

## A REVIEW OF FOREST BIOMASS ACCUMULATION

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Estimates of forest biomass and its distribution are essential to the understanding of many aspects of forest ecology and ecosystem dynamics, as they can provide a basis for determination of productivity, energy flow, and chemical composition for mineral cycling studies. Most work dealing with productivity of forest systems has been concerned only with the merchantable volume of mass of timber, ignoring such components as leaves, branches, bark, and roots; therefore many of the early biomass studies were carried out only in relation to management programs. This involved estimating the biomass and its chemical composition, calculating what proportion would be removed in logging or cropping, and then estimating possible site deterioration (135, 229, 233).

With the increasing interest in terrestrial productivity, especially within the IBP, a new impetus has been given to investigators in the field of biomass accumulation. Some syntheses of studies have been published, but they covered only limited aspects of the problem. Because of the complexity of the population under study problems in sampling and methodology arise, and it is often difficult to compare directly the results of one study with those of another even when both studies are done by the same investigator.

This report presents a reference list of available studies on aboveground forest biomass, together with (1) methods of sampling and estimation and some of the problems and errors associated with each method (given as an aid to comparison of data), (2) some results obtained from the literature of field estimates tabulated in an accessible form, and (3) a brief discussion of some of the results to show the principles and consistencies involved. All papers found are given in the list of references, but not all are specifically cited. [Contrary to our usual style, the reference list is called "Bibliography" to accommodate uncited listings, and is numbered to facilitate the citation of multiple listings. Ed.] Separate tables were drafted for Douglas-fir and alder because these two species are particularly important in the Pacific Northwest.

The authors realize that not all existent papers containing biomass estimates are listed here. There are many theses covering various aspects of biomass and some have been listed, but many others were unobtainable at the time this report was written.

## METHODS USED IN SAMPLING AND ESTIMATING ABOVEGROUND BIOMASS

The various methods of sampling and estimating are discussed in some detail. Some of the workers who used a particular method are cited, so that a direct comparison of data may be made on the assumption that their errors may be comparable.

### Mean Tree Approach

The basis of this type of study is selection of a tree of mean dimensions within a given stand. As the sample is rather limited, the method is usually applied to relatively uniform stands such as plantations or uniform regrowth where a good degree of precision in the data can be expected. The closer the selected tree is to the true mean, the better the estimate will be. The method has been used extensively under the above-mentioned conditions (21, 31, 32, 33, 107, 108, 110, 134, 135, 142).

### Mean Tree With Stratification

A modification of the mean tree technique involves stratification of the trees within the stand into size classes or some other obvious grouping (e.g., species), usually on the basis of dob, and selection of the mean or typical tree from each of the stratified groups. This method gives a better picture of the variation within the stand than does the mean tree approach, as it takes more trees from a wider selection of sizes (52, 80, 101, 106, 141, 186, 233). The method probably could be used in rather diverse stands (e.g., uneven-aged stands or stands within mixed species).

After some estimate of the weight of individual tree components has been gained by either of the two methods, the estimated figures can be converted to an area basis by multiplying by the number of stems per unit area, or by the number of stems per stratified cell and then by the number of cells per unit area (135, 141, 144, 146). An alternative is the use of basal area allotment based on  $Y = Y'(G/G')$ , where  $Y$  = biomass unit area,  $Y'$  = tree biomass,  $G$  = tree basal area, and  $G'$  = total basal area (6, 193, 195, 197, 199).

Owing to the diverse geometry of a stand, problems may arise as to which tree is of mean size and which factor or factors are to be used to assess mean size (e.g., height, dob, depth of crown, or some combination of these, and so on). A tree of mean diameter need not be the tree of mean height, mean crown dimensions, or mean weight; the error involved is determined by how far the selected tree is from the true mean.

### Complete Area Sampling

Complete area sampling involves the removal and weighing of all biomass components in a given area. Obviously the same plot can be used only once; but this method, which gives the most accurate determination, can be used as a point of comparison for the other methods (16, 49, 139, 146, 166, 167).

### Allometric Relations

Whereas "mean tree" and "stratified mean tree" describe techniques of sampling and measuring simultaneously, the sampling and measurement can be separated in the method of allometric relations. Regression equations can be calculated from a range of sample trees selected from a stand, and relations can be determined between some easily obtainable

measurements on the standing tree and its total biomass or biomass components. A typical form of equation is  $\log(\text{weight}) = \alpha + \beta \log(\text{dimension})$ . The accuracy and precision are determined by the parameters used and the component to be estimated. If dob is used a fairly good estimate of bole weight can be expected, but other components, especially those in which other outside factors have great influence (e.g., a mass of dead branches), may be highly variable. Baskerville (52) gives details on transformations of data and the assumptions involved, pointing out that logarithmic relations are more correct than such transformations as  $D^2H$ .

The more parameters that are used, the more precise are the biomass estimates; but there is a cutoff point beyond which the added work is not worth the added precision obtained from the extra parameters. In a hypothetical example, dob may give a fairly good estimate of total biomass, and the addition of tree height data may improve the estimate by 20%. Taking into account the diameter at 7.6 m (25 ft), the depth of crown, and the length of branches adds a further 5% improvement, but the amount of work involved would have to be tripled.

Allometric methods are applicable and have been applied to a range of forests, from uniform single-species plantations to tropical rain forests of complex structure where a different equation is needed for each species. References for this technique are extensive (9, 10, 14, 28, 40, 68, 74, 76, 86, 88, 89, 106, 113, 121, 126, 127, 128, 135, 141, 143, 150, 151, 152, 158, 161, 163, 165, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 174, 179, 180, 195, 197, 199, 200, 203, 204, 206, 215, 240, 246). Allometric approaches can be used nondestructively, so that a plot can be followed with time, or other studies can be carried out with no direct effect on the stand.

Some attempts have been made, by means of regression equations, to develop allometric relations to cover a species in general or all similar species (145), but, as might be expected, with each development from plot to species and from one species to all species, precision is lost. If the allometric method is used, it is advisable that preliminary tests be made by taking a few sample trees, and that the required precision be ascertained before extensive determinations are made.

To gain more parameters for regression analysis, Cole and Dice (42) proposed what they called dimension analysis, which involves the use of a theodolite set up at a series of stations within the stand to measure a range of points on the trees, thus developing a three-dimensional model of the stand. At the time that the aforementioned paper (42) was presented the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had been developing a similar method for three years, but no practical estimates had been given so no figures are available.

Table 1 shows a comparison between the allometric method, the mean tree approach, and the stratified mean tree approach of estimating tree biomass.

#### Dimension Analysis of Mixed Forests

Dimension analysis is a complex development of the regression technique, as proposed by Whittaker and Woodwell (224 [quoted below], 225, 227).

The method is designed to use the complex structure of forests--through measurements on the various parts of plants including those critical marks of rates of growth that occur in most temperate forests, wood rings and bud scale scars--to measure or estimate the productivity of the fractions of woody plants.

The method is not easily applicable, and Whittaker and Woodwell suggest that data sheets be filled out and sent to them for analysis. No comparable results outside their limited situation are listed.

### BIOMASS ACCUMULATION

Many studies have been carried out in forest ecosystems to determine the distribution of biomass (phytomass), but because of different methods of estimating and of recording data, even by the same investigator, only broad comparisons can be made. In the presentation of data, foliage, branch, and bole weight, and in some cases net annual increment, have been given. As very few studies included root mass and in our studies we are concerned mainly with aboveground biomass, the root mass component has been excluded from this review.

Some of the factors to be considered, that affect biomass variations, are: (1) changes with time, (2) genera or species differences or both, (3) management changes, (4) altitudinal differences, (5) latitudinal differences, and (6) site quality differences. These categories are intended to be broad, and thus there is some overlap.

#### Variation with Age

Satoo (164), in his study on *Pinus densiflora*, noted that stem biomass is a function of age and that branch biomass is affected by stand density and also by age. Leaf biomass of closed stands appears to be influenced by few factors (107, 166). Leaf biomass cannot increase indefinitely with forest growth, and there must be a limit specific to species or to groups of ecologically similar species (163, 166).

The essence of the time study is to determine what changes are taking place in distribution and amount of organic matter within the forest stand as it ages. There are several ways of effecting this determination, one of which is measurement of a single stand at different ages. Many problems can thus be solved, especially those associated with site variability, but a long period of time is required before results can be obtained.

An alternative method involves the use of a series of age classes within a forest stand. One assumes that the sequences being measured are simultaneous expressions of different stages of stand development, and also that site factors are uniform. Because of their general uniformity, plantations are amenable to this system of study, and consequently have been used frequently. The time studies listed here have been divided, for convenience, into evergreen and deciduous.

## Evergreen

Most evergreen time studies have been carried out on *Pinus* spp. by use of a series of stands of different ages, usually in plantations because the exact site and management history of the stand is known. Ovington (135) used a series of planted *Pinus sylvestris* stands, ranging from 3 to 55 years old, in Britain (Table 2). In his detailed study Ovington gives estimates of standing biomass, and also estimates of total biomass produced, by taking into account thinnings, prunings, and mortality. Only the standing biomass studies are listed here.

Wright and Will (233), in Scotland, carried out work on *P. sylvestris* and also on *Pinus nigra* var. *austriaca*. Their study used only three age classes for each species: 18, 20, and 48 years for *P. nigra*, and 18, 28, and 60 years for *P. sylvestris* (Table 2). Although the number of age classes is limited, Wright and Will's study compares well with Ovington's because, based on height-age curves, the stands have the same site quality.

The comparison of the two stands shows basically the same development, but the proportions vary. Figure 1 shows that the two *P. sylvestris* studies are similar in total tree biomass, but the foliage and total crown weights differ by a factor of almost two. This discrepancy possibly reflects differences in sampling procedure, as Ovington sampled only the mean tree in the older size classes, while Wright and Will sampled the mean tree plus two trees from other size classes (i.e., mean tree sampling versus mean tree sampling within stratified units).

Switzer et al. (186) studied *Pinus taeda* in Florida, using stands ranging from 3 to 60 years old (Table 2). Although there are great similarities to the previous studies, Switzer's work shows obvious differences in the rates of development. Crown weights take a much longer period of time to stabilize, if, indeed, they do. The two site qualities used give a good comparison of the variation in site quality previously mentioned, especially with regard to foliage development. (See also Satoo (163), who found leaf biomass in closed stands of *Cryptomeria japonica* to be influenced only by site quality.) A further study of pine was conducted by Forrest and Ovington (52), who used *Pinus radiata* growing in eastern Australia and ranging in age from 3 to 12 years (Table 2). The noticeable feature of this sequence is its rapid development (Figure 1), with the trees in full control of the site by age eight (approximately). A comparison of results with those of Will (229) is useful, as Will's was also a 12-year-old stand of *P. radiata* but of much higher site quality, where stand development was even more rapid.

Paddock (145) examined *Pseudotsuga menziesii* in the Pacific Northwest, using both densely and sparsely stocked stands with an age sequence of 12, 30, 39, and 75 years (Table 3). The table shows a decline in productivity of the 75-year-old stand (compared with the younger stands), possibly indicating high interplot variability. The density comparison shows that stand constants (such as constant foliage weight per hectare, and so on) apply only after the trees take full control of the site. After crown closure the foliage becomes constant in weight (more so than that of the pines),

as does the total crown weight. A study in Japan on planted *Acacia mollissima* (192) up to seven years old (Table 4) shows a great degree of interplot variability, but results are consistent with other species.

