

# Ohio Oak Adaptive Silviculture for Climate Change (ASCC): Climate Change Considerations



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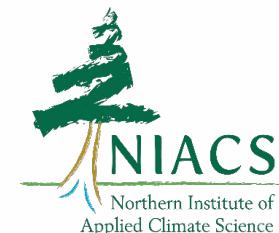


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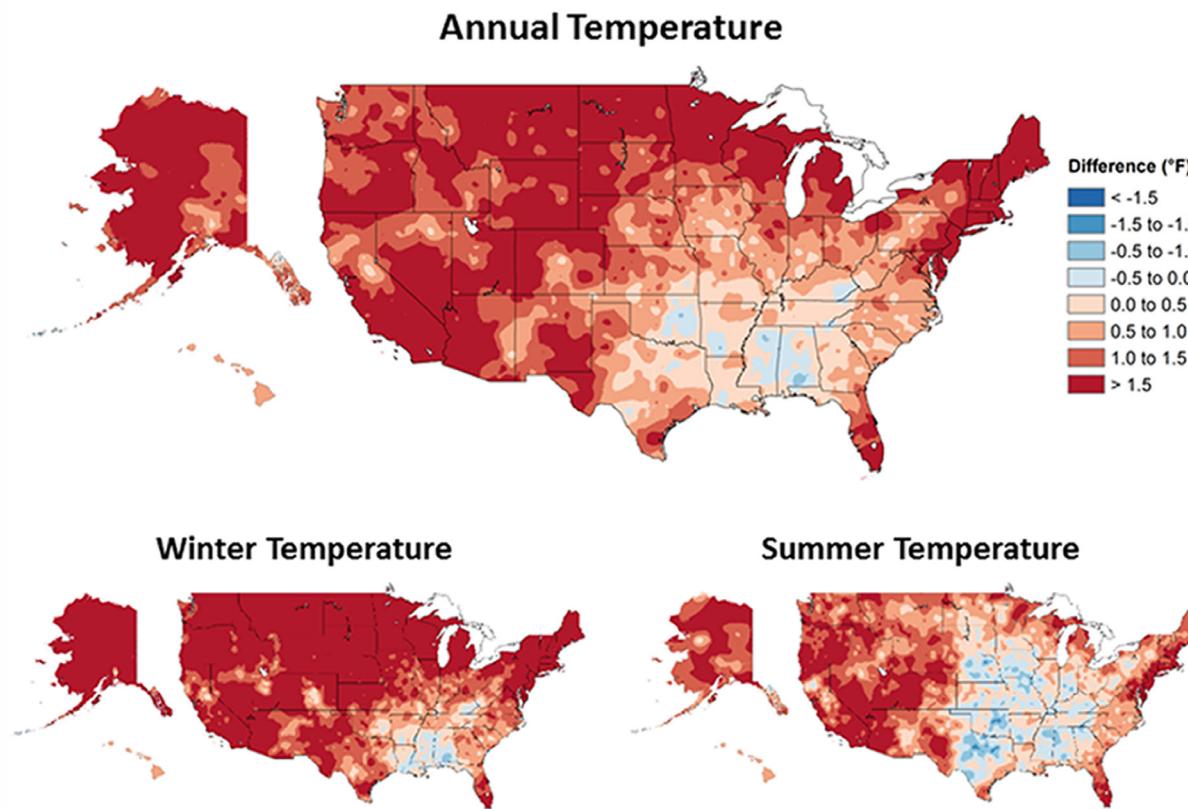
# Forest, birds, and climate change

- The climate is changing, and it is impacting forests in many ways.
- The magnitude of continued accelerated change requires adaptation strategies aimed to maintain healthy and productive forests.
- Tools for adapting forest and their habitats in light of climate change ([www.fs.fed.us/nrs/atlas](http://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/atlas))
- Collaboration in research and partnerships in shared stewardship are of critical importance.



# Effects on Forests

**SHIFTING SEASONS** | SHIFTING STRESSORS | SHIFTING SPECIES

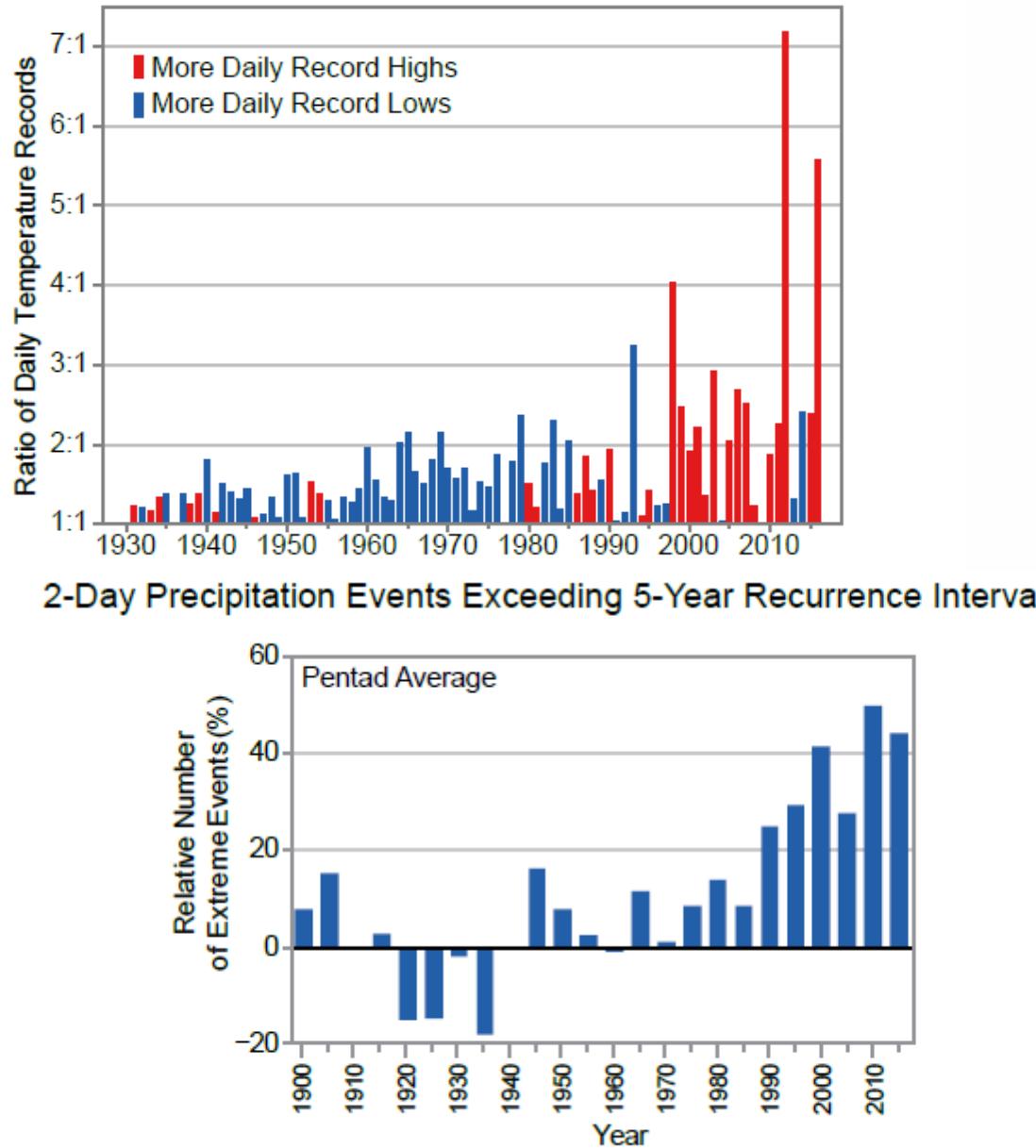


National Climate  
Assessment IV

Annual average  
temperature over  
the contiguous  
United States has  
increased by  
 $1.2^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $0.7^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

National Climate Assessment 2014 & 2017

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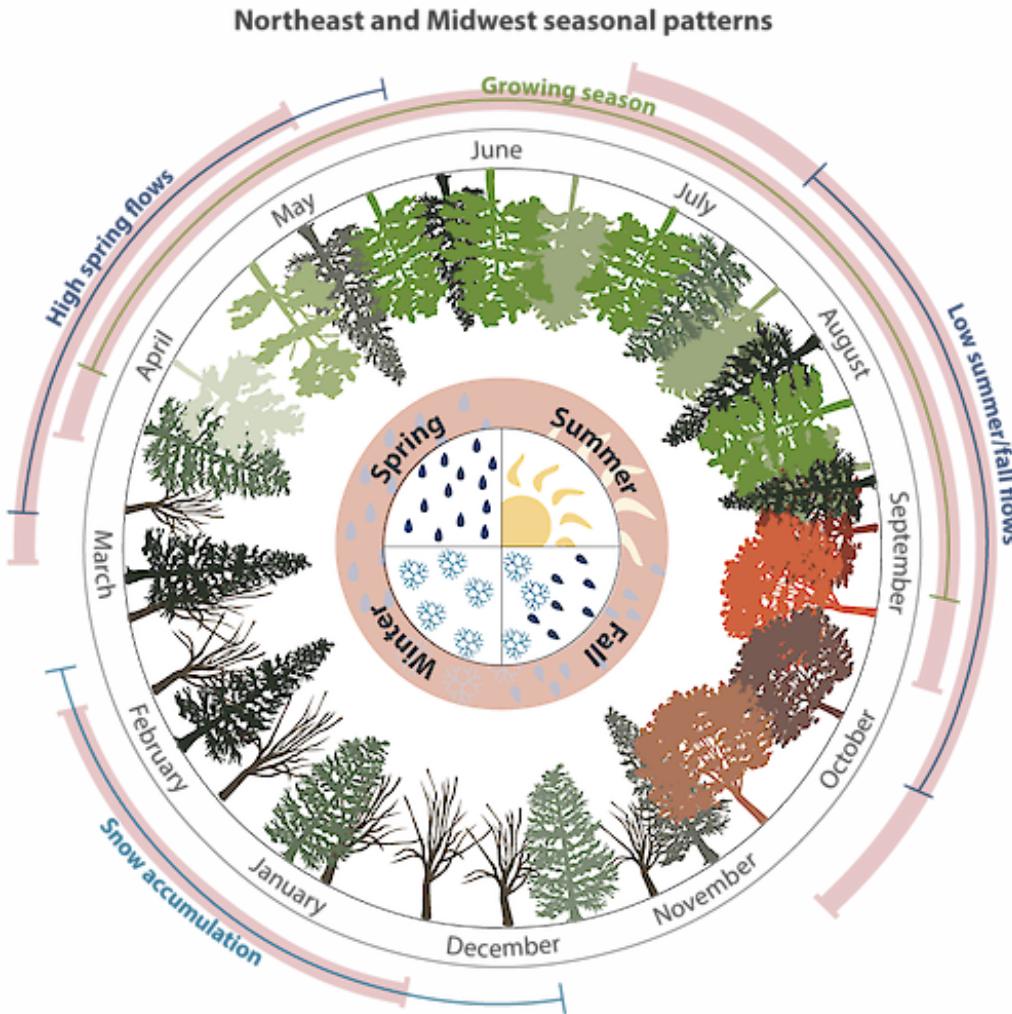


Not only is there a consistent trend of warming a corresponding incidence of extreme conditions can drive ecosystem change

*Figures from IV National Climate Assessment*

# Effects on Forests

## SHIFTING SEASONS | SHIFTING STRESSORS | SHIFTING SPECIES



- Growing seasons have increased ~2 weeks in past century
- Projected increases of another 10-30 days by midcentury for much of US
- Altered phenology, e.g., earlier peak stream flow and plant flowering

# Effects on Forests

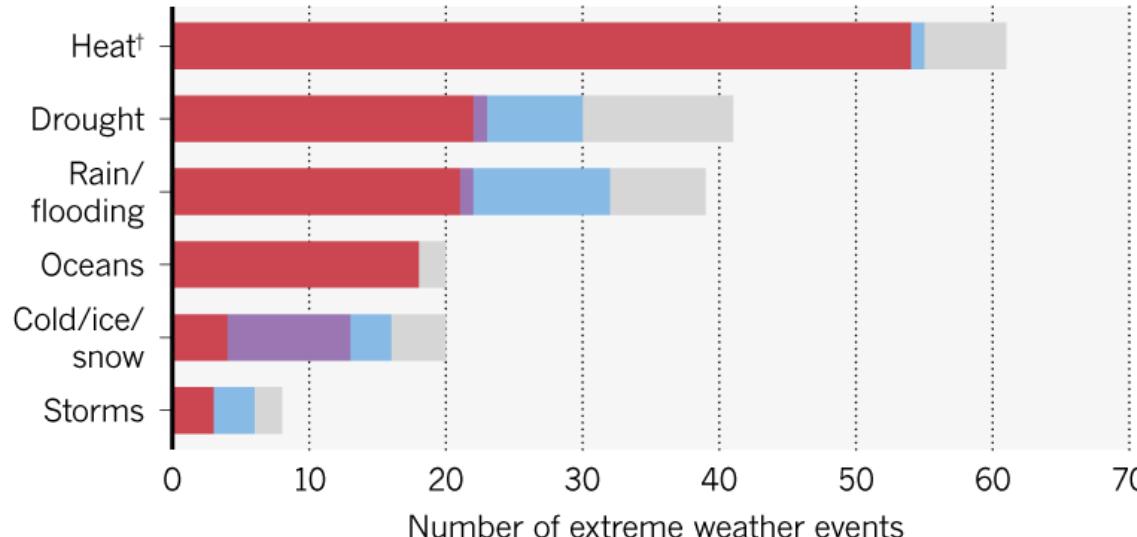
SHIFTING SEASONS | **SHIFTING STRESSORS** | SHIFTING SPECIES

## Increasing likelihood of many extreme weather events

### Attribution science

Researchers have published more than 170 studies\* examining the role of human-induced climate change in 190 extreme weather events.

■ More severe or more likely to occur   ■ Less severe or likely to occur   ■ No discernible human influence   ■ Insufficient data/inconclusive

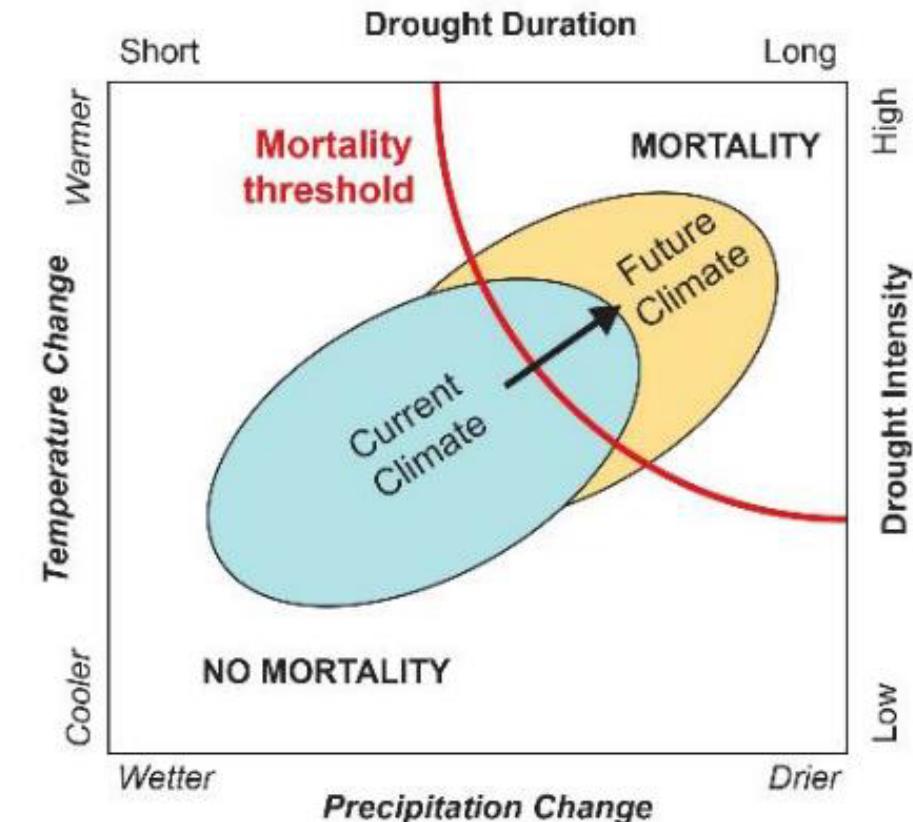
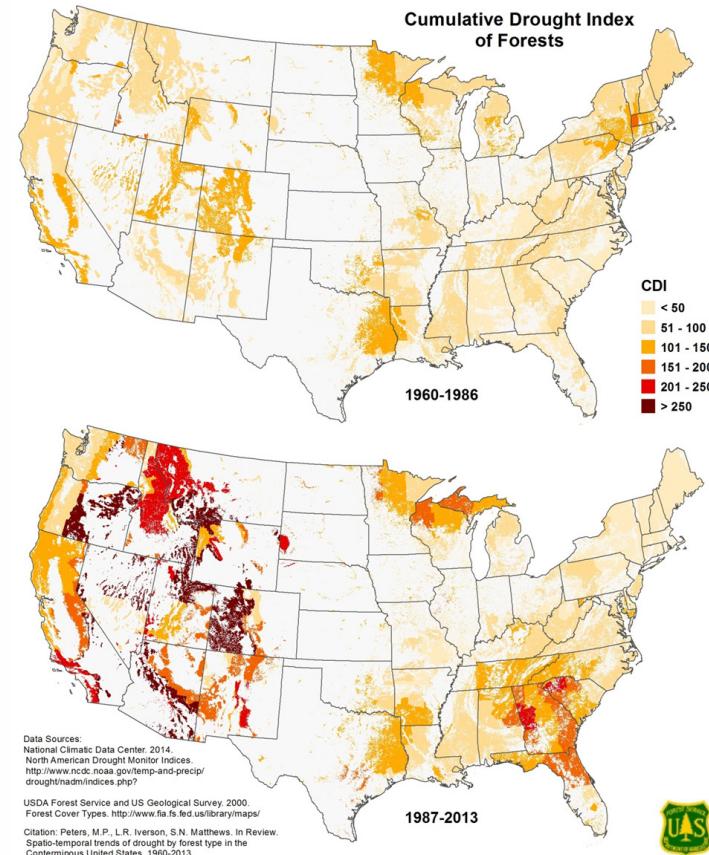


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Climate change exacerbates many ecosystem stressors.

