tundra mainly with graminoids (sedges, grasses, and rushes), dwarf shrubs, mosses and lichens (Figure 16). The terrace surfaces are relatively well drained and highly dissected by many small gullies and drainages. These drainages are continually expanding and growing through cryogenic landslides and erosion of the underlying massive ground ice. Non-sorted circles are common on many surfaces.

Thermokarst features, such as thaw lakes, drained thaw lakes (khasyreis), small

thermokarst ponds, and ice-wedge polygons, are relatively uncommon within the area of our study (Figure 17), but these features are common in peaty lowlands of the larger streams and rivers in the vicinity of Kharasavey.

Sandy beaches, dunes and coastal bluffs up to 10 m high occur along the seacoast (Cryopedology Conditions, 2003).

Vegetation

The local Kharasavey flora is represented by 27 families, 63 genera and 125 species of vascular plants. The leading families include Poaceae (26 species), Cyperaceae (12 species), Caryophyllaceae (12 species), Brassicaceae (11 species) and Ranunculaceae (9 species) (Rebristaya, 1995).

Common plants on the upland tundra areas include dwarf shrubs (e.g., *Salix polaris*, *Salix lanata*, *S. glauca*), graminoids (e.g., *Carex bigelowii*, *Calamagrostis holmii*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, *Eriophorum angustifolium*, *Alopecurus alpinus*, *Poa arctica*, *Luzula confusa*), forbs, (e.g., *Saxifraga cernua*, *S. foliolosa*, *Rumex arcticus*), mosses (e.g., *Dicranum elongatum*, *Polytrichum strictum*, *Aulacomnium* spp., *Hylocomium splendens*) and lichens (e.g., *Cladonia* spp., *Sphaerophorus globosus*, *Peltigera aphthosa*, *Thamnolia subuliformis*, and *Cetraria* spp.).

Well drained creek bluffs and dune like features have tundra dominated by dwarf-shrubs (e.g. *Salix nummularia*, *Vaccinium vitis idaea*), graminoids (*Luzula confusa*, *Deschampsia sukatschewii*, mosses (e.g., *Dicranum elongatum*), and lichens (Avramchik, 1969). Wind eroded areas are common on the sandy features.

At the coast erect willows (osiers) are uncommon and stunted reaching heights of only 15-20 cm; however, several kilometers inland, willows are more abundant and can reach heights of 1-1.5 meters in protected microsites.

Wetlands dominated by sedges and mosses cover surfaces with poor drainage conditions. Plants in wet microsites include *Carex aquatilis*, *C. rariflora*, *Eriophorum angustifolium*, *Polemonium acutiflorum*, *Pedicularis sudetica* and many moss species (Avramchik 1961c).

The vegetation of the region has been mapped at small scale (1:1,000,000) as part of the Yamalo Nenets Autonomous Area (Avramchik 1961a,b,c, 1969). These maps show the Kharasavey Cape containing sub-Arctic tundras with moss and lichen tundras and Arctic-type wetlands. Highly degraded lichen tundras occur on sandy uplands with polygonal surfaces. All formations are used as a summer and autumn pasture for reindeer.

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METHODS AND TYPES OF DATA COLLECTED

Study sites

Criteria for site selection

Study sites were selected at each location (Nadym, Laborovaya, Vaskiny Dachi, Kharasavey) in large areas of more or less homogeneous vegetation. The objective was to select large areas of zonal vegetation that could be recognized by their homogeneous spectral signatures on aerial photographs and satellite images. At all three locations there were surfaces with different parent materials that affected the character of the vegetation (**Table 3** and **Table 4**).

Table 3. Study locations, site numbers, site names, and geological settings.

Location and site no.	Site name	Microsite	Geological setting, parent material
Nadym-1	Forest site		Fluvial terrace II, Karga-age, (about 20-40 kya), alluvial sands
Nadym-2a	CALM-grid site	Hummocks	Fluvial terrace III, Zyrianski-age, (about 60-80 kya), alluvial sands
Nadym-2b		Inter-hummocks	
Laborovaya-1	Clay-site		III glacial terrace, Ermakovsky-age, (about 50-110 kya), clay
Laborovaya-2	Sand site		(?), alluvial sand
Vaskiny Dachi-1	Terrace IV site		Coastal marine plain, Kazantsevskaya-age (Eamian-age 130-117 kya), marine clays
Vaskiny Dachi-2	Terrace III site		Fluvial-marine terrace, (middle-Wiechselian, 75-25 kya), mixed alluvial sands and marine clays
Vaskiny Dachi-3	Terrace II site		Fluvial terrace, (late-Wiechselian, 25-10 kya), alluvial and eolian reworked sands
Kharasavey-1	Clay site		II marine terraces, Karginsky-age,(about 20-40 kya), marine clays
Kharasavey-2a	Sand site		I marine terrace (Sartansky-age, about 10-22 kya) marine clays with eolian reworked sands on surfaces
Kharasavey-2b	Sand site		II marine terraces(Karginsky-age, , about 20-40 kya) marine sands and clays

Kazantsevo = Eemian 130 000-117 000 yr BP.
Karginsky-Zyryanka = Middle Wiechselian 74 000-25 000 yr BP.
Sartan = Late Wiechselian 25 000-10 000 yr BP.

Table 4. Dominant vegetation at each study site.

Location and site no.	Dominant vegetation
Nadym-1	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> - <i>Ledum palustre</i> - <i>Cladonia stellaris</i> lichen-woodland
Nadym-2a	<i>Ledum palustre</i> - <i>Betula nana</i> - <i>Cladonia stellaris</i> dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra
Nadym-2b	<i>Cladonia stellaris</i> - <i>Carex glomerata</i> lichen tundra
Laborovaya-1	<i>Carex bigelowii</i> - <i>Betula nana</i> - <i>Aulacomnium palustre</i> sedge, dwarf-shrub, moss tundra
Laborovaya-2	<i>Betula nana</i> - <i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i> - <i>Sphaerophorus globosus</i> - <i>Polytrichum strictum</i> prostrate dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra
Vaskiny Dachi-1	<i>Carex bigelowii</i> - <i>Vaccinium vitis idaea</i> - <i>Hylocomium splendens</i> sedge, dwarf-shrub, moss tundra
Vaskiny Dachi-2	<i>Betula nana</i> - <i>Calamagrostis holmii</i> - <i>Aulacomnium turgidu</i> dwarf-shrub, graminoid, moss tundra
Vaskiny Dachi-3	<i>Vaccinium vitis idaea</i> - <i>Cladonia arbuscula</i> - <i>Racomitrium lanuginosum</i> prostrate dwarf-shrub, sedge, lichen, tundra
Kharasavey-1	<i>Carex bigelowii</i> - <i>Calamagrostis holmi</i> - <i>Salix polaris</i> - <i>Dicranum elongatum</i> - <i>Cladonia</i> spp. graminoid, prostrate dwarf-shrub, moss tundra
Kharasavey-2a	<i>Carex bigelowii</i> - <i>Salix nummularia</i> - <i>Dicranum</i> spp., <i>Cladonia</i> spp. Graminoid, prostrate dwarf-shrub, moss, lichen tundra
Kharasavey-2b	<i>Salix nummularia</i> - <i>Luzula confusa</i> - <i>Polytrichum strictum</i> - <i>Sphaerophorus globosus</i> prostrate dwarf-shrub, graminoid, moss, lichen tundra

Size, arrangement, and marking of transects and study plots

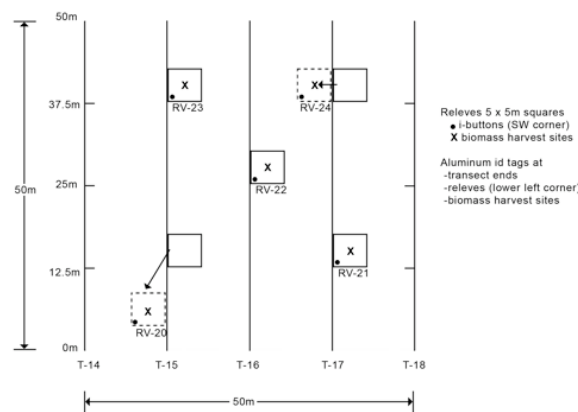


Figure 21. Typical transect and plot layout.

At most study sites the transects and study plots were arranged similarly to the pattern shown in **Figure 21**. Transects were laid out parallel to each other. Most transects were 50 m long and spaced 12.5 m apart. The study plots (relevés) were generally 5 x 5 m

and arranged along the transects as shown, with the following exceptions:

Nadym-1: 100-m transects, spaced 25 m apart. (See **Figure 26**).

Nadym-2: Transects arranged around perimeter of the CALM grid, and plots were 1 x 1 m to adjust to size of the hummocks. (See **Figure 27**).

Vaskiny Dachi-3: 50-m transects arranged to conform to areas of homogeneous vegetation. (See **Figure 26**).

Kharasavey-2a and -2b: 10-m plots to conform to small sandy areas (See **Figure 34 and 35**).

The transects were temporarily marked with pin flags spaced at 1-m intervals.

The plots were temporarily marked with pin flags at each corner and one in the middle (the biomass harvest site).

After sampling all flags were removed except for the following which were left so

that the transects and plots could be resampled in the future:

1. Transects: pin flags at the ends of each transect and labeled with an aluminum tag that designated the location name, transect number, and distance along the transect, e.g. LA_T15_00m (Laborovaya, transect 15, 0 m).
2. Relevés: pin flags at the southwest corner of each plot labeled with the location name, and relevé number, e.g., LA_RV21.
3. Biomass harvest sites: pin flag in the southwest corner of the harvest site, labeled with location, relevé number, and biomass harvest number, e.g. LA_RV21_BM.

Photographs were taken of each transect from both ends of the transect #. Sampling along the transects

Species cover using the Buckner point-intercept sampling device



Figure 22. Buckner point-intercept sampling device. The box on the end piece of the device contains a mirror that can be pointed down to the ground or up to the forest canopy. The tube is a telescope that magnifies the image in the mirror. Cross hairs in the sighting device identify a point that intercepts a plant species which is recorded as a “hit”. The percentage cover of an individual species or cover type is the number of hits for that type divided by the total number of hits. Photo no. DSC_0151, 8/06/07, D.A. Walker.

Species cover was sampled using the Buckner point-intercept sampling device (Buckner 1985) and the data form in **Appendix B**. Sampling was done at 0.5-m

intervals along each transect (100 points per transect, 500 points per study site), except on the Nadym-1 forest site where sampling was done at 1-m intervals along 100-m transects, and at Kharasavey 2a and 2b where 10-m transects were sampled at .5-m intervals.

For the ground cover, at points where there were more than one layer in the plant canopy, two hits were recorded: the species at the top of the ground canopy, and the species, litter or soil at the base of the canopy. “Foliage” or “wood” was recorded for trees and shrubs, and “live” or “dead” for leaves and stems of herbaceous species. At each sample point at the Nadym-1 site, the mirror on the device was also flipped to face upward, and the intercepted tree species or “sky” were recorded at each point.

Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) and Leaf area index (LAI)



Figure 23. Howie Epstein sampling NDVI using the PSII Spectrometer. Photo no. DSC_0175, 8/23/07, D.A. Walker.

At each site, transects were run parallel to each other as in the diagrams shown in **Figure 26** to **Figure 35**. NDVI was measured every meter using a PSII Portable Spectroradiometer manufactured by Analytical Spectral Devices (**Figure 23**). NDVI measurements were taken 0.5 m off the transect in the direction of the sun to ensure well-lit conditions when available. The sensor was held 0.9 m from the ground surface; with a 25° field of view, this produces a circular footprint with an

approximate diameter of 0.4 m. White and dark references were taken after every 10 samples and more frequently under cloudy or variable sun conditions. For relevés, NDVI samples were taken in the center of the relevé, and then at the midpoint of the distance between the center and each of the four corners, for a total of five NDVI measurements for each relevé.

LAI measurements were taken using a LICOR LAI-2000 Plant Canopy Analyzer every meter along each transect. Measurements of LAI were taken at the same locations as the NDVI measurements, however the person doing the sampling would stand with his/her back to the sun, to keep the sensor shaded. A mask of 270° was placed on the sensor, so that the sensor would only measure the incoming radiation within a 90° angle pointing away from the user (so the user is not included as part of the LAI). At each measurement point, an initial reading was taken either above or outside of the plant canopy. Then four readings were taken below the canopy, each at 20 cm from a central point (0.5 off the transect) in the cardinal directions (N,S,E,W). These five readings were used by the instrument to calculate a single LAI value (with standard error) for each point along the transects. LAI measurements were also taken for each relevé at the center point and then at the midpoint of the distance between the center and each of the four corners, for a total of five LAI measurements for each relevé. **Note:** LAI and NDVI were also measured at each grid point in the Vaskiny Dachi CALM grid, and at two additional transects at Vaskiny Dachi (a wet transect and a shrubby transect).

Active layer depth

The active layer summer thaw depth was measured at 1-m intervals along each transect using a 2-m long steel probe (Figure 24/figure 24).



Figure 24. Anatoly Gubarkov with active-layer probe used for measuring depth to the permafrost table. Photo no. DSC_0180, 8/27/07, D.A. Walker.

Sampling within the study plots (relevés)

Site factors and species cover-abundance

Each study plot was described using the data forms shown in **Appendix C**. Site factors included estimates of cover for all plant growth forms, bare soil, water, and total dead plant cover. We also recorded vegetation canopy height, thickness of the moss, the organic soil horizon, and the soil horizon, height of microrelief, mean thaw depth, landform, surficial geology/parent material, microsite description, site moisture (scalar estimate), topographic position, estimated snow duration (scalar estimate), disturbance degree (scalar estimate), disturbance type, stability (scalar estimate), and exposure to wind (scalar estimate).

Each vascular plant, moss and lichen species within the plot was noted and a sample taken as a voucher. The cover-abundance of each species was recorded using the Bruan-Blanquet cover-abundance scale (see data form **Appendix C**). The voucher samples were sent to the Komarov Botanical Institute (KBI) for identification.

A small soil pit was dug next to the study plot, and plug of soil was removed. A sample of the soil was collected from the top

of the uppermost mineral horizon using a 190 cm³ soil can. The soils were analyzed for physical and chemical properties at the University of Alaska Palmer Soils Laboratory.

Photographs were taken of each study plot and each soil plug.

Placement of iButton temperature loggers for determining n-factors



Figure 25. An iButton logger wrapped in duct tape with the logger number.

The *n*-factor is an integrator of the total insulative effect of the vegetation, soil organic, and snow layers (Kade et al. 2006). The *n*-factor is defined here as ratio of the seasonal degree-day sum at the ground surface to that of the air at standard screen height. To determine the *n*-factor, temperatures at the surface of the soil are compared to temperatures at the base of the soil organic horizons.

We used small iButton temperature loggers (Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.) to measure the temperatures. Each iButton was wrapped in duct tape and numbered with a consecutive logger number. A purple ribbon was attached to each logger so it could be located at a later date (**Figure 25**).

Each logger can record approximately 11 mo of temperature data with 4 daily readings. One iButton was placed just below the surface of the soil, and one was placed at the boundary between the bottom organic soil horizon and the mineral soil horizon (**Table 5** shows the serial number of the iButtons and corresponding logger number (label on the duct tape)).

Table 5. Logger numbers (on outside of duct tape) and iButton serial numbers.

2007			
Logger No.	Serial no.	Logger No.	Serial no.
1	12350A	35	125050
2	1252B2	36	123003
3	122D12	37	125256
4	122A9E	38	124A0A
5	1231E8	39	12506D
6	124E85	40	12516B
7	123A83	41	125333
8	124585	42	1250E8
9	12505D	43	12450E
10	122ED0	44	1233E3
11	12339F	45	12534D
12	124EE3	46	12311D
13	122EBF	47	125375
14	123050	48	125389
15	124235	49	123589
16	125073	50	124CC7
17	123163	51	124C87
18	124C01	52	12514D
19	123415	53	123389
20	1236DE	54	1231D8
21	12312A	55	122B9C
22	122EE8	56	1237CE
23	122D44	57	1233BA
24	1233FE	58	122F28
25	125305	59	1251C9
26	1242D8	60	124AA8
27	12333D	61	122A82
28	125086	62	1245A5
29	12379C	63	1230F8
30	1234EE	64	124C68
31	122D4F	65	125204
32	123855	66	124E27
33	124B9E	67	12320C
34	122D94	68	124FD3
2008			
Logger No.	Serial no.	Logger No.	Serial no.
1	12CD2B	11	12D5EE
2	11CB6E	12	12DFD4
3	12E16A	13	11BC6D
4	11AB6F	14	12D52D
5	12D39B	15	11C23D
6	11D136	16	11B049
7	11C572	17	12CF89
8	12D5BF	18	11A6D2
9	11D57B	19	12E2F8
10	12B58B	20	12CD59

Table 6 gives the logger numbers for each relevé. The loggers were placed about 1 m from the SW corner of each plot.

We defined two different *n*-factors, a summer *n*-factor (n_s) and a winter *n*-factor (n_w): $n_s = TDD_m/TDD_a$ and $n_w = FDD_m/FDD_a$ where TDD_m is the annual sum of thawing degree-days (TDD or mean daily temperatures above 0 °C) at the top of the mineral horizon, and TDD_a is the annual sum of the thawing degree-days of the soil surface. Similarly, FDD_w is annual sum of the freezing degree-days (mean daily temperatures below 0°C) at the top of the

mineral soil, and FDD_a is the freezing degree-days at the soil surface.

Table 6. Locations of iButton loggers in relevés and depths.

2007			2007		
Releve No.	Logger No.	Depth (cm)	Releve No.	Logger No.	Depth (cm)
Nadym-1, Forest site:			Vaskiny Dachi-2, Terrace III		
ND-RV-1	41	0	VD-RV-30	33	0
	46	19		51	8
ND-RV-2	27	0	VD-RV-31	2	0
	26	10		1	6
ND-RV-3	62	0	VD-RV-32	4	0
	54	5		45	3
ND-RV-4	60	0	VD-RV-33	58	0
	55	13		66	7
ND-RV-5	31	0	VD-RV-34	64	0
	67	12		40	4
Nadym-2, CALM Grid:			Vaskiny Dachi-3, Terrace II		
ND-RV-6	29	60	VD-RV-35	47	0
	49	0		50	3
ND-RV-7	39	51	VD-RV-36	24	0
	5	0		15	2
ND-RV-9	12	30	VD-RV-37	57	0
	56	0		48	1
ND-RV-10	18	10	VD-RV-38	7	0
	59	0		20	3
Laborovaya-1, clayey site			VD-RV-39	23	0
LA-RV-15	16	0		52	2
	25	9	2008		
LA-RV-16	19	0	Releve No.	Logger No.	Depth (cm)
	6	10	Kharasavey-1, clayey site		
LA-RV-17	65	0	KH-RV-40	5	0
	13	9		8	12
LA-RV-18	63	0	KH-RV-41	1	0
	34	4		10	4
LA-RV-19	68	0	KH-RV-42	9	0
	17	9		4	8
Laborovaya-2, sandy site			KH-RV-43	7	0
LA-RV-20	42	0		2	7
	44	9	KH-RV-44	3	0
LA-RV-21	30	0		6	9
	22	5	Kharasavey-2a, 2b, sandy sites		
LA-RV-22	43	0	KH-RV-45	20	0
	53	4		19	7
LA-RV-23	28	0	KH-RV-46	17	0
	37	7		16	5
LA-RV-24	32	0	KH-RV-47	11	0
	21	8		18	5
Vaskiny Dachi-1, Terrace IV			KH-RV-48	13	0
VD-RV-25	11	0		12	5.5
	14	6	KH-RV-49	14	0
VD-RV-26	61	0		15	3
	8	7			
VD-RV-27	38	0			
	3	5			
VD-RV-28	36	0			
	10	8			
VD-RV-29	35	0			
	9	8			

Tundra biomass

Aboveground biomass was harvested in a 20 x 50-cm plot, generally located in the center of each relevé. The method of harvest followed the procedures outlined in the tundra biomass procedures guidelines (Appendix D).

Forest structure methods (Nadym-1 site only)

Point-centered quarter method

The forest trees at Nadym-1 were sampled using the point-centered quarter method for determining frequency, density, and basal area for each tree species (Cottam and Curtis 1956). The sampling and calculation methods are described in several textbooks (Shimwell 1971, Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg 1974, Barbour et al. 1996), and are summarized in **Appendix E**.

Sample points were established at 10-m intervals along the five 100-m transects (10 points per transect, 50 points total for the study site).

At each point four quadrants were defined using the transect line and a meter stick placed at right angles to the transect. In each quadrant, the nearest tree to the sample point was defined in each quadrant, and the species of the tree, diameter at breast height (dbh), the distance from the sample point to the tree and the height of the tree were recorded. Thus 40 trees were sampled along each transect (200 total trees for the study site). Using these data, the frequency, density and basal area of each tree species were calculated.

The *frequency* was the occurrence of each tree species within a sample of 4 trees at each point along the five 100-m transects. So if a given tree species occurred at half of the points, it had a frequency of 50%. If it occurred at only one point in the total of 50 points, it had a frequency of 2%.

The *density* is the number of trees per hectare. This calculation uses the average distances recorded. The calculation is too long to describe here, but intuitively, the density of trees increases as the total distances decrease. The average distance squared is the area occupied by a single tree, and the density is the area occupied by one tree divided into one unit of area measurement (i.e. 1 hectare).

The *basal area* is the area of the tree stems at breast height per hectare. This calculation uses the density of each tree species and areas of the measured stems.

Plot-count method:

In each 10 x 10-m plot, the location of each tree was recorded using coordinates in meters. The position of each tree was estimated to nearest 0.25 m by running a 10-m tape along each border of the plot, using the SW corner of the plot as the origin. For each tree the species, diameter at breast height and the height of the tree were recorded. The number of samplings (dbh < 5 cm) and number of seedlings of each species were also recorded.

Using these data the density and basal area of each tree species within each plot were determined.

Tree biomass

Tree biomass was determined for the forest using both the data from the point-centered quarter method and the plot-count method. Aboveground tree biomasses were calculated using following equations (Zianis et al. 2005):

Betula pubescens (equation no. 40, Zianis et al. 2005):

Biomass [kg] = $a * D^b$, where $a = 0.00029$, $b = 2.50038$, D = diameter at breast height [mm]

Pinus sylvestris (equation no. 388, Zianis et al. 2005):

Biomass [kg] = $a + b*D + c*D^2$, where $a = 18,779$; $b = (-4,328)$; $c = 0.506$; D = diameter at breast height [cm]

Larix sibirica (equation no. 136, Zianis et al. 2005):

Biomass [kg] = $a * D^b * H^c$, where $a = 0.1081$; $b = 1.53$; $c = 0.9482$; D = diameter at breast height [cm]; H = height [m].

Pinus sibirica (equation no. 733. Muukkonen et al. 2006):

Biomass [kg] = $a + b*D^2 * H + c*D^2$, where $a = (-3.4268)$; $b = 0.010356$; $c = 0.14144$; D = diameter at breast height [cm]; H = height [m].

Biomass for both *Pinus sylvestris* and *P. sibirica* saplings (dbh < 5 cm) (equation no. 327 (Zianis et al. 2005). Note: Because there are few equations available for estimating biomass of young trees, the following equation was used.

Biomass [kg] = $a * \exp(D*b)$, where $a = 0.2304$; $b = 0.6536$; D = diameter at breast height [cm].

Tree cover, density, and basal area using the plot-count method (Nadym-1 forest site only)

For each of the five 10 x 10 m relevés at the forest site at Nadym, each individual tree was mapped and the diameter at breast height measured and height visually estimated. In addition the number of seedlings for each species was counted for each relevé.

Soils

Two types of soils data were collected: (1) **Relevé soil samples:** A sample of soil was collected from each of the 39 study plots (relevés) at the top of the top mineral horizon using a 190 cm³ soil can. These soil samples are being analyzed at the University of Alaska for physical and chemical properties. (2) **Soil pit:** One or two soil pits were dug at each site, in a representative site, usually near the southwest corner of the site. These pits were described by Dr. Georgy Matyshak according the Russian approach and translated into descriptions corresponding to the US Soil Taxonomy approach of soil description (see Soil Descriptions of Study Sites: G. Matyshak).

RESULTS

Maps and locations of study sites

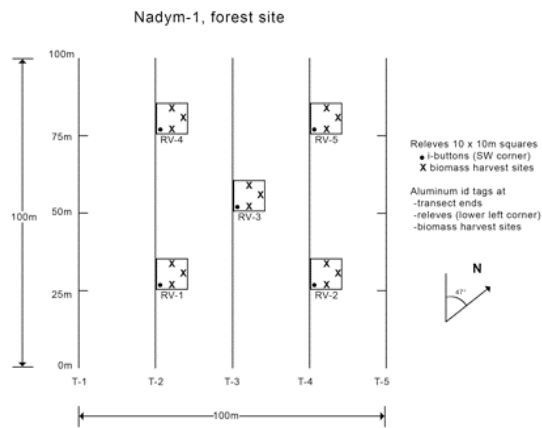


Figure 26. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Nadym-1.

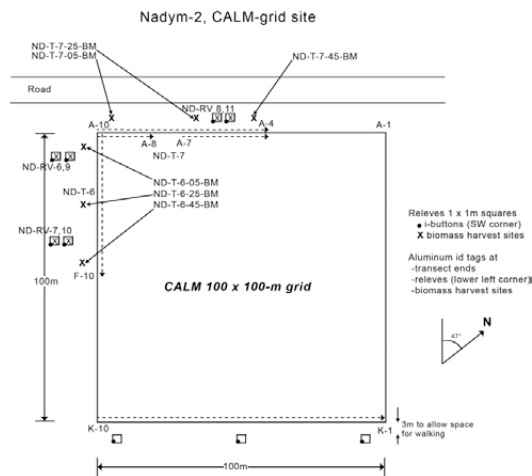


Figure 27. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Nadym-2.

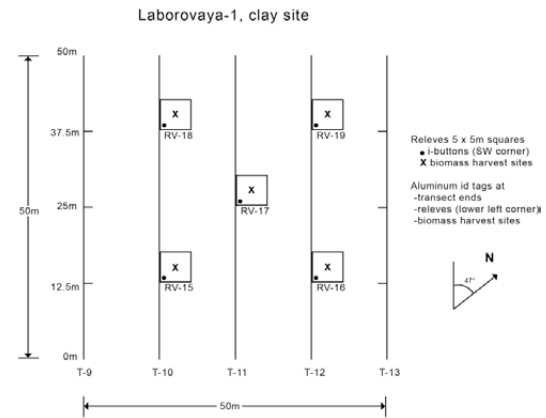


Figure 28. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Laborovaya-1.

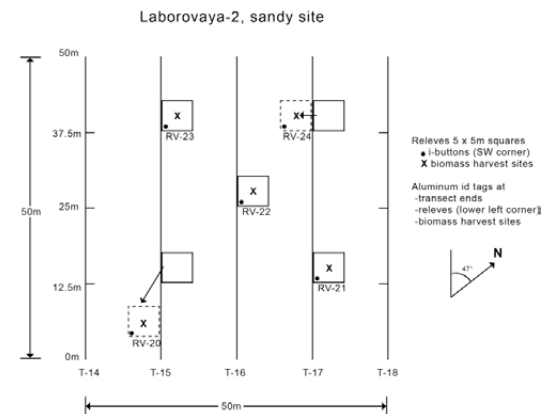


Figure 29. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Laborovaya-2.

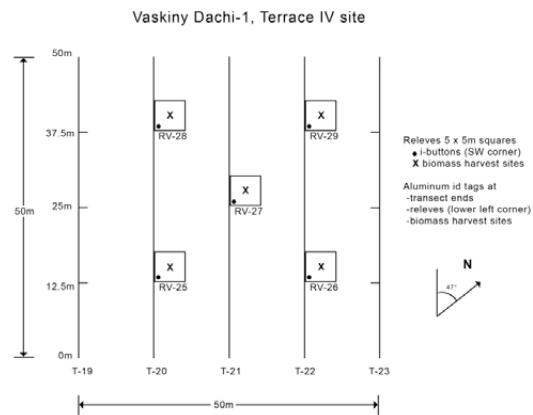


Figure 30. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Vaskiny Dachi-1.

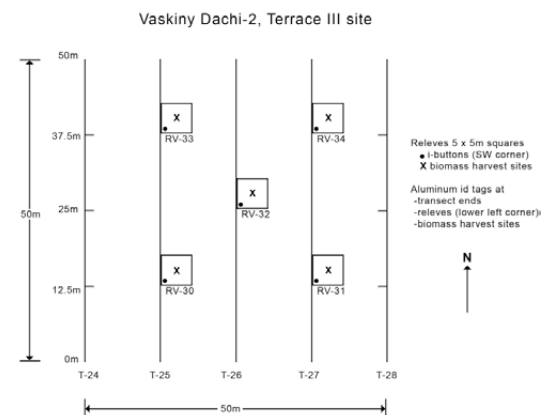


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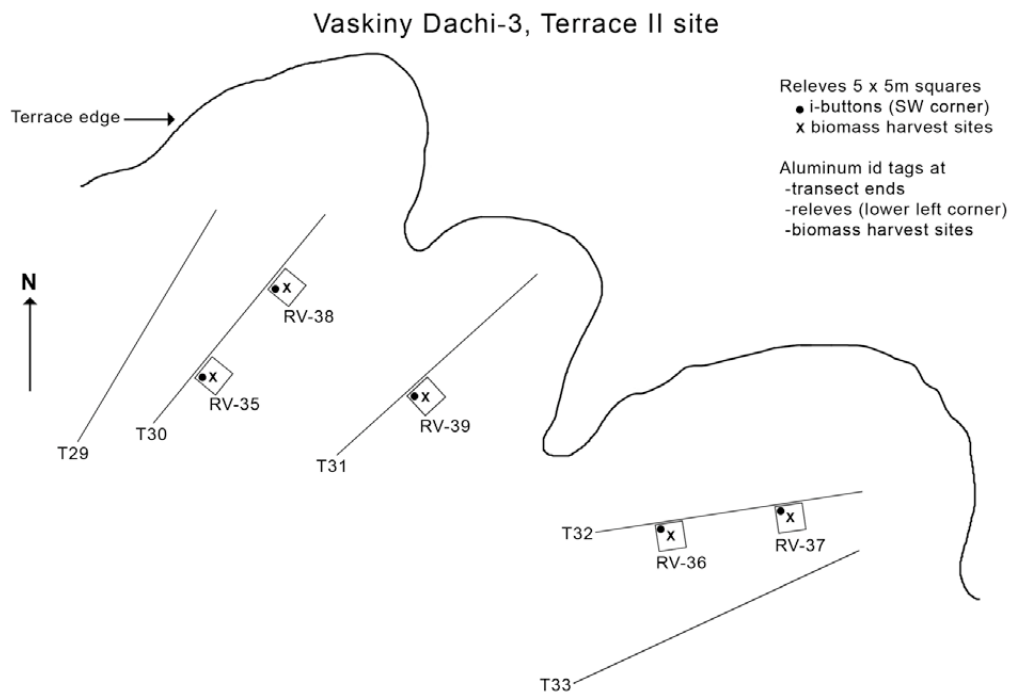


Figure 32. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Vaskiny Dachi-3.

