

**Data Report of the
2007 Expedition to Nadym, Laborovaya and Vaskiny Dachi,
Yamal Peninsula Region, Russia**



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ABSTRACT

This data report is a summary of information collected during the 2007 expedition to the Yamal Peninsula region of West Siberia, Russia as part of the Greening of the Arctic (GOA) project. The overarching goal of the Yamal portion of the GOA 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 affect traditional herding of the indigenous people of the region. The purpose of the expedition was to collect ground-observations in support of remote sensing studies at three locations along the southern part of a transect that traverses all the major bioclimate subzones in the Yamal region. Another expedition is planned for summer 2008 to the northern locations along the transect. The locations visited in 2007 were Nadym (northern taiga subzone), Laborovaya (southern tundra = subzone E of the Circumpolar Arctic Vegetation Map (CAVM), and Vaskiny Dachi (typical tundra = subzone D of the CAVM). Data are reported from 7 study sites – 2 at Nadym, 2 at Laborovaya, and 3 at Vaskiny Dachi. The sites are representative of the zonal soils and vegetation, but also included 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 summer of 2007 at three sites along a transect in the Yamal region: Nadym, Laborovaya, and Vaskiny Dachi (**Figure 2**).

A second expedition is scheduled for summer 2008 and will visit Marresale, Kharasavey, and Ostrov Belyy. Scientists from Finland, Switzerland, Russia, and the United States participated in the 2007 expedition (see list of participants, **Appendix A**).

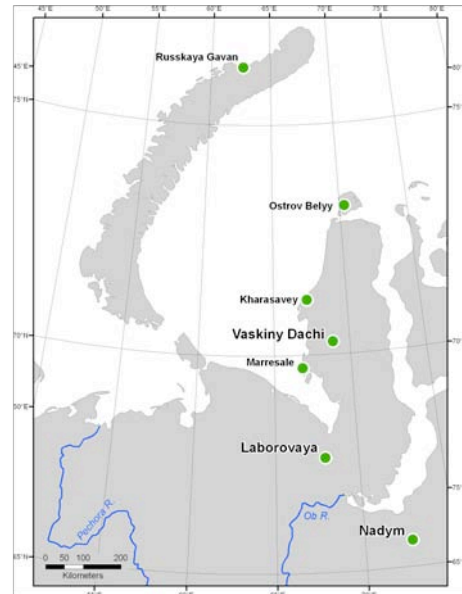


Figure 2. The 2007 study locations at Nadym, Laborovaya, and Vaskiny Dachi, and other proposed study locations.

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 has 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)

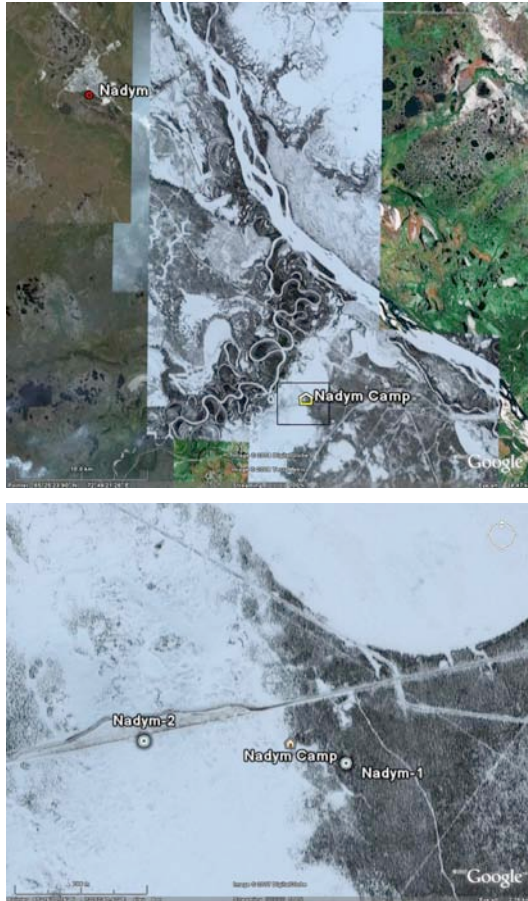


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The expedition established the Nadym study sites during the period 3-10 Aug 2007. The sites are situated about 30 km south-southeast of the city of Nadym at 65° 18.87' N, and 72° 52.84' E. (Figure 3). Researchers at the Earth Cryosphere

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 better 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 complicates 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 thermoabrasion) 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 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 on Terrace II in a lichen woodland (**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 Obskay-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. The location lies within the continuous permafrost zone.

Vegetation

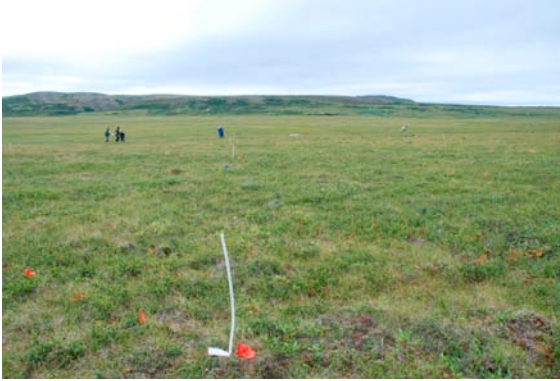


Figure 8. Laborovaya-1 study site (clay site). The vegetation is a moist dwarf-shrub, sedge moss tundra dominated by *Carex bigelowii*, *Eriophorum vaginatum*, *Betula nana*, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *V. uliginosum*, *Aulacomnium palustre*, *Hylocomium splendens*, and *Dicranum spp.* Photo no. DSC_0188,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

Phytogeographically, the study site lies about 100 km north of the latitudinal treeline within the southern southern tundra subzone (= Subzone E of the Circumpolar Arctic Vegetation Map, (CAVM Team, D.A.Walker 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).

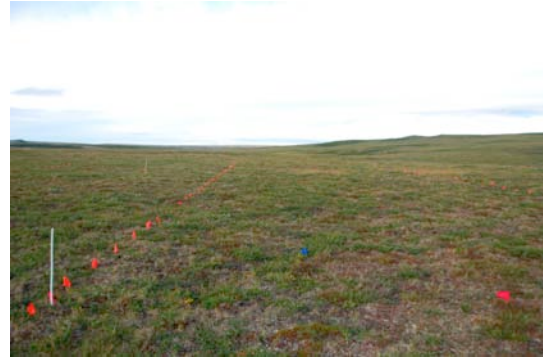


Figure 9. Laborovaya-2 study site (sand site). The vegetation is moist/dry dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra dominated by *Betula nana*, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *V. uliginosum*, *Carex bigelowii*, *Cladonia arbuscula*, *Sphaerophorus globosus*, and *Polytrichum strictum*. Photo no. DSC_0596, 8/17/07, D.A.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

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 the ruderal lichens. 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 wet 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 basecamp near a small stream (**Figure 9**).

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

The Vaskini 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° 17.21' N, 68° 53.65' E) (Figure 10 and Figure 11). Travel to and from the location was by helicopter. Vaskini 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 Vaskini Dachi (Leibman 1994, 1995, 1998, 2001; Leibman et al. 1991, 1993 a, 1993 b, 1997; Leibman and Stretskaya 1996, 1997;

Romanovskii et al. 1996; Stretletskii 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

The research sites are located in the watersheds of the Se-Yakha and Mordy-Ykha rivers (Figure 10). The study sites are located 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 heights (up to 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 *Kazantsevskaya* coastal-marine plain (Terrace IV) is 40-45 m high 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 Vaskini Dachi-1 study site was on a gentle terrace hill-top (

Figure 12).

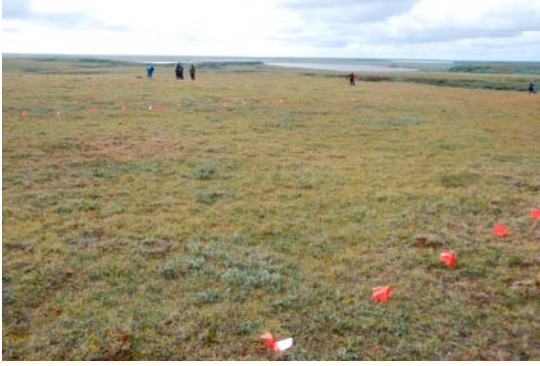


Figure 12. *Vaskiny Dachi-1 study site on Terrace IV. The soils are clay and the vegetation is heavily grazed sedge, dwarf-shrub-moss tundra dominated by *Carex bigelowii*, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *Salix glauca*, *Hylocomium splendens*, and *Aulacomnium turgidum*. Photo DSC_0146, 8/23/07, D.A. Walker.*

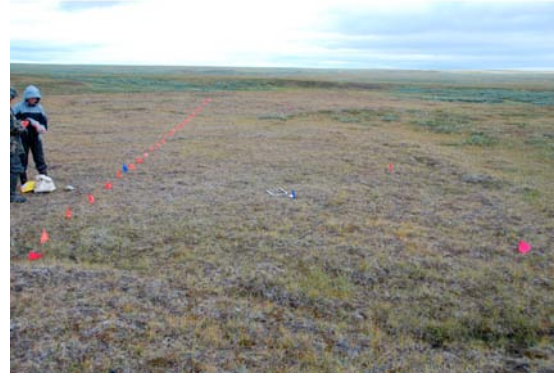


Figure 14. *Vaskiny Dachi-3 study site on Terrace II. The soils are sandy and the vegetation is a dry dwarf-shrub-lichen tundra dominated by *Carex bigelowii*, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *Cladonia arbuscula*, *Sphaerophorus globosus*, *Racomitrium lanuginosum*, and *Polytrichum strictum*. Photo DSC_0112,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

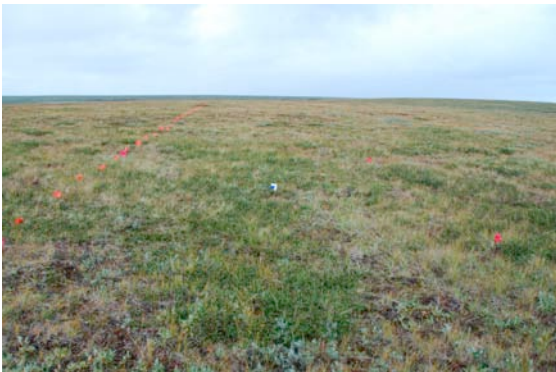


Figure 13. *Vaskiny Dachi-2 study site on Terrace III. The soils are a mix of sand and clay. The vegetation is heterogeneous, but dominated by *Betula nana*, *Calamagrostis holmii*, *Carex bigelowii*, *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *Aulacomnium turgidum*, *Hylocomium splendens*, and *Ptilidium ciliare*. Photo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

The third fluvial-marine or fluvial lacustrine terrace (Terrace III) is up to 26 m high, 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.

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 (8.5-9 months), and half is rain (3-3.5 months), 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 possible only below the great 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 and 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 contributes 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; Ukraintseva and Leibman 2000, 2007; Ukraintseva 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 revegetation 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.

METHODS AND TYPES OF DATA COLLECTED

Study sites

Criteria for site selection

Study sites were selected at each location (Nadym, Laborovaya, and Vaskiny Dachi) 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 2 and Table 3).

Table 2. 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, Zyraniski-age, (about 60-80 kya), alluvial sands
Nadym-2b		Inter-hummocks	
Laborovaya-1	Clay-site		_____ (?), 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

Table 3. 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>Polygnum stictum</i> dwarf-shrub, lic
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> dwarf-shrub, sedge, lichen, t

Size, arrangement, and marking of transects and study plots

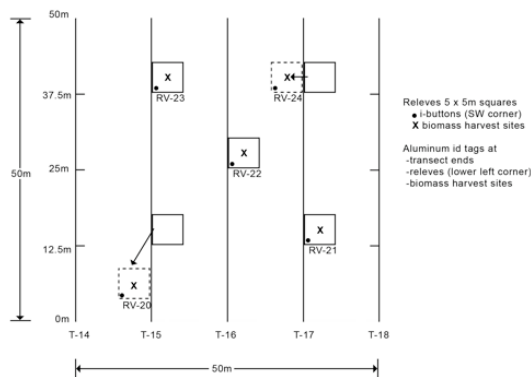


Figure 16. Typical transect and plot layout.

At most study sites the transects and study plots were arranged similarly to the pattern shown in **Figure 16**. 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.

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

Vaskiny Dachi-3: 50-m transects arranged to conform to areas of homogeneous vegetation.

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

Species cover was sampled using the Buckner point-intercept sampling device

Figure 17) (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.



Figure 17. 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 cover 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.

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 Nadaym-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 18. Howie Epstein sampling NDVI using the PSII Spectrometer. Photo no. DSC_0175, 8/23/07, D.A. Walker.

