

# Predawn Leaf Water Potential of Oak-Hickory Forest at Missouri Ozark (MOFLUX) Site: 2004-2014



## Summary:

Measurements of predawn leaf water potential (PLWP) have been made at a weekly to biweekly frequency during the 2004 to 2014 growing seasons of the second-growth upland oak-hickory forests at the Missouri Ozark AmeriFlux (MOFLUX) site. The MOFLUX site is located in the University of Missouri Baskett Wildlife Research area (BWREA), situated in the Ozark region of central Missouri, USA.

In each year, except for 2004, the first measurements occurred in mid-May. In all years, the last measurements took place in late October. Leaf samples were collected weekly or biweekly before dawn from canopy and sapling individuals of the common tree species at the site. A total of 20–21 samples were obtained each day with 6–7 taken from white oak (*Quercus alba* L.), and the rest, with at least two samples per species, distributed among black oak (*Q. velutina* Lam.), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.), shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata* (Mill.) K. Koch), white ash (*Fraxinus americana* L.), and eastern redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana* L.), roughly in proportion to their relative stem abundance in the stand.

There is one comma separated (.csv) data file of PLWP in this data set and the related published article is included as a companion file (Gu, et al., 2015).

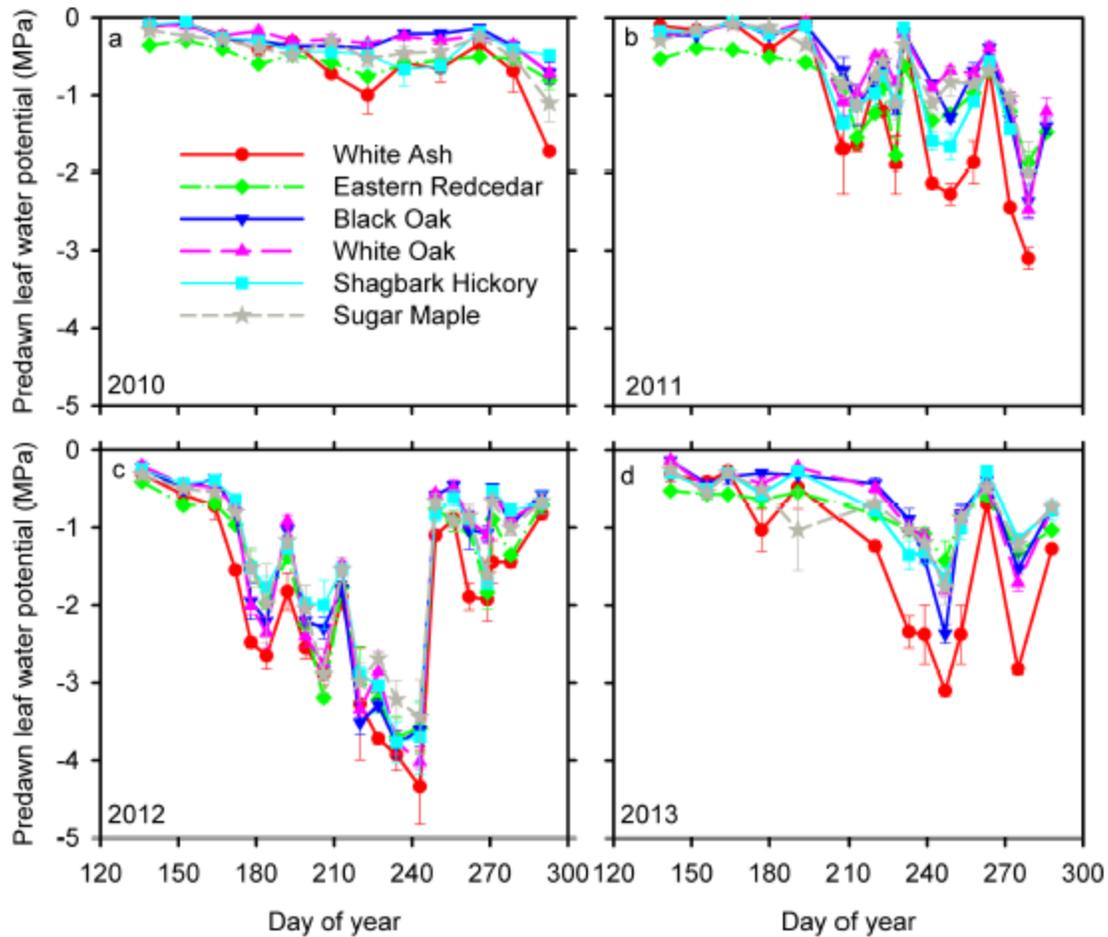


Figure 1. Seasonal variations in predawn leaf water potential of different species from 2010 to 2013. Note that 2012 was a strong drought year. From Gu, et al., 2015.

