

# **Do Fire Cues Enhance Germination of Soil Seed Stores across an Ecotone of Wet Eucalypt Forest to Cool Temperate Rainforest in the Central Highlands of South-Eastern Australia?**

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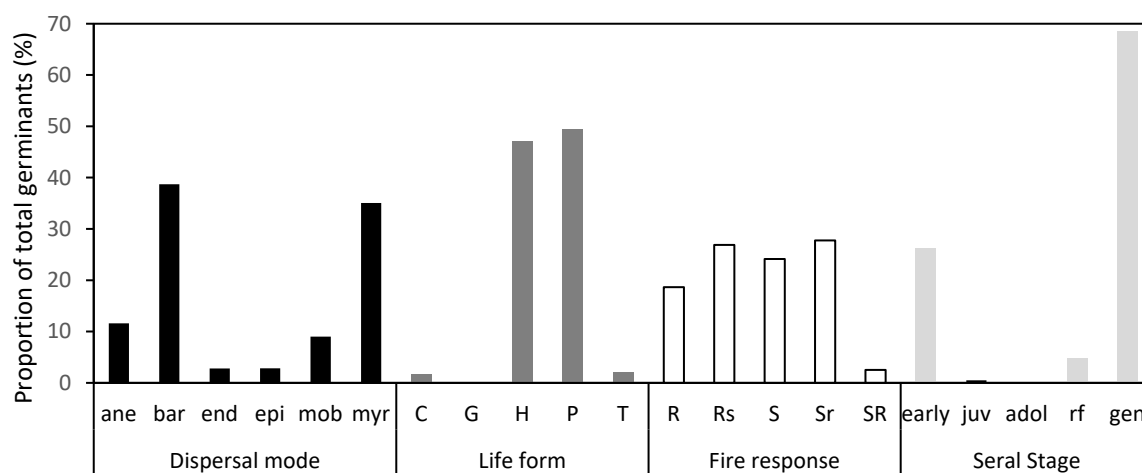
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## **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**

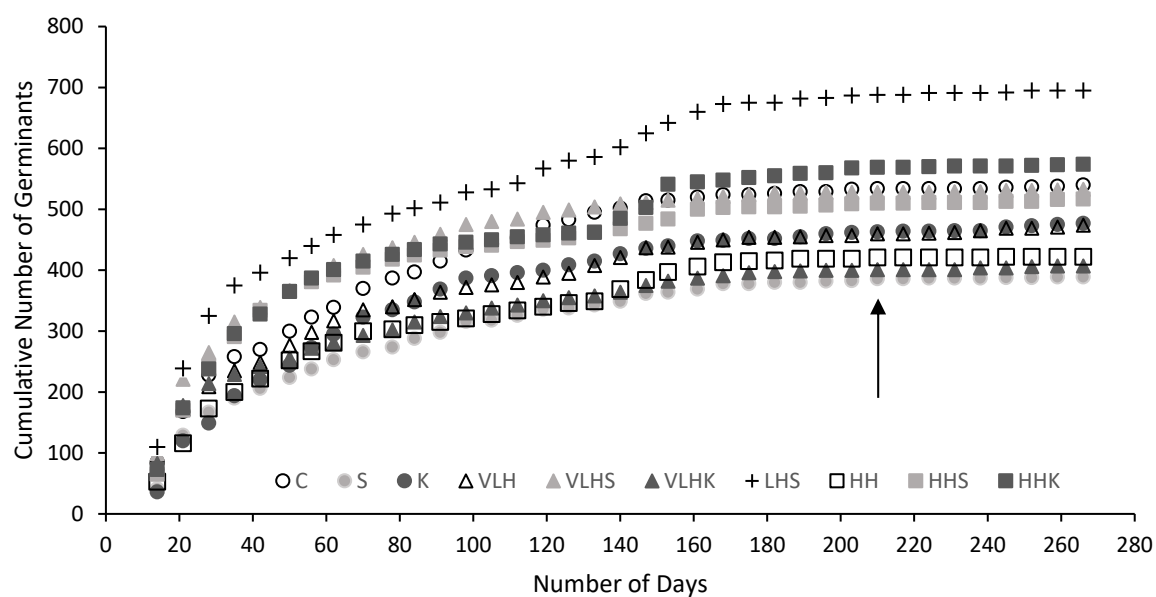


**Figure S1.** Location of study sites selected from previous work conducted by Fedrigo et al [1]. The AB, AC and AE sites are located on Acheron Way, LM sites at Lake Mountain and CV at Camberville. Each study area contains three forest types: rainforest, mixed forest, wet forest. The insert shows the location of the study area within Australia.

**Figure S2.** Relative proportion (%) of germinable seeds within life form, dispersal mode, fire response, and seral stage functional types. Results are pooled across germination treatments and forest types (see Table S2). Life form: T, therophyte; H, hemicryptophyte; C, chamaephyte; P, phanerophyte; G, geophyte. Dispersal mode: ane, anemochory; bar, barochory; end, endozoochory; epi, epizoochory; mob, mobile; myr, myrmecochory. Fire response: R, obligate resprouters; S, obligate seeders; SR, facultative seeders; Sr, weak seeders; Rs, weak resprouters. Seral stage: juv, juvenile; adol, adolescent; rf, rainforest; gen, generalist.



**Figure S3.** Cumulative number of germinants within each of the 10 soil seed bank treatments. The arrow indicates the timing of the soil being turned over. C, control; S, vermiculite smoke product; K, karrikinolide; VLH, very low heat; LH, low heat; HH, high heat. There were no significant differences in the frequency distribution for seedling emergent (Kolmogorov-Smirnov two-sample test,  $P > 0.05$ ).



**Figure S4.** Soil seed bank treatment (C, control; S, smoke only; K, Karrikinolide; VLH, Very Low Heat; LH, Low Heat; HH, High Heat) and forest type (CTRF, cool temperate rainforest; MF, mixed forest; WF, wet forest) effects on richness (circles) and germinant density (bars) (mean per site, standard error) of species according to life form, dispersal mode, fire response and seral stage. Significant pairwise comparisons ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) within treatments or forest type are indicated by different letters with model results provided in Table S5. There were no significant interaction effects.