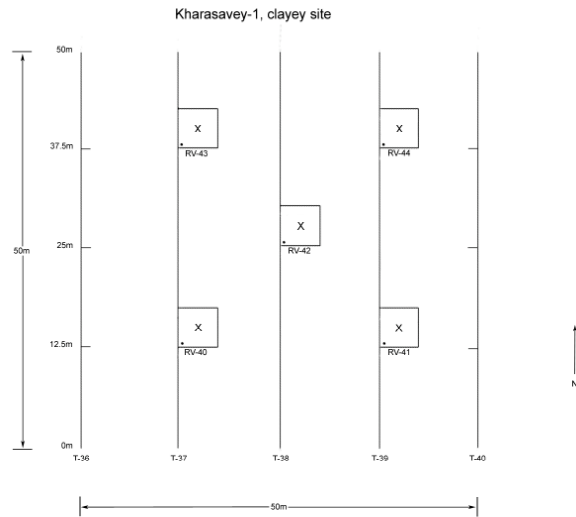


Figure 33. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Kharasavey-1.

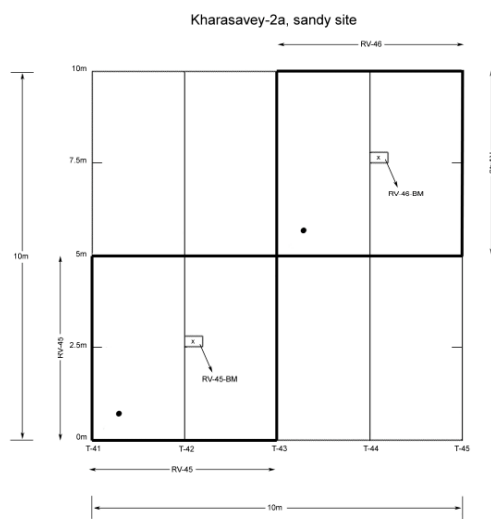


Figure 34. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Kharasavey-2a.

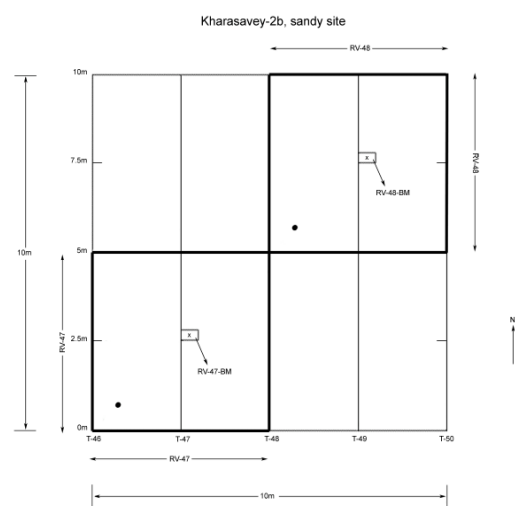


Figure 35. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Kharasavey-2b.

Table 7. GPS coordinates and elevations of vegetation study plots and transects. LA = Laborovaya, ND = Nadym, VD = Vaskiny Dachi. RV = Relevé, T = Transect. Coordinates are recorded at the southwest corner of each grid, and at both ends of the transects (00 and 50 m).

Description	North	East	Altitude	Site	Description	North	East	Altitude	Site
LA Camp	67 42.210	068 01.089	72	NA	VD RV 34	70 17.744	068 53.077	31	2
LA RV 15	67 42.397	067 59.946	79	1	VD RV 35	70 18.088	068 50.519	15	3
LA RV 16	67 42.387	067 59.970	79	1	VD RV 36	70 18.031	068 50.587	14	3
LA RV 17	67 42.396	067 59.971	79	1	VD RV 37	70 18.060	068 50.580	13	3
LA RV 18	67 42.406	067 59.969	77	1	VD RV 38	70 18.097	068 50.554	15	3
LA RV 19	67 42.397	067 59.995	78	1	VD RV 39	70 18.031	068 50.625	10	3
LA RV 20	67 41.691	068 02.244	63	2	VD T19 00m	70 16.542	068 53.417	45	1
LA RV 21	67 41.684	068 02.283	59	2	VD T19 50m	70 16.557	068 53.484	41	1
LA RV 22	67 41.694	068 02.270	64	2	VD T20 00m	70 16.537	068 53.427	46	1
LA RV 23	67 41.703	068 02.277	62	2	VD T20 50m	70 16.551	068 53.495	41	1
LA RV 24	67 41.696	068 02.301	63	2	VD T21 00m	70 16.529	068 53.441	42	1
LA T09 00m	67 42.396	067 59.920	79	1	VD T21 50m	70 16.545	068 53.506	41	1
LA T09 50m	67 42.416	067 59.970	79	1	VD T22 00m	70 16.524	068 53.451	39	1
LA T10 00m	67 42.391	067 59.934	79	1	VD T22 50m	70 16.540	068 53.517	40	1
LA T10 50m	67 42.411	067 59.984	79	1	VD T23 00m	70 16.519	068 53.461	39	1
LA T11 00m	67 42.387	067 59.946	80	1	VD T23 50m	70 16.535	068 53.527	41	1
LA T11 50m	67 42.406	067 59.995	79	1	VD T24 00m	70 17.729	068 53.004	30	2
LA T12 00m	67 42.383	067 59.959	80	1	VD T24 50m	70 17.756	068 53.020	29	2
LA T12 50m	67 42.402	068 00.008	80	1	VD T25 00m	70 17.728	068 53.024	32	2
LA T13 00m	67 42.378	067 59.971	81	1	VD T25 50m	70 17.754	068 53.041	28	2
LA T13 50m	67 42.398	068 00.019	81	1	VD T26 00m	70 17.726	068 53.043	32	2
LA T14 00m	67 41.692	068 02.230	60	2	VD T26 50m	70 17.752	068 53.061	30	2
LA T14 50m	67 41.712	068 02.273	62	2	VD T27 00m	70 17.725	068 53.062	28	2
LA T15 00m	67 41.689	068 02.243	61	2	VD T27 50m	70 17.751	068 53.080	28	2
LA T15 50m	67 41.709	068 02.287	64	2	VD T28 00m	70 17.723	068 53.082	28	2
LA T16 00m	67 41.684	068 02.255	61	2	VD T28 50m	70 17.750	068 53.099	32	2
LA T16 50m	67 41.705	068 02.301	64	2	VD T29 00m	70 18.076	068 50.470	4	3
LA T17 00m	67 41.679	068 02.269	58	2	VD T29 50m	70 18.100	068 50.514	4	3
LA T17 50m	67 41.700	068 02.315	61	2	VD T30 00m	70 18.083	068 50.504	15	3
LA T18 00m	67 41.675	068 02.286	60	2	VD T30 50m	70 18.099	068 50.565	9	3
LA T18 50m	67 41.696	068 02.330	63	2	VD T31 00m	70 18.047	068 50.564	14	3
ND Camp	65 18.873	072 52.841	24	NA	VD T31 50m	70 18.072	068 50.595	13	3
ND RV 01	65 18.810	072 53.226	32	1	VD T32 00m	70 18.031	068 50.567	14	3
ND RV 02	65 18.794	072 53.277	28	1	VD T32 50m	70 18.031	068 50.645	11	3
ND RV 03	65 18.811	072 53.274	18	1	VD T33 00m	70 18.019	068 50.542	14	3
ND RV 04	65 18.831	072 53.261	27	1	VD T33 50m	70 18.024	068 50.620	12	3
ND RV 05	65 18.814	072 53.314	26	1	VD T34 00m	70 17.470	068 52.432	14	4
ND RV 06	65 18.883	072 51.703	23	2	VD T34 50m	70 17.488	068 52.372	16	4
ND RV 07	65 18.863	072 51.695	22	2	VD T35 00m	70 17.422	068 51.823	13	5
ND RV 08	65 18.888	072 51.785	23	2	VD T35 50m	70 17.402	068 51.763	17	5
ND RV 09	65 18.884	072 51.702	21	2	KH Camp	71 11.075	066 52.166	3	NA
ND RV 10	65 18.867	072 51.703	21	2	KH RV 40	71 10.723	066 58.778	16	1
ND RV 11	65 18.887	072 51.785	21	2	KH RV 41	71 10.719	066 58.819	16	1
ND RV 12	65 18.825	072 51.737	22	2	KH RV 42	71 10.727	066 58.803	16	1
ND RV 13	65 18.824	072 51.803	16	2	KH RV 43	71 10.738	066 58.778	16	1
ND RV 14	65 18.828	072 51.831	23	2	KH RV 44	71 10.733	066 58.828	16	1
ND T01 000m	65 18.810	072 53.186	27	1	KH RV 45	71 11.663	066 53.337	8	2a
ND T01 100m	65 18.855	072 53.272	36	1	KH RV 46	71 11.667	066 53.341	8	2a
ND T02 000m	65 18.799	072 53.208	18	1	KH RV 47	71 11.664	066 55.719	13	2b
ND T02 100m	65 18.843	072 53.288	31	1	KH RV 48	71 11.667	066 55.731	13	2b
ND T03 000m	65 18.793	072 53.232	28	1	KH RV 49	71 11.632	066 56.071	13	2b
ND T03 100m	65 18.834	072 53.307	28	1	KH T36 00m	71 10.719	066 58.750	16	1
ND T04 000m	65 18.783	072 53.258	28	1	KH T36 50m	71 10.745	066 58.770	16	1
ND T04 100m	65 18.824	072 53.331	27	1	KH T37 00m	71 10.717	066 58.771	16	1
ND T05 000m	65 18.775	072 53.281	31	1	KH T37 50m	71 10.742	066 58.792	16	1
ND T05 100m	65 18.817	072 53.356	31	1	KH T38 00m	71 10.715	066 58.790	16	1
ND T06 000m	65 18.828	072 51.730	17	2	KH T38 50m	71 10.741	066 58.811	16	1
ND T07 000m	65 18.885	072 51.716	23	2	KH T39 00m	71 10.714	066 58.810	16	1
ND T08 100m	65 18.833	072 51.861	18	2	KH T39 50m	71 10.739	066 58.832	16	1
VD Camp	70 17.214	068 53.655	29	NA	KH T40 00m	71 10.712	066 58.829	16	1
VD RV 25	70 16.540	068 53.446	38	1	KH T40 50m	71 10.737	066 58.853	16	1
VD RV 26	70 16.528	068 53.465	40	1	KH T41 00m	71 11.633	066 53.337	8	2a
VD RV 27	70 16.538	068 53.469	40	1	KH T41 10m	71 11.668	066 53.330	8	2a
VD RV 28	70 16.547	068 53.475	41	1	KH T45 00m	71 11.666	066 53.357	8	2a
VD RV 29	70 16.536	068 53.498	41	1	KH T45 10m	71 11.670	066 53.341	8	2a
VD RV 30	70 17.734	068 53.027	27	2	KH T46 00m	71 11.664	066 55.719	12	2b
VD RV 31	70 17.731	068 53.065	29	2	KH T46 10m	71 11.670	066 55.724	12	2b
VD RV 32	70 17.739	068 53.052	29	2	KH T50 00m	71 11.664	066 55.734	12	2b
VD RV 33	70 17.747	068 53.038	30	2	KH T50 10m	71 11.669	066 55.738	12	2b

Factors measured along transects

Species cover along transects using the Buckner point sampler.

Table 8. Nadym-1 (forest site) cover along transects. 6 Aug 2007. Skip Walker, Elena Kaerkjärvi, Natalya Moskalenko, Pinus Sylvestris-Cladina stellaris forest. Five 100-m transects, observations at 1-m intervals. Record top species in tree layer, shrub layer, and moss layer at each point. 505 total points.

Layer	TRANSECT 1 (A)			TRANSECT 2 (B)			TRANSECT 3 (C)			TRANSECT 4 (D)			TRANSECT 5 (E)			Total tally	% Cover	s.d.	TOTAL (FOLIAGE + DEAD)
	Tree	Dwarf-shrub	Moss	Tree	Dwarf-shrub	Moss	Tree	Dwarf-shrub	Moss	Tree	Dwarf-shrub	Moss	Tree	Dwarf-shrub	Moss				
Species																			
Trees																			
<i>Larix sibirica</i> (foliage)	1			3			1			1			4			10	1.98	0.28	2.98
<i>Larix sibirica</i> (stem or dead)				1			1			1			2			5	0.99	0.10	
<i>Pinus sibirica</i> (foliage)				1			1			7			3			12	2.38	0.56	2.58
<i>Pinus sibirica</i> (stem or dead)										1						1	0.20		
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> (foliage)	14			13			14			12			7			60	11.90	0.58	22.22
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> (stem or dead)	11			6			13			7			15			52	10.32	0.76	
<i>Betula toruosa</i> (foliage)	5			10			16	1		19			5			56	11.11	1.39	11.31
<i>Betula toruosa</i> (stem or dead)													1			1	0.20		
																0			
Shrubs																0			
<i>Betula nana</i> (foliage)		3			6			1			2			5		17	3.37	0.41	4.96
<i>Betula nana</i> (stem or dead)		2			2			2					2			8	1.59	0.00	
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i> (foliage)											5			3		12	2.38	0.32	3.97
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i> (stem or dead)		3			7			1								8	1.59	0.84	
<i>Juniperus sibirica</i> (foliage)								1					2			3	0.60	0.14	0.60
<i>Ledum palustre</i> (foliage)		14			11			15		10			7			57	11.31	0.64	17.06
<i>Ledum palustre</i> (stem or dead)		8			8			3		5			5			29	5.75	0.43	
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>		2			1			4		4			4			15	2.98	0.28	2.98
<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> (foliage)		10			5			5		6			4			30	5.95	0.47	7.34
<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> (stem or dead)		1						3		3						7	1.39	0.23	
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i> (foliage)		6			2			7		11			5			31	6.15	0.65	6.35
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i> (stem or dead)								1								1	0.20		
																0			
Gramineids, forbs																0			
<i>Carex globularis</i>					2											2	0.40		0.40
																0			
Mosses and lichens																0			
<i>Cetraria islandica</i>							1							5		6	1.19		1.19
<i>Cladina rangiferina</i>							1		1							2	0.40	0.00	0.40
<i>Cladina stellaris</i>			56		35			23		31				42		187	37.10	2.79	37.10
<i>Cladina stygia</i>					5			4		3				3		15	2.98	0.20	2.98
<i>Peltigera aphthosa</i>								1		2				1		4	0.79	0.14	0.79
<i>Pleurozium schreberi</i>		12			29			35		20				23		119	23.61	2.00	23.61
<i>Polytrichastrum commune</i> ?		1			2			2								5	0.99	0.11	0.99
																0			
Litter			26			29			39		45				27	166	32.94	1.75	32.94
																0			
TOTAL	31	49	95	34	44	102	46	45	105	48	46	101	37	37	101	921	182.74	5.61	182.74
TOTAL POINTS	504																		
TOTAL TREE COVER (%)	39																		
TOTAL DWARF-SHRUB LAYER COVER	44																		
TOTAL MOSS LAYER COVER	100																		

Table 9. Nadym-2 (CALM-grid site) cover along transect. “Overstory” species are those recorded at the top of the plant canopy at each point; “understory” species are those recorded at the base of the plant canopy; (l) - live green plant part, (d) – dead or senescent plant part. Species use six letter abbreviations. Only two transects were sampled at Nadym-2 because of the limited area available for sampling. Sample points were identified as one of three microsites: hummocks, inter-hummocks, and wet inter-hummocks.

Percent Cover											
	Transect 6		Transect 7			Transect 6		Transect 7			
	Overstory	Understory	Overstory	Understory		Overstory	Understory	Overstory	Understory		
Hummocks:					Average	Interhummocks				Average	
Andpol	1.9		6.7		4.3	Andpol (l)	0.0	5.3		2.7	
Betnan (l)	11.1		13.3		12.2	Betnan (l)	4.9	0.0		2.4	
Betnan (s)	1.9		0.0		0.9	Betnan (d)	2.4	0.0		1.2	
Carglo (d)	3.7		6.7		5.2	Carglo (l)	19.5	2.6		11.1	
Carglo (l)	5.6		10.0		7.8	Carglo (d)	0.0	13.6		6.8	
Empnig (l)	1.9		0.0		0.9	Erivag (l)	2.4	2.6		2.5	
Ledpal (l)	29.6		1.7		15.6	Ledpal (l)	2.4	2.6		2.5	
Ledpal (s)	0.0		18.3		9.2	None	58.5	68.4		63.5	
None	35.2		6.7		20.9	Rubcha (l)	4.9	2.6		3.7	
Vacvit (l)	9.3		20.0		14.6	Vaculi (l)	2.4	0.0		1.2	
Vacvit (d)	0.0		3.3		1.7	Vacvit (l)	2.4	2.6		2.5	
Cetcuc		0.0		11.7	5.8	Cetisl		4.9	0.0	2.4	
Cetisl		0.0		1.7	0.8	Claarb		2.4	2.6	2.5	
Claama		1.9		1.7	1.8	Claste		53.7	57.9	55.8	
Claarb		5.6		1.7	3.6	Clasty		24.4	10.5	17.4	
Claste		31.5		5.0	18.2	Flacuc		2.4	0.0	1.2	
Clasty		25.9		28.3	27.1	Litter		12.2	23.7	17.9	
Flacuc		5.6		23.3	14.4	Polstr		0.0	5.3	2.7	
Litter		29.6		26.7	28.1	Total		200.0	200.3		
Polstr		0.0		1.7	0.8						
Sphang		0.0		1.7	0.8						
Sphfus		0.0		5.0	2.5						
Sphwar		0.0		5.0	2.5						
Total		200		200.0							
Note: total is the total of top and bottom hits=200%											
Wet interhummocks:						Wet interhummocks:					
Carglo (l)		1		25		Clasty		1	50		
None		3		75		Litter		1	50		
Claste			1	25		none		2	100		
Sphcom			2	50		Total		2	2	200	
Sphmag(?)			1	25							
Litter		4		4							
Total		8		8	200						

Table 10. Laborovaya-1 (clayey site) cover along transects. “Overstory” species are those recorded at the top of the plant canopy at each point; “understory” species are those recorded at the base of the plant canopy. Species use six letter abbreviations, sometimes followed by L (live green plant part) or D (dead or senescent plant part).

OVERSTORY												
Species	T09 count	T09 %	T10 count	T10 %	T11 count	T11 %	T12 count	T12 %	T13 count	T13 %	Total count	Total %
Arclat	1	1.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	1	0.2
BelnanL	24	24.2	28	28.3	18	18.2	28	26.3	24	24.2	120	24.2
BelnanS	1	1.0	2	2.0	1	1.0		0.0	6	6.1	10	2.0
Calatr	2	2.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	2	0.4
Calatr D									4	4.0	4	0.8
Calatr L			2	2.0	2	2.0	3	3.0	8	8.1	15	3.0
CarbigD	9	9.1	4	4.0	7	7.1	5	5.1	3	3.0	28	5.7
CarbigL	12	12.1	15	15.2	17	17.2	10	10.1	3	3.0	57	11.5
Empnig L					1	1.0		0.0		0.0	1	0.2
Eriang L			2	2.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	2	0.4
Erivag D					3	3.0		0.0	4	4.0	7	1.4
ErivagL	3	3.0	6	6.1	7	7.1	3	3.0	1	1.0	20	4.0
Fesovi L					1	1.0				0.0	1	0.2
Ledpal L			1	1.0		0.0				0.0	1	0.2
None	28	28.3	25	25.3	22	22.2	34	34.3	31	31.3	140	28.3
Petfri					2	2.0				0.0	2	0.4
Poaalp					1	1.0				0.0	1	0.2
Rubcha	2	2.0	1	1.0		0.0			1	1.0	4	0.8
Salgla S	1	1.0		0.0		0.0				0.0	1	0.2
Salphy	2	2.0		0.0		0.0				0.0	2	0.4
Salphy L					3	3.0	3	3.0	2	2.0	8	1.6
Salphy S			1	1.0							1	0.2
Vaculi L	2	2.0	1	1.0	3	3.0	3	3.0	1	1.0	10	2.0
VacviD	1	1.0	1	1.0	2	2.0	1	1.0	5	5.1	10	2.0
VacviiL	11	11.1	10	10.1	9	9.1	11	11.1	6	6.1	47	9.5
(total)	99	100.0	99	100.0	99	100.0	99	100.0	99	100.0	495	100.0
UNDERSTORY												
Species	T09 count	T09 %	T10 count	T10 %	T11 count	T11 %	T12 count	T12 %	T13 count	T13 %	Total count	Total %
Aulpal					12	12.1		0.0		0.0	12	2.4
Aultur	3	3.0	5	5.1	4	4.0	10	10.1	3	3.0	25	5.1
Carbig D	1	1.0									1	0.2
Cetisl		0.0	2	2.0		0.0	1	1.0		0.0	3	0.6
Chaset		0.0	1	1.0	1	1.0		0.0		0.0	2	0.4
Claarb	1	1.0	7	7.1		0.0	2	2.0		0.0	10	2.0
Claama									2	2.0	2	0.4
Cladsp		0.0		0.0		0.0	2	2.0		0.0	2	0.4
Clagra		0.0		0.0		0.0	1	1.0	2	2.0	3	0.6
Clasty		0.0		0.0		0.0	1	1.0		0.0	1	0.2
Dicang	5	5.1	18	18.2	5	5.1	13	13.1	8	8.1	49	9.9
Dicelo	21	21.2	2	2.0	3	3.0	5	5.1	12	12.1	43	8.7
Dicfus		0.0	1	1.0		0.0		0.0	3	3.0	4	0.8
Dicrsp		0.0	1	1.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	1	0.2
Dicscs		0.0	6	6.1		0.0		0.0		0.0	6	1.2
Flacuc	1	1.0		0.0		0.0	2	2.0		0.0	3	0.6
Hepaticae	1	1.0		0.0		0.0	4	4.0	1	1.0	6	1.2
Hylspl	1	1.0	8	8.1	7	7.1	4	4.0	2	2.0	22	4.4
Litter	47	47.5	30	30.3	37	37.4	20	20.2	39	39.4	173	34.9
Pelaph					1	1.0		0.0		0.0	1	0.2
Pelmal		0.0		0.0		0.0	1	1.0		0.0	1	0.2
Plesch		0.0		0.0		0.0	6	6.1		0.0	6	1.2
Polatr	5	5.1	4	4.0	12	12.1	6	6.1	6	6.1	33	6.7
Pticil	1	1.0	7	7.1	11	11.1	15	15.2	12	12.1	46	9.3
Sphang	9	9.1	4	4.0	1	1.0	3	3.0		0.0	17	3.4
Sphfus							1	1.0	1	1.0	2	0.4
Sphgir	2	2.0		0.0	2	2.0		0.0	2	2.0	6	1.2
Sphwar	1	1.0	2	2.0	2	2.0	2	2.0	5	5.1	12	2.4
Tomnil			1	1.0	1	1.0		0.0	1	1.0	3	0.6
(total)	99	100.0	99	100.0	99	100.0	99	100.0	99	100.0	495	100.0

Table 11. Laborovaya-2 (sandy site) cover along transects. “Overstory” species are those recorded at the top of the plant canopy at each point; understory” species are those recorded at the base of the plant canopy. Species use six letter abbreviations, sometimes followed by L (live green plant part) or D (dead or senescent plant part).

OVERSTORY												
Species	T14 count	T14 %	T15 count	T15%	T16 count	T16 %	T17 count	T17 %	T18 count	T18 %	Total count	Total %
AndpoLL			3	3		0		0		0.0	3	0.7
AndpoLD			1	1		0		0		0.0	1	0.2
BetnanD	1	1.5		0	1	1		0		0.0	2	0.4
BetnanL	10	15.2	9	9	10	10	11	11	6	6.9	46	10.2
BetnanS	2	3.0	2	2		0		0	3	3.4	7	1.5
Calhol					1	1	1	1		0.0	2	0.4
CarbigD	2	3.0	4	4	6	6	4	4	5	5.7	21	4.6
CarbigL		0.0	4	4	5	5	1	1	3	3.4	13	2.9
CarrotD		0.0	1	1		0		0		0.0	1	0.2
EmpnigD	1	1.5		0		0		0		0.0	1	0.2
EmpnigL	1	1.5	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	1.1	8	1.8
EmpnigS	1	1.5	1	1		0		0		0.0	2	0.4
EriangD	2	3.0	1	1		0	1	1	1	1.1	5	1.1
EriangL					1	1		0	1	1.1	2	0.4
ErkvagL					2	2		0		0.0	2	0.4
LedpallL		0.0	3	3	4	4	8	8	4	4.6	19	4.2
LedpallS		0.0	1	1		0		0		0.0	1	0.2
None	39	59.1	53	53	58	58	66	66	47	54.0	263	58.1
Salphy							2	2		0.0	2	0.4
VacuLL	1	1.5	9	9		0	2	2	10	11.5	22	4.9
VacuLD	1	1.5		0		0		0		0.0	1	0.2
VacuLS		0.0	1	1		0		0	2	2.3	3	0.7
VacuLD	1	1.5		0		0	1	1		0.0	2	0.4
VacuLL	4	6.1	5	5	9	9	2	2	3	3.4	23	5.1
VacuLS									1	1.1	1	0.2
Wet (exclude from total)	35			0		0		0	12		47	
(total)	101	100.0	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100.0	500	100.0
UNDERSTORY												
Species	T14 count	T14 %	T15 count	T15%	T16 count	T16 %	T17 count	T17 %	T18 count	T18 %	Total count	Total %
Asachr			1	1		0		0	1	1.1	2	0.4
Aultur	1	1.5	3	3		0	2	2	2	2.3	8	1.8
BlackCrust	2	3.1	12	12	3	3	7	7		0.0	24	5.3
BkCrstLiver					1	1		0		0.0	1	0.2
Brydiv							3	3	3	3.4	6	1.3
Cetdel					1	1		0		0.0	1	0.2
Cetisl			1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1.1	5	1.1
Claarb	7	10.8	13	13	9	9	14	14	8	9.2	51	11.3
Clabrnholes					2	2		0	1	1.1	3	0.7
Cladsp					2	2	2	2	1	1.1	5	1.1
Clagra					2	2	1	1	1	1.1	4	0.9
Claran	4	6.2	3	3		0	4	4		0.0	11	2.4
Clasly			1	1	10	10	2	2	6	6.9	19	4.2
Claunc	2	3.1	10	10	5	5	7	7	6	6.9	30	6.6
Dialap			1	1		0	1	1		0.0	2	0.4
Dicelo	5	7.7	2	2	7	7	4	4	3	3.4	21	4.6
Dictus	1	1.5		0		0		0		0.0	1	0.2
Drepsp									1	1.1	1	0.2
Flauc	1	1.5		0		0	2	2	2	2.3	5	1.1
Flaniv			1	1	1	1		0	3	3.4	5	1.1
Hepaticae	1	1.5		0	1	1	1	1	2	2.3	5	1.1
Litter	12	18.5	22	22	9	9	16	16	9	10.3	68	15.0
Ochfri					1	1	1	1	3	3.4	5	1.1
Okstr?					1	1		0		0.0	1	0.2
Pelmal					1	1		0		0.0	1	0.2
Persp					1	1		0		0.0	1	0.2
Plesch									1	1.1	1	0.2
Poloom			1	1		0	2	2		0.0	3	0.7
Polhyp	2	3.1		0	6	6		0	3	3.4	11	2.4
Polstr	11	16.9	12	12	14	14	3	3	10	11.5	50	11.1
Ptarmigan poop	1	1.5		0		0		0		0.0	1	0.2
Ptiell	4	6.2	4	4	9	9	9	9	10	11.5	36	8.0
Raolan			2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2.3	9	2.0
ReindeerPoop							1	1		0.0	1	0.2
Sphglo	11	16.9	9	9	7	7	13	13	7	8.0	47	10.4
Stersp			1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1.1	5	1.1
VacuLL							1	1			1	0.2
white crust			1	1							1	0.2
wet	35								12		47	
(total)	100	100.0	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100.0	499	100.0

Table 12. Vaskiny Dachi-1 (Terrace-IV) cover along transects. “Overstory” species are those recorded at the top of the plant canopy at each point; “understory” species are those recorded at the base of the plant canopy. Species use six letter abbreviations, sometimes followed by L (live green plant part) or D (dead or senescent plant part).

OVERSTORY												
Species	T19 count	T19 %	T20 count	T20 %	T21 count	T21 %	T22 count	T22 %	T23 count	T23 %	Total count	Total %
Bethan L	5	5.0	5	5.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	3	3.0	21	4.2
Bethan S	1	1.0		0.0	1	1.0	1	1.0		0.0	3	0.6
Bisviv			1	1.0	1	1.0	2	2.0			4	0.8
Carbig D	8	8.0	12	12.0	6	6.0	12	12.0	4	4.0	42	8.4
Carbig L	15	15.0	22	22.0	21	21.0	12	12.0	19	19.0	89	17.8
Dryoct L			1	1.0	3	3.0	2	2.0			6	1.2
Ermpnig L					1	1.0	1	1.0			2	0.4
Eriang D									1	1.0	1	0.2
Eriang L							1	1.0	5	5.0	6	1.2
Fesrub L							1	1.0			1	0.2
Festsp							1	1.0	1	1.0	2	0.4
None	55	55.0	42	42.0	47	47.0	38	38.0	45	45.0	227	45.4
Poaalp									5	5.0	5	1.0
Salgla L	2	2.0	6	6.0	3	3.0	7	7.0	2	2.0	20	4.0
Salgla S									1	1.0	1	0.2
Sallan L			2	2.0	5	5.0			1	1.0	8	1.6
Salpol L	8	8.0	6	6.0	1	1.0	10	10.0	8	8.0	33	6.6
Vacvit L	6	6.0	3	3.0	7	7.0	8	8.0	5	5.0	29	5.8
(total)	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	500	100.0
UNDERSTORY												
Species	T19 count	T19 %	T20 count	T20 %	T21 count	T21 %	T22 count	T22 %	T23 count	T23 %	Total count	Total %
Aultur	14	14.0	19	19.0	18	18.0	14	14.0	6	6.0	71	14.2
Aultur Trail									1	1.0	1	0.2
Bisviv					1	1.0					1	0.2
Carbig D			1	1.0					1	1.0	2	0.4
Carbig D Trail									2	2.0	2	0.4
Carbig L	2	2.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	2	0.4
Cetisl	1.0	1	2.0	2	2.0	2		0		0	5	1.0
Claama							2	2.0			2	0.4
Cladsp							1	1.0			1	0.2
Clagra					1	1.0	1	1.0			2	0.4
Dicelo					2	2.0	5	5.0	2	2.0	9	1.8
Dicelo = Dic small					1	1.0					1	0.2
Dryoct L	2	2.0	4	4.0		0.0	2	2.0	1	1.0	9	1.8
Flacuc									1	1.0	1	0.2
Hepatic							1	1.0			1	0.2
Hylspl	37	37.0	43	43.0	22	22.0	22	22.0	13	13.0	137	27.4
Hylspl Trail							3	3.0	2	2.0	5	1.0
Litter	23	23.0	16	16.0	38	38.0	12	12.0	27	27.0	116	23.2
Litter Trail							1	1.0	21	21.0	22	4.4
Ochfri							1	1.0	1	1.0	2	0.4
Pelaph	1	1.0	1	1.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	2	0.4
Pelmal							2	2.0	1	1.0	3	0.6
Pelmal = Pelgreen					1	1.0					1	0.2
Polstr	12	12.0	8	8.0	5	5.0	23	23.0	6	6.0	54	10.8
Polstr Trail							2	2.0	3	3.0	5	1.0
Pticl			2	2.0			3	3.0	2	2.0	7	1.4
Reinpoop							1	1.0			1	0.2
Salpol L	1	1.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	1	0.2
Salpol L Trail									2	2.0	2	0.4
Sphglo	2	2.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	2	0.4
Thaver			1	1.0			1	1.0	1	1.0	3	0.6
Tomnit			3	3.0	6	6.0	3	3.0	5	5.0	17	3.4
Vacvit L	5	5.0		0.0	3	3.0		0.0	2	2.0	10	2.0
(total)	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	500	100.0

Table 13. Vaskiny Dachi-2 (Terrace-III) cover along transects. “Overstory” species are those recorded at the top of the plant canopy at each point; “understory” species are those recorded at the base of the plant canopy. L - live green plant part; D – dead or senescent plant part. Species use six letter abbreviations. Note: This site is somewhat heterogenous. Most vegetation was “zonal” (Table 13a) Table 13 with some patches of “moist” (Table 13b), “dry” (Table 13c), and “wet” (Table 13d) vegetation.