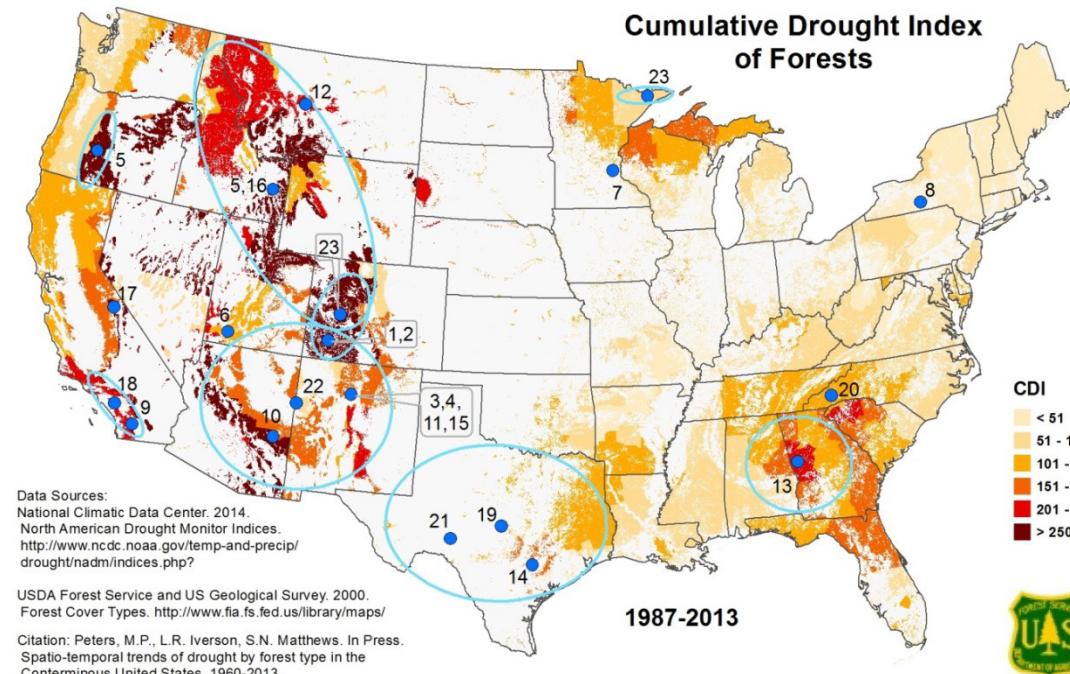
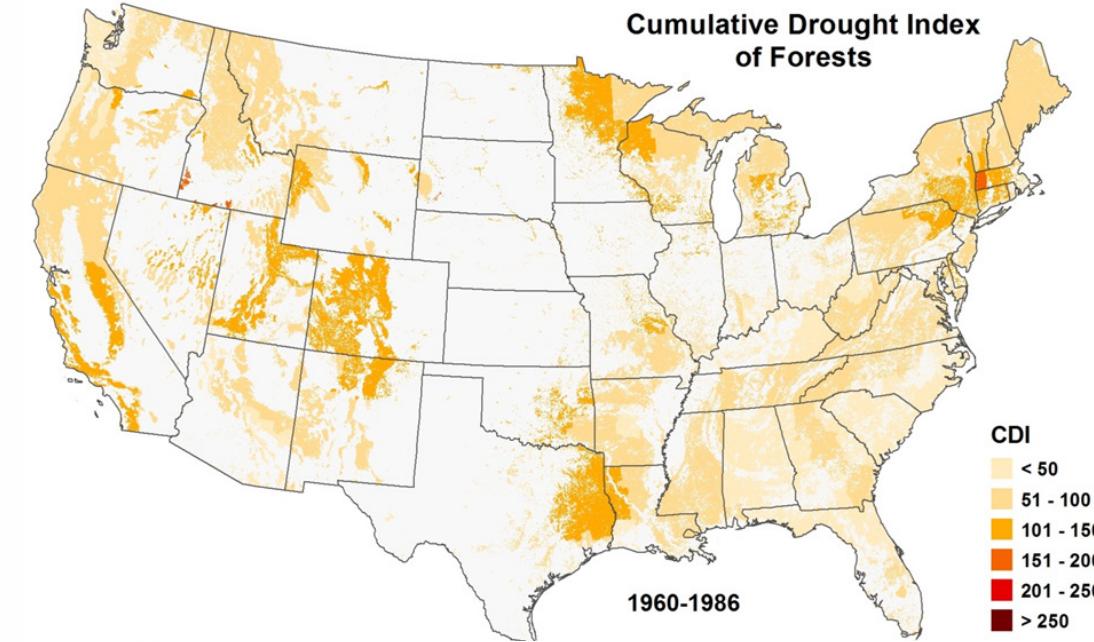
**Warmer  
temperatures  
drive  
moisture  
deficits.**



These changes are having impact on ecosystems.

Not just increases in temperature but variability in conditions and other persistent change are influencing forest health

Clark et al. 2016, Peters et al. 2015



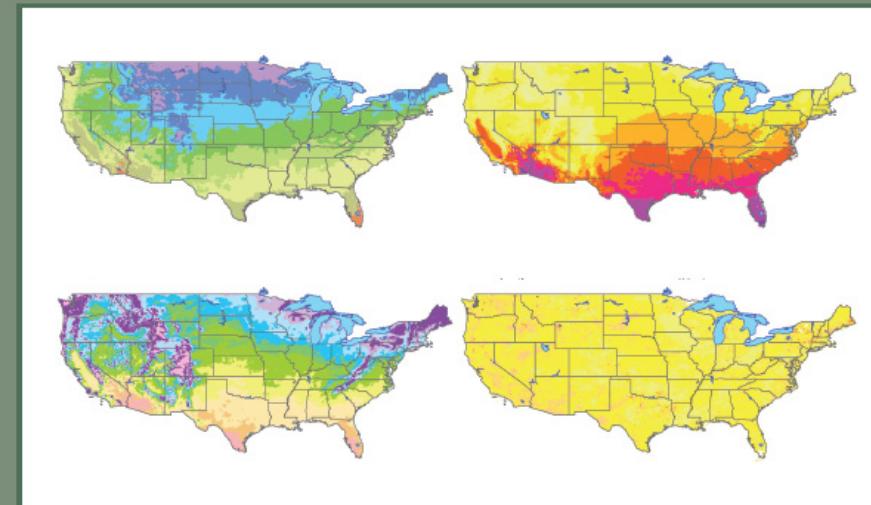
# Climate indices of change

- Capture current and potential future conditions
- Key variables that capture stress and growth indicators in plants
- Complementary to species models

[www.nrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/55870](http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/55870)  
(Matthews et al. 2018)



Assessing Potential Climate Change Pressures  
across the Conterminous United States:  
Mapping Plant Hardiness Zones, Heat Zones,  
Growing Degree Days, and Cumulative Drought  
Severity throughout this Century



Northern  
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Research Map NRS-9

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# Cumulative Drought Severity Index

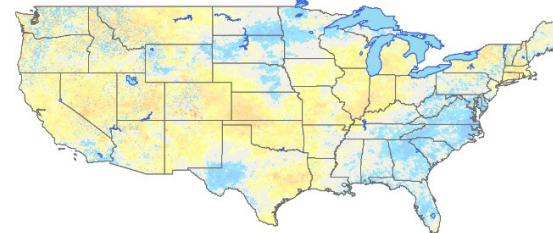
- Over much of the US, droughts will intensify in second half of this century.
- **Even with more precipitation, more drought in many area such as Ohio**

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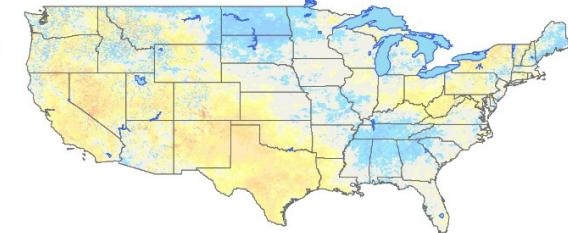
Change in CDSI from 1980-2009 period

|             |           |             |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| -499 - -400 | 51 - 99   | 600 - 699   |
| -399 - -300 | 100 - 199 | 700 - 799   |
| -299 - -200 | 200 - 299 | 800 - 899   |
| -199 - -100 | 300 - 399 | 900 - 999   |
| -99 - -51   | 400 - 499 | 1000 - 1080 |
| -50 - 50    | 500 - 599 | Lakes       |

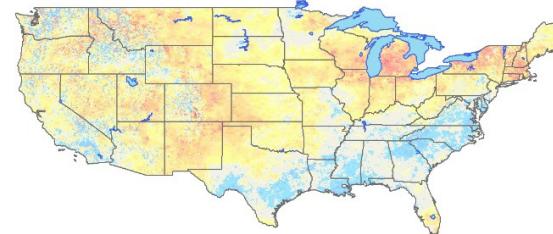
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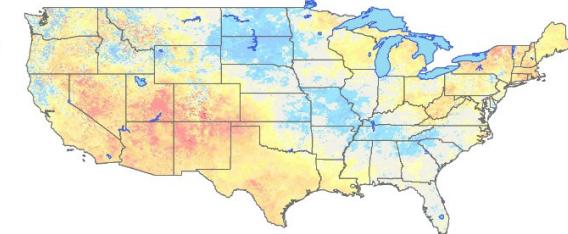
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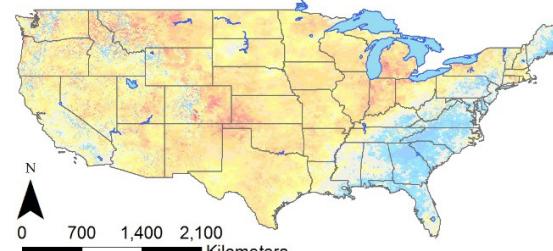
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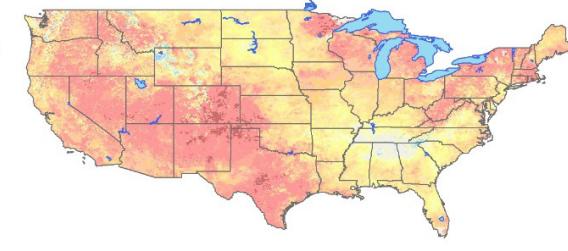
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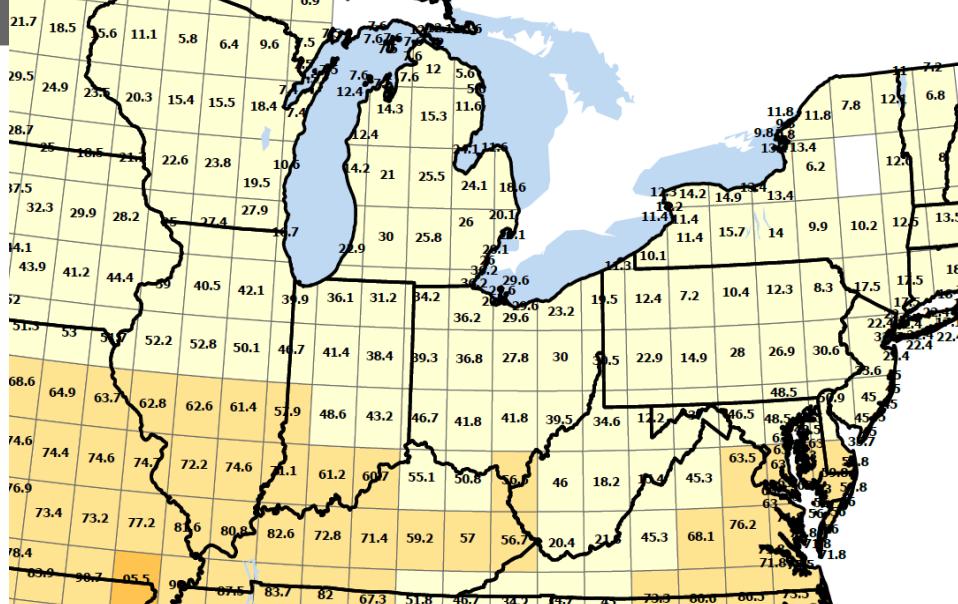
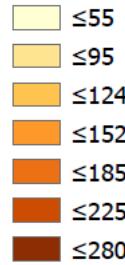


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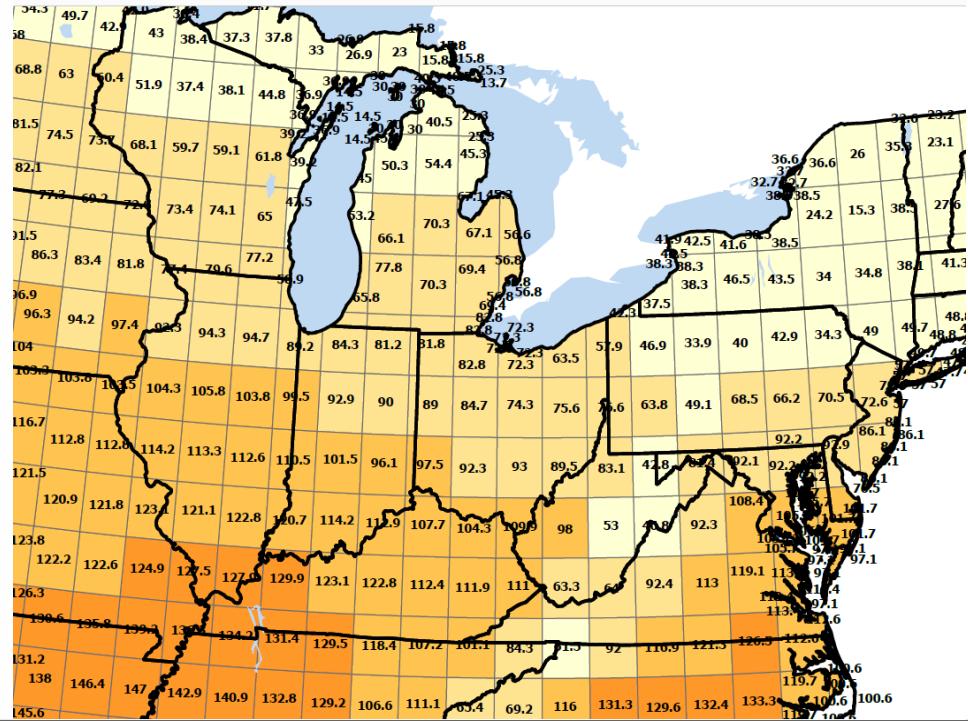


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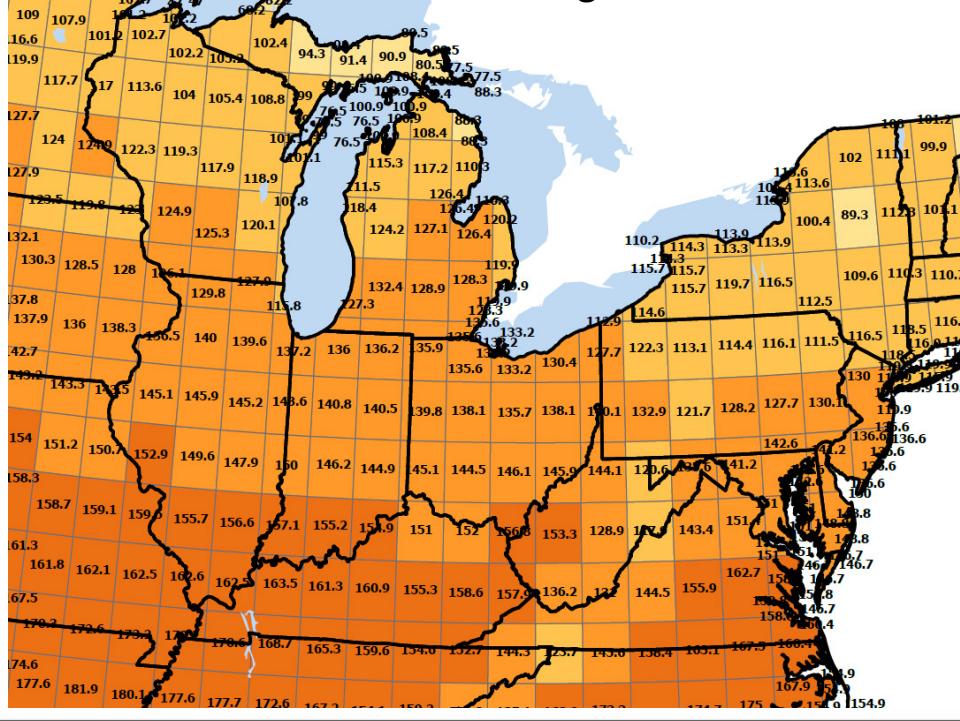
Days over 86F