The foregoing studies, while varying in total amounts and proportions, show a great deal of consistency, which can be summarized as follows: (1) All tree components of the stand continue to increase with age until crown closure, at which point the trees are in control of the site. After crown closure, bole weight is the only major component that continues to increase. Time of crown closure varies between 8 and 30 years. (2) After site control foliage biomass becomes constant, generally at about  $8-10 \times 10^3$  kg ha<sup>-1</sup>; major variations are due to site index; stand density and minor fluctuations are due to yearly climatic variations. (3) Total crown weight becomes stable at about  $30 \times 10^3$  kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. Branch weight appears to be age dependent for *P. taeda*, but not so for the other evergreen species. There is a possible relationship between foliage and branch weights--a foliage amount/distribution balance. Compare studies of *P. taeda* in Japan (2) with those of Switzer et al. (186) mentioned previously (Table 2). The high density shown in the Japanese study has led to rapid stand development with  $19 \times 10^3$  kg ha<sup>-1</sup> of foliage at eight years and a total crown of only  $27 \times 10^3$  kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. These figures may represent only a fluctuation that, with development, will stabilize, followed by a drop in foliage weight and an increase in branch weight. They may indicate a peak of foliage development at crown closure (also borne out by other studies). As the stand develops, in many instances the undergrowth declines, becoming almost nonexistent after crown closure. Figure 2 shows the relationship involved.

#### Deciduous

A smaller number of detailed time sequence studies has been carried out with deciduous species. Ovington and Madgwick (142), in Great Britain, studied *Betula verrucosa* using stands ranging from 6 to 55 years old (Table 5). Greater variation occurs between the plots (e.g., see the height/age curve in Figure 3), but the variation may be due to management procedures. As with evergreen species, total tree biomass increases with time. By comparing the *B. verrucosa* studies with those on the stand of *P. sylvestris* (135), which is in a fairly similar geographical location and of comparable height, and on which similar methods of biomass estimation were used, one may see that there is great similarity in total biomass development (compare Figure 1 and 4, drawn on the same scale). Differences occur in foliage weight and total crown biomass development.

Foliage weight in *Betula* reaches a maximum of about  $2 \times 10^3$  kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. Rather than attaining a level constant with time, as in conifers (Figure 5), *Betula* appears to undergo periodic fluctuations. Total crown weight does not come to a stable level, but continues to increase with time in a manner similar to the increase of total biomass.

Van Cleve et al. (210) studied biomass accumulation in stands of alder (*Alnus incana* [L.] Moench subsp. *tenuifolia* [Nutt.] Breitung) near Fairbanks, Alaska. The age sequence was 0, 5, 15, and 20 years, and corresponded to periods when fire had caused the initiation of new alder stands. The

trends are shown in Table 6 and Figure 4. Total biomass and foliage are similar to those of the *Betula*, but branch weight is higher. The alder has a much faster initial stand development than does the birch. Additional alder studies were carried out by Zavitkovski and Stevens (250); as their results are not available in tabular form, they are indicated here in graphic form (Figure 6).

Post (150), in Canada, studied *Acer spicatum* with a sequence of 1 to 26 years. As shown in Table 5 and Figure 4, the stand development is similar to that of the two stands previously discussed.

Tadaki et al. (194), in Japan, studied *Fagus crenata* in three age classes, 34, 40, and 50 years. Even though there is the complicating factor of a variation in elevation (from 400 to 580 m), Tadaki's results give some idea of the processes involved in older deciduous stands (Table 5). Total tree biomass increases with time. Foliage weight is stable, but the branch (and hence total crown) weight is variable. The foliage weight is much greater than that of other deciduous species.

#### Differences in Genera or Species, or Both

Many studies on differences in genera or species have been carried out. Comparisons of species may be made by examination of some of the results mentioned under Variations with Age, and also shown in Tables 7 and 8. Care must be taken to use directly comparable data (i.e., preferably the same author, geographical location, age, treatment, and the like).

Wright and Will's study (233), previously mentioned, shows some of the variations between *Pinus nigra* and *Pinus sylvestris* over a period of time in a similar location in Scotland. By comparing two sets of data of Ovington (135, 142) taken from *P. sylvestris* and *B. verrucosa* in England, two genera may be compared with minimal variation due to author and location. Although total production is similar (as previously mentioned), the actual distribution differs greatly, especially with regard to foliage.

Ovington (134) studied a range of species at three sites in England (Tables 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9). The species studied are *Abies grandis*, *Alnus incana*, *Betula alba*, *Castanea sativa*, *Nothofagus obliqua*, *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*, *Fagus sylvatica*, *Larix decidua*, *Larix eurolepis*, *Picea abies*, *Picea amara*, *Pinus nigra*, *Pinus sylvestris*, *Pseudotsuga taxifolia (menziesii)*, *Quercus robur*, *Thuja plicata*, and *Tsuga heterophylla*. Beyond the general statement that conifers have the greatest standing plantation weight, and bole weight removed as thinnings, Ovington finds other factors difficult to determine because of great intraspecies variation. Crown weights are highly variable and inconsistent with later studies, possibly because of changes in sampling technique.

Satoo (166) compared leaf biomass of pure, single-species stands in Japan. Tadaki (191), before Satoo's work was published, produced a detailed table of biomass studies, which is reproduced here (Table 10).

### Management Effects

Factors such as spacing, thinning, and fertilizing can have a profound effect on the biomass of a stand. It appears that the principal effect of increasing the number of trees per unit area is the acceleration of developmental stages such as canopy closure, and hence the advancement of crown stability. Much of the biomass that, at wider spacing, would become undergrowth in an open system becomes a component of trees; that is, there is a redistribution of biomass in the system. No single study has been specifically planned to delineate these differences.

Thinning has the obvious effect of removing sections of the biomass, and the development of the stand therefore fluctuates. The effect of thinning is demonstrated in Ovington's (135) study on *Pinus sylvestris*. Fluctuations in the general stability of a stand also may be caused by management practices, as shown in the study by Forrest and Ovington (52) of a series of stands of *Pinus radiata* of which the nine-year-old component had undergone pruning shortly before the study began.

Fertilization has a major effect on biomass development, increasing the rate of development and also changing the "normal" component distribution for the site. For example, Madgwick et al. (100) showed that potassium fertilization of *Pinus resinosa* caused an increase in the total amount of foliage held by the trees (probably because the older needles were held longer than normally). Harada (60), studying the effects of fertilization on *Cryptomeria japonica* in Japan, found that two years after the fertilization program the control trees had the most foliage ( $17.71 \times 10^3 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$ ), those fertilized with nitrogen were next ( $16.25 \times 10^3 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$ ), and those receiving nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium treatment had the least foliage. Total production and stem production were in the reverse order. Heilman (64) studied Douglas-fir in the Pacific Northwest under various fertilization regimes, and the effect was a general increase in biomass components.

A further management effect was discussed by Tadaki et al. (199), in which cuttings and seedlings of *Cryptomeria* of the same age were compared. The results show that trees propagated from cuttings have a much higher stem weight and total production, but lower foliage and branch weights.

### Variation with Environment

#### Altitudinal changes

It appears that, in certain environments, with an increase in altitude there is an increase in production and then a decrease. Yamada (235) showed this effect in a single-species study of *Fagus crenata* in Japan. Yoda (240) studied a series of communities in Nepal (Table 11, Figure 7), and found that the peak of total productivity occurs at 2700 m while the peak in foliage biomass occurs over a much wider range commencing at 2900 m. In analyzing these peaks it is interesting to note that total biomass is age dependent and foliage biomass is age independent. The foliage-to-bole ratio increases with increasing altitude, until at very high altitudes the biomass is all foliage in the form of grasses. These peaks and changing ratios reflect possible changing foliar efficiencies, which as yet have not been detailed.

### Latitudinal changes

Few studies have attempted to show, other than in very general terms, the variations in biomass due to latitudinal location. One problem is the control of other complicating variables such as rainfall differences. Several tables have been used here to show some of the variations: Table 12 is compiled from Art and Marks (7), and Table 13, representing a more limited distribution, is from Rodin and Bazilevich (156). The general trend shows increased productivity toward the tropics. Further details of tropical biomass figures are shown in Table 14.

### Site quality differences

Differences in site quality have been examined in various ways. Satoo (163) found that site index gave a difference in foliage quantity of *Pinus densiflora*. Madgwick et al. (100) showed that fertilization of *P. resinosa* stands with potassium caused a 9% increase in foliage, which he attributed in part to the longer retention of the foliage. Such differences are not always consistent. In comparing the 12-year-old *P. radiata* of Forrest and Ovington (52) in Australia (site index 26 m at 20 years) with that of Will (229) in New Zealand (approximately 33.5 m at 20 years), we find a great difference in total biomass and in rate of accumulation, but the foliage weight is essentially the same. This may reflect different foliar efficiencies owing to a greater moisture stress in Australia. Switzer et al. (186) showed poor and good stands of *Pinus taeda* where, contrary to the results of Satoo (163) and Madgwick et al. (100), the poor site produced more foliage than the good site.

Jurgenson and Leaf (75) studied the effect on *P. resinosa* biomass of soils where depths to the water table varied. The results showed that there was a peak in foliar production where the water table depth was 106.7 cm, but production dropped off in locations with both higher and lower water tables. The total biomass followed a similar pattern (Table 2, Figure 8). Ando (6) studied *Pinus thunbergii* from sites of different qualities. Stands 1, 2, and 5 were the best based on height, foliage, and productivity, while stand 4 had the lowest site quality and the foliage and total biomass were correspondingly lower.

Table 1. A comparison of mean tree, stratified mean tree, and regression or allometric techniques for tree biomass estimation shown by Ovington and Madgwick (141).

Tree component	Mean tree (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Stratified mean tree (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Regression (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)
Leaves	0.34	0.37	0.38
Living branches	0.63	0.70	0.72
Dead branches	0.43	0.49	0.47
Boles	5.94	5.96	6.03
Roots	1.47	1.63	1.64
Living trees	8.39	8.89	9.02

Table 2. Summary of biomass components of *Pinus* spp. throughout the world, roots and forest floor not included (P = plantation, N = natural or uncertain).

