

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS¹

Appendix S1. Instructions sent to participants to collect dwarf birch samples in the summer 2014

Circumpolar variation in antibrowsing defense in *Betula nana* and *B. glandulosa*

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Aim. Determine the level of antibrowsing defense in dwarf birches at a global scale

Methods. We will collect samples from *B. nana* and *B. glandulosa* across the Arctic regions of the world and assess the samples for total N and C, total phenols, condensed tannins and triterpenes.

Protocol. For each site (area of ~ 10m radius), collect top shoots (branch with leaves) from 10 individuals in one paper bag and additional leaves from the same 10 individuals in a second paper bag.

For each *Betula* individual collect:

- Height (in cm)
- 10 top shoots (the top 10 cm of the long shoots (Fig. 1) – keep the leaves attached to the branch)
- An additional sample of appr. 50 leaves from the leaves of short shoots (clusters of 4 leaves directly attached to the main stem, see fig. 1).

Individual samples should be combined per site, resulting in 2 bags per site – a top shoot sample and a leaf sample.

| | N per individual | N per site (final bags) |
|------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Top shoots | 10 | 100 |
| Leaves | ~50 | ~500 |

Provide a rough description of the site, including:

- GPS location and altitude
- Collection date
- Dominant species/vegetation type
- Whether the site is dry or wet
- If possible, take a picture
- Report presence and signs of herbivory at the site (browsing, faeces, observations etc.)
- List the major herbivores that you think are important at the site.

Allow the samples to dry at air temperature. If possible collect in 2 (or more) contrasting habitats at each location, for example wet vs. dry tundra or in different study areas, if applicable.

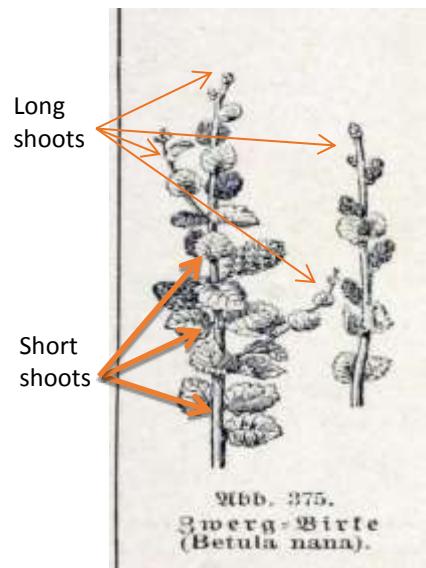


Figure 1. *Betula* makes 2 kinds of shoots, long shoots and short shoots. Long shoots elongate during the season, with younger and smaller leaves towards the top. Short shoots do not elongate and are made up of a cluster of usually 4 leaves that are all of the same age. It is the top 10 cm of the long shoots we are interested for the top shoot samples, and the short shoot leaves that we are interested in for the additional leaf sample (Source: www.biolib.de).

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Appendix S2. List of locations (ordered by taxon, from higher to lower latitude), indicating taxon of dwarf birch sampled and year of sampling (corresponding to the three sampling protocols: 2008-2013, 2014 and 2015).

Location characteristics (**Table S2.1**) and herbivory measurements (**Table S2.2**) are shown, first three columns are common to both tables. Separate rows are provided for locations sampling more than one birch taxa or sampled in different years.

Table S2.1. Characteristics of locations including collection date (day-of-year) and number of sites and leaves sampled per location, geographical position (latitude and longitude in degrees) and climatic variables (July temperature and precipitation for the year of sampling).