2099-low emissions



2099-high emissions

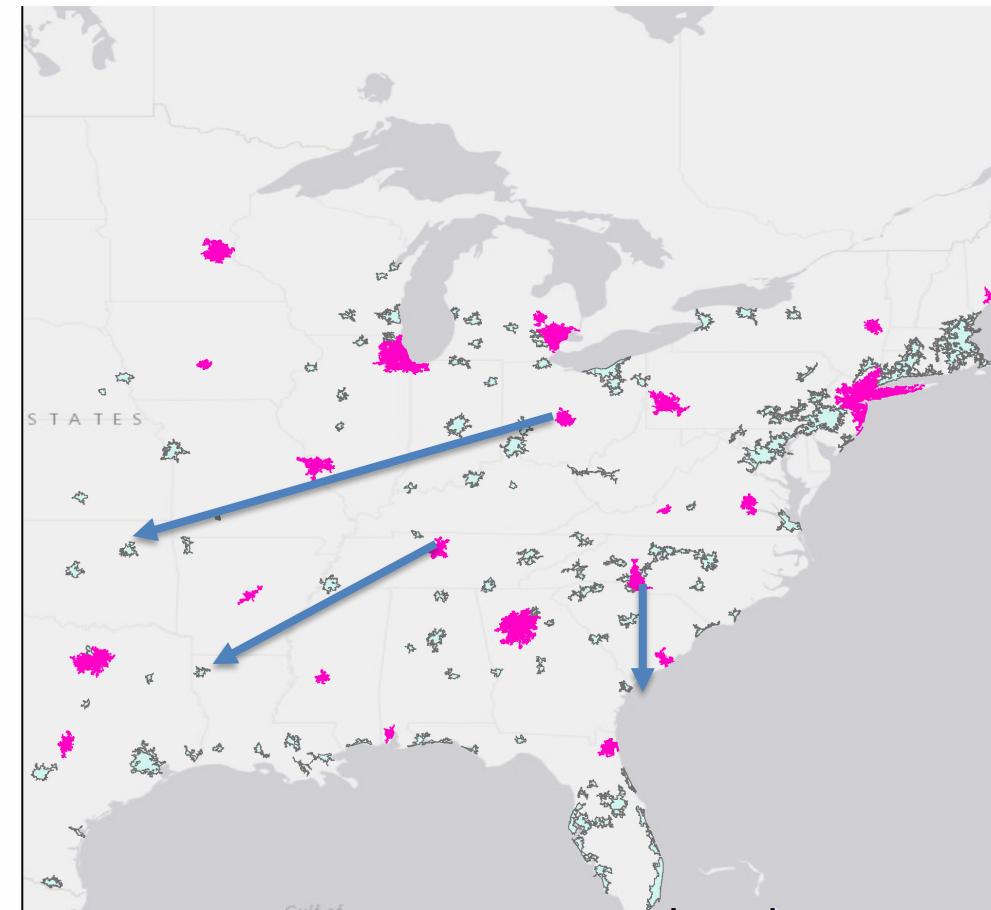


## Heat Index

For SE Ohio that is almost double even under lower emissions and up to 100 more days under higher emissions

## Climate analogs (Adams et al. In Pred)

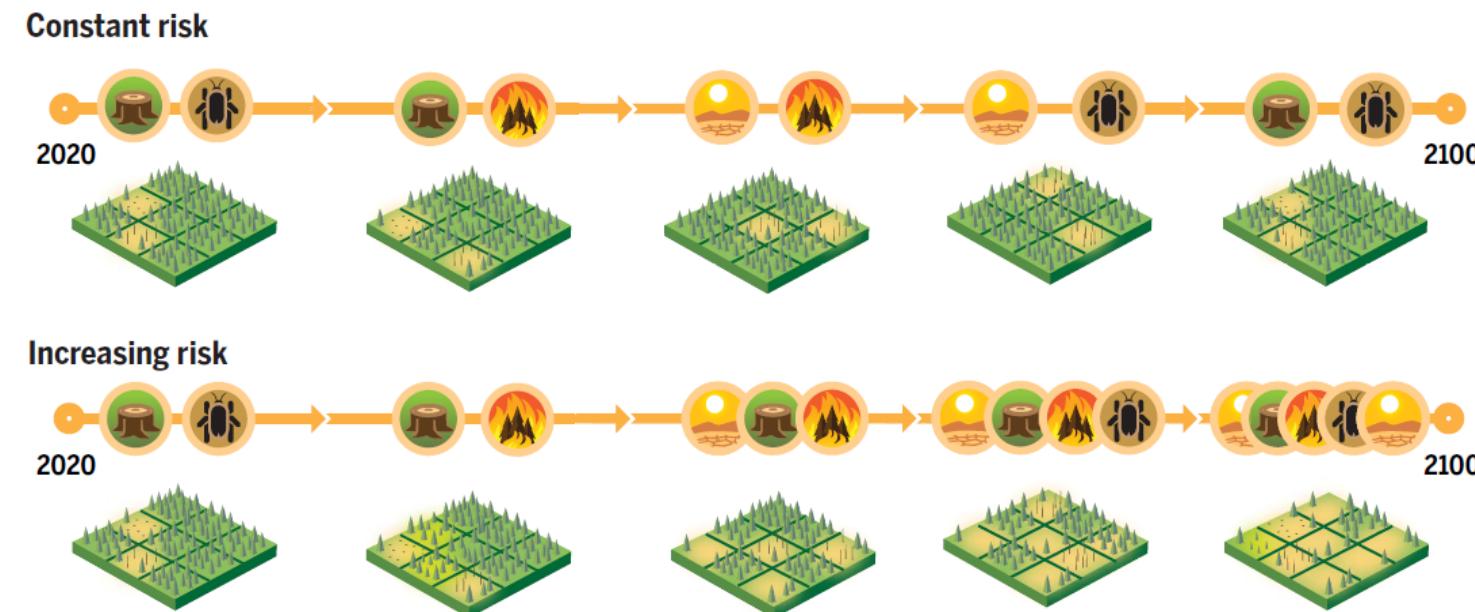
- Sigma dissimilarity standardizes climatic distance according to historic interannual variability.
- Based on same 7 variables as used in the Atlas
- Calculated for each urban area for the year 2100 under RCP 8.5.



# Climate change along with other drivers can have multiplicative influence on forest ecosystems

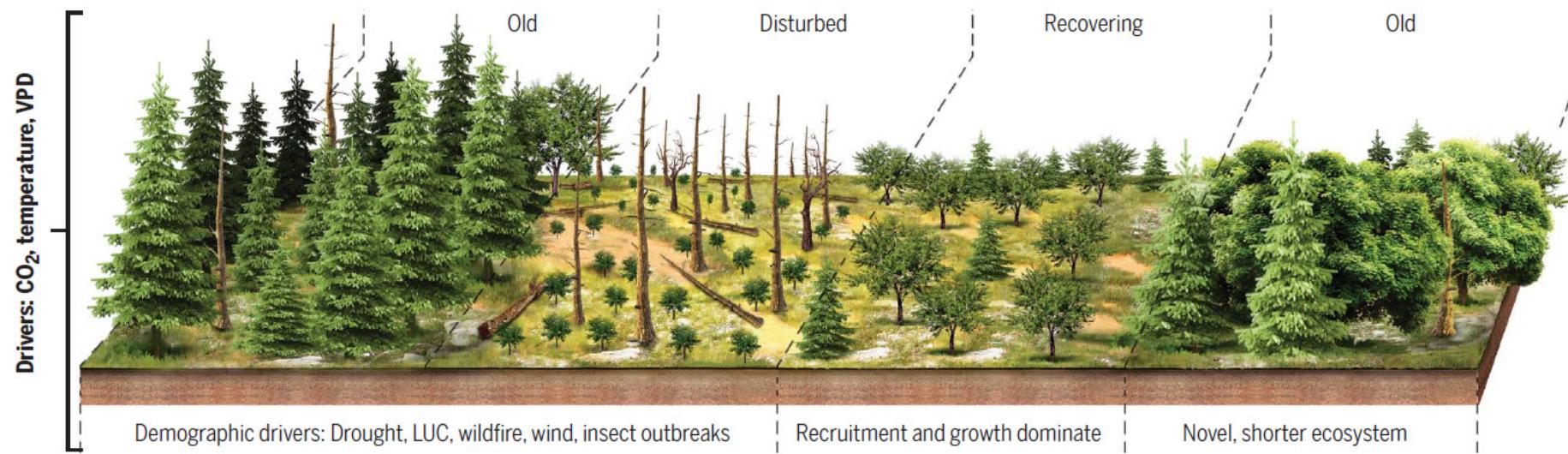
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**Fig. 3. Increasing climate-driven disturbance risk over time has major impacts on forest carbon.**  
Conceptual diagram of stationary or constant (Top) versus nonstationary or increasing (Bottom) permanence risks from disturbance at a landscape scale in a changing climate. Disturbance events are illustrated in the circles and include fire, drought, biotic agents, and human disturbance.



# With change in forest dynamics the emergence of novel conditions

- Such shifts will influence wildlife and other taxa dependent on these ecosystems



From McDowell et al. 2020 Science

# Climate Change Atlas

## Atlas Components:

- DISTRIB = Habitat suitability model
- Adaptability ratings = species traits not included in models
- SHIFT = Colonization likelihood model

New version 4!

[www.fs.fed.us/nrs/atlas](http://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/atlas)

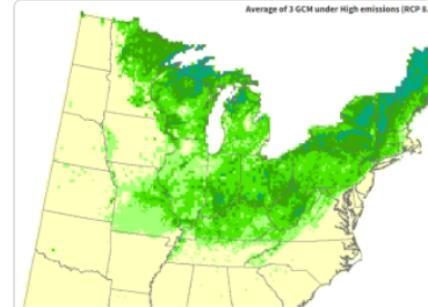
An official website of the United States government [Here's how you know](#)

 Climate Change Atlas

Trees Birds Products

Northern Research Station > Climate Change Atlas

## Climate Change Atlas



**Tree Atlas** Version 4

Modeled potential suitable habitat for 125 tree species in the East, with an additional 23 species with current information only

[Latest Tree Atlas](#)



**Bird Atlas** Version 2

Potential changes in abundance and range for 147 bird species in the East

[Latest Bird Atlas](#)

**Regional Summary Tree Tables**

**Search or Browse the Atlas**

Search for Trees or Birds

Previous Versions

Tree Atlas Version 3 | Version 2

Bird Atlas Version 1

**Tutorial Videos**

[An Introduction to the Climate Change Atlas: How Does it Work?](#)

[Adaptability Ratings: Understanding Biological and Disturbance Factors](#)

[Regional Summaries: How to Choose a Regional Output](#)

[Regional Summaries: Combined Species Tables](#)

# Sugar Maple

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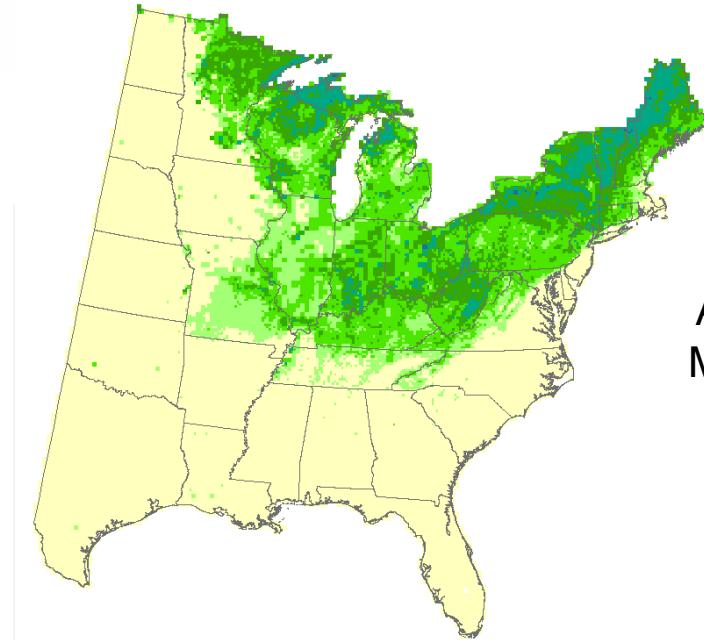
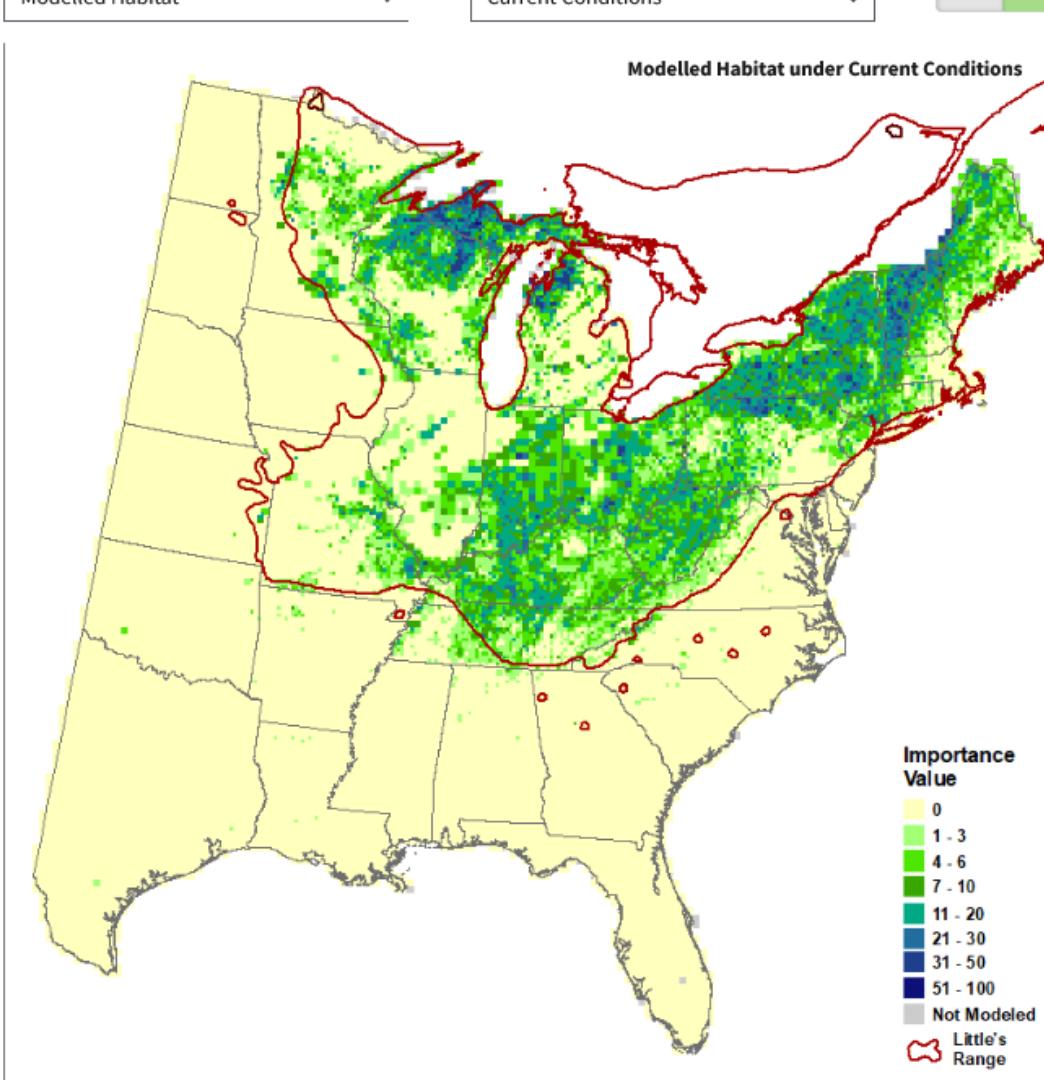
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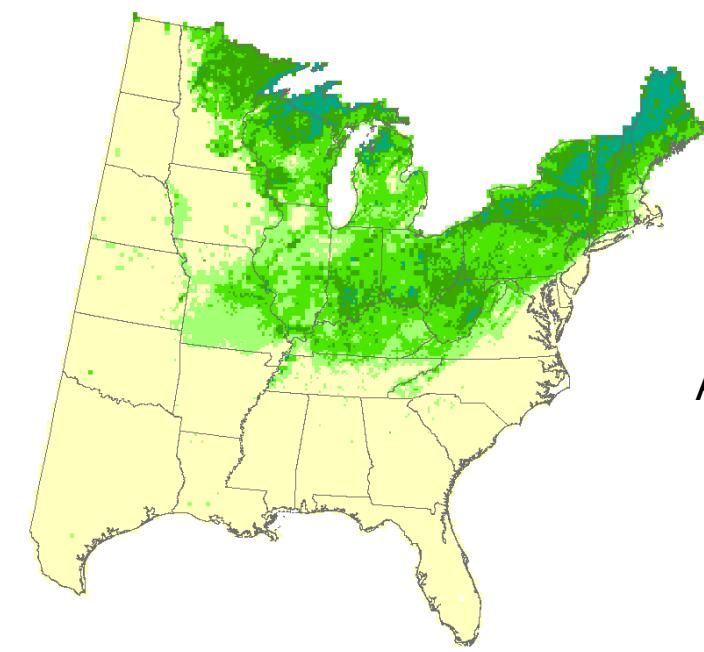