Figure S4. DISPERSAL MODE

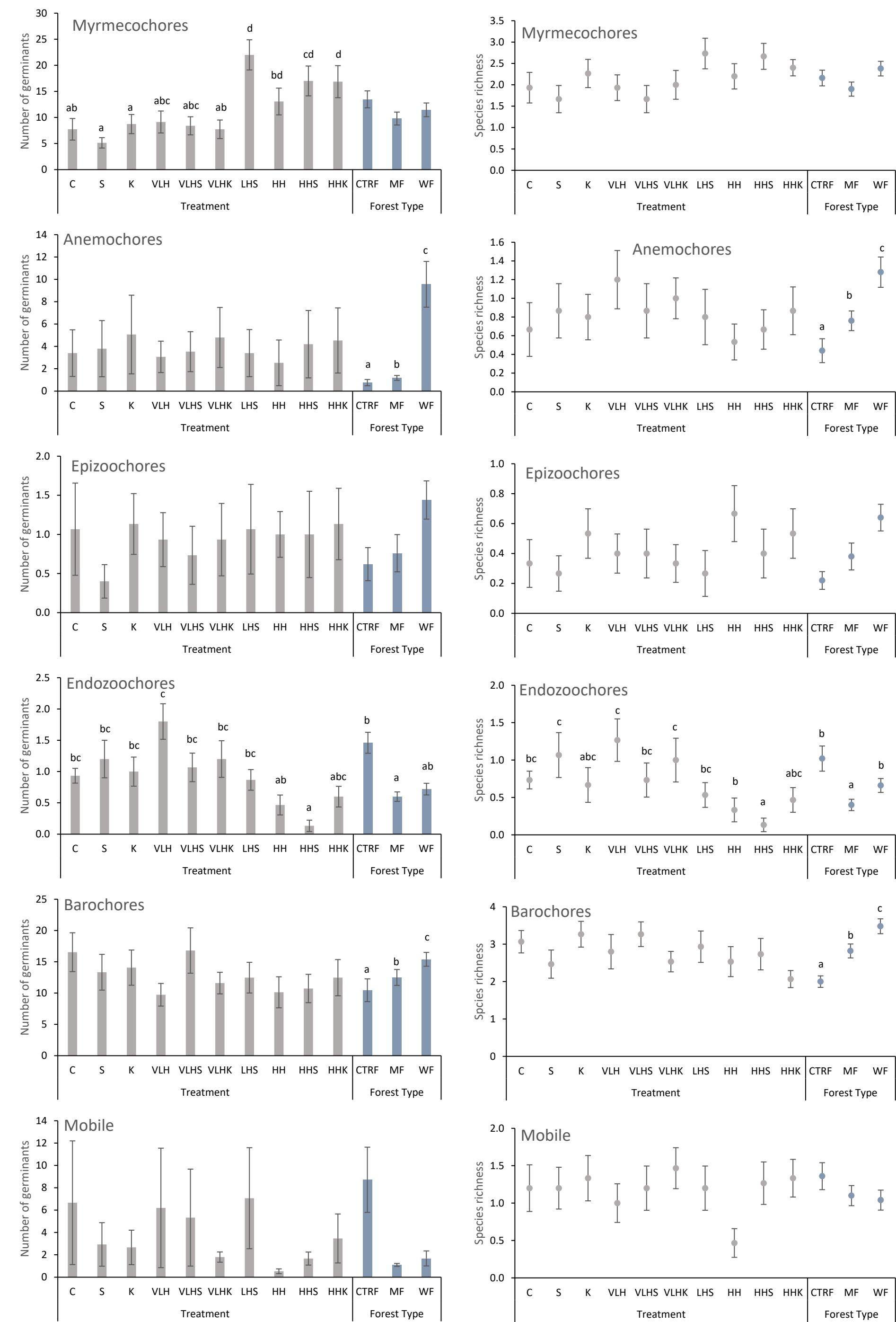


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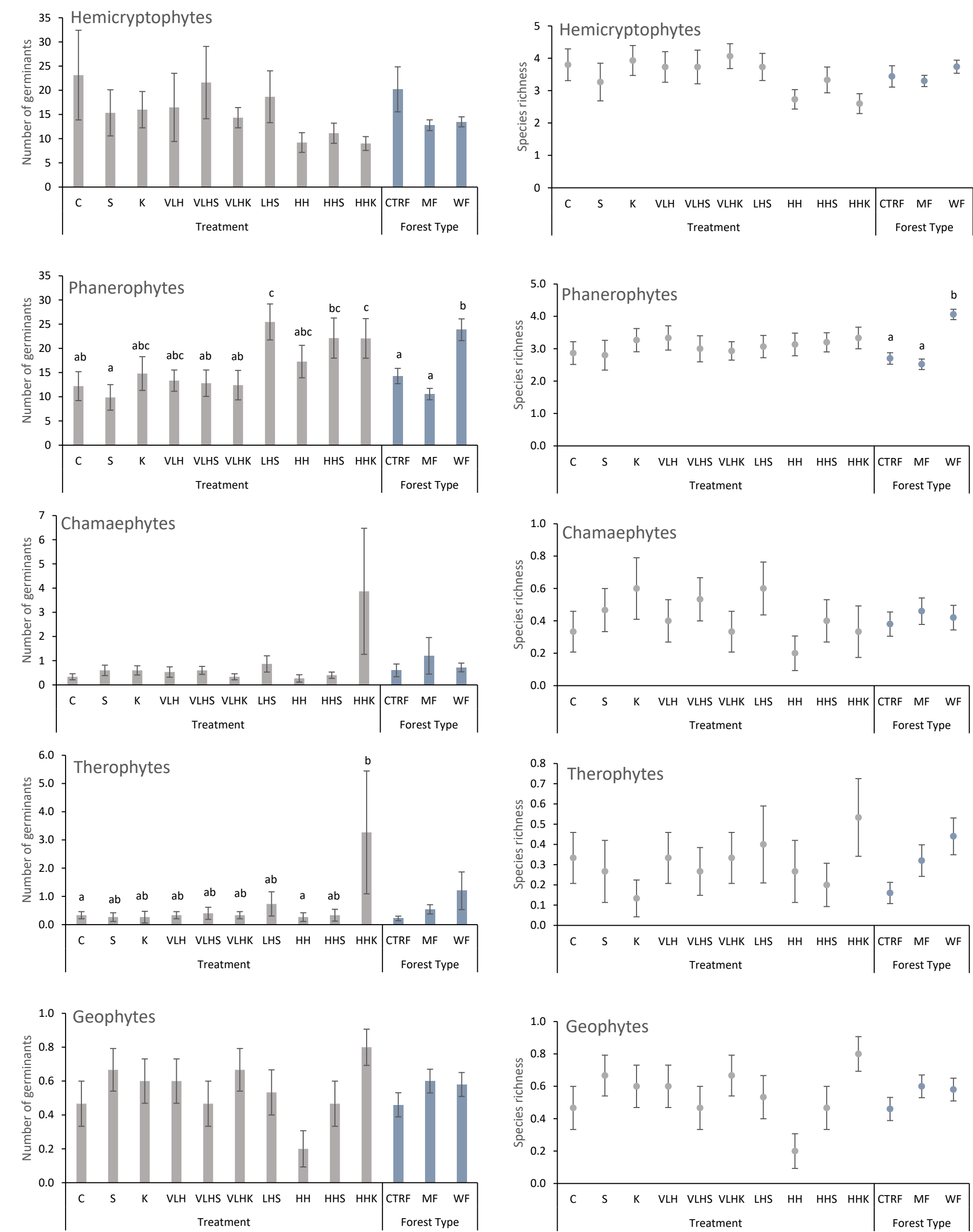


Figure S4. FIRE RESPONSE

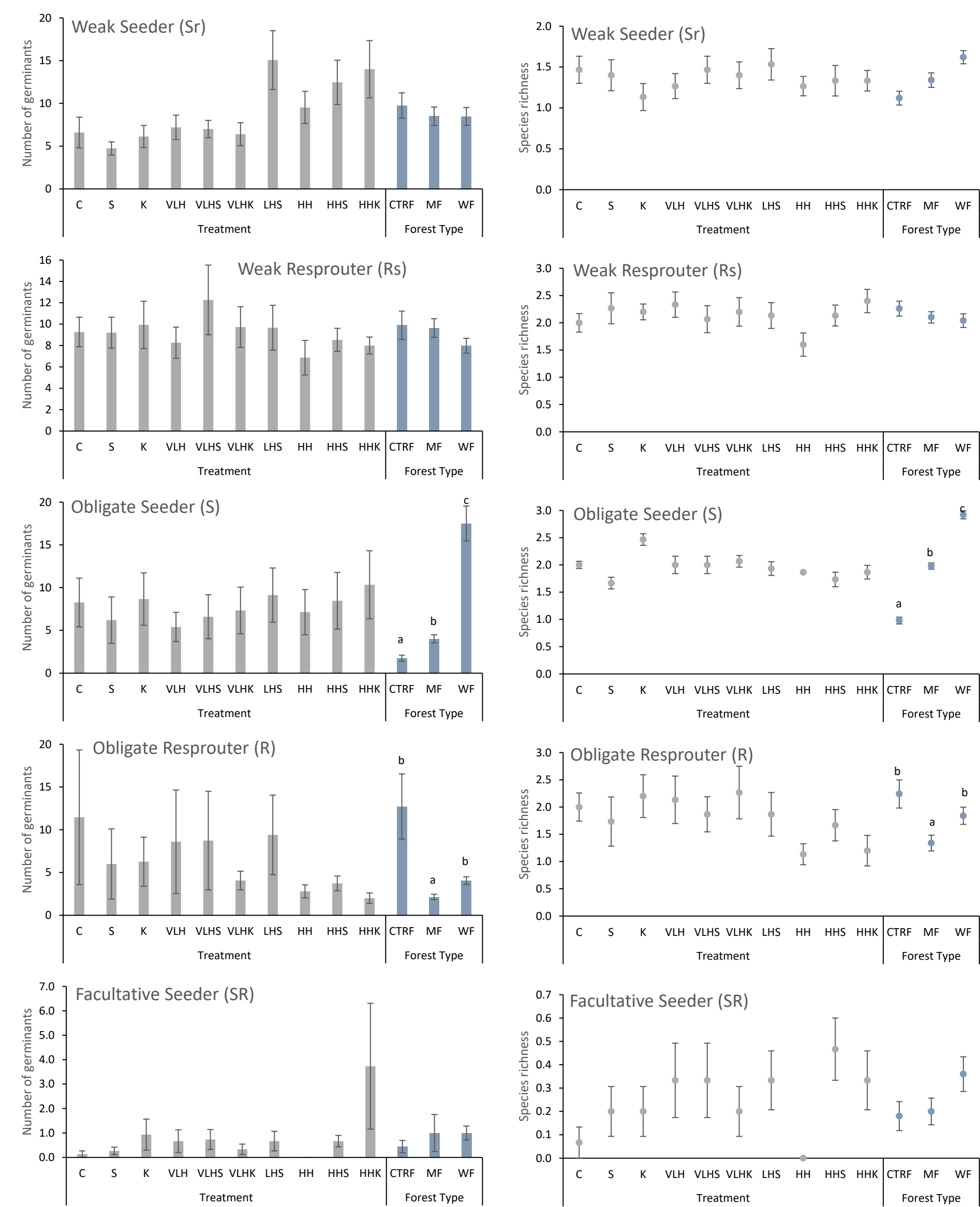
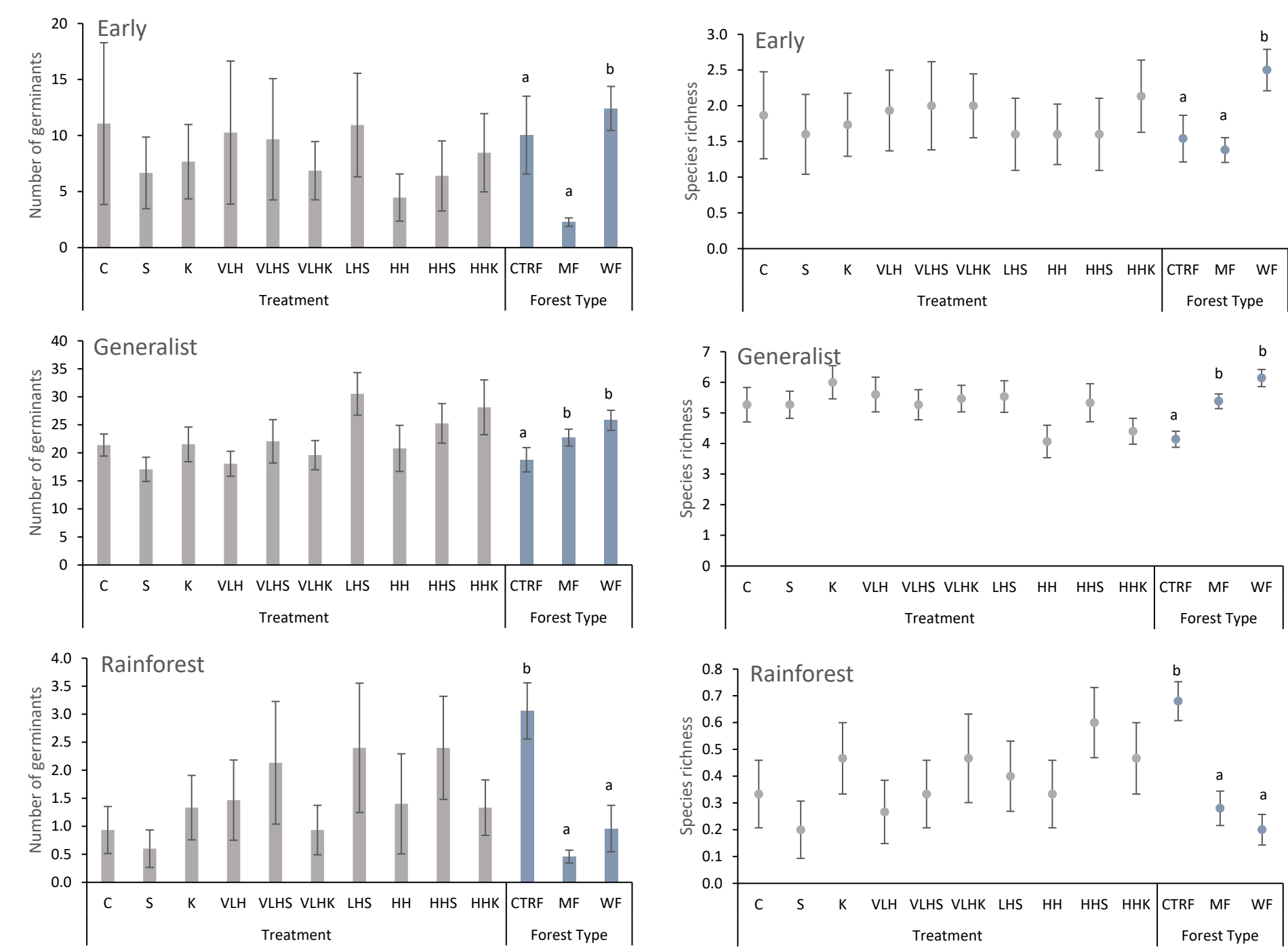
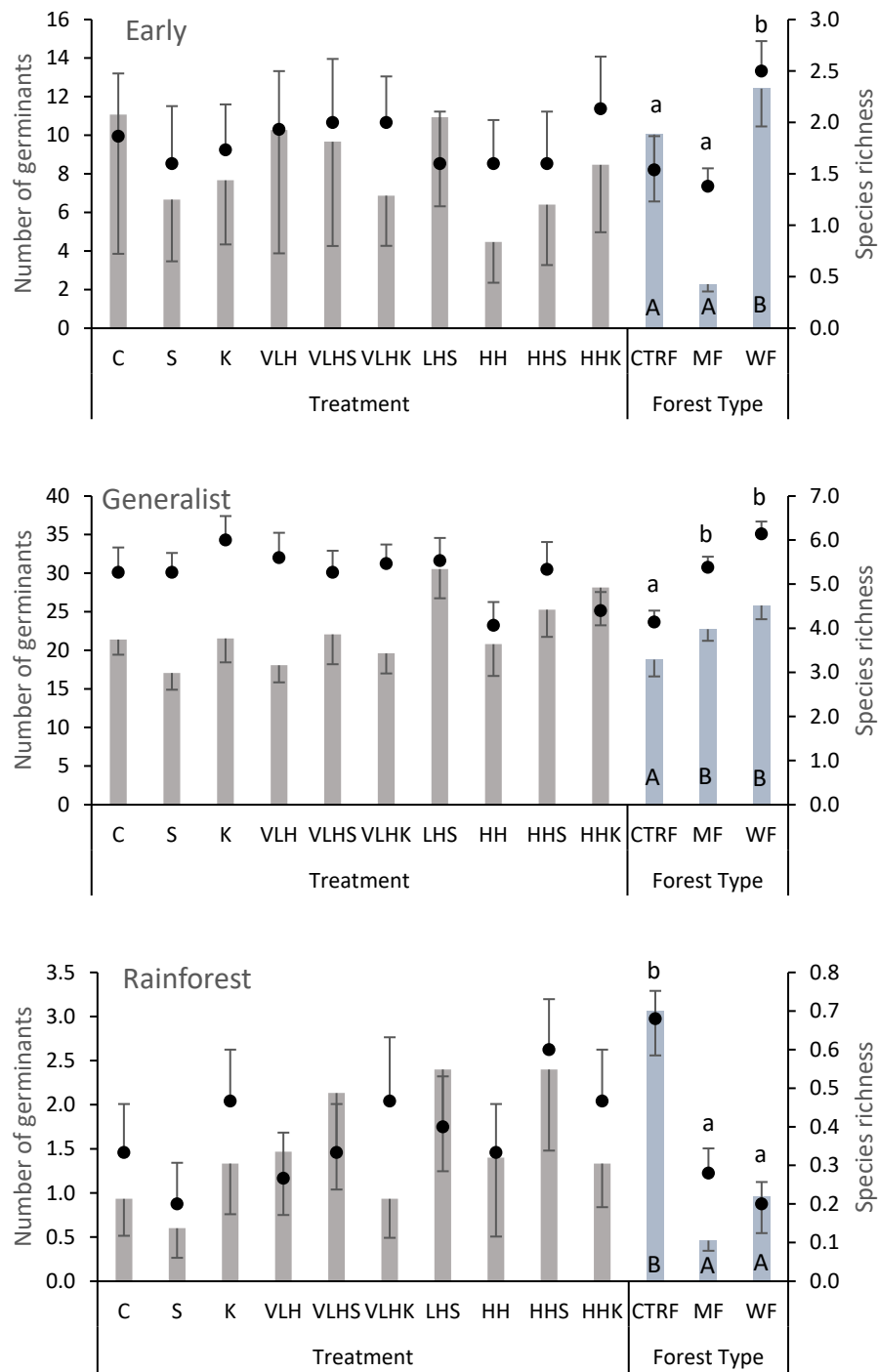