(a)

OVERSTORY (Zonal)												
Species	T24 count	T24 %	T25 count	T25 %	T26 count	T26 %	T27 count	T27 %	T28 count	T28 %	Total count	Total %
Arclat L							1	1.1	2	3.9	3	0.9
Betnan D	1	1.9						0.0		0.0	1	0.3
Betnan L	7	13.5	2	2.5	12	16.0	11	12.5	7	13.7	39	11.2
Betnan S	2	3.8			1	1.3		0.0		0.0	3	0.9
Bisviv											0	0.0
Calhol D	3	5.8	2	2.5	7	9.3	4	4.5	3	5.9	19	5.5
Calhol L					7	9.3	2	2.3	2	3.9	11	3.2
Carbig D	7	13.5	12	14.8	2	2.7	10	11.4	4	7.8	35	10.1
Carbig L	7	13.5	14	17.3	3	4.0	7	8.0	3	5.9	34	9.8
Eriang D			1	1.2				0.0		0.0	1	0.3
Eriang L			1	1.2			2	2.3			3	0.9
Erivag D											0	0.0
None	19	36.5	31	38.3	32	42.7	29	33.0	24	47.1	135	38.9
Pedlap							1	1.1			1	0.3
Rubcha								0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Salgla L			1	1.2			4	4.5	1	2.0	6	1.7
Sallan D								0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Sallan L								0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Salnum L	1	1.9			1	1.3		0.0	1	2.0	3	0.9
Salpol L	1	1.9	2	2.5	1	1.3	4	4.5		0.0	8	2.3
Vacvit L	4	7.7	15	18.5	9	12.0	13	14.8	4	7.8	45	13.0
(total)	52	100.0	81	100.0	75	100.0	88	100.0	51	100.0	347	100.0
UNDERSTORY (Zonal)												
Species	T24 count	T24 %	T25 count	T25 %	T26 count	T26 %	T27 count	T27 %	T28 count	T28 %	Total count	Total %
Aultur	3	5.8	6	7.4	5	7.1	11	12.5	2	3.9	27	7.8
Betnan S					1	1.4					1	0.3
Black crust	3	5.8	2	2.5	2	2.9					7	2.0
Carbig D					1	1.4					1	0.3
Cetisl	1	1.9					2	2.3			3	0.9
Claama									2	3.9	2	0.6
Claarb	2	3.8	2	2.5	3	4.3	4	4.5			11	3.2
Clasty			3	3.7	3	4.3					6	1.7
Claunc	1	1.9	1	1.2	1	1.4			2	3.9	5	1.4
Dacarc							2	2.3			2	0.6
Dicang			3	3.7							3	0.9
Dicang is Dic big			1	1.2							1	0.3
Dicelo	7	13.5	3	3.7	5	7.1	2	2.3	3	5.9	20	5.8
Eriang L									1	2.0	1	0.3
Flacuc	1	1.9									1	0.3
Gymcor							1	1.1			1	0.3
Hepatic			5	6.2			2	2.3	2	3.9	9	2.6
Hylspl	12	23.1	17	21.0	8	11.4	13	14.8	8	15.7	58	16.7
Litter	4	7.7	5	6.2	13	18.6	7	8.0	10	19.6	39	11.2
Ochfri			1	1.2	2	2.9	2	2.3			5	1.4
Pelaph			1	1.2					1	2.0	2	0.6
Pelmal					3	4.3	2	2.3	2	3.9	7	2.0
Pertsp							1	1.1			1	0.3
Polstr	7	13.5	19	23.5	9	12.9	18	20.5	11	21.6	64	18.4
Poop			1	1.2							1	0.3
Pticil	3	5.8	4	4.9	11	15.7	17	19.3	3	5.9	38	11.0
Raclan			6	7.4			3	3.4			9	2.6
Salnum L	2	3.8									2	0.6
Salpol L					1	1.4					1	0.3
Sphglo	2	3.8	1	1.2	4	5.7	1	1.1			8	2.3
Thaver									1	2.0	1	0.3
Tomnit	1	1.9									1	0.3
Vacvit L	3	5.8			3	4.0			3	5.9	9	2.6
(total)	52	100.0	81	100.0	75	106.9	88	100.0	51	100.0	347	100.0

Table 13 (cont') Vaskiny Dachi-2 (Terrace-III) cover along transects. "Overstory" species are those recorded at the top of the plant canopy at each point; "understory" species are those recorded at the base of the plant canopy. Species use six letter abbreviations, sometimes followed by L (live green plant part) or D (dead or senescent plant part).

(b)

OVERSTORY (Moist)											
Species	T24 count	T24 %	T25 count	T25 %	T26 count	T26 %	T27 count	T27 %	T28 count	T28 %	Total count Total %
Betnan L	5	11.4	5	13.5					7	30.4	17 14.7
Betnan S	1	2.3	1	2.7					2	8.7	4 3.4
Calhol L	1	2.3	1	2.7					1	4.3	3 2.6
Carbig D	1	2.3	1	2.7							2 1.7
Carbig L	2	4.5	2	5.4			2	16.7	1	4.3	7 6.0
Eriang D	4	9.1	4	10.8			2	16.7			10 8.6
Eriang L	2	4.5	2	5.4							4 3.4
None	17	38.6	11	29.7			5	41.7	9	39.1	42 36.2
Rubcha	2	4.5	2	5.4							4 3.4
Salgla L							1	8.3			1 0.9
Sallan D	1	2.3	1	2.7							2 1.7
Sallan L	1	2.3									1 0.9
Vacvit L	7	15.9	7	18.9			2	16.7	3	13.0	19 16.4
(total)	44	100.0	37	100.0			12	100.0	23	100.0	116 100.0
UNDERSTORY (Moist)											
Species	T24 count	T24 %	T25 count	T25 %	T26 count	T26 %	T27 count	T27 %	T28 count	T28 %	Total count Total %
Aulpal	1	2.3	1	2.7							2 1.7
Aultur	1	2.3	1	2.7			2	16.7			4 3.4
Black crust	3	6.8	2	5.4							5 4.3
Clagra									2	8.7	2 1.7
Dicang	4	9.1	4	10.8			1	8.3			9 7.8
Dicelo	1	2.3	1	2.7							2 1.7
Dicfus									1	4.3	1 0.9
Hylspl	15	34.1	9	24.3			3	25.0	4	17.4	31 26.7
Litter	8	18.2	8	21.6					6	26.1	22 19.0
Palmai	1	2.3	1	2.7							2 1.7
Polstr	4	9.1	4	10.8			5	41.7			13 11.2
Pticil	3	6.8	3	8.1			1	8.3	7	30.4	14 12.1
Salnum L									1	4.3	1 0.9
Sphglo	1	2.3	1	2.7							2 1.7
Thaver									2	8.7	2 1.7
Vacvit L	2	4.5	2	5.4							4 3.4
(total)	44	100.0	37	100.0			12	100.0	23	100.0	116 100.0

(c)

OVERSTORY (Dry)											
Species	T24 count	T24 %	T25 count	T25 %	T26 count	T26 %	T27 count	T27 %	T28 count	T28 %	Total count Total %
Betnan L									3	11.1	3 11.1
Calhol D									1	3.7	1 3.7
Carbig D									1	3.7	1 3.7
Carbig L									1	3.7	1 3.7
None									16	59.3	16 59.3
Salgla L									2	7.4	2 7.4
Salnum L									1	3.7	1 3.7
Vacvit L									2	7.4	2 7.4
(total)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	27	100.0	27 100.0
UNDERSTORY (Dry)											
Species	T24 count	T24 %	T25 count	T25 %	T26 count	T26 %	T27 count	T27 %	T28 count	T28 %	Total count Total %
Aultur									2	7.4	2 7.4
Black crust									1	3.7	1 3.7
Clagrab									2	7.4	2 7.4
Dicelo									1	3.7	1 3.7
Hylspl									1	3.7	1 3.7
Litter									10	37.0	10 37.0
Ochfri									3	11.1	3 11.1
Polstr									1	3.7	1 3.7
Pticil									2	7.4	2 7.4
Raclan									1	3.7	1 3.7
Sphglo									3	11.1	3 11.1
(total)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	27	100.0	27 100.0

(d)

OVERSTORY (Wet)											
Species	T24 count	T24 %	T25 count	T25 %	T26 count	T26 %	T27 count	T27 %	T28 count	T28 %	Total count Total %
Betnan L									1	4.0	1 4.0
Calhol D									1	4.0	1 4.0
Calhol L									2	8.0	2 8.0
Carbig D									1	4.0	1 4.0
Eriang D									4	16.0	4 16.0
Eriang L									2	8.0	2 8.0
None									9	36.0	9 36.0
Salgla L									2	8.0	2 8.0
Salnum L									1	4.0	1 4.0
Vacvit L									2	8.0	2 8.0
(total)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	25	100.0	25 100.0
UNDERSTORY (Wet)											
Species	T24 count	T24 %	T25 count	T25 %	T26 count	T26 %	T27 count	T27 %	T28 count	T28 %	Total count Total %
Aultur									1	4.0	1 4.0
Dicelo									1	4.0	1 4.0
Eriang D									1	4.0	1 4.0
Eriang L									1	4.0	1 4.0
Hepatic									2	8.0	2 8.0
Hylspl									5	20.0	5 20.0
Litter									9	36.0	9 36.0
Palmai									2	8.0	2 8.0
Polstr									3	12.0	3 12.0
(total)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	25	100.0	25 100.0

Table 14. Vaskiny Dachi-3 (Terrace-II) cover along transects.

OVERSTORY												
Species	T29 count	T29 %	T30 count	T30 %	T31 count	T31 %	T32 count	T32 %	T33 count	T33 %	Total count	Total %
Arclat		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
BetnanL		0.0		0.0	8	8.2	1	1.0		0.0	9	1.8
BetnanS		0.0		0.0		0.0	3	3.1		0.0	3	0.6
Calhol L	3	3.1		0.0	1	1.0		0.0		0.0	4	0.8
Calstr		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Calstr D		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Calstr L		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
CarbigD	9	9.2	11	11.2	1	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	23	4.7
CarbigL	9	9.2	4	4.1		0.0	1	1.0	3	3.1	17	3.5
Empnig					1	1.0			1	1.0	2	0.4
Empnig L		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Eriang L		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Erivag D		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
ErivagL		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Festuca			1	1.0							1	0.2
Fesovi L		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Hiealp							1	1.0			1	0.2
Ledpal L		0.0		0.0	7	7.1	12	12.2	2	2.0	21	4.3
Ledpal S					2	2.0	4	4.1	6	6.1	12	2.4
Luzmul					1	1.0					1	0.2
Luzmul D					1	1.0					1	0.2
None	67	68.4	63	64.3	61	62.2	67	68.4	77	78.6	335	68.4
Petfri		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Poaalp		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Rubcha		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Salgla S		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Salnum L					4	4.1	1	1.0	2	2.0	7	1.4
Salphy		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Salphy L		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Vaculi L		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
VacvitD		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
VacvitL	10	10.2	19	19.4	10	10.2	7	7.1	6	6.1	52	10.6
Vacvit S					1	1.0					1	0.2
(total)	98	100.0	98	100.0	98	100.0	98	100.0	98	100.0	490	100.0
UNDERSTORY												
Species	T29 count	T29 %	T30 count	T30 %	T31 count	T31 %	T32 count	T32 %	T33 count	T33 %	Total count	Total %
Algoch							2	2.0		0.0	2	0.4
Aultur					1	1.0					1	0.2
Black crust	1	1.0	3	3.1	7	7.1	6	6.1	9	9.2	26	5.3
Brydiv	1	1.0		0.0	1	1.0	4	4.1	1	1.0	7	1.4
Carbig L	1	1.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	1	0.2
Cetdel							2	2.0	1	1.0	3	0.6
Cetisl	3	3.1	2	2.0	2	2.0	4	4.1		0.0	11	2.2
Claarb	6	6.1	8	8.2	2	2.0	2	2.0	3	3.1	21	4.3
Clabel							1	1.0			1	0.2
Cladsp	1	1.0		0.0	2	2.0		0.0	1	1.0	4	0.8
Cladw/brwnholes							1	1.0			1	0.2
Clagreenw/brwn					2	2.0					2	0.4
Clasty	5	5.1	5	5.1		0.0		0.0	4	4.1	14	2.9
Claunc	2	2.0	5	5.1		0.0	3	3.1		0.0	10	2.0
Dacarc	1	1.0	2	2.0	1	1.0		0.0		0.0	4	0.8
Dicelo	1	1.0	4	4.1	1	1.0		0.0	1	1.0	7	1.4
Flacuc			1	1.0	3	3.1		0.0		0.0	4	0.8
Flaniv	2	2.0		0.0		0.0	4	4.1	7	7.1	13	2.7
Gymcor					2	2.0			7	7.1	9	1.8
Hylspl					2	2.0			1	1.0	3	0.6
Ledpal D									2	2.0	2	0.4
Ledpal L									1	1.0	1	0.2
Ledpal S					1	1.0					1	0.2
Litter	21	21.4	5	5.1	26	26.5	6	6.1	27	27.6	85	17.3
Ochfri	1	1.0	2	2.0	2	2.0	3	3.1	2	2.0	10	2.0
Polstr	16	16.3	19	19.4	6	6.1	5	5.1	3	3.1	49	10.0
Pticil	7	7.1	4	4.1	1	1.0	3	3.1		0.0	15	3.1
Raclan	18	18.4	24	24.5	7	7.1	29	29.6	9	9.2	87	17.8
Salnum L					3	3.1					3	0.6
Sand					2	2.0					2	0.4
Sphglo	7	7.1	14	14.3	21	21.4	20	20.4	17	17.3	79	16.1
Stespp							1	1.0			1	0.2
Thaver					2	2.0	2				4	0.8
Vacvit L	4	4.1		0.0	1	1.0		0.0	2	2.0	7	1.4
(total)	98	100.0	98	100.0	98	100.0	98	98.0	98	100.0	490	100.0

Table 15. Kharasavey-1 (Clayey) cover along transects. “Overstory” species are those recorded at the top of the plant canopy at each point; “understory” species are those recorded at the base of the plant canopy. Species use six letter abbreviations, sometimes followed by L (live green plant part) or D (dead or senescent plant part).

OVERSTORY												
Species	T36 count	T36%	T37 count	T37%	T38 count	T38%	T39 count	T39%	T40 count	T40%	Total count	Total %
Arclat D			1	1.0			1	1.0	1	1.0	3	0.6
Arclat L							1	1.0	4	4.0	5	1.0
Bare soil									1	1.0	1	0.2
Calhol D	3	3.0	14	14.0	10	10.0	6	6.0	8	8.0	41	8.2
Calhol L	7	7.0	7	7.0	7	7.0	4	4.0	11	11.0	36	7.2
Caragu									1	1.0	1	0.2
Carbig D	12	12.0	11	11.0	17	17.0	21	21.0	10	10.0	71	14.2
Carbig L	20	20.0	20	20.0	16	16.0	14	14.0	11	11.0	81	16.2
Eriang D			2	2.0			2	2.0	1	1.0	5	1.0
Eriang L	9	9.0	2	2.0	5	5.0	7	7.0	5	5.0	28	5.6
Eriosp D	4	4.0							1	1.0	5	1.0
Litter	6	6.0	1	1.0			1	1.0	1	1.0	9	1.8
Luzusp					1	1.0					1	0.2
None	31	31.0	34	34.0	34	34.0	33	33.0	43	43.0	175	35.0
Reindeer poop	1	1.0	1	1.0							2	0.4
Salpol D	3	3.0									3	0.6
Salpol L	4	4.0	7	7.0	10	10.0	9	9.0	2	2.0	32	6.4
Senatr							1	1.0			1	0.2
(total)	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	500	100.0
UNDERSTORY												
Species	T36 count	T36%	T37 count	T37%	T38 count	T38%	T39 count	T39%	T40 count	T40%	Total count	Total %
Aultur	2	2.0	1	1.0	3	3.0	2	2.0	3	3.0	11	2.2
Bare soil					1	1.0					1	0.2
Cetisl	2	2.0	4	4.0	2	2.0			2	2.0	10	2.0
Claama	6	6.0	2	2.0	7	7.0	6	6.0	6	6.0	27	5.4
Claarb	11	11.0	8	8.0	7	7.0	6	6.0	7	7.0	39	7.8
Clacoc					1	1.0					1	0.2
Cladsp							1	1.0			1	0.2
Clagra	7	7.0	5	5.0	2	2.0			5	5.0	19	3.8
Claran	2	2.0					2	2.0			4	0.8
Clasty							1	1.0	3	3.0	4	0.8
Claunc	9	9.0	3	3.0			2	2.0	1	1.0	15	3.0
Dacarc	1	1.0	2	2.0			1	1.0			4	0.8
Dicrspp	4	4.0	9	9.0	13	13.0	5	5.0	21	21.0	52	10.4
Flacuc	1	1.0									1	0.2
Hepaticae	9	9.0	6	6.0	6	6.0	6	6.0	7	7.0	34	6.8
Hylspl			13	13.0	5	5.0	10	10.0	8	8.0	36	7.2
Litter	1	1.0			1	1.0	3	3.0			5	1.0
Ochfri	1	1.0	1	1.0	4	4.0	2	2.0	3	3.0	11	2.2
Oncwah	2	2.0	1	1.0							3	0.6
Pelaph									1	1.0	1	0.2
Pelsca	1	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	3	3.0	1	1.0	7	1.4
Plaell									1	1.0	1	0.2
Plesch					1	1.0					1	0.2
Polystrijun	31	31.0	33	33.0	40	40.0	46	46.0	28	28.0	178	35.6
Pticil	4	4.0	4	4.0	2	2.0	1	1.0			11	2.2
Reindeer poop			1	1.0					1	1.0	2	0.4
Sanunc	1	1.0	4	4.0	2	2.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	9	1.8
Sanuni	1	1.0					1	1.0			2	0.4
Senatr	1	1.0									1	0.2
Sphasp	1	1.0									1	0.2
Sphglo			1	1.0	1	1.0	1	1.0			3	0.6
Stealp					1	1.0					1	0.2
Thaver	2	2.0	1	1.0					1	1.0	4	0.8
(total)	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	100	100.0	500	100.0

Table 16. Kharasavey-2a (Sandy) cover along transects. “Overstory” species are those recorded at the top of the plant canopy at each point; “understory” species are those recorded at the base of the plant canopy. Species use six letter abbreviations, sometimes followed by L (live green plant part) or D (dead or senescent plant part).

OVERSTORY		
Species	Total Count	Total %
Arclat D	2	2.0
Arclat L	1	1.0
Calhol D	2	2.0
Calhol L	5	5.0
Carbig D	9	9.0
Carbig L	9	9.0
Claran	1	1.0
Equarv	1	1.0
Eriang D	1	1.0
Eriang L	1	1.0
Litter	4	4.0
Luzmul D	1	1.0
None	39	39.0
Salnum	17	17.0
Vacvit	7	7.0
(total)	100	100.0
UNDERSTORY		
Species	Total Count	Total %
Alenig	2	2.0
Aultur	7	7.0
Brydiv	4	4.0
Cetisl	2	2.0
Claarb	20	20.0
Claech	1	1.0
Clagra	1	1.0
Clasty	4	4.0
Claunc	11	11.0
Dacarc	1	1.0
Dicrspp	12	12.0
Flacuc	2	2.0
Hepaticae	3	3.0
Hylspl	2	2.0
Litter	4	4.0
Pelaph	1	1.0
Pelsca	2	2.0
Polhyp	4	4.0
Polystrijun	7	7.0
Raclan	1	1.0
Thaver	9	9.0
(total)	100	100.0

Table 17. Kharasavey-2b (Sandy) cover along transects. “Overstory” species are those recorded at the top of the plant canopy at each point; “understory” species are those recorded at the base of the plant canopy. Species use six letter abbreviations, sometimes followed by L (live green plant part) or D (dead or senescent plant part)

OVERSTORY		
Species	Total Count	Total %
Calhol D	2	2.0
Calhol L	1	1.0
Carbig D	1	1.0
Carbig L	2	2.0
Litter	3	3.0
Luzmul D	1	1.0
Luzmul L	2	2.0
None	42	42.0
Rusnan mushroom	1	1.0
Salnum	45	45.0
(total)	100	100.0
UNDERSTORY		
Species	Total Count	Total %
Alenig	1	1.0
Aultur	17	17.0
Bare soil	3	3.0
Black crust liverwort	1	1.0
Brydiv	5	5.0
Cetisl	2	2.0
Claama	1	1.0
Clacoc	2	2.0
Clagra	1	1.0
Claunc	2	2.0
Dicrspp	6	6.0
Flacuc	5	5.0
Hepaticae	1	1.0
Hylspl	4	4.0
Litter	3	3.0
Ochfri	7	7.0
Paromp	2	2.0
Pelaph	1	1.0
Pelsca	1	1.0
Polhyp D	1	1.0
Polhyp L	12	12.0
Polystrijun	6	6.0
Sphglo	1	1.0
Stealp	5	5.0
Thaver	10	10.0
(total)	100	100.0

Leaf-area index (LAI)

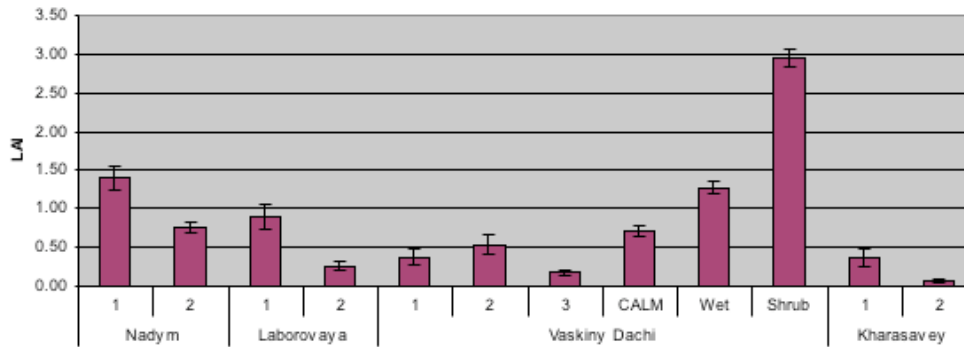


Figure 36. Mean leaf-area index of transects.

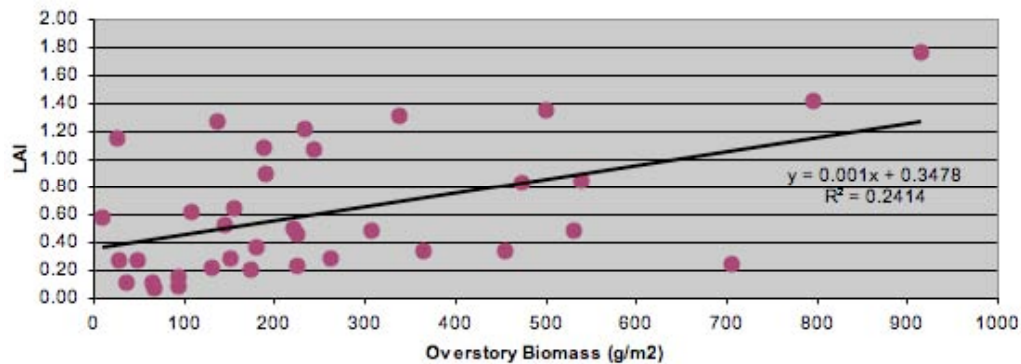


Figure 37. LAI vs. overstory biomass for all sites.

Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)

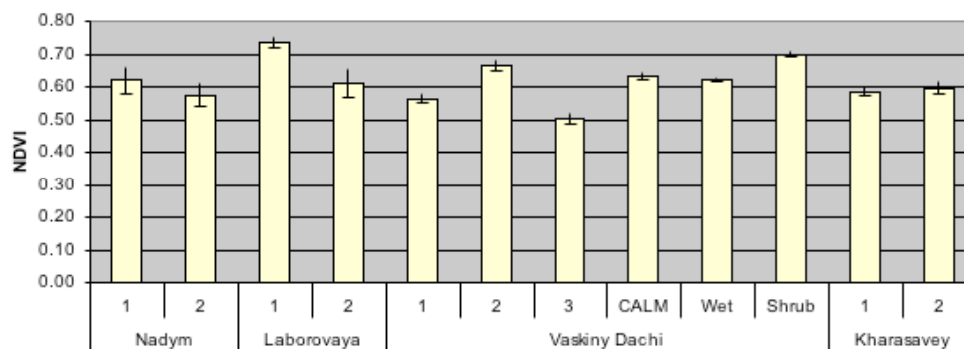


Figure 38. Mean NDVI of sample transects.

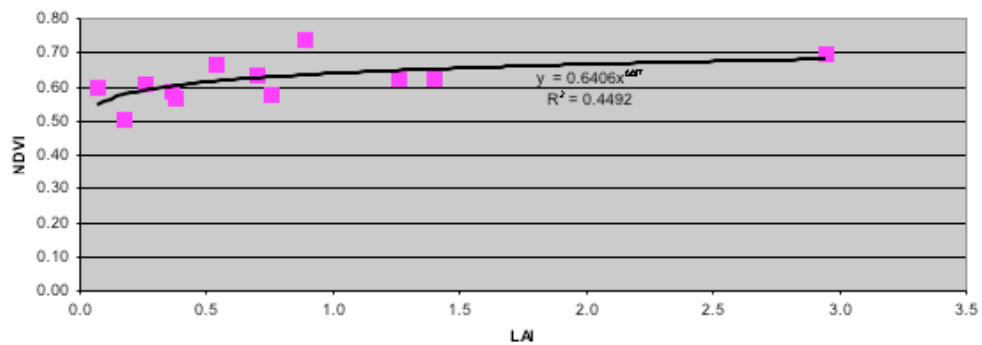


Figure 39. NDVI vs. LAI for all transects.

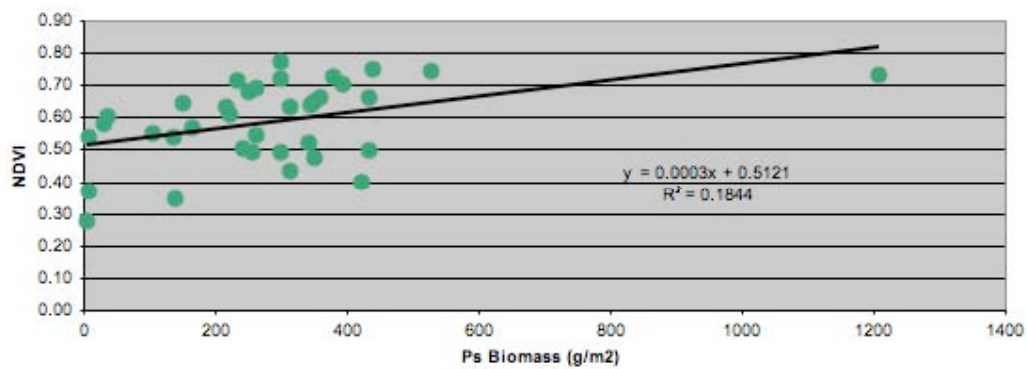


Figure 40. NDVI vs biomass for all sites.

Point-centered quarter data for Nadym-1 (tree species density, frequency, basal area, biomass)

Table 18. Point-centered quarter data for Nadym-1 with species arranged alphabetically within each transect. 10 points (40 trees) were sampled along each transect (200 trees total). Abbreviations: Betpub= *Betula pubescens*, Lararb=*Larix sibirica*, Pinsyl=*Pinus sibirica*, Pinsib=*Pinus cembra* ssp. *sibirica* *Pinus sylvestris*. (See Appendix B for explanation of method and data sheets).