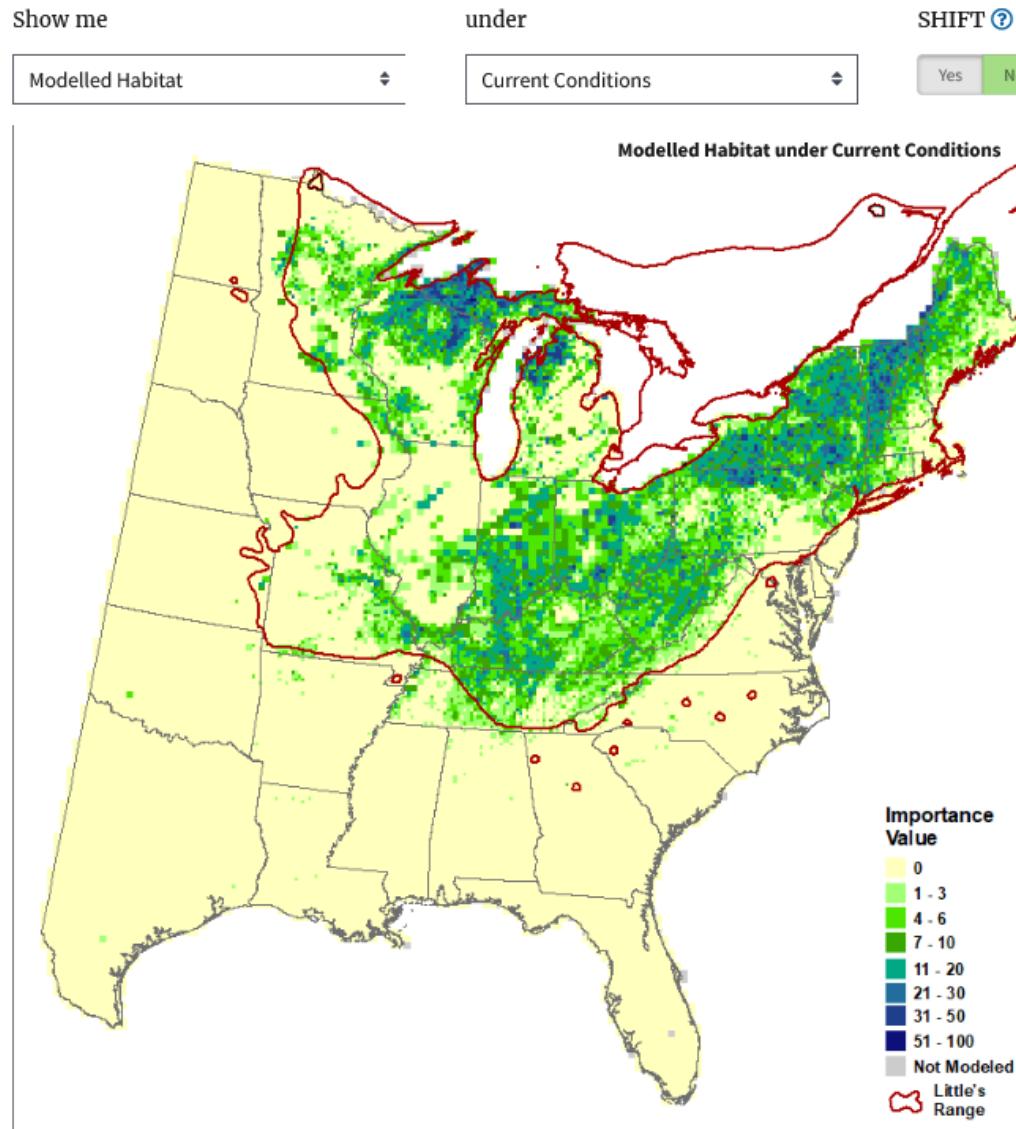
SHIFT ②

Yes No



Average of 3 climate models  
Medium emissions (RCP 4.5)

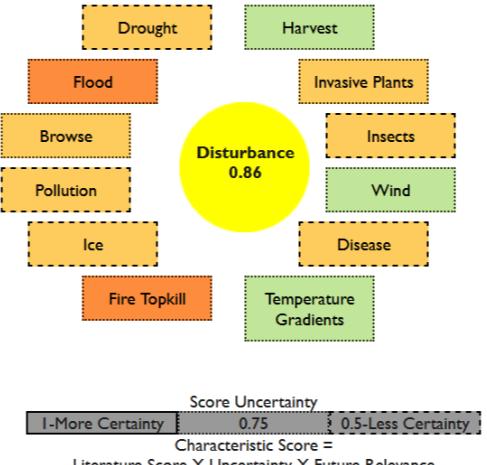
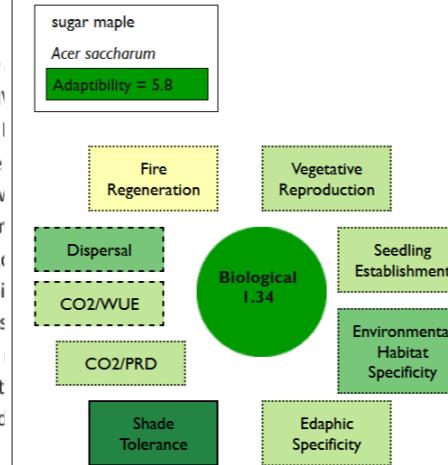




**Cautions** **Model Info** **FAQ**

## ! Interpretation

Sugar maple is widely dense, and with high importance in 2/3 of the Eastern US. It is adaptable although under other stresses, it would be our earlier models which show habitat decline in the short term. As climate change, the species is moderately able to cope, and to be a good species under SHIFT).



RCP 4.5 SHIFT

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V Hi Pos +3 High Pos +2 Low Pos +1 Minimal 0 Low Neg -1 High Neg -2 V Lo Neg -3

### Climate Change Adaptability

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|------|------|
| 5.8  | 0.86 |
| 1.34 | ●    |

#### MODFACS

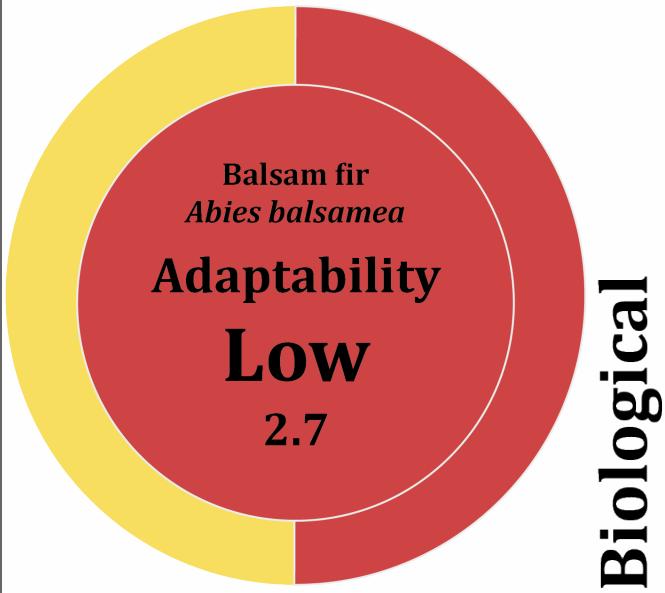
What traits will impact sugar maple's ability to adapt to climate change, and in what way?:

#### Primary Positive Traits

Shade tolerance Environment habitat specificity

#### Primary Negative Traits

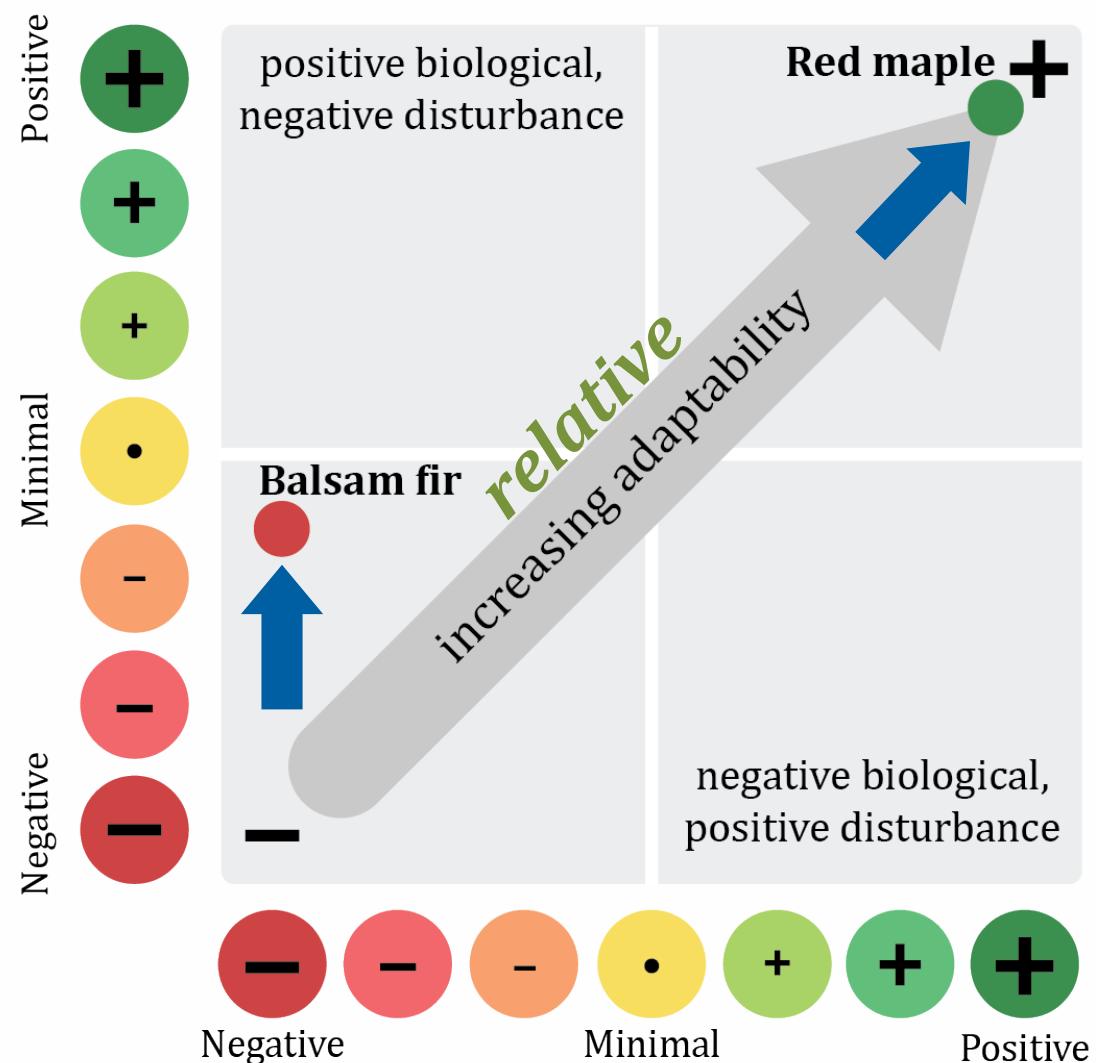
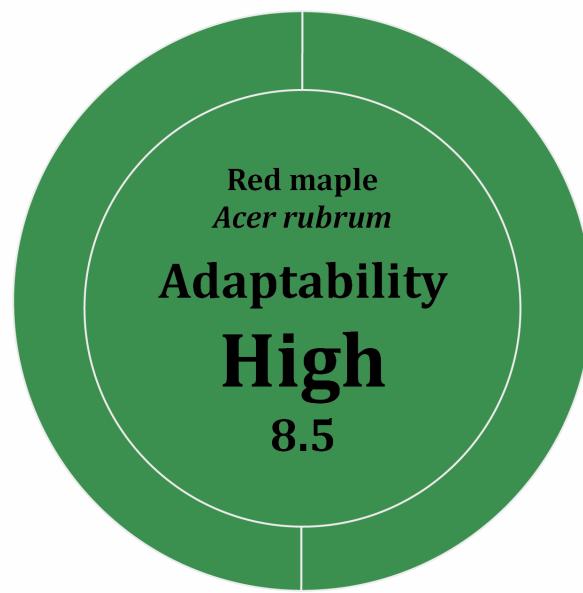
## Balsam fir



Biological

## Adaptability

## Red maple

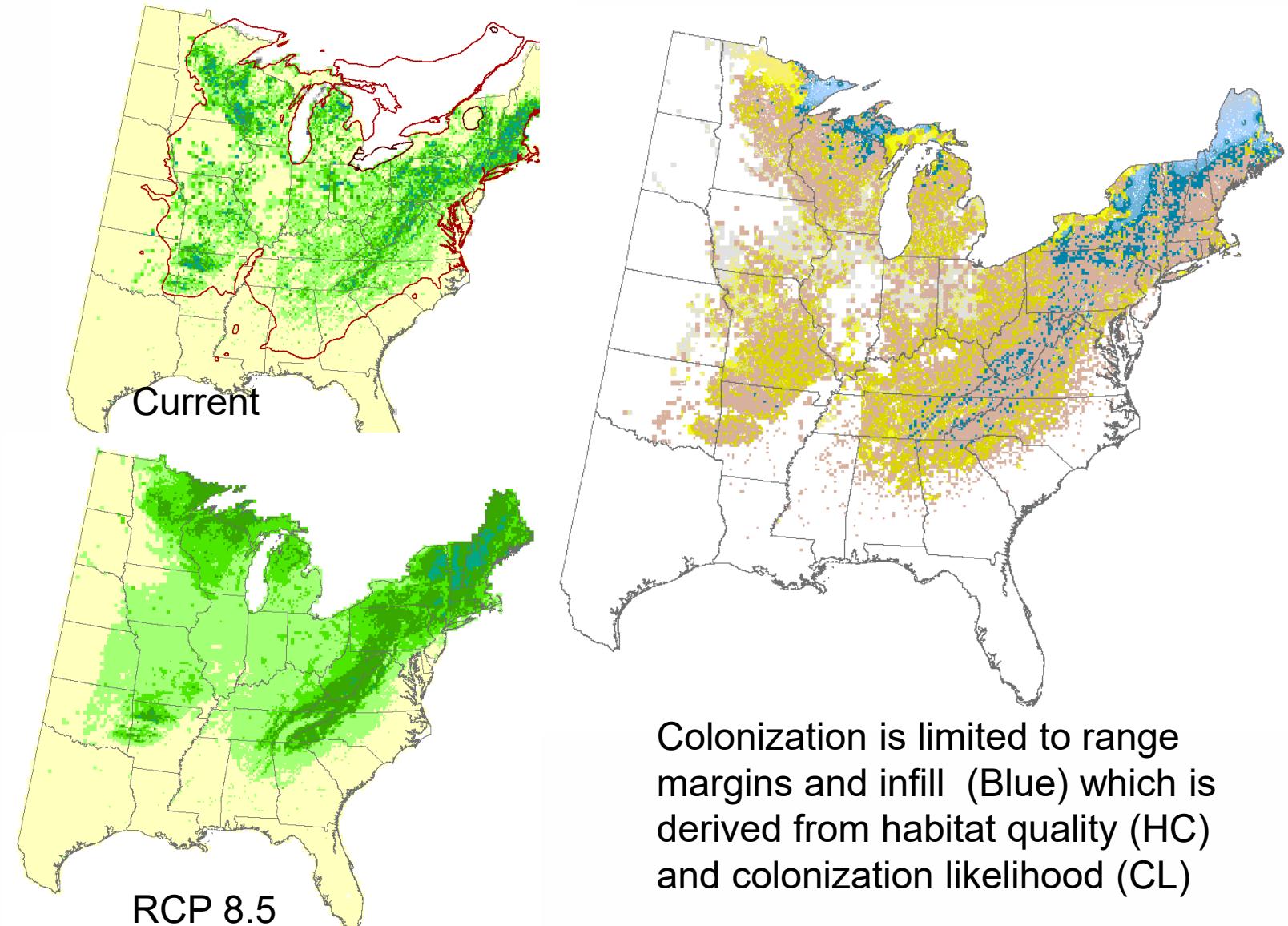


# SHIFT example: Northern Red Oak

## Northern Red Oak temporal mismatch current and projected future habitat

New tree atlas quantifies  
colonization likelihood by  
2100 (Prasad et al. 2016).

Intersection of SHIFT and  
DISTRIB II gives clearer  
picture of mismatch between  
how much climate is projected  
to change and how far trees  
may move on their own.



