

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

**Table S1:** Description of 127 selected NFI attributes as response variables Y to be predicted and mapped. Two types of aggregation were applied to rasterized PP polygons at 25 m resolution aggregated to the 250 m resolution of MODIS: simple areal averaging (\*) and areal averaging with biomass weighting (†) for some attributes to take into account vegetation abundance across aggregated PP polygons, particularly for species composition.

CATEGORY	NFI MAP ATTRIBUTE & description in relation to NFI PP polygons	ATTRIBUTE LABEL	UNITS	ATTRIBUTE LINKS
LANDCOVER	Non-vegetated proportion <i>% of non-vegetated polygons *</i>	NON-VEG	%	Sums to 100%
	Vegetated proportion <i>% vegetated polygons *</i>	VEG	%	
	Treed proportion <i>% of vegetated treed polygons *</i>	TREED	%	Sums to VEG
	Non-treed proportion <i>% of vegetated non-treed polygons *</i>	NON-TREED	%	
STRUCTURE	Site age <i>Mean age of the leading species of polygons †</i>	AGE	years	None
	Site height <i>Mean height of the leading species in the polygons †</i>	HEIGHT	m	
	Crown closure <i>Mean crown closure of polygons *</i>	CLOSURE	%	
	Merchantable volume <i>Mean merchantable volume of polygons *</i>	VOL_M	m <sup>3</sup> /ha	
	Total Volume <i>Mean total volume of polygons *</i>	VOL_T	m <sup>3</sup> /ha	
	Total live aboveground biomass <i>Mean total live above-ground biomass of polygons *</i>	AGB	t/ha	Used as a weight in aggregation †
	Branch biomass <i>Mean branch biomass component of polygons *</i>	AGB_BR	t/ha	Sums to 100 % of AGB
	Foliage biomass <i>Mean foliage biomass component of polygons *</i>	AGB_FO	t/ha	
	Stem bark biomass <i>Mean stem bark biomass component of polygons *</i>	AGB_SB	t/ha	
	Stem wood biomass <i>Mean stem wood biomass component of polygons *</i>	AGB_SW	t/ha	
Total dead biomass <i>Mean total dead standing biomass of polygons *</i>	AGB_DE	t/ha	None	

(Table S1 continued)

CATEGORY	NFI MAP ATTRIBUTE & description in relation to NFI PP polygons	ATTRIBUTE LABEL	UNITS	ATTRIBUTE LINKS
SPECIES COMPOSITION (See Table S2 for details on species) †	Species composition for each 109 NFI species % weighted by AGB †	GEN_SP_VAR	%	Sum to 100% of AGB
	Unknown species composition % of unidentified species †	UNKNOWN	%	
	No species composition Dummy variable used to account for the presence of non-vegetated areas in the MODIS pixel with no species and nul biomass † (=100% when AGB = 0 t/ha)	NO_SPP	%	
	Needle-leaf species composition % weighted by AGB of all identified and non-identified needle-leaf species †	NLS	%	NLS: Sum of all % needle-leaf species above  BLS: Sum of all % broad-leaf species above
	Broad-leaf species composition % weighted by AGB of all identified and non-identified broad-leaf species †	BLS	%	NLS+BLS+UNKNOWN+NO_SPP=100%

Aggregation type:

\* Areal averaging

† Areal averaging with AGB weighting to take into account relative vegetation abundance across polygons

**Table S2:** Overall accuracy measurements for all 127 selected NFI attributes using validation pixels ( $N_{val}=8721$ ) within six well-inventoried ecozones and two partly-inventoried ecozones (Mixedwood Plains and Taiga Cordillera) of interest to increase the number of available species. Empty cells at the end of the table are due to lack of a given species in the validation set. MD and RMSD are reported in addition to MD% and RMSD%, these two being scale dependent. Grey cells indicate attributes for which  $R^2 > 0.3$  or  $RMSD\% < 100\%$  or absolute  $MD\% < 10\%$ . All attribute layers are available at <https://nfi.nfis.org/>