Species	Transect I					Transect 3					Transect 4					Transect 5													
	Basal area /cm ²	Height /m	Above-ground biomass /kg/tree	Dbh /cm	Species	Basal area /cm ²	Height /m	Above-ground biomass /kg/tree	Dbh /cm	Species	Basal area /cm ²	Height /m	Above-ground biomass /kg/tree	Dbh /cm	Species	Basal area /cm ²	Height /m	Above-ground biomass /kg/tree	Dbh /cm	Species	Basal area /cm ²	Height /m	Above-ground biomass /kg/tree	Dbh /cm	Species				
Betpub	7	38.48	6	11.9	11908.1	Betpub	8	50.27	5	16.6	16628.2	Betpub	5	19.63	3	5.1	5134.2	Betpub	7	38.48	7	11.9	11908.1	Betpub	6	28.27	6	8.1	8099.4
Betpub	7	38.48	8	11.9	11908.1	Betpub	10	78.54	8	29.1	29050.8	Betpub	4	12.57	4	2.9	2938.7	Betpub	8	50.27	7	16.6	16628.2	Betpub	7	38.48	6	11.9	11908.1
Betpub	8	50.27	9	16.6	16628.2	Betpub	8	50.27	5	22.3	22322.7	Betpub	5	19.63	6	5.1	5134.2	Betpub	8	50.27	7	16.6	16628.2	Betpub	6	28.27	6	8.1	8099.4
Betpub	2	3.14	3	0.5	519.4	Betpub	9	63.62	9	22.3	22322.7	Betpub	4	12.57	5	2.9	2938.7	Betpub	6	28.27	5	8.1	8099.4	Betpub	9	63.62	7	22.3	22322.7
Betpub	2	3.14	5	1.4	1431.4	Betpub	9	63.62	7	22.3	22322.7	Betpub	6	28.27	6	11.9	11908.1	Betpub	5	19.63	5	5.1	5134.2	Betpub	9	63.62	7	22.3	22322.7
Lararb	2	3.14	3	0.9	884.7	Betpub	7	38.48	5	11.9	11908.1	Betpub	6	28.27	6	8.1	8099.4	Betpub	10	78.54	9	29.1	29050.8	Betpub	7	38.48	7	11.9	11908.1
Pinsyl	4	12.57	7	9.6	9653.0	Betpub	8	50.27	4	16.6	16628.2	Betpub	17	226.98	1	109.5	109488.3	Betpub	3	7.07	5	1.4	1431.4	Betpub	6	28.27	6	8.1	8099.4
Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Lararb	9	63.62	8	22.4	22393.7	Betpub	5	19.63	3	5.1	5134.2	Betpub	7	38.48	9	11.9	11908.1	Lararb	2	3.14	3	0.9	884.7
Pinsyl	6	28.27	7	11.0	11027.0	Lararb	3	7.07	13	6.6	6007.9	Lararb	9	63.62	8	22.4	22393.7	Betpub	3	7.07	3	1.4	1431.4	Pinsib	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0
Pinsyl	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	Lararb	3	7.07	3	1.6	1645.2	Lararb	6	28.27	5	7.7	7711.9	Pinsyl	15	176.71	10	67.7	67709.0	Pinsib	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0
Pinsyl	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5	Lararb	6	28.27	6	9.2	9167.3	Lararb	6	28.27	6	9.2	9167.3	Pinsyl	6	28.27	6	11.0	11027.0	Pinsib	11	95.03	5	19.9	19892.3
Pinsyl	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	Pinsib	10	78.54	9	19.9	19894.6	Pinsib	5	19.63	7	1.9	1904.0	Pinsyl	6	28.27	7	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	6	28.27	6	11.0	11027.0
Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsib	13	132.73	10	37.8	37809.2	Pinsib	3	7.07	3	1.6	1637.0	Pinsyl	9	63.62	9	67.7	67709.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0
Pinsyl	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0	Pinsib	8	50.27	8	10.9	10876.4	Pinsib	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	Pinsyl	11	95.03	7	32.4	32397.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	6	9.8	9789.0
Pinsyl	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	Pinsib	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5	Pinsyl	14	153.94	4	57.4	57363.0	Pinsyl	9	63.62	8	20.8	20813.0	Pinsyl	13	132.73	8	48.0	48029.0
Pinsyl	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	Pinsib	5	19.63	4	1.6	1637.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	10	78.54	7	26.1	26099.0	Pinsyl	3	7.07	3	1.6	1637.0
Pinsyl	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	Pinsib	4	12.57	4	3.1	3147.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5	Pinsyl	4	12.57	4	3.1	3147.0
Pinsyl	10	78.54	11	26.1	26099.0	Pinsyl	14	153.94	9	57.4	57363.0	Pinsyl	9	63.62	7	20.8	20813.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5	Pinsyl	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5
Pinsyl	6	28.27	9	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	13	132.73	9	48.0	48029.0	Pinsyl	13	132.73	11	48.0	48029.0	Pinsyl	11	95.03	8	32.4	32397.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5
Pinsyl	10	78.54	10	26.1	26099.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	4	0.9	851.5	Pinsyl	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	7	38.48	6	26.1	26099.0
Pinsyl	13	132.73	10	48.0	48029.0	Pinsyl	7	38.48	6	13.3	13277.0	Pinsyl	6	28.27	3	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	8	50.27	7	16.5	16539.0	Pinsyl	13	132.73	5	48.0	48029.0
Pinsyl	11	95.03	7	32.4	32397.0	Pinsyl	7	38.48	6	13.3	13277.0	Pinsyl	6	28.27	3	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	8	50.27	7	16.5	16539.0	Pinsyl	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0
Pinsyl	6	28.27	5	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	11	95.03	8	32.4	32397.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	15	176.71	15	67.7	67709.0	Pinsyl	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0
Pinsyl	5	19.63	7	9.8	9789.0	Pinsyl	14	153.94	9	57.4	57363.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	Pinsyl	17	226.98	14	91.4	91437.0	Pinsyl	4	12.57	4	3.1	3147.0
Pinsyl	6	28.27	10	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	6	28.27	5	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0	Pinsyl	6	28.27	6	8.1	8099.4
Pinsyl	13	132.73	4	48.0	48029.0	Pinsyl	7	38.48	6	13.3	13277.0	Pinsyl	10	78.54	8	26.1	26099.0	Pinsyl	3	7.07	5	1.6	1637.0	Pinsyl	20	314.16	10	134.6	134619.0
Pinsyl	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	Pinsyl	12	113.10	7	39.7	39707.0	Pinsyl	15	176.71	9	67.7	67709.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	Pinsyl	6	28.27	5	11.0	11027.0
Pinsyl	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	15	176.71	9	67.7	67709.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	Pinsyl	20	314.16	10	134.6	134619.0
Pinsyl	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	Pinsyl	11	95.03	8	32.4	32397.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	4	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	4	0.9	851.5	Pinsyl	6	28.27	5	11.0	11027.0
Pinsyl	7	38.48	8	13.3	13277.0	Pinsyl	12	113.10	10	39.7	39707.0	Pinsyl	4	12.57	4	3.1	3147.0	Pinsyl	14	153.94	8	57.4	57363.0	Pinsyl	7	38.48	6	13.3	13277.0
Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	17	226.98	8	91.4	91437.0	Pinsyl	7	38.48	6	13.3	13277.0	Pinsyl	13	132.73	13	48.0	48029.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5
Pinsyl	6	28.27	8	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	11	95.03	10	32.4	32397.0	Pinsyl	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	Pinsyl	10	78.54	11	26.1	26099.0	Pinsyl	3	7.07	3	1.6	1637.0
Pinsyl	6	28.27	8	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	20	314.16	14	134.6	134619.0	Pinsyl	6	28.27	6	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	Pinsyl	10	78.54	7	26.1	26099.0
Pinsyl	6	28.27	5	11.0	11027.0	Pinsyl	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0	Pinsyl	13	132.73	9	48.0	48029.0	Pinsyl	3	7.07	5	1.6	1637.0	Pinsyl	15	176.71	8	67.7	67709.0
Pinsyl	5	19.63	7	9.8	9789.0	Pinsyl	15	176.71	13	67.7	67709.0	Pinsyl	4	12.57	4	3.1	3147.0	Pinsyl	12	113.10	12	39.7	39707.0	Pinsyl	9	63.62	6	20.8	20813.0
Pinsyl	9	63.62	9	20.8	20813.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	6	9.8	9789.0	Pinsyl	14	153.94	10	57.4	57363.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5
Pinsyl	11	95.03	10	32.4	32397.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	7	9.8	9789.0	Pinsyl	7	38.48	5	13.3	13277.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	12	113.10	8	39.7	39707.0
Pinsyl	13	132.73	11	48.0	48029.0	Pinsyl	4	12.57	6	9.6	9530.0	Pinsyl	4	12.57	3	3.1	3147.0	Pinsyl	13	132.73	10	57.4	57363.0	Pinsyl	17	226.98	10	91.4	91437.0
Pinsyl	9	63.62	10	20.8	20813.0	Pinsyl	15	176.71	13	67.7	67709.0	Pinsyl	12	113.10	9	39.7	39707.0	Pinsyl	4	12.57	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	14	153.94	9	20.8	20813.0
Pinsyl	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0	Pinsyl	12	113.10	9	39.7	39707.0	Pinsyl	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	Pinsyl	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5	Pinsyl	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0

Table 19. Summary of point-centered quarter data: Density, basal area, height, and biomass for each tree species and all tree species for each transect and average for all transects.

Density (trees/ha)								
Transect	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e.
Species								
Betula pubescens ssp. tortuosa	202.83	183.88	340.80	565.32	534.17	365.40	179.19	80.14
Larix sibirica	40.57	105.07	127.80	0.00	76.31	69.95	50.93	22.78
Pinus cembra ssp. sibirica	0.00	157.61	127.80	0.00	228.93	102.87	100.84	45.10
Pinus sylvestris	1379.24	604.17	1107.61	1947.23	2213.00	1450.25	645.58	288.71
Total	1622.64	1050.73	1704.01	2512.55	3052.41	1988.47	790.69	353.61
Basal area (m²/ha)								
Transect	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e.
Species								
Betula pubescens ssp. tortuosa	0.56	1.04	0.37	0.66	2.28	0.98	0.77	0.34
Larix sibirica	0.01	0.28	0.17	0.00	0.02	0.10	0.12	0.06
Pinus cembra ssp. sibirica	0.00	0.86	0.24	0.00	0.97	0.41	0.47	0.21
Pinus sylvestris	5.24	0.21	1.65	2.44	14.07	4.72	5.54	2.48
Total	5.81	2.38	2.44	3.10	17.34	6.22	6.38	2.85
Height (m)								
Transect	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e.
Species								
Betula pubescens ssp. tortuosa	6.20	6.71	7.50	5.44	7.71	6.71	0.93	0.42
Larix sibirica	12.57	4.50	8.67		5.00	7.68	3.75	1.87
Pinus cembra ssp. sibirica		4.83	8.33		6.33	6.50	1.76	1.01
Pinus sylvestris	5.76	5.78	7.50	6.90	5.76	6.34	0.81	0.36
Average	5.80	5.68	7.65	6.58	6.13	6.37	0.80	0.00
Biomass (g/m²)								
Transect	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e.
Species								
Betula pubescens ssp. tortuosa	171.98	355.90	642.31	642.08	736.92	509.84	236.88	105.94
Larix sibirica	3.59	104.58	167.30	0.00	6.75	56.45	75.92	33.95
Pinus cembra ssp. sibirica	0.00	195.09	22.06	0.00	221.98	87.83	110.97	49.63
Pinus sylvestris	1859.33	2113.41	2733.25	5430.03	5199.63	3467.13	1718.33	768.46
Total	2034.90	2768.99	3564.92	6072.11	6165.28	4121.24	1902.29	850.73

Thaw depth

Table 20. Active layer at Laborovaya and Vaskiny Dachi transects and relevés. Depths are in centimeters.

Nadym-1 (no permafrost)										
Nadym-2										
See relevé data Table 17. No data from transects.										
Laborovaya-1										
Transect/ Relevé #	T09	T10	T11	T12	T13	RV15	RV16	RV17	RV18	RV19
N	31	8	11	8	8	1	1	1	1	1
Max	104	87	95	100	108					
Min	56	66	75	70	66					
Aver	80.1	77.4	83.4	80.0	77.0	89	70	91	74	82
St Dev	10.10	8.05	5.66	10.58	13.88					
Laborovaya-2										
Transect/ Relevé #	T14	T15	T16	T17	T18	RV20	RV21	RV22	RV23	RV24
N	11	5	10	11	5	1	1	1	1	1
Max	119	136	134	133	136					
Min	83	95	87	104	5					
Aver	100.6	117.6	113.8	115.2	73.5	118	114	128	109	106
St Dev	10.21	13.68	14.08	9.35	60.38					
Vaskiny Dachi-1										
Transect/ Relevé #	T19	T20	T21	T22	T23	RV25	RV26	RV27	RV28	RV29
N	11	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	1	1
Max	83	80	76	84	95					
Min	57	55	61	63	74					
Aver	66.9	69.1	68.6	72.9	81.5	71	66	76	66	79
St Dev	7.54	7.40	4.34	7.35	6.22					
Vaskiny Dachi-2										
Transect/ Relevé #	T24	T25	T26	T27	T28	RV-30	RV-31	RV-32	RV-33	RV-34
N	11	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	1	1
Max	93	85	89	91	90					
Min	40	60	50	56	57					
Aver	68.5	70.5	74.2	73.2	71.5	80	77	78	57	51
St Dev	17.41	8.26	12.66	11.12	8.19					
Vaskiny Dachi-3										
Transect/ Relevé #	T29	T30	T31	T32	T33	RV-35	RV-36	RV-37	RV-38	RV-39
N	11	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	1	1
Max	127	115	125	127	127					
Min	91	85	99	104	105					
Aver	102.6	102.7	117.2	117.1	118.9	104	116	128	107	114
St Dev	11.34	9.34	8.29	3.87	7.27					
Kharasavey-1										
Transect/ Relevé #	T36	T37	T38	T39	T40	RV-40	RV-41	RV-42	RV-43	RV-44
N	11	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	1	1
Max	80	73	64	67	70					
Min	53	52	52	55	56					
Aver	62.8	59.5	59.3	61.8	62.9	67	59	65	54	57
St Dev	8.75	5.47	3.77	4.53						
Kharasavey-2a										
Transect/ Relevé #	T-41	T-42	T-43	T-44	T-45	RV-45	RV-46			
N	6	6	6	6	6	1	1			
Max	84	83	82	85	84					
Min	69	62	58	68	70					
Aver	74.8	72.7	73.2	78.2	78.5	67	77			
St Dev	5.42	8.50	8.52	6.40	5.28					
Kharasavey-2b										
Transect/ Relevé #	T-46	T-47	T-48	T-49	T-50	RV-47	RV-48	RV-49		
N	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1		
Max	93	86	91	92	98					
Min	66	64	60	64	64					
Aver	77.7	73.8	76.3	79.2	85.8	71	60	76.5		
St Dev	10.42	8.93	11.00	9.79	12.04					

Factors measured in study plots

Relevé data

Table 21. Relevé descriptions. Characteristic species use six letter abbreviations (first three letters of genus name + first three letters of species name). Observers: PK, Patrick Kuss; NM, Nataliya Moskalenko; EK, Elina Käräläjarvi, SW, Skip Walker. Photo archives are at UAF.

General relevé descriptions		Characteristic species		Date	Observer	Plot size (m ²)	GPS north	GPS east	Elev. (m)	Slope (°)	Aspect	Photo
01	Nadym	Forest	Pinsyl, Betpub, Betnan, Ledpal, Vacmyr, Claste, Plesch	6-Aug-07	PK	10x10	65 18.810	72 53.226	25	0	0	photos in folder: /geobotany/Nasa_Yamal
02	Nadym	Forest	Pinsyl, Betpub, Betnan, Ledpal, Vacmyr, Claste, Plesch	6-Aug-07	PK	10x10	65 18.794	72 53.277	25	0	0	Photos, Satellite Images, airphotos, Maps/
03	Nadym	Forest	Pinsyl, Ledpal, Vacmyr, Claste	6-Aug-07	PK	10x10	65 18.811	72 53.274	25	0	0	SubzoneN_ND_Nadym/
04	Nadym	Forest	Pinsyl, Betnan, Ledpal, Claste	6-Aug-07	PK	10x10	65 18.831	72 53.261	25	0	0	ND_Site1_ForestSite_Terrase2
05	Nadym	Forest	Betpub, Ledpal, Vacmyr, Claste	6-Aug-07	PK	10x10	65 18.814	72 53.314	25	0	0	
06	Nadym	CALM-grid, hummock	Ledpal, Rubcha, Claste	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.883	72 51.703	23	0	0	photos in folder: /geobotany/Nasa_Yamal
07	Nadym	CALM-grid, hummock	Ledpal, Rubcha, Sphus	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.863	72 51.695	23	0	0	Photos, Satellite Images, airphotos, Maps/
08	Nadym	CALM-grid, hummock	Betnan, Ledpal, Cargilo, Clasy	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.888	72 51.785	23	0	0	SubzoneN_ND_Nadym/
09	Nadym	CALM-grid, inter-hummock	Claste, Clasy	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.884	72 51.702	21	0	0	ND_Site2_CALMGrid_Terrase3
10	Nadym	CALM-grid, inter-hummock	Cargilo, Claste, Clasy	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.867	72 51.703	21	0	0	
11	Nadym	CALM-grid, inter-hummock	Cargilo, Claste, Clasy	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.887	72 51.785	21	0	0	
12	Nadym	CALM-grid, mire	Carcho, Carot, Shomaj	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.825	72 51.737	18	0	0	
13	Nadym	CALM-grid, mire	Carot, Shomaj	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.824	72 51.803	18	0	0	
14	Nadym	CALM-grid, mire	Carot, Shomaj	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.828	72 51.831	18	0	0	
15	Laborovaya	Clay-site	Betnan, Vacvit, Envag, Dicelo	15-Aug-07	EK,NM,PK	5x5	67 42.397	67 59.946	79	2	SW	photos in folder: /geobotany/Nasa_Yamal
16	Laborovaya	Clay-site	Betnan, Carbig, Dicelo	15-Aug-07	EK,NM,PK	5x5	67 42.387	67 59.970	80	2	SW	Photos, Satellite Images, airphotos, Maps/
17	Laborovaya	Clay-site	Betnan, Vacvit, Carbig, Dicelo	15-Aug-07	EK,NM,PK	5x5	67 42.396	67 59.971	80	2	SW	SubzoneE_LA_Laborovaya/
18	Laborovaya	Clay-site	Betnan, Carbig, Dicelo	15-Aug-07	EK,NM,PK	5x5	67 42.406	67 59.969	80	2	SW	LA_Site1
19	Laborovaya	Clay-site	Betnan, Salphy, Vacvit, Carbig, Dicelo	15-Aug-07	EK,NM,PK	5x5	67 42.397	67 59.995	80	2	SW	ClayeySite
20	Laborovaya	Sand-site	Betnan, Vacviti, Clanh, Sphglo, Dicelo	17-Aug-07	PK,NM,SWEK	5x5	67 41.691	68 02.244	60	1	S	photos in folder: /geobotany/Nasa_Yamal
21	Laborovaya	Sand-site	Betnan, Vacviti, Sphglo, Dicelo	17-Aug-07	PK,NM,SWEK	5x5	67 41.684	68 02.283	60	1	S	Photos, Satellite Images, airphotos, Maps/
22	Laborovaya	Sand-site	Vacviti, Sphglo, Dicelo	17-Aug-07	NM,PK	5x5	67 41.694	68 02.270	60	1	S	SubzoneE_LA_Laborovaya/
23	Laborovaya	Sand-site	Betnan, Vacviti, Carbig, Clanh, Dicelo, Polstr	17-Aug-07	NM,PK	5x5	67 41.703	68 02.277	60	1	S	LA_Site2
24	Laborovaya	Sand-site	Betnan, Enpsaub, Vacviti, Carbig, Clanh, Dicelo	17-Aug-07	NM,PK	5x5	67 41.696	68 02.301	60	1	S	SandySite
25	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace IV	Salnum, Carbig, Aultur, Hyisl	23-Aug-07	PK,NM,SWEK	5x5	70 16.540	68 53.446	40	2	S	photos in folder: /geobotany/Nasa_Yamal
26	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace IV	Dryoct, Salpol, Carbig, Aultur, Hyisl, Tomnit	23-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 16.528	68 53.465	40	2	S	Photos, Satellite Images, airphotos, Maps/
27	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace IV	Salnum, Salpol, Carbig, Aultur, Hyisl	23-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 16.538	68 53.469	40	2	S	SubzoneD_VD_VaskinyDachi/
28	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace IV	Salnum, Carbig, Aultur, Hyisl	23-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 16.547	68 53.475	40	2	S	LoamySite_Terrase4
29	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace IV	Salnum, Carbig, Aultur, Polstr	23-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 16.536	68 53.498	40	2	S	
30	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace III	Betnan, Vacvit, Calhol, Aultur, Hyisl, Dicfle	26-Aug-07	PK,NM,SWEK	5x5	70 17.734	68 53.027	30	2	SW	photos in folder: /geobotany/Nasa_Yamal
31	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace III	Betnan, Vacvit, Calhol, Dicfle, Aultur	26-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 17.731	68 53.065	30	2	SW	Photos, Satellite Images, airphotos, Maps/
32	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace III	Betnan, Vacvit, Calhol, Diclae	26-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 17.739	68 53.052	30	2	SW	SubzoneD_VD_VaskinyDachi
33	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace III	Vacvit, Calhol, Carbig, Dicacu	26-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 17.747	68 53.038	30	2	SW	/VD_Site2
34	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace III	Betnan, Vacvit, Calhol, Diclae, Dicacu	26-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 17.744	68 53.077	30	2	SW	ClayeySite_Terrase3
35	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace II	Vacvit, Carbig, Sphglo, Raclan	28-Aug-07	PK,NM,SWEK	5x5	70 18.088	68 50.519	15	1	NW	photos in folder: /geobotany/Nasa_Yamal
36	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace II	Ledpal, Vacvit, Carbig, Sphglo, Raclan	28-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 18.031	68 50.587	15	1	NW	Photos, Satellite Images, airphotos, Maps/
37	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace II	Ledpal, Salnum, BlackCrust	28-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 18.060	68 50.580	15	1	NW	SubzoneD_VD_VaskinyDachi
38	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace II	Vacvit, Carbig, BlackCrust, Raclan	28-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 18.097	68 50.554	15	1	NW	/VD_Site3
39	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace II	Ledpal, Salnum, BlackCrust, Raclan	28-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 18.031	68 50.625	15	1	NW	SandySite_Terrase2
40	Kharasavey	Clay-site	Carbig, Salpol, Calhol, Dicapp, Hyisl, Poljun, Clasp	21-Aug-08	SW,NM,JG	5x5	71 10.723	66 58.778	16	0	0	
41	Kharasavey	Clay-site	Carbig, Salpol, Calhol, Dicapp, Claunc, Sphglo	21-Aug-08	SW,NM,JG	5x5	71 10.719	66 58.819	16	0	0	
42	Kharasavey	Clay-site	Carbig, Salpol, Calhol, Dicapp, Poljun	21-Aug-08	SW,NM,JG	5x5	71 10.727	66 58.803	16	0	0	
43	Kharasavey	Clay-site	Eriang, Salpol, Carbig, Calhol, Poljun, Dicapp	21-Aug-08	SW,NM,JG	5x5	71 10.738	66 58.778	16	0	0	
44	Kharasavey	Clay-site	Carbig, Salpol, Calhol, Poljun, Dicapp, Ochfn, Clagra	21-Aug-08	SW,NM,JG	5x5	71 10.733	66 58.828	16	0	0	
45	Kharasavey	Sand-sites	Salnum, Vacvit, Calhol, Poljun, Dicapp, Dicelo, Thaver	22-Aug-08	SW,NM,JG,HE	5x5	71 11.663	66 53.337	8	0	0	
46	Kharasavey	Sand-sites	Salnum, Vacvit, Carbig, Clasp, Thaver	22-Aug-08	SW,NM,JG,HE	5x5	71 11.667	66 53.341	8	0	0	
47	Kharasavey	Sand-sites	Salnum, Poljun, Thaver, Clasp	23-Aug-08	SW,NM,JG,HE	5x5	71 11.664	66 55.719	13	0	0	
48	Kharasavey	Sand-sites	Salnum, Poljun, Hyisl, Thaver, Clasp	23-Aug-08	SW,NM,JG,HE	5x5	71 11.667	66 55.731	13	0	0	
49	Kharasavey	Sand-sites	Salnum, Carbig, Aultur, Dicapp, Ochfn, Clasp, Thaver	23-Aug-08	SW,NM,JG,HE	5x5	71 11.632	66 56.071	13	0	0	

Table 22. Relevé site characteristics. See data forms (Appendix C).

Releve #	Tree height	Shrub height	Herbs height	Moss height	Soil moss horizon thickness	Soil organic horizon thickness	Soil A-horizon thickness	Micro-relief	Mean thaw depth	Landform	Surficial geology, parent material	Surficial geomorphology
height / cm												
01	800	50	10	0	0	4	0	40	NA	4	5	11
02	1000	50	10	0	0	4	0	50	NA	4	5	11
03	900	60	12	0	0	2	0	20	NA	4	5	11
04	1100	50	10	0	0	3	0	20	NA	4	5	11
05	1100	45	10	0	0.5	4	0	30	NA	4	5	11
06	0	15	0	0	1	>40	?	30	40	4	5	3
07	0	15	0	1	27	>40	?	20	36	4	5	3
08	0	15	0	0	1	2	1	30	?	4	5	3
09	0	10	10	0	0	25	1	5	50	4	5	6
10	0	10	15	0	20	>20	?	10	60	4	5	6
11	0	10	15	0	0	2	0.5	10	?	4	5	6
12	0	0	25	0	0	?	?	0	?	4	NA	19
13	0	0	25	0	0	?	?	0	?	4	NA	19
14	0	0	25	0	0	?	?	0	?	4	NA	19
15	0	30	10	5	3	5	6	30	89	4	?	11
16	0	20	35	2	2	10	3	15	70	4	?	11
17	0	15	25	2	2	6	0.5	30	91	4	?	11
18	0	30	35	2	2	4	0.5	20	74	4	?	11
19	0	25	30	2	2	3	2	20	82	4	?	11
20	0	5	15	2	0	1	3	10	118	4	5	18
21	0	5	5	1	0	3	2	10	114	4	5	6.18
22	0	8	5	1	0	4	1	5	128	4	5	6.18
23	0	10	10	1	0	4	2	10	109	4	5	6.18
24	0	20	3	2	1	5	3	10	106	4	5	6.18
25	0	10	10	1	1	3	1	5	70	1.5	15	11
26	0	10	15	1	1	4	1	5	66	1.5	15	11
27	0	8	10	1	4	3.5	1	5	76	1.5	15	11
28	0	10	10	1	2	4	1	5	66	1.5	15	11
29	0	2	10	1	3	2	1	5	79	1.5	15	11
30	0	5	7	1	3.5	2.5	2	5	71	5	16	11
31	0	5	7	1	4	4.5	1	5	71	5	16	11
32	0	5	7	1	2	2	0	5	76	5	16	11
33	0	5	7	1	3	4	9	5	61	5	16	11
34	0	5	7	1	3	3.5	0	5	61	5	16	11
35	0	1	4	0.5	2	3	2	5	0	5	15	11
36	0	3	4	1	1	1	1	5	0	5	15	11
37	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	5	0	5	15	11
38	0	2	2	1	0	0.5	5	5	0	5	15	11
39	0	3	4	1	1	0	1	5	0	5	15	11
40	0	2	10	2	2	6	4	10	60	5	16	1 (30%)
41	0	2	10	2	2	6	0	13	67/52	5	16	1 (30%)
42	0	2	10	2	2	6	0	10	59/50	5	16	1 (30%)
43	0	2	10	2	3	8	2	10	56/52	5	16	1 (10%)
44	0	2	10	2	3	6	0	12	64/46	5	16	1 (50%)
45	0	1	3	1	3	2	1	5	67	14	15	11
46	0	1	3	1	2	2	1	10	77	14	15	11
47	0	1	5	1	1	0.5	1	5	74	14	15	11.3
48	0	1	5	1	1	3	4	5	70	14	15	11.3
49	0	1	5	1	1	5	2	5	76.5	14	15	1
Mean thaw depths for releves 40 through 44 are given as NSC/Inter												

Mean thaw depths for relevés 40 through 44 are given as NSC/Inter

Table 22 (cont') Relevé site characteristics.

Relevé #	Micro-site	Site moisture	Soil moisture	Topographic position	Snow bank persistence after melt out	Disturbance degree	Disturbance type	Stability	Exposure
01	0	4	3	4	5	0	0	1	1
02	0	4	3	4	5	0	0	1	1
03	0	4	3	4	5	0	0	1	1
04	0	4	3	4	5	0	0	1	1
05	0	4	3	4	5	0	0	1	1
06	3	6	5	4	3	0	0	3	3
07	3	6	5	4	3	0	0	3	3
08	3	6	5	4	3	0	0	3	3
09	4	6	5	4	5	0	0	3	3
10	4	6	5	4	5	0	0	3	3
11	4	6	5	4	5	0	0	3	3
12	0	10	10	4	5	0	0	1	2
13	0	10	10	4	5	0	0	1	2
14	0	10	10	4	5	0	0	1	2
15	0	5	6	4	4	2	2,3	1	2
16	0	5	6	4	4	2	2,3	1	2
17	0	5	6	4	4	2	2,3	1	2
18	0	5	6	4	4	2	2,3	1	2
19	0	5	6	4	4	2	2,3	1	2
20	NA	5	5	4	4	2	3	1	2
21	NA	5	5	4	4	2	3	1	2
22	NA	5	5	4	4	2	3	1	2
23	NA	5	5	4	4	2	3	1	2
24	NA	5	5	4	4	2	3	1	2
25	0	6	6	1	3	3	1,2	1	3
26	0	6	6	1	3	3	1,2	1	3
27	0	6	6	1	3	3	1,2	1	3
28	0	6	6	1	3	3	1,2	1	3
29	0	6	6	1	3	3	1,2	1	3
30	0	5	6	1	4	2	1,2,3	1	3
31	0	5	6	1	4	2	1,2,3	1	3
32	0	5	6	1	4	2	1,2,3	1	3
33	0	5	6	1	4	2	1,2,3	1	3
34	0	5	6	1	4	2	1,2,3	1	3
35	0	3	2	4	3	2	1,2,3	1	3
36	0	3	2	4	3	2	1,2,3	1	3
37	0	3	2	4	3	2	1,2,3	1	3
38	0	3	2	4	3	2	1,2,3	1	3
39	0	3	2	4	3	2	1,2,3	1	3
40	1,2	6	5	4	9	3.5	1,3	1	2
41	1,2	6	5	4	9	3.5	1,3	1	2
42	1,2	6.5	5	4	9	1	3	1	2
43	1,2	6	6	4	9	2	1,3	1	2
44	1,2	6	6	4	9	2	3	1	2
45	.	5	4	4	3	1	3	1	3
46	.	5	4	4	3	1	2,3	1	3
47	.	4	4	1	2	1	1,3	1	3
48	.	4	4	1	2	2	1,3,8	1	3
49	1,2	4.5	4	1	2	2	1,3,2,7	1	3