# How are the Atlas data being used?

- Climate Change Response Framework
- Ecosystem Vulnerability Assessments
- Combined species outputs provides new view
  - 1 x 1° example

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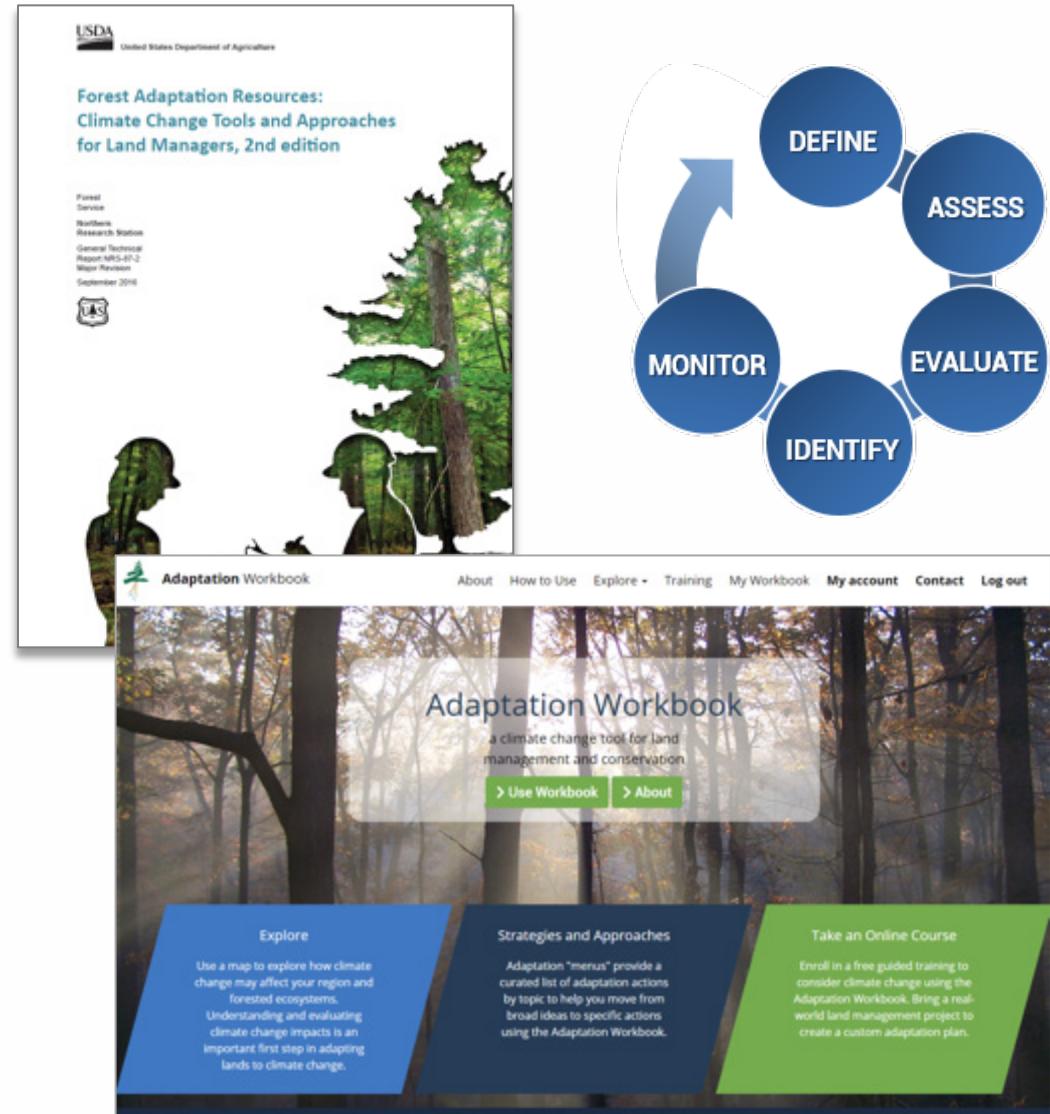
Chartered by USDA Forest Service, universities, non-profit, and tribal  
conservation organizations



# Adaptation Resources

A flexible workbook and menu to address diverse needs

- Designed for a variety of land owners with diverse goals
- Does not make recommendations
- Includes:
  - Adaptation Workbook
  - Adaptation strategies for different resource areas (menus)



Swanson et al. 2016 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition); [www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/52760](http://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/52760); [www.adaptationworkbook.org](http://www.adaptationworkbook.org)

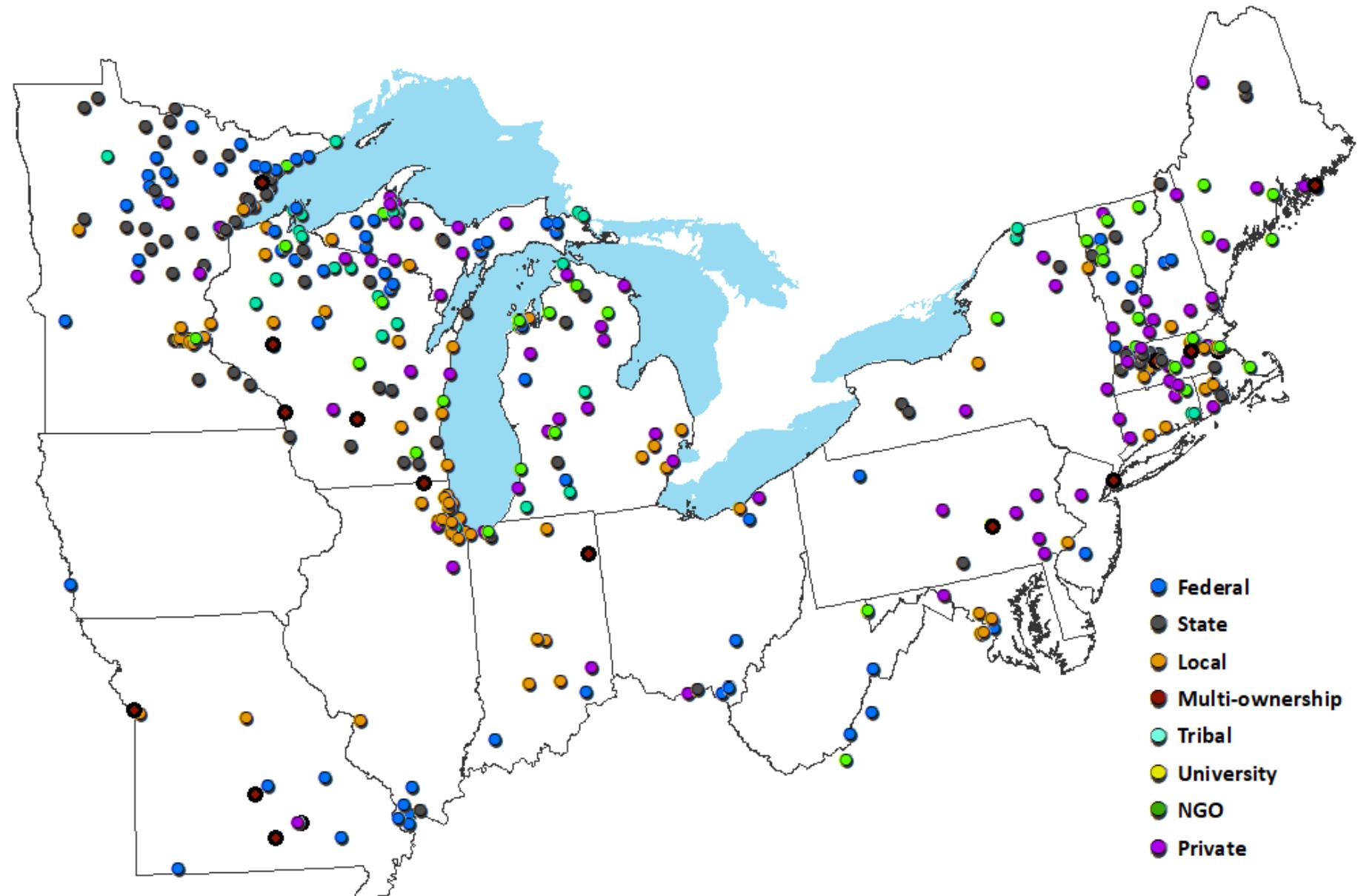
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# Adaptation Demonstrations

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Real-world examples  
of climate-informed  
forest management.

Nearly 500 projects  
have used the  
Adaptation Workbook  
to consider climate  
change and identify  
adaptation actions.



# Another example of how these data are being used: Climate Change Response Framework -NIACS



**Audience:** Land managers

**Scope:** Forest ecosystems

**Vulnerability of:**

- Tree species
- Forest/natural communities
- Does not make recommendations

# Central Appalachians Region

## CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL TREE SPECIES CENTRAL APPALACHIANS SOUTHEAST OHIO

The region's forests will be affected by a changing climate during this century. A team of forest managers and researchers created an assessment that describes the vulnerability of forests in the Central Appalachians (Butler et al. 2015). This report includes information on the current landscape, observed climate trends, and a range of projected future climates. It also describes many potential climate change impacts to forests and summarizes key vulnerabilities for major forest types. This handout is summarized from the full assessment.



Remember that models are just tools, and they're not perfect. Model projections don't account for some factors that could be modified by climate change, like droughts, wildfire activity, and invasive species. If a species is rare or confined to a small area, Tree Atlas results may be less reliable. These factors, and others (see table below), could cause a particular species to perform better or worse than a model projects. Human choices will also continue to influence forest distribution, especially for tree species that are projected to increase. Planting programs may assist the movement of future-adapted species, but this will depend on management decisions.

### TREE SPECIES INFORMATION:

This assessment uses two climate scenarios to "bracket" a range of possible futures. These future climate projections were used with two forest impact models (Tree Atlas and LANDIS) to provide information about how individual tree species may respond to a changing climate. More information on the climate and forest impact models can be found in the assessment. Results for "low" and "high" climate scenarios can be compared on page 2 of this handout.

| SPECIES<br>MAY DECREASE | ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS - 30 MOST COMMON SPECIES          |
|-------------------------|---|
| American beech          | Susceptible to beech bark disease, extremely shade tolerant |
| American elm            | Grows on a variety of sites, Affected by Dutch elm disease  |
| Bigtooth aspen          | Early-successional colonizer, susceptible to drought        |
| Black cherry            | Susceptible to insects and fire, somewhat drought-tolerant  |
| Black locust            | Early-successional colonizer, susceptible to insect pests   |
| Black walnut            | Good disperser, but intolerant of shade and drought         |
| Chestnut oak            | Establishes from seed or sprout, adapted to fire            |
| Eastern white pine      | Good disperser, but susceptible to drought and insects      |
| Flowering dogwood       | Shade tolerant  |
| Pawpaw                  | Shade tolerant; susceptible to drought                      |
| Red maple               | Competitive colonizer in diverse sites, disturbance-adapted |
| Sassafras               | Early-successional colonizer, susceptible to fire topkill   |
| Slippery elm            | Shade-tolerant, susceptible to disease and fire topkill     |
| Sugar maple             | Grows across a variety of sites, tolerates shade            |
| Tulip tree              | Competitive colonizer tolerant of diverse sites             |
| White ash               | Emerald ash borer causes mortality                          |



[www.forestadaptation.org](http://www.forestadaptation.org)

Despite these limits, models provide useful information about future expectations. It's perhaps best to think of these projections as indicators of possibility and potential change. The model results presented here were combined with information from published reports and local management expertise to draw conclusions about potential risk and change in the region's forests.

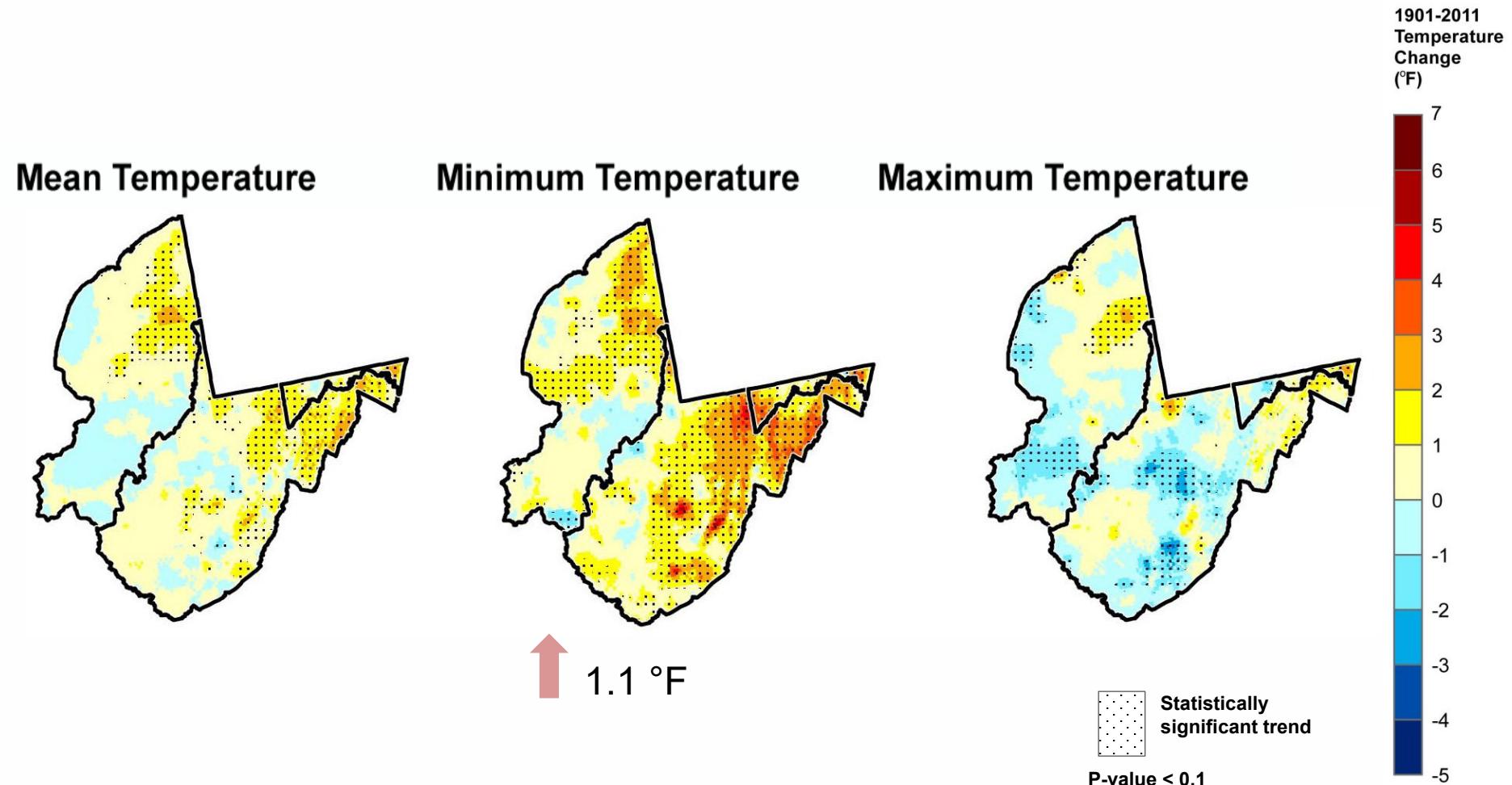
| SPECIES<br>NO CHANGE       | ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS - 30 MOST COMMON SPECIES                    |
|----------------------------|---|
| American hornbeam          | Tolerates shade, susceptible to fire and drought                      |
| <b>MIXED MODEL RESULTS</b> |   |
| Scarlet oak                | Establishes from seed or sprout, susceptible to fire and disease      |
| Silver maple               | Early-successional colonizer, susceptible to fire topkill and drought |
| SPECIES<br>MAY INCREASE    | ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS - 30 MOST COMMON SPECIES                    |
| Black oak                  | Drought tolerant, susceptible to insect pests and diseases            |
| Blackgum                   | Shade tolerant, fire adapted  |
| Eastern hop hornbeam       | Grows across a variety of sites, tolerates shade                      |
| Eastern red cedar          | Drought tolerant, shade intolerant, susceptible to fire and insects   |
| Mockernut hickory          | Susceptible to fire topkill   |
| Northern red oak           | Sus   |
| Pignut hickory             | Sus   |
| Shagbark hickory           | Sus   |
| Sourwood                   | Con   |
| Virginia pine              | Intolerant of shade   |
| White oak                  | Fire  |

| Forest ecosystem used in this assessment            | NatureServe ecological systems represented by the forest ecosystems used in this assessment | FIA forest-type groups                                  | Common tree species in forest ecosystem  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Dry/mesic oak forest                                | Northeastern interior dry/mesic oak forest  | oak/hickory, oak/pine, white/red/jack pine, aspen/birch | white oak, black oak, northern red oak, scarlet oak, red maple, pignut hickory, mockernut hickory, shagbark hickory, sugar maple, chestnut oak, sweet birch, American beech, blackgum, tulip tree, white ash |
| Central and southern Appalachian montane oak forest |   |   |  |
| Southern Appalachian oak forest                     |   |   |  |

