

**Mediated Settlement Agreement for Sequoia National Forest,
Section B. Giant Sequoia Groves
Master Bibliography**

In the process of data compilation for the evaluation of giant sequoia groves under the Mediated Settlement Agreement, we compiled a digital bibliography for giant sequoia groves on the Sequoia National Forest and for the entire Sierra Nevada. This was done using the bibliographic database program EndNote 2. This master bibliography consists of data that we were not able to include in the printed report due to space constraints. There are over 700 references on giant sequoia ecology and management in the database and an output file of them follows. The data are also contained in the ~ADDENDUM/~A_C08DAT directory in three formats: EndNote 2 database (GS_BIB.EN2), ASCII text (GS_BIB.TXT), and Microsoft Word 6.0 (GS_BIB.DOC).

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Dead needles of *Abies alba*, *Pinus sylvestris*, *P. leucodermis* and *Sequoia gigantea* were immersed in a stream for 28 days and then examined for conidiophores of aquatic hyphomycetes. These fungi colonize untreated needles. Numbers of species and conidiophores were significantly higher on needles treated with steam before immersion than on untreated needles; both values were also higher on cut surfaces (mesophyll) than on intact surfaces (epidermis with cuticle) of longitudinally halved needles. Addition of untreated needle powder (*Sequoia*, *P. leucodermis*) to malt extract agar depressed linear growth of pure cultures of 5 aquatic hyphomycetes [*Anquillospora pseudolongissima*, *Clavariopsis aquatica*, *Lemonniera aquatica*, *Tetracladium marchalianum*, *Tricladium angulatum*]. The inhibition persisted when a 0.1 μm membrane filter was placed between medium and fungal cultures. On water agar, by itself unsuitable for growth, low doses of needle powder allowed growth of the same fungi. At higher doses, inhibition again became predominant. Steam distillation of needle powder yielded 3 fractions: solid residue, soluble residue and steam distillate. Steam distillate did not influence fungal growth on the 2 media, while the other 2 fractions supported growth on water agar but did not lead to a clear dosage-effect curve on malt extract agar

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Needle powders of *Pinus leucodermis* and *Sequoia gigantea* were extracted with petroleum ether, ethanol, methanol, or distilled water. After evaporating the solvents, extracts and extracted powder were added to nutrient medium to examine their effect on linear expansion of 5 aquatic Hyphomycetes [*Anquillospora pseudolongissima*, *Clavariopsis aquatica*, *Lemonniera aquatica*, *Tetracladium marchalianum* and *Tricladium angulatum*]. All extracts depressed fungal growth, the inhibition being strongest with the 2 alcoholic extracts. The FeCl_3 test indicated phenolic compounds in the alcohol and water but not in the petroleum-ether extracts. There was no correlation between the colorimetrically determined phenol content of an extract and its antifungal activity. Untreated needle powder strongly inhibited fungal growth, as did petroleum-ether or water-extracted powder. By contrast, alcohol-extracted powder did not inhibit fungal growth. The inhibitory effect of methanol extract was much more pronounced at a pH range of 4.0-4.5 than at 5.5-6.5

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The selections of trees and shrubs which are most valuable and most adapted to local site conditions were described. The list contained 669 spp. and varieties of woody plants. This is connected with the need to popularize many new ornamental varieties and new varieties adapted to particularly difficult urban environments. The tree plantings in the new open municipal districts require diversification since a greater assortment of various species and varieties is possible. In Poland, 5 climatic regions were delineated: the western zone, the transitory zone, the eastern zone, the southern sub-montane zone and the montane zone. The western climatic zone favored the introduction of many ornamental trees and shrubs known for their sensitivity to winter frosts although exotic trees such as ebony (*Diospyros lotus*), bamboos (*Sinarundinaria nitida*) or sequoias (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) can be grown. The transitory zone has an intermediate climate. The eastern zone has a cold, more continental climate. The vegetative period is almost 2 mo. shorter than within the neighboring zones (Tarnow, Pszczyna). Only woody plants can grow there which are adapted to long lasting very cold and windy winters, e.g., *Acer negundo*, *Physocarpus opulifolius* and *Rhus typhina*. The submontane zone is defined by other climatic factors. The Subcarpathian valleys and the Silesian lowland belong to the warmest regions of Poland. This characteristic, the abundance of precipitation and the most intense solar radiation throughout Poland permit the introduction of many valuable trees and shrubs from genera *Magnolia*, *Deutzia*, *Weigela*, *Juglans* and others. The montane zone is different, covering the lower reaches of the Carpathian and Sudety Mountains. Successful cultivation of various species including some evergreen ones like those from genera *Rhododendron*, *Pieris* and *Chamaecyparis* is possible