CATEGORY	ATTRIBUTE LABEL	ATTRIBUTE DESCRIPTION	UNITS	$R^2$	RMSD%	MD%	RMSD	MD
LAND COVER	NON-VEG	Non-vegetated proportion	%	0.74	109.80	-4.18	16.32	-0.62
	VEG	Vegetated proportion	%	0.74	19.17	0.73	16.32	0.62
	TREED	Vegetated treed proportion	%	0.62	38.44	0.65	24.92	0.42
	NON-TREED	Vegetated non-treed proportion	%	0.37	129.48	0.97	26.29	0.20
STRUCTURE	AGE	Age of leading species	years	0.57	60.26	2.10	44.29	1.54
	CLOSURE	Crown closure	%	0.64	46.52	-0.07	16.71	-0.02
	HEIGHT	Height of leading species	m	0.58	48.16	0.61	5.66	0.07
	VOL_M	Merchantable volume	m <sup>3</sup> /ha	0.59	75.79	0.00	77.97	0.00
	VOL_T	Total volume	m <sup>3</sup> /ha	0.52	94.31	0.00	66.08	0.00
	AGB	Total live aboveground biomass	t/ha	0.62	68.46	0.04	44.90	0.03
	AGB_br	Branch biomass	t/ha	0.66	66.32	-0.22	5.98	-0.02
	AGB_de	Dead biomass	t/ha	0.62	86.94	0.89	7.63	0.08
	AGB_fo	Foliage biomass	t/ha	0.65	60.38	0.53	3.34	0.03
	AGB_sb	Stem bark biomass	t/ha	0.59	68.68	0.09	4.68	0.01
	AGB_sw	Stem wood biomass	t/ha	0.60	72.93	0.03	32.26	0.01
SPECIES	NLS	Needle-leaf species	%	0.59	44.78	1.45	25.50	0.82
	BLS	Broad-leaf species	%	0.61	90.01	-0.77	18.75	-0.16
	ABIE_AMA	Amabilis fir (pacific silver fir)	%	0.20	1169.72	2.26	3.00	0.01
	ABIE_BAL	Balsam Fir	%	0.51	176.01	-5.58	7.66	-0.24
	ABIE_LAS	Alpine fir (subalpine fir)	%	0.36	375.12	5.88	11.09	0.17
	ABIE_SPP	Fir	%	0.20	579.06	13.48	9.12	0.21
	ACER_MAC	Bigleaf maple	%	0.30	2786.76	-19.25	0.80	-0.01
	ACER_NEG	Manitoba maple (box-elder, ash-leaved maple)	%	0.01	5924.13	-70.54	1.27	-0.02
	ACER_PEN	Striped maple	%	0.61	3795.87	30.03	0.07	0.00
	ACER_RUB	Red maple	%	0.47	341.53	-1.31	3.16	-0.01
	ACER_SAC	Silver maple	%	0.05	1482.95	-29.54	1.45	-0.03
	ACER_SAH	Sugar maple (hard maple)	%	0.57	338.92	-6.20	4.40	-0.08
	ACER_SPI	Mountain maple	%	0.08	2528.13	-26.66	0.25	0.00

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	ACER_SPP	Maple	%	0.25	717.39	-15.14	2.09	-0.04
SPECIES	ALNU_INC	Gray alder	%	0.00	9338.63	100.00	0.00	0.00
	ALNU_INC_RUG	Speckled alder	%	0.07	1985.90	-25.28	2.05	-0.03
	ALNU_INC_TEN	Mountain alder	%	0.02	4106.37	-55.63	1.13	-0.02
	ALNU_RUB	Red alder (Oregon, western alder)	%	0.22	2022.77	5.47	1.50	0.00
	ALNU_SPP	Alder sp.	%	0.05	3463.08	-44.29	1.43	-0.02
	ARBU_MEN	Arbutus (madrone, madrone)	%	0.11	6284.53	-81.70	0.04	0.00
	ASIM_TRI	Pawpaw	%	0.00	9338.63	100.00	0.01	0.00
	BETU_ALL	Yellow birch	%	0.34	384.91	7.94	2.96	0.06
	BETU_PAP	White birch	%	0.33	210.29	-4.03	7.53	-0.14
	BETU_POP	Gray birch (wire birch)	%	0.18	2771.80	16.11	0.20	0.00
	BETU_SPP	Birch	%	0.06	1211.75	11.54	2.66	0.03
	CARP_CAR	Blue-beech (ironwood, hornbeam)	%	0.01	2717.26	-50.85	0.65	-0.01
	CARP_COR	Blue-beech (ironwood, hornbeam)	%	0.09	5935.73	110.91	0.09	0.00
	CAST_DEN	American chestnut	%	0.01	9366.17	-82.81	0.02	0.00
	CHAM_NOO	Yellow cypress (Alaska cedar)	%	0.25	1014.58	10.03	2.47	0.02
	FAGU_GRA	American beech	%	0.37	602.22	-7.38	1.00	-0.01
	FRAX_AME	White ash	%	0.01	1691.16	-29.96	0.78	-0.01
	FRAX_NIG	Black ash (swamp ash)	%	0.02	1687.79	6.80	1.12	0.00
	FRAX_PEN	Red ash	%	0.73	5171.33	41.27	0.18	0.00
	FRAX_SPP	Ash	%	0.72	12245.71	136.15	0.09	0.00
	GEN_BLS	Generic broad-leaf species	%	0.21	475.02	-5.70	6.00	-0.07
	GEN_NLS	Generic needle-leaf species	%	0.27	424.13	-8.06	8.62	-0.16
	JUGL_CIN	Butternut (white walnut)	%	0.05	4130.41	-56.76	0.07	0.00
LARI_LAR	Tamarack	%	0.15	441.88	10.40	7.97	0.19	
LARI_LYA	Alpine larch (subalpine larch)	%	0.57	6045.45	108.08	0.71	0.01	