At each site, five 50-m (100-m at Nadym-1) transects were run parallel to each other. NDVI was measured every meter using a PSII Portable Spectroradiometer from Analytical Spectral Devices. 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 every meter along each of the 50-m transects at each site,

using a LICOR LAI-2000 Plant Canopy Analyzer. 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



Figure 19. Anatoly Gubarkov with active-layer probe used for measuring depth to the permafrost table. Photo no. DSC_0180, 8/27/07, D.A. Walker.

The active layer summer thaw depth was measured at 1-m intervals along each

transect using a 2-m long steel probe (Figure 19).

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 will be analyzed for physiochemical 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

The *n*-factor is an integrator of the total insulative effect of the vegetation, soil organic, and snow layers (Kade, Romanovsky 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 20).



Figure 20. An iButton logger wrapped in duct tape with the logger number.

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 (Error! Reference source not found. shows the serial number of the iButtons and corresponding logger number (label on the duct tape). **Table 5** 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 4. Logger numbers (on outside of duct tape) and iButton serial numbers.

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	125168
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	12489E	67	12320C
34	122D94	68	124FD3

Table 5. Locations of iButton loggers in relevés and depths.

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

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, Burk 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 was recorded. The number of samplings (dbh < 5 cm) and number of seedlings of each species was also recorded.

Using these data the density and basal area of each tree species within each plot was 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, with 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) A sample of soil was collected from each of the 39 study plots (relevés) as described above. These soil samples are being analyzed at the University of Alaska for physical and chemical properties. (2) 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.

RESULTS

Maps and locations of study sites

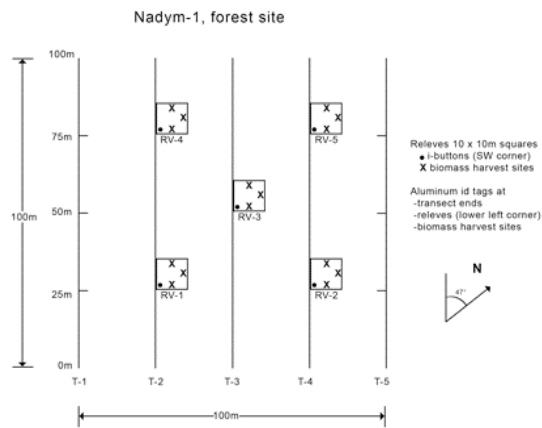


Figure 21. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Nadym-1.

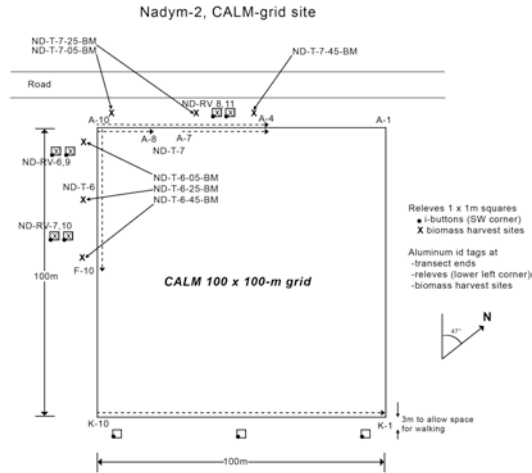


Figure 22. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Nadym-2.

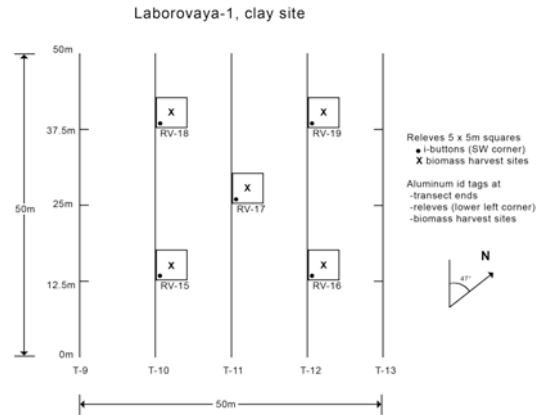


Figure 23. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Laborovaya-1.

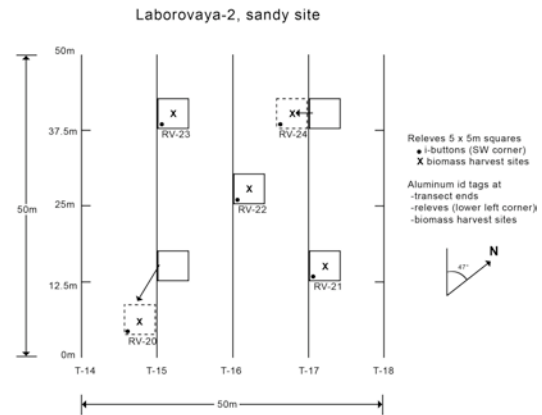


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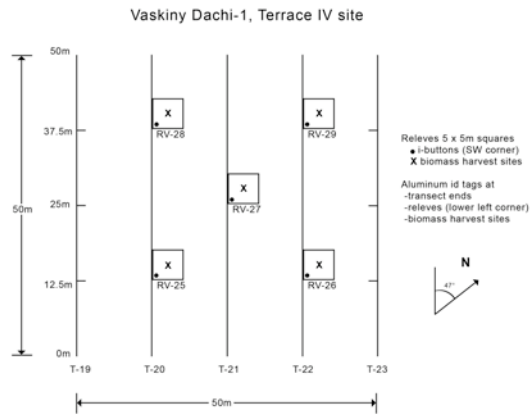


Figure 25. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Vaskiny Dachi-1.

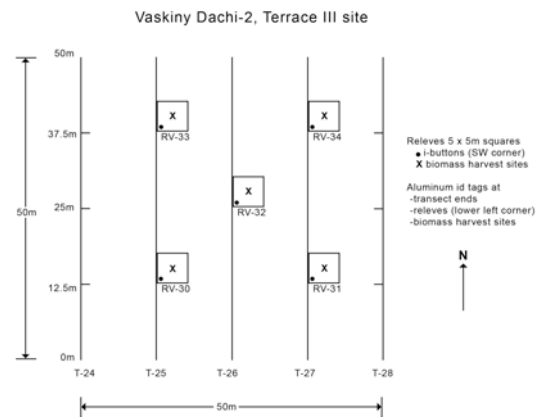


Figure 26. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Vaskiny Dachi-2.

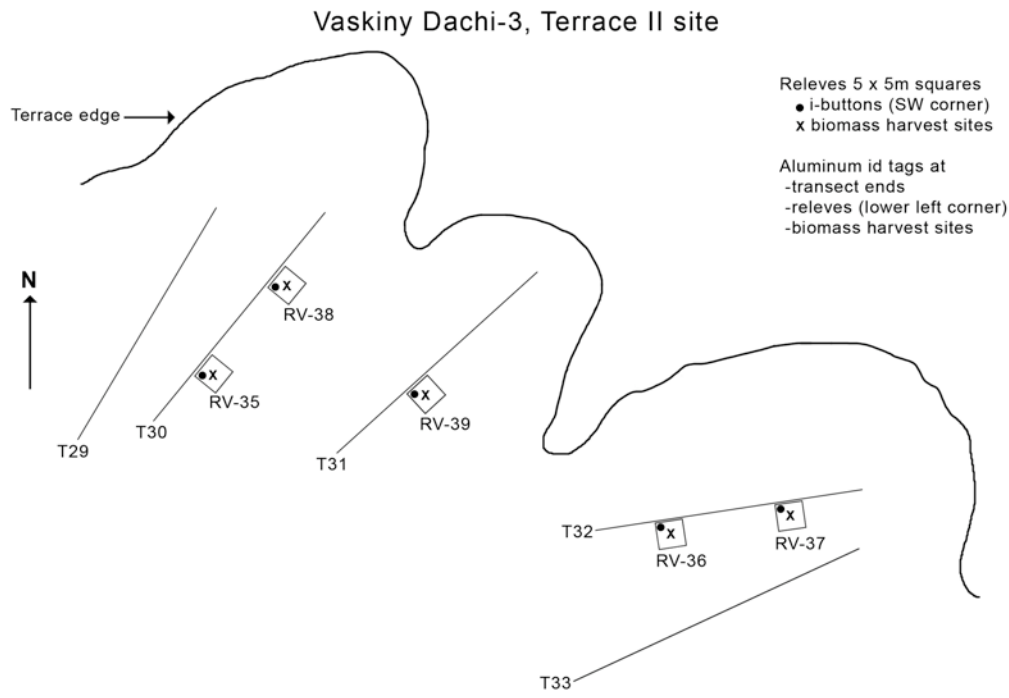


Figure 27. Map of transects and vegetation study plots at Vaskiny Dachi-3.

Table 6. 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	ND T05 10 65 18.817	072 53.356		31	1
LA RV 15	67 42.397	067 59.946	79	1	ND T06 00 65 18.828	072 51.736		17	2
LA RV 16	67 42.387	067 59.970	79	1	ND T07 00 65 18.885	072 51.716		23	2
LA RV 17	67 42.396	067 59.971	79	1	ND T08 10 65 18.833	072 51.861		18	2
LA RV 18	67 42.406	067 59.969	77	1	VD Camp	70 17.214	068 53.654	29	NA
LA RV 19	67 42.397	067 59.995	78	1	VD RV 25	70 16.540	068 53.446	38	1
LA RV 20	67 41.691	068 02.244	63	2	VD RV 26	70 16.528	068 53.461	40	1
LA RV 21	67 41.684	068 02.283	59	2	VD RV 27	70 16.538	068 53.461	40	1
LA RV 22	67 41.694	068 02.270	64	2	VD RV 28	70 16.547	068 53.471	41	1
LA RV 23	67 41.703	068 02.277	62	2	VD RV 29	70 16.536	068 53.491	41	1
LA RV 24	67 41.696	068 02.301	63	2	VD RV 30	70 17.734	068 53.021	27	2
LA T09 00m	67 42.396	067 59.920	79	1	VD RV 31	70 17.731	068 53.061	29	2
LA T09 50m	67 42.416	067 59.970	79	1	VD RV 32	70 17.739	068 53.051	29	2
LA T10 00m	67 42.391	067 59.934	79	1	VD RV 33	70 17.747	068 53.031	30	2
LA T10 50m	67 42.411	067 59.984	79	1	VD RV 34	70 17.744	068 53.071	31	2
LA T11 00m	67 42.387	067 59.946	80	1	VD RV 35	70 18.088	068 50.511	15	3
LA T11 50m	67 42.406	067 59.995	79	1	VD RV 36	70 18.031	068 50.581	14	3
LA T12 00m	67 42.383	067 59.959	80	1	VD RV 37	70 18.060	068 50.581	13	3
LA T12 50m	67 42.402	068 00.008	80	1	VD RV 38	70 18.097	068 50.551	15	3
LA T13 00m	67 42.378	067 59.971	81	1	VD RV 39	70 18.031	068 50.621	10	3
LA T13 50m	67 42.398	068 00.019	81	1	VD T19 00 70 16.542	068 53.411		45	1
LA T14 00m	67 41.692	068 02.230	60	2	VD T19 50 70 16.557	068 53.481		41	1
LA T14 50m	67 41.712	068 02.273	62	2	VD T20 00 70 16.537	068 53.421		46	1
LA T15 00m	67 41.689	068 02.243	61	2	VD T20 50 70 16.551	068 53.491		41	1
LA T15 50m	67 41.709	068 02.287	64	2	VD T21 00 70 16.529	068 53.441		42	1
LA T16 00m	67 41.684	068 02.255	61	2	VD T21 50 70 16.545	068 53.501		41	1
LA T16 50m	67 41.705	068 02.301	64	2	VD T22 00 70 16.524	068 53.451		39	1
LA T17 00m	67 41.679	068 02.269	58	2	VD T22 50 70 16.540	068 53.511		40	1
LA T17 50m	67 41.700	068 02.315	61	2	VD T23 00 70 16.519	068 53.461		39	1
LA T18 00m	67 41.675	068 02.286	60	2	VD T23 50 70 16.535	068 53.521		41	1
LA T18 50m	67 41.696	068 02.330	63	2	VD T24 00 70 17.729	068 53.001		30	2
ND Camp	65 18.873	072 52.841	24	NA	VD T24 50 70 17.756	068 53.021		29	2
ND RV 01	65 18.810	072 53.226	32	1	VD T25 00 70 17.728	068 53.021		32	2
ND RV 02	65 18.794	072 53.277	28	1	VD T25 50 70 17.754	068 53.041		28	2
ND RV 03	65 18.811	072 53.274	18	1	VD T26 00 70 17.726	068 53.041		32	2
ND RV 04	65 18.831	072 53.261	27	1	VD T26 50 70 17.752	068 53.061		30	2
ND RV 05	65 18.814	072 53.314	26	1	VD T27 00 70 17.725	068 53.061		28	2
ND RV 06	65 18.883	072 51.703	23	2	VD T27 50 70 17.751	068 53.081		28	2
ND RV 07	65 18.863	072 51.695	22	2	VD T28 00 70 17.723	068 53.081		28	2
ND RV 08	65 18.888	072 51.785	23	2	VD T28 50 70 17.750	068 53.091		32	2
ND RV 09	65 18.884	072 51.702	21	2	VD T29 00 70 18.076	068 50.471		4	3
ND RV 10	65 18.867	072 51.703	21	2	VD T29 50 70 18.100	068 50.511		4	3
ND RV 11	65 18.887	072 51.785	21	2	VD T30 00 70 18.083	068 50.501		15	3
ND RV 12	65 18.825	072 51.737	22	2	VD T30 50 70 18.099	068 50.561		9	3
ND RV 13	65 18.824	072 51.803	16	2	VD T31 00 70 18.047	068 50.561		14	3
ND RV 14	65 18.828	072 51.831	23	2	VD T31 50 70 18.072	068 50.591		13	3
ND T01 000m	65 18.810	072 53.186	27	1	VD T32 00 70 18.031	068 50.561		14	3
ND T01 100m	65 18.855	072 53.272	36	1	VD T32 50 70 18.031	068 50.641		11	3
ND T02 000m	65 18.799	072 53.208	18	1	VD T33 00 70 18.019	068 50.541		14	3
ND T02 100m	65 18.843	072 53.288	31	1	VD T33 50 70 18.024	068 50.621		12	3
ND T03 000m	65 18.793	072 53.232	28	1	VD T34 00 70 17.470	068 52.431		14	4
ND T03 100m	65 18.834	072 53.307	28	1	VD T34 50 70 17.488	068 52.371		16	4
ND T04 000m	65 18.783	072 53.258	28	1	VD T35 00 70 17.422	068 51.821		13	5
ND T04 100m	65 18.824	072 53.331	27	1	VD T35 50 70 17.402	068 51.761		17	5
ND T05 000m	65 18.775	072 53.281	31	1					