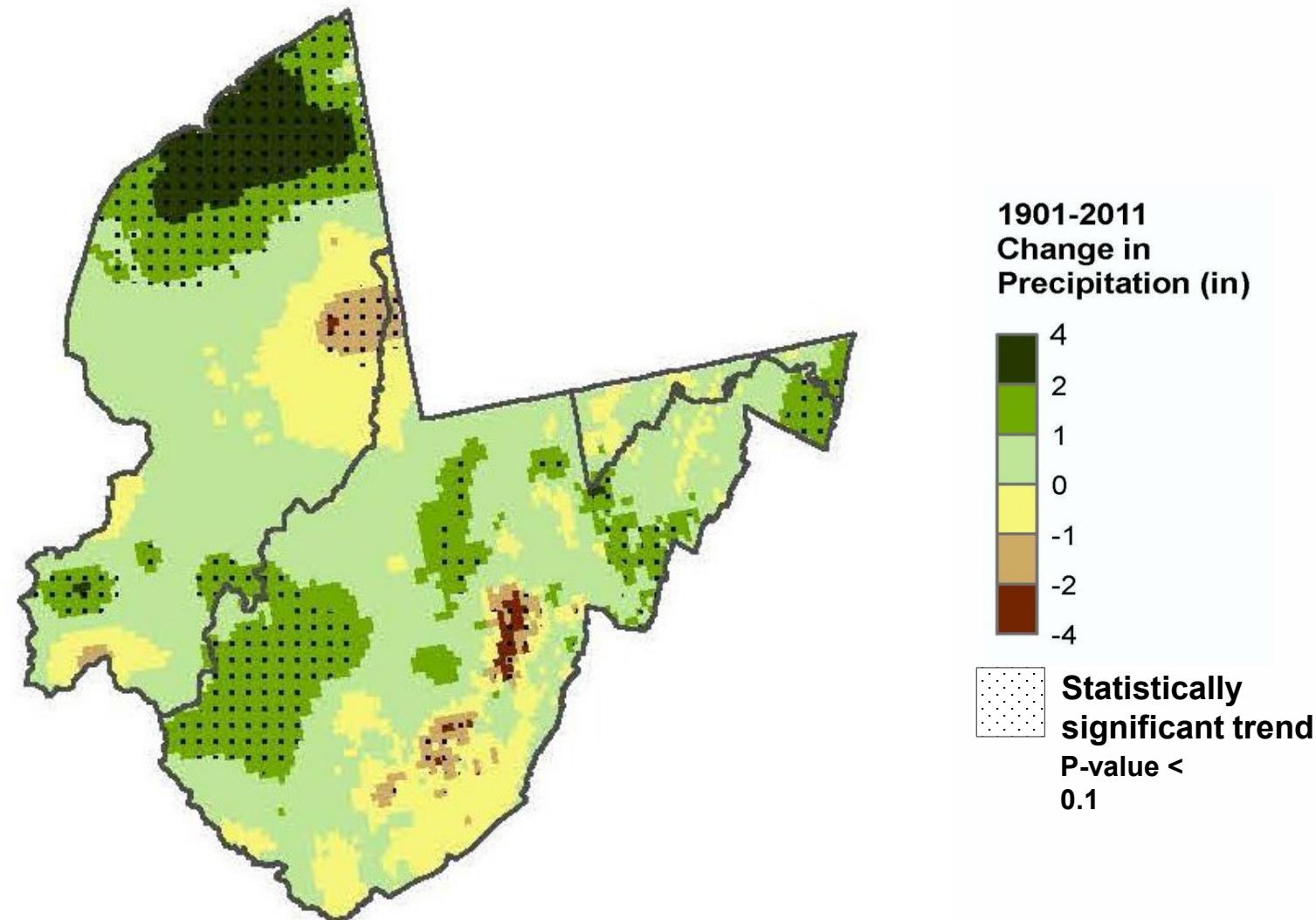
## Dry Oak and Oak/Pine Forest and Woodland Low Vulnerability (medium evidence, medium-high agreement)

This ecosystem is the most resilient to heat and drought, with many of the species currently doing well, and projected to do well under future climate. Periodic conditions that limit regeneration may be buffered by oak's ability to resprout. Increased drought and fire are likely to benefit this ecosystem, discourage invasive species, and maintain an open structure that promotes oak and pine regeneration.

# Observed Annual Temperatures



# Observed Annual Precipitation



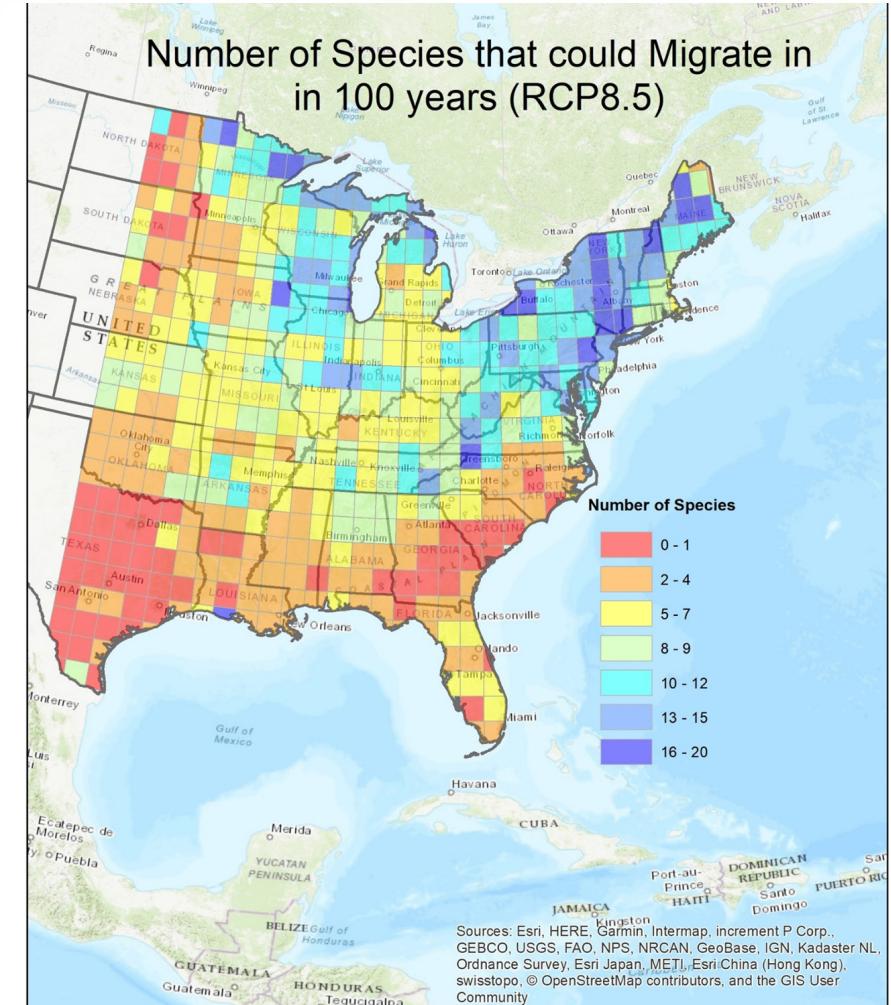
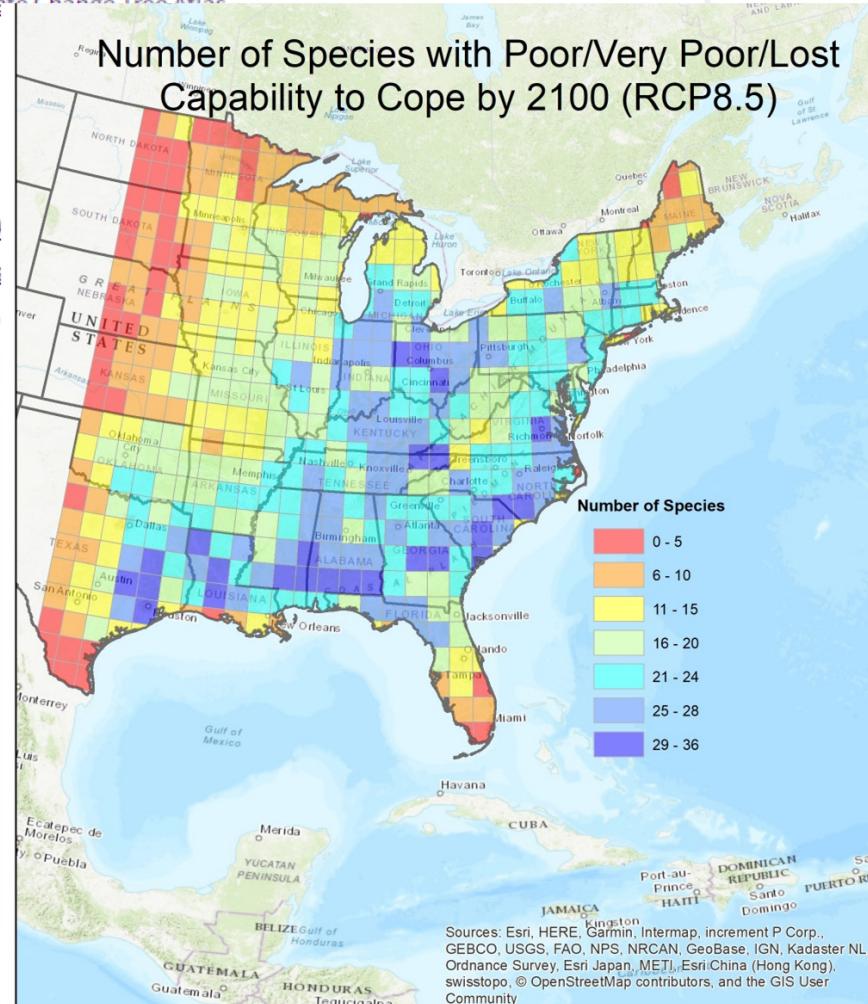
## Regional Summary Tree Tables

### Current and Potential Future Habitat, Capability, and Migration

Summaries for tree species are available for a variety of geographies, in both PDF and Excel format. These summaries are based on [Version 4 of the Climate Change Tree Atlas](#).

- [National Forest Summaries](#)
- [National Park Summaries](#)
- [HUC6 Watersheds](#)
- [Ecoregional Vulnerability Assessments \(EVAs\)](#)
- [USDA Forest Service EcoMap 2007 Sections](#)

- Enable managers/public to understand potential changes in tree species for each particular area  
(Iverson et al. 2019)

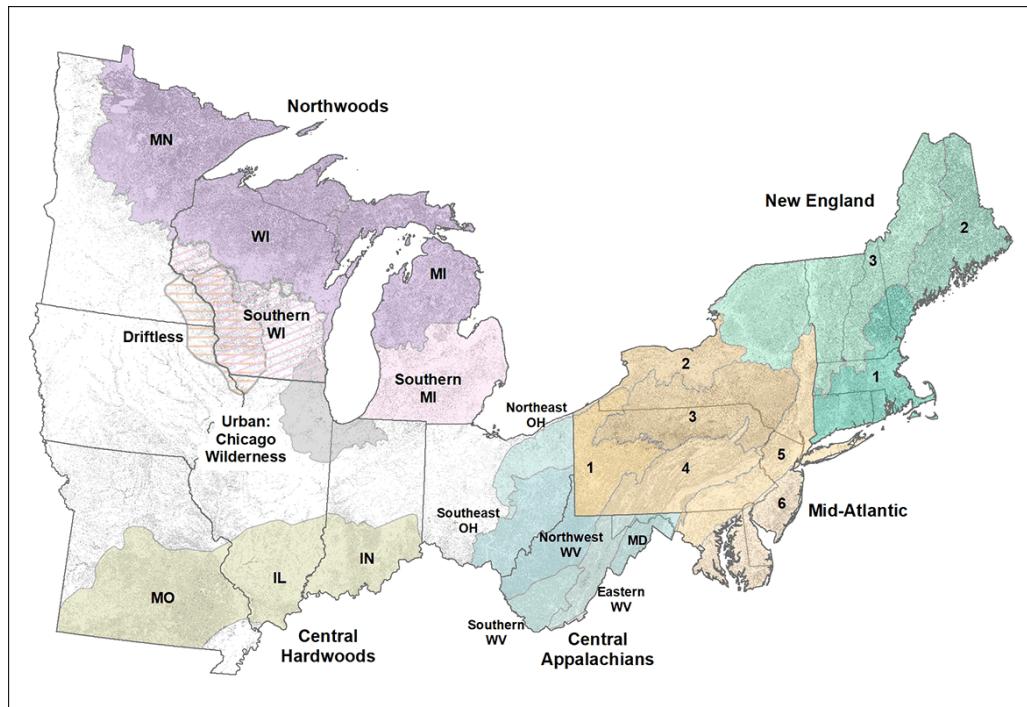


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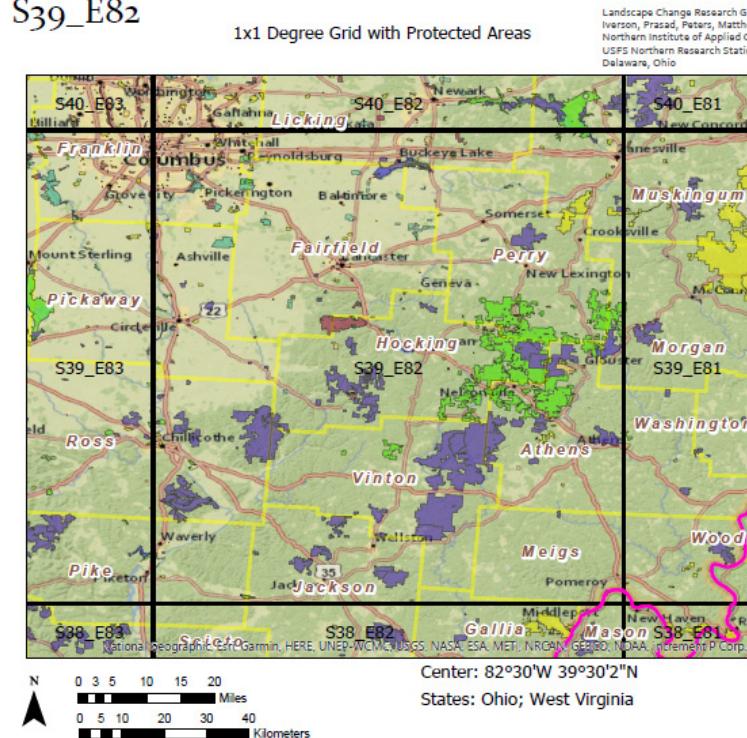
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1x1 Degree Grid with Protected Areas



Index map (selected in magenta)



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USFS Northern Research Station  
Delaware, Ohio

# Consider overall patterns of climate change

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| Area of Region | sq. km | sq. mi | FIA Plots |
|----------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 30,856         | 11,914 |        | 870       |

## Species Information

The columns below provide brief summaries of the species associated with the region and described in the table on the next pages.

| Genus   | Species | Abundance | Model Reliability | Adaptability |
|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Ash     | 4       |           |                   |              |
| Hickory | 5       | Abundant  | High              | 21           |
| Maple   | 6       | Common    | Medium            | 31           |
| Oak     | 11      | Rare      | Low               | 40           |
| Pine    | 7       | Absent    | FIA               | 12           |
| Other   | 47      |           |                   |              |
|         | 80      |           |                   |              |
|         |         | 103       |                   |              |

## Potential Changes in Climate Variables

|         |          | Temperature (°F) |      |      |      | Precipitation (in) |      |      |      |      |
|---------|----------|------------------|------|------|------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
|         | Scenario | 2009             | 2039 | 2069 | 2099 | Scenario           | 2009 | 2039 | 2069 | 2099 |
| Annual  | CCSM45   | 48.6             | 50.1 | 52.2 | 52.4 | CCSM45             | 33.6 | 35.7 | 36.3 | 37.2 |
| Average | CCSM85   | 48.6             | 50.6 | 52.7 | 55.4 | CCSM85             | 33.6 | 35.8 | 37.0 | 39.4 |
|         | GFDL45   | 48.6             | 51.0 | 53.5 | 54.2 | GFDL45             | 33.6 | 37.0 | 38.4 | 40.0 |
|         | GFDL85   | 48.6             | 51.4 | 54.3 | 57.8 | GFDL85             | 33.6 | 34.9 | 39.1 | 40.8 |
|         | HAD45    | 48.6             | 51.0 | 53.9 | 55.1 | HAD45              | 33.6 | 34.8 | 35.1 | 34.8 |
|         | HAD85    | 48.6             | 51.3 | 55.1 | 58.9 | HAD85              | 33.6 | 34.9 | 32.5 | 35.3 |
| Growing | CCSM45   | 62.0             | 63.5 | 65.5 | 65.9 | Growing            | 15.8 | 16.7 | 16.6 | 17.1 |
| Season  | CCSM85   | 62.0             | 64.0 | 66.2 | 69.6 | Season             | 15.8 | 15.9 | 16.2 | 16.4 |
| May—Sep | GFDL45   | 62.0             | 64.7 | 67.9 | 69.0 | May—Sep            | 15.8 | 17.3 | 16.9 | 17.6 |
|         | GFDL85   | 62.0             | 65.4 | 69.1 | 73.0 |                    |      |      |      |      |
|         | HAD45    | 62.0             | 64.9 | 67.6 | 69.3 |                    |      |      |      |      |
|         | HAD85    | 62.0             | 65.0 | 69.9 | 74.0 |                    |      |      |      |      |
| Coldest | CCSM45   | 27.7             | 29.0 | 30.4 | 30.8 |                    |      |      |      |      |
| Month   | CCSM85   | 27.7             | 30.0 | 30.9 | 32.3 |                    |      |      |      |      |
| Average | GFDL45   | 27.7             | 30.7 | 31.3 | 31.9 |                    |      |      |      |      |
|         | GFDL85   | 27.7             | 30.3 | 31.2 | 32.2 |                    |      |      |      |      |
|         | HAD45    | 27.7             | 28.4 | 30.6 | 30.7 |                    |      |      |      |      |
|         | HAD85    | 27.7             | 29.3 | 31.0 | 32.9 |                    |      |      |      |      |
| Warmest | CCSM45   | 66.6             | 68.1 | 69.2 | 69.6 |                    |      |      |      |      |
| Month   | CCSM85   | 66.6             | 68.7 | 70.1 | 71.9 |                    |      |      |      |      |
| Average | GFDL45   | 66.6             | 69.3 | 71.2 | 72.0 |                    |      |      |      |      |
|         | GFDL85   | 66.6             | 70.2 | 72.4 | 74.6 |                    |      |      |      |      |
|         | HAD45    | 66.6             | 69.8 | 72.0 | 73.1 |                    |      |      |      |      |
|         | HAD85    | 66.6             | 70.9 | 74.4 | 77.0 |                    |      |      |      |      |