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	LARI_OCC	Western larch (western tamarack)	%	- 0.07	1903.44	-1.53	1.92	0.00
	LARI_SPP	Larch	%	0.07	2283.43	4.99	1.33	0.00
	OSTR_VIR	Ironwood (hop-hornbeam)	%	- 0.03	2859.16	-14.34	0.31	0.00
SPECIES	PICE_ABI	Norway spruce	%	- 0.07	2574.89	6.81	1.43	0.00
	PICE_ENG	Engelmann spruce (mountain spruce)	%	0.30	714.96	9.87	5.09	0.07
	PICE_ENG_GLA	Englemann x white	%	- 0.03	2803.18	25.55	1.95	0.02
	PICE_GLA	White spruce	%	0.21	250.74	2.47	11.91	0.12
	PICE_MAR	Black spruce	%	0.58	103.86	7.01	18.81	1.27
	PICE_RUB	Red spruce (yellow spruce)	%	0.37	600.96	-8.16	3.72	-0.05
	PICE_SIT	Sitka spruce (tideland spruce)	%	- 0.33	3253.53	89.39	1.04	0.03
	PICE_SPP	Spruce	%	0.26	392.23	-5.03	9.82	-0.13
	PINU_ALB	Whitebark pine (scrub pine)	%	- 0.07	2250.00	18.57	2.01	0.02
	PINU_BAN	Jack pine	%	0.39	250.22	-9.53	11.01	-0.42
	PINU_CON	Lodgepole pine	%	0.59	229.84	-3.80	11.26	-0.19
	PINU_CON_LAT	Shore pine	%	0.35	626.39	3.80	6.20	0.04
	PINU_MON	Western white pine (silver pine)	%	0.11	2358.87	-19.05	0.53	0.00
	PINU_PON	Ponderosa pine (yellow pine, bull pine)	%	0.31	1952.72	-5.69	1.71	0.00
	PINU_RES	Red pine (Norway pine)	%	0.07	1478.37	1.45	1.99	0.00
	PINU_SPP	Pine	%	0.07	1932.16	-1.42	2.69	0.00
	PINU_STR	Eastern white pine (weymouth pine)	%	0.38	518.13	-8.39	3.30	-0.05
	PINU_SYL	Scots pine	%	- 1.84	11125.42	134.83	0.06	0.00
	POPU_BAL	Balsam poplar (tacamahac)	%	0.12	595.22	1.32	4.75	0.01
	POPU_DEL	Eastern cottonwood	%	- 0.04	9519.59	-72.02	0.37	0.00
	POPU_GRA	Largetooth aspen	%	0.13	997.60	-6.29	1.03	-0.01
	POPU_SPP	Poplar (cottonwood, aspen)	%	0.40	328.70	-1.19	6.93	-0.02
	POPU_TRE	Trembling aspen	%	0.55	169.72	3.78	14.22	0.32
	POPU_TRI	Black cottonwood (western balsam poplar)	%	- 0.13	4570.22	-22.31	0.92	0.00
	PRUN_PEN	Pin cherry (red, bird, fire cherry)	%	- 0.09	919.25	19.73	0.31	0.01