Table 23. Relevé Soils Data for relevés 1-49

Clients Description	% of	Based on 100 C oven dry												Weight of H ₂ O	Gravimetric Soil Moisture (%)	Volumetric Soil Moisture (%)	bulk dens. (g cm ⁻³)
		Gravel >2mm	Paste pH	% Sand	% Silt	% Clay	% C	% N	meq/100g CEC	meq/100g K	meq/100g Ca	meq/100g Mg	meq/100g Na	Wet soil Wt	Air dry soil wt		
ND-1	<0.1	3.25	50.4	39.0	11.6	5.06	0.15	17.53	0.12	0.50	0.22	0.04	0.04	110.45	90.5	19.95	11
ND-2	<0.1	3.71	38.4	48.4	13.2	1.43	0.03	7.29	0.06	0.17	0.08	0.02	0.02	185.45	161.86	23.59	15
ND-3	<0.1	3.36	56.4	34.4	9.2	4.56	0.13	15.02	0.09	0.37	0.17	0.05	0.05	113.75	93.25	20.5	11
ND-4	<0.1	3.54	46.4	44.4	9.2	3.47	0.09	12.67	0.07	0.25	0.16	0.03	0.03	119.55	103.65	15.9	9
ND-5	<0.1	3.39	52.4	36.4	11.2	2.42	0.04	12.93	0.08	0.49	0.15	0.03	0.03	138.05	123.33	14.72	8
ND-6																	
ND-7																	
ND-8	<0.1	3.43	84.4	12.8	2.8	0.73	<0.1	2.69	0.01	0.10	0.02	<0.1	<0.1	234.2	208.89	25.31	14
ND-9																	
ND-10																	
ND-11	<0.1	3.66	96.4	0.8	2.8	0.38	<0.1	0.78	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.01	237.05	220.78	16.27	7
ND-12																	
ND-13																	
ND-14																	
LA-15	0.49	4.30	14.4	62.4	23.2	2.36	0.09	10.42	0.11	7.02	4.99	0.11	0.11	268.25	197.37	70.88	36
LA-16	0.41	4.36	20.4	58.8	20.8	1.86	0.08	17.97	0.14	6.45	4.72	0.09	0.09	265.55	200.4	65.15	33
LA-17	0.82	4.83	12.4	63.8	23.8	1.22	0.04	17.88	0.19	7.76	5.66	0.11	0.11	295.15	230.99	64.16	28
LA-18	0.94	4.65	14.4	62.8	22.8	1.45	0.04	17.71	0.15	6.71	5.43	0.14	0.14	315.95	247.65	68.3	28
LA-19	3.26	5.27	28.4	48.8	22.8	1.73	0.05	14.93	0.12	6.93	5.32	0.09	0.09	309.85	239.58	70.27	29
LA-20	<0.1	3.76	96.4	0.8	2.8	0.70	0.01	3.56	0.02	0.41	0.35	0.03	0.03	250.85	220.64	30.21	14
LA-21	0.37	3.88	96.4	0.8	2.8	0.38	<0.1	1.13	0.01	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.02	270.25	243.1	27.15	11
LA-22	2.53	4.07	94.4	2.8	2.8	0.56	<0.1	2.52	0.01	0.40	0.05	0.02	0.02	246.45	222.90	23.55	11
LA-23	1.42	3.81	96.4	0.8	2.8	0.46	<0.1	2.34	0.01	0.44	0.30	0.02	0.02	290.65	247.75	42.90	17
LA-24	<0.1	3.57	84.4	12.8	2.8	0.84	<0.1	3.73	0.02	0.36	0.17	0.04	0.04	324.35	259.33	65.02	25
VD-25	<0.1	4.40	26.4	68.8	4.8	5.98	0.36	21.53	0.17	8.51	3.64	0.12	0.12	238.35	155.73	82.62	53
VD-26	0.25	4.97	20.4	62.8	16.8	0.75	0.01	10.94	0.16	5.85	3.28	0.12	0.12	326.35	262.04	64.31	25
VD-27	<0.1	4.54	28.4	62.8	8.8	1.18	0.03	8.33	0.09	4.56	2.19	0.11	0.11	301.75	243.47	58.28	24
VD-28	<0.1	4.30	24.4	66.8	8.8	1.00	0.01	7.81	0.07	3.03	1.97	0.09	0.09	274.05	252.80	21.25	8
VD-29	<0.1	3.83	42.4	50.8	6.8	2.06	0.06	10.24	0.13	2.33	1.22	0.04	0.04	287.65	233.60	54.05	23
VD-30	<0.1	3.92	39.0	56.6	4.4	1.93	0.04	9.11	0.05	1.79	1.02	0.08	0.08	293.75	232.43	61.32	26
VD-31	<0.1	3.94	35.6	56.0	8.4	1.19	<0.1	8.68	0.07	2.43	1.46	0.10	0.10	297.55	249.27	48.28	19
VD-32	<0.1	3.98	53.6	38.6	7.8	0.86	<0.1	7.03	0.09	2.62	1.66	0.07	0.07	310.95	258.00	52.95	21
VD-33	<0.1	3.88	35.6	55.6	8.8	2.06	0.04	13.11	0.06	2.42	1.69	0.09	0.09	313.75	256.89	56.86	22
VD-34	<0.1	4.44	27.6	62.6	9.8	1.28	<0.1	8.51	0.05	3.35	2.33	0.13	0.13	330.15	270.95	59.20	22
VD-35	<0.1	3.52	95.6	1.6	2.8	0.74	<0.1	2.69	0.02	0.17	0.11	0.02	0.02	283.35	235.85	47.50	20
VD-36	<0.1	3.58	95.6	2.0	2.4	0.55	0.01	2.95	0.01	0.11	0.07	0.01	0.01	264.45	230.59	33.86	15
VD-37	<0.1	3.54	93.6	3.6	2.8	1.75	0.06	5.90	0.05	0.69	0.35	0.05	0.05	227.55	186.04	41.51	22
VD-38	<0.1	3.87	85.6	12.0	2.4	0.98	0.01	5.29	0.02	0.11	0.07	0.03	0.03	267.85	221.05	46.80	21
VD-39	<0.1	3.45	93.6	4.0	2.4	2.53	0.10	3.56	0.03	0.29	0.22	0.01	0.01	259.55	211.65	47.90	23
KH-40	<0.1	4.36	34.8	44.4	20.8	0.67	0.03	9.45	0.08	2.45	2.96	0.12	0.12	349.6	298.5	51.1	17
KH-41	<0.1	4.68	19.8	55.4	24.8	1.22	0.07	14.24	0.16	4.15	5.48	0.17	0.17	298	241.5	56.5	23
KH-42	<0.1	4.95	18.8	56.4	24.8	1.41	0.08	13.79	0.26	4.47	5.90	0.15	0.15	313.5	253.6	59.9	24
KH-43	<0.1	4.50	18.8	57.4	23.8	3.07	0.30	23.22	0.21	5.97	7.14	0.23	0.23	273	186.5	86.5	46
KH-44	<0.1	4.72	21.2	56.0	22.8	2.67	0.19	17.85	0.23	6.27	6.74	0.22	0.22	254.2	182.3	71.9	39
KH-45	<0.1	4.18	95.2	2.0	2.8	2.71	0.13	4.37	0.07	0.81	0.74	0.09	0.09	183.3	158.3	25	16
KH-46	<0.1	3.97	65.6	25.6	8.8	1.06	0.05	5.61	0.06	0.85	1.05	0.14	0.14	253.2	219.8	33.4	15
KH-47	<0.1	4.21	65.6	27.6	6.8	1.29	0.08	7.18	0.19	1.11	1.24	0.14	0.14	254.3	218.1	36.2	17
KH-48	<0.1	4.14	70.0	26.2	3.8	4.67	0.26	12.65	0.15	2.73	1.70	0.20	0.20	217.7	164.6	53.1	32
KH-49	<0.1	4.04	64.0	29.2	6.8	5.87	0.33	13.56	0.14	2.28	2.10	0.17	0.17	228	178.3	49.7	28

Table 24. Species percentage cover in vegetation study plots (relevés). Nomenclature for vascular plants followed Elven et al. 2007: Checklist of the Panarctic Flora (PAF). Vascular plants. -Draft. University of Oslo. Nomenclature for lichens followed H. Kristinsson & M. Zhurbenko 2006: Panarctic lichen checklist (http://archive.arcticportal.org/276/01/Panarctic_lichen_checklist.pdf). Nomenclature for mosses followed M.S. Ignatov, O.M. Afonina & E.A. Ignatova 2006: Check-list of mosses of East Europe and North Asia. Arctoa 15: 1-130 and for liverworts N.A. Konstantinova & A.D. Potemkin 1996: Liverworts of Russian Arctic: an annotated check-list and bibliography. Arctoa 6: 125-150.

Species	ND_RV_01	ND_RV_02	ND_RV_03	ND_RV_04	ND_RV_05	ND_RV_06	ND_RV_07	ND_RV_08	ND_RV_09	ND_RV_10	ND_RV_11	ND_RV_12	ND_RV_13	ND_RV_14	LA_RV_15	LA_RV_16	LA_RV_17	LA_RV_18	LA_RV_19	LA_RV_20	LA_RV_21	LA_RV_22	LA_RV_23	LA_RV_24	VD_RV_25
Vascular plants:																									
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	0.01	0.01	4	0.01	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>	1	0.1	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	0.1	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.
<i>Arctagrostis latifolia</i>	0.1	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01
<i>Arctous alpina</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.
<i>Betula nana</i>	10	10	7	10	1	.	5	20	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	25	45	40	50	25	10	15	7	10	25	5
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	8	10	2	1	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Bistorta vivipara</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	1	0.1	2	2	2	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Cardamine bellidifolia</i>
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	15	25	20	20	20	7	5	7	35	20	60
<i>Carex chondorrhiza</i>	30	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Carex globularis</i>	0.1	0.1	10	0.1	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Carex limosa</i>	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Carex rotundata</i>	30	30	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Deschampsia sukschewii</i>
<i>Diapensia lapponica</i>	0.1	0.1	.	.
<i>Diphasiastrum alpinum</i>	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Draba sp.</i>
<i>Drosera rotundifolia</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	10
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>	5	5	3	5	5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	1	5	1	0.1	5	3	1	10	.
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	3	0.1	.	2	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	.	.	0.1	.
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>	1	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Eriophorum scheuzeri</i>
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Festuca cf. ovina</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	0.1	2	0.1	2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.
<i>Hierochloa alpina</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	0.01	0.1	0.1
<i>Huperzia selago</i>	0.01	.	.	.
<i>Juniperus communis</i>
<i>Larix sibirica</i>	1	5	5	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ledum palustre</i>	15	15	10	20	15	65	40	60	0.1	0.01	0.01	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	0.1	2	3	1	2	.
<i>Luzula cf. wahlenbergii</i>	0.1	.	.	.
<i>Luzula confusa</i>	0.1
<i>Luzula nivalls</i>
<i>Mnuaia cf. arctica</i>	0.01	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Oxycoccus microcarpus</i>	5	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pachypleurum alpinum</i>
<i>Parya nudicaulis</i>
<i>Pedicularis cf. lapponica</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	0.01	0.1	0.1	.
<i>Pedicularis hirsuta</i>
<i>Pedicularis labradorica</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	.	.

Table 24 (cont'). Species percentage cover in vegetation study plots (relevés).

Species	ND_RV_01	ND_RV_02	ND_RV_03	ND_RV_04	ND_RV_05	ND_RV_06	ND_RV_07	ND_RV_08	ND_RV_09	ND_RV_10	ND_RV_11	ND_RV_12	ND_RV_13	ND_RV_14	LA_RV_15	LA_RV_16	LA_RV_17	LA_RV_18	LA_RV_19	LA_RV_20	LA_RV_21	LA_RV_22	LA_RV_23	LA_RV_24	VD_RV_25
<i>Petasites frigidus</i>	0.01	0.1	0.1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pinus sibirica</i>	.	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	25	10	10	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Poa arctica</i>
<i>Polemonium acutiflorum</i>
<i>Rubus chamaemorus</i>	10	15	3	2	1	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Rumex arcticus</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Salix cf. hastata</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	5
<i>Salix cf. myrtilloides</i>
<i>Salix lanata</i>
<i>Salix nummularia</i>	2	.	.	.
<i>Salix phylicifolia</i>	2	5	2	1	15	2	0.1	0.1	4	1	.
<i>Salix polaris</i>	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	30
<i>Salix reptans</i>	5
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>
<i>Saxifraga foliolosa</i>
<i>Stellaria longipes</i> s.l.
<i>Tephrosensis atropurpurea</i>
<i>Trisetum spicatum</i>
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	20	15	15	4	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i>	6	10	8	5	8	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	0.1	2	7	3	5	15	20	10	10	10	5
<i>Vaccinium vitis-ideae</i>	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	2	1	0.1	5	.	.	.	10	7	15	5	10	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	.	2
<i>Valeriana capitata</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1
Lichens:																									
<i>Alectoria nigricans</i>	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	0.1
<i>Alectoria ochroleuca</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.
<i>Arctocetraria andrejewii</i>
<i>Asahinea chrysanthia</i>	1	.	0.1	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.
<i>Baeomyces rufus</i>
<i>Bryocaulon divergens</i>	0.1	.	.	0.01	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Bryoria nitidula</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	0.1	.
<i>Cetraria delisei</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cetraria islandica</i>	2	1	1	1	1	.	.	0.1	2	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Cetraria laevigata</i>	1	0.01	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Cetraria nigricans</i>
<i>Cetrariella fastigiata</i>
<i>Cladonia amaurocrata</i>	0.1	5	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.01	.	.	.	0.01	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.1	3	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	0.1
<i>Cladonia arbuscula</i> s.l.	.	4	.	4	5	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.01	.	0.01	0.1	20	10	7	20	15	.
<i>Cladonia bellidiflora</i>	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.
<i>Cladonia cenotea</i>	0.01
<i>Cladonia cf. decorata</i>
<i>Cladonia cf. grayi</i>	0.01	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.

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Species	ND_RV_01	ND_RV_02	ND_RV_03	ND_RV_04	ND_RV_05	ND_RV_06	ND_RV_07	ND_RV_08	ND_RV_09	ND_RV_10	ND_RV_11	ND_RV_12	ND_RV_13	ND_RV_14	LA_RV_15	LA_RV_16	LA_RV_17	LA_RV_18	LA_RV_19	LA_RV_20	LA_RV_21	LA_RV_22	LA_RV_23	LA_RV_24	VD_RV_25
<i>Peltigera</i> sp.	0.01	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.
<i>Pertusaria dactylina</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.	.
<i>Pertusaria geminipara</i>	0.1	5	.	.	.
<i>Pertusaria panyga</i>
<i>Protopannaria pezizoides</i>
<i>Protothelenella leucothelia</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Psoroma hypnorum</i>
<i>Rhexophiale rhexoblephara</i>
<i>Rinodina turfæa</i>
<i>Sphaerophorus globosus</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	15	40	50	15	10	0.1
<i>Stereocaulon alpinum</i>	0.1	0.1	1	.
<i>Stereocaulon paschale</i>	5	0.1	.	.	.	.
<i>Thamnolia vermicularis</i> s.l.	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.01	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unknown black crust
Unknown white crust
<i>Varicellaria rhodocarpa</i>
Bryophytes:																									
<i>Anastrophyllum minutum</i>	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.01	.	1	1	0.1	0.1	.
<i>Aplodon wormskiolidii</i>
<i>Aulacomnium palustre</i>	5	5	0.1	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Aulacomnium turgidum</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	5	3	2	5	0.01	1	0.1	0.1	2	50
<i>Barbilophozia binsteadii</i>	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Barbilophozia kuzeana</i>	0.1	5	0.1	.	0.1	.	.
<i>Blepharostoma trichophyllum</i>
<i>Calliergon stramineum</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Calypogeia sphagnicola</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cephaloziella</i> sp.
<i>Ceratodon purpureus</i>
<i>Conostomum tetragonum</i>	0.01	0.01	0.1	.	.
<i>Cynodontium strumiferum</i>	0.1	.	.	.
<i>Dicranella subulata</i>
<i>Dicranum acutifolium</i>	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dicranum elongatum</i>	0.1	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	20	20	15	15	15	20	20	15	15	30	2
<i>Dicranum flexicaule</i>	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	0.01	0.1	.	.	.	0.1
<i>Dicranum fuscens</i>	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dicranum groenlandicum</i>
<i>Dicranum laevidens</i>	15	15	15	15	15	.	.	0.1	.	0.1	.
<i>Dicranum majus</i>	2
<i>Dicranum spadiceum</i>
<i>Ditrichum flexicaule</i>
<i>Gymnocolea inflata</i>	0.1	.	.
<i>Gymnomitrium corallioideus</i>

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<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>	0.1	2	2	1	5	.	0.01	0.01	.	.	40
<i>Hypnum holmenii</i>	0.01
<i>Hypnum subimponens</i>
<i>Klaeria cf. blyttii</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Lophozia ventricosa</i>
<i>Mylia anomala</i>	0.01	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Oncophorus wahlenbergii</i>	0.1	.	.	0.01	.	.
<i>Plagiomnium ellipticum</i>	0.1
<i>Plagiothecium berggrenianum</i>
<i>Pleurozium schreberi</i>	30	30	15	15	15	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	0.1	2	.	0.01	.	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	.
<i>Pogonatum dentatum</i>
<i>Pogonatum urnigerum</i>
<i>Pohlia cruoides</i>
<i>Pohlia nutans</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	0.01	0.01	.	.
<i>Polytrichastrum alpinum</i>
<i>Polytrichastrum longisetum</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	0.01	.	0.01	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	.
<i>Polytrichum hyperboreum</i>
<i>Polytrichum jensenii</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Polytrichum piliferum</i>
<i>Polytrichum strictum</i>
<i>Ptilidium ciliare</i>	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.1	10	0.1	1	15	10	1
<i>Ptilidium crista-cristensis</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	5	3	2	5	5	2	0.1	5	5	0.1
<i>Racomitrium lanuginosum</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sanionia uncinata</i>	0.01	.	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.
<i>Sphagnum balticum</i>	0.1	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum fuscum</i>	0.01	75	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum girgensohnii</i>	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum lenense</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1
<i>Sphagnum majus</i>	90	100	100	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum rubellum</i>	1	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum squarrosum</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum teres</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum warnstorffii</i>	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphenolobus minutus</i>
<i>Splachnum sphaericum</i>
<i>Stereodon holmenii</i>
<i>Stramineogon stramineum</i>
<i>Tetralophozia setiformis</i>
<i>Tetraplodon mnioides</i>
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	0.01	.	0.1	1
<i>Tritomania quinqueidentata</i>	0.1	0.1
<i>Warnstorphia pseudostaminea</i>

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Vascular plants:																								
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	1	1	0.1	2	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	2	1	1
<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>
<i>Arctagrostis latifolia</i>	0.01	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.1	3	2	0.1	2	0.1	.	.	.	.	0.1	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	0.1
<i>Arctous alpina</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Betula nana</i>	5	10	10	.	20	30	30	2	15	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Bistorta vivipara</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	20	40	20	20	20	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	15	10	10	5	10	7	1	2	1	1
<i>Cardamine bellidifolia</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	50	40	50	20	10	5	5	10	10	15	10	0.1	15	2	15	25	10	5	25	15	10	0.1	0.1	10
<i>Carex chordorrhiza</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Carex globularis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Carex limosa</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Carex rotundata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Deschampsia sukatschewii</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	1	2
<i>Diapensia lapponica</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Diphasiastrium alpinum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Draba</i> sp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.
<i>Drosera rotundifolia</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	10	5	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	.	.	0.01	.	0.1	0.1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	5	20	0.1	0.01	0.1	.	.	.
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.
<i>Eriophorum scheucheri</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Festuca</i> cf. <i>ovina</i>	0.01	0.01	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.
<i>Hierochloa alpina</i>	0.01	0.01	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Huperzia selago</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Larix sibirica</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ledum palustre</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	15	3	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Luzula</i> cf. <i>wahlenbergii</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	2	1	1
<i>Luzula confusa</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.
<i>Luzula nivalis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Minuartia</i> cf. <i>arctica</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Oxyccoccus microcarpus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pachypleurum alpinum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.
<i>Parrya nudicaulis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.
<i>Pedicularis</i> cf. <i>lapponica</i>	0.01
<i>Pedicularis hirsuta</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Pedicularis labradorica</i>

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<i>Petasites frigidus</i>
<i>Pinus sibirica</i>
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<i>Poa arctica</i>	0.01	0.1	.	0.1	1	1	0.1	.	.	0.01	.	0.01
<i>Polemonium acutiflorum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Rubus chamaemorus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Rumex arcticus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.01	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Salix cf. hastata</i>	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Salix cf. myrtilloides</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Salix lanata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Salix nummularia</i>	.	.	.	.	8	5	3	1	1	.	0.1	5	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	10	7	75	70	40
<i>Salix phylicifolia</i>	0.1	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Salix polaris</i>	10	20	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	8	5	15	15	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Salix reptans</i>	5	5	7	1	3	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Saxifraga foliolosa</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stellaria longipes</i> s.l.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	0.1	0.1	.	.	0.01	.	.
<i>Tephrosensis atropurpurea</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Trisetum spicatum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i>	.	1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>	1	5	5	7	30	15	15	20	10	35	15	2	20	2	.	.	.	.	.	10	7	.	.	.
<i>Valeriana capitata</i>	0.1	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01
Lichens:																								
<i>Alectoria nigricans</i>	.	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Alectoria ochroleuca</i>	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Arctocetraria andrejewii</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	.	.	.
<i>Asahinea chrysantha</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Baeomyces rufus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Bryocaulon divergens</i>	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.01	.	0.01	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.
<i>Bryoria nitidula</i>	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cetraria delisei</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cetraria islandica</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1	0.1	1	1	1
<i>Cetraria laevigata</i>	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cetraria nigricans</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cetrariella fastigiata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	0.01
<i>Cladonia amaro-crataea</i>	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	.	5	1	0.01	0.1	.	2	1	1	1	2
<i>Cladonia arbuscula</i> s.l.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	5	5	1	2	1	5	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	6	5	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Cladonia bellidiflora</i>	.	.	0.1	0.1	.	.	0.1	.	.	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cladonia cenotea</i>	0.1
<i>Cladonia cf. decorticata</i>	0.1	.	.	.	0.1
<i>Cladonia cf. grayi</i>	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	0.1

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<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>	40	30	30	10	20	10	10	10	10	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	10	2	0.1	1	1	1	0.1	0.1	1	5	0.1
<i>Hypnum holmenii</i>	.	.	0.01
<i>Hypnum subimponens</i>	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Kiaeria cf. blyttii</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Lophozia ventricosa</i>	0.01	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	5	1	0.1	5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Mylia anomala</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Oncophorus wahlenbergii</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Plagiomnium ellipticum</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Plagiothecium berggrenianum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pleurozium schreberi</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pogonatum dentatum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pogonatum urnigerum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pohlia cruides</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pohlia nutans</i>	.	0.01	0.01	.	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	.	.	.	0.01	0.01	0.01	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	0.1	.
<i>Polytrichastrum alpinum</i>	0.1	.	.	.	10	10	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Polytrichastrum longisetum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Polytrichum hyperboreum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	3	1	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	1	.
<i>Polytrichum jensenii</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Polytrichum piliferum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Polytrichum strictum</i>	1	1	10	30	10	1	10	5	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ptilidium ciliare</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	0.1	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.
<i>Ptilidium crista-cristensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Racomitrium lanuginosum</i>	.	0.1	.	.	0.1	1	1	0.1	1	10	10	2	5	5	0.1	.	0.01	.	0.1	0.01	0.1	1	0.1	1	1
<i>Sanionia uncinata</i>	0.1	.	.	0.01	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	0.1	1	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum balticum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum fuscum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum girgensohnii</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum lenense</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum majus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum rubellum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum squarrosum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum teres</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphagnum warnstorffii</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sphenolobus minutus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	2	0.1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
<i>Splachnum sphaericum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stereodon holmenii</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stramineogon stramineum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tetralophozia setiformis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tetraplodon mnioides</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.
<i>Tritomaria quinqueidentata</i>	10	1	1	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	0.1	1	0.1
<i>Warnstorffia pseudostraminea</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

Plot-count data for tree cover, density, and basal area (at Nadym only)

Table 25. Raw plot-count data from the Nadym-1 relevés. All trees in each 10 x 10-m plot were recorded, including diameter at breast height (dbh), basal area of the stem at breast height, height of the tree, and above-ground mass of the tree. Mass was determined using the equations presented in the methods (from Zianis et al. 2005). The location of the tree is given by the x and y coordinates measured in meters from the southwest corner of the plot.

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Species dbh (cm) dbh (mm) basal area (cm^2) ht (m) x.coor y.coor mass (kg) mass (g)										Species dbh (cm) dbh (mm) basal area (cm^2) ht (m) x.coor y.coor mass (kg) mass (g)									
ND_RV_01										ND_RV_03									
23	Betpub	1	10	0.8	3	5.7	1	0.1	91.8	1	Betpub	0.3	3	0.1	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	4.5
24	Betpub	6	60	28.3	7	5.3	2.2	8.1	8099.4	2	Betpub	0.2	2	0.0	1.8	0.3	1.2	0.0	1.6
26	Betpub	9	90	63.6	8	8.2	4.2	22.3	22322.7	3	Betpub	1	10	0.8	2.3	0.3	2.3	0.1	91.8
17	Larsib	1	10	0.8	2	4.8	1.5	0.2	208.6	6	Betpub	0.2	2	0.0	1	1	2	0.0	1.6
21	Larsib	4	40	12.6	6	5.8	0.7	4.9	4929.7	4	Larsib	5	50	19.6	4.5	0.3	2.7	5.3	5279.9
1	Pin.syl	16	160	201.1	9	0.9	8.3	79.1	79067.0	8	Larsib	5	50	19.6	6	2.9	6.7	6.9	6935.7
2	Pin.syl	16	160	201.1	9	0.5	9.8	79.1	79067.0	13	Larsib	7	70	38.5	6.5	5.8	9.2	12.5	12520.7
3	Pin.syl	3.5	35	9.6	4	2.8	1.3	2.3	2269.7	5	Pin.syl	17	170	227.0	9	0.1	9.7	91.4	91437.0
4	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	4	1.8	3.3	1.6	1637.0	7	Pin.syl	6	60	28.3	7	3	6.5	11.0	11027.0
5	Pin.syl	14	140	153.9	9	1.8	3.8	57.4	57363.0	9	Pin.syl	11	110	95.0	9	4	9.7	32.4	32397.0
6	Pin.syl	12	120	113.1	8	1.2	1.2	39.7	39707.0	10	Pin.syl	8	80	50.3	6	4.5	6.7	16.5	16539.0
7	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	2	1.8	4.5	1.6	1637.0	11	Pin.syl	9	90	63.6	6.5	4.5	0.1	20.8	20813.0
8	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	8	1.2	5.6	13.3	13277.0	12	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	2.3	6	2.4	3.1	3147.0
9	Pin.syl	12	120	113.1	9	1.8	6.3	39.7	39707.0	14	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	1.7	6.2	5.8	0.9	851.5
10	Pin.syl	3.5	35	9.6	5	1.8	7.5	2.3	2269.7	15	Pin.syl	12	120	113.1	7	6.7	0.2	39.7	39707.0
11	Pin.syl	12	120	113.1	9	2.8	4.8	39.7	39707.0	16	Pin.syl	8	80	50.3	7	7.4	7.4	16.5	16539.0
12	Pin.syl	6.5	65	33.2	6	2.5	2.8	12.0	12025.5	17	Pin.syl	16	160	201.1	9	8.5	2.5	79.1	79067.0
13	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1.5	2.8	1.8	0.3	319.5	18	Pin.syl	9	90	63.6	7	9	0.8	20.8	20813.0
14	Pin.syl	6	60	28.3	6.5	3.6	7.7	11.0	11027.0	19	Pin.syl	8	80	50.3	6	9.8	1.8	16.5	16539.0
15	Pin.syl	14	140	153.9	9	3.2	8.5	57.4	57363.0	20	Pin.syl	13	130	132.7	8.5	9.3	6.3	48.0	48029.0
16	Pin.syl	13	130	132.7	8	4.5	5.8	48.0	48029.0	ND_RV_04									
18	Pin.syl	11	110	95.0	8	4.5	0.8	32.4	32397.0	8	Betpub	1	10	0.8	2.5	4.1	2.3	0.1	91.8
19	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	5.5	5.5	1	3.1	3147.0	21	Betpub	11	110	95.0	8	9.7	1	36.9	36968.5
20	Pin.syl	5	50	19.6	7.5	5.2	0.7	9.8	9789.0	5	Larsib	6	60	28.3	4.5	3.5	3.5	7.0	6978.7
22	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	7	5.7	0.6	13.3	13277.0	14	Larsib	1.5	15	1.8	2.2	8.5	1.6	0.4	424.6
25	Pin.syl	20	200	314.2	11	7.2	2.8	134.6	134619.0	1	Pin.syl	11	110	95.0	8	0.2	4.2	32.4	32397.0
ND_RV_02										2	Pin.syl	5	50	19.6	2.2	1.2	6.7	6.1	6050.0
15	Betpub	6	60	28.3	7.5	4.6	7	8.1	8099.4	3	Pin.syl	21	210	346.4	9.5	1.5	6.2	151.0	151037.0
32	Betpub	0.6	6	0.3	2	7.2	9.2	0.0	25.6	4	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	2.5	2.5	6.7	0.9	851.5
33	Betpub	1	10	0.8	4	7.5	6.5	0.1	91.8	6	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	3	3.6	3.4	0.9	851.5
34	Betpub	7.5	75	44.2	7	7.6	5.8	14.2	14150.2	7	Pin.syl	15	150	176.7	8.5	4.5	0.4	67.7	67709.0
37	Larsib	20	200	314.2	12	7.5	3.6	111.6	111604.4	9	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	4	4.5	2.5	3.1	3147.0
45	Larsib	21	210	346.4	13	9	8.2	129.7	129736.5	10	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1.2	4.8	2.4	0.3	319.5
44	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	5	8.2	7.6	3.1	3147.0	11	Pin.syl	5	50	19.6	4.5	4.5	3.1	6.1	6050.0
1	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	3.5	0.2	3.3	1.6	1637.0	12	Pin.syl	15	150	176.7	9	6.5	5.7	67.7	67709.0
2	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1.5	0.4	3.4	0.3	319.5	13	Pin.syl	1.5	15	1.8	2.2	6.2	6.8	0.6	614.1
3	Pin.syl	16	160	201.1	10	1.7	3.2	79.1	79067.0	15	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	6	8.5	2.6	13.3	13277.0
4	Pin.syl	10	100	78.5	8.5	1.2	3	26.1	26099.0	16	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1	8	8.8	0.3	319.5
5	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.6	1637.0	17	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	4.5	9.7	8.6	3.1	3147.0
6	Pin.syl	2.5	25	4.9	3.5	2.3	0.5	1.2	1180.6	18	Pin.syl	0.4	4	0.1	1	9	3.5	0.3	299.2
7	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	2.2	2.5	0.5	0.9	851.5	19	Pin.syl	16	160	201.1	9	9	3.1	79.1	79067.0
8	Pin.syl	5	50	19.6	5.5	3.3	2	9.8	9789.0	20	Pin.syl	8	80	50.3	6.5	9.5	1.5	16.5	16539.0
9	Pin.syl	10	100	78.5	8	2.5	8.8	26.1	26099.0	ND_RV_05									
10	Pin.syl	0.7	7	0.4	2	2.5	9.2	0.4	364.1	1	Betpub	0.7	7	0.4	2.5	0.4	0.5	0.0	37.6
11	Pin.syl	4.5	45	15.9	6.5	2.2	10	4.4	4363.4	5	Betpub	1	10	0.8	3	0.7	9.7	0.1	91.8
12	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	4	3.6	9.5	0.9	851.5	9	Betpub	11	110	95.0	7	1.8	4	36.9	36968.5
13	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	2	3.7	9.2	0.3	319.5	24	Betpub	0.8	8	0.5	2	9.7	4.7	0.1	52.5
14	Pin.syl	0.4	4	0.1	1	3.3	8.3	0.3	299.2	25	Betpub	7.5	75	44.2	7.5	9	4.2	14.2	14150.2
16	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	4.5	4.3	9.5	1.8	1637.0	4	Larsib	7	70	38.5	6	0.7	9.2	11.6	11605.6
17	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	4	4.7	9.8	0.9	851.5	11	Larsib	2	20	3.1	2.5	3.5	3.5	0.7	744.3
18	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1	4.3	9.7	0.3	319.5	13	Larsib	12	120	113.1	8	4	7	34.8	34776.3
19	Pin.syl	0.6	6	0.3	2	5.5	9.8	0.3	341.0	6	Pin.syl	0.7	7	0.4	2.5	0.7	10	0.4	364.1
20	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	8.5	5.5	9.5	13.3	13277.0	9	Pin.syl	8	80	50.3	6	1.5	3.5	9.6	9563.7
21	Pin.syl	6	60	28.3	8	5.7	9.2	11.0	11027.0	26	Pin.syl	0.7	7	0.4	1	9.5	4	0.4	364.1
22	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	3.5	5.5	1	0.9	851.5	2	Pin.syl	2.5	25	4.9	3.2	0.8	1.8	1.2	1180.6
23	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	3	6.3	0	0.9	851.5	3	Pin.syl	6	60	28.3	7	1	7.8	11.0	11027.0
24	Pin.syl	10	100	78.5	8.5	6.2	2.5	26.1	26099.0	7	Pin.syl	4.8	48	18.1	6	2	5	5.3	5308.7
25	Pin.syl	3.5	35	9.6	6	6.5	3.5	2.3	2269.7	10	Pin.syl	18	180	254.5	8.5	3	3.4	104.8	104819.0
26	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	6	6.7	4	3.1	3147.0	12	Pin.syl	16	160	176.7	8.5	3.8	6	97.7	97709.0
27	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	7	6.9	4.5	13.3	13277.0	14	Pin.syl	14	140	153.9	8	5	0.2	57.4	57363.0
28	Pin.syl	1	10	0.8	2	6.9	4.7	0.4	442.9	15	Pin.syl	14	140	153.9	8	6	8.9	57.4	57363.0
29	Pin.syl	3.5	35	9.6	4	6.2	5.5	2.3	2269.7	16	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	3	7.5	6.2	0.9	851.5
30	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	5	7.5	9.5	1.8	1637.0	17	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	6.5	8.7	5.3	13.3	13277.0
31	Pin.syl	1	10	0.8	2.2	7.6	9.2	0.4	442.9	18	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	5	8.5	5.5	3.1	3147.0
35	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1.8	7.6	4.2	0.3	319.5	19	Pin.syl	0.4	4	0.1	1.5	8.5	6.5	0.3	299.2
36	Pin.syl	3.5	35	9.6	6	7.4	4	2.3	2269.7	20	Pin.syl	0.4	4	0.1	1.2	8	7	0.3	299.2
38	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	5	7.4	2.7	1.6	1637.0	21	Pin.syl	3.5	35	9.6	6.5	8.7	7.2	2.3	2269.7
39	Pin.syl	8	80	50.3	7	8	1.5	16.5	16539.0	22	Pin.syl	6.5	65	33.2	7.5	9.1	8.1	12.0	12025.5
40	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	3	7.5	1.2	0.9	851.5	23	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	7.5	9.2	5.8	13.3	13277.0
41	Pin.syl	1.5	15	1.8	3	4.8	0.8	0.6	614.1	27	Pin.syl	0.3	3	0.1					

Table 26. Summary of tree data from the plot-count method (biomass, basal area, density, and tree height) at Nadyim-1.