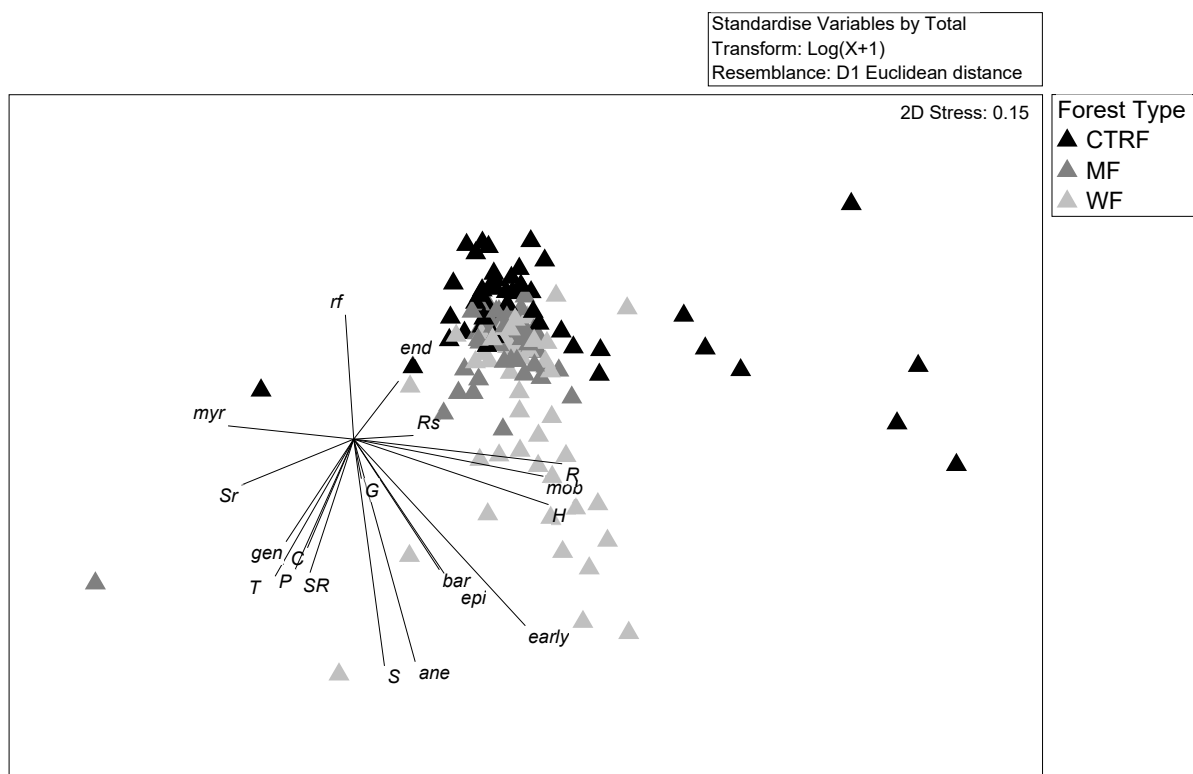
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**Figure S5.** NMDS ordination of abundance data for trait associations in the germinable soil seed bank across three forest types (CTRF, cool temperate rainforest; MF, mixed forest; WF, wet forest). Symbols represent 10 soil seed bank treatments across 15 sites. Sites are coded according to forest type (colour) but not treatment given non-significance (Table S6). The vector overlay represents the strength and direction of the relationship for underlying functional attributes. Life form: C, chamaephyte; G, geophyte; H, hemicryptophyte; P, phanerophyte; T, therophyte. Dispersal mode: ane, anemochory; bar, barochory; end, endozoochory; epi, epizoochory; mob, mobile; myr, myrmecochory. Fire response: R, obligate resprouters; S, obligate seeders; SR, facultative seeders; Sr, weak seeders; Rs, weak resprouters. Seral stage: gen, generalist; rf, rainforest.



**Table S1.** Spatial, topographic, edaphic, and structural variables across the three forest types sampled in the Central Highlands region. Variables were measured during the initial site establishment as reported in Fedrigo et al [1]. Data presented are restricted to the subset of sites revisited during the current study. PERMANOVA tested for significance of differences in edaphic and structural variables among forest types with significant P values indicated in bold. Values are means with range (location, climate, topography) or standard error (edaphic, structural) in brackets (95% confidence interval shown for pH).