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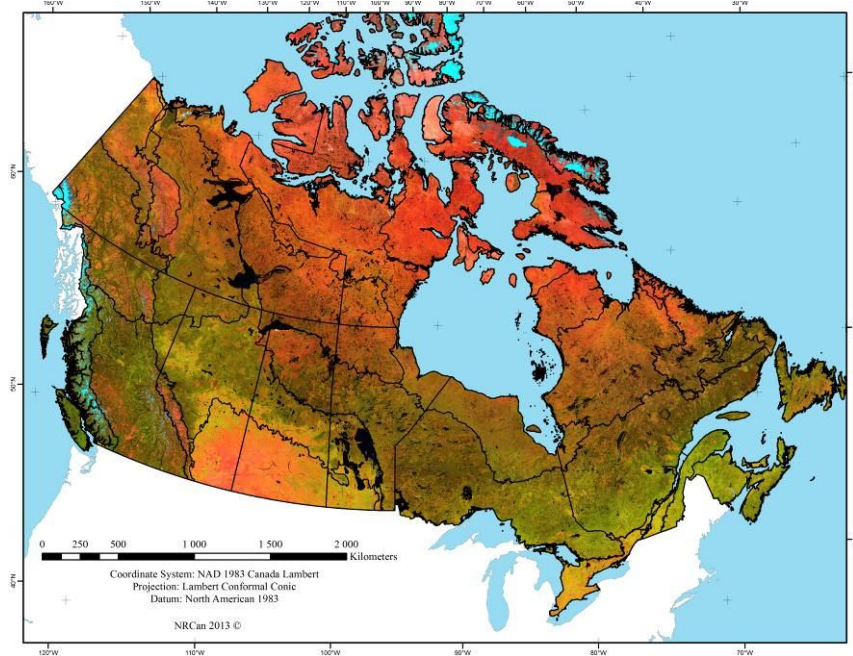
	PRUN_SER	Black cherry	%	0.18	2302.81	26.92	0.17	0.00
	PSEU_MEN	Douglas-fir	%	0.52	422.04	-3.58	6.92	-0.06
	PSEU_MEN_GLA	Interior Douglas-fir	%	0.02	2206.76	-32.54	2.49	-0.04
	PSEU_MEN_MEN	Coastal Douglas-fir	%	0.07	3749.74	-42.73	1.27	-0.01
SPECIES	QUER_ALB	White oak	%	0.15	4328.06	-0.01	0.15	0.00
	QUER_BIC	Swamp white oak	%	0.00	9323.73	-87.01	0.03	0.00
	QUER_GAR	Garry oak (Oregon white oak)	%	0.00	9338.63	100.00	0.10	0.00
	QUER_MAC	Bur oak	%	0.01	5480.79	-46.87	0.59	-0.01
	QUER_RUB	Red oak	%	0.05	1101.72	-18.80	2.32	-0.04
	SALI_BEB	Peachleaf willow	%	0.13	1304.40	20.93	0.15	0.00
	SALI_SPP	Willow	%	0.15	3867.00	-24.80	0.95	-0.01
	SORB_AME	American mountain ash	%	0.06	1143.04	4.38	0.12	0.00
	THUJ_OCC	Eastern white-cedar	%	0.05	608.81	10.43	3.06	0.05
	THUJ_PLI	Western red cedar	%	0.56	475.65	-8.03	3.85	-0.06
	THUJ_SPP	Cedar (arbor-vitae)	%	0.05	1542.53	27.85	2.12	0.04
	TILI_AME	Basswood (American linden)	%	0.02	1252.54	-6.74	0.47	0.00
	TSUG_CAN	Eastern hemlock	%	0.14	974.62	1.44	1.72	0.00
	TSUG_HET	Western hemlock	%	0.35	606.55	-2.46	5.22	-0.02
	TSUG_MER	Mountain hemlock	%	0.20	1511.93	20.53	3.12	0.04
	TSUG_MER_HET	Mountain x western hemlock hybrid	%	0.00	9338.63	100.00	0.84	-0.01
	TSUG_SPP	Hemlock	%	0.26	691.19	-4.11	5.76	-0.03
	ULMU_AME	White elm (American elm)	%	0.13	5469.41	25.93	0.41	0.00
	ULMU_THO	Rock elm (cork elm)	%	0.00	6701.60	100.00	0.01	0.00
	UNKNOWN	Unknown species	%	0.59	112.19	-2.80	24.88	-0.62
	ABIE_GRA	Grand fir (lowland fir)	%					
	ACER_CIR	Vine maple	%					

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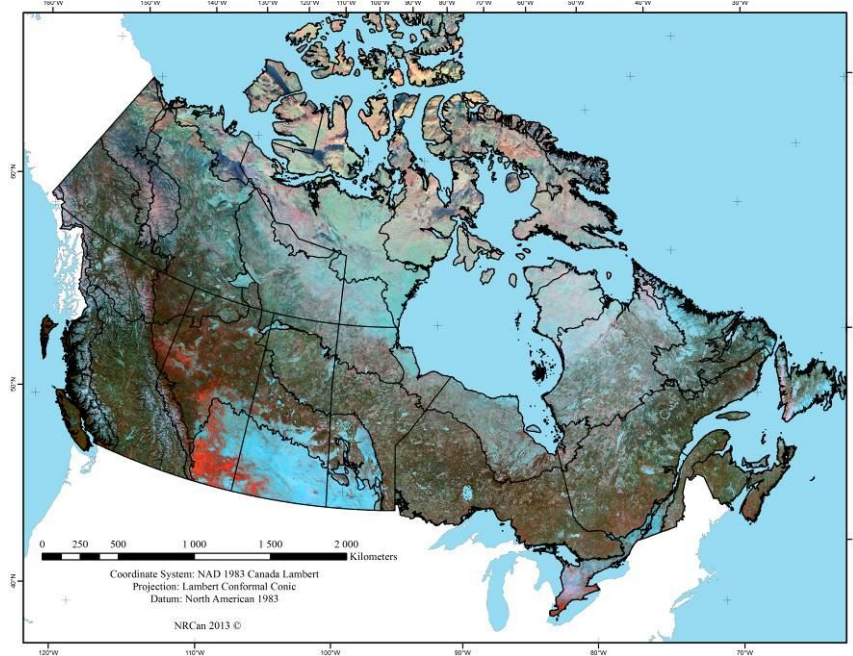
	CRAT_SPP	Hawthorn	%					
	FRAX_PEN_SUB	Green ash	%					
	GLED_TRI	Honey-locust	%					
	JUGL_NIG	Black walnut	%					
	JUNI_VIR	Eastern red cedar (juniper)	%					
	LARI_KAE	Japanese larch	%					
	MALU_FUS	Pacific crab apple	%					
	MALU_SPP	Apple	%					
SPECIES	PINU_FLE	Limber pine (Rocky Mountain white pine)	%					
	PINU_RIG	Pitch pine	%					
	PLAT_OCC	Sycamore (plane-tree, buttonball)	%					
	PRUN_VIR	Choke cherry	%					
	ROBI_PSE	Black-locust	%					
	SALI_NIG	Black willow	%					
	SASS_ALB	Sassafras	%					
	SORB_DEC	Showy mountain ash	%					
	SORB_SPP	Mountain-ash	%					
	ULMU_RUB	Slippery elm (red elm)	%					
	ULMU_SPP	Elm	%					