Factors measured along transects

Species cover along transects using the Buckner point sampler.

Table 7. 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																				
<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)		3						1			5			3		12	2.38	0.32	3.97	
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i> (stem or dead)								7								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																				
<i>Carex globularis</i>					2											2	0.40		0.40	
																0				
Mosses and lichens																				
<i>Cetraria islandica</i>							1								5	6	1.19		1.19	
<i>Cladina rangiferina</i>							1									2	0.40	0.00	0.40	
<i>Cladina stellaris</i>							35				23				42	187	37.10	2.79	37.10	
<i>Cladina stygia</i>		56					5				4				3	15	2.98	0.20	2.98	
<i>Peltigera apothosa</i>											1				1	4	0.79	0.14	0.79	
<i>Pleurozium schreberi</i>							12				35				23	119	23.61	2.00	23.61	
<i>Polytrichastrum commune</i> ?							1				2					5	0.99	0.11	0.99	
																0				
Litter							26				39					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 8. 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 microsities: hummocks, inter-hummocks, and wet inter-hummocks.

Percent Cover										
Transect 6		Transect 7			Transect 6		Transect 7			
Overstory	Understory	Overstory	Understory	Average	Overstory	Understory	Overstory	Understory	Average	
Hummocks:					Interhummocks					
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		4.9		0.0	2.4
Cetisl		0.0		1.7	0.8	Claarb		2.4		2.6
Claama		1.9		1.7	1.8	Claste		53.7		57.9
Claarb		5.6		1.7	3.6	Clasty		24.4		10.5
Claste		31.5		5.0	18.2	Flacuc		2.4		0.0
Clasty		25.9		28.3	27.1	Litter		12.2		23.7
Flacuc		5.6		23.3	14.4	Polstr		0.0		5.3
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:					
	Transect 6	Transect 7				Transect 6	Transect 7			
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 9. 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	26	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
Calstr	2	2.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	2	0.4
Calstr D									4	4.0	4	0.8
Calstr 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
Envag D					3	3.0		0.0	4	4.0	7	1.4
EnvagL	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
Saigla S	1	1.0		0.0		0.0				0.0	1	0.2
Saiphy	2	2.0		0.0		0.0				0.0	2	0.4
Saiphy L					3	3.0	3	3.0	2	2.0	8	1.6
Saiphy 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
VacviLL	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
Celisl		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
Diosco		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
Peimal		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		3.0		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
Tomnit			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 10. 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
EniangD	2	3.0	1	1		0	1	1	1	1.1	5	1.1
EniangL					1	1		0	1	1.1	2	0.4
ErvagL					2	2		0		0.0	2	0.4
LedpaLL		0.0	3	3	4	4	8	8	4	4.6	19	4.2
LedpaLS		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
VacvitD	1	1.5		0		0	1	1		0.0	2	0.4
VacvitL	4	6.1	5	5	9	9	2	2	3	3.4	23	5.1
VacvitS									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
BlakCrust	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
Clasty			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
Diofus	1	1.5		0		0		0		0.0	1	0.2
Dreppp									1	1.1	1	0.2
Flacuc	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
Lifter	12	18.5	22	22	9	9	16	16	9	10.3	68	15.0
Ochtri					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
Pertsp					1	1		0		0.0	1	0.2
Plesch									1	1.1	1	0.2
Polcom			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
Ptioil	4	6.2	4	4	9	9	9	9	10	11.5	36	8.0
Raclan			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
Vacvit							1	1		0.0	1	0.2
white crust			1	1						0.0	1	0.2
wet	35								12		47	
(total)	100	100.0	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100.0	499	100.0

Table 11. Vaskiny Dachi-I (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 %
Betnan L	5	5.0	5	5.0	4	4.0	4	4.0	3	3.0	21	4.2
Betnan 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
Erpnig 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
Ptical			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 12. 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.

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 12 (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).

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
Palmal	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
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
Claarb									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
Radan									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
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
Palmal									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 13. 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
Eriang D		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
EriangL		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0	0.0
Festuca			1	1.0							1	0.2
Fasovi 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 %
Aleoch							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

Leaf-area index (LAI)

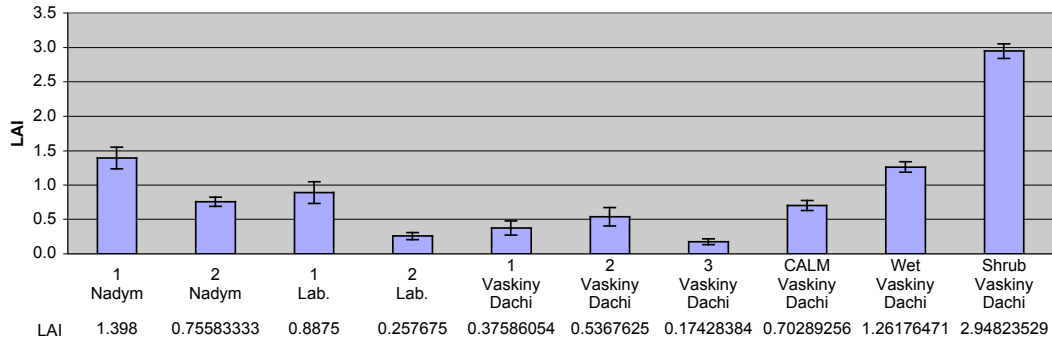


Figure 28. Mean leaf-area index of transects.

Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)

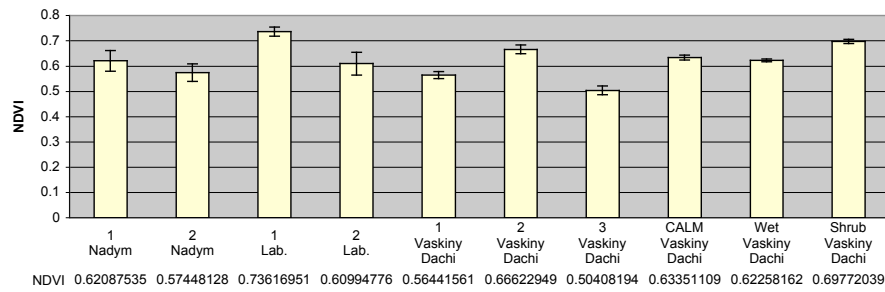


Figure 29. Mean NDVI of sample transects.

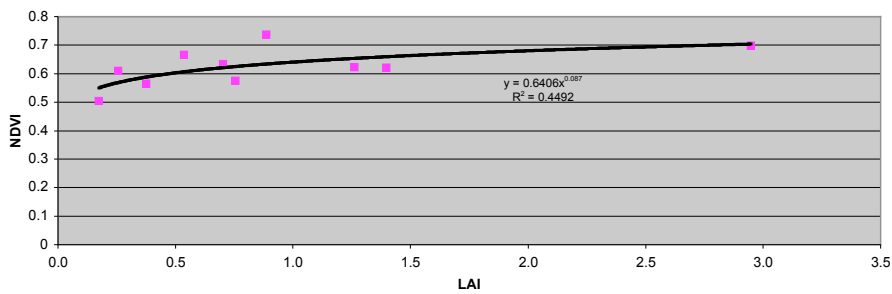


Figure 30. NDVI vs. LAI for all transects.

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

Table 14. 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*, *Larsib*=*Larix sibirica*, *Pinsib*=*Pinus cembra ssp. sibirica* *Pinsyl*=*Pinus sylvestris*. (See Appendix B for explanation of method and data sheets).