Species	Location (country)	Age (yr)	Foliage wt. (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Total crown (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Bole wt. (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Total biomass (above- ground) (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Net accumulation (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha/yr)	References and comment
<i>P. banksiana</i>	U.S.A.	- N	4.84	13.79	39.66	53.45		45
<i>P. contorta</i>	U.S.A.	71 N	5.0	19.9	32.4	52.3		251
do	U.S.A.	72 N	8.4	28.1	94.4	122.5		251
do	U.S.A.	77 N	17.4	57.8	216.8	274.6		251
do	U.S.A.	100 N	12.3	25.9	209.3	235.2		73
do	U.S.A.	100 N	14.0	37.3	151.0	188.3		73
do	U.S.A.	100 N	7.0	20.9	67.1	88.0		73
<i>P. densiflora</i>	Japan	13 P					12.2	163
do	Japan	13 P					11.0	163
do	Japan	13 P					12.5	163
do	Japan	13 P					15.0	163
do	Japan	16 P				59.20		136
do	Japan	16 P				104.7		136
do	Japan	15 N				63.9	15.8	164
do	Japan	15 N					14.9	163
<i>P. echinata</i>	U.S.A.	- N				181.4	8.75	221
do	U.S.A.	- N				131.2	9.91	221
<i>P. nigra</i>	U.K.	18 P		48.82	125.05	173.87	10.3	134
do	U.K.	22 P		31.53	90.85	122.38	5.8	134
do	U.K.	22 P		36.97	104.90	141.87	6.7	134
do	U.K.	46 P		30.17	212.03	242.20	9.3	134
<i>P. nigra</i> var. <i>austriaca</i>	U.K.	18 N	3.08	9.35	15.95	25.3		233
do	U.K.	28 N	4.73	15.40	51.3	66.7		233
do	U.K.	48 N	5.5	16.50	93.5	110.0		233
<i>P. radiata</i>	Aust.	3 P	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.1	3.75	52
do	Aust.	5 P	2.1	3.3	2.4	5.7	7.2	52
do	Aust.	7 P	11.6	26.5	23.8	50.3	25.6	52
do	Aust.	9 P	8.8	18.7	53.8	72.5	12.7	52
do	Aust.	12 P	9.5	28.2	89.5	117.7	15.7	52
do	N.Z.	12 N	8.96	34.7	132.7	165.8	39.2 to 44.8	229
<i>P. resinosa</i>	U.S.A.	32 P	10.9	39.9	78.0	118.0		234
do	U.S.A.	32 P	13.5	42.8	97.3	140.2		234
do	U.S.A.	32 P	11.3	34.4	85.6	120.0		234
do	U.S.A.	32 P	11.7	39.4	79.2	118.7		234
do	U.S.A.	26 P	15.8	35.6	130.4	171.4	Water table	0.67 m 75
do	U.S.A.	26 P	17.8	41.7	150.9	192.6	Water table	1.07 m 75
do	U.S.A.	26 P	14.09	30.33	95.54	125.86	Water table	2.44 m 75
do	U.S.A.	26 P	13.73	30.94	112.33	143.37	Water table	2.53 m 75
do	U.S.A.	26 P	12.98	29.14	96.56	125.70	Water table	3.29 m 75
do	U.S.A.	26 P	10.29	21.96	70.86	92.82	Water table	4.88 m 75
<i>P. rubra</i>	U.S.A.	67 N				93.5		245
<i>P. strobus</i>	U.S.A.	34 N				48.5		245
do	Japan	41 P	7.4	26.0	78.7	104.7		245
do	Japan	41 P	10.1	24.2	180.0	204.2		245

Table 2. (cont)

Species	Location	Age	Fol. wt.	Total crown	Bole wt.	Total biomass	Net accum.	References and comment
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	U.K.	47 P		26.97	129.48	156.6	7.9	134
do	U.K.	3 P	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	22.0	135
do	U.K.	7 P	2.12	3.08	1.01	4.09	22.0	135
do	U.K.	11 P	5.80	10.15	5.25	15.36	22.0	135
do	U.K.	14 P	6.69	15.88	8.41	22.93	22.0	135
do	U.K.	17 P	8.97	20.93	16.24	35.36	22.0	135
do	U.K.	20 P	10.48	28.90	27.11	51.31	22.0	135
do	U.K.	23 P	5.06	31.92	44.34	63.63	22.0	135
do	U.K.	31 P	8.28	31.13	81.65	99.55	22.0	135
do	U.K.	35 P	9.83	24.68	98.81	118.96	22.0	135
do	U.K.	55 P	7.24	29.52	96.68	116.65	22.0	135
do	U.K.	33 P	7.30	31.0	118.8	149.8		141
do	U.K.	18 N	6.05	18.92	34.98	53.9		233
do	U.K.	28 N	4.62	18.37	74.03	92.4		233
do	U.K.	64 N	4.62	21.01	95.59	116.6		233
do	U.K.	11 N	13.34	24.94	17.40	51.63		135
do	U.K.	14 N	4.44	14.44	24.70	49.39		135
<i>P. taeda</i>	Japan	8 N	18.0	27.0	72.0	99.0		2
do	Japan	34 P	9.5	33.5	168.0	226.5		4
do	Japan	34 P	8.5	34.56	151.0	185.6		4
do	U.S.A.	10 N	0.88		19.47	29.70	5.0	186
do	U.S.A.	20 N	3.52		38.94	59.40	5.0	Poor site 186
do	U.S.A.	30 N	5.94		58.41	89.10	5.0	186
do	U.S.A.	40 N	7.70		72.71	114.40	2.6	186
do	U.S.A.	50 N	8.80		87.01	139.70	2.6	186
do	U.S.A.	60 N	8.74		101.31	168.3	2.6	186
do	U.S.A.	10 N	2.20		42.13	55.00	2.7	186
do	U.S.A.	20 N	4.18		84.26	110.00	2.7	Good site 186
do	U.S.A.	30 N	4.51		126.39	165.00	2.7	186
do	U.S.A.	40 N	4.18		139.62	193.60	2.3	186
do	U.S.A.	50 N	3.41		152.85	232.20	2.3	186
do	U.S.A.	60 N	3.41		166.08	249.70	2.3	186
<i>P. thunbergii</i>								
(1)	Japan	10 N	11.92	23.09	33.42	56.51		6
do (2)	Japan	10 N	13.77	29.63	38.14	67.77		6
do (3)	Japan	10 N	10.68	19.15	18.68	37.83		6
do (4)	Japan	10 N	6.23	10.47	10.70	20.44		6
do (5)	Japan	10 N	10.10	20.67	23.42	44.09		6
do (6)	Japan	10 N	5.74	11.37	11.25	22.62		6
<i>P. pinaster</i>	Aust.	14 P	24.4	49.9	71.1	122.6	7.2	80
do	Aust	14 P	19.8	38.8	60.3	100.8	8.8	80

Table 3. Biomass of aboveground component parts of Douglas-fir stands  
(in thousands of kilograms per hectare). (\* = dead stands included.)

Location	Treatment	Age (yr)	Needles	Branches	Total crown	Bark	Wood	Total stem	Total above- ground	References
Washington	+Alder	28	9.81	18.59	28.40	9.76	14.56	123.84	134.72*	185
do		28	7.84	7.66	14.70	2.54	26.43	28.96	43.67*	185
do		37	9.90	19.33	29.23	18.26	108.24	126.50	161.71*	185
do		30	8.02	7.62	15.64	3.99	18.90	22.84	38.47	64
do	Fertilizer	30	13.15	10.91	24.06	5.39	29.57	34.96	59.01	64
do		32	5.31	7.21	12.52	4.13	19.20	23.33	35.85	64
do	Fertilizer	32	9.61	12.63	22.24	6.55	34.37	40.93	63.17	64
do		38	8.00	18.67	26.67	18.09	51.65	69.74	96.41	64
do	Fertilizer	38	14.17	30.44	44.61	21.39	63.86	85.25	129.86	64
do		38	8.98	20.62	29.60	14.44	115.48	129.92	159.82	64
do	Fertilizer	38	16.15	25.01	41.19	13.05	91.84	104.89	146.08	64
do		52	11.95	29.14	41.09	27.24	147.36	174.60	215.69	64
do	Fertilizer	52	13.85	30.27	44.13	30.83	142.37	173.21	217.34	64
do		35			30.10			197.20	228.20	154
do		35			40.50			220.20	250.80	154
do		35			26.70			154.30	181.00	154
do		35			39.40			193.60	238.10	154
do		35			25.20			101.30	120.50	154
do	Sparse	12	0.85					1.50*	2.35	145
do	Dense	12	2.07					3.24	5.31	145
do	Sparse	30	7.88	8.58	16.46	2.84	29.60	32.44	49.90*	145
do	Dense	30	10.99	20.81	31.81	10.93	105.91	116.84	154.87*	145
do	Sparse	39	11.08	24.43	35.51	20.45	121.22	141.67	181.19*	145
do	Mature	75	10.84	16.44	27.28	18.54	125.92	144.46	171.74	145
do	Plantation	36	9.10	22.03	31.13	18.73	121.75	140.48	171.61	43
U.K.	Plantation	21			24.48			90.3	114.78	134
do	Plantation	22			79.38			88.8	168.18	134
do	Plantation	22			86.10			95.3	181.4	134
do	Plantation	47			49.72			202.7	252.4	134

Table 4. Biomass components of nonbroadleaf evergreen species other than pines (in thousands of kilograms per hectare).

Species	Location	Age (yr)	Foliage	Branches	Total crown	Bole	Total above-ground	Net accum.	Ref.
<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Canada	40-50	8.52	9.35	17.97	34.43	55.77	9.44	14
do	Canada	40-50	7.92	8.42	16.34	33.77	53.64	9.35	14
do	Canada	40-50	8.36	8.36	16.72	38.28	59.79	9.62	14
do	Canada	40-50	9.02	8.25	17.27	45.43	69.19	10.58	14
do	Canada	40-50	9.13	8.03	17.16	51.81	74.03	11.64	14
do	Canada	40-50	9.57	8.03	17.60	57.53	81.29	12.58	14
<i>A. fraserii</i>	U.S.A.						210.0	5.66	221
do	U.S.A.						200.1	6.53	221
<i>A. grandis</i>	U.K.	21			126.2	229.2	355.4	18.40	134
do	U.K.	24			56.7	108.2	164.9	9.25	134
<i>A. sachalinensis</i>	Japan	26						13.4	163
do	Japan	8	0.43	0.26	0.69	0.34	1.03		239
do	Japan	12	4.23	2.59	6.82	8.45	15.29		239
do	Japan	23	11.32	8.62	19.94	33.10	53.04		239
do	Japan	29	13.40	15.81	29.21	48.08	77.29		239
do	Japan	35	21.95	50.60	72.55	123.57	196.12		239
<i>A. veitchii</i>	Japan	25	16.70	15.69	32.39	190.24	122.63		195
do	Japan	25	17.61	15.48	33.09	107.63	140.72		195
do	Japan	25	13.95	8.67	22.62	45.73	88.35		195
do	Japan	4	5.5	1.8	7.3	4.9	12.2		195
do	Japan	60	18.79	32.36	51.05	205.68	256.73		195
do	Japan	60	13.31	16.94	30.25	129.23	159.48		195
do	Japan	23	21.30	17.01	38.31	44.98	83.29		195
do	Japan	25	18.27	13.61	31.88	42.11	73.99		195
do	Japan	5	7.29	3.45	10.74	9.26	20.00		195
<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	Japan	4	4.4	7.4	11.8	24.0	37.1		56
do	Japan	4	3.9	7.9	11.8	17.9	29.7		56
do	Japan	4	2.6	3.6	6.2	7.0	13.2		56
<i>A. harpophylla</i>	Aust.						159.5		114
<i>A. mollissima</i>	Japan	4	10.0	14.1	24.1	54.0	71.6		56
do	Japan	4					80.6	35.3	192
do	Japan	3	5.74	9.40	15.14	27.94	44.38	25.5	197
do	Japan	3	5.14	7.55	12.69	23.18	37.01	21.3	197
do	Japan	5	7.27	9.94	17.21	75.47	96.07	31.7	197
do	Japan	5	10.59	12.71	23.30	95.98	123.81	40.3	197
do	Japan	5	6.73	7.13	13.86	56.77	73.39	23.8	197
do	Japan	7	5.11	11.32	16.43	59.67	78.25	24.1	197
do	Japan	7	6.70	14.79	21.49	77.65	101.94	31.1	197
<i>Chamaecyparis lawsonii</i>	U.K.	21			43.4	163.5	206.9	10.6	134
<i>C. obtusa</i>	Japan	28	11.7	8.0	19.7	32.6	52.3		62
do	Japan	28	17.5	16.4	33.9	82.0	115.9		62
do	Japan	30	12	12	24	115	139	10.6	238
do	Japan	40	19	25	44	219	263	9.6	238