## FIGURES

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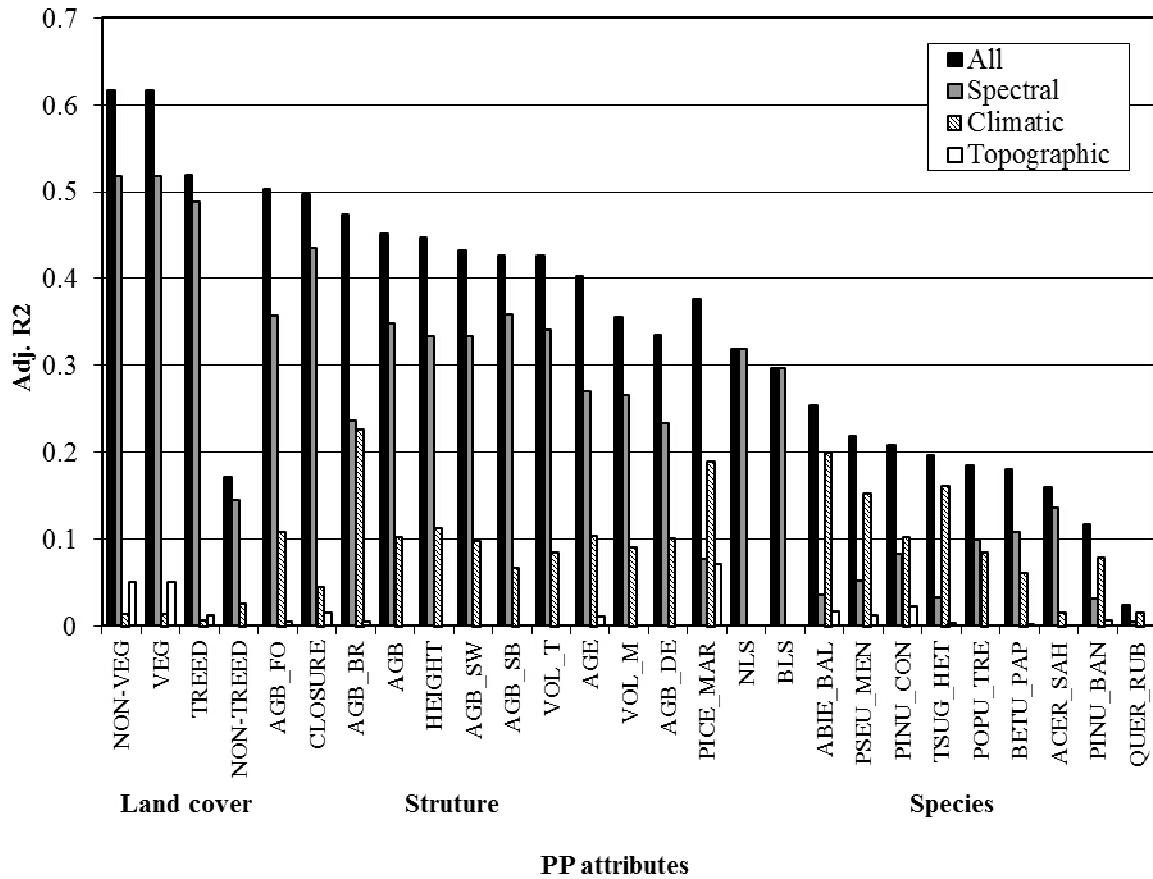