Species	Dbh /cm	Basal area /cm2	Height /m	Above-ground biomass /kg/tree	Above-ground biomass /g/tree	Species	Dbh /cm	Basal area /cm2	Height /m	Above-ground biomass /kg/tree	Above-ground biomass /g/tree	Species	Dbh /cm	Basal area /cm2	Height /m	Above-ground biomass /kg/tree	Above-ground biomass /g/tree	Species	Dbh /cm	Basal area /cm2	Height /m	Above-ground biomass /kg/tree	Above-ground biomass /g/tree						
Transect 1					Transect 2					Transect 3					Transect 4					Transect 5									
<i>Betpub</i>	7	38.48	6	11.9	11908.1	<i>Betpub</i>	8	50.27	5	16.6	16628.2	<i>Betpub</i>	5	19.63	3	5.1	5134.2	<i>Betpub</i>	7	38.48	3	11.9	11908.1	<i>Betpub</i>	6	28.27	6	8.1	8099.4
<i>Betpub</i>	7	38.48	8	11.9	11908.1	<i>Betpub</i>	10	78.54	8	29.1	29050.8	<i>Betpub</i>	4	12.57	4	2.9	2938.7	<i>Betpub</i>	8	50.27	7	16.6	16628.2	<i>Betpub</i>	7	38.48	6	11.9	11908.1
<i>Betpub</i>	8	50.27	9	16.6	16628.2	<i>Betpub</i>	8	50.27	5	16.6	16628.2	<i>Betpub</i>	5	19.63	6	5.1	5134.2	<i>Betpub</i>	8	50.27	7	16.6	16628.2	<i>Betpub</i>	6	28.27	6	8.1	8099.4
<i>Betpub</i>	2	3.14	3	0.5	519.4	<i>Betpub</i>	9	63.62	9	22.3	22322.7	<i>Betpub</i>	4	12.57	5	2.9	2938.7	<i>Betpub</i>	6	28.27	5	8.1	8099.4	<i>Betpub</i>	9	63.62	6	22.3	22322.7
<i>Betpub</i>	3	7.07	5	1.4	1431.4	<i>Betpub</i>	9	63.62	7	22.3	22322.7	<i>Betpub</i>	7	38.48	6	11.9	11908.1	<i>Betpub</i>	5	19.63	5	5.1	5134.2	<i>Betpub</i>	9	63.62	7	22.3	22322.7
<i>Larsib</i>	2	3.14	3	0.9	884.7	<i>Betpub</i>	7	38.48	5	11.9	11908.1	<i>Betpub</i>	6	28.27	6	8.1	8099.4	<i>Betpub</i>	10	78.54	9	29.1	29050.8	<i>Betpub</i>	7	38.48	7	11.9	11908.1
<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	7	9.6	9563.0	<i>Betpub</i>	8	50.27	4	16.6	16628.2	<i>Betpub</i>	17	226.98	1	109.5	109488.3	<i>Betpub</i>	3	7.07	5	1.4	1431.4	<i>Betpub</i>	7	38.48	6	11.9	11908.1
<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Larsib</i>	9	63.62	8	22.4	22393.7	<i>Betpub</i>	5	19.63	3	5.1	5134.2	<i>Betpub</i>	7	38.48	9	11.9	11908.1	<i>Larsib</i>	2	3.14	3	0.9	884.7
<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	7	11.0	11027.0	<i>Larsib</i>	3	7.07	13	6.6	6607.9	<i>Larsib</i>	9	63.62	8	22.4	22393.7	<i>Betpub</i>	3	7.07	3	1.4	1431.4	<i>Pinsib</i>	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	<i>Larsib</i>	3	7.07	3	1.6	1645.2	<i>Larsib</i>	6	28.27	5	7.7	7711.9	<i>Larsib</i>	15	176.71	10	67.7	67709.0	<i>Pinsib</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5	<i>Larsib</i>	6	28.27	6	9.2	9167.3	<i>Larsib</i>	6	28.27	6	9.2	9167.3	<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	6	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsib</i>	11	95.03	5	19.9	19892.3
<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsib</i>	10	78.54	9	19.9	19947.6	<i>Pinsib</i>	5	19.63	7	1.9	1904.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	7	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	6	11.0	11027.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsib</i>	13	132.73	10	37.8	37809.2	<i>Pinsib</i>	3	7.07	3	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	15	176.71	9	67.7	67709.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	3	6.1	6050.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0	<i>Pinsib</i>	8	50.27	8	10.9	10876.4	<i>Pinsib</i>	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	11	95.03	7	32.4	32397.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	6	9.8	9789.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	<i>Pinsib</i>	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5	<i>Pinsyl</i>	14	153.94	4	57.4	57363.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	9	63.62	8	20.8	20813.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	13	132.73	8	48.0	48029.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsib</i>	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	6	9.8	9789.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	10	78.54	7	26.1	26099.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	3	1.6	1637.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	<i>Pinsib</i>	4	12.57	4	3.1	3147.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5	<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	4	3.1	3147.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	10	78.54	11	26.1	26099.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	14	153.94	9	57.4	57363.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	9	63.62	7	20.8	20813.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5
<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	9	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	8	50.27	8	16.5	16539.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	13	132.73	9	48.0	48029.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	13	132.73	11	48.0	48029.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	11	95.03	8	32.4	32397.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	10	78.54	10	26.1	26099.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	14	153.94	8	57.4	57363.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	14	153.94	9	57.4	57363.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	10	78.54	10	26.1	26099.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	7	38.48	6	13.3	13277.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	13	132.73	10	48.0	48029.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	4	0.9	851.5	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	10	78.54	8	26.1	26099.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	11	95.03	7	32.4	32397.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	7	38.48	6	13.3	13277.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	3	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	8	50.27	7	16.5	16539.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	13	132.73	9	48.0	48029.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	5	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	11	95.03	8	32.4	32397.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	15	176.71	15	67.7	67709.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	7	9.8	9789.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	14	153.94	9	57.4	57363.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5	<i>Pinsyl</i>	17	226.98	14	91.4	91437.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	4	3.1	3147.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	10	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	5	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	6	11.0	11027.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	13	132.73	4	48.0	48029.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	7	38.48	6	13.3	13277.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	10	78.54	8	26.1	26099.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	5	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5
<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	12	113.10	7	39.7	39707.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	15	176.71	9	67.7	67709.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	3	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	20	314.16	10	134.6	134619.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	4	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	4	0.9	851.5	<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	5	11.0	11027.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	11	95.03	8	32.4	32397.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	16	201.06	9	79.1	79067.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	8	9.8	9789.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	11	95.03	7	32.4	32397.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	7	38.48	8	13.3	13277.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	12	113.10	10	39.7	39707.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	4	3.1	3147.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	14	153.94	8	57.4	57363.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	7	38.48	6	13.3	13277.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	17	226.98	8	91.4	91437.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	7	38.48	6	13.3	13277.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	13	132.73	13	48.0	48029.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	2	0.9	851.5
<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	8	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	11	95.03	10	32.4	32397.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	10	78.54	11	26.1	26099.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	3	1.6	1637.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	8	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	20	314.16	14	134.6	134619.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	6	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	10	78.54	7	26.1	26099.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	6	28.27	5	11.0	11027.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	13	132.73	9	48.0	48029.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	5	1.6	1637.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	15	176.71	8	67.7	67709.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	7	9.8	9789.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	15	176.71	13	67.7	67709.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	4	3.1	3147.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	12	113.10	8	39.7	39707.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	9	63.62	6	20.8	20813.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	9	63.62	9	20.8	20813.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	6	9.8	9789.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	14	153.94	10	57.4	57363.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	3	0.9	851.5
<i>Pinsyl</i>	11	95.03	10	32.4	32397.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	7	9.8	9789.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	7	38.48	5	13.3	13277.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	12	113.10	8	39.7	39707.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	13	132.73	11	48.0	48029.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	6	9.6	9563.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	3	3.1	3147.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	14	153.94	10	57.4	57363.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	17	226.98	10	91.4	91437.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	9	63.62	10	20.8	20813.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	15	176.71	13	67.7	67709.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	12	113.10	9	39.7	39707.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	9	63.62	7	20.8	20813.0
<i>Pinsyl</i>	4	12.57	5	3.1	3147.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	5	19.63	5	6.1	6050.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	12	113.10	9	39.7	39707.0	<i>Pinsyl</i>	2	3.14	4	0.9	851.5	<i>Pinsyl</i>	3	7.07	4	1.6	1637.0

Table 15. 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 16. Active layer at Laborovaya and Vaskiny Dachi transects and relevés. Depths are in centimeters.

Nadym-1 (no permafrost)										
Nadym-2										
See relevé data Table17. 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	115,1 8	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	5,89	7,27					

Factors measured in study plots

Relevé data

Table 17. 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 Kärlajaarvi, SW, Skip Walker. Photo archives are at UAF.

General relevé descriptions												
Relevé #	Location	Study site	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	8-Aug-07	PK	10x10	65 18.810	72 53.226	25	0	0	all photos in folder:
02	Nadym	Forest	Pinsyl, Betpub, Betnan, Ledpal, Vacmyr, Claste, Plesch	8-Aug-07	PK	10x10	65 18.794	72 53.277	25	0	0	/data/ru_yamal/photos/
03	Nadym	Forest	Pinsyl, Ledpal, Vacmyr, Claste	8-Aug-07	PK	10x10	65 18.811	72 53.274	25	0	0	SubzoneN_ND_Nadym/
04	Nadym	Forest	Pinsyl, Betnan, Ledpal, Claste	8-Aug-07	PK	10x10	65 18.831	72 53.261	25	0	0	ND_Site1_ForestSite_
05	Nadym	Forest	Betpub, Ledpal, Vacmyr, Claste	8-Aug-07	PK	10x10	65 18.814	72 53.314	25	0	0	Terrasse2
06	Nadym	CALM-grid, hummock	Ledpal, Rubcha, Claste	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.883	72 51.703	23	0	0	all photos in folder:
07	Nadym	CALM-grid, hummock	Ledpal, Rubcha, Sphfus	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.863	72 51.695	23	0	0	data/ru_yamal/photos/
08	Nadym	CALM-grid, hummock	Betnan, Ledpal, Carglo, Clasty	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, Clasty	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.884	72 51.702	21	0	0	ND_Site2_CALMGrid_
10	Nadym	CALM-grid, inter-hummock	Carglo, Claste, Clasty	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.867	72 51.703	21	0	0	Terrasse3
11	Nadym	CALM-grid, inter-hummock	Carglo, Claste, Clasty	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.887	72 51.785	21	0	0	
12	Nadym	CALM-grid, mire	Carcho, Carrot, Sphmaj	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.825	72 51.737	18	0	0	
13	Nadym	CALM-grid, mire	Carrot, Sphmaj	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.824	72 51.803	18	0	0	
14	Nadym	CALM-grid, mire	Carrot, Sphmaj	8-Aug-07	PK,NM	1x1	65 18.828	72 51.831	18	0	0	
15	Laborovaya	Clay-site	Betnan, Vacvit, Erivag, Dicelo	15-Aug-07	EK,NM,PK	5x5	67 42.397	67 59.946	79	2	SW	all photos in folder:
16	Laborovaya	Clay-site	Betnan, Carbig, Dicelo	15-Aug-07	EK,NM,PK	5x5	67 42.387	67 59.970	80	2	SW	data/ru_yamal/photos/
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, Vaculi, Claarb, Sphglo, Dicelo	17-Aug-07	PK,NM,SW,EK	5x5	67 41.691	68 02.244	60	1	S	all photos in folder:
21	Laborovaya	Sand-site	Betnan, Vaculi, Sphglo, Dicelo	17-Aug-07	PK,NM,SW,EK	5x5	67 41.684	68 02.283	60	1	S	data/ru_yamal/photos/
22	Laborovaya	Sand-site	Vaculi, 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, Vaculi, Carbig, Claarb, Dicelo, Polstr	17-Aug-07	NM,PK	5x5	67 41.703	68 02.277	60	1	S	LA_Site2_
24	Laborovaya	Sand-site	Betnan, Empsub, Vaculi, Carbig, Claarb, 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, Hylspl	23-Aug-07	PK,NM,SW,EK	5x5	70 16.540	68 53.446	40	2	S	all photos in folder:
26	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace IV	Dryoct, Salpol, Carbig, Aultur, Hylspl, Tomnit	23-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 16.528	68 53.465	40	2	S	data/ru_yamal/photos/
27	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace IV	Salnum, Salpol, Carbig, Aultur, Hylspl	23-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 16.538	68 53.469	40	2	S	SubzoneD_VD_VaskinyDachi/VD_Site1_
28	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace IV	Salnum, Carbig, Aultur, Hylspl	23-Aug-07	PK,NM	5x5	70 16.547	68 53.475	40	2	S	LoamySite_Terrasse4
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, Hylspl, Dicfle	26-Aug-07	PK,NM,SW,EK	5x5	70 17.734	68 53.027	30	2	SW	all photos in folder:
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	data/ru_yamal/photos/
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_Terrasse3
35	Vaskiny Dachi	Terrace II	Vacvit, Carbig, Sphglo, Raclan	28-Aug-07	PK,NM,SW,EK	5x5	70 18.088	68 50.519	15	1	NW	all photos in folder:
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	data/ru_yamal/photos/
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_Terrasse2

Table 18. Relevé site characteristics. See data forms (Appendix C).

Relevé site characteristics. See also Relevé site characteristics form												
Relevé #	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	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	featureless
02	1000	50	10	0	0	4	0	50	NA	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	featureless
03	900	60	12	0	0	2	0	20	NA	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	featureless
04	1100	50	10	0	0	3	0	20	NA	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	featureless
05	1100	45	10	0	0.5	4	0	30	NA	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	featureless
06	0	15	0	0	1	>40	?	30	40	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	turf hummocks
07	0	15	0	1	27	>40	?	20	38	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	turf hummocks
08	0	15	0	0	1	2	1	30	?	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	turf hummocks
09	0	10	10	0	0	25	1	5	50	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	flat centered polyons
10	0	10	15	0	20	>20	?	10	60	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	flat centered polyons
11	0	10	15	0	0	2	0.5	10	?	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	flat centered polyons
12	0	0	25	0	0	?	?	0	?	fluvial terraces	NA	wetland
13	0	0	25	0	0	?	?	0	?	fluvial terraces	NA	wetland
14	0	0	25	0	0	?	?	0	?	fluvial terraces	NA	wetland
15	0	30	10	5	3	5	6	30	89	fluvial terraces	?	with <20 % frost scars
16	0	20	35	2	2	10	3	15	70	fluvial terraces	?	with <20 % frost scars
17	0	15	25	2	2	6	0.5	30	91	fluvial terraces	?	with <20 % frost scars
18	0	30	35	2	2	4	0.5	20	74	fluvial terraces	?	with <20 % frost scars
19	0	25	30	2	2	3	2	20	82	fluvial terraces	?	with <20 % frost scars
20	0	5	15	2	0	1	3	10	118	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	small hummock
21	0	5	5	1	0	3	2	10	114	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	flat centered polyons, small hummock
22	0	8	5	1	0	4	1	5	128	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	flat centered polyons, small hummock
23	0	10	10	1	0	4	2	10	109	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	flat centered polyons, small hummock
24	0	20	3	2	1	5	3	10	106	fluvial terraces	stabilized alluvium	flat centered polyons, small hummock
25	0	10	10	1	1	3	1	5	70	hills, marine terrace	marine sands	with <20 % frost scars
26	0	10	15	1	1	4	1	5	66	hills, marine terrace	marine sands	with <20 % frost scars
27	0	8	10	1	4	3.5	1	5	76	hills, marine terrace	marine sands	with <20 % frost scars
28	0	10	10	1	2	4	1	5	66	hills, marine terrace	marine sands	with <20 % frost scars
29	0	2	10	1	3	2	1	5	79	hills, marine terrace	marine sands	with <20 % frost scars
30	0	5	7	1	3.5	2.5	2	5	71	marine terrace	marine clay	with <20 % frost scars
31	0	5	7	1	4	4.5	1	5	71	marine terrace	marine clay	with <20 % frost scars
32	0	5	7	1	2	2	0	5	78	marine terrace	marine clay	with <20 % frost scars
33	0	5	7	1	3	4	9	5	61	marine terrace	marine clay	with <20 % frost scars
34	0	5	7	1	3	3.5	0	5	61	marine terrace	marine clay	with <20 % frost scars
35	0	1	4	0.5	2	3	2	5	0	marine terrace	marine sands	with <20 % frost scars
36	0	3	4	1	1	1	1	5	0	marine terrace	marine sands	with <20 % frost scars
37	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	5	0	marine terrace	marine sands	with <20 % frost scars
38	0	2	2	1	0	0.5	5	5	0	marine terrace	marine sands	with <20 % frost scars
39	0	3	4	1	1	0	1	5	0	marine terrace	marine sands	with <20 % frost scars

Table 18 (cont') Relevé site characteristics.

