

# Pining for the future: which pine trees where?



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# Aim & objective



- To understand and manage the consequences of environmental and climate change for ecosystem resilience.
- Effects of tree genetics and environmental factors on tree performance, tree health including pests and pathogens, associated biodiversity and ecosystem processes.





#### 21 populations

8 mother trees

#### 3-4 blocks



# Survival & growth







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Site	403.76	<0.001
Provenance	8.59	< 0.001
Family	1.85	< 0.001

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*REML analysis with Site, Provenance and Family (nested within Provenance) as fixed effects, Block nested within Site as a random effect.* 



### Invertebrate Biodiversity



	Year	Variable	Wald
Abundance	2015	Site	26.26***
		Provenance	42.68**
	2017	Provenance	31.92*
		Family	87.82*
Species richness	2015	Site	19.02***
		Provenance	48.61***
	2017	Provenance	31.90*
Abundance pine specialists	2015	Site	44.41***
	2017	Site	5.47**

### **Insect pests**



Causal group	Year	Variable	Wald
Hylobius abietis	2015	Site	72.98***
		Site*Provenance	82.02***
	2017	Site	17.92***
		Site*Provenance	33.27*
Symphyta	2015	Site	132.65***
		Site*Provenance	84.19***
		Family	95.66*
	2017	Provenance	45.03***
		Family	97.36**





# **Fungal pathogens**



Species	Variable	Wald
Dothistroma	Site	193.08***
	Provenance	1.88*
Lophodermella	Site	25.91***
	Provenance	5.81***
	Site*Provenance	3.23***
Lophodermium	Site	92.91***
	Provenance	1.82*
Coleosporium	Site	24.10***

## Dothistroma prevalence (Glensaugh)



# Conclusions



- Growing site has the greatest effect on tree growth, associated biodiversity, pests and pathogens
- Provenance (and family) have a significant influence
- Western provenances grow faster, greater biodiversity, fewer pathogens

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