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## Data and Documentation Access:

### Get Data

For public access to data please visit the ORNL TES-SFA Web Site: <http://tes-sfa.ornl.gov/home>

Published Paper included as a companion file: Gu, et al., 2015.

### Links to Supplemental Data and Information

FLUXNET: Missouri Ozark Site (US-MOz) (<http://fluxnet.ornl.gov/site/967>)

AmeriFlux: Missouri Ozark / US-MOz (<http://ameriflux.ornl.gov/fullsiteinfo.php?sid=64>)

### **Related Data Sets:**

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## Project Description

Investigators have been monitoring the mortality of tree species at the Missouri Ozark AmeriFlux (MOFLUX) site since 2005 and predawn leaf water potential since 2004. The different tree species monitored at the MOFLUX site exhibited a range of drought tolerance. During the study period, a wide range of precipitation regimes from abundant rain to extreme drought occurred at the MOFLUX site, resulting in large inter-annual fluctuations in plant water stress levels and associated tree mortality.

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### 1. Data Set Overview:

This data set reports results measurements of predawn leaf water potential (PLWP) have been made at a weekly to biweekly frequency during the 2004 to 2014 growing seasons of the second-growth upland oak-hickory forests at the Missouri Ozark AmeriFlux (MOFLUX) site. The MOFLUX site is located in the University of Missouri Baskett Wildlife Research area (BWREA), situated in the Ozark region of central Missouri, USA.

### 2. Data Characteristics:

#### Spatial Coverage

Predawn samples came from trees within the flux tower footprint -- within 200 m of the tower proper. See location in Site boundary table below.

#### Spatial Resolution

A total of 20–21 samples were obtained each day within 200 m of the tower and roughly in proportion to their relative stem abundance in the stand.

**Site boundaries:** Latitude and longitude given in decimal degrees.

Site	Westernmost Longitude	Easternmost Longitude	Northernmost Latitude	Southernmost Latitude	Elevation (meters amsl)	Geodetic Datum
Missouri Ozark Site (US-MOz)	-92.2000	-92.2000	38.7441	38.7441	212	WGS84

**Source:** AmeriFlux: Missouri Ozark/US-MOz, <http://ameriflux.ornl.gov/fullsiteinfo.php?sid=64>)

### Temporal Coverage

The data cover the period June 18, 2004 through October 18, 2014.

### Temporal Resolution

Data were collected weekly or biweekly during the growing seasons from May (June in 2004) through October of each year.

### Data File Description

The data are provided in one comma separated (.csv) data file of PLWP. A row is uniquely defined by the Year, DOY, species identifier, and Sample\_Number.

### Data Dictionary:

**Data file:** MOFLUX\_Predawn\_Leaf\_Water\_Potential\_20150904.csv

Column name	Format/Units	Description
Year	YYYY	Year of data collection.
DOY	DDD	Day of year of data collection.
Species_Symbol		Tree species abbreviations. Source: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Plants Database ( <a href="http://plants.usda.gov/java/nrcsStateDownload?statefips=29">http://plants.usda.gov/java/nrcsStateDownload?statefips=29</a> )
Species_Common_Name		Common name
Species_Name		Species name
Sample_Number		Indicates number of samples of a tree species measured on a given day. Samples were collected from multiple trees.
PLWP	MPa	Predawn leaf water potential in megapascal (MPa).

**Tree abbreviations and species names from NRCS source\*.**

NRCS Abbreviation	Species_name	Common_name	Family
CAOV2	<i>Carya ovata</i> (Mill.) K. Koch	shagbark hickory	Juglandaceae
QUAL	<i>Quercus alba</i> L.	white oak	Fagaceae
JUVI	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> L.	eastern redcedar	Cupressaceae
ACSAS	<i>Acer saccharum</i> Marshall var. saccharum	sugar maple	Aceraceae
QUVE	<i>Quercus velutina</i> Lam.	black oak	Fagaceae
FRAM2	<i>Fraxinus americana</i> L.	white ash	Oleaceae
QUST	<i>Quercus stellata</i> Wengen.	post oak	Fagaceae

\* Source: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Plants Database, <http://plants.usda.gov/java/nrcsStateDownload?statefips=29>