Relevé site characteristics. See also Relevé site characteristics form (cont.).									
Releve #	Micro-site	Site moisture	Soil moisture	Topographic position	Snow bank persistence after melt out	Disturbance degree	Disturbance type	Stability	Exposure
01	0	subxeric	damp	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	stable	protected from winds
02	0	subxeric	damp	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	stable	protected from winds
03	0	subxeric	damp	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	stable	protected from winds
04	0	subxeric	damp	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	stable	protected from winds
05	0	subxeric	damp	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	stable	protected from winds
06	hummock	mesic	moist	flat	snow free prior to melt out	no sign present	none	subject to solifluction	exposed to winds
07	hummock	mesic	moist	flat	snow free prior to melt out	no sign present	none	subject to solifluction	exposed to winds
08	hummock	mesic	moist	flat	snow free prior to melt out	no sign present	none	subject to solifluction	exposed to winds
09	interhummock	mesic	moist	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	subject to solifluction	exposed to winds
10	interhummock	mesic	moist	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	subject to solifluction	exposed to winds
11	interhummock	mesic	moist	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	subject to solifluction	exposed to winds
12	0	hydric	very saturated	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	stable	exposed to winds
13	0	hydric	very saturated	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	stable	exposed to winds
14	0	hydric	very saturated	flat	1-2 weeks	no sign present	none	stable	exposed to winds
15	0	subxeric to mesic	moist to wet	flat	0 weeks	minor	reindeer tracks & scat	stable	exposed to winds
16	0	subxeric to mesic	moist to wet	flat	0 weeks	minor	reindeer tracks & scat	stable	exposed to winds
17	0	subxeric to mesic	moist to wet	flat	0 weeks	minor	reindeer tracks & scat	stable	exposed to winds
18	0	subxeric to mesic	moist to wet	flat	0 weeks	minor	reindeer tracks & scat	stable	exposed to winds
19	0	subxeric to mesic	moist to wet	flat	0 weeks	minor	reindeer tracks & scat	stable	exposed to winds
20	NA	subxeric to mesic	moist	flat	0 weeks	minor	reindeer scat	stable	exposed to winds
21	NA	subxeric to mesic	moist	flat	0 weeks	minor	reindeer scat	stable	exposed to winds
22	NA	subxeric to mesic	moist	flat	0 weeks	minor	reindeer scat	stable	exposed to winds
23	NA	subxeric to mesic	moist	flat	0 weeks	minor	reindeer scat	stable	exposed to winds
24	NA	subxeric to mesic	moist	flat	0 weeks	minor	reindeer scat	stable	exposed to winds
25	0	mesic	moist to wet	hill crest	snow free prior to melt out	moderate	ptarmigan scat & reindeer tracks	stable	exposed to winds
26	0	mesic	moist to wet	hill crest	snow free prior to melt out	moderate	ptarmigan scat & reindeer tracks	stable	exposed to winds
27	0	mesic	moist to wet	hill crest	snow free prior to melt out	moderate	ptarmigan scat & reindeer tracks	stable	exposed to winds
28	0	mesic	moist to wet	hill crest	snow free prior to melt out	moderate	ptarmigan scat & reindeer tracks	stable	exposed to winds
29	0	mesic	moist to wet	hill crest	snow free prior to melt out	moderate	ptarmigan scat & reindeer tracks	stable	exposed to winds
30	0	subxeric to mesic	moist to wet	hill crest	0 weeks	minor	ptarmigan scat, reindeer tracks&scat	stable	exposed to winds
31	0	subxeric to mesic	moist to wet	hill crest	0 weeks	minor	ptarmigan scat, reindeer tracks&scat	stable	exposed to winds
32	0	subxeric to mesic	moist to wet	hill crest	0 weeks	minor	ptarmigan scat, reindeer tracks&scat	stable	exposed to winds
33	0	subxeric to mesic	moist to wet	hill crest	0 weeks	minor	ptarmigan scat, reindeer tracks&scat	stable	exposed to winds
34	0	subxeric to mesic	moist to wet	hill crest	0 weeks	minor	ptarmigan scat, reindeer tracks&scat	stable	exposed to winds
35	0	xeric	dry	flat	snow free prior to melt out	minor	ptarmigan scat, reindeer tracks&scat	stable	exposed to winds
36	0	xeric	dry	flat	snow free prior to melt out	minor	ptarmigan scat, reindeer tracks&scat	stable	exposed to winds
37	0	xeric	dry	flat	snow free prior to melt out	minor	ptarmigan scat, reindeer tracks&scat	stable	exposed to winds
38	0	xeric	dry	flat	snow free prior to melt out	minor	ptarmigan scat, reindeer tracks&scat	stable	exposed to winds
39	0	xeric	dry	flat	snow free prior to melt out	minor	ptarmigan scat, reindeer tracks&scat	stable	exposed to winds

Table 19. Species percentage cover in vegetation study plots (relevés).

Relevé species percentual cover.	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	VD_RV_26	VD_RV_27	VD_RV_28	VD_RV_29	VD_RV_30	VD_RV_31	VD_RV_32	VD_RV_33	VD_RV_34	VD_RV_35	VD_RV_36	VD_RV_37	VD_RV_38	VD_RV_39											
<i>Altopercus alpinus</i>						1	0.5		0.01	0.01	4	0.01	0.1	0.1									0.1			1	1	1	0.1	2	0.1		0.1																	
<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>																							0.1				0.01	0.01	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1			2	0.5										
<i>Arctostaphylos alpinus</i>															0.01												0.01	0.01	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1														
<i>Betula nana</i>	10	10	7	10	1		5	20			0.1				25	45	40	30	25				0.1	0.1	0.1	25	5	5	10	10		20	30	30	2	15					1		1							
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	8	10	2	1	8																		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	0.1	0.1	0.1					
<i>Bistorta vivipara</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	0.1				
<i>Calamagrostis neglecta</i> agg.															1	0.1	2	2	2	2	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	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
<i>Carex bigelowii</i> subsp. <i>arctisibirica</i>															15	25	20	20	20	20	7	5	7	35	20	80	80	40	80	20	10	5	5	10	10	15	10	10	15	10	0.1	0.1	15	2						
<i>Carex chodorhiza</i>						0.2	0.1	10	0.1	8	5	30	1																																					
<i>Carex globularis</i>																																																		
<i>Carex limosa</i>													1	1	1																																			
<i>Carex rotundata</i>												30	30	30																																0.5				
<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>																																																		
<i>Diapensia lapponica</i>																							0.1	0.1																										
<i>Diphysastrum alpinum</i>			0.1																																															
<i>Drosera rotundifolia</i>							1																																											
<i>Dryas octopetala</i> subsp. <i>subincisa</i>																											10	10	5	5	5																			
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>	5	5	3	5	5			1																																										
<i>Empetrum subholarcticum</i>															5		1	5	1	0.1	5	3	1	10					0.5						1						0.5	0.1	0.1							
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>												3	0.1		2												0.1			0.01					0.1	0.1														
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>											1	0.1	0.1																																					
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>					0.1									25	0.1	2	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	0.1				2	1				0.1	0.1	0.1								
<i>Festuca cf. ovina</i>															0.01																																			
<i>Festuca sp.</i>				0.01																							0.1	0.01	0.01	0.1	0.1																			
<i>Hierochloa alpina</i>																										0.1	0.1		0.01	0.01	0.01		0.01											2		2				
<i>Huperzia selago</i>																							0.01																							0.01				
<i>Juniperus communis</i>		2	4	1	1																																													
<i>Larix sibirica</i>	1	5	5	3	3																																													
<i>Ledum palustre</i>	15	15	10	20	15	85	40	60	0.1	0.01	0.01																																							
<i>Ledum palustre</i> subsp. <i>decumbens</i>															1			2	0.1	2	3	1	2																		15	15	3	10						
<i>Luzula cf. confusa</i>																											0.1	0.01																						
<i>Luzula cf. wahlenbergii</i>																																																		
<i>Luzula sp.</i>																																													0.01	0.5	0.1	0.1		
<i>cf. Minuartia arctica</i>															0.01			0.01																																
<i>Oxycoccus microcarpus</i>						5						0.01																																						
<i>Pedicularis hirsuta</i>																											0.1																							
<i>Pedicularis labradorica</i>															0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1																									
<i>Pedicularis cf. lapponica</i>															0.01	0.01	0.01	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1																													
<i>Petasites frigidus</i>															0.01	0.5	0.5	1																																
<i>Pinus sibirica</i>		2			2																																													
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	25	10	10	10	5																																													
<i>Poa arctica</i>																																																		
<i>Rubus chamaemorus</i>					10	15	3	2	1						0.1														0.01	0.1			0.1																	
<i>Salix glauca</i>																	0.1	0.1		0.1							5	5	5	7	1	3	2	1	2	2														
<i>Salix hastata</i>															0.01														5	1	1	1																		
<i>Salix lanata</i>																								1					1	1																				
<i>Salix myrtilloides</i>																	0.1																																	
<i>Salix nummularia</i>																																																		
<i>Salix polaris</i>																																																		
<i>Salix phylicifolia</i>															2	5	2	1	15	2	0.5	0.1	4	1			0.1																							

Table 19 (cont'). Species percentage cover in vegetation study plots (relevés).

Relevé species percentual cover.	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	VD_RV_26	VD_RV_27	VD_RV_28	VD_RV_29	VD_RV_30	VD_RV_31	VD_RV_32	VD_RV_33	VD_RV_34	VD_RV_35	VD_RV_36	VD_RV_37	VD_RV_38	VD_RV_39			
<i>Thamnia vermicularis</i> var. <i>subuliformis</i>	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.	0.1	.	0.5		
<i>Thamnia vermicularis</i> var. <i>vermicularis</i>	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01	.	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			
<i>Varicellaria rhodocarpa</i>	
<i>Aulacomnium palustre</i>	5	.	0.5	.	0.01		
<i>Aulacomnium turgidum</i>	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	5	5	3	2	5	0.01	1	0.1	0.5	2	30	40	80	40	40	20	15	10	10	5	0.01	.	.	0.1	0.1			
<i>Blepharostoma trichophyllum</i>	0.01		
<i>Calypogeia sphagnicola</i>		
<i>Cephalozia</i> sp.	0.01	0.01		
<i>Ceratodon purpureus</i>	1	.	
<i>Conostomum tetragonum</i>	0.01	0.01	0.1	0.01		
<i>Cynodontium strumiferum</i>	0.1		
<i>Dicranum acutifolium</i>	.	0.5	0.01	5	5	1	1	1	.	0.1	.	.	20	15	.	.	2	.	.		
<i>Dicranum elongatum</i>	0.1	.	0.1	.	.	.	20	20	15	15	15	20	20	15	15	30	2	1	1	1	5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	3	.	.	2	1		
<i>Dicranum flexicaule</i>	.	.	0.01	0.1	.	0.01	0.1	0.1	20	30		
<i>Dicranum fuscescens</i>	0.5	0.1	0.1	.	0.1		
<i>Dicranum groenlandicum</i>		
<i>Dicranum laevigatum</i>	15	15	15	15	15	40	0.1	15	
<i>Dicranum majus</i>	2	
<i>Dicranum spadiceum</i>	1	6	4	.	.	2	
<i>Ditrichum flexicaule</i>	1	
<i>Gymnocolea inflata</i>	0.1	0.1	.	.	.	
<i>Gymnomitrium coralloides</i>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01		
<i>Hylacomnium splendens</i>	0.5	2	2	1	5	.	0.01	0.01	.	.	40	40	30	30	10	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	.	.	0.1	0.1	0.1		
<i>Kiaeria</i> cf. <i>blyttii</i>	0.01	0.1	0.1	
<i>Lophozia ventricosa</i> s.l.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	0.01	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		
<i>Mylia anomala</i>	0.01	1	
<i>Oncophorus wahlenbergii</i>	0.5	.	0.01	.	.	.	0.1	
<i>Orthocaulis binsteadii</i>	3	0.1	0.1	0.1	
<i>Orthocaulis kunzeanus</i>	0.1	5	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	
<i>Plagiomnium ellipticum</i>	0.1	0.1	
<i>Pleurozium schroberi</i>	30	30	15	15	15	.	.	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	0.5	2	.	0.01	.	0.1	0.1	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pogonatum dentatum</i>	0.01	0.01
<i>Pogonatum urnigerum</i>	0.01	0.01
<i>Pohlia crucioides</i>	
<i>Pohlia nutans</i>	0.01	.	.	.	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	.	.	.	0.01	0.01	.	0.1	.	0.1	0.01	0.01	.	0.01	0.01	
<i>Pohlia</i> sp.	
<i>Polytrichastrum alpinum</i>	0.1
<i>Polytrichastrum longisetum</i>	0.1
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	0.01	.	0.01	.	0.5	5	.	2	2		
<i>Polytrichum hyperboreum</i>
<i>Polytrichum jensenii</i>	0.1
<i>Polytrichum piliferum</i>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	.
<i>Polytrichum strictum</i>
<i>Ptilidium ciliare</i>	.	0.01	0.01	1	5	3	2	5	5	2	0.1	5	5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	0.1	2	1		
<i>Ptilidium crista-cristensis</i>	0.01
<i>Racomitrium lanuginosum</i>	0.01	.	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.	.	0.1	.	.	0.1	1	1	0.1	1	10	10	2	5	5	.	.	
<i>Sanionia uncinata</i>	1	1	0.01	0.1	.	0.1	.	0.1	0.1	.	.	0.01	0.1	
<i>Sphagnum balticum</i>	30	.	0.1
<i>Sphagnum compactum</i>	30
<i>Sphagnum fuscum</i>	0.01	75
<i>Sphagnum girgensohnii</i>	5
<i>Sphagnum lenense</i>	0.1	0.1
<i>Sphagnum lindbergii</i>	30
<i>Sphagnum majus</i>	30	20	100	.	.	.	2
<i>Sphagnum rubellum</i>	1	.	0.5
<i>Sphagnum squarrosum</i>	0.1
<i>Sphagnum teres</i>	0.5
<i>Sphagnum warnstorffii</i>	2
<i>Sphenolobus minutus</i>	.																																									

