| trait  Table 1. Summary of typically observed variation in thermally-relevant leaf traits with canopy height and/or between sun and shade leaves | symbol | units | response\* | forest type(s)† | reference(s)‡ |
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| **Leaf anatomy and morphological traits** | | | | | |
| leaf area | *LA* | cm2 | ↓ H | TrB, TeB, BoN | 7, 8, 10 |
|  |  |  | ↓ L | TrB, TeB, BoN | 7, 8, 3, 10 |
| leaf mass per area (or inverse of specific leaf area) | *LMA (or 1/SLA)* | g cm-2 | ↑ H | TrB, TeB, TeN, BoN | 1, 55, 7, 2, 3, 4, 6 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB, TeN, BoN | 1, 7, 2, 3, 5, 6 |
| leaf thickness |  | µm | ↑ H | TrB, TeB, TeN | 15, 11, 2, 13, 16 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB, TeN | 11, 15, 2, 5 |
| leaf density |  | g cm-3 | ↑ H | TeB | 2 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB | 6, 2 |
|  |  |  | ≈ L | TeN | 5 |
| pinnate lobation |  | cm2 | ↑ H | TeB | 3 |
|  |  |  | ↓ H | TeB | 8 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TeB | 8, 3 |
| leaf packing |  | n /cm stem | ↑ L | TeN | 25, 26 |
| blade inclination angle (vertical) | *φB* | ˚ | ↑ H | TrB, TeB | 21, 22, 23 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB | 21, 24, 23, 22, 48 |
| trichome density |  | mm-2 | ↑ H | TrB | 17 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB | 17, 18, 19, 20 |
| stomatal density | *Dstomata* | mm-2 | ↑ H | TrB, TeB, TeN | 11, 12, 3, 13, 4 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB | 12, 11, 3 |
| total vein density | *VLA* | mm mm-2 | ↑ H | TeB | 46 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TeB | 46, 47 |
| minor vein density | *VLAmin* | mm mm-2 | ↑ H | TeB | 14 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TeB | 14, 47 |
| upper cuticle thickness | *CT* | µm | ↑ H | TrB, TeN | 27, 4 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB | 27, 28 |
| **Traits related to metabolic capacity and efficiency** | | | | | |
| nitrogen content | *N* | g m-2 | ↑ H | TrB, TeB, TeN, BoN | 55, 7, 29, 30, 32, 31, 9 |
|  |  | mg g-1 | ≈↓ H | TrB, TeB, TeN | 55, 15, 7, 29, 30, 32, 34 |
|  |  |  | ≈↓ L | TrB, TeB, TeN | 7, 35, 29, 30, 32, 5 |
| phosphorous content | *P* | g m-2 | ↑ H | TrB, TeB, TeN | 55, 15, 36, 1, 37 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB, TeN | 15, 5 |
|  |  |  | ≈ L | TrB, TeB | 1 |
|  |  | mg g-1 | ≈↓ H | TrB | 55, 15, 35, 1 |
|  |  |  | ≈ L | TrB, TeB | 15, 35, 1 |
| chlorophyll content | *Chl* | mg  cm-2 | ↓ H | TrB, TeB | 40, 41 |
|  |  |  | ↓ L | TrB, TeB | 42, 41 |
| chlorophyll a/b ratio | *chl a/b* | mol mol-1 | ↑ H | TrB, TeB, BoN | 42, 30, 6 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB, BoN | 42, 30, 39, 22, 6 |
| carbon isotope ratio | *δ13C* | ‰ | ↑ H | TrB, TeB, TeN | 55, 7, 43, 31 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB, TeN | 7, 29, 31 |
| Intercellular CO2 concentration | *Ci* | µmol mol-1 | ↓ H | TeB, BoN | 51, 30, 44 |
|  |  |  | ↓ L | TeB | 30, 44 |
| **Light absorption or reflectance** | | | | | |
| PAR absorptance |  | % | ≈ H | TrB | 42, 45 |
|  |  |  | ≈↑ L | TrB | 42, 45 |
| absorptance efficiency per unit biomass |  | % g-1 | ↓ H | TrB | 42, 45 |
|  |  |  | ↓ L | TrB | 42, 45 |
| PAR transmittance |  | % | ↓ H | TrB | 42, 45 |
|  |  |  | ↓ L | TrB | 42, 45 |
| Reflectance |  | % | ≈ H | TrB | 42, 45 |
|  |  |  | ↑ H | BoN | 6 |
|  |  |  | ≈ L | TrB | 42, 45 |
| **Biochemical protection against light and heat damage** | | | | | |
| β-carotene and lutein |  | µmol m-2 | ↑ H | TrB, TeB, BoN | 30, 42, 6 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB, BoN | 30, 38, 6 |
| xanthophyll cycle pigments | *VAZ* | µmol m-2 | ↑ H | TrB, TeB | 38, 30, 22 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TrB, TeB | 39, 30 |
| isoprene emission ability | *I* | nmol m-2 s-1 | ↑ H  (peak in mid-canopy) | TrB | 49 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L  (peak in mid-canopy) | TrB | 49 |
|  |  |  | ↑ L | TeB | 50 |
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| **Thermal tolerance** |  |  |  |  |  |
| photosynthetic heat tolerance | T50 | ˚C | ↓ H\*\* | TrS | 52 |
|  |  |  | ≈↑ L | TrB, TeB | 53, 54 |
| critical temperature beyond which Fv/Fm declines | *Tcrit* | ˚C | ≈↑ L | TrB, TeB | 53 |

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