**Example Data Records:**

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Year,DOY,Species_Symbol,Species_Common_Name,Species_Name,Sample_Number,PLWP
YYYY,DDD,,,,,Mpa
2004,170,QUVE,black oak,Quercus velutina Lam.,1,-0.103
2004,170,QUVE,black oak,Quercus velutina Lam.,2,-0.055
2004,170,QUVE,black oak,Quercus velutina Lam.,3,-0.076
2004,170,JUVI,eastern redcedar,Juniperus virginiana L.,1,-0.351
2004,170,JUVI,eastern redcedar,Juniperus virginiana L.,2,-0.414
...
2014,291,FRAM2,white ash,Fraxinus americana,2,-1.206
2014,291,QUAL,white oak,Quercus alba L.,1,-0.793
2014,291,QUAL,white oak,Quercus alba L.,2,-0.793
2014,291,QUAL,white oak,Quercus alba L.,3,-0.758
2014,291,QUAL,white oak,Quercus alba L.,4,-0.551
2014,291,QUAL,white oak,Quercus alba L.,5,-0.482
2014,291,QUAL,white oak,Quercus alba L.,6,-1.585
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### **3. Data Application and Derivation:**

Using these decade-long continuous observations of tree mortality and predawn leaf water potential at the MOFLUX site, authors studied how the mortality of important tree species varied and how such variations may be predicted. Water stress determined interannual variations in tree mortality with a time delay of 1 year or more (Gu et al., 2015).

The exceptional drought of the year 2012 drastically increased the mortality of all species, including drought-tolerant oaks, in the subsequent year. The drought-influenced tree mortality was related to the species position along the spectrum of PLWP regulation capacity with those in either ends of the spectrum being associated with elevated risk of death. Regardless of species and drought intensity, the PLWP of all species recovered rapidly after sufficiently intense rain events in all droughts. This result, together with a lack of immediate leaf and branch desiccation, suggests an absence of catastrophic hydraulic disconnection in the xylem and that tree death was caused by significant but indirect effects.

### **4. Quality Assessment:**

These data are considered at **Quality Level 2**. Level 2 indicates a complete, externally consistent data product that has undergone interpretative and diagnostic analyses. The data product has been subjected to quality checks and data management procedures (Level 1). Pallardy et al., 1991 (pp. 41-44), describes in detail the protocols employed for obtaining accurate estimates of water potentials with the pressure chamber.

### **5. Data Acquisition Materials and Methods:**

#### **Site Description**

The MOFLUX site is located in the University of Missouri Baskett Wildlife Research area (BWREA), situated in the Ozark region of central Missouri. The site is uniquely located in the ecologically important transitional zone between the central hardwood region and the central grassland region of the US. The land has been publically owned since the 1930s, and is on a land tract that was forested with the same dominant species before settlement in the early 1800s.



BWREA is within the Ozark border region of central Missouri. Second-growth upland oak-hickory forests constitute the major vegetation type at the BWREA (Rochow, 1972; Pallardy et al., 1988). Major tree species include white oak (*Quercus alba* L.), black oak (*Q. velutina* Lam.), shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata* (Mill.) K. Koch), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.), and eastern redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana* L.). Although these species co-occur in MOFLUX forests, there are differences in which species dominate in particular locations.

### **Additional Site Measurements**

The MOFLUX site is an active Ameriflux site (<http://ameriflux.ornl.gov/>) providing long term monitoring of carbon dioxide and water vapor concentrations, above canopy and sub-canopy energy fluxes, characterization of meteorological and environmental conditions, soil respiration, sap flow, canopy phenology, and leaf-level photosynthetic biochemistry.

Meteorological measurements include precipitation, temperature and relative humidity made at the top of the 30m flux tower and used to formulate potential meteorologically based predictors for tree mortality. Precipitation was measured with a recording tipping bucket rain gauge. Data were totaled over 30 min periods. Atmospheric vapor pressure deficit (VPD) was computed from temperature and relative humidity. At the MOFLUX site, routine meteorological measurements are made with plenty of redundant sensors to minimize the risk of measurement gaps. The full complement of Ameriflux core site measurements are available at <http://ameriflux.ornl.gov/>.

### **Predawn leaf water potential (PLWP)**

Since early June of 2004, measurements of PLWP have been made periodically (weekly to biweekly) during the growing seasons. In each year, except for 2004, the first measurements occurred in mid-May. In all years, the last measurements took place in late October. Leaf samples were collected before dawn for canopy and sapling individuals of common tree species at the site.

A total of 20–21 samples were obtained each day with 6–7 taken from *Quercus alba*, and the rest, with at least two samples per species, distributed among *Q. velutina*, *Acer saccharum*, *Carya ovata*, *Fraxinus americana* L. (white ash), and *Juniperus virginiana*, roughly in proportion to their relative stem abundance in the stand.

Leaves or leaflets (both oak species, shagbark hickory, and white ash) or shoots (sugar maple and eastern redcedar) were sampled from lower branches (<2 m height) thus rendering any gravitational component minimal. After excision with a razor blade, samples were immediately placed in humidified bags in a chest cooler until measurement promptly after sample collection was complete. PLWP was measured with a pressure chamber (Turner, 1981; Pallardy et al., 1991).

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## Data Access:

This data is available through the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center (CDIAC)

## Data Archive Center:

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