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

Table 20. 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.

n	Species	dbh (cm)	dbh (mm)	basal area (cm ²)	ht (m)	x.coord	y.coord	mass (kg)	mass (g)	n	Species	dbh (cm)	dbh (mm)	basal area (cm ²)	ht (m)	x.coord	y.coord	mass (kg)	mass (g)
ND_RV_01										ND_RV_03									
23	Bet.pub	1	10	0.8	3	5.7	1	0.1	91.8	1	Bet.pub	0.3	3	0.1	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	4.5
24	Bet.pub	6	60	28.3	7	5.3	2.2	8.1	8099.4	2	Bet.pub	0.2	2	0.0	1.8	0.3	1.2	0.0	1.8
26	Bet.pub	9	90	63.6	8	8.2	4.2	22.3	22322.7	3	Bet.pub	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	Bet.pub	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	1.8	1837.0	7	Pin.syl	6	60	28.3	7	3	8.5	11.0	11027.0
5	Pin.syl	14	140	153.9	9	1.8	3.9	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	1.8	1837.0	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	18	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	8	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	Bet.pub	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	Bet.pub	11	110	95.0	8	9.7	1	36.9	36888.5
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	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										ND_RV_05									
15	Bet.pub	6	60	28.3	7.5	4.6	7	8.1	8099.4	2	Pin.syl	5	50	19.6	2.2	1.2	6.7	6.1	6060.0
32	Bet.pub	0.6	6	0.3	2	7.2	9.2	0.0	25.6	3	Pin.syl	21	210	346.4	9.5	1.5	6.2	151.0	151037.0
33	Bet.pub	1	10	0.8	4	7.5	6.5	0.1	91.8	4	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	2.5	2.5	8.7	0.9	851.5
34	Bet.pub	7.5	75	44.2	7	7.6	5.8	14.2	14160.2	6	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	3	3.8	3.4	0.9	851.5
37	Larsib	20	200	314.2	12	7.5	3.8	111.6	111604.4	7	Pin.syl	15	150	176.7	8.5	4.5	0.4	67.7	67709.0
44	Larsib	21	210	346.4	13	9	8.2	129.7	129736.5	9	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	4	4.5	2.5	3.1	3147.0
46	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	5	8.2	7.6	3.1	3147.0	10	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1.2	4.6	2.4	0.3	319.5
1	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	3.5	0.2	3.3	1.8	1837.0	11	Pin.syl	5	50	19.6	4.5	4.5	3.1	6.1	6050.0
2	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1.5	0.4	3.4	0.3	319.5	12	Pin.syl	15	150	176.7	9	6.5	5.7	67.7	67709.0
3	Pin.syl	16	160	201.1	10	1.7	3.2	79.1	79067.0	13	Pin.syl	1.5	15	1.8	2.2	8.2	6.8	0.6	614.1
4	Pin.syl	10	100	78.5	8.5	1.2	3	26.1	26099.0	15	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	6	8.5	2.6	13.3	13277.0
5	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.8	1837.0	16	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1	1	8	0.3	319.5
6	Pin.syl	2.5	25	4.9	3.5	2.3	0.5	1.2	1180.6	4	Pin.syl	7	70	12.6	4.5	9.7	8.6	3.1	3147.0
7	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	2.2	2.5	0.5	0.9	851.5	18	Pin.syl	0.4	4	0.1	1	9	3.5	0.3	299.2
8	Pin.syl	5	50	19.6	5.5	3.3	2	9.8	9789.0	19	Pin.syl	16	160	201.1	9	9	3.1	79.1	79067.0
9	Pin.syl	10	100	78.5	8	2.5	8.8	26.1	26099.0	20	Pin.syl	8	80	50.3	6.5	9.5	1.5	16.5	16539.0
10	Pin.syl	0.7	7	0.4	2	2.5	9.2	0.4	364.1	ND_RV_05									
11	Pin.syl	4.5	45	15.9	6.5	2.2	10	4.4	4363.4	1	Bet.pub	0.7	7	0.4	2.5	0.4	0.5	0.0	37.6
12	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	4	3.6	9.5	0.9	851.5	5	Bet.pub	1	10	0.8	3	0.7	9.7	0.1	91.8
13	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	2	3.7	9.2	0.3	319.5	8	Bet.pub	11	110	95.0	7	1.8	4	36.9	36888.5
14	Pin.syl	0.4	4	0.1	1	3.3	8.3	0.3	299.2	24	Bet.pub	0.8	8	0.5	2	9.7	4.7	0.1	62.5
16	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	4.5	4.3	9.5	1.8	1837.0	25	Bet.pub	7.5	75	44.2	7.5	9	4.2	14.2	14160.2
17	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	4	4.7	9.6	0.9	851.5	4	Larsib	7	70	38.5	6	0.7	9.2	11.6	11605.6
18	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1	4.3	9.7	0.3	319.5	11	Larsib	2	20	3.1	2.5	3.5	3.5	0.7	744.3
19	Pin.syl	0.6	6	0.3	2	5.5	9.8	0.3	341.0	13	Larsib	12	120	113.1	8	4	7	34.8	34776.3
20	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	8.5	5.5	9.5	13.3	13277.0	6	Pin.syl	0.7	7	0.4	2.5	0.7	10	0.4	364.1
21	Pin.syl	6	60	28.3	8	5.7	9.2	11.0	11027.0	9	Pin.syl	8	80	50.3	6	1.5	3.5	9.6	9563.7
22	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	3.5	5.5	1	0.9	851.5	26	Pin.syl	0.7	7	0.4	1	9.5	4	0.4	364.1
23	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	3	6.3	0	0.9	851.5	2	Pin.syl	2.5	25	4.9	3.2	0.8	1.8	1.2	1180.6
24	Pin.syl	10	100	78.5	8.5	6.2	2.5	26.1	26099.0	3	Pin.syl	6	60	28.3	7	1	7.8	11.0	11027.0
25	Pin.syl	3.5	35	9.6	8	6.5	3.5	2.3	2269.7	7	Pin.syl	4.8	48	18.1	6	2	5	5.3	5308.7
26	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	6	6.7	4	3.1	3147.0	10	Pin.syl	18	180	254.5	8.5	3	3.4	104.8	104810.0
27	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	7	6.9	4.5	13.3	13277.0	12	Pin.syl	15	150	176.7	8.5	3.8	6	67.7	67709.0
28	Pin.syl	1	10	0.8	2	6.9	4.7	0.4	442.9	14	Pin.syl	14	140	153.9	8	5	0.2	57.4	57363.0
29	Pin.syl	3.5	35	9.6	4	6.2	5.5	2.3	2269.7	15	Pin.syl	14	140	153.9	8	6	6.9	57.4	57363.0
30	Pin.syl	3	30	7.1	5	7.5	9.5	1.6	1837.0	16	Pin.syl	2	20	3.1	3	7.5	6.2	0.9	851.5
31	Pin.syl	1	10	0.8	2.2	7.6	9.2	0.4	442.9	17	Pin.syl	7	70	38.5	6.5	8.7	5.3	13.3	13277.0
35	Pin.syl	0.5	5	0.2	1.8	7.6	4.2	0.3	319.5	18	Pin.syl	4	40	12.6	5	8.5	5.5	3.1	3147.0
36	Pin.syl	3.5	35	9.6	6	7.4	4	2.3	2269.7	19	Pin.syl	0.4	4	0.1	1.5	8.5	6.5	0.3	

Table 21. Summary of tree data from the plot-count method (biomass, basal area, density, and tree height) at Nadym-1.

Biomass (g/m²)								
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 (m²/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 22. 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 23. 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

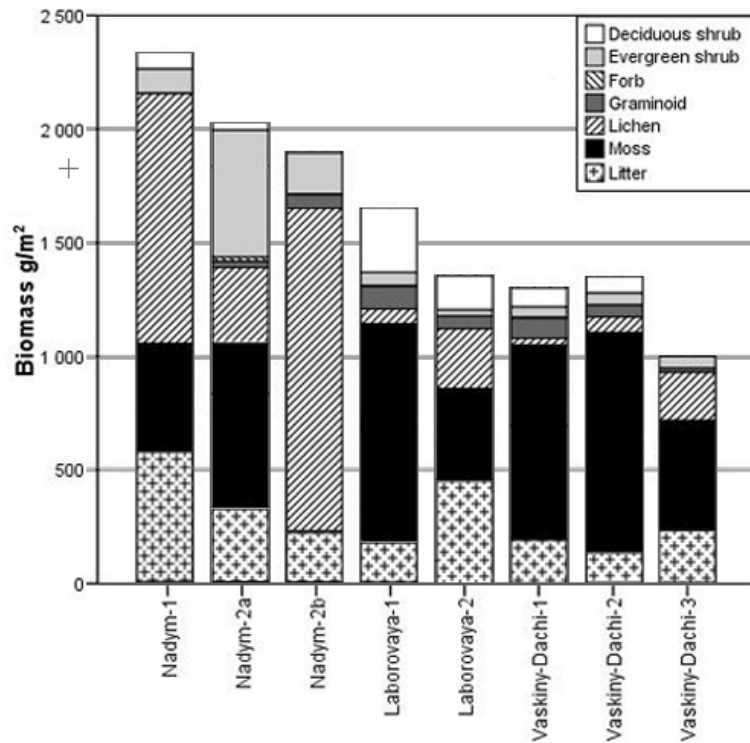


Figure 31. Average total biomass for each of the study sites excluding tree biomass at Nadym-1 and including dead moss and dead lichen components.