Forest			Rainforest ( <i>n</i> = 5)		Mixed Forest ( <i>n</i> = 5)		Wet Forest ( <i>n</i> = 5)	
	Pseudo-	P						
Variable	F		mean		mean		mean	
<i>Location</i>								
Latitude (°)			-37.5946	(-37.6509, -37.5122)	-37.5961	(-37.6546, -37.5137)	-37.5953	(-37.6523, -37.5123)
Longitude (°)			145.7847	(145.7155, 145.9173)	145.7856	(145.7169, 145.9191)	145.7858	(145.7183, 145.9194)
<i>Climate<sup>A</sup></i>								
Elevation (m)			695	(508, 963)	707	(523, 956)	713	(533, 977)
Mean Annual Temperature (°C)			10.7	(9.6, 11.6)	10.8	(9.8, 11.5)	10.8	(9.8, 11.6)
Mean Annual Precipitation (mm)			1661	(1580, 1732)	1657	(1586, 1662)	1662	(1595, 1729)
<i>Topography</i>								
Slope (°)			7.5	(3.4, 14.0)	8.1	(4.0, 10.2)	7.8	(0.6, 14.0)
Aspect (°)			214.6	(44.0, 309.0)	212.4	(140.0, 279.0)	238.4	(193.0, 268.0)
Eastness <sup>B, E</sup>			-0.2656	(-1.0, 0.6947)	-0.3734	(-0.9877, 0.6428)	-0.7709	(-0.9994, -0.2250)
Northness <sup>B</sup>			0.2206	(-0.8192, 0.7193)	-0.5640	(-1.0, 0.1564)	-0.4627	(-0.9744, -0.0349)
Heat Load Index <sup>C, E</sup>			0.8454	(0.7118, 0.8971)	0.8299	(0.7540, 0.8872)	0.8511	(0.7774, 0.8804)
PDIR <sup>C</sup> (MJ cm-2 yr <sup>-1</sup> )			0.8548	(0.7355, 0.9186)	0.8036	(0.7527, 0.8646)	0.8058	(0.7201, 0.8643)
<i>Edaphic (0-10 cm)</i>								
EC (μS cm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.25	0.3188	156.46	(22.39)	182.52	(14.45)	201.54	(22.68)
pH (H2O)	1.85	0.1938	4.4	(4.3, 4.6)	4.3	(4.2, 4.5)	4.2	(4.0, 4.5)
C (%)	0.50	0.6048	15.58	(1.18)	16.32	(1.16)	17.33	(1.39)
N (%)	1.05	0.3790	0.77	(0.09)	0.84	(0.06)	0.92	(0.08)
C:N	1.48	0.2720	20.64	(0.91)	19.35	(0.47)	18.89	(0.79)
LOI (%)	0.91	0.4299	26.70	(1.98)	27.56	(0.62)	29.49	(1.53)
Available P (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>E</sup>	4.62	<b>0.0272</b>	12.47 <sup>a</sup>	(3.49)	5.28 <sup>ab</sup>	(0.70)	5.06 <sup>b</sup>	(0.79)
Bulk density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.13	0.3390	0.36	(0.02)	0.35	(0.03)	0.31	(0.03)
Ca (cmol p <sup>+</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> )	0.24	0.7988	1.60	(0.58)	2.00	(0.27)	1.78	(0.33)

Forest	Pseudo-F	P	Rainforest ( <i>n</i> = 5)		Mixed Forest ( <i>n</i> = 5)		Wet Forest ( <i>n</i> = 5)	
Variable			mean		mean		mean	
K (cmol p <sup>+</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> )	6.57	<b>0.0144</b>	0.48 <sup>a</sup>	(0.05)	0.62 <sup>ab</sup>	(0.02)	0.65 <sup>b</sup>	(0.03)
Mg (cmol p <sup>+</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> )	0.03	0.9653	0.99	(0.15)	1.00	(0.15)	1.04	(0.10)
Na (cmol p <sup>+</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>E</sup>	0.25	0.7770	0.15	(0.02)	0.13	(0.02)	0.13	(0.01)
Clay (%)	0.83	0.4546	24	(3)	29	(2)	29	(4)
Silt (%)	1.37	0.2997	48	(2)	50	(2)	53	(2)
Sand (%)	1.75	0.2086	28	(4)	22	(4)	18	(3)
Multivariate PERMANOVA	1.31	0.2122						
<i>Edaphic (10-30 cm)</i>								
EC (μS cm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.74	0.1122	54.31	(5.61)	68.37	(2.78)	60.98	(3.85)
pH (H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.57	0.5672	4.7	(4.6, 4.8)	4.7	(4.6, 4.8)	4.6	(4.5, 4.8)
C (%)	1.13	0.3629	9.06	(1.20)	10.84	(0.69)	10.47	(0.67)
N (%)	2.35	0.1354	0.45	(0.08)	0.60	(0.03)	0.59	(0.05)
C:N <sup>E</sup>	4.79	<b>0.0047</b>	20.95 <sup>a</sup>	(1.37)	18.18 <sup>b</sup>	(0.24)	17.81 <sup>b</sup>	(0.42)
LOI (%) <sup>E</sup>	2.06	0.1608	16.88	(2.06)	19.90	(0.19)	20.09	(0.97)
Available P (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )	0.68	0.5462	3.15	(0.86)	2.19	(0.48)	2.36	(0.42)
Bulk density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	0.23	0.8060	0.56	(0.04)	0.53	(0.02)	0.54	(0.02)
Ca (cmol p <sup>+</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>E</sup>	1.36	0.2898	0.22	(0.08)	0.40	(0.12)	0.24	(0.06)
K (cmol p <sup>+</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> )	4.86	<b>0.0326</b>	0.20 <sup>a</sup>	(0.03)	0.31 <sup>ab</sup>	(0.03)	0.32 <sup>b</sup>	(0.03)
Mg (cmol p <sup>+</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>E</sup>	1.03	0.3886	0.25	(0.02)	0.30	(0.06)	0.22	(0.02)
Na (cmol p <sup>+</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>E</sup>	0.85	0.4612	0.08	(0.01)	0.08	(0.01)	0.07	(0.00)
Clay (%)	1.58	0.2503	23	(5)	28	(1)	32	(3)
Silt (%)	0.12	0.8954	49	(5)	51	(4)	51	(2)
Sand (%)	1.49	0.2566	28	(5)	22	(4)	18	(4)
Multivariate PERMANOVA	1.51	0.1242						
<i>Forest Structure</i>								
Leaf Area Index <sup>E</sup>	11.4	<b>0.0012</b>	3.14 <sup>a</sup>	(0.47)	1.81 <sup>b</sup>	(0.08)	1.65 <sup>b</sup>	(0.09)
Basal Area (live) (m <sup>2</sup> ha <sup>-1</sup> )	0.87	0.4668	61	(10)	66	(7)	80	(13)
Stem Density Live (stems ha <sup>-1</sup> )	2.31	0.1463	1238	(138)	840	(241)	1404	(179)

Forest			Rainforest ( <i>n</i> = 5)		Mixed Forest ( <i>n</i> = 5)		Wet Forest ( <i>n</i> = 5)	
Variable	Pseudo-F	P	mean		mean		mean	
H Basal Area Live (10 cm DBH bins)	0.11	0.8931	1.90	(0.15)	1.83	(0.11)	1.86	(0.07)
H Basal Area Live (4 m height bins)	0.09	0.9127	1.78	(0.15)	1.87	(0.15)	1.81	(0.10)
Coefficient Variation (Basal Area)	1.86	0.2010	2.68	(0.36)	2.97	(0.71)	4.04	(0.44)
Coefficient Variation (DBH)	2.98	0.0903	1.21	(0.15)	1.29	(0.18)	1.74	(0.17)
Coefficient Variation (Height)	4.40	<b>0.0449</b>	0.83 <sup>a</sup>	(0.10)	1.05 <sup>ab</sup>	(0.15)	1.34 <sup>b</sup>	(0.10)
Multivariate PERMANOVA	2.12	<b>0.0373</b>	a		ab		b	

<sup>A</sup> Climate variables, are 926.1 m in resolution (30 arc seconds, [2]) for the present range from 1950–2000

<sup>B</sup> Separated into north–south and east–west layers [3]

<sup>C</sup> Calculated using Hyperniche [4], PDIR, Potential Direct Incident Radiation

<sup>D</sup> Soil pH and Electrical conductivity ‘EC’ in 1:5 soil/ solution [5]; soil total C and N via LECO CHN analyser (LECO Corporation, USA); loss on ignition via combustion at 375°C for 2.5 hours; exchangeable cations in 1M ammonium acetate [6] determined by Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES; Vista Pro Axial, Varian, Australia); bulk density corrected for the volume of stones using a specific density of 2.65 g cm<sup>-3</sup> [7]; Available P, fluoride-extractable Bray 2 [5]; Clay, Silt, Sand using the hydrometer method [8].

<sup>E</sup> Log<sub>10</sub> transformed prior to analysis to meet assumptions of normality

PERMANOVA tested for differences in the Euclidean distance matrix according to forest type (9999 permutations). Significant ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) pairwise comparisons are indicated by means followed by different letters. Multivariate PERMANOVA tested for the multivariate significance of differences across all edaphic variables at 0–10 cm depth, 10–30 cm depth, and all forest structure variables. Significant ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) pairwise comparisons are indicated by different letters.

**Table S2.** Total number of seedlings per treatment and per forest type in soils from cool temperate rainforest, wet forest, and wet forest in the Central Highlands of south-eastern Australia. Each treatment represents an equivalent surface area of 0.871 m<sup>2</sup> and each forest type an area of 2.91 m<sup>2</sup>. Significance of differences in soil treatment (C, control; S, smoke only; K, karrikinolide; VLH, very low heat; LH, low heat; HH, high heat) and forest type (CTRF, cool temperate rainforest; MF, mixed forest; WF, wet forest) effects on germinant density were determined via Kruskal-Wallis followed by Dunn's pairwise comparisons where P≤0.05. Significant treatment effects are indicated in **bold**. For both the soil seed bank and corresponding extant vegetation, frequency is the relative proportion (%) of sites that included a species (from a total of 15 sites). Values for ferns represent frequency as there was no attempt to assess high density of spores that had germinated (see methods). We obtained functional type values from the literature ([9,10]), publicly available databases [11,12] and field observations. Trait values for seral stage follow Kasel et al [13]. Nomenclature follows VicFlora (<https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/>). Traits are defined in Table 1 (main text).