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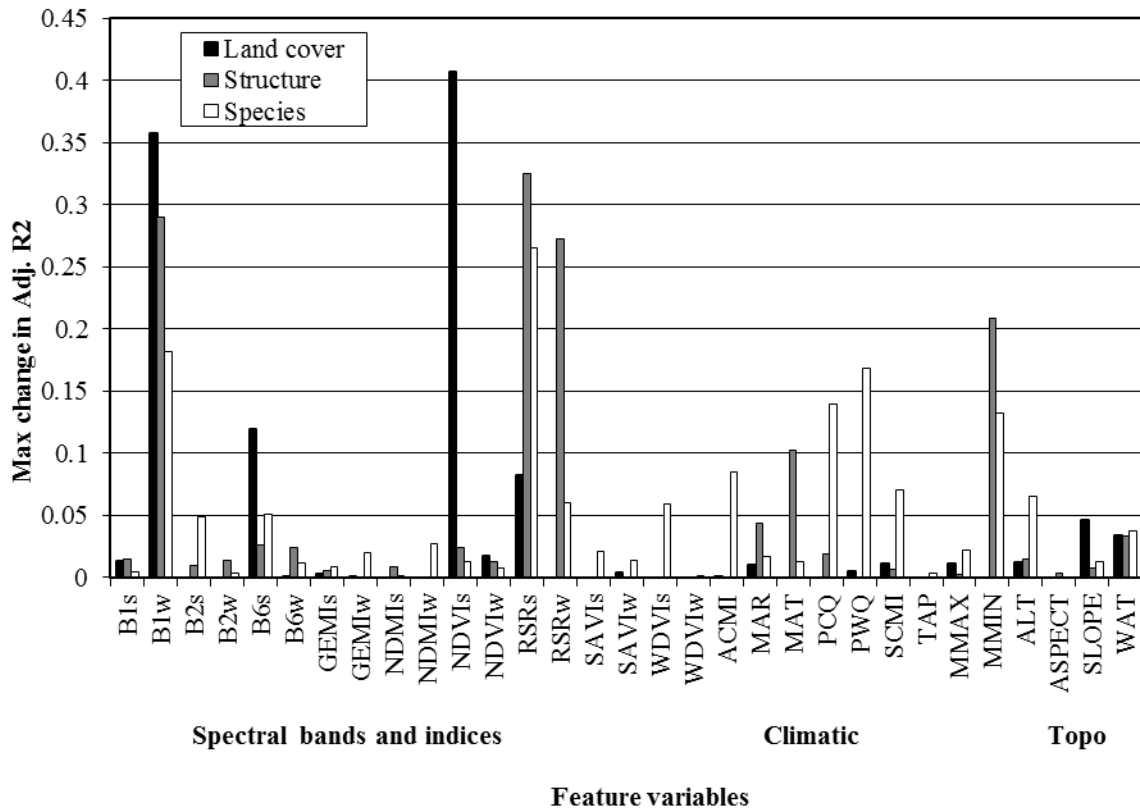


**Figure S1:** A) Summer (July-August) and B) winter (January-February) colour composites of 2001 MODIS 250 m composite mosaics (Red: Band 2, Green: Band 6, Blue: Band 1) as key geospatial layers across Canada used to impute NFI attributes.