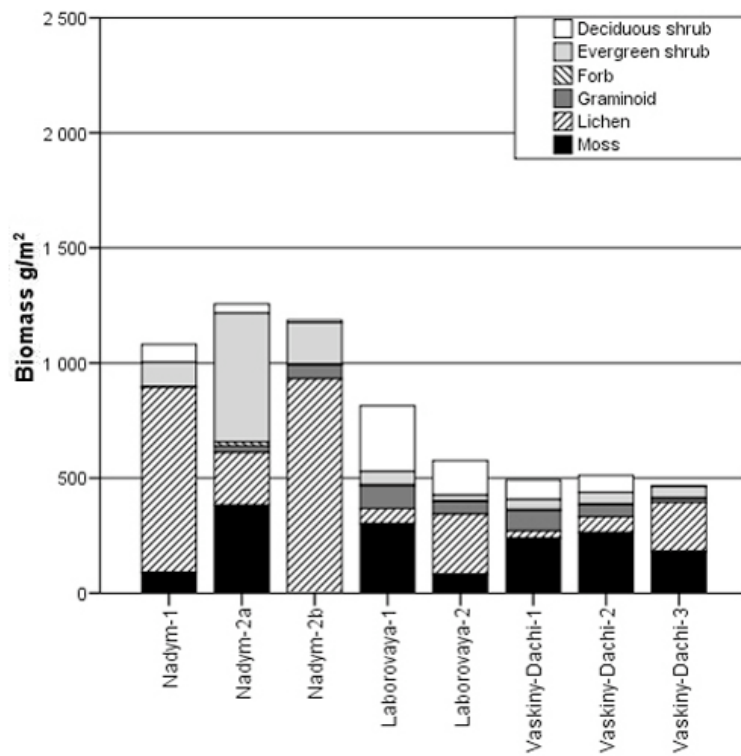


Figure 32. Average live biomass for each of the study sites excluding tree biomass, litter, dead moss, and dead lichen.

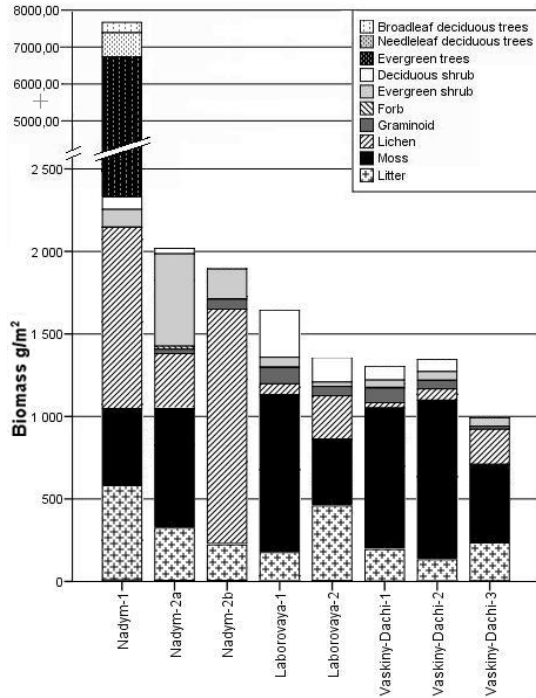


Figure 33. Average total biomass for each of the study sites including tree biomass at Nadym-1.

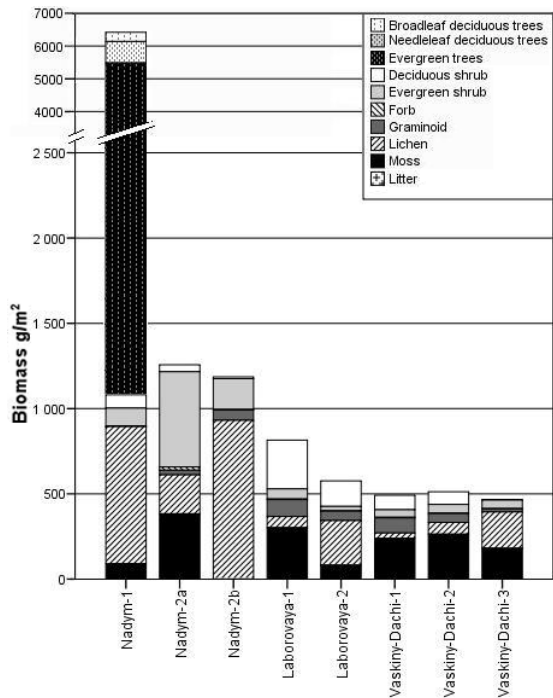


Figure 34. Average live biomass for each of the study sites including tree biomass at Nadym-1.

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 35. (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 36. (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)

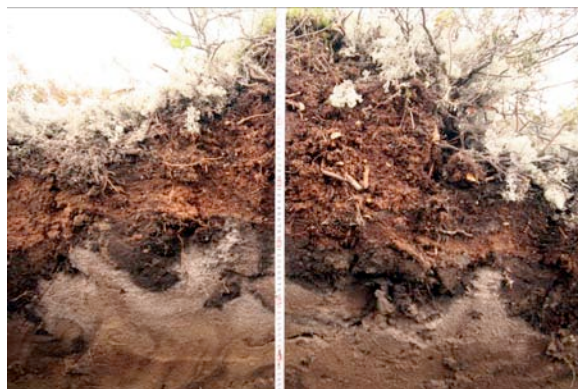


Figure 37. (a) Soil pit at Nadym - 2 (pit №3), higher hummock microsite. (b) Close up of pit wall.

0-2 cm; Oi; fibric material, loose, slightly decomposed lichen, a few slightly decomposed twigs and leafs 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 38. (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 39. (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 40. (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 41. (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 42. (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 leaf 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 43. (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 44. (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 45. (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 46. (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 47. (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 25. 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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APPENDIX B: 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
0.5												
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APPENDIX C: DATA FORMS FOR RELEVÉ DATA (SITE DESCRIPTION AND SPECIES COVER/ABUNDANCE)

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

Site Description Codes

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 Cryofibrist, 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 subhygic - considerable moisture; depressions	3 Snow free prior to melt out but with snow most of winter
2 Glaciofluvial deposits	8 Subhygic - very considerable moisture; saturated but < 5% standing water < 10 cm deep	4 Snow free immediately after melt out
3 Active alluvial sands	9 Hygic - much moisture; up to 100% of surface under 10 to 50 cm deep; lake margins, shallow ponds, streams	5 Snow bank persists 1-2 weeks after melt out
4 Active alluvial gravels	10 Hygic - 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 cracks	1 Some sign present; no disturbance
13 Loess	4 Damp to moist - very noticeable moisture; soil clumps	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	Glacial Geology	3 Caribou scat
5 Strangmoor or aligned hummocks	1 Till	4 Goose tracks & scat
6 High- or flat-centered polygons	2 Outwash	5 Squirrel mounds
7 Mixed high- and low-centered polygons	3 Bedrock	6 Vole tracks & scat
8 Sorted and non-sorted stripes	4 _____	7 Vehicle tracks
9 Palsas	5 _____	Stability
10 Thermokarst pits	6 _____	1 Stable
11 Featureless or with less 20% frost	7 _____	2 Subject to occasional disturbance
12 Well-developed hillslope water tracks and small streams > 50 cm deep		3 Subject to prolonged but slow disturbance such as solifluction
13 Poorly developed hillslope water tracks, < 50 cm deep	Topographic Position	4 Annually disturbed
14 Gently rolling or irregular microrelief	1 Hill crest or shoulder	5 Disturbed more than once annually
15 Stony surface	2 Side slope	
16 Lakes and ponds	3 Footslope or toeslope	Exposure Scale
17 Disturbed	4 Flat	1 Protected from winds
18 Hill hummock	5 Drainage channel	2 Moderate exposure to winds
19 Wetland	6 Depression	3 Exposed to winds
20 _____	7 Lake or pond	4 Very exposed to winds
21 _____		

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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Table 2 (page 1 of 2). Data sheet for recording aboveground biomass weights.

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ABOVEGROUND BIOMASS weights

20x50cm = 0.1 m ²	Deciduous				Evergreen				Graminoid		
Location & number	Stem	Live leaves	Dead leaves	Flowers/berries	Stem	Live leaves	Dead leaves	Flowers/berries	Live	Dead	Forb

Table 2 (page 2 of 2). Data sheet for recording aboveground biomass weights.

Equisetum	Lichen	Bryo- phyte	Algae	Total above-ground biomass (excluding dead moss & litter)	dead moss	litter	Total above-ground biomass (INCLUDING dead moss & litter)	Notes

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

Materials:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 100-m tape | Meter stick | Pencil |
| Biltmore stick or diameter tape | Data sheets (this handout) | 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 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					
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5	1					
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6	1					
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	3					
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7	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
8	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
9	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
10	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					

m=10	n=40		$d_t =$			
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Table 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 (Baj)	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 :

$$Ba_j = B_{kj} \cdot Da_j$$

where k is an individual of 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: LISTS OF VASCULAR PLANTS, LICHENS, AND BRYOPHYTES RECORDED IN THE YAMAL-REGION STUDY PLOTS

Vascular plants

Nomenclature followed Elven et al. 2007: Checklist of the Panarctic Flora (PAF). Vascular plants. -Draft. University of Oslo.

<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	<i>Ledum palustre</i>
<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>	<i>Ledum palustre subsp. decumbens</i>
<i>Arctagrostis latifolia</i>	<i>Luzula cf. confusa</i>
<i>Arctous alpina</i>	<i>Luzula cf. wahlenbergii</i>
<i>Betula nana</i>	<i>Luzula sp.</i>
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	cf. <i>Minuartia arctica</i>
<i>Bistorta vivipara</i>	<i>Oxycoccus microcarpus</i>
<i>Calamagrostis neglecta</i> agg.	<i>Pedicularis hirsuta</i>
<i>Carex bigelowii subsp. arctisibirica</i>	<i>Pedicularis labradorica</i>
<i>Carex chordorhiza</i>	<i>Pedicularis cf. lapponica</i>
<i>Carex globularis</i>	<i>Petasites frigidus</i>
<i>Carex limosa</i>	<i>Pinus sibirica</i>
<i>Carex rotundata</i>	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Poa arctica</i>
<i>Diapensia lapponica</i>	<i>Rubus chamaemorus</i>
<i>Diphasiastrum aplanum</i>	<i>Salix glauca</i>
<i>Drosera rotundifolia</i>	<i>Salix hastata</i>
<i>Dryas octopetala subsp. subincisa</i>	<i>Salix lanata</i>
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>	<i>Salix myrtilloides</i>
<i>Empetrum subholarcticum</i>	<i>Salix nummularia</i>
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	<i>Salix polaris</i>
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>	<i>Salix phylicifolia</i>
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	cf. <i>Senecio</i>
<i>Festuca cf. ovina</i>	<i>Stellaria sp.</i>
<i>Festuca sp.</i>	<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>
<i>Hierochloe alpina</i>	<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i>
<i>Huperzia selago</i>	<i>Vaccinium uliginosum subsp. microphyllum</i>
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	<i>Vaccinium vitis-ideae</i>
<i>Larix sibirica</i>	<i>Valeriana capitata</i>

Lichens

Nomenclature followed H. Kristinsson & M. Zhurbenko 2006: Panarctic lichen checklist (http://archive.arcticportal.org/276/01/Panarctic_lichen_checklist.pdf)

<i>Alectoria nigricans</i>	<i>Cladonia pleurota</i>
<i>Alectoria ochroleuca</i>	<i>Cladonia pyxidata</i>
<i>Arctocetraria andrejewii</i>	<i>Cladonia rangiferina</i>
<i>Asahinea chrysantha</i>	<i>Cladonia</i> cf. <i>scabriuscula</i>
<i>Baeomyces rufus</i>	<i>Cladonia squamosa</i>
<i>Bryocaulon divergens</i>	<i>Cladonia stellaris</i>
<i>Bryoria nitidula</i>	<i>Cladonia stricta</i>
<i>Cetraria delisei</i>	<i>Cladonia stygia</i>
<i>Cetraria islandica</i>	<i>Cladonia subfurcata</i>
<i>Cetraria laevigata</i>	<i>Cladonia sulphurina</i>
<i>Cetraria nigricans</i>	<i>Cladonia uncialis</i>
<i>Cetrariella fastigiata</i>	<i>Cladonia</i> sp.
<i>Cladonia arbuscula</i> ssp. <i>arbuscula</i>	<i>Dactylina arctica</i>
<i>Cladonia arbuscula</i> ssp. <i>mitis</i>	<i>Flavocetraria cucullata</i>
<i>Cladonia amaurocraea</i>	<i>Flavocetraria nivalis</i>
<i>Cladonia bellidiflora</i>	<i>Hypogymnia physodes</i>
<i>Cladonia cenotea</i>	<i>Icmadophila ericetorum</i>
<i>Cladonia chlorophaea</i>	<i>Lichenomphalia hudsoniana</i>
<i>Cladonia chlorophaea</i> s. l.	<i>Mycoblastus</i> sp.
<i>Cladonia coccifera</i>	<i>Nephroma arcticum</i> , found outside of relevés in Nadym Forest site
<i>Cladonia cornuta</i> ssp. <i>cornuta</i>	<i>Ochrolechia androgyna</i>
<i>Cladonia cornuta</i> ssp. <i>groenlandica</i>	<i>Ochrolechia frigida</i>
<i>Cladonia crispata</i>	<i>Ochrolechia inequatula</i>
<i>Cladonia cyanipes</i>	<i>Peltigera canina</i>
<i>Cladonia</i> cf. <i>decorticata</i>	<i>Peltigera</i> cf. <i>fripii</i>
<i>Cladonia deformis</i>	<i>Peltigera malacea</i>
<i>Cladonia furcata</i>	<i>Peltigera polydactylon</i> -group
<i>Cladonia gracilis</i>	<i>Peltigera leucophlebia</i>
<i>Cladonia grayi</i>	<i>Peltigera</i> cf. <i>neckeri</i>
<i>Cladonia macrophylla</i>	<i>Peltigera scabrosa</i>

Peltigera sp.
Pertusaria dactylina
Pertusaria geminipara
Pertusaria panyrga
Protopannaria pezizoides
Protothelenella leucothelia
Psoroma hypnorum

Rhexophiale rhexoblephara
Sphaerophorus globosus
Stereocaulon alpinum
Stereocaulon paschale
Thamnolia vermicularis var. *subuliformis*
Thamnolia vermicularis var. *vermicularis*
Varicellaria rhodocarpa

Bryophytes

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.

