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)\* | |
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| **Stomatal conductance** | | | | | |
| max stomatal conductance | *gs max* | mol m-² s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeB, BoN | 1, 2, 4 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB, TeB, TeN, BoN | 8, 9, 10, 7, 4 | |
| leaf hydraulic conductance | *Kleaf* | m-2 s-1 MPa-1 | ↑ with light | TeB | 41 | |
| stomatal conductance limitation with temperature | *gs* | mol m-2 s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeN | 9, 40, 5, 6, 7 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB, TeN | 9, 40, 7 | |
| stomatal conductance at optimal temperature | *gs at Topt* | mol m-2 s-1 | ≈↑ with height | TeB | 11 | |
|  |  |  | ↓ with height | TrB | 40 | |
|  |  |  | ≈↑ with light | TrB | 8 | |
| boundary-layer conductance | *ga* | mmol-2 s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB | 3 | |
|  | *gbV* | mm s-1 | ↑ with height | TeN | 12 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB | 3 | |
|  | *gbV* | mm s-1 | ≈ with light | TeN | 12 | |
| **Photosynthesis** |  |  |  |  |  | |
| maximum photosynthetic capacity | *Amax area* | mol m-2 s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeB, BoN | 14, 11, 15, 4 | |
|  |  |  | ≈↓ with height | TeB | 16 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB, TeB, TeN, BoN | 14, 17, 18, 19, 10, 4 | |
|  | *Amax mass* | nmol g-1 s-1 | ≈ with height | TrB | 20, 21 | |
|  |  |  | ≈ with light | TrB, TeB, TeN | 20, 21, 19 | |
| maximum light-saturated net photosynthesis | *Asat* | µmol m-2 s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeB | 22, 23 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB, TeB | 8, 23 | |
| Asat at optimum temperature | *Aopt* | µmol m-2 s-1 | ≈↑ with height | TrB, TeB | 13, 11 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with height | TrB | 40 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB | 8, 13 | |
| optimum temperature for photosynthesis | *Topt* | ˚C | ≈ with height | TrB, TeB | 24, 11, 13 | |
|  |  |  | ↓ with height | TrB | 40 | |
|  |  |  | ≈ with light | TrB, TeB | 9, 8, 11 | |
| photosynthetic light compensation point | *LCP* | µmol m-2 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeB, TeN | 25, 16 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB, TeB, TeN | 8, 17, 16 | |
| maximal carboxylation rate | *Vcmax area* | µmol m-2 s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeB | 2, 23, 14 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB, TeB, BoN | 9, 23, 14, 10 | |
|  | *Vcmax mass* | nmol g-1 s-1 | ≈ with height | TrB, TeB | 2, 23 | |
|  |  |  | ≈ with light | TrB, TeB | 2, 23 | |
|  |  | nmol CO2 g-1 s-1 | ≈↓ with light | TeB | 26 | |
| optimum temperature for *Vcmax* | *Vcmax (Topt)* | µ mol m-2 s-1 | ≈↑ with height | TeB | 11 | |
|  |  |  | ≈ with light | TrB | 9 | |
| electron transport rate | *Jmax area* | µmol m-2 s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeB | 2, 40, 23, 14 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB, TeB | 9, 23, 27, 14 | |
|  | *Jmax mass* | nmol g-1 s-1 | ≈ with height | TrB, TeB | 2, 23 | |
|  |  |  | ≈ with light | TrB, TeB | 2, 23 | |
|  |  | nmol e-1 g-1 s-1 | ≈↓ with light | TeB | 26 | |
| optimal temperature of *Jmax* | *ToptETR* | ˚C | ↓ with height | TrB | 40 | |
|  | *Jmax(Topt)* | µmol m-2 s-1 | ≈ with light | TrB | 9 | |
| photosynthetic heat tolerance | T50 | ˚C | ↓ with height\*\* | TrS | 31 | |
|  |  |  | ≈↑ with light | TrB, TeB | 8, 17 | |
| critical temperature beyond which Fv/Fm declines | *Tcrit* | ˚C | ≈↑ with light | TrB, TeB | 8 | |
| high-temperature CO2 compensation point | *Tmax* | ˚C | ≈ with height | TrB | 22 | |
|  |  |  | ≈ with light | TrB | 8 | |
| **Respiration** |  |  |  |  |  | |
| respiration rate at 25 ˚C | *R* | µmol CO2  m-2s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeB, TeN | 40, 32, 33, 34 | |
|  |  | µmol CO2kg-1 s-1 | ≈ with height | TrB, TeB, TeN | 32, 33 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB, TeN | 32, 34, | |
| dark respiration | *Rdark a* | µmol m-2 s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeB, BoN | 22, 14, 35, 23, 39 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB, TeB, TeN, BoN | 22, 14, 23, 17, 10, 39 | |
|  | *Rdark m* | nmol g-1 s-1 | ≈↑ with height | TrB | 2, 36 | |
|  |  |  | ≈ with light | TrB | 2, 36 | |
| dark respiration at reference T | *Rdark (Tref)* | µmol m-2 s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeB, TeN | 22, 14, 35, 33 | |
|  |  | µmol (kg leaf)-1 s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB, TeB, TeN | 22, 14, 35, 33 | |
|  |  | µmol (kg N)-1 s-1 | ↑ with height | TeB,TeN | 35, 33 | |
|  |  | µmol m-2 s-1 | ↑ with light | TrB, TeB | 22, 8, 35. | |
| temperature sensitivity of *Rdark* | *Q10* | ˚C-1 | ≈ with height | TrB, TeB, TeN | 22, 40, 35, 34 | |
|  |  | ˚C-1 | ≈ ↑ with height | TeB, TeN | 37, 33 | |
|  |  |  | ≈ ↓ with light | TrB, TeB, TeN | 22, 35, 34 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TeB | 37 | |
| light respiration | *RL* | µmol m-2 s-1 | ↑ with height | TrB | 22 | |
|  |  |  | ↑ with light | TrB | 22 | |
| activation energy of respiration | *E0* | kJ mol-1 K-1 | ≈ with height | TrB, TeB, TeN | 22, 38, 33 | |
|  |  |  | ≈ with light | TrB | 22, 8 | |
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