| Location | Taxon | Sampling year | Collection date | Number of sites / leaves | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°E) | July temperature (°C) | July precipitation (mm) |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Herschel Island | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 209 | 1/100 | 69.60 | -139.90 | 8.7 | 19.8 |
| Trail Valley Cr | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 208 | 2/200 | 68.74 | -133.50 | 12.7 | 50.9 |
| Fairbanks | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 192 | 2/195 | 64.90 | -147.95 | 16.0 | 136.3 |
| Deception Bay | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 191 | 2/200 | 62.10 | -74.31 | 8.5 | 43.1 |
| Pika Camp | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 205 | 5/500 | 61.21 | -138.28 | 9.6 | 91.2 |
| Narsarsuaq | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 234 | 1/100 | 61.16 | -45.38 | 7.9 | 57.6 |
| Kluane | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 191 | 2/200 | 61.00 | -138.40 | 8.3 | 68.9 |
| Churchill | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 208 | 3/300 | 58.74 | -93.83 | 13.5 | 67.7 |
| Kytalyk | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 204 | 3/300 | 70.83 | 147.48 | 10.5 | 68.0 |
| Lena Delta | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 222 | 3/300 | 72.37 | 126.34 | 10.4 | 59.1 |
| Tit Ary | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 221 | 1/100 | 71.97 | 127.10 | 10.9 | 57.5 |
| Toolik B | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 184 | 3/300 | 68.96 | -150.25 | 7.9 | 109.4 |
| Toolik A | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 178 | 5/1679 | 68.64 | -149.57 | 9.8 | 36.9 |
| Toolik A | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2015 | 212 | 9/871 | 68.64 | -149.57 | 7.3 | 106.1 |
| Fairbanks | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 158 | 1/100 | 64.87 | -147.86 | 16.1 | 126.1 |
| Beringowskij | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2010 | 221 | 1/263 | 62.70 | 178.90 | 10.6 | 29.0 |
| Beringa Island | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2009 | 259 | 1/92 | 55.20 | 166.00 | 8.6 | 58.0 |
| Svalbard | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2009 | 210 | 1/94 | 78.90 | 16.00 | 5.8 | 15.0 |
| Zackenberg | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 218 | 4/400 | 74.47 | -20.58 | 5.3 | 40.7 |
| Nordkapp | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2009 | 223 | 1/180 | 71.20 | 25.80 | 9.8 | 66.0 |
| Seiland | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 190 | 2/200 | 70.51 | 23.53 | 14.7 | 12.4 |
| Varanger | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 195 | 16/1600 | 70.44 | 27.46 | 14.5 | 15.4 |
| Ifjordfjellet | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 195 | 3/300 | 70.29 | 29.00 | 14.6 | 16.8 |
| Mordy-Yakha | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 199 | 1/100 | 70.10 | 68.35 | 4.7 | 42.4 |
| Njallavaara | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 231 | 5/1490 | 70.05 | 27.60 | 10.2 | 26.9 |
| Kevo A | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 191 | 1/100 | 70.02 | 27.93 | 15.2 | 23.9 |
| Ailigas | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 224 | 5/1619 | 69.89 | 27.07 | 10.2 | 26.9 |
| Ailigas | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 192 | 1/100 | 69.82 | 27.01 | 15.2 | 23.9 |
| Kevo B | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2009 | 221 | 1/242 | 69.80 | 27.00 | 12.5 | 33.0 |
| Joatka | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 195 | 6/600 | 69.75 | 24.00 | 14.5 | 45.7 |
| Reisa | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 228 | 5/500 | 69.53 | 29.32 | 16.0 | 23.2 |
| Kilpisjävi | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 202 | 2/200 | 69.04 | 20.86 | 14.0 | 61.1 |
| Murmansk A | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2013 | 229 | 1/500 | 68.90 | 33.70 | 12.6 | 39.0 |
| Murmansk A | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 222 | 3/1047 | 68.87 | 34.54 | 10.0 | 42.0 |
| Tobseda | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 204 | 3/300 | 68.59 | 52.32 | 7.9 | 20.5 |
| Ostojeaggi | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 219 | 1/100 | 68.48 | 19.74 | 14.5 | 46.5 |
| Kärkevagge | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 239 | 1/100 | 68.41 | 18.32 | 12.0 | 39.5 |
| Abisko | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 237 | 1/100 | 68.34 | 18.82 | 12.9 | 39.5 |
| Tavva | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 208 | 1/100 | 68.34 | 21.18 | 14.7 | 97.8 |
| Paddus | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 163 | 5/500 | 68.32 | 18.86 | 12.9 | 39.5 |
| Erkuta | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 215 | 1/100 | 68.23 | 69.15 | 9.0 | 49.8 |