Table 4. (cont)

Species	Location	Age (yr)	Foliage	Branches	Total crown	Bole wt.	Total above- ground	Net accum.	Ref.
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	Japan	5	26.5	1.8	28.3	50.7	97.3	29.1	196
do	Japan	11					63.6	9.7	198
do	Japan	22					135.7	14.0	198
do	Japan	24					170.5	15.1	198
do	Japan	28	13.0	11.7	24.7	37.0	61.7		62
do	Japan	28	17.2	12.9	30.1	98.3	128.4		62
do	Japan	31					159.8	16.7	198
do	Japan	34					176.4	9.6	198
do	Japan	34					182.5	14.0	198
do	Japan	34					191.7	16.0	198
do	Japan	34					154.0	12.3	198
do	Japan	49					174.5	8.9	198
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	U.K.	82					211.0	15.4	146
do	U.K.	100					131.0	9.7	146
do	U.K.	92					38.0	2.2	146
do	U.K.	94					72.0	3.8	146
do	U.K.	80					60.0	3.6	146
<i>I. opaca</i>	U.S.A.	150					178.3	10.8	7
<i>Picea abies</i>	U.K.	20			61.1	157.2	218.3	11.25	132
do	U.K.	47			31.9	107.9	139.8	7.45	132
do	U.K.	47			80.3	182.4	262.7	9.39	132
do	Japan	39	24.6	5.8	30.4	138.3	168.7		136
do	Japan	46	16.9	6.7	23.6	63.2	88.2		136
do	Japan	46	18.6	8.6	27.2	140.2	169.2		136
do	Sweden	52	10.8	18.9	29.7	105.8	132.2		136
do	Switz.	98						8.2	39
do	Japan	37						13.3	163
do	Japan	45						8.73	163
do	Japan	46						12.77	163
do	Japan	46						13.00	163
do	Japan	46						14.01	163
do	Sweden	58					108.6		136
do	U.S.S.R.	24	3.0			69.1	101.2		183
do	U.S.S.R.	38	9.6			113.1	160.8		183
do	U.S.S.R.	60	11.1			195.6	271.4		183
do	U.S.S.R.	93	10.0			249.5	324.9		183
<i>P. amurka</i>	U.K.	21			100.0	198.9	298.9	14.3	134
<i>Picea</i> sp.	U.S.S.R.						100.0	4.5	156
do	U.S.S.R.						260.0	7.0	156
do	U.S.S.R.						330.0	8.5	156
<i>Picea mariana</i>	Canada	65					93.5	1.56	215
<i>Picea - Abies</i>	U.S.A.						340.9	10.2	221
do	U.S.A.						310.1	9.4	221
do	U.S.A.						300.0	14.0	221

Table 4. (cont)

Species	Location	Age (yr)	Foliage	Branches	Total crown	Bole wt.	Total above- ground	Net accum.	Ref.
<i>Picea</i> and									
<i>Rhododendron</i>	U.S.A.						321.0	8.12	221
<i>Thuja plicata</i>	U.K.	22			16.12	52.16	68.3	3.1	134
<i>T. occidentalis</i>	U.S.A.	90					134.5		245
<i>Tsuga</i>									
<i>heterophylla</i>	U.K.	23			61.19	188.42	249.6	12.94	134
do	U.S.A.	26	21.1	20.7	41.8	150.9	192.7	30.7	55
<i>T. canadensis</i>	U.S.A.						610.0	11.8	221
<i>Tsuga-Fagus</i>	U.S.A.						193.0	13.3	221
<i>Tsuga</i> -									
<i>Rhododendron</i>	U.S.A.						511.0	10.2	221
<i>Tsuga sieboldii</i> -									
<i>Abies fua</i>	Japan		8.85	13.38	22.23	68.60	90.83		57

Table 5. Biomass components and net accumulation (excluding roots and understory) of hardwood species throughout the world (in thousands of kilograms per hectare).

Species	Location	Age (yr)	Foliage	Branches	Total crown	Bole wt.	Total above-ground	Net accum.	Ref.
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	U.S.A.	44					15.23		245
<i>A. spicatum</i>	Canada	1	0.37	0.37	0.74		0.74	0.74	150
do	Canada	3	0.69	1.70	2.39		2.39	0.80	150
do	Canada	8	0.90	2.42	3.32	9.61	12.93	1.62	150
do	Canada	11	0.86	3.85	4.71	11.16	15.87	1.44	150
do	Canada	13	1.03	6.80	7.83	15.36	23.19	1.78	150
do	Canada	16	1.14	7.54	8.68	16.85	25.53	1.60	150
do	Canada	18	0.86	7.19	8.05	13.36	22.41	1.24	150
do	Canada	21	1.20	11.19	12.39	21.11	33.50	1.59	150
do	Canada	23	1.12	10.43	11.55	19.73	31.28	1.36	150
do	Canada	26	1.42	13.71	15.13	25.32	40.45	1.56	150
<i>Betula</i> spp.	U.S.S.R.						220.0	12.0	157
<i>Betula alba</i>	U.K.	22			17.72	45.11	62.84	2.86	134
do	U.K.	22			17.72	41.09	58.81	2.67	134
<i>B. ermanii</i>	Japan	22					62.52		163
<i>B. maximow</i>	Japan	44						6.07	163
do	Japan	47						7.51	163
do	Japan	47						6.32	163
do	Japan	47	1.8	11.1	12.9	77.7	90.6		136
do	Japan	47	2.6	12.1	14.7	128.3	143.0		136
do	Japan	47	2.2	14.8	17.0	100.0	117.0		136
<i>B. papyrifera</i>	U.S.A.	32					118.08		245
<i>B. platyphylla</i>	Japan	10					19.22	5.0	204
<i>B. verrucosa</i>	U.S.S.R.	20	3.8	11.3	15.1	45.7	80.3		136
do	U.S.S.R.	40	3.3	12.7	16.0	190.7	247.6		136
do	U.S.S.R.	67	2.8	11.3	14.1	156.7	213.9		136
do	Sweden	25	2.7	5.8	8.5	38.9	47.4		205
do	U.K.	6	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.5		142
do	U.K.	24	2.4	6.5	17.1	48.0	65.1		142
do	U.K.	27	1.3	9.5	10.8	68.2	79.0		142
do	U.K.	32	1.6	12.2	13.8	52.8	66.6		142
do	U.K.	38	0.7	14.5	15.2	58.9	74.1		142
do	U.K.	42	1.1	13.6	14.7	58.5	73.2		162
do	U.K.	46	1.6	18.9	20.5	102.3	122.8		142
do	U.K.	53	2.3	33.1	35.4	139.8	175.2		142
do	U.K.	55	2.5	28.7	31.2	134.5	165.7		142
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	U.K.	47			8.24	108.37	116.6	3.75	134
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Japan	46					196.0	15.0-16.6	163
do	Japan	52						15.26	163
<i>Eucalyptus regnas</i>	Aust.	51	7.0	22.0	29.0	272.0	301.0		11

Table 5. (cont)

Species	Location	Age (yr)	Foliage	Branches	Total crown	Bole wt.	Total above- ground	Net accum.	Ref.
<i>Fagus</i> spp.	Europe						370.0	13.0	157
do	Neth.	46						13.5	95
<i>F. crenata</i>	Japan	35	4.8	31.4	56.2	168.0	258.4	17.4	194
do	Japan	42	4.7	43.5	48.2	166.5	272.9	18.7	194
do	Japan	750	4.9	39.5	89.4	202.2	296.5	19.3	194
<i>F. grandifolia</i>	U.S.A.						130.01	6.68	221
do	U.S.A.						170.1	9.06	221
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	U.K.	39			35.45	97.88	133.4	5.05	134
do	Switz.	80						9.67	31
<i>Populus</i>									
<i>deltoides</i>	U.S.A.	6	2.42	3.30	5.72	35.52	41.24		41
do	U.S.A.	7	3.74	11.88	15.62	55.22	70.84		41
do	U.S.A.	7	2.64	14.30	16.94	38.94	55.88		41
do	U.S.A.	7	3.52	7.04	10.56	45.98	56.54		41
do	U.S.A.	8	3.52	10.56	14.08	54.78	68.86		41
do	U.S.A.	8	2.64	14.52	17.16	55.00	72.16		41
do	U.S.A.	8	2.42	7.48	9.90	36.08	45.98		41
do	U.S.A.	9	1.98	10.34	12.32	55.0	67.32		41
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	U.K.	44			16.37	76.01	92.38	3.24	134
do	U.S.S.R.	22	2.1				55.7		183
do	U.S.S.R.	42	3.2				139.3		183
do	U.S.S.R.	56	3.8				192.2		183
do	U.S.S.R.	200	3.2				403.3		183
<i>Q. borealis</i>	U.S.A.						137.0	8.28	221
<i>Q. petraea</i>	U.K.	21			14.14	28.29	42.43	2.02	134
<i>Q. prinus</i>	U.S.A.						422.5	14.7	221
<i>Q. robur</i>	U.K.	47			21.69	106.61	128.3	3.94	134
do	Sweden	125					240.0	15.6	5
<i>Q. rubra</i>	U.K.	21					228.0	20.0	134
<i>Q. rapanea</i>	Japan	80					218.0	23.0	77
do	Japan	80					265.0	28.0	77
do	Japan	80					264.0	28.0	77
<i>Quercus</i> mixed	U.S.A.						87.7	5.68	221
<i>Quercus-</i> <i>Camellia</i>	Japan						228.0	20.0	77
do	Japan						212.0	18.0	77
do	Japan						198.0	18.0	77
<i>Quercus-Carya</i>	U.S.A.						157.0	5.42	113
do	U.S.A.						370.15	12.03	113
<i>Quercus-Fagus</i>	Belgium	70-75					156.0	14.40	47
<i>Quercus-</i> <i>Fraxinus</i>	Belgium	115-160					380.0	14.30	47
<i>Shavea robusta</i>	India	18	10.9	33.3	44.2	88.8	133.0	6.7	104
do	India	30	5.7	45.4	91.1	188.0	234.1	8.8	104
do	India	50	13.7	66.7	80.4	500.1	580.5	16.9	104

Table 6. Accumulated biomass in stands of alder (in thousands of kilograms per hectare).

Species	Location	Age	Foliage	Branch	Total crown	Bole	Total	Ref.
<i>Alnus incana</i>	U.K.	22			32.95	91.74	124.7	134
do	U.K.	22			23.01	74.52	97.5	134
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	U.S.A.	50					250.0	248
do	U.S.A.	30	4.57	15.57	20.14	47.59	76.25	185
<i>Alnus</i> spp.	Alaska	5	1.89	1.43	3.32	5.42	8.75	210
do	Alaska	15	1.63	5.81	7.78	20.23	28.01	210
do	Alaska	20	2.14	9.16	11.33	31.41	42.34	210

Table 7. Comparison of some forest stands approximately 10 years old (range 8-12 yr).