Species	Family	Treatment											Forest Type				SSB Site Freq (%)	Veg Site Freq (%)	Dispersal mode <sup>A</sup>	Life form <sup>B</sup>	Fire Res-ponse <sup>C</sup>	Seral Stage <sup>D</sup>
		C	S	K	VLH	VLHS	VLHK	LHS	HH	HHS	HHK	P Value	CTRF	MF	WF	P Value						
<i>Acacia dealbata</i> subsp. <i>dealbata</i>	FABACEAE	<b>78ab</b>	<b>52a</b>	<b>80ab</b>	<b>93abc</b>	<b>75ab</b>	<b>75ab</b>	<b>198c</b>	<b>130bc</b>	<b>174c</b>	<b>200c</b>	0.025	453	387	315	NS	100	60	myr	P	Sr	gen
<i>Acacia frigescens</i>	FABACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	7	myr	P	S	rf
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	FABACEAE	14	9	20	22	32	11	36	21	36	20	NS	151	22	48		80	53	myr	P	Rs	rf
<i>Acacia</i> spp.	FABACEAE	6	1	4	4	2	1	29	8	8	8		40	15	16		93	0	myr	P		
<i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i>	ROSACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	7	epi	C	SR	juv
<i>Asperula polymera</i>	RUBIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	7	bar	C		gen
<i>Atherosperma moschatum</i> subsp. <i>moschatum</i>	MONIMIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	27	ane	P	Rs	rf
<i>Australina pusilla</i> subsp. <i>muelleri</i>	URTICACEAE	<b>22bc</b>	<b>7abc</b>	<b>8c</b>	<b>12bc</b>	<b>11bc</b>	<b>3abc</b>	<b>3abc</b>	<b>0a</b>	<b>2ab</b>	<b>0a</b>	0.036	11	31	26	NS	67	40	bar	HPr	S	gen
<i>Bedfordia arborescens</i>	ASTERACEAE	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	2	1		13	0	ane	P	R	gen
<i>Billardiera macrantha</i>	PITTOSPORACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	7	end	P	R	early
<i>Blechnum chambersii</i>	BLECHNACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	7	mob	G	R	rf
<i>Blechnum nudum</i>	BLECHNACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	40	mob	G	R	rf
<i>Blechnum wattsii</i>	BLECHNACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	100	mob	G	R	rf
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i> subsp. <i>aculeata</i>	ASTERACEAE	42	46	57	28	33	57	34	34	54	53	NS	<b>6a</b>	<b>28a</b>	<b>404b</b>	0.0001	80	27	ane	P	S	early
<i>Cassinia trinerva</i>	ASTERACEAE	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	9		13	0	ane	P	SR	gen
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i> *	ASTERACEAE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0		7	0	ane	T	Sr	early
<i>Clematis aristata</i>	RANUNCULACEAE	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	0		0	3	3		27	67	ane	P	Rs	gen
<i>Clematis glycinoides</i> var. <i>glycinoides</i>	RANUNCULACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	27	ane	P	R	gen
<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	RUBIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	47	end	P	SR	gen
<i>Correa lawrenceana</i> var. <i>latrobeana</i>	RUTACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	20	bar	P	S	gen
<i>Cyathea australis</i>	CYATHEACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	33	mob	P	R	adol
<i>Cyperus lucidus</i>	CYPERACEAE	37	28	22	10	21	4	3	0	1	0		126	0	0		7	0	bar	H	R	
Dead		2	2	2	12	5	1	5	10	8	2		22	11	16		93	0				
<i>Dianella tasmanica</i>	LILIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	7	end	G	R	rf
<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	DICKSONIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	100	mob	P	R	rf
<i>Dicondra repens</i>	CONVULVACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	20	bar	G	Sr	gen
<i>Dryopoa dives</i>	POACEAE	15	2	12	11	9	13	10	11	13	8	NS	31	33	40	NS	80	33	epi	H	S	early
<i>Erigeron</i> spp.#	ASTERACEAE	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0		0	2	2		27	0	ane	T	S	early
<i>Erythranthe moschata</i>	PHRYMACEAE	5	0	0	10	4	0	0	1	0	0		19	0	1		13	0		H		early
<i>Eucalyptus regnans</i>	MYRTACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	73	bar	P	S	gen
<i>Euchiton involucrat</i>	ASTERACEAE	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		7	0	1		13	0	ane	H	S	early
<i>Euchiton japonicus</i>	ASTERACEAE	2	1	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0		11	1	0		13	0	ane	H	Sr	early
<i>Gahnia regular</i>	CYPERACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	27	end	H	R	

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		C	S	K	VLH	VLHS	VLHK	LHS	HH	HHS	HHK	P Value	CTRF	MF	WF	P Value						
<i>Gahnia</i> spp.	CYPERACEAE	5	5	5	9	8	5	6	4	0	3	NS	32	5	13	NS	73	0	end	H	R	
<i>Galium australe</i>	RUBIACEAE	0	3	1	3	2	0	5	2	1	6		0	1	22		13	7	epi	C		juv
<i>Gamochaeta</i> spp.*	ASTERACEAE	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0		2	0	2		27	0	ane	T	S	early
<i>Geranium homeanum</i>	GERANIACEAE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	bar	H	SR	gen
<i>Geranium</i> spp.	GERANIACEAE	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0		2	3	3		33	13	bar	H	SR	gen
<i>Grass</i>		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0		7	0				
<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	MONIMIACEAE	<b>1a</b>	<b>3ab</b>	<b>1ab</b>	<b>5ab</b>	<b>6b</b>	<b>4ab</b>	<b>0a</b>	<b>0a</b>	<b>0a</b>	<b>1a</b>	0.035	12	3	6	NS	53	27	end	P	Rs	gen
<i>Histiopteris incisa</i>	DENNSTAEDTIACEAE	7	10	9	8	7	10	8	3	7	12		23	30	28		100	80	mob	G	Rs	gen
<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	APIACEAE	115	112	115	79	139	118	94	77	83	85	NS	<b>298a</b>	<b>415b</b>	<b>304ab</b>	0.0008	100	40	bar	H	Rs	gen
<i>Hymenophyllum cupressiforme</i>	HYMENOPHYLLACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	20	mob	EPI	S	rf
<i>Hypolepis amaurorachis</i>	DENNSTAEDTIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	mob	H	R	rf
<i>Hypolepis rugosula</i>	DENNSTAEDTIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	13	mob	H	R	
<i>Isolepis inundata</i>	CYPERACEAE	12	8	10	10	17	6	65	0	2	1	NS	<b>129b</b>	<b>2a</b>	0	0.0001	27	0	mob	H	R	early
<i>Juncus articulatus</i> subsp. <i>articulatus</i> *	JUNCACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1		2	0	1		13	0	mob	H	R	early
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	JUNCACEAE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	33		4	0	33		20	0	mob	T	S	early
<i>Juncus planifolius</i>	JUNCACEAE	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0		0	1	2		20	0	mob	H	R	early
<i>Juncus procerus</i>	JUNCACEAE	72	20	13	64	47	2	26	2	5	2	NS	<b>252b</b>	0	<b>1a</b>	0.0001	13	0	mob	H	R	early
<i>Juncus</i> spp.#	JUNCACEAE	2	0	2	7	1	0	0	1	1	0		8	1	5		47	0	mob	H	R	early
<i>Lachnagrostis</i> spp.	POACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	1	0		7	0	epi	H		
<i>Laphangium luteoalbum</i>	ASTERACEAE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	ane	T	S	early
<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i>	CYPERACEAE	<b>0a</b>	<b>0a</b>	<b>7b</b>	<b>5ab</b>	<b>0a</b>	<b>9b</b>	<b>1ab</b>	<b>3ab</b>	<b>5b</b>	<b>2ab</b>	0.033	9	6	17	NS	47	13	myr	H	R	gen
<i>Leptinella filicula</i>	ASTERACEAE	2	2	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	1	NS	2	5	4	NS	33	7	bar	H	R	early
<i>Leptostigma breviflorum</i>	RUBIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0		1	1	0		13	0	end	H		rf
<i>Lomandra filiformis</i>	ASPARAGACEAE	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		1	1	0		13	0	myr	H	R	
<i>Lomatia fraseri</i>	PROTEACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	53	ane	P	R	gen
<i>Luzula meridionalis</i> var. <i>flaccida</i>	JUNCACEAE	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1		2	0	3		13	0	myr	H	R	early
<i>Mentha laxiflora</i>	LAMIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2		0	0	5		7	20	bar	H	R	gen
<i>Microlaena stipoides</i> var. <i>stipoides</i>	POACEAE	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	3		7	0	epi	H	R	gen
<i>Microsorium pustulatum</i> subsp. <i>pustulatum</i>	POLYPODIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	33	mob	EPI	S	rf
<i>Notelaea ligustrina</i>	OLEACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	13	end	P	R	gen
<i>Nothofagus cunninghamii</i>	FAGACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		1	0	0		7	73	ane	P	R	rf
<i>Notogrammitis angustifolia</i> subsp. <i>nothofageti</i>	GRAMMITIDACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	20	mob	EPI	S	rf
<i>Notogrammitis billardierei</i>	GRAMMITIDACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	20	mob	EPI	S	rf
<i>Olearia argophylla</i>	ASTERACEAE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	2		7	7	ane	P	R	gen
<i>Olearia lirata</i>	ASTERACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	ane	P	S	adol
<i>Olearia phlogopappa</i> subsp. <i>continentalis</i>	ASTERACEAE	0	4	5	9	8	5	9	0	7	6	NS	<b>7a</b>	<b>9a</b>	<b>37b</b>	0.021	60	20	ane	P	SR	early
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> *	OXALIDACEAE	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0		0	3	1		20	0	bar	C	Rs	gen
<i>Oxalis</i> spp.#	OXALIDACEAE	3	2	6	4	4	0	10	9	4	1	NS	6	14	23	NS	80	33	bar			gen



