

Carbon sequestration in woody vegetation surrounding Alberta Cropland

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Abstract

Perennial vegetation surrounding cropland, such as trees and bushes, are beneficial because they store carbon (Gross et al., 2022). This is beneficial with respect to mitigating global warming because this woody vegetation absorbs atmospheric carbon dioxide. This means that perennial vegetation is great resource for absorbing atmospheric carbon dioxide and storing it, mitigating the increasing rate of global warming (Gross et al., 2022). For this mini LDP project, I found shelter belt data from Alberta that I am able to use to create a figure. Shelter belts are the perennial vegetation surrounding croplands.

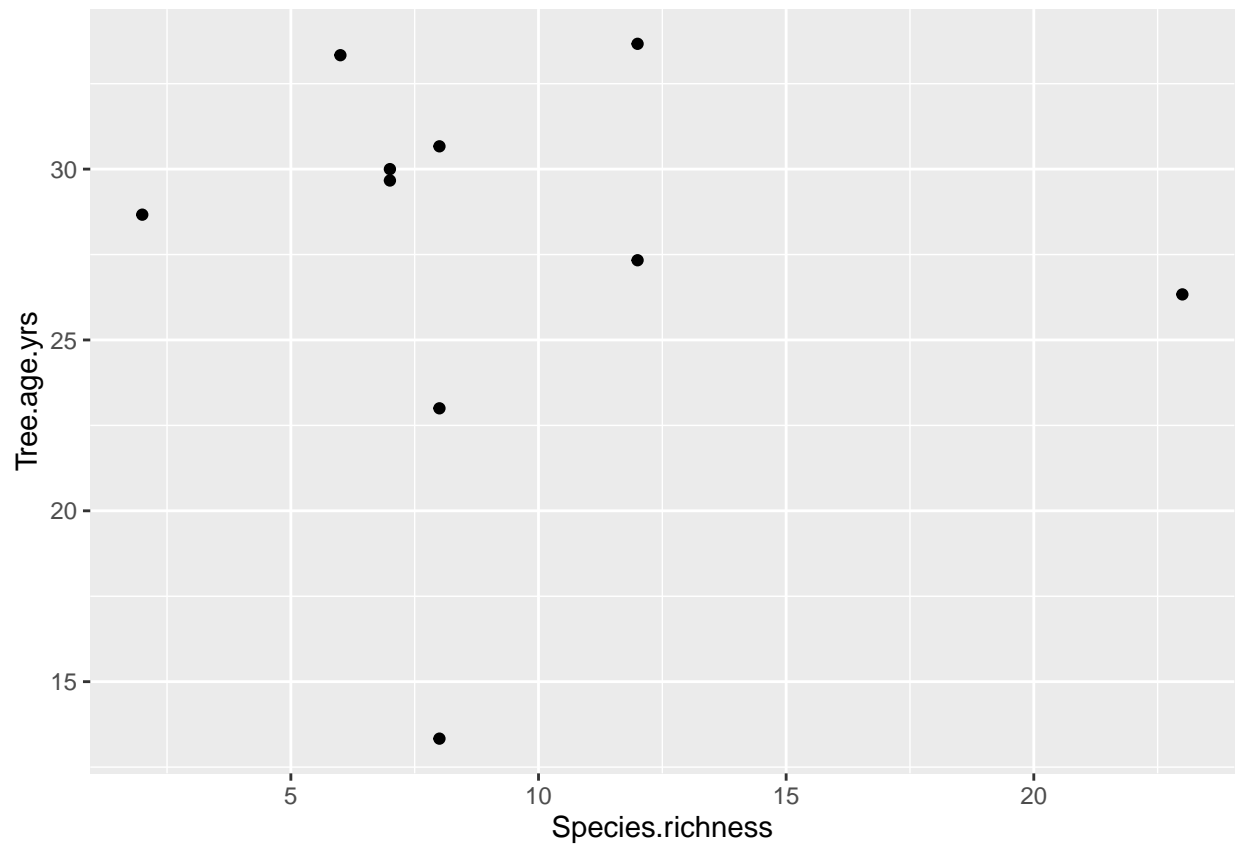
Introduction

There are many acres of cropland throughout Canada and knowing how much carbon is stored within perennial vegetation surrounding this cropland is important because this data helps researchers determine the amount of shelter belts that still need to be planted to mitigate global warming. Data collected between 1990 and 2000 has determined the amount of carbon stored in this perennial vegetation, but more research needs to be done to limit errors when collecting this data (Huffman et al., 2015) and to update this data.

Methods

Methods for this type of research will include extensive field work with the use of drones, as well as plant identification, and statistical analysis.

Results



Data taken from <https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.0zpc86711>.

Discussion

Since no statistical analysis has yet to be ran on the data in this project, I am not able to write my discussion as of yet.

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