Species	Age	Total crown (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Total tree biomass (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Comments	Ref.
<i>Pinus radiata</i>	9	18.7	74.6	SQ <sub>20</sub> 80 <sup>a</sup>	52
do	12	28.2	119.2	SQ <sub>20</sub> 80	52
do	12	34.7	165.8	SQ <sub>20</sub> 110	229
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	11	10.15	15.36	planted	135
do	11	24.98	51.63	regenerated	135
<i>P. taeda</i>	8	27.0	99.0	high density	2
do	10		29.70	poor site	186
do	10		55.00	good site	186
<i>P. thunbergii</i>	10	23.09	56.51	good site	6
do	10	29.63	67.77	good site	6
do	10	19.15	37.83	moderate	6
do	10	10.47	20.44	poor	6
do	10	20.67	44.09	good	6
do	10	11.37	22.62	moderate	6
<i>Betula platyphylla</i>	10		19.22		204
<i>Acer spicatum</i>	8	3.32	12.93		150
do	11	4.71	15.87		150
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	11		63.6		198

<sup>a</sup>SQ<sub>20</sub> = site quality 20 years.

Table 8. Comparison of biomass of some stands approximately 30 years old (range 28-32 yr).

Species	Age	Crown weight (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Total biomass (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Ref.
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	28	15.40	67.1	233
<i>P. resinosa</i>	32	39.5	124.2	234
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	31	31.13	99.55	135
do	28	18.37	92.4	233
<i>P. taeda</i>	30		89.10	186
do	30		165.00	186
<i>Pseudotsuga menziessi</i> (alder understory)	28	28.4	132.72	185
<i>P. menziessi</i>	28	14.69	43.67	185
do	30	15.64	38.47	64
do	30	28.06	59.01	64
do	32	12.52	35.85	64
do	32	22.24	63.17	64
<i>Betula verrucosa</i>	32	13.8	66.6	142
<i>B. papyrifera</i>	32		118.08	245
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	31		159.8	198
do	28	24.7	61.7	62
do	28	30.1	128.4	62
<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i>	28	19.7	52.3	62
do	28	33.9	115.9	62

Table 9. Accumulated biomass in plantations of larch (*Larix* spp.), (in thousands of kilograms per hectare).

Species		Age	Total crown	Bole	Total above-ground	Productivity (kg x 10 <sup>-1</sup> ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
<i>Larix decidua</i>	U.K.	46	43.6	145.8	189.4	5.98	134
do	Switz.	50				4.92	33
do	Switz.	105				4.26	33
do	Switz.	220				0.76	33
<i>Larix eurolepis</i>	U.K.	23	72.7	75.1	147.6	9.64	134
do	Japan	21				19.44	163
do	U.K.	22	34.1	51.9	86.0	4.73	134
do	U.K.	22	23.7	54.7	78.5	4.39	134
do	Japan	39	19.1	145.4	164.4		167

Table 10. Leaf biomass in forests (after Tadaki 1966).

Plant community	Location	Oven dry weight (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Leaf area index (ha/ha)	Ref.
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Denmark	2.1-2.7	4.3-5.5	108, 109
do	Denmark	3.1	5.4	21
do	Switz.	3.2	6.2-7.9	31, 36
<i>Fagus crenata</i>	Japan	2.81		130
do	Japan	2.9-3.0		236
do	Japan	6.7	5.2	70
<i>Nothofagus truncata</i>	New Zealand	2.7		102
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Denmark	1.7-2.0	2.6-3.1	108
do	Switz.	5.3		34
<i>Quercus borealis</i>	U.S.A.	3.5		136
<i>Quercus</i>	U.S.S.R.	2.1-3.8		183
<i>Quercus serrata</i>	Japan	2.33		130
<i>Quercus mongolica</i>				
v. <i>grosseserrata</i>	Japan	0.93		130
<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	Japan	1.9-4.5		130
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Denmark	2.7	5.4	21
<i>Fraxinus mandshurica</i>	Japan	2.2	4.3	203
<i>Betula</i>	Scand.	1.5		123
do	Scand.	1.6		90
<i>Betula verrucosa</i>	England	0.7-2.5	1.7-6.5	142
do	U.S.S.R.	2.8-3.8		182
<i>Betula maximowiczii</i>	Japan	1.8-2.6		163
<i>Betula platyphylla</i>				
v. <i>japonica</i>	Japan	1.2	3.5	204
<i>Betula ermani</i>	Japan	2.4	5.2	85
<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>	Japan	1.1-2.2	2.1-6.9	85
<i>Populus davidiana</i>	Japan	2	2.2	168
<i>Populus sieboldii</i>	Japan	1.3		130
<i>Populus grandidentata</i>	Canada	1.55		26
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	U.S.A.	3.69	6.3	26
<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	Japan	3	4	170
do	Japan	1.2-1.8		130
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Japan	3	7	203
<i>Alnus</i> spp.	Japan	1.2-4.7		207
<i>Alnus hirsuta</i> v. <i>sibirica</i>	Japan	2-4	3-5	177
<i>Salix gracilistyla</i>	Japan	3.5		177
<i>Salix vulpina</i>	Japan	2.3		177
<i>Ligustrum tschonoskii</i>	Japan	2.5		177
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Japan	2.5-4.0	5-7	207
<b>Dipterocarp savanna forest</b>	Thailand	4.9	4.3	127
<b>Mixed savanna forest</b>	Thailand	4.9	4.2	127
<i>Machilus-Shiia</i>	Japan	10.1-13.1	7.4-9.6	87
<i>Distylium racemosum</i>	Japan	11.4	8.8	87
<i>Castanopsis-Machilus</i>	Japan	9.7		122
<i>Castanopsis cuspidata</i>	Japan	11.4	12.5	202

Table 10. (cont)

Plant community	Location	Oven dry weight (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Leaf area index (ha/ha)	Ref.
<i>Castanopsis cuspidata</i>	Japan	6.8-9.6	6.0-8.3	78
do	Japan	7.4	8.0	189
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Japan	4.1		163
<b><i>Camellia-Machilus</i></b>	Japan	12.6	6.3	105
<i>Acacia mollissima</i>	Japan	6.9-8.1		197
<i>Acacia mollissima</i>	Japan	9.9	9.7	192
Tropical rain forest	Thailand	7.8	12.9	84
Evergreen gallery forest	Thailand	19.5	16.6	126
Temperate evergreen forest	Thailand	14.5	12.6	126
Tropical evergreen forest	Congo	6.5		59
<i>Larix decidua</i>	Switz.	1.8-2.6	5-7	33
do	Denmark	2		108
<i>Larix leptolepis</i>	Japan	3.3		175
do	Japan	2.03		130
do	Japan	2.8-4.5		178
do	Japan	3.69		178
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Switz.	5	6.6-7.3	32
do	England	5.1-10.5	5.3-10.8	135
do	Scotland	4.7		233
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Scotland	5.6		233
<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	Japan	5.3-5.4		169
do	Japan			101
do	Japan	5.5-9.7		79
do	Japan	4.0-7.0		63
<i>Pinus thunbergii</i>	Japan	8		76
<i>Pinus longifolia</i>	W. Pakistan	2.8		79
<i>Pinus exceelsa</i>	W. Pakistan	4.5-4.7		79
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Switz.		14-17	29
do	Japan	7.4-10.1		173
<i>Pinus pumila</i>	Japan	21.67		176
<i>Picea abies</i>	Denmark	12	13.1	108
do	Switz.	15-20	17-28	32
do	U.S.S.R.	9.6-11.1		183
do	Japan	16.9-24.6		163
do	Sweden	9.1-10.8		205
<i>Picea glehnii</i>	Japan	7.35		177
<i>Picea mariana</i>	Canada	8.56	9.8	215
<i>Pseudotsuga douglasii</i>	Switz.		18.4-27.1	30
<i>Pseudotsuga taxifolia</i>	U.S.A.	8.0-12.0		64
<i>Abies alba</i>	Switz.		17	37
<i>Abies sachalinensis</i>	Japan	19.1		177
<i>Abies mariesii</i> - <i>A. veitchii</i>				
	Japan	8.6-12.1		131
<i>Abies veitchii</i>	Japan	7.6-14.4		8

Table 10. (cont)

Plant community	Location	Oven dry weight (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Leaf area index (ha/ha)	Ref.
<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i>	Japan	9.5-10.0		171
do	Japan		11.04	53
do	Japan			208
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	Japan	17-18		208
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i> (Yabukuguri cultivar)	Japan	16.5-22.7	9.4-13.0	198
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i> (Aka cultivar)	Japan	17.3-25.6	10.0-14.7	198
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	Japan	16.7-21.8	10.7-13.5	198, 201
do	Japan	26.5	17.2	196

Table 11. Biomass and component parts of a series of forest communities in eastern Nepal (lat. 27° 45') in ascending altitude (in thousands of kilograms per hectare), (after Yoda 1968).

Community	Alt. (m)	Stand ht. (m)	Stand density (St/ha)	Foliage	Total crown	Bole	Roots	Total
<i>Quercus Machilus</i>	2,270	20-30	745	6.6	136.6	320.0	92.0	548.0
<i>Quercus Cinnamomum</i>	2,390	20-30	600	8.4	140.4	339.0	96.0	575.0
<i>Tsuga-Quercus</i>	2,720	40	220	5.7	95.7	461.0	126.0	682.7
<i>Tsuga-Dumosa</i>	2,760	40	280	12.9	82.9	429.0	127.0	638.9
<i>Abies-Tsuga</i>	2,920	20	913	20.6	71.6	346.0	102.0	519.6
<i>Abies spectabilis</i>	3,120	20	563	20.6	61.6	339.0	100.0	500.6
do	3,280	20	713	20.0	54.0	271.0	80.0	405.0
do	3,420	20	488	17.0	53.0	289.0	85.0	427.0
do	3,530	20	275	12.5	40.5	231.0	67.0	338.5
<i>Abies-Rhododendron</i>	3,680	10	1,450	10.6	32.6	127.0	38.0	197.6
<i>Juniperus-Rhododendron</i>	3,830	4-5	3,320	11.0	39.0	68.0	24.0	131.0
<i>Juniperus scrub</i>	3,870	1-2	201,600	4.8	7.0	11.0	8.7	24.7
<i>Rhododendron scrub</i>	4,050	0-2	1,350,000	1.5	1.5	1.65	2.5	5.65
Alpine grass	4,080	0-1		0.3			0.7	0.10
do	4,260	0-05		0.24			0.23	0.47

Table 12. Average biomass and net primary production for forest types (in thousands of kilograms per hectare), (after Art and Marks 1971).

Species or forest type	Tree biomass (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> /ha)	Net primary production (kg x 10 <sup>3</sup> ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
Boreal forest	200.0	8.0	222
Beech	184.5		138
Temperate <i>Betula</i>	148.4		138
Temperate <i>Picea</i>	164.8		138
Temperate <i>Pinus</i>	162.0		138
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	139.1		138
Temperate coniferous <sup>a</sup>		28.0 ± 25%	216
Temperate <i>Quercus</i>	174.6		138
Temperate deciduous <sup>a</sup>		12.0 ± 25%	216
Temperate forest	300.0	13.0	222
Subtropical deciduous	410.0	24.5	156
Tropical forest	450.0	20.0	222
do	450.0	20.0	222
Tropical rain forest	7500.0	32.5	156
do <sup>a</sup>	270.9		138
do		500.0 ± 20%	216

<sup>a</sup>Probable maximum for the type.