		Treatment										Forest Type						SSB Site Freq (%)	Veg Site Freq (%)	Dispersal mode <sup>A</sup>	Life form <sup>B</sup>	Fire Res- ponse <sup>C</sup>	Seral Stage <sup>D</sup>
Species	Family	C	S	K	VLH	VLHS	VLHK	LHS	HH	HHS	HHK	P Value	CTRF	MF	WF	P Value							
<i>Pandorea pandorana</i> subsp. <i>pandorana</i>	BIGNONIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	20	ane	P	SR	gen	
<i>Persoonia arborea</i>	PROTEACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	13	end	P	S	rf	
<i>Pittosporum bicolor</i>	PITTOSPORACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	40	end	P	SR	rf	
<i>Poa ensiformis</i>	POACEAE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0		7	7	bar	H	R	early	
<i>Poa hothamensis</i> var. <i>parviflora</i>	POACEAE	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0		1	0	1		13	0	bar	H	R		
<i>Poa</i> spp.#	POACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	1		7	0		H			
<i>Poa tenera</i>	POACEAE	11	4	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0		18	1	2		33	0	bar	H	R	gen	
<i>Polyscias sambucifolia</i>	ARALIACEAE	2	4	3	7	0	1	4	2	1	2	NS	11	6	9	NS	60	13	end	P	Rs	gen	
<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	DRYOPTERIDACEAE	5	6	6	3	7	5	6	2	5	2		18	18	11		93	73	mob	C	R	gen	
<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	RHAMNACEAE	3	4	16	4	3	7	42	33	24	17	NS	5	28	120	NS	47	33	myr	P	S	gen	
<i>Poranthera microphylla</i> s.l.	PHYLLANTHACEAE	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1		0	3	3		27	0	mob	T	S	early	
<i>Prostanthera incisa</i>	LAMIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	bar	P			
<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i> var. <i>lasianthos</i>	LAMIACEAE	5	8	8	6	9	5	6	12	6	5	NS	11ab	5a	54b	0.006	27	13	bar	P	Sr	early	
<i>Pteridium esculentum</i> subsp. <i>esculentum</i>	DENNSTAEDTIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	47	mob	G	R	early	
<i>Rubus anglocandicans</i> *	ROSACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	40	end	P	R		
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> spp. agg.*	ROSACEAE	4abc	5c	5abc	5bc	1ab	4abc	0a	0a	0a	0a	0.01	11	9	4	NS	53	0	end	P	R	gen	
<i>Rubus parvifolius</i>	ROSACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	7	end	P	R	gen	
<i>Rubus polyanthemus</i> *	ROSACEAE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	end	P	R	gen	
<i>Sambucus gaudichaudiana</i>	CAPRIFOLIACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	27	end	P	S	gen	
<i>Schoenus maschalinus</i>	CYPERACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	bar	H	S	early	
<i>Senecio glomeratus</i>	ASTERACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		0	1	0		7	0	ane	T	S	early	
<i>Senecio linearifolius</i> var. <i>denticulatus</i>	ASTERACEAE	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	ane	C	S	early	
<i>Senecio minimus</i>	ASTERACEAE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1		7	13	ane	T	S	early	
<i>Senecio prenanthoides</i>	ASTERACEAE	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0		0	1	2		20	0	ane	H	S	early	
<i>Senecio velleioides</i>	ASTERACEAE	1	0	3	0	3	0	6	0	0	9		3	11	8		40	0	ane	T	S	early	
<i>Sigesbeckia orientalis</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i>	ASTERACEAE	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	3		0	3	7		20	0	epi	T	S	early	
<i>Solanum aviculare</i>	SOLANACEAE	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0		4	0	2		27	0	end	P	S	early	
<i>Solanum nigrum</i> *	SOLANACEAE	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	3		2	6	1		20	0	end	T	S	early	
<i>Sonchus asper</i> *	ASTERACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	ane	T	S	early	
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> *	ASTERACEAE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	ane	T	Sr	early	
<i>Sonchus</i> spp.*	ASTERACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	7	ane	T	S	early	
<i>Stellaria flaccida</i>	CARYOPHYLLACEAE	5	14	12	6	11	7	10	6	6	9	NS	2a	27a	57b	0.013	47	33	bar	H	S	gen	
<i>Taraxacum officinalis</i> spp. agg.*	ASTERACEAE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	ane	G	S	early	
<i>Tasmannia lanceolata</i>	WINTERACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	40	end	P	Sr	rf	
<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	POACEAE	17	11	20	12	23	21	26	29	31	15	NS	24a	55a	126b	0.0001	80	80	bar	H	R	gen	
<i>Urtica incisa</i>	URTICACEAE	4	1	5	1	4	3	4	0	3	0	NS	9a	16b	0	0.0006	20	13	bar	H	S	gen	
<i>Veronica calycina</i>	PLANTAGINACEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50		12	38	0		13	0	bar	C	SR	gen	
<i>Veronica notabilis</i>	PLANTAGINACEAE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1		7	0	bar	C	R	early	
<i>Viola hederacea</i>	VIOLACEAE	14b	10b	4a	8ab	14abc	13bc	22c	1a	7abc	5ab	0.048	13a	31ab	54b	0.048	73	40	myr	H	Sr	gen	

		Treatment											Forest Type				SSB Site Freq (%)	Veg Site Freq (%)	Dispersal mode <sup>A</sup>	Life form <sup>B</sup>	Fire Res- ponse <sup>C</sup>	Seral Stage <sup>D</sup>
Species	Family	C	S	K	VLH	VLHS	VLHK	LHS	HH	HHS	HHK	P Value	CTRF	MF	WF	P Value						
<i>Zieria arborescens</i> subsp. <i>arborescens</i>	RUTACEAE	25	11	13	13	22	12	22	16	19	19	NS	1	11	160		40	27	bar	P	S	gen

<sup>A</sup> Dispersal mode: ane, anemochory; bar, barochory; end, endozoochory; epi, epizoochory; mob, mobile; myr, myrmecochory  
<sup>B</sup> Life form: C, chamaephyte; G, geophyte; H, hemicryptophyte; P, phanerophyte; T, therophyte  
<sup>C</sup> Dominant fire response: R, obligate resprouters; S, obligate seeders; SR, facultative seeders; Sr, weak seeders; Rs, weak resprouters  
<sup>D</sup> Seral stage: juv, juvenile; adol, adolescent; rf, rainforest; gen, generalist  
\* introduced species  
# species of unknown origin

**Table S3.** Treatment x Forest Type effects on soil seed bank: richness (a), abundance (b), diversity (c), composition (d). All P values are based on 9999 permutations. Significant values are indicated in bold.

(a) Species Richness

Source	df	SS	MS	Pseudo-F	P(perm)
Treatment	9	49.973	5.5526	0.86176	0.5645
Forest Type	2	161.69	80.847	12.547	<b>0.0001</b>
Treatment x Forest Type	18	80.707	4.4837	0.69587	0.8083
Residual	120	773.2	6.4433		
Total	149	1065.6			
Pair-wise test of Forest Type				t	P(perm)
CTRF, Mixed Forest				0.24849	0.8064
CTRF, Wet Forest				4.0077	<b>0.0002</b>
Mixed Forest, Wet Forest				4.5419	<b>0.0001</b>

(b) Species Abundance

Source	df	SS	MS	Pseudo-F	P(perm)
Treatment	9	5.2081	0.57868	1.4579	0.1730
Forest Type	2	4.2202	2.1101	5.3159	<b>0.0074</b>
Treatment x Forest Type	18	6.1344	0.3408	0.85857	0.6267
Residual	120	47.632	0.39694		
Total	149	63.195			
Pair-wise test of Forest Type				t	P(perm)
CTRF, Mixed Forest				0.77366	0.4499
CTRF, Wet Forest				2.0838	<b>0.0376</b>
Mixed Forest, Wet Forest				3.9142	<b>0.0004</b>

(c) Species Diversity (H)

Source	df	SS	MS	Pseudo-F	P(perm)
Treatment	9	1.1566	0.12851	0.95942	0.4740
Forest Type	2	4.609	2.3045	17.204	<b>0.0001</b>
Treatment x Forest Type	18	1.3447	0.074706	0.55771	0.9208
Residual	120	16.074	0.13395		
Total	149	23.184			
Pair-wise test of Forest Type				t	P(perm)
CTRF, Mixed Forest				0.99185	0.3307
CTRF, Wet Forest				5.0583	<b>0.0001</b>
Mixed Forest, Wet Forest				5.5398	<b>0.0001</b>

(d) Species Composition

Source	df	SS	MS	Pseudo-F	P(perm)
Treatment	9	33921	3769	1.0755	0.2449
Forest Type	2	44505	22253	6.3497	<b>0.0001</b>
Treatment x Forest Type	18	37931	2107.3	0.60131	1
Residual	120	4.2054E+05	3504.5		
Total	149	5.369E+05			
Pair-wise test of Forest Type				t	P(perm)
CTRF, Mixed Forest				2.2207	<b>0.0001</b>
CTRF, Wet Forest				3.0034	<b>0.0001</b>
Mixed Forest, Wet Forest				2.2617	<b>0.0001</b>

**Table S4.** SIMPER analysis of significant forest type effects on species composition of the soil seed bank. Results are limited to species that contributed to a cumulative total of 50% dissimilarity. CTRF, cool temperate rainforest; MF, wet forest; WF, wet forest. See Table S3 for associated PERMANOVA results.

Groups CTRF & MF

Average dissimilarity = 85.43

Species	Group CTRF	Group MF	Av. Diss	Diss/SD	Contrib (%)	Cum (%)
	Av. Abund	Av. Abund				
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	0.66	0.14	4.86	0.96	5.69	5.69
<i>Urtica incisa</i>	0.22	0.34	3.56	0.51	4.17	9.85
<i>Gahnia</i> spp.	0.57	0.11	3.53	0.73	4.13	13.98
<i>Acacia</i> spp.	0.35	0.19	3.40	0.59	3.98	17.97
<i>Acacia dealbata</i> subsp. <i>dealbata</i>	0.47	0.45	3.30	1.08	3.87	21.83
<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	0.38	0.54	3.21	0.97	3.76	25.59
<i>Australina pusilla</i> subsp. <i>muelleri</i>	0.15	0.38	3.09	0.63	3.62	29.21
<i>Dryopoa dives</i>	0.27	0.29	3.07	0.68	3.60	32.81
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> spp. agg.	0.34	0.21	2.91	0.51	3.41	36.22
<i>Viola hederacea</i>	0.16	0.33	2.88	0.66	3.37	39.59
<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	0.16	0.32	2.84	0.73	3.33	42.91
<i>Oxalis</i> spp.	0.14	0.25	2.68	0.52	3.13	46.05
<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	0.29	0.08	2.41	0.41	2.82	48.87
<i>Polyscias sambucifolia</i>	0.24	0.15	2.26	0.42	2.65	51.51