Biomass (g/m ²)								
Transect	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e
Species								
Bettor	305.14	223.67	1.00	369.60	512.01	282.28	189.39	84.70
Larsib	51.38	2413.41	247.36	74.03	471.26	651.49	999.22	446.86
Pinsib	0.00	31.47	0.00	0.00	102.92	26.88	44.64	19.96
Pinsyl	6777.01	3144.35	3969.06	4493.84	3504.97	4377.85	1433.53	641.09
Total	7133.54	5812.90	4217.42	4937.48	4591.16	5338.50	1164.41	520.74
Biomass (g/tree)								
Transect	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e
Species								
Bettor	10171.29	5591.75	24.90	18480.14	10240.14	8901.64	6798.96	3040.59
Larsib	2569.14	120670.46	8245.46	3701.62	15708.72	30179.08	50849.11	22740.42
Pinsib	0.00	3147.04	0.00	0.00	3430.60	1315.53	1804.15	1275.73
Pinsyl	32271.50	7146.25	30531.20	26434.38	21906.06	23657.88	10060.43	4499.16
Total	45011.93	136555.50	38801.56	48616.14	51285.51	64054.13	40798.64	18245.71
Basal area (m ² /ha)								
Transect	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e
Species								
Bettor	0.93	0.74	0.01	0.96	1.41	0.81	0.51	0.23
Larsib	0.13	6.61	0.78	0.30	1.55	1.87	2.70	1.21
Pinsib	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.13	0.22	0.10
Pinsyl	17.95	9.09	10.91	0.83	9.26	9.61	6.10	2.73
Total	19.01	16.56	11.70	2.08	12.73	12.42	6.48	2.90
Height (m)								
Transect	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e
Species								
Bettor	6.00	5.13	1.65	5.25	4.40	4.49	1.68	0.75
Larsib	4.00	12.50	5.67	3.35	5.50	6.20	3.65	1.63
Pinsib		5.00			3.17	4.08	1.30	0.92
Pinsyl	6.95	4.71	6.62	4.86	5.54	5.74	1.01	0.45
Average	5.65	6.83	4.64	4.49	4.65	5.25	1.00	0.45
Density (trees/ha)								
Transect	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e
Species								
Bet.pub	300.00	400.00	400.00	200.00	500.00	360.00	114.02	50.99
Lar.sib	200.00	200.00	300.00	200.00	0.00	180.00	109.54	48.99
Pin.sib	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	44.72	20.00
Pin.syl	2100.00	4400.00	1300.00	1700.00	0.00	1900.00	1604.68	717.64
Total	2600.00	5100.00	2000.00	2100.00	500.00	2460.00	1671.23	747.40

Table 27. Summary of number of trees and seedlings from each relevé at Nadym-1.

SPECIES	Bet.pub	Lar.sib	Pin.sib	Pin.syl
Releve 1				
Number				
Individuals	3	2		21
Mean dbh (cm)	5.3	2.5		9.0
Mean height (m)	6.0	4.0		7.0
Number				
Seedlings	1			5
Releve 2				
Number				
Individuals	4	2	1	44
Mean dbh (cm)	3.8	20.5	4.0	3.9
Mean height (m)	5.1	12.5	5.0	4.7
Number				
Seedlings	2			2
Releve 3				
Number				
Individuals	4	3		13
Mean dbh (cm)	0.4	5.7		9.5
Mean height (m)	1.7	5.7		6.6
Number				
Seedlings	1			14
Releve 4				
Number				
Individuals	2	2		17
Mean dbh (cm)	6.0	3.8		6.9
Mean height (m)	5.3	3.4		4.9
Number				
Seedlings				10
Releve 5				
Number				
Individuals	5	3	3	16
Mean dbh (cm)	4.2	7.0	3.1	6.6
Mean height (m)	4.4	5.5	3.2	5.5
Number				
Seedlings			1	4

Table 28. Comparison of tree biomass as determined by the plot-count method and the point-centered quarter method.

10 x 10-m plot count method, biomass (g/m²)									
	Relevé	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e.
Species									
Betula pubescens ssp. tortuosa		305.14	223.67	1.00	369.60	512.01	282.28	189.39	84.70
Larix sibirica		51.38	2413.41	247.36	74.03	471.26	651.49	999.22	446.86
Pinus cembra ssp. sibirica		0.00	31.47	0.00	0.00	102.92	26.88	44.64	19.96
Pinus sylvestris		6777.01	3144.35	3969.06	4493.84	3504.97	4377.85	1433.53	641.09
Total		7133.54	5812.90	4217.42	4937.48	4591.16	5338.50	1164.41	520.74
Point-centered quadrat method, biomass (g/m²)									
	Transect	1	2	3	4	5	Average	s.d.	s.e.
Species									
Betula pubescens ssp. tortuosa		171.98	355.90	642.31	642.08	736.92	509.84	236.88	105.94
Larix sibirica		3.59	104.58	167.30	0.00	6.75	56.45	75.92	33.95
Pinus cembra ssp. sibirica		0.00	195.09	22.06	0.00	221.98	87.83	110.97	49.63
Pinus sylvestris		1859.33	2113.41	2733.25	5430.03	5199.63	3467.13	1718.33	768.46
Total		2034.90	2768.99	3564.92	6072.11	6165.28	4121.24	1902.29	850.73

Plant biomass

Table 29. Summary of above-ground plant biomass for the vegetation study plots (relevés). Tree biomass for each plot was determined from the plot-count method. See Appendix D for biomass sampling and sorting methods for the non-tree species. For the trees, biomass was determined from the plot-count method and expressed in $g\ m^{-2}$.

Releve #	Deciduous				Evergreen				Graminoid		Forb	Live bryo- phyte	Live lichen	Total excluding dead moss & lichen & litter	Dead bryo- phyte	Dead lichen	Litter	Total including dead moss & lichen & litter, excluding trees	Broadleaf deciduous trees	Needleleaf deciduous trees	Ever- green trees	Total above- ground biomass
	Stem	Live foliar	Att. dead foliar	Repro- ductive	Stem	Live foliar	Att. dead foliar	Repro- ductive	Live foliar	Att. dead foliar												
Nadym-1*																						
ND_RV_01	47	11	0	1	77	49	2	1	T	2	0	161	0	352	1123	22	333	1830	305	51	6777	8964
ND_RV_02	142	22	1	1	99	71	3	T	0	0	T	252	151	741	773	76	414	2003	224	2413	3176	7816
ND_RV_03	83	14	0	1	17	21	2	0	0	0	0	3	1720	1860	2	342	663	2866	1	247	3969	7084
ND_RV_04	9	3	0	0	7	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	1450	1478	0	560	603	2641	370	74	4494	7579
ND_RV_05	46	4	0	0	109	68	7	T	0	0	0	34	703	972	22	469	844	2307	512	471	3608	6898
Average	65	11	T	1	62	43	3	T	T	T	T	90	805	1081	384	294	571	2330	282	651	4405	7668
s.d.	50	8	0	1	47	29	2	0	0	1	0	112	765	596	530	237	203	431	189	999	1412	813
s.e.	22	4	0	0	21	13	1	0	0	0	0	50	342	287	237	106	91	193	85	447	631	363
Nadym-2																						
Hummocks																						
ND_RV_06	0	0	0	0	682	197	3	1	3	12	18	17	343	1275	97	142	682	2196	0	0	0	0
ND_RV_07	13	1	0	0	110	67	T	T	0	1	28	160*	3	1114	1437**	0	6	1826	0	0	0	0
ND_RV_08	74	31	0	1	420	182	11	4	9	56	10	21	340	1159	36	170	265	1630	0	0	0	0
Average	29	11	0	T	404	149	5	2	4	23	19	64	228	1162	523	104	317	1664	0	0	0	0
s.d.	40	17	0	0	286	71	6	2	4	29	9	81	195	83	792	91	341	288	0	0	0	0
s.e.	23	10	0	0	165	41	3	1	3	17	5	47	113	48	457	53	197	166	0	0	0	0
Inter-hummocks																						
ND_RV_09	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	1008	1019	0	877	51	1946	0	0	0	0
ND_RV_10	22	1	0	0	12	1	0	0	3	7	4	0	1030	1080	0	594	47	1721	0	0	0	0
ND_RV_11	9	1	0	0	423	96	2	2	39	132	1	2	754	1461	4	0	548	2013	0	0	0	0
Average	10	1	0	0	146	33	1	1	14	46	3	1	930	1166	1	490	216	1894	0	0	0	0
s.d.	11	1	0	0	240	55	1	1	22	74	1	1	154	240	2	448	288	153	0	0	0	0
s.e.	6	0	0	0	138	32	1	1	13	43	1	0	89	138	1	258	166	88	0	0	0	0
Laborovaya-1																						
LA_RV_15	259	43	0	3	44	25	3	0	36	83	4	271	60	832	613	0	183	1627	0	0	0	0
LA_RV_16	248	53	0	0	38	44	6	0	35	48	1	395	103	972	313	0	337	1621	0	0	0	0
LA_RV_17	303	27	0	5	11	21	5	0	43	120	6	203	42	786	1060	0	170	2015	0	0	0	0
LA_RV_18	299	86	0	1	17	25	0	0	15	83	5	265	31	828	596	0	73	1496	0	0	0	0
LA_RV_19	76	24	0	0	20	33	4	0	7	23	T	375	92	657	684	0	104	1444	0	0	0	0
Average	238	47	0	2	28	30	4	T	27	71	3	302	66	816	653	0	173	1641	0	0	0	0
s.d.	92	25	0	2	14	9	2	0	15	37	2	81	31	113	268	0	102	224	0	0	0	0
s.e.	41	11	0	1	6	4	1	0	7	17	1	36	14	50	120	0	46	100	0	0	0	0
Laborovaya-2																						
LA_RV_20	124	13	0	0	21	29	0	0	13	62	0	110	285	659	316	0	596	1570	0	0	0	0
LA_RV_21	285	113	0	3	9	17	0	0	9	19	0	78	201	734	281	0	532	1546	0	0	0	0
LA_RV_22	14	3	0	0	11	19	1	0	3	18	0	9	233	308	29	0	502	839	0	0	0	0
LA_RV_23	100	6	0	0	1	5	0	0	32	83	0	95	343	664	507	10	301	1482	0	0	0	0
LA_RV_24	81	7	0	0	5	16	1	0	10	33	0	119	244	514	467	0	333	1314	0	0	0	0
Average	121	28	0	1	9	17	T	0	13	43	0	82	261	576	320	2	453	1350	0	0	0	0
s.d.	101	48	0	1	7	9	0	0	11	29	0	44	55	170	189	4	129	303	0	0	0	0
s.e.	45	21	0	1	3	4	0	0	5	13	0	20	24	76	84	2	58	135	0	0	0	0

Table 29 cont'. Summary of above-ground plant biomass for the vegetation study plots (relevés). Tree biomass for each plot was determined from the plot-count method. See Appendix D for biomass sampling and sorting methods for the non-tree species. For the trees, biomass was determined from the plot-count method and expressed in g m⁻².

Releve #	Deciduous				Evergreen				Graminoid		Forb	Live bryophyte	Live lichen	Total excluding dead moss & lichen & litter	Dead bryophyte	Dead lichen	Litter	Total including dead moss & lichen & litter, excluding trees	Broadleaf deciduous trees	Needleleaf deciduous trees	Evergreen trees	Total above-ground biomass
	Stem	Live foliar	Att. dead foliar	Reproductive	Stem	Live foliar	Att. dead foliar	Reproductive	Live foliar	Att. dead foliar												
Vaskiny Dachi-1																						
VD_RV_25	32	43	0	0	3	5	2	0	24	69	3	169	27	378	688	0	167	1233	0	0	0	
VD_RV_26	32	20	0	0	47	56	21	1	45	71	14	287	33	628	587	0	235	1449	0	0	0	
VD_RV_27	172	44	0	0	13	40	0	1	24	73	0	151	21	539	450	0	318	1306	0	0	0	
VD_RV_28	10	11	0	1	7	23	0	1	36	64	2	268	25	450	516	0	150	1116	0	0	0	
VD_RV_29	25	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	25	1	317	54	465	834	0	92	1390	0	0	0	
Average	54	30	0	1	14	25	5	1	28	60	4	239	32	492	615	0	192	1299	0	0	0	
s.d.	66	15	0	1	19	24	9	1	14	20	6	74	13	95	151	0	87	131	0	0	0	
s.e.	30	6	0	0	9	11	4	0	6	9	3	33	6	42	68	0	39	59	0	0	0	
Vaskiny Dachi-2																						
VD_RV_30	7	6	0	0	15	29	2	T	17	33	0	211	73	393	514	0	112	1019	0	0	0	
VD_RV_31	114	37	0	0	11	33	2	0	19	29	0	210	89	544	456	0	171	1172	0	0	0	
VD_RV_32	40	8	0	0	16	46	1	T	6	29	0	254	54	453	603	0	147	1202	0	0	0	
VD_RV_33	13	5	0	0	18	50	3	2	19	64	0	278	68	521	667	0	90	1278	0	0	0	
VD_RV_34	120	21	0	1	9	31	0	1	15	27	0	367	60	652	1258	0	132	2043	0	0	0	
Average	59	15	0	T	14	38	2	1	16	36	0	264	69	513	700	0	131	1343	0	0	0	
s.d.	55	14	0	0	4	9	1	1	5	15	0	64	14	98	323	0	31	403	0	0	0	
s.e.	24	6	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	7	0	29	6	44	144	0	14	180	0	0	0	
Vaskiny Dachi-3																						
VD_RV_35	0	0	0	0	16	43	0	T	8	27	0	115	174	383	400	0	239	1021	0	0	0	
VD_RV_36	0	0	0	0	7	11	0	0	3	15	0	231	183	450	460	0	105	1016	0	0	0	
VD_RV_37	4	5	0	1	9	6	0	1	1	2	0	43	191	264	164	0	278	706	0	0	0	
VD_RV_38	0	0	0	0	9	21	2	2	8	26	0	116	257	440	284	0	135	859	0	0	0	
VD_RV_39	0	0	0	0	93	34	0	2	1	2	0	403	256	791	166	0	398	1354	0	0	0	
Average	1	1	0	T	27	23	T	1	4	15	0	182	212	466	295	0	231	991	0	0	0	
s.d.	2	2	0	0	37	15	1	1	4	12	0	141	41	196	134	0	118	241	0	0	0	
s.e.	1	1	0	0	17	7	0	0	2	5	0	63	18	88	60	0	53	108	0	0	0	
Kharasavey-1																						
KH_RV_40	18	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	14	29	T	261	184	525	1126	2	212	1865	0	0	0	
KH_RV_41	8	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	72	128	T	416	122	755	1613	4	128	2501	0	0	0	
KH_RV_42	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	205	T	285	17	616	687	0	72	1375	0	0	0	
KH_RV_43	14	12	2	5	0	0	0	0	58	96	0	320	93	599	653	0	149	1401	0	0	0	
KH_RV_44	6	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	32	54	1	202	263	563	905	0	125	1593	0	0	0	
Average	11	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	54	102	T	297	136	612	997	1	137	1747	0	0	0	
s.d.	5	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	31	69	0	79	93	88	394	2	51	465	0	0	0	
s.e.	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	31	0	35	42	39	176	1	23	208	0	0	0	
Kharasavey-2a																						
KH_RV_45	10	10	1	0	13	43	0	0	14	25	T	292	386	793	901	0	243	1937	0	0	0	
KH_RV_46	16	9	7	T	9	35	0	0	12	26	0	406	292	813	1186	0	95	2093	0	0	0	
Average	13	9	4	T	11	39	0	0	13	26	T	349	339	803	1044	0	169	2015	0	0	0	
s.d.	5	1	5	0	3	5	0	0	1	1	0	81	67	14	201	0	105	111	0	0	0	
s.e.	2	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	36	30	6	90	0	47	50	0	0	0	
Kharasavey-2b																						
KH_RV_47	67	27	22	0	0	0	0	0	24	53	2	329	116	638	628	0	634	1800	0	0	0	
KH_RV_48	101	39	6	0	0	0	0	0	12	31	T	969	62	1220	1075	0	427	2722	0	0	0	
KH_RV_49	58	32	11	1	0	0	0	0	12	26	1	367	325	832	1400	0	345	2577	0	0	0	
Average	75	33	13	T	0	0	0	0	16	37	1	555	167	896	1034	0	436	2366	0	0	0	
s.d.	23	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	7	15	1	359	139	296	368	0	95	496	0	0	0	
s.e.	10	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	160	62	132	173	0	42	222	0	0	0	
* Bryophyte biomass consisted purely of Sphagnum. Sphagnum carpet was sampled until 10 cm depth. Live bryophyte biomass was calculated to be 1 cm layer of sampled bryophyte biomass.																						
** Dead bryophyte biomass was calculated to be 9 cm layer of sampled 10 cm Sphagnum carpet. Total mass of all dead Sphagnum down to the permafrost table was 4582.26g/m², and the total depth was 40cm.																						

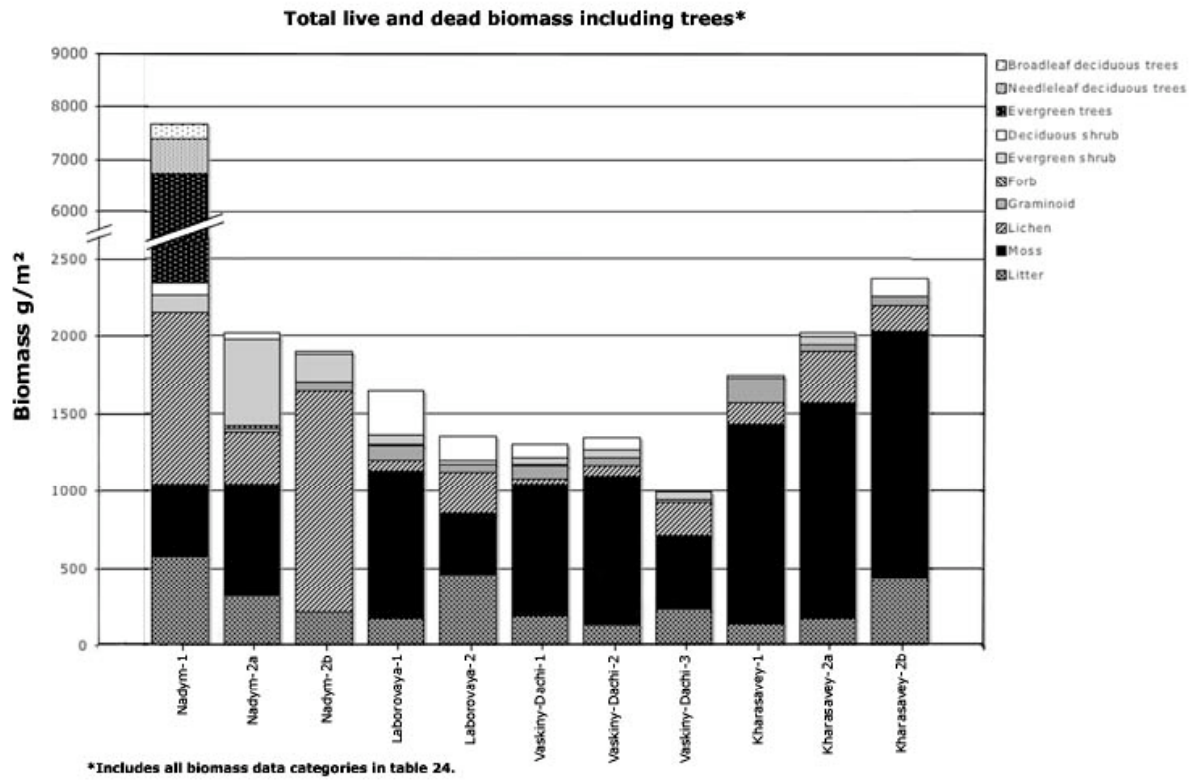
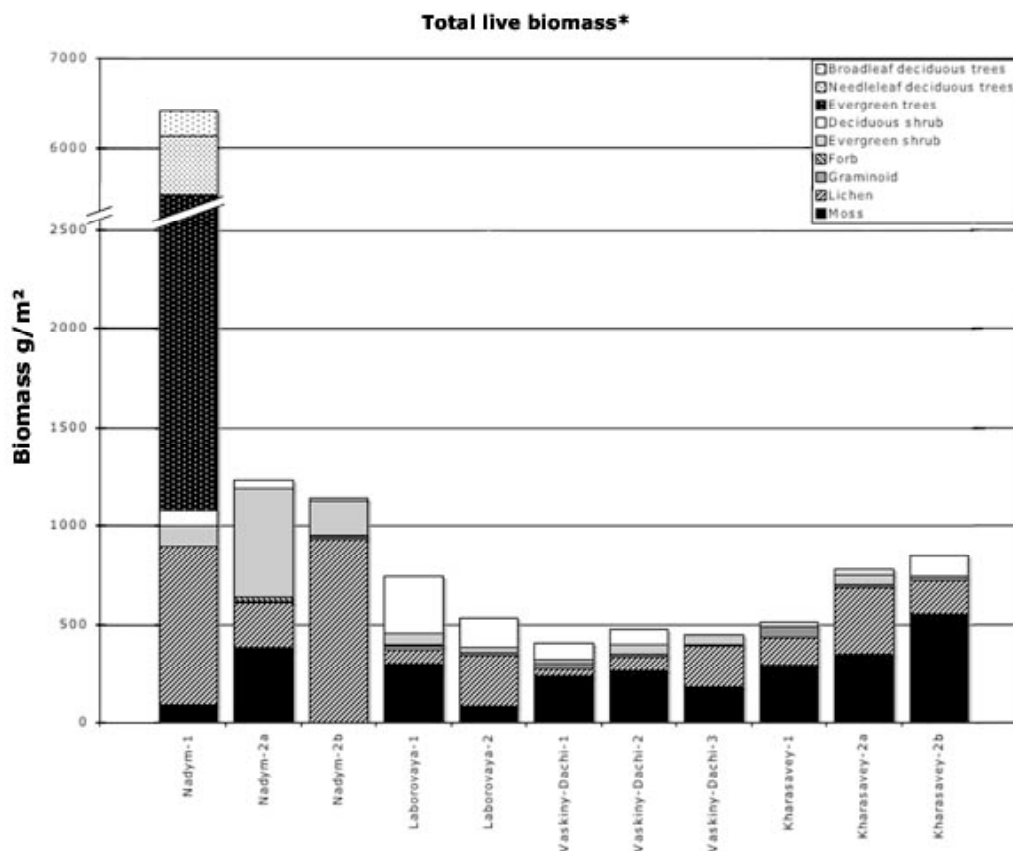


Figure 41. Total live and dead biomass including trees.

Table 30. Biomass data for Figure 41 summarized by site (T = Trace amounts).

Site	live+dead Moss	live+dead Lichen	live+dead Graminoid	Forb	all Evergreen shrub	all Deciduous shrub	Litter	Broadleaf	Needleleaf	Evergreen trees
Nady-m-1	474	1099	T	T	108	77	571	282	651	4405
Nady-m-2a	722	332	27	19	559	40	317	0	0	0
Nady-m-2b	2	1421	60	3	181	11	216	0	0	0
Laborovaya-1	955	66	99	3	59	286	173	0	0	0
Laborovaya-2	402	263	56	0	27	150	455	0	0	0
Vaskiny-Dachi-1	853	32	88	4	44	85	192	0	0	0
Vaskiny-Dachi-2	964	69	52	0	54	74	131	0	0	0
Vaskiny-Dachi-3	476	212	19	0	51	2	231	0	0	0
Kharasavey-1	1294	137	156	T	0	23	137	0	0	0
Kharasavey-2a	1393	339	39	T	50	27	169	0	0	0
Kharasavey-2b	1589	167	52	1	0	121	436	0	0	0



*Includes all biomass data categories in table 24 except dead bryophytes, dead lichens, and attached dead foliar.

Figure 42. Total live biomass.

Table 31. Biomass data for Figure 42 summarized by site

Site	live Moss	live Lichen	live Graminoid	Forb	live foliar+repr+stem Evergreen shrub	live foliar+repr+stem Deciduous shrub	Broadleaf	Needleleaf	Evergreen trees
Nadym-1	90	805	0	0	105	77	282	651	4405
Nadym-2a	383	228	4	19	554	40	0	0	0
Nadym-2b	1	930	14	3	180	11	0	0	0
Laborovaya-1	302	66	27	3	56	286	0	0	0
Laborovaya-2	82	261	13	0	26	150	0	0	0
Vaskiny-Dachi-1	239	32	28	4	19	85	0	0	0
Vaskiny-Dachi-2	264	69	16	0	52	74	0	0	0
Vaskiny-Dachi-3	182	212	4	0	51	2	0	0	0
Kharasavey-1	297	136	54	0	0	22	0	0	0
Kharasavey-2a	349	339	13	0	50	23	0	0	0
Kharasavey-2b	555	167	16	1	0	108	0	0	0

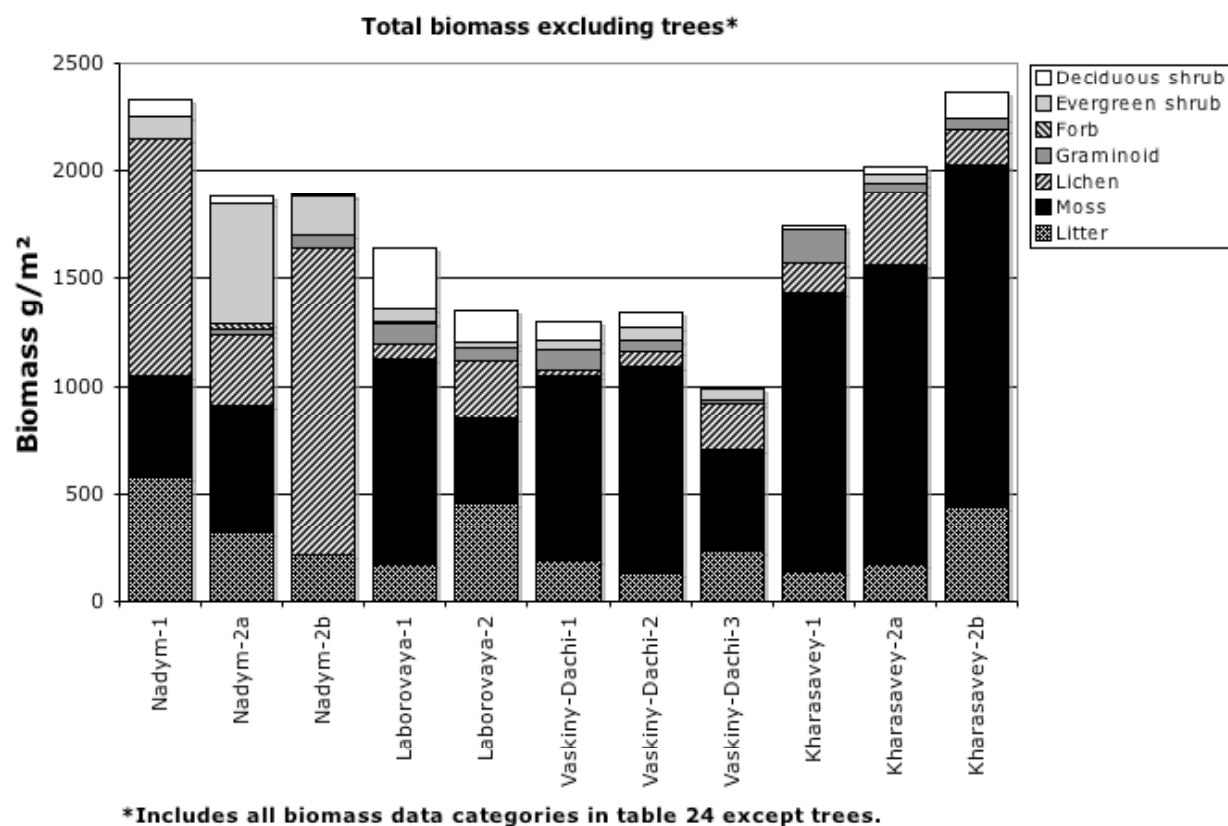


Figure 43. Total biomass excluding trees.

Table 32. Biomass data for Figure 43 summarized by site.