Table 13. Biomass and net primary production of some northern coniferous stands (USSR) in various latitudinal locations (in thousands of kilograms per hectare), (after Rodin and Bazilevich 1967).

Forest type	Location	Biomass	Net primary production (per yr)
<i>Picea</i>	Northern taiga	100	4.50
<i>Picea</i>	Taiga	260	7.0
<i>Picea</i>	Southern taiga	330	8.50
<i>Pinus</i>	Northern taiga	80.7	
<i>Pinus</i>	Southern taiga	280	6.10

Table 14. Biomass components of some tropical forests (in thousands of kilograms per hectare).

Forest type	Location	Foliage	Total crown	Bole	Total above-ground	Roots	Ref.
Mixed dipterocarp	Thailand	5.0		45.4 <sup>a</sup>	66.9		136
Evergreen seasonal	Camb. (12°N)	18.4	215.9	370.7	586.6	95.9	67
do	do	7.20	95.9	201.3	297.2	50.8	67
<i>Melaleuca leucodendron</i>	do	2.13	6.00	7.40	13.40	3.87	67
Evergreen gallery	Thailand	19.8	275.2 <sup>a</sup>	383.7			136
Tropical forest							
Age 50 yr	Ghana				389.7		59
Age 18 yr	Congo				191.5		59
Tropical rain forest	Thailand	7.3	106.3	215	321.3	61	84
do	Thailand				NAR = 28.5		
do	do	8.4	101.4	230	404.0		127
					331.4	32.0	85
					NAR = 28.6		
Lower montane	P.R.	10.18	70.35	293.64	363.99	124.2	143
Ranvert (La Verde)	do	11.34	72.79	267.99	340.78	104.5	143
do	do	9.21	45.65	153.64	199.29	61.9	143
do	do	9.48	53.76	182.75	236.51	81.6	143
do	do	6.39	37.01	111.13	138.14	41.6	143
do	do	2.59	11.52	37.05	48.57	16.8	143
do	do	3.46	15.89	51.10	66.99	22.6	143
do	do	7.54	38.83	125.18	104.01	57.9	143
do	do	5.27	30.36	103.03	133.39	68.8	143
do	do	7.23	57.12	204.46	261.58	112.2	143
do	do	10.24	49.48	161.73	211.21	58.1	143

<sup>a</sup>Plus branch weight.

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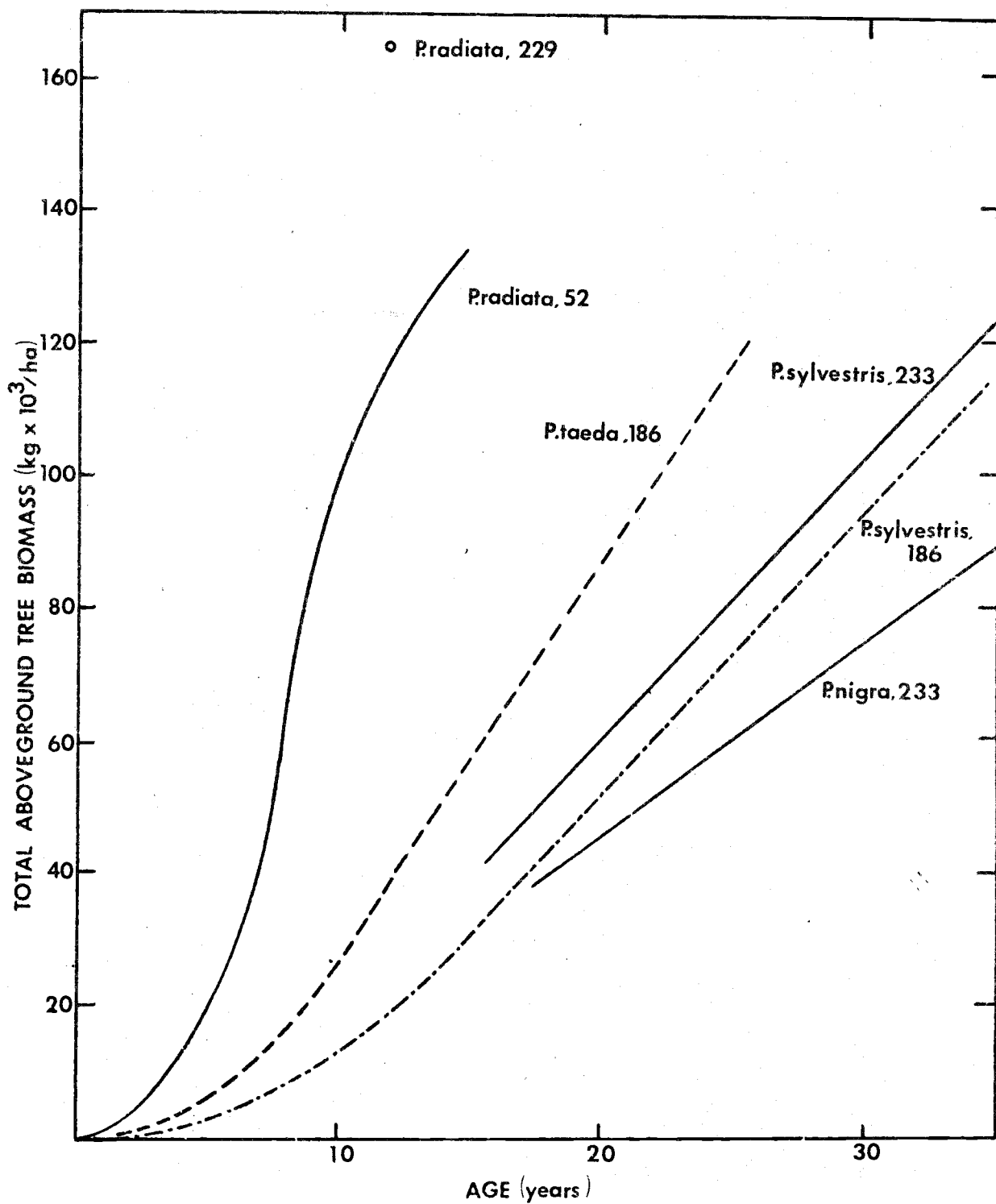


Figure 1. Comparison of total aboveground tree biomass in selected *Pinus* species. Reference numbers follow species names.

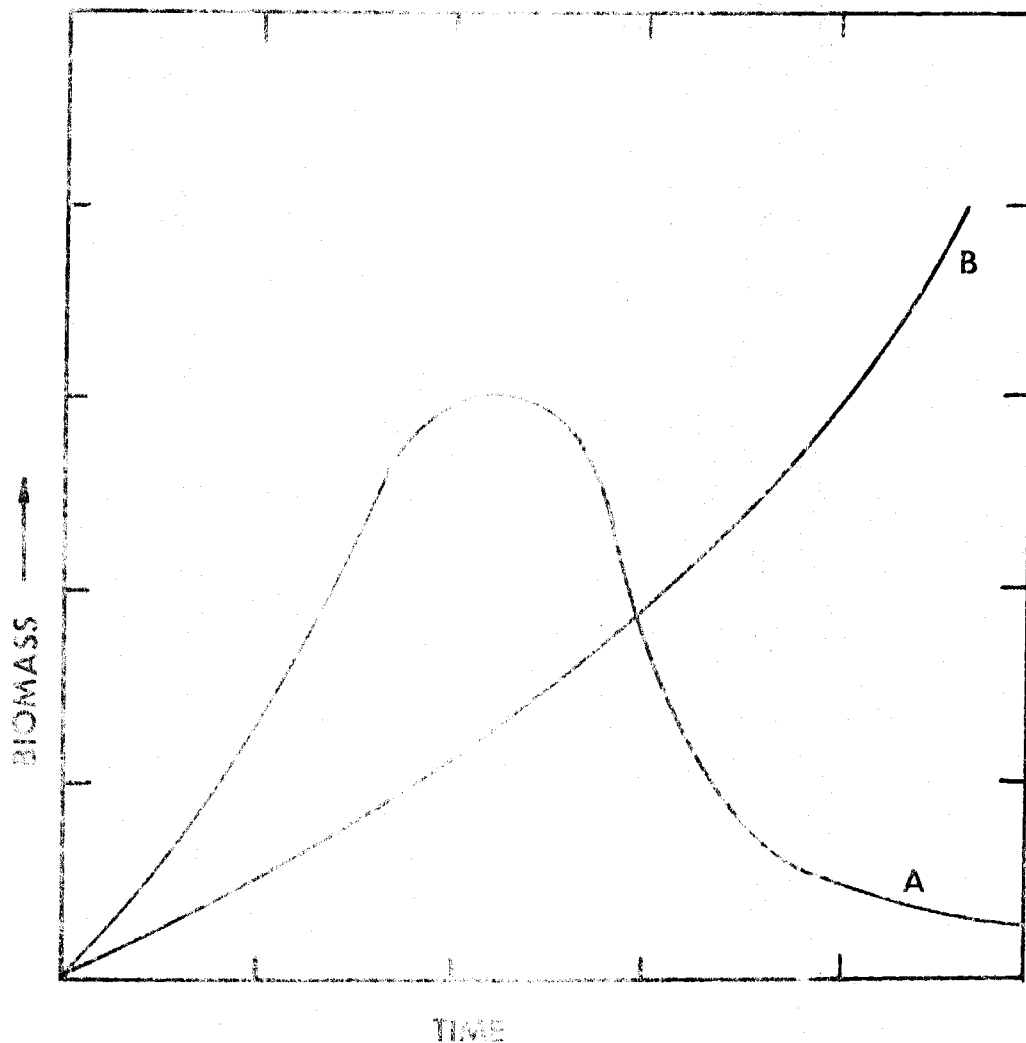


Figure 2. Generalized diagram of understory development as related to the developing forest stand. Curve A shows typical development of understory within an evergreen forest starting with some major disturbance such as clearing for planting or a fire. There is rapid accumulation but, as the trees develop and close their crowns, the understory declines and drops to a relatively steady state, which in many cases is negligible. Curve B shows development of understory species in alder (a generalization of Van Cleve's [210] study in Alaska). The understory continues to develop with time and, as the alder declines, an understory made up of such species as black spruce becomes predominant.