Groups CTRF & WF

Average dissimilarity = 87.50

Species	Group CTRF	Group WF	Av. Diss	Diss/SD	Contrib (%)	Cum (%)
	Av. Abund	Av. Abund				
<i>Zieria arborescens</i> subsp. <i>arborescens</i>	0.01	0.80	4.98	0.94	5.69	5.69
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	0.66	0.19	3.84	0.98	4.39	10.08
<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	0.16	0.64	3.26	0.99	3.73	13.81
<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	0.05	0.53	3.18	0.66	3.64	17.44
<i>Viola hederacea</i>	0.16	0.50	3.09	0.79	3.54	20.98
<i>Gahnia</i> spp.	0.57	0.25	3.07	0.80	3.51	24.49
<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i> var. <i>lasianthos</i>	0.15	0.54	2.96	0.60	3.39	27.88
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i> subsp. <i>aculeata</i>	0.02	0.61	2.89	0.68	3.31	31.18
<i>Dryopoa dives</i>	0.27	0.39	2.78	0.70	3.17	34.36
<i>Acacia</i> spp.	0.35	0.26	2.64	0.65	3.02	37.38
<i>Acacia dealbata</i> subsp. <i>dealbata</i>	0.47	0.38	2.38	1.03	2.72	40.10
<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	0.29	0.21	2.37	0.51	2.71	42.81
<i>Olearia phlogopappa</i> subsp. <i>continentalis</i>	0.14	0.45	2.36	0.65	2.70	45.50
<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i>	0.22	0.30	2.33	0.53	2.66	48.16
<i>Oxalis</i> spp.	0.14	0.41	2.32	0.64	2.65	50.82

Groups MF & WF

Average dissimilarity = 83.99

Species	Group MF	Group WF	Av. Diss	Diss/SD	Contrib (%)	Cum (%)
	Av. Abund	Av. Abund				
<i>Zieria arborescens</i> subsp. <i>arborescens</i>	0.10	0.80	4.82	1.00	5.74	5.74
<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	0.16	0.53	3.39	0.73	4.04	9.78
<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	0.32	0.64	3.34	1.06	3.98	13.76
<i>Viola hederacea</i>	0.33	0.50	3.33	0.89	3.97	17.72
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i> subsp. <i>aculeata</i>	0.10	0.61	3.00	0.75	3.58	21.30
<i>Dryopoa dives</i>	0.29	0.39	2.93	0.77	3.49	24.79
<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i> var. <i>lasianthos</i>	0.08	0.54	2.87	0.61	3.41	28.20
<i>Oxalis</i> spp.	0.25	0.41	2.64	0.69	3.14	31.34
<i>Stellaria flaccida</i>	0.31	0.40	2.58	0.76	3.08	34.42
<i>Olearia phlogopappa</i> subsp. <i>continentalis</i>	0.17	0.45	2.58	0.68	3.07	37.49
<i>Australina pusilla</i> subsp. <i>muelleri</i>	0.38	0.21	2.48	0.65	2.95	40.44
<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i>	0.15	0.30	2.13	0.50	2.54	42.98
<i>Acacia dealbata</i> subsp. <i>dealbata</i>	0.45	0.38	2.04	1.14	2.43	45.40
<i>Polyscias sambucifolia</i>	0.15	0.28	1.97	0.50	2.35	47.75
<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	0.54	0.44	1.89	1.19	2.25	50.00

**Table S5** Significance of Treatment (Tr) and Forest Type (FT) effects on abundance and richness of functional attributes within the soil seed bank. Pairwise differences are provided in Figure S4. Significant values are indicated in bold.

attribute	Model	df	Abundance		Richness	
			Pseudo-F	P value	Pseudo-F	P value
myrmecochores	Treatment	9	3.56	<b>0.0011</b>	1.35	0.2178
	Forest Type	2	0.81	0.4506	1.84	0.1684
	Tr x FT	18	0.51	0.9498	0.49	0.9545
epizoochores	Treatment	9	0.36	0.9568	0.60	0.8015
	Forest Type	2	2.93	0.0575	2.68	0.0762
	Tr x FT	18	0.46	0.9714	0.45	0.9726
barochores	Treatment	9	1.00	0.4472	1.33	0.2287
	Forest Type	2	12.33	<b>0.0001</b>	16.76	<b>0.0001</b>
	Tr x FT	18	0.60	0.5976	0.79	0.6984
anemochores	Treatment	9	0.28	0.9798	0.61	0.7834
	Forest Type	2	17.33	<b>0.0001</b>	10.53	<b>0.0002</b>
	Tr x FT	18	0.20	0.9999	0.44	0.9780
endozoochores	Treatment	9	2.00	<b>0.0500</b>	2.45	<b>0.0152</b>
	Forest Type	2	4.18	<b>0.0173</b>	5.27	<b>0.0066</b>
	Tr x FT	18	0.58	0.9092	0.49	0.9559
mobile	Treatment	9	0.60	0.8055	0.97	0.4723
	Forest Type	2	4.13	<b>0.0151</b>	1.24	0.2856
	Tr x FT	18	0.55	0.9347	0.82	0.6717
chamaephyte	Treatment	9	0.77	0.6544	0.80	0.6199
	Forest Type	2	0.37	0.6987	0.25	0.7754
	Tr x FT	18	0.40	0.9900	0.72	0.7913
geophyte	Treatment	9	1.65	0.1028	1.65	0.1025
	Forest Type	2	1.19	0.3014	1.19	0.3162
	Tr x FT	18	0.98	0.4895	0.98	0.4932
hemicryptophyte	Treatment	9	0.99	0.4543	1.40	0.1993
	Forest Type	2	1.51	0.2139	1.72	0.1870
	Tr x FT	18	0.78	0.7124	0.89	0.5994
phanerophyte	Treatment	9	2.62	<b>0.0101</b>	0.36	0.9495
	Forest Type	2	16.62	<b>0.0001</b>	23.47	<b>0.0001</b>
	Tr x FT	18	0.50	0.9548	0.65	0.8490
therophyte	Treatment	9	1.97	<b>0.0476</b>	0.88	0.5343
	Forest Type	2	2.67	0.0759	2.83	0.0648
	Tr x FT	18	0.92	0.5528	0.75	0.7605
obligate seeder (s)	Treatment	9	0.37	0.9494	0.44	0.9061
	Forest Type	2	73.00	<b>0.0001</b>	29.29	<b>0.0001</b>
	Tr x FT	18	0.68	0.8221	0.77	0.7328
weak seeder (Sr)	Treatment	9	1.50	0.1538	0.60	0.7953
	Forest Type	2	0.06	0.9387	8.97	<b>0.0005</b>
	Tr x FT	18	0.66	0.8429	1.33	0.1864
facultative seeder (SR)	Treatment	9	1.78	0.0875	1.33	0.2358
	Forest Type	2	0.54	0.5943	0.34	0.7135
	Tr x FT	18	1.00	0.4588	0.87	0.6168

attribute	Model	df	Abundance		Richness	
			Pseudo-F	P value	Pseudo-F	P value
obligate resprouter (R)	Treatment	9	0.87	0.6462	1.23	0.2800
	Forest Type	2	5.59	<b>0.0058</b>	4.55	<b>0.0100</b>
	Tr x FT	18	0.95	0.5149	0.83	0.6600
weak resprouter (Rs)	Treatment	9	0.43	0.9156	1.00	0.4517
	Forest Type	2	0.60	0.5477	0.87	0.4232
	Tr x FT	18	0.65	0.8517	1.09	0.3661
early	Treatment	9	0.20	0.9945	0.23	0.9907
	Forest Type	2	10.25	<b>0.0002</b>	5.96	<b>0.0046</b>
	Tr x FT	18	0.28	0.9980	0.40	0.9875
generalist	Treatment	9	1.08	0.3819	1.39	0.1947
	Forest Type	2	7.67	<b>0.0011</b>	14.52	<b>0.0001</b>
	Tr x FT	18	0.66	0.8395	0.61	0.8858
rainforest	Treatment	9	0.52	0.8593	0.67	0.7296
	Forest Type	2	21.43	<b>0.0001</b>	14.33	<b>0.0001</b>
	Tr x FT	18	0.40	0.9842	0.94	0.5238

**Table S6.** Treatment x Forest Type effects on functional trait associations in the soil seed bank. All P values are based on 9999 permutations. SIMPER results are presented in Table S7. Significant values are indicated in bold.

Source	df	SS	MS	Pseudo-F	P(perm)
Treatment	9	31.326	3.4806	1.0387	0.3744
Forest Type	2	52.52	26.26	7.8366	<b>0.0001</b>
Treatment x Forest Type	18	32.776	1.8209	0.5434	1
Residual	120	402.11	3.3509		
Total	149	518.73			
Pair-wise test of Forest Type				t	P(perm)
CTRF, Mixed Forest				2.2984	<b>0.0001</b>
CTRF, Wet Forest				3.1145	<b>0.0001</b>
Mixed Forest, Wet Forest				2.8428	<b>0.0001</b>



**Table S7.** SIMPER analysis of forest type effects on trait associations. Results are limited to attributes that contributed to a cumulative total of 50% dissimilarity. CTRF, cool temperate rainforest; MF, mixed forest; WF, wet forest. See Table S6 for associated PERMANOVA results.

*Groups CTRF & MF*

Average squared distance = 6.62

Trait	Group CTRF	Group MF	Av. Diss	Diss/SD	Contrib (%)	Cum (%)
	Av. Abund	Av. Abund				
rainforest	0.668	0.151	0.705	0.77	10.65	10.65
mobile	0.474	0.166	0.692	0.40	10.47	21.12
obligate resprouter (R)	0.499	0.189	0.608	0.43	9.19	30.31
endozoochore	0.543	0.275	0.552	0.78	8.35	38.65
Facultative seeder (SR)	0.149	0.199	0.48	0.27	7.25	45.91
chameaphyte	0.247	0.317	0.473	0.29	7.14	53.05

*Groups CTRF & WF*

Average squared distance = 8.84

Trait	Group CTRF	Group WF	Av. Diss	Diss/SD	Contrib (%)	Cum (%)
	Av. Abund	Av. Abund				
anemochore	0.0952	0.651	0.92	0.63	10.41	10.41
rainforest	0.668	0.186	0.824	0.81	9.32	19.74
mobile	0.474	0.19	0.739	0.42	8.36	28.10
obligate seeder (S)	0.126	0.813	0.694	0.90	7.85	35.95
early	0.323	0.562	0.671	0.71	7.60	43.55
epizoochore	0.223	0.541	0.622	0.79	7.04	50.59

*Groups MF & WF*

Average squared distance = 6.35

Trait	Group MF	Group WF	Av. Diss	Diss/SD	Contrib (%)	Cum (%)
	Av. Abund	Av. Abund				
anemochore	0.166	0.651	0.837	0.62	13.18	13.18
Facultative seeder (SR)	0.199	0.368	0.684	0.41	10.77	23.95
therophyte	0.278	0.37	0.677	0.39	10.66	34.62
epizoochore	0.273	0.541	0.618	0.77	9.74	44.36
obligate seeder (S)	0.275	0.813	0.53	0.78	8.35	52.71

**Table S8.** Vegetation Pool x Forest Type effects on species composition. All P values are based on 9999 permutations. SIMPER results are shown in Tables S9, S10. Significant values are indicated in bold.