Site	all Moss	all Lichen	all Graminoid	Forb	all Evergreen shrub	all Deciduous shrub	Litter
Nadym-1	474	1099	T	T	108	77	571
Nadym-2a	589	332	27	19	559	40	317
Nadym-2b	2	1421	60	3	181	11	216
Laborovaya-1	955	66	99	3	59	286	173
Laborovaya-2	402	263	56	0	27	150	453
Vaskiny-Dachi-1	853	32	88	4	44	85	192
Vaskiny-Dachi-2	964	69	52	0	54	74	131
Vaskiny-Dachi-3	476	212	19	0	51	2	231
Kharasavey-1	1294	137	156	T	0	23	137
Kharasavey-2a	1393	339	39	T	50	27	169
Kharasavey-2b	1589	167	52	1	0	121	436

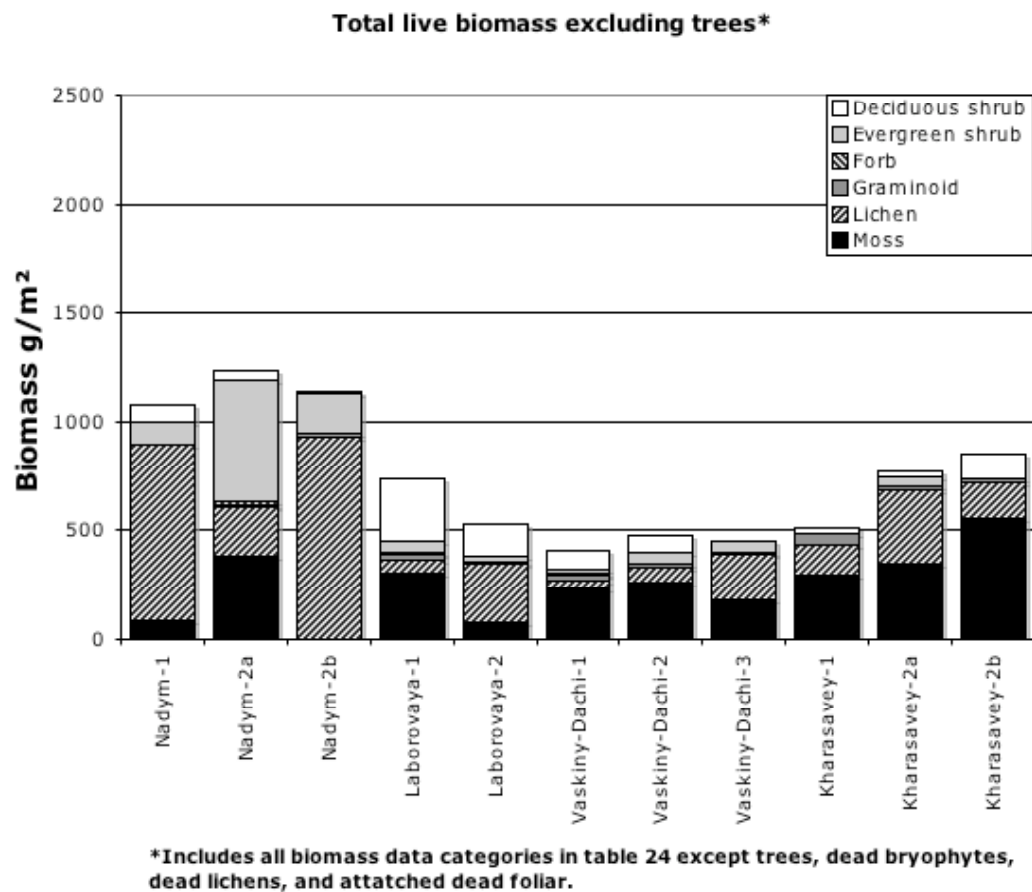


Figure 44. Total live biomass excluding trees.

Table 33 Biomass data for Figure 44 summarized by site

Site	live Moss	live Lichen	live Graminoid	Forb	live foliar+repr+stem Evergreen shrub	live foliar+repr+stem Deciduous shrub
Nadym-1	90	805	T	T	105	77
Nadym-2a	383	228	4	19	554	40
Nadym-2b	1	930	14	3	180	11
Laborovaya-1	302	66	27	3	56	286
Laborovaya-2	82	261	13	0	26	150
Vaskiny-Dachi-1	239	32	28	4	19	85
Vaskiny-Dachi-2	264	69	16	0	52	74
Vaskiny-Dachi-3	182	212	4	0	51	2
Kharasavey-1	297	136	54	T	0	22
Kharasavey-2a	349	339	13	T	50	23
Kharasavey-2b	555	167	16	1	0	108

Soil Descriptions of Study Sites: G. Matyshak

Nadym – 1

Location:

GPS position: 65°18'48.2"N, 72 °53'16.6"E

Elevation: 49 m

Parent material: alluvial-lacustrine sediments

Classification: Typic Haplocryods, (Podzols in Russia)

(a)



(b)



Figure 45. (a) Soil pit at Nadym – 1 (pit №1), higher microsite. (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-2cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, (slightly decomposed lichen and moss, a few slightly decomposed twigs, needles and leaves).

2-6 cm; Oa; dark reddish brown (2.5YR2.5/4) sapric material (lichen), (H8, F0, R1,V3), very friable, 20% fine coal in horizon; moderately few medium roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

6-14 cm; E; gray (10YR6/1) sandy with slightly and moderately decomposed organics (10YR3/2); structureless; loose, non-sticky, non-plastic, common medium roots; abrupt irregular boundary.

14-20 cm; EB; yellowish brown (5YR5/6) sandy loam; moderate fine angular structure; friable, non-sticky, non-plastic, clear wavy boundary, common medium roots.

20-44 cm; Bw; grayish brown (10YR3/2) sandy clay loam with moderately decomposed organics (10YR2/2); weak medium subangular blocky structure; firm, non-sticky, slightly plastic; many medium roots, abrupt wavy boundary.

44-75 cm; BC; yellowish gray (7.5YR8/3) loamy sand; structureless; very friable, non-sticky, non-plastic, common dark brown (7.5YR3/2) streaks of 5-10 mm thickness of Fe-Mn concentrations; 5% medium pebbles in horizon; very few fine roots; gradual wavy boundary.

75-140 cm; C; gray (10YR7/1) sandy; structureless; loose, non-sticky, non-plastic, many dark brown (7.5YR3/2) streaks of 5-10 mm thickness of Fe-Mn concentrations; water below 140 cm.

(a)



(b)



Figure 46. (a) Soil pit at Nadym – 1 (pit №2), lower microsite. (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-2 cm; Oi; 10YR5/2; fibric material, loose (slightly decomposed lichen and moss, a few slightly decomposed twigs, needles and leaves).

2-11 cm; Oe; dark brown (7.5YR3/2) hemic material (lichen and moss), (H6, F3, R1, V2), very friable, moderately decomposed lichen, twigs and leaves, few coarse roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

11-12 cm; Oa; black (10YR2/1) sapric material (H8, F1, R2, V0), loose; 40% fine coal in horizon; common medium roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

12-64 cm; E; light gray (10YR7/1) sandy, structureless; loose, non-sticky, non-plastic, very few coarse roots; 3% medium pebbles in horizon; clear irregular boundary.

64-90 cm; Btjj; yellowish-brown (5YR5/6) loamy sand; non-sticky, non-plastic, weak medium subangular structure; very friable, 10% medium pebbles; common dark brown (7.5YR3/2) streaks of 5-10mm. thickness of Fe-Mn concentrations; few medium roots; clear irregular boundary.

90-140 cm; BC; gray (10YR7/1) sandy; structureless; friable, non-sticky, non-plastic, many yellowish-brown (10YR4/6) streaks of 5-10mm. thickness of Fe-Mn concentrations; water below 140cm; very few fine roots.

Nadym – 2

Location: CALM Grid

GPS position: 65 ° 18'51.9"N, 072 ° 51'42.8"E

Elevation: 35 m

Parent material: alluvial-lacustrine sediments

Classification: Typic Histoturbels, (Peat Cryozems in Russia)

(a)



(b)



Figure 47. (a) Soil pit at Nadym - 2 (pit №3), higher hummock microsite. (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-2 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed lichen, a few slightly decomposed twigs and leaves of shrubs.

2-26 cm; Oi; dark reddish brown (2.5YR2.5/4) fibric material (moss), (H4, F3, R2, V0); friable, common medium roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

26-33 cm; Oa; black (10YR2/1) sapric material (H8, F0, R2, V1); very friable, abrupt irregular boundary.

33-37 cm; Bhjff; light gray (10YR8/1, 40%) and grayish brown (10YR3/2, 60%) loamy sand; structureless; loose, non-sticky, non-plastic, common vertical frozen cracks with dark brown (7.5YR3/2) of mucky peat of 10 mm to 50 mm; moderately few medium roots (inside of frozen cracks); 5% coarse pebbles in horizon; frozen below 37 cm.

(a)



Figure 48. (a) Soil pit at Nadym – 2 (pit №4), lower inter-hummock microsite.

0-5 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed lichen, a few slightly decomposed twigs and leaves of shrubs.

5-15 cm; Oi; reddish brown (5YR3/4), fibric material (moss), (H3, F3, R2, V1); very friable, common medium roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

15-28 cm; Oa; dark brown (7.5YR3/2) sapric material, (H8, F1, R1, V0); friable, moderately few fine roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

28-38 cm; Bhjj; yellowish gray (7.5YR8/3) loamy sand; structureless; very friable, non-sticky, non-plastic, few fine roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

38-40 cm; Cf; (Gley 2, 7/5BG) silty clay; weak very coarse platy structure; friable, slightly sticky, moderately plastic, water below 40 cm; frozen below 42 cm; many Fe concentrations around root channels, cracks.

Laborovaya-1

Location:

GPS position: 67°42'22.8"N, 067°59'57.7"E

Elevation: 84 m

Parent material: Pleistocene saline clays

Classification: Typic Historthels, (Peat Gleyzems in Russia)

(a)



(b)



Figure 49. (a) Soil pit at Laborovaya-1 (pit №5). (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-2 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed moss.

2-7 cm; Oe; brown (7.5YR4/4) hemic material, (H6, F3, R2, V0); very friable, common medium roots, gradual wavy boundary.

7-10 cm; Oa; dark brown (7.5YR3/3) sapric material (moss), (H8, F2, R2, V0); very friable, common medium roots, abrupt wavy boundary.

10-11 cm; Bw1; dark brown (7.5YR3/2) loam; moderate fine granular structure; friable, moderately sticky, moderately plastic, many fine and medium roots, gradual wavy boundary.

11-75 cm; Bw2; grayish brown (10YR5/2, 70%) and (Gley 1, 5/5GY, 20%) and yellowish red (5YR5/8, 10%) clay; weak very coarse platy structure; friable, moderately sticky, moderately plastic; common medium roots (inside of frozen cracks); common vertical and horizontal frozen cracks with dark brown (7.5YR3/2) of mucky peat of 10-100 mm; 10% coarse gravel and medium pebbles in horizon; clear wavy boundary.

75-78 cm; Cgf; (Gley 2, 6/10G); Clay with cryoturbated organics (10YR3/2); moderate very coarse platy structure; firm, moderately sticky, very plastic, frozen below 78 cm; 10% coarse gravel and medium pebbles in horizon; 20-30% ice by volume, ice lenses and ice veins of 3-5 mm thickness.

Laborovaya-2

Location:

GPS position: 67 ° 41'41.1"N, 068 ° 02'15.3"E

Elevation: 55 m

Parent material: alluvial sands underlain by pleistocene saline clays?

Classification: Typic Haploturbels, (Podburs in Russia)

(a)



(b)



Figure 50. (a) Soil pit at Laborovaya-2 (pit №6), higher polygon microsite. (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-1 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed lichen and moss.

1-3 cm; Oa; dark brown (7.5YR3/3) sapric material, (H7, F1, R3, V0); friable, abrupt irregular boundary; common fine and medium roots.

3-12 cm; Bw; reddish brown (5YR4/4) and dark brown (7.5YR3/3) on top of horizon loamy sand, moderate medium subangular blocky structure; friable, non-sticky, non-plastic, few fine roots; 5% medium pebbles in horizon; gradual irregular boundary.

12-60 cm; BC light gray (5YR6/1) reddish brown (5YR4/4) on bottom of horizon loamy sand; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, non-sticky, non-plastic; common 5-20 mm of organic streaks (10YR 4/1), few fine roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

60-62 cm; Cf; gray (5YR5/1) sand; structureless; loose, non-sticky, non-plastic; water below 62 cm; frozen below 100 cm.

(a)



Figure 51. (a) Close up of soil pit wall at Laborovaya-2b (pit №7).

0-1 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed lichen and moss.

1-7 cm; Oa; dark brown (7.5YR3/3) sapric material, (H7, F2, R2, V1); very friable, clear wavy boundary; common fine and medium roots.

7-19 cm; Oa; yellowish-brown (10YR4/6) sapric material, (H8, F1, R2, V0); friable, abrupt wavy boundary; common fine and medium roots.

19-50 cm; Bhjj; grayish brown (10YR5/2) sandy loam; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, non-sticky, non-plastic; few vertical frozen cracks with dark brown (7.5YR3/2) of mucky peat of 10-50 mm; many fine and medium roots (inside of frozen cracks); gradual irregular boundary.

54-50 cm; BCf; gray (5YR5/1) sand; structureless; loose, non-sticky, non-plastic, water below 50 cm; frozen below 90 cm.

Vaskiny Dachi-1

Location:

GPS position: 70 ° 16'32.4"N, 068 ° 53'24.8"E

Elevation: 30 m

Parent material: marine sediments

Classification: Typic Histoturbels, (Peat Gleyzems in Russia)

(a)



(b)



Figure 52. (a) Soil pit at Vaskiny Dachi-1 (pit №8), higher microsite. (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-1 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed moss, twigs and leafs of shrubs and sedge.

1-2 cm; Oi; brown (7.5YR4/4) fibric material, (H4, F3, R2, V0); friable, common fine roots; gradual wavy boundary.

2-5 cm; Ah; reddish brown (2.5YR4/6) sandy loam; moderate fine subangular blocky structure; friable, slightly sticky, slightly plastic, many fine roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

5-28 cm; Bgjj; (Gley 1, 6/10GY) loam; moderate coarse angular structure; firm, slightly sticky, slightly plastic, many Fe concentrations around root channels, cracks and on top of horizon (2.5YR5/8); many 5-10 mm of organic streaks and lenses (10YR 4/1); common medium roots; gradual irregular boundary.

28-70 cm; BCjj; grayish brown (10YR5/2) clay loam; moderate coarse platy structure; firm, moderately sticky, moderately plastic, few 10-30 mm of organic streaks (10YR 4/1) (Ab?), with oxidized zone around boundary (5YR6/8); few medium roots;

70-72 cm; Cf; gray (5YR5/1) clay loam; massive, frozen; extremely firm; sticky, plastic; 10-20% ice by volume, ice lenses and ice veins of 1-3 mm. thickness.

(a)



(b)



Figure 53. (a) Soil pit at Vaskiny Dachi-1 (pit №9), lower microsite. (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-3 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed moss and sedge.

3-8 cm; Oe; dark reddish brown (2.5YR2.5/4) hemic material, (H5, F2, R2, V0); friable, common fine and medium roots; gradual wavy boundary.

8-21 cm; Ah; brown (7.5YR4/3) clay loam; moderate fine subangular blocky structure; firm, non-sticky, slightly plastic; common fine roots; clear irregular boundary.

21-34 cm; Bwjj1; grayish brown (10YR5/2) clay loam with oxidized zone around boundary (5YR6/8), moderate medium subangular blocky structure; firm, slightly sticky, slightly plastic, few 5-10 mm of organic streaks (Ab?) and lenses (10YR 4/1); strongly cryoturbated, common medium roots; gradual irregular boundary.

34-62 cm; 2Cjff; gray (7.5YR5/1) silty clay loam; strong coarse platy structure; firm, moderately sticky, moderately plastic, many 5-10 mm of organic streaks and lenses (10YR 4/1); strongly cryoturbated; few fine roots; frozen below 62 cm, 10-20% ice by volume, ice lenses and ice veins of 1-3 mm thickness.

Vaskiny Dachi-2

Location:

GPS position: 70 ° 17'43.7"N, 068 ° 53'00.8"E

Elevation: 36 m

Parent material: Aeolian sand over marine clays

Classification: Glacic Haploturbels (Cryozems in Russia)

(a)



(b)



Figure 54. (a) Soil pit at Vaskiny Dachi-2 (pit №10), lower microsite. (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-2 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed moss, twigs and leaves of shrubs and sedge.

2-11 cm; Oe; brown (7.5YR4/4) hemic material (moss), (H5, F2, R2, V0); friable, common fine and medium roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

11-20 cm; Bwjj; reddish brown (5YR4/4, 70%) and (5YR6/8, 30%) sandy loam, moderate fine subangular blocky structure; friable, non-sticky, slightly plastic, strongly cryoturbated, many vertical frozen cracks with brown (7.5YR4/3) of mucky peat of 10-20 mm; few fine roots; gradual irregular boundary.

20-60 cm; Bw; gray (7.5YR5/1, 80%) and (2.5YR4/6, 20%) silty clay loam; weak coarse platy structure; very friable, slightly sticky, slightly plastic; few fine roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

60-62 cm; 2Cgzf; dark gray (7.5YR4/1) silty clay; moderate coarse platy structure; firm, moderately sticky, very plastic, many fine vesicular pores; frozen below 62 cm, 30% ice by volume, ice lenses of 5-10 mm thickness.

(a)



(b)



Figure 55. (a) Soil pit at Vaskiny Dachi-2 (pit №11), higher microsite. (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-1 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed moss, twigs and leaves of shrubs, sedge.

1-3 cm; Oi; brown (7.5YR4/4) fibric material (moss), (H4, F3, R2, V0); loose; common fine roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

3-4 cm; Ah; light brown (7.5YR6/4) clay loam; moderate fine subangular blocky structure; friable, slightly sticky, moderately plastic; common fine and medium roots; clear irregular boundary.

4-21 cm; Bwgjj; (Gley 1, 6/10GY) silty loam; weak medium angular structure; firm, slightly sticky, slightly plastic, common Fe concentrations (2.5YR5/8); few fine roots; clear wavy boundary.

21-26 cm; Ab; brown (7.5YR4/4) clay loam; moderate fine subangular blocky structure; friable, slightly sticky, slightly plastic, few fine roots; clear wavy boundary.

26-62 cm; Bw; gray (7.5YR5/1, 80%) and yellowish red (5YR5/8, 20%) silty clay loam, weak coarse platy structure; friable, slightly sticky, slightly plastic, few medium roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

62-67 cm; 2Cgzf; dark gray (7.5YR4/1) silty clay; moderate coarse platy structure; firm, moderately sticky, very plastic, many fine vesicular pores; frozen below 67cm, 30% ice by volume, ice lenses of 5-10 mm thickness.

Vaskiny Dachi-3

Location:

GPS position: 70 ° 18'01.7"N, 068 ° 50'33.5"E

Elevation: 18 m

Parent material: Aeolian sand over marine sediments?

Classification: Typic Haploturbels, (Podburs in Russia)

(a)



(b)



Figure 56. (a) Soil pit at Vaskiny Dachi-3 (pit №12). (b) Closeup of pit wall.

0-0.5 cm; Oi; fibric material (black crust), firm; very abrupt smooth boundary.

0.5-1.5 cm; Ah; dark brown (7.5YR3/3) silty loam, moderate fine subangular blocky structure; very friable, slightly sticky, slightly plastic, common fine and medium roots; abrupt irregular boundary.

1.5-5 cm; Bw; light brown (7.5YR6/4) sand; weak medium subangular blocky structure; loose, non-sticky, non-plastic, few vertical frozen cracks with brown (7.5YR4/3) of mucky peat of 10-20 mm few medium roots; gradual irregular boundary.

5-24 cm; Bwjj; reddish brown (2.5YR4/6, 80%) and light brown (7.5YR6/3, 20%) sand; structureless; very friable, non-sticky, non-plastic, few lenses gray (7.5YR5/1) silty loam; few medium roots; gradual irregular boundary.

24-71 cm; BC; light gray (5YR7/1, 60%) and reddish yellow (5YR7/8, 40%) loamy sand; structureless; loose, non-sticky, non-plastic, water below 71 cm; frozen below 124 cm;

(a)



(b)



Figure 57. (a) Soil pit at Vaskiny Dachi-3 (pit № 13), inter-polygon lower microsite. (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-2 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed moss and sedge.

2-5 cm; Oe; dark brown (7.5YR3/3) hemic material (moss), (H6, F1, R2, V0); very friable, common fine roots; abrupt irregular boundary.

5-30 cm; Bwjj1; reddish brown (2.5YR4/6) sand; weak medium subangular blocky structure; friable, non-sticky, non-plastic, many vertical frozen cracks with black (10YR2/1) of mucky peat of 10 mm to 20 mm; common fine and medium roots (inside of frozen cracks); gradual broken boundary.

30-40 cm; Bwjj2; grayish brown (10YR5/2) sand with cryoturbated organics (10YR3/2); structureless; friable, non-sticky, non-plastic, common medium roots; clear broken boundary.

40-50 cm; Oajj; dark brown (7.5YR3/3) mucky peat; very friable, common fine and medium roots; clear broken boundary.

50-75 cm; Bw; gray (5YR6/1, 50%) and reddish yellow (5YR7/8, 50%) loamy sand; structureless; very friable, non-sticky, non-plastic; common Fe concentrations around frozen cracks, few medium roots; clear broken boundary.

75-77 cm; Cf; gray (5YR6/1) clay loam; moderate coarse platy structure; firm, moderately sticky, moderately plastic, water below 75 cm; frozen below 130 cm.

Table 34. Summary of mean chemical properties for the Nadym-2 Histoturbels. Smallest N for any variable is 66.

Horizon			
	pH 1:2.5	TC (%)	TN (%)
Oi	4.26	40.2	0.05
Oe	4.63	43.1	0.5
Oa	4.48	41.8	0.9
B1	5.75	0.8	-

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Kharasavey – 1

Location:

GPS position: 71°10'42.5"N, 066°58'47.1"E

Elevation: 17 m.

Parent material: marine saline clays

Classification: Glacic Aquorthels



Figure 58. Soil pit at Kharasavey – 1 (p. №1-08)

0-5cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed moss; few highly decomposed lichen.

5-9cm; A; grayish brown (10YR5/2) sandy loam, moderate medium subangular blocky structure; friable; slightly sticky, non-plastic; common fine roots; gradual wavy boundary.

9-16 cm; Bwg; gray (Gley 1.5/5GY, 80%) with oxidized zone around boundary and root channel (5YR5/8, 20%) clay loam; weak coarse platy structure; firm, moderately sticky, moderately plastic; many fine vesicular pores; many vertical and horizontal frozen cracks, few fine roots; clear wavy boundary.

16-67 cm; Cg; brown (7.5YR4/4, 80%) and gray (7.5YR5/1, 20%) silt loam; moderate coarse platy structure with fine sand between units; few fine vesicular pores; many vertical and horizontal fine frozen cracks with very fine sand and brown (7.5YR4/3) of mucky peat; structureless; friable; slightly sticky, slightly plastic; common fine and medium roots; abrupt smooth boundary.

Below 67cm; Wf; permanently frozen water (100% ice)

Kharasavey – 2a

Location:

GPS position: 71°11'39.8"N, 066°53'20.9"E

Elevation: 2 m.

Parent material: Aeolian (alluvium?) sand over marine saline clays

Classification: Glacic Aquiturbels

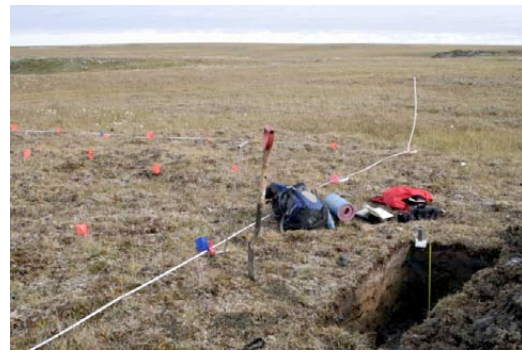


Figure 59. Soil pit at Kharasavey – 2a (p. №2-08)

0-4cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed moss, twigs and leafs of shrubs, sedge.

4-5cm; Oa; reddish brown (5YR3/4), (H7, F1, R2) sapric material (moss); friable; common fine roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

5-9cm; Bw; light brown (7.5YR6/3) sand; structureless; loose; non-sticky, non-plastic; many 0.5-1cm. of organic streaks, dark brown (7.5YR6/3); common fine and medium roots; 1% medium pebbles in horizon; abrupt wavy boundary.

9-19cm; Bwgz; gray (Gley 1.5/5GY) silt loam with oxidized zone around boundary (5YR6/8) and black mottles around root channel (salt?); structureless; firm; slightly sticky, moderately plastic; many fine roots; clear irregular boundary.

19-51cm; Bwjj; yellowish-brown (10YR5/4) sand; structureless; loose; non-sticky, non-plastic; few fine roots; many fine vesicular pores; many medium plants remains; abrupt wavy boundary.

51-62 cm; C; dark gray (7.5YR4/1) silty clay; moderate coarse platy structure; firm; moderately sticky, very plastic; abrupt smooth boundary.

Below 62cm; Wf; permanently frozen water (100% ice)

Kharasavey – 2b

Location:

GPS position: 71°11'39.8"N, 066°55'44.4"E

Elevation: 12 m.

Parent material: alluvial sands over marine sediments?

Classification: Typic Haploturbels

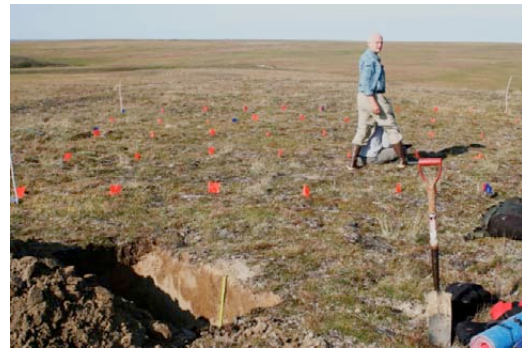


Figure 60. Soil pit at Kharasavey – 2b (p. №3-08)

0-1cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed moss and sedge.

1-2 cm; A; reddish brown (5YR5/4) silt loam; moderate fine subangular blocky structure; friable; slightly sticky, slightly plastic; common fine and medium roots; abrupt wavy boundary.

2-25 cm; Bwjj1; brown (7.5YR4/4, 60%) and light gray (10YR7/1, 40%) loam; moderate coarse platy structure; friable; non-sticky, slightly plastic; common fine roots; abrupt irregular boundary.

25-35cm; Bwjj2; gray (10YR6/1) sand; structureless; very friable; non-sticky, non-plastic; many vertical fine frozen cracks with loam; abrupt wavy boundary.

35-75cm; Cgf; gray (10YR7/1, 80%) sand; many yellow (10YR7/6, 20%) of loam streaks of 10 – 15 mm. thickness; structureless; friable; non-sticky, non-plastic; frozen below 73cm, 20-% ice by volume.

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APPENDIX B: DATA FORM FOR SAMPLING SPECIES COVER ALONG TRANSECTS USING THE BUCKNER SAMPLE

Table B - 1. Data form for sampling species cover along transects using the Buckner Sample

Yamal Expedition 2007

Method: 50m transect - 0.5m spacing - 1 point at each 0.5 meter - 100 points total - Species at top and bottom of plant canopy

Location: _____

Date: _____

Vegetation Type: _____

Observers: _____

Species	Transect __		Transect __		Transect __		Transect __		Transect __		Mean	
	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom
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APPENDIX C: DATA FORMS FOR RELEVÉ DATA (SITE DESCRIPTION AND SPECIES COVER/ABUNDANCE)

Table C – 1. Relevé data form: Site description, and growth form cover values

Yamal Expedition 2007 Location: _____ Grid Number: _____

Grid Relevés GPS Location of SW corner of Grid: _____

Observer: _____ Slope: _____ Grid photo from N: _____

Date: _____ Aspect: _____ Grid photo from E: _____

Community: _____ Elevation: _____ Grid photo from W: _____

Grid photo from S: _____

		Releve number					Notes
(grid point at SW corner)							
Live & standing dead cover %	Low shrubs						
	Erect dwarf shrubs						
	Prostrate dwarf shrubs						
	Evergreen shrubs						
	Deciduous shrubs						
	Erect forbs						
	Mat & cushion forbs						
	Non-tussock graminoids						
	Tussock graminoids						
	Foliose lichen						
	Fruticose lichen						
	Crustose lichen						
	Pleurocarpous bryophytes						
	Acrocarpous bryo./Liverworts						
Horsetails/Algae							
Cover %	Rocks						
	Bare soil/Salt crust						
	Water						
	Total dead						
(cm)	Vegetation canopy height						
	Moss/Organic/A horizon						
	Microrelief						
	Mean thaw depth						
Site information	Landform						
	Surficial geol./parent material						
	Surficial geomorphology						
	Microsite						
	Site moisture						
	Soil moisture						
	Glacial geology						
	Topographic position						
	Estimated snow duration						
	Disturbance degree						
	Disturbance type						
	Stability						
	Exposure						
	Soil grab sample taken						
Photo	Plot (from south side)						
	Soil						

species cover data on back side

APPENDIX C (CONT')

SITE DESCRIPTION CODES

Landforms	Microsites	Soil Units
1 Hills (including kames and moraine)	1 Frost-scar element	1 Pergelic Cryorthent, acid
2 Talus slope	2 Inter-frost scar element	2 Pergelic Cryopsamment
3 Colluvial basin	3 Strang or hummock	3 Pergelic Cryohemist, euic
4 Glaciofluvial and other fluvial terraces	4 Flark, interstrang, or interhummock area	4 Pergelic Cryosaprist, euic
5 Marine terrace	5 Polygon center	5 Lithic Pergelic Cryosaprist
6 Floodplains	6 Polygon trough	6 Pergelic Cryofibrst, euic
7 Drained lakes and flat lake margin	7 Polygon rim	7 Histic Pergelic Cryaquept, acid
8 Abandoned point bars and sloughs	8 Stripe element	8 Histic Pergelic Cryaquept, nonacid (Aquiturbol)
9 Estuary	9 Inter-stripe element	9 Pergelic Cryaquept, acid (Ochriturbel)
10 Lake or pond	10 Point bar (raised element)	10 Pergelic Cryaquept, nonacid
11 Stream	11 Slough (wet element)	11 Pergelic Cryochrept
12 Sea bluff	12 Ring	12 Pergelic Cryumbrept
13 Lake bluff	13 _____	13 Ruptic-Lithic Cryumbrept
14 Stream bluff	14 _____	14 Pergelic Cryaquoll
15 Sand dunes	15 _____	15 Histic Pergelic Cryaquoll
16 Beach		16 Pergelic Cryoboroll (Molliturbel)
17 Disturbed		17 _____
18 Alluvial plain/abandoned	Site Moisture (modified from Komárková 1983)	18 _____
19 Island	1 Extremely xeric - almost no moisture; no plant growth	19 _____
20 Plain - residual surface	2 Very xeric - very little moisture; dry sand dunes	
21 _____	3 Xeric - little moisture; stabilized sand dunes, dry ridge tops	
	4 Subxeric - noticeable moisture; well-drained slopes, ridges	Estimated Snow Duration
	5 Subxeric to mesic - very noticeable moisture; flat to gently sloping	1 Snow free all year
Surficial Geology (Parent Material)	6 Mesic-moderate moisture; flat or shallow depressions	2 Snow free most of winter; some snow cover persists after storm but is blown free soon afterward
1 Glacial tills	7 Mesic to subhygric - considerable moisture; depressions	3 Snow free prior to melt out but with snow most of winter
2 Glaciofluvial deposits	8 Subhygric - very considerable moisture; saturated but < 5% standing water < 10 cm deep	4 Snow free immediately after melt out
3 Active alluvial sands	9 Hygric - much moisture; up to 100% of surface under 10 to 50 cm deep; lake margins, shallow ponds, stream	5 Snow bank persists 1-2 weeks after melt out
4 Active alluvial gravels	10 Hydric - very much moisture; 100% of surface under 50 to 150 cm deep; lakes, streams	6 Snow bank persists 3-4 weeks after melt out
5 Stabilized alluvium (sands & gravels)		7 Snow bank persists 4-8 weeks after melt out
6 Undifferentiated hill slope colluvium		8 Snow bank persists 8-12 weeks after melt out
7 Basin colluvium and organic deposits		9 Very short snow free period
8 Drained lake or lacustrine organic deposits		10 Deep snow all year
9 Lake or pond organic, sand, or silt	Soil Moisture (from Komárková 1983)	
10 Undifferentiated sands	1 Very dry - very little moisture; soil does not stick together	Animal and Human Disturbance (degree)
11 Undifferentiated clay	2 Dry - little moisture; soil somewhat sticks together	0 No sign present
12 Roads and gravel pads	3 Damp - noticeable moisture; soil sticks together but crumbles	1 Some sign present; no disturbance
13 Loess	4 Damp to moist - very noticeable moisture; soil clumps but broken apart	2 Minor disturbance or extensive sign
14 Fine sand	5 Moist - moderate moisture; soil binds but can be broken apart	3 Moderate disturbance; small dens or light grazing
15 Marine sands	6 Moist to wet - considerable moisture; soil binds and sticks to fingers	4 Major disturbance; multiple dens or noticeable trampling
16 Marine clay	7 Wet - very considerable moisture; water drops can be squeezed out of soil	5 Very major disturbance; very extensive tunneling or large pit
Surficial Geomorphology	8 Very wet - much moisture can be squeezed out of soil	
1 Frost scars	9 Saturated - very much moisture; water drips out of soil	Animal and Human Disturbance (type)
2 Wetland hummocks	10 Very saturated - extreme moisture; soil is more liquid than solid	1 Ptarmigan scat
3 Turf hummocks		2 Caribou tracks
4 Gelifluction features		3 Caribou scat
5 Strangmoor or aligned hummocks		4 Goose tracks & scat
6 High- or flat-centered polygons	Glacial Geology	5 Squirrel mounds
7 Mixed high- and low-centered polygons	1 Till	6 Vole tracks & scat
8 Sorted and non-sorted stripes	2 Outwash	7 Vehicle tracks
9 Palsas	3 Bedrock	Stability
10 Thermokarst pits	4 _____	1 Stable
11 Featureless or with less 20% frost	5 _____	2 Subject to occasional disturbance
12 Well-developed hillslope water tracks and small streams > 50 cm deep	6 _____	3 Subject to prolonged but slow disturbance such as solifluction
13 Poorly developed hillslope water tracks, < 50 cm deep	7 _____	4 Annually disturbed
	Topographic Position	5 Disturbed more than once annually
14 Gently rolling or irregular microtopography	1 Hill crest or shoulder	
15 Stony surface	2 Side slope	Exposure Scale
16 Lakes and ponds	3 Footslope or toeslope	1 Protected from winds
17 Disturbed	4 Flat	2 Moderate exposure to winds
18 Hill hummock	5 Drainage channel	3 Exposed to winds
19 Wetland	6 Depression	4 Very exposed to winds
20 _____	7 Lake or pond	
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Table C - 1. Site Description Codes

Table C - 2. Species cover/abundance:

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APPENDIX D: BIOMASS SAMPLING PROCEDURES FOR TUNDRA VEGETATION

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PURPOSE

The goal of biomass sampling of vegetation is to quantify the amount of plant material in a given vegetation type, thus we sample all phytomass from a specified amount of surface area, so the values can be extrapolated over larger areas.