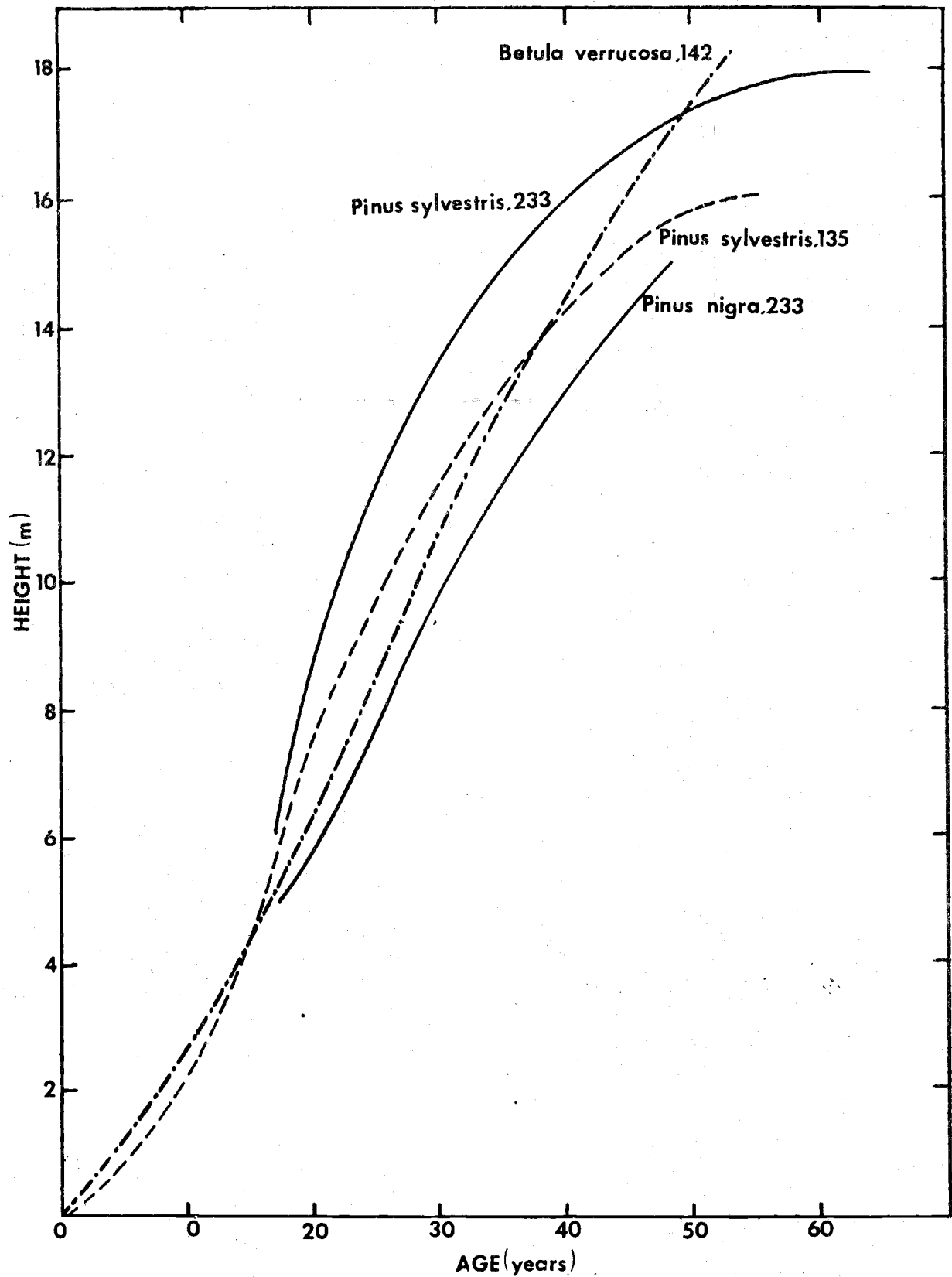


Figure 3. Height-age curve for *Pinus sylvestris*, *Pinus nigra*, and *Betula verrucosa* in similar locations for comparison of the studies of Ovington (157), Ovington and Madgwick (142), and Wright and Will (233). Reference numbers follow species names.

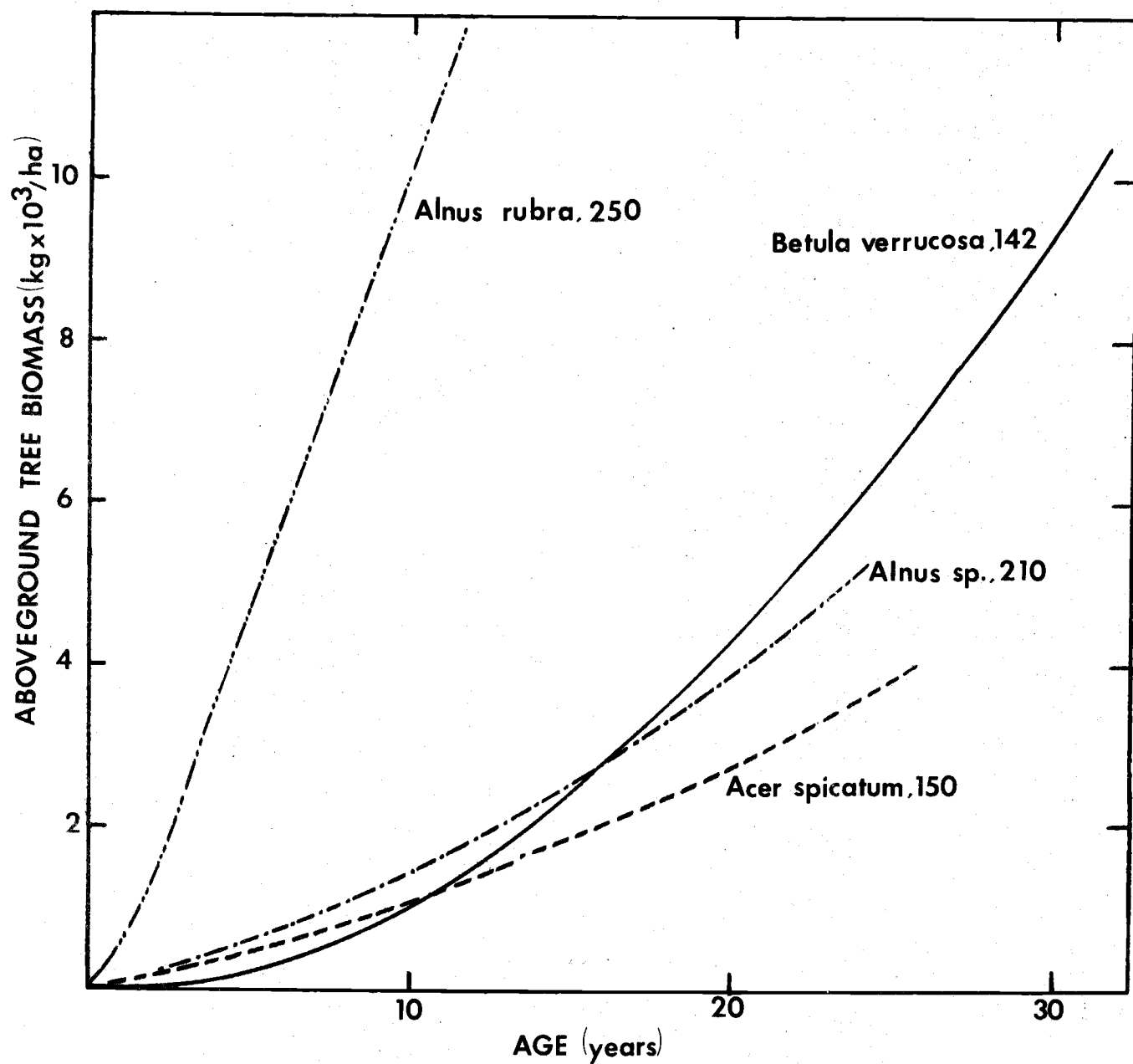


Figure 4. Comparison of tree biomass in selected deciduous hardwood species. Reference numbers follow species names.

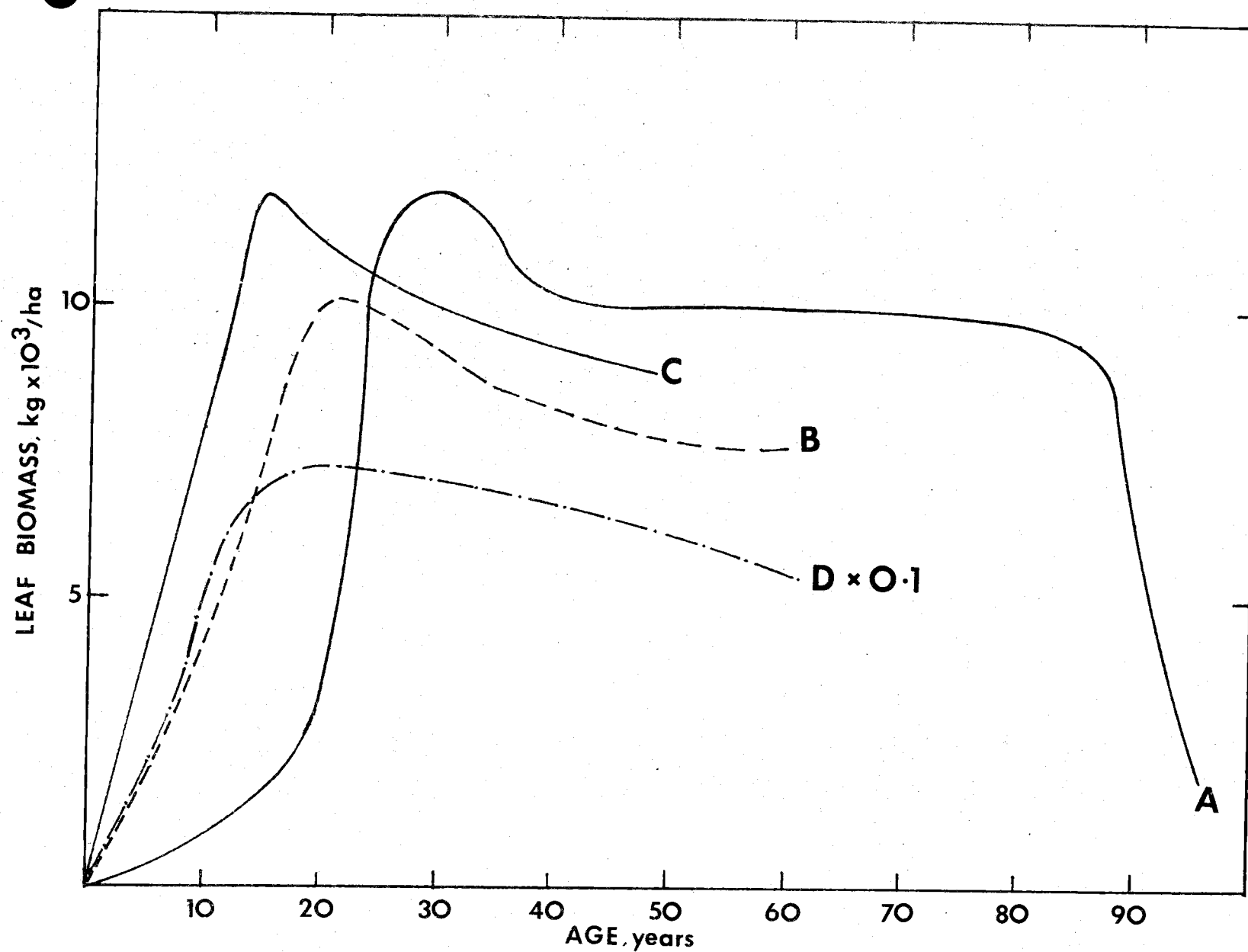


Figure 5. Yearly changes of leaf biomass in forests: (A) *Abies veitchii*--*A. mariesii* forest, oven dry (131); (B) *Pinus sylvestris*, oven dry (135); (C) *Pinus densiflora*, green weight (101); (D) *Cryptomeria japonica* x 0.1, oven dry.