## NIACS EVAS Region Climate Change Atlas Tree Species Current and Potential Future Habitat, Capability, and Migration

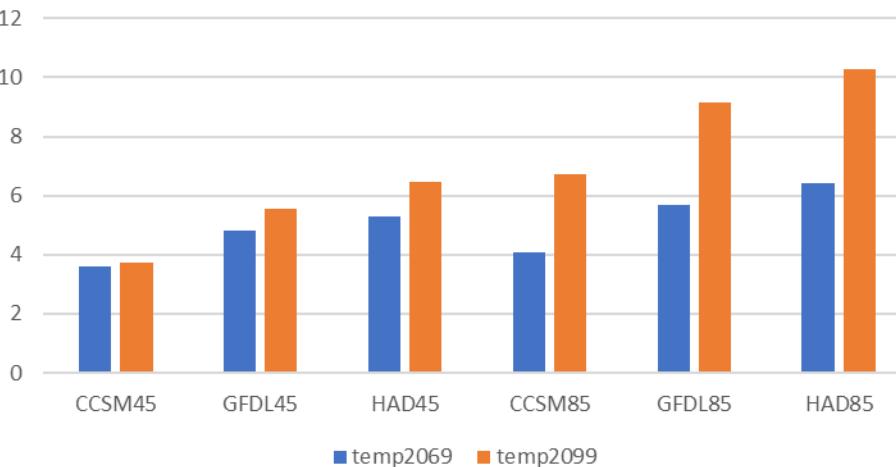
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| Model  | Potential Change in Habitat Suitability |       |           |       | Migration Potential |    |
|--------|---|-------|-----------|-------|---------------------|----|
|        | Scenario                                |       | Scenario  |       |                     |    |
|        | RCP45                                   | RCP85 | RCP45     | RCP85 |                     |    |
| High   | 21                                      | 27    | Increase  | 18    | Very Good           | 6  |
| Medium | 31                                      | 52    | No Change | 12    | Good                | 13 |
| Low    | 40                                      | 18    | Decrease  | 38    | Fair                | 16 |
| FIA    | 12                                      |       | New       | 12    | Poor                | 9  |
|        |   |       | Unknown   | 24    | Migrate             | 4  |
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|        |   |       |           | 84    |                     |    |
|        |   |       |           | 82    |                     |    |

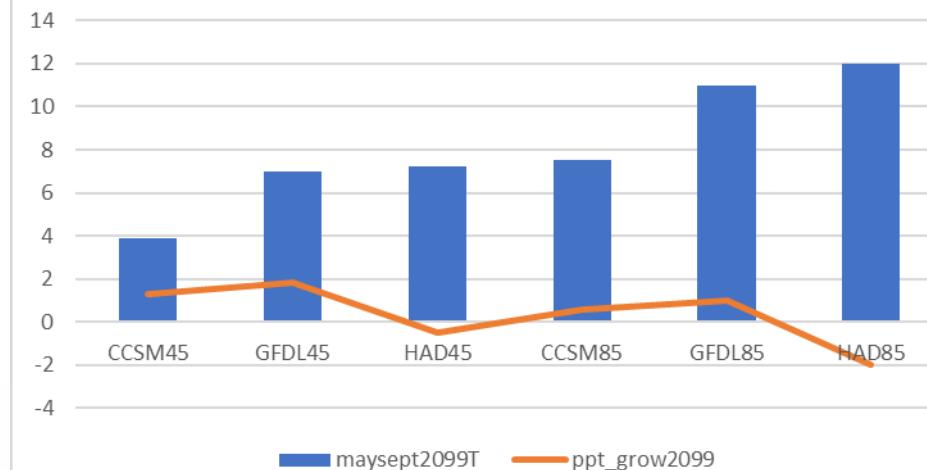
|        |          | Precipitation (in) |      |      |      |
|--------|----------|--------------------|------|------|------|
|        | Scenario | 2009               | 2039 | 2069 | 2099 |
| Annual | CCSM45   | 33.6               | 35.7 | 36.3 | 37.2 |
| Total  | CCSM85   | 33.6               | 35.8 | 37.0 | 39.4 |
|        | GFDL45   | 33.6               | 37.0 | 38.4 | 40.0 |
|        | GFDL85   | 33.6               | 34.9 | 39.1 | 40.8 |
|        | HAD45    | 33.6               | 34.8 | 35.1 | 34.8 |
|        | HAD85    | 33.6               | 34.9 | 32.5 | 35.3 |

NOTE: For the six climate variables, four 30-year periods are used to indicate six potential future trajectories. The period ending in 2009 is based on modeled observations from the PRISM Climate Group and the three future periods were obtained from the NASA NEX-DCP30 dataset. Future climate projections from three models under two emission scenarios show estimates of each climate variable within the region. The three models are CCSM4, GFDL CM3, and HadGEM2-ES and the emission scenarios are the 4.5 and 8.5 RCP. The average value for the region is reported, even though locations within the region may vary substantially based on latitude, elevation, land-use, or other factors.

## Annual Temperature (°F)

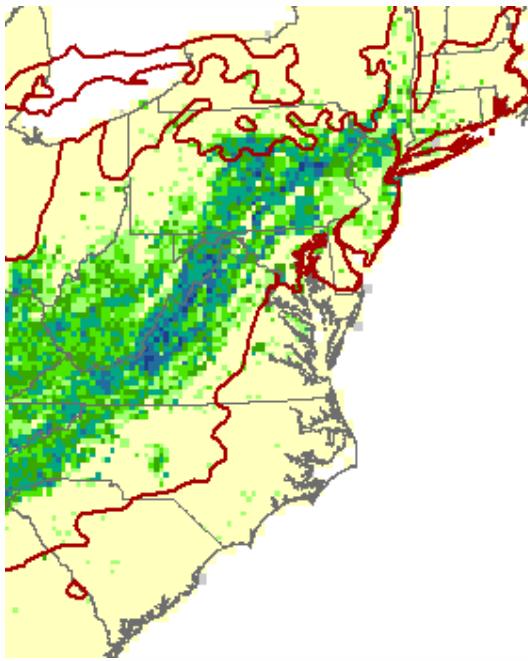


## May to Sept Temp (bars) by PPT (line) 2099

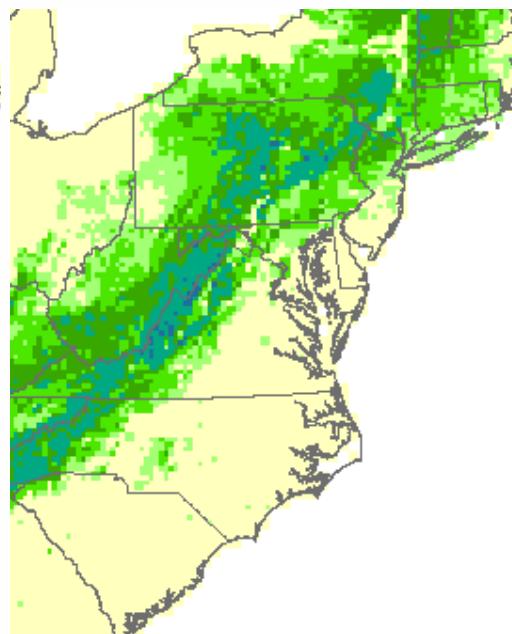


| Common Name            | Scientific Name                        | Range | MR     | %Cell | FIAsum | FIAv        | ChngCl45    | ChngCl85    | Adap    | Abund       | Capabil45   | Capabil85   | SHIFT45 | SHIFT85    | SSO        |   |
|------------------------|--|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|------------|------------|---|
| red maple              | <i>Acer rubrum</i>                     | WDH   | High   | 82    | 1144.1 | 11.3        | Lg. dec.    | Lg. dec.    | High    | Abundant    | Good        | Good        |         |            | 1          |   |
| sugar maple            | <i>Acer saccharum</i>                  | WDH   | High   | 70.4  | 1021.4 | 10.1        | Sm. dec.    | Sm. dec.    | High    | Abundant    | Good        | Good        |         |            | 1          |   |
| black cherry           | <i>Prunus serotina</i>                 | WDL   | Medium | 74.8  | 906.5  | 9.8         | Lg. dec.    | Lg. dec.    | Low     | Abundant    | Poor        | Poor        |         |            | 0          |   |
| yellow-poplar          | <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>         | WDH   | High   | 67.3  | 861.7  | 10.6        | Sm. dec.    | Lg. dec.    | High    | Abundant    | Good        | Good        |         |            | 1          |   |
| white oak              | <i>Quercus alba</i>                    | WDH   | Medium | 61    | 592.9  | 7.5         | Sm. inc.    | No change   | High    | Abundant    | Very Good   | Very Good   |         |            | 1          |   |
| American elm           | <i>Ulmus americana</i>                 | WDH   | Medium | 66.8  | 490.5  | 5.7         | Sm. dec.    | No change   |         |             |             |             |         |            |            |   |
| white ash              | <i>Fraxinus americana</i>              | WDL   | Medium | 63.9  | 428.4  | 5.3         | No change   | No change   |         |             |             |             |         |            |            |   |
| black locust           | <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>            | NDH   | Low    | 45.9  | 398.2  | 6.7         | Lg. dec.    | Sm. dec.    |         |             |             |             |         |            |            |   |
| black oak              | <i>Quercus velutina</i>                | WDH   | High   | 55    | 318.5  | 4.6         | Sm. inc.    | Lg. inc.    |         |             |             |             |         |            |            |   |
| sassafras              | <i>Sassafras albidum</i>               | WSL   | Low    | 58.8  | 316.9  | 4.4         | No change   | Sm. dec.    |         |             |             |             |         |            |            |   |
| northern red oak       | <i>Quercus rubra</i>                   | WDH   | Medium | 54.4  | 297.8  | 4.1         | No change   | No change   |         |             |             |             |         |            |            |   |
| chestnut oak           | <i>Quercus prinus</i>                  | NDH   | High   | 27.7  | 261.7  | 7.1         | Sm. dec.    | Sm. dec.    |         |             |             |             |         |            |            |   |
| slippery elm           | <i>Ulmus rubra</i>                     | WSL   | Low    | 55.3  | 235.1  | 3.3         | No change   | No change   |         |             |             |             |         |            |            |   |
| shagbark hickory       | <i>Carya ovata</i>                     | WSL   | Medium | 50.1  | 233.3  | 3.9         | No change   | Sm. dec.    | IVIEium | Common      | Fair        | Poor        |         |            | 1          |   |
| American beech         | <i>Fagus grandifolia</i>               | WDH   | High   | 44.8  | 220.5  | 4.0         | No change   | Sm. dec.    | Medium  | Common      | Fair        | Poor        |         |            | 1          |   |
| black walnut           | <i>Juglans nigra</i>                   | WDH   | Low    | 39    | 203.4  | 4.3         | Sm. inc.    | Sm. inc.    | Medium  | Common      | Good        | Good        |         |            | 1          |   |
| bigtooth aspen         | <i>Populus grandidentata</i>           | NSL   | Medium | 27.3  | 174.4  | 5.9         | Lg. dec.    | Lg. dec.    | Medium  | Common      | Poor        | Poor        |         |            | 0          |   |
| pignut hickory         | <i>Carya glabra</i>                    | WDL   | Medium | 39.4  | 170.9  | 3.3         | Sm. inc.    | Sm. inc.    | Medium  | Common      | Good        | Good        |         |            | 1          |   |
| sycamore               | <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>           | NSL   | Low    | 27.2  | 170.8  | 4.7         | Sm. inc.    | Sm. inc.    | Medium  | Common      | Good        | Good        |         |            | 1          |   |
| blackgum               | <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>                 | WDL   | Medium | 43.7  | 159.9  | 3.0         | Sm. inc.    | Sm. inc.    | High    | Common      | Very Good   | Very Good   |         |            | 1          |   |
| florida maple          | <i>Acer barbatum</i>                   | NSL   | Low    | 0     | 0      | 0           | New Habitat | New Habitat | High    | Absent      | New Habitat | New Habitat |         | Migrate +  | 3          |   |
| pecan                  | <i>Carya illinoinensis</i>             | NSH   | Low    | 0     | 0      | 0           | New Habitat | New Habitat | Low     | Absent      | New Habitat | New Habitat |         | Migrate ++ | 3          |   |
| sugaberry              | <i>Celtis laevigata</i>                | NDH   | Medium | 0     | 0      | 0           | New Habitat | New Habitat | Medium  | Absent      | New Habitat | New Habitat |         | Migrate +  | Migrate ++ | 3 |
| blackjack oak          | <i>Quercus marilandica</i>             | NSL   | Medium | 0     | 0      | 0           | New Habitat | New Habitat | High    | Absent      | New Habitat | New Habitat |         | Migrate +  | Migrate ++ | 3 |
| Shumard oak            | <i>Quercus shumardii</i>               | NSL   | Low    | 0     | 0      | 0           | New Habitat | New Habitat | High    | Absent      | New Habitat | New Habitat |         | Migrate +  | Migrate +  | 3 |
| winged elm             | <i>Ulmus alata</i>                     | WDL   | Medium | 0     | 0      | 0           | New Habitat | New Habitat | Medium  | Absent      | New Habitat | New Habitat |         | Migrate +  | Migrate ++ | 3 |
| water oak              | <i>Quercus nigra</i>                   | WDH   | High   | 0     | 0      | 0           | New Habitat | New Habitat | Medium  | Absent      | New Habitat | New Habitat |         |            | Migrate +  | 3 |
| cittamwood/gum bumelia | <i>Sideroxylon lanuginosum</i> ssp NSL | Low   | 0      | 0     | 0      | New Habitat | New Habitat | High        | Absent  | New Habitat | New Habitat |             |         |            |            | 3 |
| black hickory          | <i>Carya texana</i>                    | NDL   | High   | 0     | 0      | 0           | New Habitat | New Habitat | Medium  | Absent      | New Habitat | New Habitat |         |            |            | 3 |
| bluejack oak           | <i>Quercus incana</i>                  | NSL   | Low    | 0     | 0      | 0           | New Habitat | New Habitat | Medium  | Absent      | New Habitat | New Habitat |         |            |            | 3 |

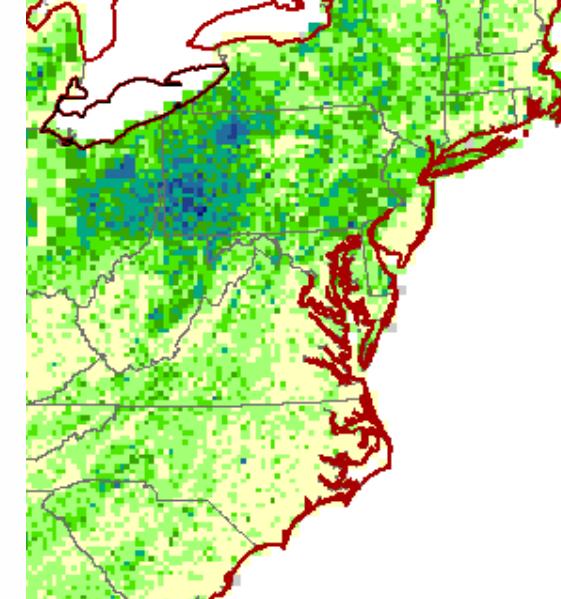
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 6 species could migrate in within 100 yrs