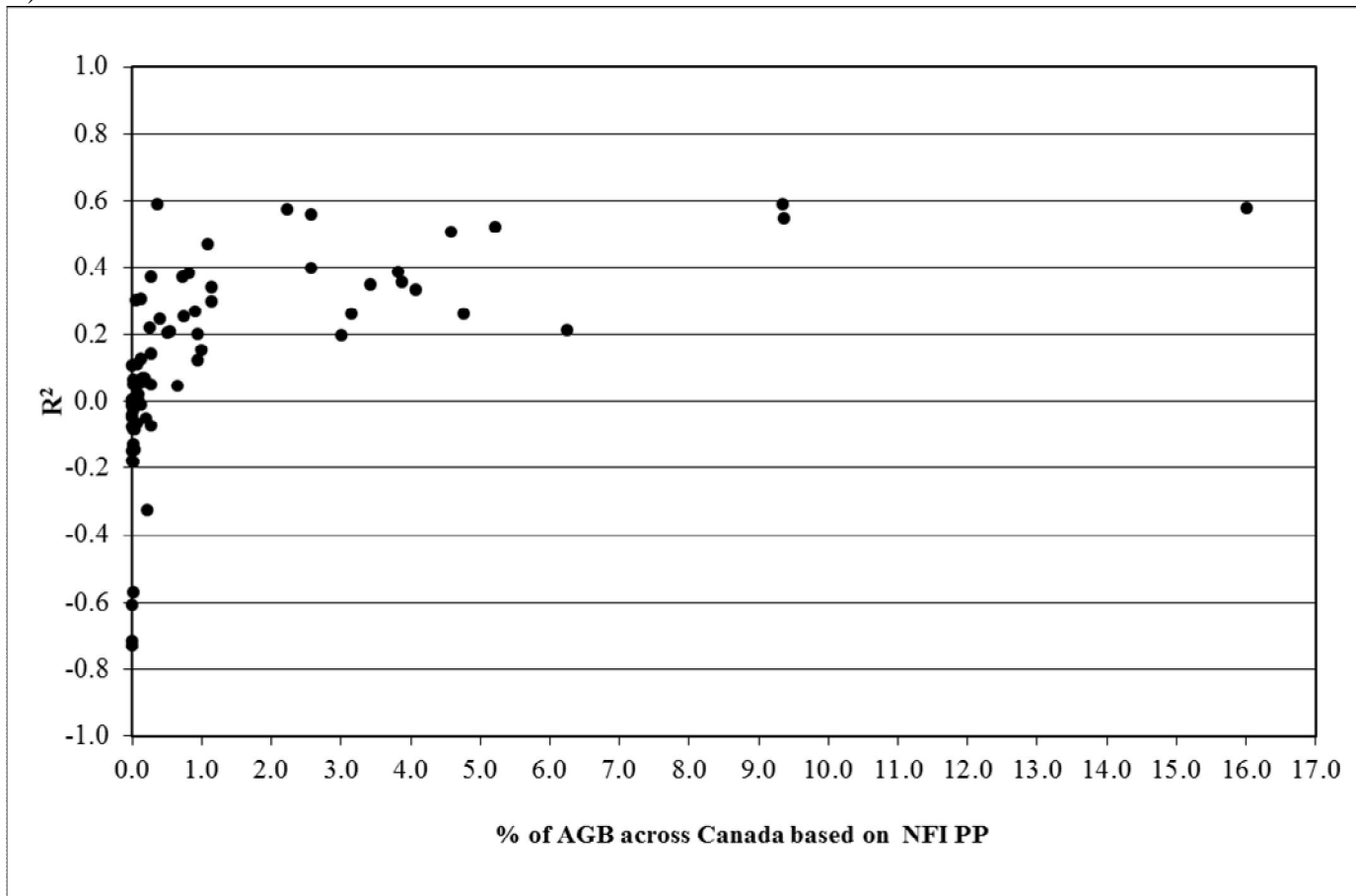


**Figure S2a:** Values of adj.  $R^2$  (black bars) from hybrid-LASSO (HL) selected features (X) for each categorized NFI PP attribute (27 response variables Y) along with contributions (sum of adj.  $R^2$  change) by feature category (spectral, climatic and topographic; other bars). The single land cover feature water proportion was removed from the graph for clarity as change in adj.  $R^2$  was always below 0.04. See Table S1 for description of PP attributes labels and Table S2 for categorized features.

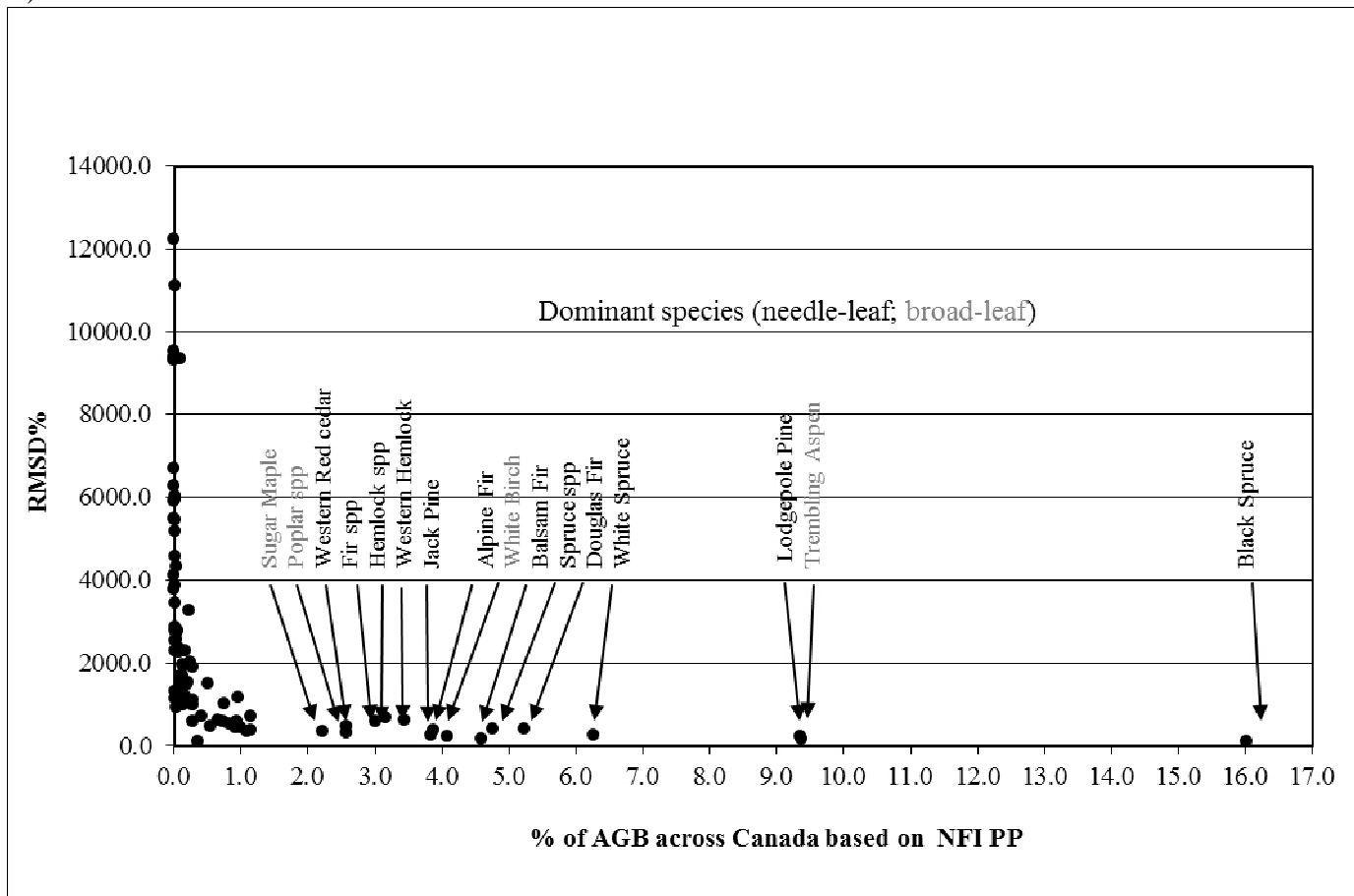


**Figure S2b:** Maximal change in adj.  $R^2$  caused by each of the 31 feature variables X across the NFI the attribute categories following HL procedure, indicative of their best predictive capacity.