Source	df	SS	MS	Pseudo-F	P(perm)
Vegetation Pool	1	21238	21238	17.933	<b>0.0001</b>
Forest Type	2	6091	3045.5	2.5716	<b>0.0024</b>
Vegetation Pool x Forest Type	2	3632.3	1816.2	1.5336	0.0913
Residual	24	28422	1184.3		
Total	29	59383			
Pair-wise test of Vegetation Pool				t	P(perm)
SSB, Extant Vegetation				4.2348	0.0001
Pair-wise test of Forest Type				t	P(perm)
CTRF, Mixed Forest				1.6488	<b>0.0141</b>
CTRF, Wet Forest				2.0242	<b>0.0003</b>
Mixed Forest, Wet Forest				0.92283	0.5716

**Table S9.** SIMPER analysis of significant vegetation pool effects on species composition (see Table S8). Results are limited to species that contributed to a cumulative total of 50% dissimilarity. Veg, Extant vegetation; SSB, soil seed bank.

Groups Extant Vegetation & SSB

Average dissimilarity = 72.3

Species	Group Veg	Group SSB	Av. Diss	Diss/SD	Contrib (%)	Cum (%)
	Av. Abund	Av. Abund				
<i>Blechnum wattsii</i>	1.00	0.00	2.40	5.90	3.32	3.32
<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	1.00	0.00	2.40	5.90	3.32	6.63
<i>Acacia</i> spp.	0.00	0.93	2.23	3.11	3.08	9.71
<i>Gahnia</i> spp.	0.00	0.73	1.78	1.57	2.46	12.17
<i>Nothofagus cunninghamii</i>	0.73	0.07	1.72	1.46	2.38	14.56
<i>Eucalyptus regnans</i>	0.73	0.00	1.67	1.60	2.30	16.86
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i> subsp. <i>aculeata</i>	0.27	0.80	1.55	1.29	2.14	19.01
<i>Oxalis</i> spp.	0.33	0.80	1.49	1.18	2.06	21.07
<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	0.40	1.00	1.47	1.18	2.03	23.10
<i>Dryopoa dives</i>	0.33	0.80	1.42	1.19	1.96	25.06
<i>Viola hederacea</i>	0.40	0.73	1.36	1.07	1.88	26.93
<i>Clematis aristata</i>	0.67	0.27	1.35	1.14	1.87	28.81
<i>Olearia phlogopappa</i> subsp. <i>continentalis</i>	0.20	0.60	1.34	1.09	1.86	30.66
<i>Polyscias sambucifolia</i>	0.13	0.60	1.32	1.13	1.83	32.49
<i>Australina pusilla</i> subsp. <i>muelleri</i>	0.40	0.67	1.28	1.04	1.77	34.26
<i>Lomatia fraseri</i>	0.53	0.00	1.25	1.04	1.73	35.99
<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	0.27	0.53	1.23	1.00	1.70	37.69
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> spp. agg.	0.00	0.53	1.22	1.05	1.69	39.38
<i>Stellaria flaccida</i>	0.33	0.47	1.16	0.95	1.61	40.99
<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	0.33	0.47	1.15	0.96	1.59	42.58
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	0.53	0.80	1.13	0.93	1.57	44.15
<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i>	0.13	0.47	1.11	0.93	1.54	45.69
<i>Zieria arborescens</i> subsp. <i>arborescens</i>	0.27	0.40	1.08	0.89	1.50	47.19
<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	0.47	0.00	1.08	0.91	1.50	48.68
<i>Juncus</i> spp.	0.00	0.47	1.05	0.91	1.45	50.14

**Table S10.** SIMPER analysis of significant forest type effects on species composition (see Table S8). Results are limited to species that contributed to a cumulative total of 50% dissimilarity. CTRF, cool temperate rainforest; MF, mixed forest; WF, wet forest.

Groups CTRF & MF

Average dissimilarity = 64.6

Species	Group CTRF	Group MF	Av. Diss	Diss/SD	Contrib (%)	Cum (%)
	Av. Abund	Av. Abund				
<i>Clematis aristata</i>	0.10	0.60	1.53	1.14	2.37	2.37
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i> subsp. <i>aculeata</i>	0.20	0.60	1.43	1.10	2.21	4.58
<i>Viola hederacea</i>	0.40	0.70	1.42	1.06	2.20	6.78
<i>Oxalis</i> spp.	0.40	0.70	1.40	1.06	2.17	8.96
<i>Dryopoa dives</i>	0.40	0.60	1.36	1.02	2.10	11.06
<i>Eucalyptus regnans</i>	0.20	0.50	1.31	0.97	2.02	13.08
<i>Blechnum wattsii</i>	0.50	0.50	1.30	0.98	2.00	15.08
<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	0.50	0.50	1.30	0.98	2.00	17.09
<i>Australina pusilla</i> subsp. <i>muelleri</i>	0.50	0.70	1.30	0.97	2.00	19.09
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	0.90	0.50	1.29	0.97	2.00	21.09
<i>Nothofagus cunninghamii</i>	0.60	0.50	1.29	0.98	2.00	23.10
<i>Stellaria flaccida</i>	0.30	0.50	1.28	0.97	1.99	25.08
<i>Acacia</i> spp.	0.50	0.40	1.27	0.98	1.97	27.05
<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	0.50	0.30	1.27	0.98	1.96	29.01
<i>Gahnia</i> spp.	0.50	0.20	1.24	0.98	1.91	30.93
<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	0.60	0.70	1.22	0.90	1.89	32.82
<i>Atherosperma moschatum</i> subsp. <i>moschatum</i>	0.40	0.00	1.17	0.81	1.81	34.63
<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	0.60	1.00	1.17	0.81	1.81	36.44
<i>Olearia phlogopappa</i> subsp. <i>continentalis</i>	0.30	0.40	1.17	0.90	1.80	38.24
<i>Pittosporum bicolor</i>	0.40	0.10	1.15	0.83	1.78	40.03
<i>Acacia dealbata</i> subsp. <i>dealbata</i>	0.70	0.80	1.05	0.77	1.62	41.65
<i>Rubus anglocandicans</i>	0.00	0.40	1.05	0.79	1.62	43.27
<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i>	0.30	0.30	1.03	0.84	1.60	44.87
<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	0.70	0.80	1.03	0.77	1.59	46.46
<i>Microsorium pustulatum</i> subsp. <i>pustulatum</i>	0.30	0.20	1.02	0.77	1.57	48.04
<i>Urtica incisa</i>	0.30	0.20	0.98	0.76	1.51	49.55
<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	0.20	0.30	0.95	0.77	1.47	51.01

Groups CTRF & WF

Average dissimilarity = 65.9

Species	Group CTRF	Group WF	Av. Diss	Diss/SD	Contrib (%)	Cum (%)
	Av. Abund	Av. Abund				
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i> subsp. <i>aculeata</i>	0.20	0.80	1.64	1.40	2.50	2.50
<i>Clematis aristata</i>	0.10	0.70	1.64	1.34	2.49	4.98
<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	0.20	0.70	1.53	1.24	2.32	7.31
<i>Nothofagus cunninghamii</i>	0.60	0.10	1.44	1.14	2.19	9.50
<i>Zieria arborescens</i> subsp. <i>arborescens</i>	0.10	0.60	1.40	1.14	2.13	11.62
<i>Polyscias sambucifolia</i>	0.20	0.60	1.37	1.09	2.08	13.71
<i>Dryopoa dives</i>	0.40	0.70	1.33	1.05	2.02	15.73
<i>Viola hederacea</i>	0.40	0.60	1.26	1.01	1.92	17.65
<i>Oxalis</i> spp.	0.40	0.60	1.24	1.01	1.88	19.53
<i>Olearia phlogopappa</i> subsp. <i>continentalis</i>	0.30	0.50	1.21	0.97	1.84	21.37
<i>Australina pusilla</i> subsp. <i>muelleri</i>	0.50	0.40	1.21	0.97	1.84	23.20
<i>Acacia</i> spp.	0.50	0.50	1.20	0.98	1.82	25.02
<i>Blechnum watsii</i>	0.50	0.50	1.20	0.98	1.82	26.83
<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	0.50	0.50	1.20	0.98	1.82	28.65
<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	0.50	0.40	1.19	0.97	1.81	30.46
<i>Gahnia</i> spp.	0.50	0.40	1.19	0.97	1.80	32.26
<i>Stellaria flaccida</i>	0.30	0.40	1.11	0.89	1.68	33.94
<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	0.60	0.90	1.11	0.83	1.68	35.62
<i>Lomatia fraseri</i>	0.20	0.40	1.10	0.86	1.67	37.29
<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	0.60	0.80	1.10	0.86	1.66	38.95
<i>Eucalyptus regnans</i>	0.20	0.40	1.08	0.86	1.65	40.60
<i>Atherosperma moschatum</i> subsp. <i>moschatum</i>	0.40	0.00	1.08	0.80	1.64	42.23
<i>Pittosporum bicolor</i>	0.40	0.10	1.07	0.83	1.63	43.86
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	0.90	0.60	1.05	0.83	1.59	45.45
<i>Pteridium esculentum</i> subsp. <i>esculentum</i>	0.00	0.40	1.03	0.80	1.56	47.01
<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i> var. <i>lasianthos</i>	0.10	0.40	1.02	0.82	1.55	48.56
<i>Juncus</i> spp.	0.20	0.40	0.99	0.87	1.51	50.07

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