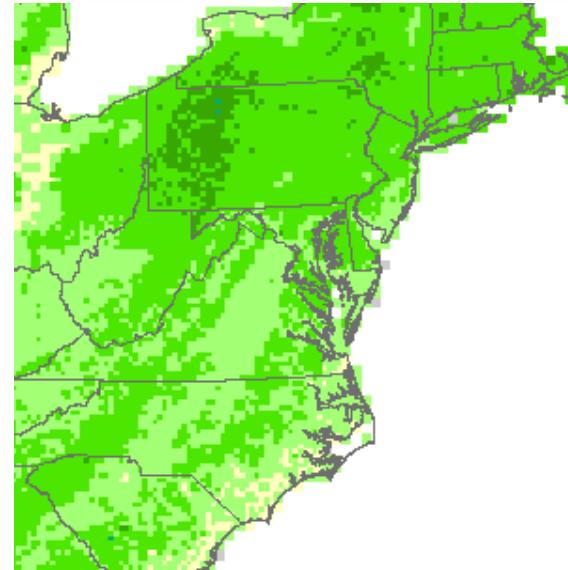
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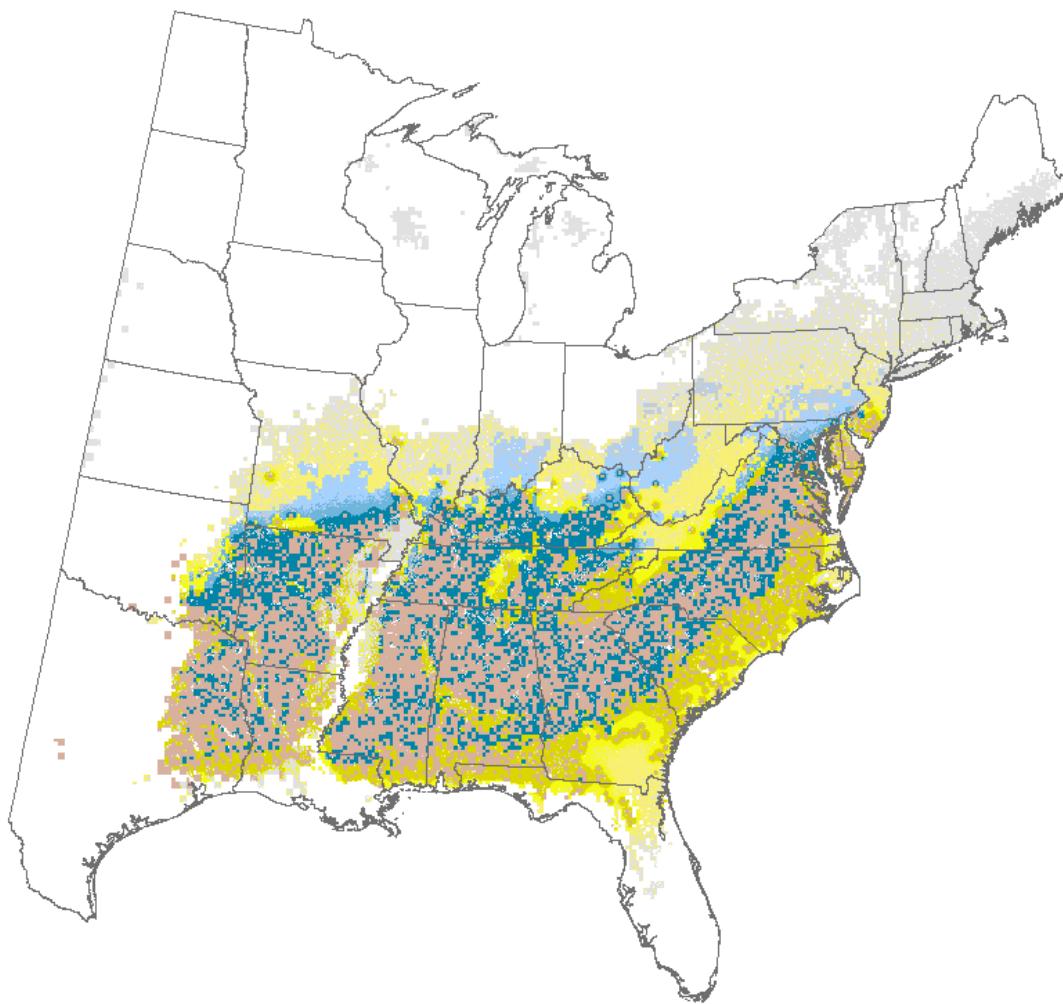
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|------------------------|--|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----|
| red maple              | <i>Acer rubrum</i>                     | WDH   | High   | 82    | 1144.1 | 11.3  | Lg. dec.    | Lg. dec.    | High     | Abundant | Good        | Good        |           |            | 1   |
| sugar maple            | <i>Acer saccharum</i>                  | WDH   | High   | 70.4  | 1021.4 | 10.1  | Sm. dec.    | Sm. dec.    | High     | Abundant | Good        | Good        |           |            | 1   |
| black cherry           | <i>Prunus serotina</i>                 | WDL   | Medium | 74.8  | 906.5  | 9.8   | Lg. dec.    | Low         | Abundant | Poor     | Poor        |             |           |            | 0   |
| yellow-poplar          | <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>         | WDH   | High   | 67.3  | 861.7  | 10.6  | Sm. dec.    | Lg. dec.    | High     | Abundant | Good        | Good        |           |            | 1   |
| white oak              | <i>Quercus alba</i>                    | WDH   | Medium | 61    | 592.9  | 7.5   | Sm. inc.    | No change   | Medium   | High     | Abundant    | Very Good   | Very Good |            | 1   |
| American elm           | <i>Ulmus americana</i>                 | WDH   | Medium | 66.8  | 490.5  | 5.7   | Sm. dec.    | No change   | Medium   | Common   | Poor        | Fair        |           |            | 1   |
| white ash              | <i>Fraxinus americana</i>              | WDL   | Medium | 63.9  | 428.4  | 5.3   | No change   | No change   | Low      | Common   | Poor        | Poor        |           |            | 0   |
| black locust           | <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>            | NDH   | Low    | 45.9  | 398.2  | 6.7   | Lg. dec.    | Sm. dec.    | Medium   | Common   | Poor        | Poor        |           |            | 0   |
| black oak              | <i>Quercus velutina</i>                | WDH   | High   | 55    | 318.5  | 4.6   | Sm. inc.    | Lg. inc.    | Medium   | Common   | Good        | Very Good   |           |            | 1   |
| sassafras              | <i>Sassafras albidum</i>               | WSL   | Low    | 58.8  | 316.9  | 4.4   | No change   | Sm. dec.    | Medium   | Common   | Fair        | Poor        |           |            | 1   |
| northern red oak       | <i>Quercus rubra</i>                   | WDH   | Medium | 54.4  | 297.8  | 4.1   | No change   | No change   | High     | Common   | Good        | Good        |           |            | 1   |
| chestnut oak           | <i>Quercus prinus</i>                  | NDH   | High   | 27.7  | 261.7  | 7.1   | Sm. dec.    | Sm. dec.    | High     | Common   | Fair        | Fair        |           |            | 1   |
| slippery elm           | <i>Ulmus rubra</i>                     | WSL   | Low    | 55.3  | 235.1  | 3.3   | No change   | No change   | Medium   | Common   | Fair        | Fair        |           |            | 1   |
| shagbark hickory       | <i>Carya ovata</i>                     | WSL   | Medium | 50.1  | 233.3  | 3.9   | No change   | Sm. dec.    | Medium   | Common   | Fair        | Poor        |           |            | 1   |
| American beech         | <i>Fagus grandifolia</i>               | WDH   | High   | 44.8  | 220.5  | 4.0   | No change   | Sm. dec.    | Medium   | Common   | Fair        | Poor        |           |            | 1   |
| black walnut           | <i>Juglans nigra</i>                   | WDH   | Low    | 39    | 203.4  | 4.3   | Sm. inc.    | Sm. inc.    | Medium   | Common   | Good        | Good        |           |            | 1   |
| bightooth aspen        | <i>Populus grandidentata</i>           | NSL   | Medium | 27.3  | 174.4  | 5.9   | Lg. dec.    | Lg. dec.    | Medium   | Common   | Poor        | Poor        |           |            | 0   |
| pignut hickory         | <i>Carya glabra</i>                    | WDL   | Medium | 39.4  | 170.9  | 3.3   | Sm. inc.    | Sm. inc.    | Medium   | Common   | Good        | Good        |           |            | 1   |
| sycamore               | <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>           | NSL   | Low    | 27.2  | 170.8  | 4.7   | Sm. inc.    | Sm. inc.    | Medium   | Common   | Good        | Good        |           |            | 1   |
| blackgum               | <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>                 | WDL   | Medium | 43.7  | 159.9  | 3.0   | Sm. inc.    | Sm. inc.    | High     | Common   | Very Good   | Very Good   |           |            | 1   |
| florida maple          | <i>Acer barbatum</i>                   | NSL   | Low    | 0     | 0      | 0     | New Habitat | New Habitat | High     | Absent   | New Habitat | New Habitat |           | Migrate +  | 3   |
| pecan                  | <i>Carya illinoinensis</i>             | NSH   | Low    | 0     | 0      | 0     | New Habitat | New Habitat | Low      | Absent   | New Habitat | New Habitat |           | Migrate ++ | 3   |
| sugarberry             | <i>Celtis laevigata</i>                | NDH   | Medium | 0     | 0      | 0     | New Habitat | New Habitat | Medium   | Absent   | New Habitat | New Habitat |           | Migrate ++ | 3   |
| blackjack oak          | <i>Quercus marilandica</i>             | NSL   | Medium | 0     | 0      | 0     | New Habitat | New Habitat | High     | Absent   | New Habitat | New Habitat |           | Migrate ++ | 3   |
| Shumard oak            | <i>Quercus shumardii</i>               | NSL   | Low    | 0     | 0      | 0     | New Habitat | New Habitat | High     | Absent   | New Habitat | New Habitat |           | Migrate +  | 3   |
| winged elm             | <i>Ulmus alata</i>                     | WDL   | Medium | 0     | 0      | 0     | New Habitat | New Habitat | Medium   | Absent   | New Habitat | New Habitat |           | Migrate ++ | 3   |
| water oak              | <i>Quercus nigra</i>                   | WDH   | High   | 0     | 0      | 0     | New Habitat | New Habitat | Medium   | Absent   | New Habitat | New Habitat |           | Migrate +  | 3   |
| cittamwood/gum bumelia | <i>Sideroxylon lanuginosum</i> ssp NSL | Low   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | New Habitat | New Habitat | High     | Absent   | New Habitat | New Habitat |           |            | 3   |
| black hickory          | <i>Carya texana</i>                    | NDL   | High   | 0     | 0      | 0     | New Habitat | New Habitat | Medium   | Absent   | New Habitat | New Habitat |           |            | 3   |
| bluejack oak           | <i>Quercus incana</i>                  | NSL   | Low    | 0     | 0      | 0     | New Habitat | New Habitat | Medium   | Absent   | New Habitat | New Habitat |           |            | 3   |



Black Cherry  
Current and habitat 8.5



## Southern Red Oak and example of potential migration



| Common Name            | Scientific Name               | Range  | MR   | %Cell  | FIAsum | FIAiv     | ChngCl45  | ChngCl85 | Adap     | Abund     | Capabil45   | Capabil85 | SHIFT45    | SHIFT85 | SSO | N  |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------|-----|----|
| chestnut oak           | <i>Quercus f. NDH</i>         | High   | 65.1 | 1601.0 | 17.6   | Sm. dec.  | Sm. dec.  | High     | Abundant | Good      | Good        |           |            |         | 1   | 1  |
| yellow-poplar          | <i>Liriodend WDH</i>          | High   | 62.5 | 1107.4 | 11.6   | Sm. dec.  | Lg. dec.  | High     | Abundant | Good      | Good        |           |            |         | 1   | 2  |
| white oak              | <i>Quercus c. WDH</i>         | Medium | 72.1 | 904.1  | 7.8    | No change | No change | High     | Abundant | Very Good | Very Good   |           |            |         | 1   | 3  |
| red maple              | <i>Acer rubri WDH</i>         | High   | 84.6 | 844.8  | 7.0    | No change | Sm. dec.  | High     | Abundant | Very Good | Good        |           |            |         | 1   | 4  |
| Virginia pine          | <i>Pinus virgin NDH</i>       | High   | 54.8 | 551.3  | 6.4    | No change | Sm. dec.  | Medium   | Abundant | Good      | Fair        |           |            |         | 1   | 5  |
| northern red oak       | <i>Quercus r. WDH</i>         | Medium | 64.5 | 532.0  | 6.0    | Sm. inc.  | Sm. inc.  | High     | Abundant | Very Good | Very Good   |           |            |         | 1   | 6  |
| blackgum               | <i>Nyssa sylv WDL</i>         | Medium | 71.4 | 467.2  | 4.5    | No change | No change | High     | Common   | Good      | Good        |           |            |         | 1   | 7  |
| scarlet oak            | <i>Quercus c. WDL</i>         | Medium | 50.6 | 419.3  | 5.0    | Sm. dec.  | Sm. dec.  | Medium   | Common   | Poor      | Poor        |           |            |         | 0   | 8  |
| eastern redcedar       | <i>Juniperus WDH</i>          | Medium | 37.4 | 380.2  | 6.6    | Lg. inc.  | Lg. inc.  | Medium   | Common   | Very Good | Very Good   |           |            |         | 1   | 9  |
| black oak              | <i>Quercus v. WDH</i>         | High   | 56.5 | 374.8  | 4.8    | Sm. inc.  | Sm. inc.  | Medium   | Common   | Good      | Good        |           |            |         | 1   | 10 |
| black locust           | <i>Robinia p. NDH</i>         | Low    | 57.9 | 359.1  | 4.6    | Sm. dec.  | No change | Medium   | Common   | Poor      | Fair        |           |            |         | 1   | 11 |
| pignut hickory         | <i>Carya glat WDL</i>         | Medium | 71.6 | 346.4  | 3.4    | No change | Sm. dec.  | Medium   | Common   | Fair      | Poor        |           |            |         | 1   | 12 |
| eastern white pine     | <i>Pinus stro WDH</i>         | High   | 36.1 | 342.5  | 7.9    | Sm. dec.  | Sm. dec.  | Low      | Common   | Poor      | Poor        |           |            |         | 0   | 13 |
| black cherry           | <i>Prunus se WDL</i>          | Medium | 43.5 | 307.9  | 4.9    | No change | No change | Low      | Common   | Poor      | Poor        |           |            |         | 0   | 14 |
| loblolly pine          | <i>Pinus taeda WDH</i>        | High   | 7.3  | 298.1  | 16.4   | No change | Sm. inc.  | Medium   | Common   | Fair      | Good        | Infill +  | Infill ++  |         | 1   | 15 |
| white ash              | <i>Fraxinus c. WDL</i>        | Medium | 52.6 | 250.3  | 3.6    | No change | Sm. inc.  | Low      | Common   | Poor      | Fair        |           |            |         | 1   | 16 |
| mockernut hickory      | <i>Carya alba WDL</i>         | Medium | 44.1 | 219.2  | 3.9    | Sm. inc.  | Lg. inc.  | High     | Common   | Very Good | Very Good   |           |            |         | 1   | 17 |
| ailanthus              | <i>Ailanthus NSL</i>          | FIA    | 36.3 | 209.0  | 4.6    | Unknown   | Unknown   | NA       | Common   | NNIS      | NNIS        |           |            |         | 0   | 18 |
| sweet birch            | <i>Betula leri NDH</i>        | High   | 36.2 | 179.7  | 4.1    | Sm. dec.  | Lg. dec.  | Low      | Common   | Poor      | Very Poor   |           |            |         | 0   | 19 |
| longleaf pine          | <i>Pinus palustris NSH</i>    | Medium | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Medium   | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habitat | Migrate + |            |         | 3   | 72 |
| northern white-cedar   | <i>Thuja occidentalis WSH</i> | High   | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Medium   | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habitat |           |            |         | 3   | 73 |
| florida maple          | <i>Acer barbata NSL</i>       | Low    | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | High     | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habi    | Migrate + | Migrate +  |         | 3   | 74 |
| yellow buckeye         | <i>Aesculus glabra NSL</i>    | Low    | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Low      | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habi    | Migrate + |            |         | 3   | 75 |
| pecan                  | <i>Carya illinoensis NSH</i>  | Low    | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Low      | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habitat | Migrate + |            |         | 3   | 76 |
| black hickory          | <i>Carya texana NSL</i>       | High   | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Medium   | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habitat |           |            |         | 0   | 77 |
| sugarberry             | <i>Celtis laevigata NDH</i>   | Medium | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Medium   | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habi    | Migrate + | Migrate ++ |         | 3   | 78 |
| American holly         | <i>Ilex opaca NSL</i>         | Medium | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Medium   | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habi    | Likely +  | Likely +   |         | 3   | 79 |
| mountain or Fraser fir | <i>Magnolia acuminata NSL</i> | Low    | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Low      | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habitat |           |            |         | 0   | 80 |
| overcup oak            | <i>Quercus laevis NSL</i>     | Medium | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Low      | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habitat | Migrate + |            |         | 3   | 81 |
| water oak              | <i>Quercus nigra WDH</i>      | High   | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Medium   | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habi    | Migrate + | Migrate ++ |         | 3   | 82 |
| Shumard oak            | <i>Quercus shumardii NSL</i>  | Low    | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | High     | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habitat |           |            |         | 3   | 83 |
| bluejack oak           | <i>Quercus coccinea NSL</i>   | Low    | 0    | 0      | 0      | New Habi  | New Habi  | Medium   | Absent   | New Habi  | New Habitat | Migrate + |            |         | 3   | 84 |

# Thank you!

- Climate change is altering the distribution and dynamics of forest tree and bird species
- Models can help us anticipate changes and devise management strategies.

## Questions?

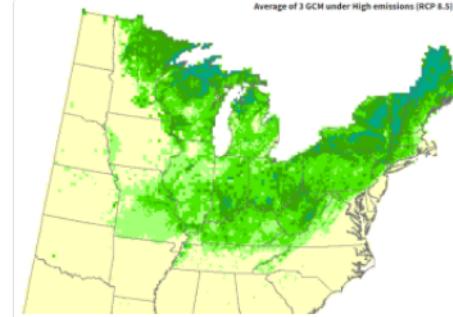
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