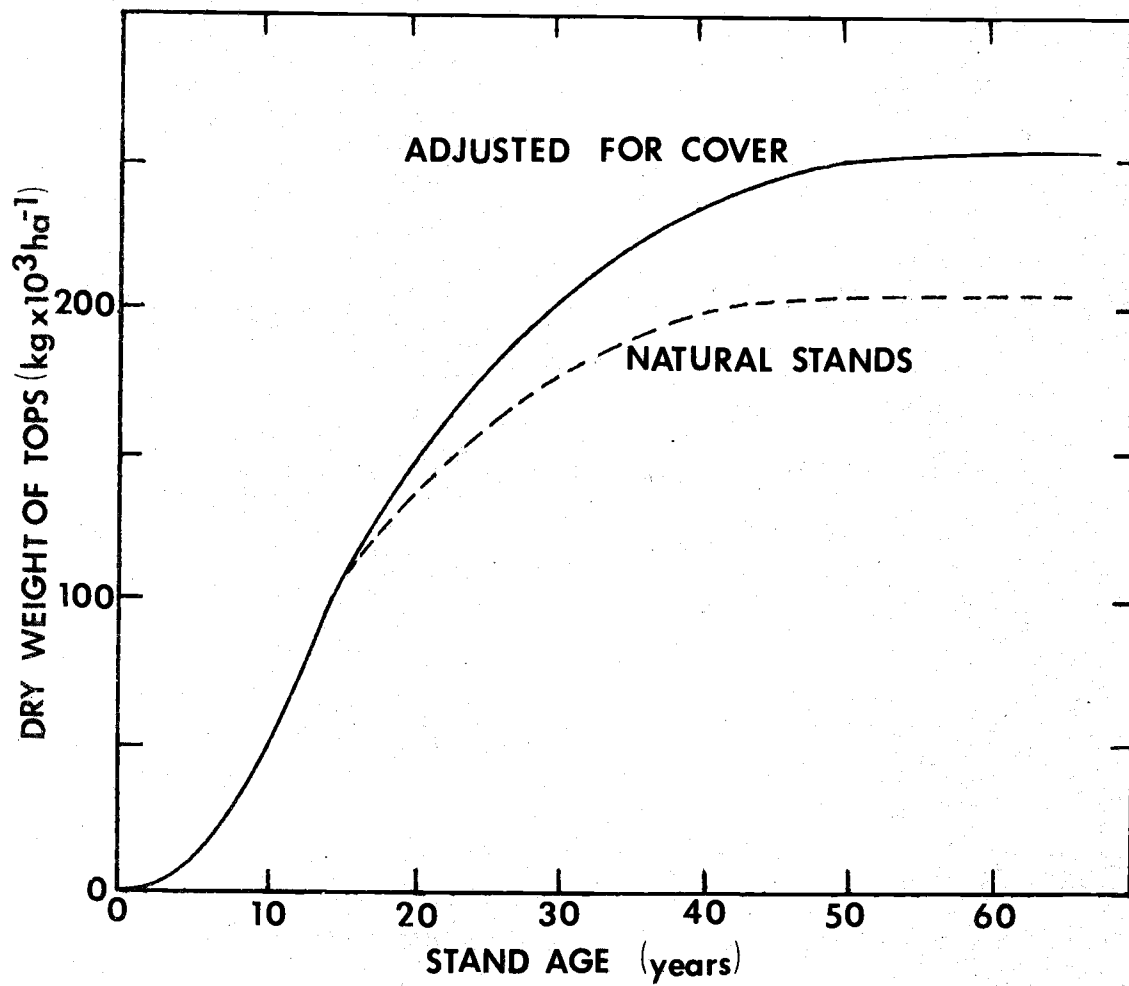


Figure 6. Biomass of red alder stands (after Zavitovski and Stevens [250]).

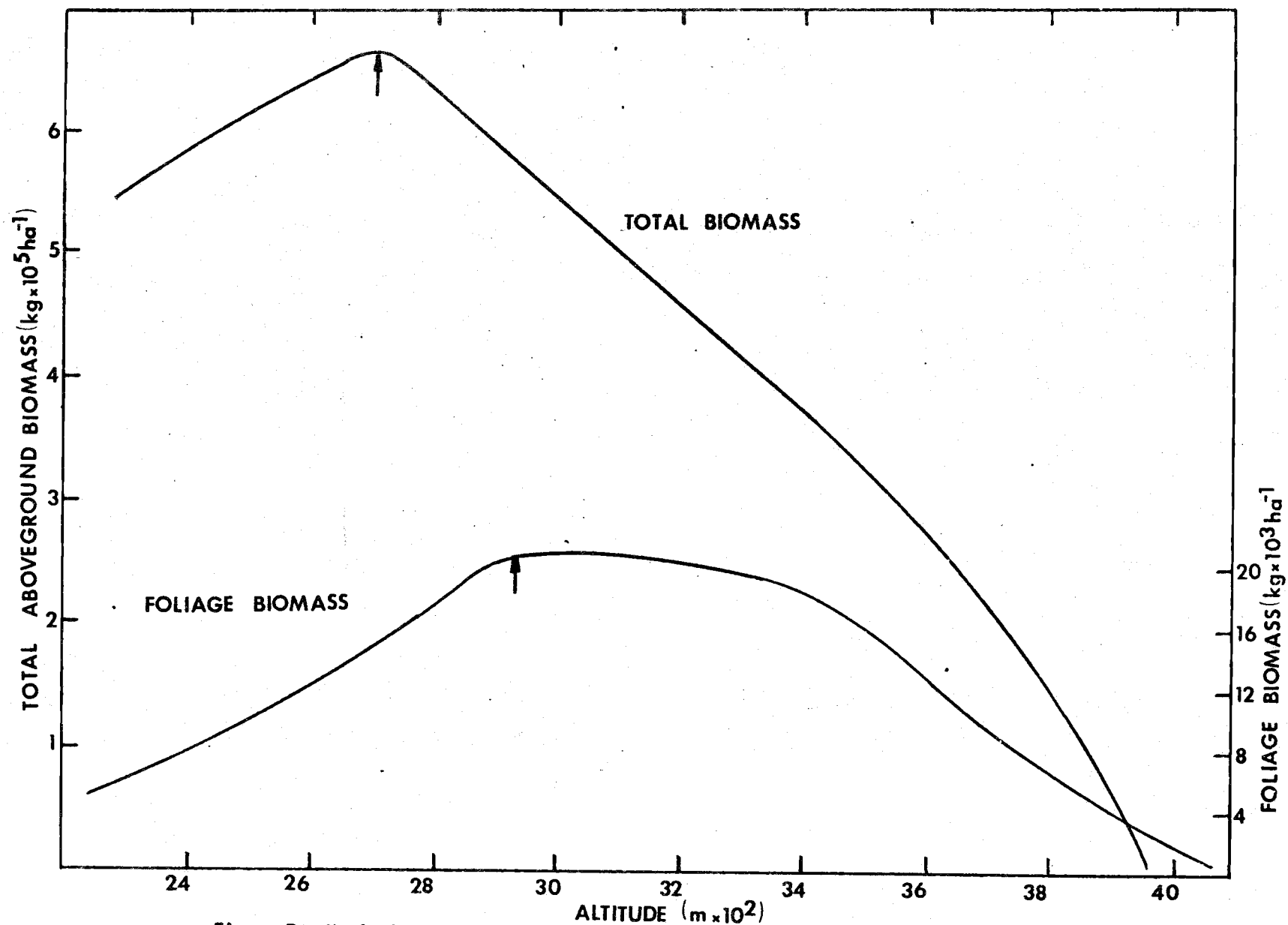


Figure 7. Variation in biomass of forest communities with increasing altitude, in eastern Nepal (after Yoda [240]).

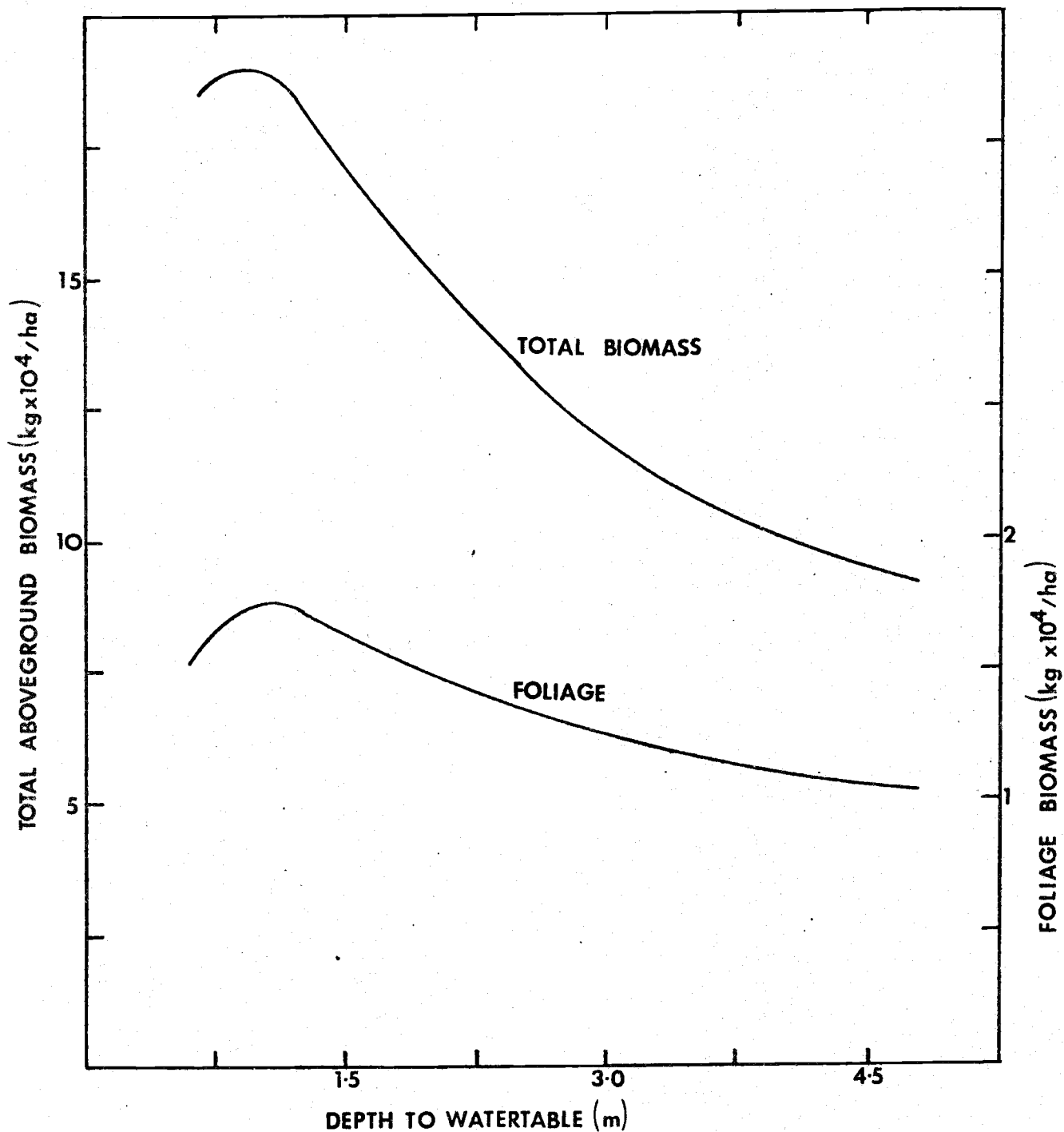


Figure 8. Variation in biomass of *Pinus resinosa* due to varying depth to water table (after Jurgensen and Leaf [175]).