Aulacomnium palustre
Aulacomnium turgidum
Blepharostoma trichophyllum
Calypogeia sphagnicola
Cephaloziella sp.
Ceratodon purpureus
Conostomum tetragonum
Cynodontium strumiferum
Dicranum acutifolium
Dicranum elongatum
Dicranum flexicaule
Dicranum fuscescens
Dicranum groenlandicum
Dicranum laevidens
Dicranum majus
Dicranum spadiceum
Ditrichum flexicaule
Gymnocolea inflata
Gymnomitrium corallioides
Hylocomnium splendens
Kiaeria cf. *blyttii*
Lophozia ventricosa s.l.

Mylia anomala
Oncophorus wahlenbergii
Orthocaulis binsteadii
Orthocaulis kunzeanus
Plagiomnium ellipticum
Pleurozium schreberi
Pogonatum dentatum
Pogonatum urnigerum
Pohlia cruoides
Pohlia nutans
Polytrichastrum alpinum
Polytrichastrum longisetum
Polytrichum commune
Polytrichum hyperboreum
Polytrichum jensenii
Polytrichum piliferum
Polytrichum strictum
Ptilidium ciliare
Ptilidium crista-cristensis
Racomitrium lanuginosum
Sanionia uncinata
Sphagnum balticum

Sphagnum capillifolium, found outside of relevés in Nadym CALM site

Sphagnum compactum

Sphagnum fuscum

Sphagnum girgensohnii

Sphagnum lenense

Sphagnum lindbergii

Sphagnum majus

Sphagnum rubellum

Sphagnum squarrosum

Sphagnum teres

Sphagnum warnstorffii

Sphenolobus minutus

Splacnum sphaericum

Stereodon holmenii

Stereodon subimponens

Straminergon stramineum

Tetralophozia setiformis

Tomentypnum nitens

Tritomaria quinquedentata

APPENDIX G: PLOT PHOTOS

Key:

ND Nadym

LA Laboravaya

VD Vaskiny Dachi

RV Relevé

Soils – Nadym 1



ND RV 01



ND RV 03



ND RV 05



ND RV 02



ND RV 04

Soils - Nadym 2



ND RV 06



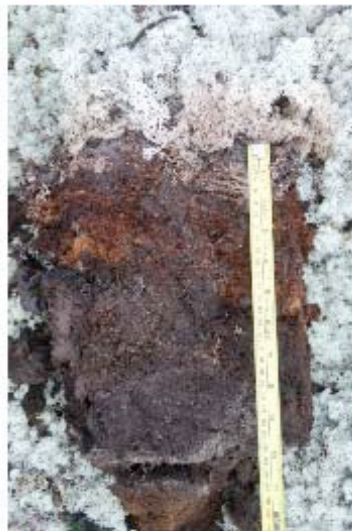
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Soils - Laborovaya 1



LA RV 15



LA RV 17



LA RV 19



LA RV 16



LA RV 18

Soils - Laborovaya 2



LA RV 20



LA RV 22



LA RV 24



LA RV 21



LA RV 23

Soils - Vaskiny Dachi 1



VD RV 25



VD RV 27



VD RV 29



VD RV 26



VD RV 28

Soils - Vaskiny Dachi 2



VDRV 30



VDRV 32



VDRV 34



VDRV 31



VDRV 33

Soils - Vaskiny Dachi 3



VD RV 35



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VD RV 38

Vegetation – Nadym 1



ND RV 01



ND RV 04



ND RV 02

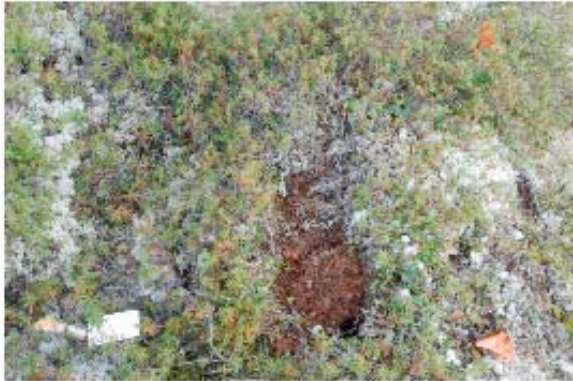


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Vegetation - Nadym 2



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ND RV 11



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ND RV 13

Vegetation – Laborovaya 1



LA RV 15



LA RV 18



LA RV 16



LA RV 19



LA RV 17

Vegetation – Laborovaya 2



LA RV 20



LA RV 23



LA RV 21

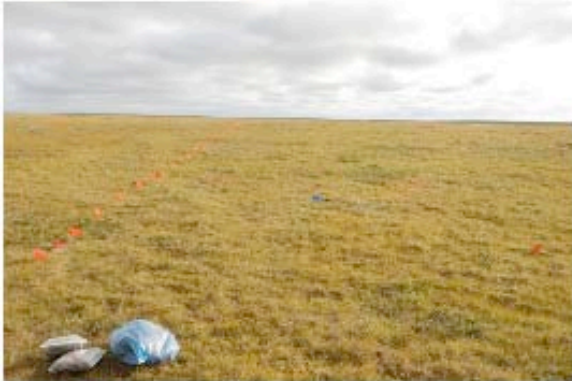


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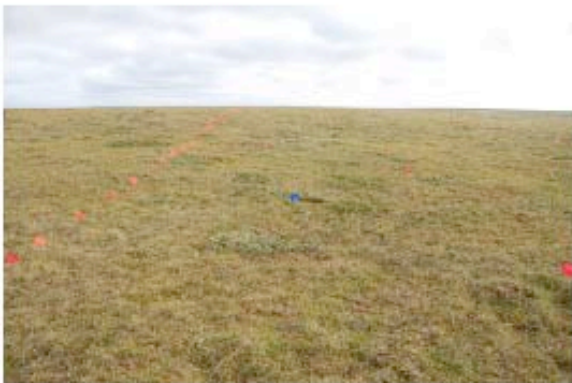
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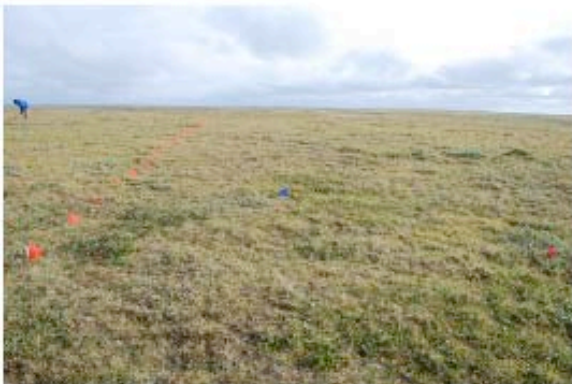
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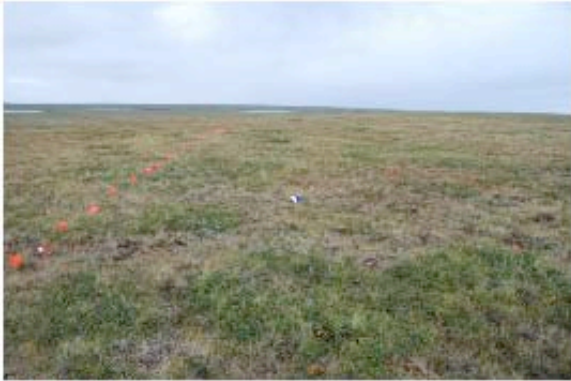


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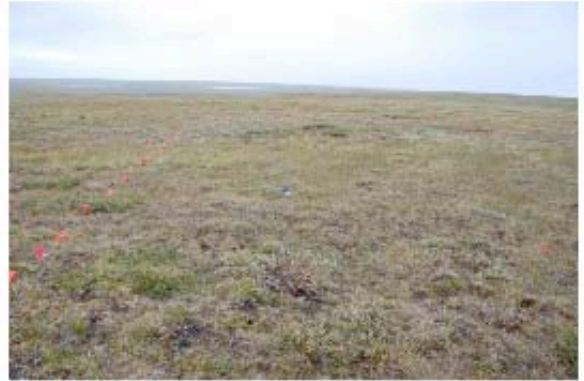


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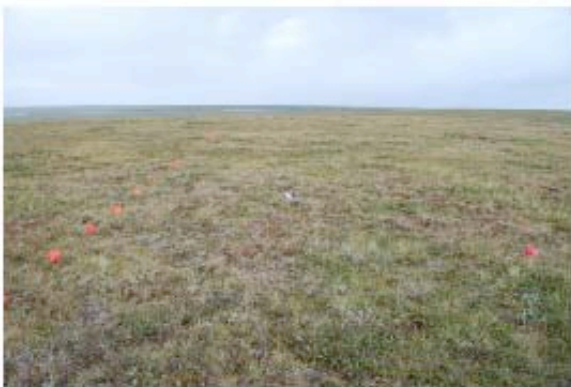
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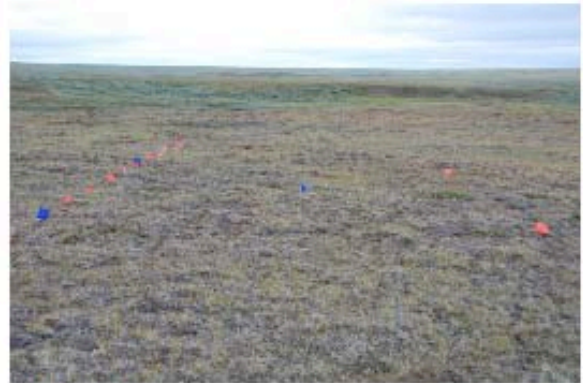


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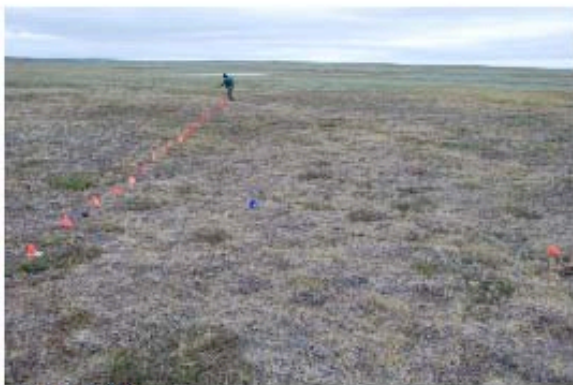
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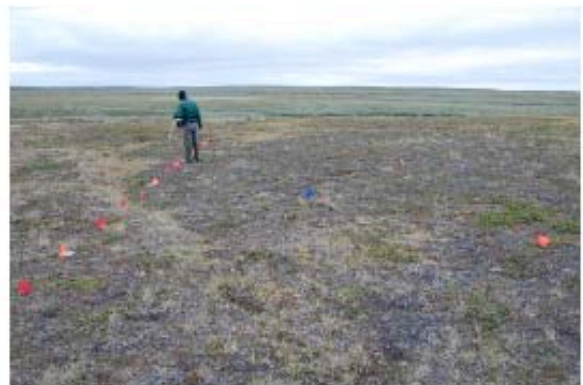
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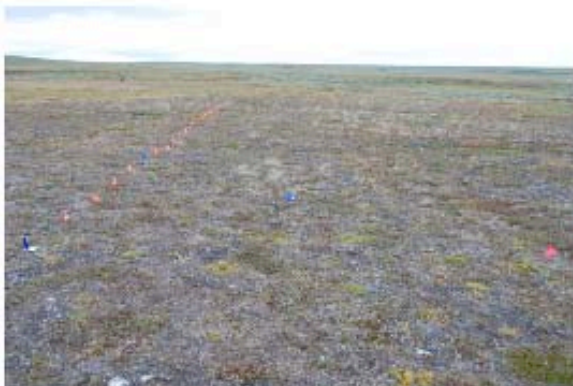
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