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Adenine and guanine nucleotide contents of isolated apices collected from a juvenile and a mature clone of *Sequoiadendron giganteum* (Lindl.) Buchholz during budbreak were determined. GDP and GTP contents were significantly higher in the juvenile clone apex than in the mature ones, whereas there was no difference in ATP concentration between the two materials. In vivo, induction of protein synthesis was similar in the two clones after 10 min of [³⁵S]-methionine labeling. The increase of [³⁵S]-methionine-tRNAs and labeled proteins continued up to 30 min for the juvenile clone. They markedly declined for the mature clone after 10 min. Only the diminution of this in vivo protein synthesis was well correlated with a decrease in GTP content

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The development of management policies is briefly traced from 1872, and ambiguities in legislation are described and partially resolved. Alternative objectives put forward by the Park Service, aiming at restoring or maintaining natural conditions, are evaluated using data from a giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*)/mixed conifer forest in Kings Canyon National Park, California [see FA 43, 2232]. It is concluded that structural maintenance objectives (those aiming to maintain the vegetation in its current state, or restore it to its presettlement state and maintain it there) are not biologically feasible since this forest community is not in a steady state. Process maintenance objectives, allowing succession to continue in the current vegetation, or after restoration to a presettlement condition, are, therefore, preferred. A new option is also presented, based on a high resolution description of the presettlement forest community and named the reconstruction-simulation approach.

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The presettlement state of a giant sequoia-mixed conifer forest community in the Redwood Creek watershed, Kings Canyon National Park [USA] is reconstructed using a backward projection in time of plant aggregations. The most conspicuous change in the forest community from the presettlement condition (.apprx. = 1890) was a general increase in the area of aggregations dominated by pole-size trees and mature trees, and a corresponding decrease in the area of aggregations dominated by sapling- and seedling-size trees. Aggregations dominated by white fir had both the greatest decline in area for sapling and seedling aggregations and the greatest increase in area for large mature, mature, and pole aggregations of any species in the watershed. The area of aggregations dominated by shrubs also declined, with manzanita aggregations showing the largest loss in area for any shrub species. Hardwoods were also a far more important part of the presettlement forest community than they are today

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Second-stage larvae of *R. sequoiae* tunnel through the cortex of the redwood *Sequoia sempervirens* (D. Don) Endl. root to the vascular tissue where each developing female induces a single ovoid or occasionally spherical giant cell with a single ovoid to spherical nucleus containing 1-4 enlarged nucleoli. Nematode tunnels are filled with a gel material and often contain 2nd-stage larvae and males. There is tissue necrosis around females, and cortical tissue is destroyed after infection by many 2nd-stage larvae. *R. sequoiae* females developed to maturity on *S. sempervirens*, *Acer macrophyllum* Pursh, *Alnus rhombifolia* Nutt., *Libocedrus Torr*, *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Mirb.) Franco and *Sequoiadendron giganteum* (Lindl.) Decne. In the Marin County, California [USA], forest mature females were also found naturally infecting *Lithocarpus densiflorus* (Hook and Arn.) Rehd., *Umbellularia californica* (Hook and Arn.) Nutt., and *Arbutus menziesii* Pursh
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species were, in order of decreasing susceptibility: *P. monticola*, *P. jeffreyi* X *P. coulteri*, *Abies monticola* [*A. magnifica* ?], *P. radiata* X *P. attenuata*, *P. ponderosa* [Californian], *P. coulteri*, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, *Pinus jeffreyi*, *P. ponderosa* (Rocky Mountain), *A. concolor*, *Pseudotsuga macrocarpa*, *Pinus attenuata*, *Libocedrus decurrens*, *Pinus lambertiana*, and *Sequoia gigantea*

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Metasequoia glyptostroboides, K (22) =

2Am+2Bm+2Cm+2Dm+2Em+2Fm+2scGm+2Hm+2scIm+2J+m+2sc Km; *Taiwania*

cryptomerioides, K (22) = 2Am+2Bm+2scCm+2Dm+2Em+2Fm+2Gm+2Hsm+2

Ism+2Jm+2Ksm+2Ksm;

Sequoiadendron

giganteum,

K

(22)

= 2Am+2Bm+2Cm+2Dm+2Em+2Fm+2Gm+2Hm+2Ism+2Jm+2SscKm. The

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