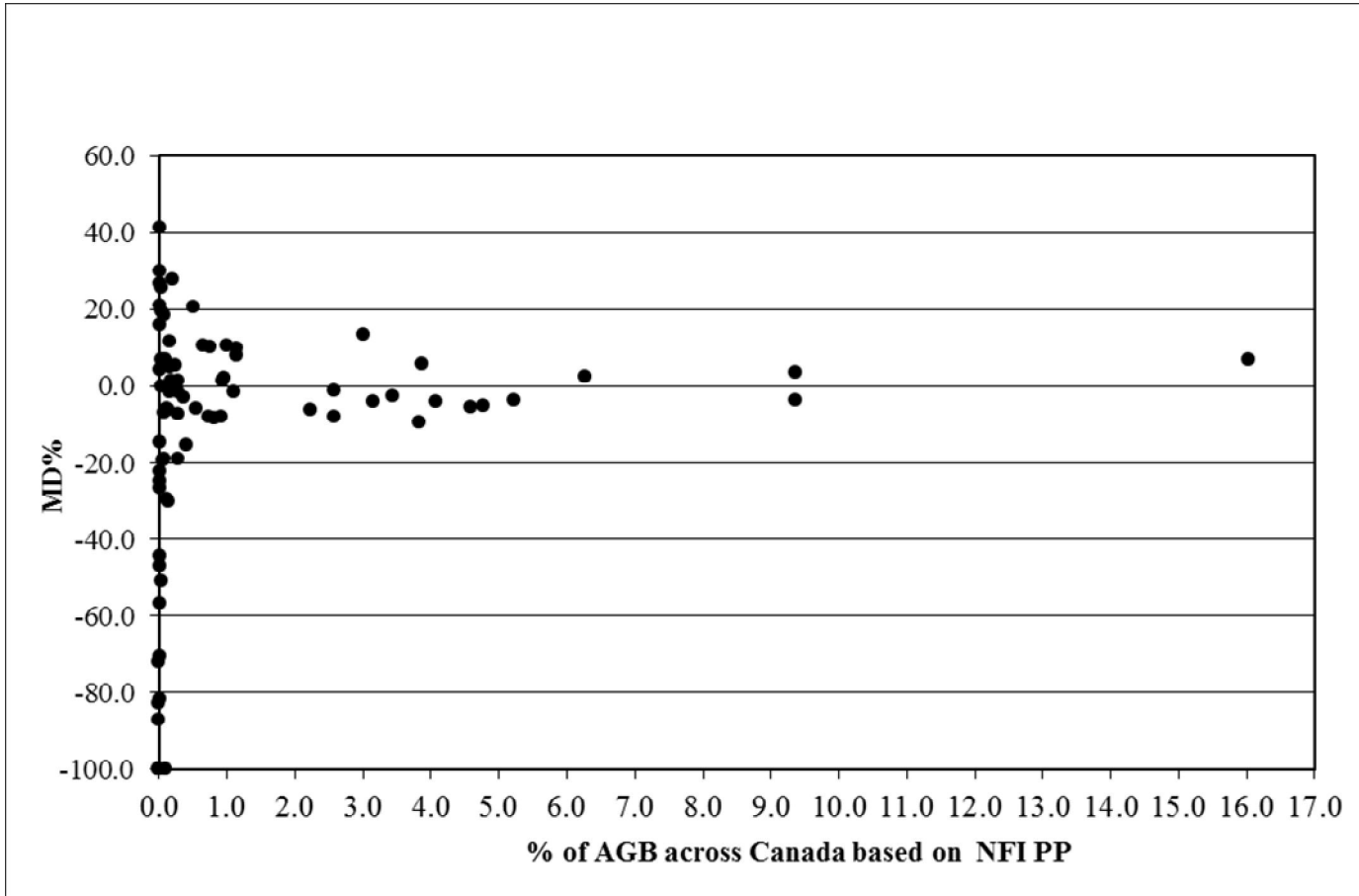
A)



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C)



**Figure S3:** Accuracy measurements across all six well-inventoried ecozones and two poorly inventoried ecozones ( $N_{val}=8721$ ) for 82 species compositions vs their % of total AGB based on NFI PP as a measurement of their abundance across Canada: A)  $R^2$ , B) RMSD% and C) MD% (see Table S2 for tabulated values).