

Table 2. Summary of typically observed variation in leaf metabolism and thermal responses across the vertical gradient and/or between sun and shade leaves

trait	symbol	units	response*	forest type(s) [†]	reference(s) [‡]
Conductance					
boundary-layer conductance	g_b	$\text{mmol}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	↑ H	TrB	3
		mm s^{-1}	↑ H	TeN	12
			≈ L	TeN	12
leaf hydraulic conductance	K_{leaf}	$\text{m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ MPa}^{-1}$	↑ L	TeB	40
cuticle conductance	g_{min}	$\text{mmol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	↑ L	TrB	41
max stomatal conductance	$g_{s \text{ max}}$	$\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	↑ H	TrB, TeB, BoN	1, 2, 4
stomatal conductance limitation	g_s	$\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	↑ L	TrB, TeB, TeN, BoN	8, 9, 10, 7, 4
			↑ H	TrB, TeN	9, 39, 5, 6, 7
stomatal conductance at optimal temperature	$g_s \text{ at } T_{opt}$	$\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	↑ L ≈ ↑ H	TrB, TeN TeB	9, 39, 7 11
			↓ H	TrB	39
			≈ ↑ L	TrB	8
Photosynthesis					
maximum photosynthetic capacity	A_{max}	$\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	↑ H	TrB, TeB, BoN	14, 11, 15, 4
			≈ ↓ H	TeB	16
			↑ L	TrB, TeB, TeN, BoN	14, 17, 18, 19, 10, 4
		$\text{nmol g}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	≈ H	TrB	20, 21
			≈ L	TrB, TeB, TeN	20, 21, 19
			↑ H	TrB, TeB	22, 23
maximum light-saturated net photosynthesis	A_{sat}	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$			
A _{sat} at optimum temperature	A_{opt}	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	↑ L	TrB, TeB	8, 23
			≈ ↑ H	TrB, TeB	13, 11
			↑ H	TrB	39
			↑ L	TrB	8, 13

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optimum temperature for photosynthesis	T_{opt}	°C	≈ H	TrB, TeB	24, 11, 13	
photosynthetic light compensation point	LCP	μmol m ⁻²	↓ H	TrB	39	
			≈ L	TrB, TeB	9, 8, 11	
			↑ H	TrB, TeB, TeN	25, 16	
maximal carboxylation rate	V_{cmax}	μmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	↑ L	TrB, TeB, TeN	8, 17, 16	
			↑ H	TrB, TeB	2, 42, 23, 14	
			↑ L	TrB, TeB, BoN	9, 42, 23, 14, 10	
optimum temperature for V_{cmax}	$V_{cmax}(T_{opt})$	nmol g ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	≈ H	TrB, TeB	2, 23	
		μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	≈ L	TrB, TeB	2, 23	
			nmol CO ₂ g ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	≈↓ L	TeB	26
			≈↑ H	TeB	11	
			electron transport rate	J_{max}	μmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	≈ L
↑ H	TrB, TeB	2, 42, 39, 23, 14				
↑ L	TrB, TeB	9, 42, 23, 27, 14				
nmol g ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	≈ H	TrB, TeB			2, 23	
nmol e ⁻¹ g ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	≈ L	TrB, TeB			2, 23	
	≈↓ L	TeB	26			
	↓ H	TrB	39			
high-temperature CO ₂ compensation point	$J_{max}(T_{opt})$ T_{max}	μmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	≈ L	TrB	9	
		°C	≈ H	TrB	22	
Respiration	R	μmol CO ₂ m ⁻² s ⁻¹	≈ L	TrB	8	
			↑ H	TrB, TeB, TeN	39, 31, 32, 33	
			μmol CO ₂ kg ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	≈ H	TrB, TeB, TeN	31, 32
light respiration	R_L	μmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	↑ L	TrB, TeN	31, 33,	
			↑ H	TrB	22	
			↑ L	TrB	22	

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dark respiration	R_{dark}	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	↑ H	TrB, TeB, BoN	22, 14, 34, 23, 38
			↑ L	TrB, TeB, TeN, BoN	22, 14, 23, 17, 10, 38
		$\text{nmol g}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	≈ ↑ H	TrB	2, 35
			≈ L	TrB	2, 35
R_{dark} at reference T	R_{dark} at reference T	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	↑ H	TrB, TeB, TeN	22, 14, 34, 32
		$\mu\text{mol (kg leaf)}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	↑ H	TrB, TeB, TeN	22, 14, 34, 32
		$\mu\text{mol (kg N)}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	↑ H	TeB, TeN	34, 32
		$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	↑ L	TrB, TeB	22, 8, 34.
temperature sensitivity of R_{dark}	Q_{10}	$^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$	≈ H	TrB, TeB, TeN	22, 39, 34, 33
		$^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$	≈ ↑ H	TeB, TeN	36, 32
			≈ ↓ L	TrB, TeB, TeN	22, 34, 33
			↑ L	TeB	36
activation energy of R_{dark}	E_0	$\text{kJ mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	≈ H	TrB, TeB, TeN	22, 37, 32
			≈ L	TrB	22, 8

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