

# Supplementary material.

## Tables of Influence of environmental factors on forest understorey species in northern Mexico

**Table S1.** Descriptive statistics for the soil variables analyzed.

	Soil variable	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min.	Max.	Chi-square statistic	p-value
<b>EC</b>	Electric conductivity (dS/m)	0.22	0.10	0.08	0.44	0.052	0.819
<b>NO<sub>3</sub></b>	Nitrate (kg/ha)	24.22	16.73	9.73	68.99	2.547	0.11
<b>P</b>	Phosphorus (ppm)	13.93	12.75	1.31	40.44	0.144	0.703
<b>Ca</b>	Calcium (ppm)	1,287.00	481.00	450.00	2,376.00	0.37	0.542
<b>Mg</b>	Magnesium (ppm)	356.57	211.80	114.00	990.00	0.369	0.543
<b>Na</b>	Sodium (ppm)	117.07	43.38	56.00	205.00	0.146	0.701
<b>K</b>	Potassium (ppm)	420.36	182.04	112.00	881.00	0.209	0.647
<b>Fe</b>	Iron (ppm)	76.36	32.82	10.30	122.40	0.005	0.938
<b>Zn</b>	Zinc (ppm)	0.57	0.49	0.14	2.70	0.117	0.732
<b>Mn</b>	Manganese (ppm)	63.53	63.59	6.04	271.92	0.243	0.621
<b>Cu</b>	Copper (ppm)	0.31	0.12	0.12	0.58	0.417	0.518
<b>pH</b>	pH (numeric)	5.67	0.19	5.38	6.10	1.478	0.224
<b>OM</b>	Organic material (%)	3.66	3.27	0.66	14.20	0.243	0.621
<b>Sat</b>	Percent saturation (%)	48.63	14.84	29.50	80.00	0.036	0.849
<b>Sand</b>	Percent sand (%)	52.35	9.62	31.42	63.42	0.052	0.819
<b>Silt</b>	Percent silt (%)	31.14	6.95	19.28	45.28	0.036	0.849
<b>Clay</b>	Percent clay (%)	16.51	5.74	9.30	31.30	0.052	0.818
<b>OB</b>	Rel. proportion of other bases in CEC (%)	6.04	0.33	5.43	6.59	0.117	0.732
<b>%H</b>	Rel. proportion of H in CEC (%)	20.04	2.85	13.5	24.30	0.117	0.732
<b>%Ca</b>	Rel. proportion of Ca in CEC (%)	43.22	6.96	21.09	52.54	0.07	0.790
<b>%Mg</b>	Rel. proportion of Mg in CEC (%)	19.11	6.59	9.99	37.90	0.116	0.732
<b>%K</b>	Rel. proportion of K in CEC (%)	7.78	3.60	2.39	14.53	0.636	0.425
<b>%Na</b>	Rel. proportion of Na in CEC (%)	3.85	1.80	1.03	7.53	0.901	0.342
<b>CEC</b>	Cation exchange capacity (meq/100 g soil)	14.90	5.01	6.51	25.12	0.243	0.621
<b>HC</b>	Hydraulic conductivity (cm/h)	8.74	11.37	1.50	48.40	1.67	0.196

Significance value ( $\alpha=0.001$  after Bonferroni correction).

**Table S2.** Edaphic variables of greater relative importance for the presence of each species, according to variable selection by Random Forest.

Variables	Ludi	Codi	Gewi	Acwr	Agpa	Ceco	Arpu
EC	2.93	6.13	2.20	3.28	2.26	6.12	2.89
NO3	7.25	1.08	2.28	0.70	9.7	5.56	7.65
P	8.98	1.07	2.69	4.44	4.67	0.72	3.89
Ca	1.20	14.07	10.06	3.02	1.91	12.31	3.52
Mg	2.20	1.79	12.78	3.71	3.85	1.51	1.16
Na	4.00	1.73	2.17	1.73	2.26	0.70	5.54
K	5.65	0.39	1.99	2.86	15.13	0.94	5.07
Fe	3.47	6.43	3.65	1.95	3.40	18.13	4.21
Mn	1.03	1.73	2.88	7.02	3.16	2.51	11.79
Cu	1.80	15.29	2.69	0.84	5.95	6.81	1.21
Zn	2.79	9.76	1.10	1.41	1.24	5.44	3.03
pH	4.08	0.26	1.89	0.04	1.18	3.84	2.34
OM	6.15	0.24	0.52	5.42	10.1	1.08	6.95
Sat	5.77	1.73	1.35	13.49	6.71	1.34	9.43
Sand	2.26	1.73	9.06	1.77	5.99	0.81	0.54
Silt	2.13	0.99	8.27	0.66	3.05	0.81	3.52
Clay	3.41	8.63	0.94	14.27	0.84	1.99	0.51
OB	5.06	0.44	1.99	0.29	1.38	0.38	2.08
%H	3.06	0.07	1.34	0.03	1.34	0.69	1.86
%Ca	2.29	5.68	2.96	3.59	2.88	8.59	3.89
%Mg	7.72	3.97	3.15	2.28	4.16	2.83	4.21
%K	3.16	3.18	1.56	15.49	3.85	3.84	5.19
%Na	2.28	3.97	5.27	4.65	1.34	1.38	2.24
CEC	1.46	13.26	10.76	3.28	2.31	6.25	3.37
HC	3.67	1.54	4.23	2.25	2.26	3.30	3.26

Where: EC: Electric conductivity, NO3: Nitrate (kg/ha), P: Phosphorus (ppm), Ca: Calcium (ppm), Mg: Magnesium (ppm), Na: Sodium (ppm), K: Potassium (ppm), Fe: Iron (ppm), Mn: Manganese (ppm), Cu: Copper (ppm), pH: Hydrogen ion concentration, OM: Organic material (%), Sat: Saturation (%), Sand (%), Silt (%), Clay (%), OB: Relative proportion of other bases in CEC (%), %H: Relative Proportion of H in CEC (%), %Ca: Relative proportion of Ca in CEC (%), %Mg: Relative proportion of Mg in CEC (%), %K: Relative proportion of K in CEC (%), %Na: Relative proportion of Na in CEC (%), CEC: Cation exchange capacity, HC: Hydarulic conductivity (cm/h), Ld: *Lupinus diehlii*, Codi: *Comelinna dianthifolia*, Gewi: *Geraanium wislizeni*, Acwr: *Acmispon wrightii*, Agpa: *Agatache pallida*, Ceco: *Ceanothus coeruleus*, Arpu: *Arctostaphylos pungens*.