Phytomass is sorted into categories that were relevant to the research questions. Phytomass included above-ground live phytomass, above-ground dead phytomass. Below-ground phytomass was not determined. Phytomass was sorted by plant functional type (trees, deciduous shrub, evergreen shrub, graminoid, forb, horsetail, lichen, moss) . Finally, plant functional types were sorted into plant parts, such as live leaves, dead leaves, stems, and reproductive parts.

Most of the difficulties in obtaining good phytomass data come from inconsistencies in the clip harvest methods and the sorting methods. This document is intended to make these methods as consistent as possible. Please read through the whole document, so as to understand and be able to minimize problems associated with getting consistent biomass data. The methods are based primarily with some modification on the methods used to collect biomass along the North American Arctic Transect (Walker et al. 2007 submitted; Epstein et al. 2007 submitted).

COLLECTING ABOVEGROUND BIOMASS

Equipment needed: Metal frame(s), pegs, serrated knife, clippers, scissors, gallon zip-lock plastic bags, indelible “Sharpie” markers, “write-in-the-rain” paper or Post-its

1. **Establish sample strategy.** At each location biomass sample sites should be chosen randomly within areas of homogeneous vegetation. For the 2007 Yamal Expedition, the biomass harvest locations are shown in Figures 16 to 22 in the main body of this data report.
2. **Discuss clipping strategy.** Before beginning the harvest, the group of samplers should sample one plot as a team and define just how this particular vegetation type will be treated. One topic that should be discussed is the definition of the distinction between the aboveground and belowground portions of the plant canopy. This transition will be at the bottom of the dead moss layer, and at the top of the soil. Usually, the dead moss will extend down to a dark compressed layer of moss that is no longer loose. For our purposes, the light colored loose moss is part of the aboveground material, and the dark compressed layer is the top of the soil layer. See discussion of live vs. dead mosses on page 7 below. Our harvest will be a slice of tundra that extends 2 cm down into the dark belowground portion. Take notes regarding the sampling strategy.
3. **The clip harvest frame.** Tundra biomass is collected using a 20 x 50-cm frame (0.1 m²). 25 of these 0.1 m² frames provide an adequate sample of a tundra vegetation type (Walker et al. 2003). If the shrubs are over 50 cm tall, it becomes difficult to determine if

the shrubs are within the frame or not. In that case, a 1 x 1 m frame on 1.5 m legs is used to sample the shrubs, and the 20 x 50 cm frame is used to sample the understory.

4. **Anchor the frame** to the tundra, using metal pegs or pins in the corners.
5. **Trim the margins of the frame.** Cut all plants than hang over the frame. Anything above the inside of the frame is included in the sample, everything above the outside is excluded. Be sure the pieces you cut end up on the right side. Throwing the excluded pieces far away from the frame helps prevent future confusion.
6. **Remove slices of tundra.** Use a serrated knife to cut down along the inside edge of the frame. You will want to cut deep enough that you are below the dead moss layer and into the belowground layer. Cut the sample in half, creating two 20 x 25-cm pieces of tundra. If the sample is very thick, it may need to be divided into thirds. Cut horizontally across the bottom of each piece with the knife, below the dead moss layer, 1-2 cm into the belowground layer. Remove each slice of tundra so that the entire plant mat and top layer of soil comes out in 2-3 slices of turf about 5-10 cm thick.
7. **Bag each sample.** Put each slice of tundra into a gallon zip-lock bag. Label the bag with the date, location, plot number, and which bag this is out of the total for this plot, and your initials (e.g. "5 Aug 2007, Nadym, Plot 2, 1 of 2, SW"). Also place a paper label inside the bag with the same information in case the label on the outside of the bag rubs off. Large garbage bags will be needed for 1 m² shrub samples.
8. **Put the samples into cardboard boxes.** Keep the samples from each location in separate boxes. Each box should hold about 8-10 sample bags (4-5 plots). Label each box with "Aboveground Biomass" Date, Location, which box this is out of the total for that location, and the plot numbers included in the box. (e.g. "Aboveground biomass, 5 Aug 2007, Nadym, 1 of 5 boxes, Plots 1-5"). The samples should be kept cool in the field, and frozen as soon as possible. They should remain frozen until they are sorted.

SAMPLING ISSUES FOR PARTICULAR TYPES OF SITES

Barren areas, such as frost boil centers - Bare soil should be sampled, even if it has nothing growing on it. That way there is a record that it was sampled, and any tiny crumbs of vegetation can be sorted and dried in the lab.

Crustose lichen areas – These should be sampled, though sorting is difficult

Very wet areas - It is difficult to extract a good sample from very wet areas. You need to disturb the site as little as possible and keep the knife vertical in order to get a deep, straight cut along the sides. Extracting the sample without collapsing the sides or washing away much of the sample takes a lot of care.

Tussocks – Tussocks should be included in the sample, cutting below them into the belowground (usually mineral) layer.

SORTING ABOVEGROUND BIOMASS

Equipment needed: scissors, tweezers, aluminum pans, bags, scale, drying oven, markers.

1. **Log the samples through each step of the sorting process.** Use the attached log (Table 1) to keep track of the samples from each location by filling in the appropriate box for each step with your name and date each step is completed.
2. **Remove the sample from the freezer and allow it to thaw in the bag.**
3. **Define above vs. belowground biomass in your sample.** Dead unattached organic matter is considered aboveground litter if the plant parts are loose, easily separated,

distinct and identifiable. Litter that has decomposed beyond this point is considered belowground biomass. Consult any field notes regarding the distinction between above and below ground biomass at this particular location. Remove the belowground biomass from your sample. It should be dried, labeled as “soil and roots” and saved along with the rest of the sample, but there is no need to weigh it.

4. **Sorting categories.** The sample will be sorted into the following categories:

evergreen shrub

stem
live foliar
attached dead foliar
reproductive

deciduous shrub

stem
live foliar
attached dead foliar
reproductive

graminoid

live
attached dead

forb

equisetum

bryophyte (mosses & liverworts):

live
dead

lichen

live
dead

algae

litter (all unattached dead plant parts)

soil and roots (belowground)

5. **Put labels in the sorting tins with the plot number and the above plant categories.**
6. **Clip with scissors and sort the vascular plants into their specific categories.** Cut off vascular plants above the roots or base of green stems in herbaceous species. This is generally the same location as the above/belowground definition as above, but some plants may have roots in the dead moss layer. Include all attached dead. See below for issues associated with particular species.
7. **Sort the lichens, equisetum and algae into their categories.** These are usually loose and can be immediately separated. Keep your sample moist or the plants will crumble. If it has dried out, you can always wet it again. If you have a relatively intact moss mat, you may be able to separate litter from moss by turning it upside-down and brushing it gently.
8. **Separate the live moss from the dead moss and sort into subcategories if needed.** Be aware that many mosses are brown, so the live/dead distinction cannot be done solely on color (see details below)!
9. **Sort the crumbs.** At this stage, you will be left with a mix of plant pieces and litter. Remove the recognizable pieces of moss and lichen to their proper containers. There may be some live vascular leaves that were missed in the first sorting that should go in their respective containers. All the rest - the dead leaves and the crumbs - go into the litter category. If there is noticeable soil in your sample, you may need to sieve it or wash it to remove the soil.

10. **Clayey samples.** Samples from clayey soils, or prostrate shrub samples, may need to be washed after sorting to remove soil.
11. **Dry the sorted samples.** Once you have completely sorted a sample, put the containers into the drying oven until they are dry (1 day for small samples, 2 days for larger, wetter samples).
12. **Weigh the samples.** Once the samples are dry, weigh them and record the weights (Table 2).
13. **Store the samples.** Put the weighed material in bags labeled with the location, plot number, growth-form category, and the weight. Store all the individual sorted samples from a plot into the original large plastic sample bag for that plot. Place all the sorted aboveground biomass samples for each location in a single box for storage. Label the box "Aboveground biomass, Yamal expedition 2007, Nadym." If more than one box is needed, label each box with the number of the box and the total number of the boxes (for example "Box 1 of 3").
14. **Time estimate:** For a well-trained sorter, the average is 4-5 hours/sample though some samples can take twice that time.

Sorting considerations for each growth form:

Evergreen Shrubs: Separating *Dryas* leaves into live, dead, and litter is difficult. You will probably end up with some live leaves in the dead pile and vice-versa. Try to minimize this, but the differences will probably balance out. Many of the dead leaves fall off when the plants are handled. These should go into dead leaves, not litter, as they were on the plants when sampled. The *Dryas* leaves that are part of the litter are often hidden in the moss and lichen layer. Turning samples upside-down and brushing them can remove a lot of this litter. *Dryas* leaf stipules (leaf stems) go along with their leaves. Dead *Dryas* plants that have no live leaves go into litter.

Vaccinium vitis-idaea leaves lose their color when they freeze, so even the live leaves will look brownish; the leaves that are lighter brown and brittle go in the dead pile

Cassiope tetragona has leaves that are very hard to get off the stem when wet. Separate this species, dry the plants, and then take off the dead and live leaves.

Ledum - be sure to put the flower buds into the reproductive category.

Deciduous Shrubs: Deciduous leaves often lose their green color from being frozen and thawed. Most attached leaves on deciduous shrubs are live. There may be a few dead ones, especially on *Salix pulchra* or *Salix phlebophylla*.

Rubus chamaemorus is very low growing, but it is a deciduous shrub.

Graminoids: Any blade that has any green on it goes in the live pile. Make sure you dissect the ramets that look completely dead, because there are often live blades hidden in the center. Any blade that has no green on it goes in the dead pile. Graminoid reproductive parts go in with the "live graminoid"; there is no special reproductive category.

Differentiating between dead graminoid (still attached to the plant), and litter (unattached, but not decomposed) from very wet areas is difficult because leaves get separated from the plants as you scoop them up from the water.

Eriophorum vaginatum tussocks are formed from an assemblage of shoots growing off to all sides. The aboveground portion is the shoot, with its live and attached dead leaves. The belowground portion is composed of roots below the base of the shoot. In some

tussocks, old shoots may have decomposed to the point where they are no longer recognizable and distinct, in which case they are part of the underground peat category.

Forbs: All forb stems, leaves, flowers, etc. go into the “forb” pile.

Saxifraga oppositifolia – this forb often has large quantities of dead stem below the live. This issue is rare enough that the dead stem is just included in the single “forb” category. If there is no live part to the stem, it goes into the “litter” pile.

Lichens: Foliose lichens that are growing on mineral soil need to be carefully cleaned of soil, either by brushing them off or washing them, otherwise the soil will outweigh the lichen.

It is not possible to separate crustose lichens from rhizinae (the little root-like hairs under the lichen), mycelium and mineral soil. Separate any plants that you can. All the rest of the crustose lichen should go in the belowground pile, as the non-lichen parts of the crumbs far outweigh the actual lichen. Compared to well vegetated areas, their weight is minimal.

Bryophytes: The most important sorting decision for mosses and liverworts is the distinction between live mosses, dead mosses and peat (belowground biomass). Live mosses are greenish, pliable when moist, the leaves are translucent and distinct. There are many brown mosses, but even these have leaves that look greenish under magnification. Dead mosses are darker, the stems more brittle, and the leaves no longer distinct and entire. For example, the live portions of the common feather-moss, *Hylocomium splendens*, can range from bright lime green to golden brown. Its branches often grow horizontally in the moss layer, with a live upper portion growing from a dead lower portion. The peat portion of mosses consists of densely packed dead stem bases. For unbranching (acrocarpous) mosses that form tight cushions, this may be everything below the green, live moss (i.e. there may be only live moss and peat, with no dead moss portion). For *Sphagnum*, there is a greenish live portion on top, then a loose dead portion, and often a packed peat portion at the base. Thin moss layers on soil sometimes cannot be separated from the soil, and have to be left with the belowground portion of the sample. When they can be separated, thin moss layers may need to be sifted or washed to remove clinging mineral soil.

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APPENDIX E: POINT-CENTERED QUARTER METHOD: CALCULATION OF FREQUENCY, DENSITY, AND BASAL AREA IN FORESTS

Materials:

100-m tape

Biltmore stick or diameter tape

Meter stick

Data sheets (this handout)

Pencil

Hand calculator

Methods: Stretch the 100-m tape the length of a transect. Sample points at 10-m intervals along the tape (10 points total). At each sample point, lay a meter stick perpendicular to the transect and make an imaginary "X" that defines four quadrants. Record the following for the nearest tree to the sample point in each quadrant: (1) tree species, (2) distance from the sample point to the tree, and (3) diameter at breast height of the tree. Sample a total of 10 points (40 trees). Count dead trees greater than breast height. Note next to species code if the tree is dead.

Table E - 1. Field Data Sheets:

1. Transect No. _____

(1) Sample Point	(2) Quadrant No.	(3) Species code	(4) Distance (m)	(5) dbh (cm)	(6) Basal area (cm ²)	(7) Height (m)
1	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
2	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
3	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
4	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
5	1					
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6	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
7	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
8	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
9	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
10	1					
	2					

	3					
	4					
m=10	n=40		$d_t =$			

Table E - 2. Summary data sheet, Transect No. _____

A. Species code	B. Absolute frequency (F_{aj})	C. Relative Frequency (Fr_j)	D. Absolute Density (Da_j)	E. Relative density (Dr_j)	F. Absolute Dominance (Ba_j)	G. Relative Dominance (Br_j)	H. Importance Value (IV_j)

Fill in the above table using the calculations described below.

Calculate the absolute density of all trees (Da):

Step 1. Calculate the **total distance, d_t** :

$$d_t = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i = \text{_____ meters}$$

where d_t is the total distance, d_i is the distance to tree number i , and n is the total number of trees.

Step 2. Calculate the **average distance between trees, \bar{d}** :

$$\bar{d} = d_t \div n = \text{_____ meters}$$

Step 3. Calculate the **average area occupied per tree, A** :

$$A = \bar{d}^2 = \text{_____ meters}^2$$

Step 4. Calculate the **absolute density for all trees, Da** , in trees per hectare (ha):

$$Da = (10^4 \text{ m}^2) \div A = \text{_____ trees/ha}$$

Note: One hectare is 100 x 100 meters, or 10^4 meters².

Step 5. Fill in Table 2 (note that capital letters match column headings and in certain cases are not in order they are calculated!):

A. Species code. Record the names of all species encountered. Use a six letter code for each species (first three letters of the genus name and first three letters of the species name). Then calculate each of the following values for *each species*.

B. Absolute frequency of species j , F_{aj} :

$$F_{aj} = M_j \div m$$

where M_j is the number of points where species j occurs, and m is the total number of points (10 for each transect).

- C. Relative frequency of species j , Fr_j ,** is the absolute frequency of species j divided by the sum of the absolute frequencies for all species:

$$Fr_j = Fa_j \div \sum_{k=1}^p Fa_k \cdot 100\%$$

where the denominator is the sum of the absolute frequencies (i.e., the sum of column B in Table 3) for all species, k is the species number, and p is the total number of species.

- E. Relative density of species j , Dr_j ,** is the number of occurrences of species j divided by the total number of trees:

$$Dr_j = N_j \div n \cdot 100\%$$

where N_j is the number of occurrences of species j and n is the total number of trees.

- D. Absolute density of species j , Da_j ,** is the relative density of species j times the absolute density of all trees:

$$Da_j = Dr_j \cdot Da$$

where Da is the absolute density for all trees (calculated in Step 4).

- F. Absolute dominance for species j , Ba_j ,** is the mean basal area for species j times the absolute density of species j :

$$Ba_j = \bar{b}_j \cdot Da_j$$

where \bar{b}_j is the mean basal area for species j , and t is the number of occurrences of species j .

- G. Relative dominance of species j , Br_j ,** is the absolute dominance of species j divided by the sum of dominance for all species:

$$Br_j = \frac{Ba_j}{\sum_{i=1}^p Ba_i} \cdot 100\%$$

where the denominator is the sum of the absolute dominance (i.e., the sum of column F in Table 3) for all species, and p is the total number of species.

H. Importance value for species j, IV_j , is the sum of the relative frequency, relative density, and relative dominance for the species:

$$IV_j = Fr_j + Dr_j + Br_j$$

APPENDIX F: PLOT SOIL AND VEGETATION PHOTOS

Key:

ND Nadym
LA Laboravaya
VD Vaskiny Dachi
RV Relevé

Figure F - 1. Soils – Nadyim 1



ND RV 01



ND RV 03



ND RV 05



ND RV 02



ND RV 04

Figure F - 2. Soils - Nadyem 2



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 ND RV 12 - no photo available
 ND RV 13 - no photo available
 ND RV 14 - no photo available

Figure F - 3. Soils - Laborovaya 1



LA RV 15



LA RV 17



LA RV 19



LA RV 16



LA RV 18

Figure F - 4. Soils - Laborovaya 2



LA RV 20



LA RV 21



LA RV 22



LA RV 23



LA RV 24

Figure F - 5. Soils - Vaskiny Dachi 1



VDRV 25



VDRV 27



VDRV 29



VDRV 26



VDRV 28

Figure F - 6. Soils - Vaskiny Dachi 2



VD RV 30



VD RV 31



VD RV 32



VD RV 33



VD RV 34

Figure F - 7. Soils - Vaskiny Dachi 3



Figure F - 8. Soils — Kharasavey 1



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KH_RV_41 DSC_1539.jpg



KH_RV_42 DSC_1540.jpg



KH_RV_43 DSC_1549.jpg



KH_RV_44 DSC_1556.jpg

Figure F - 9. Soils — Kharasavey-2a, -2b, and RV-49



KH_RV_45 DSC_1810.jpg



KH_RV_46 DSC_1811.jpg



Soil pit at KH-2a DSC_1803.png



KH_RV_47 DSC_1893.jpg



KH_RV_48 DSC_1894.jpg



Soil pit at KH-2b DSC_1896.png



KH_RV_49 DSC_1905.jpg

Figure F - 10. Vegetation – Nadym 1



ND RV 01



ND RV 04



ND RV 02



ND RV 05



ND RV 03

Figure F - 11. Vegetation - Nadym 2



ND RV 06



ND RV 09



ND RV 07



ND RV 10



ND RV 08



ND RV 11

Figure F - 11 cont'



ND RV 12



ND RV 14



ND RV 13

Figure F - 12. Vegetation – Laborovaya 1



LA RV 15



LA RV 18



LA RV 16



LA RV 19



LA RV 17

Figure F - 13. Vegetation – Laborovaya 2



LA RV 20



LA RV 23



LA RV 21

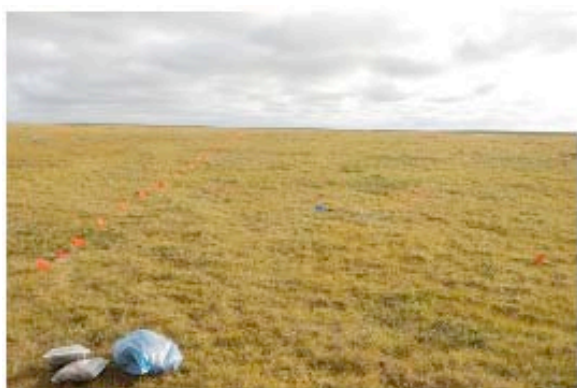


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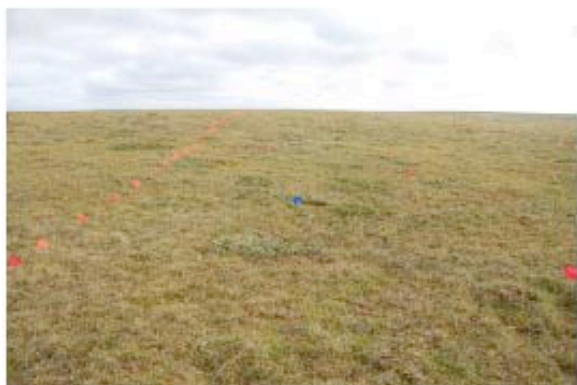
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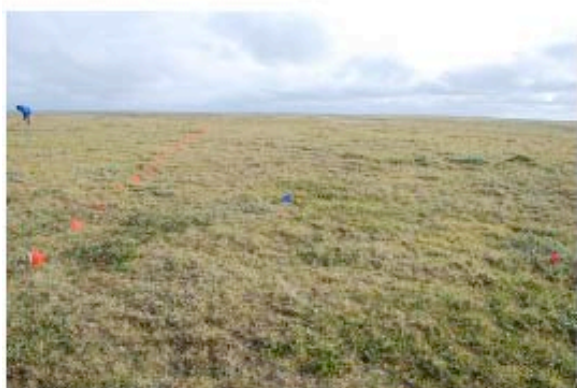
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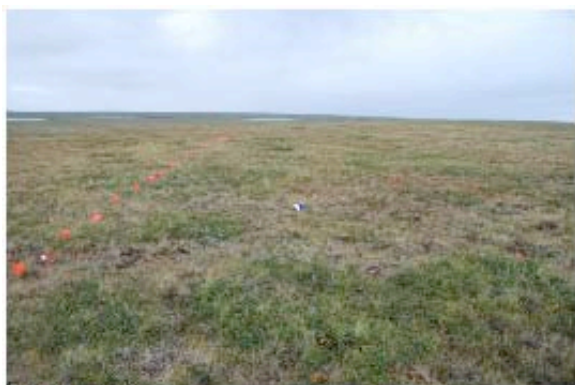


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Figure F - 15. Vegetation - Vaskiny Dachi 2



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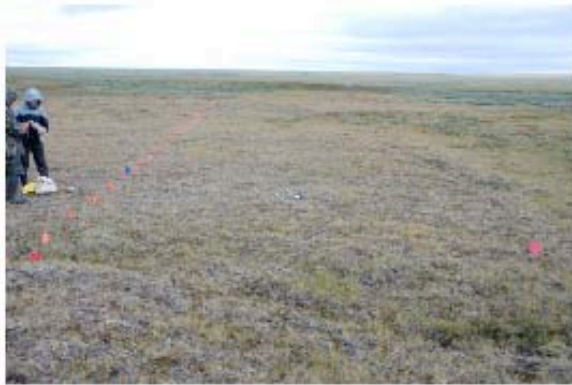


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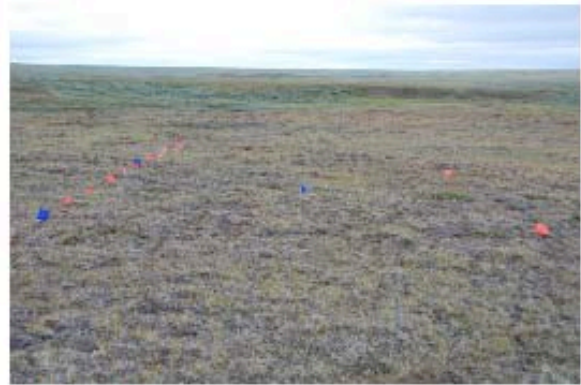


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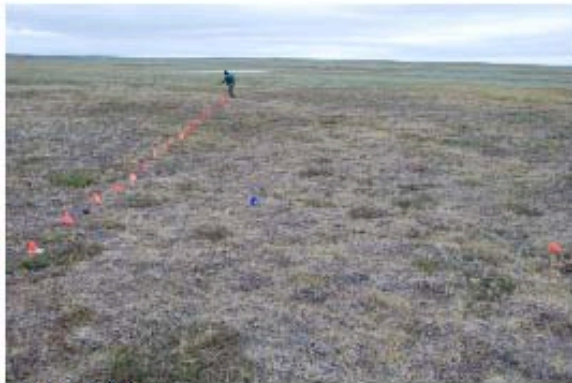
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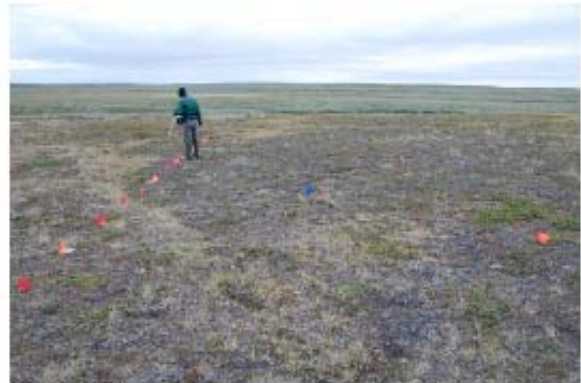
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VD RV 37

Figure F - 17. Vegetation – Kharasavey 1



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KH_RV_41 DSC_1514.jpg



Biomass plot DSC_1515.jpg



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Figure F - 18. Kharasavey-1 (cont')



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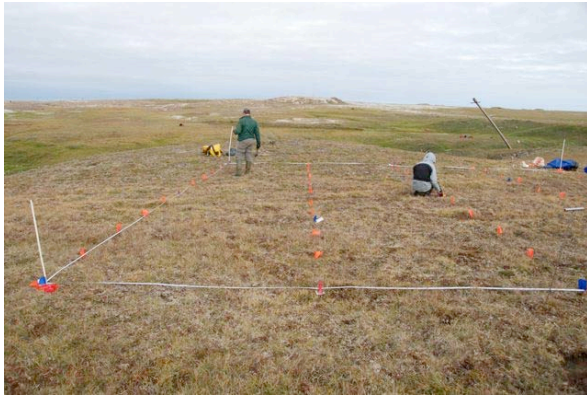


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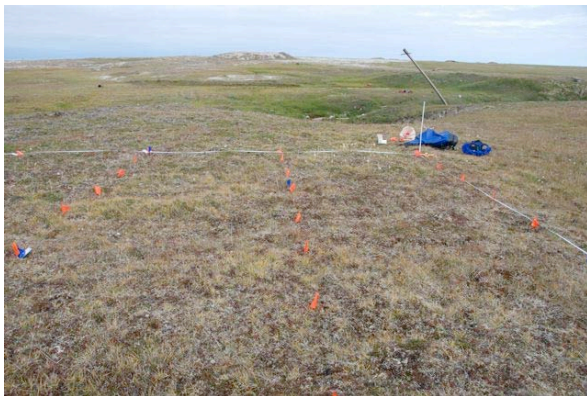
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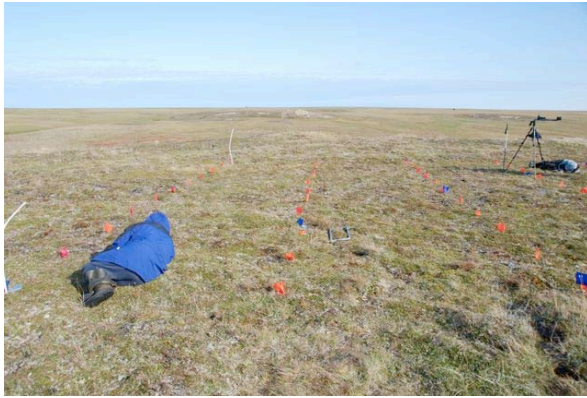


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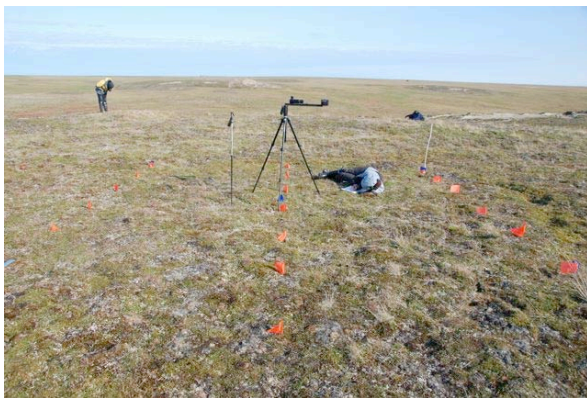
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KH_RV_48 DSC_1883.jpg



Biomass plot DSC_1884.jpg



KH_RV_49 DSC_1902.jpg



Biomass plot DSC_1904.jpg