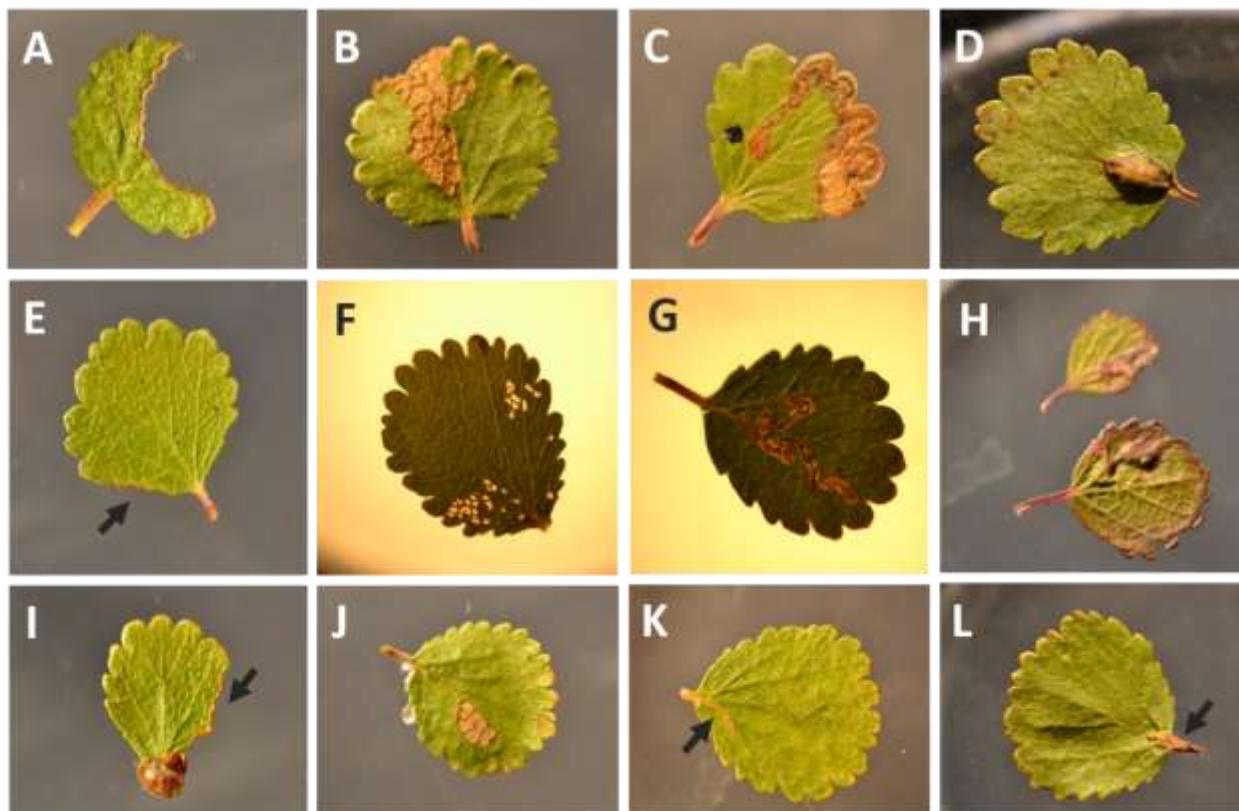
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|---------------|-------------------|------|-----|---------|-------|--------|------|------|
| Erkuta | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 216 | 5/1801 | 68.23 | 69.15 | 10.7 | 62.7 |
| Latnjajaure | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 216 | 1/369 | 68.21 | 18.29 | 6.9 | 79.8 |
| Lovozero | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2013 | 216 | 1/300 | 67.90 | 34.40 | 13.6 | 40.0 |
| Ritsem | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 229 | 6/600 | 67.77 | 17.54 | 11.5 | 60.9 |
| Laborovaya | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2009 | 226 | 1/248 | 67.70 | 67.60 | 14.3 | 36.0 |
| Naryan-Mar | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2013 | 216 | 1/200 | 67.60 | 53.10 | 13.3 | 36.0 |
| Igarka | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 221 | 1/100 | 67.50 | -63.75 | 6.7 | 25.2 |
| Padjelanta | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 213 | 5/1633 | 67.31 | 16.69 | 7.5 | 90.1 |
| Padjelanta | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 181 | 3/300 | 67.27 | 16.66 | 13.0 | 47.7 |
| Kangerlussuaq | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 201 | 2/200 | 67.13 | -50.15 | 9.9 | 10.8 |
| Nanoq | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 181 | 3/300 | 67.10 | 50.29 | 10.3 | 48.9 |
| Labytnangi | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 200 | 1/100 | 66.85 | 66.30 | 10.6 | 91.5 |
| Ammarnäs | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 220 | 4/400 | 66.02 | 16.02 | 15.5 | 85.6 |
| Usinsk | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 216 | 1/100 | 66.00 | 57.67 | 11.0 | 28.7 |
| Theistareykir | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 213 | 5/1566 | 65.90 | -17.08 | 7.9 | 45.8 |
| Audkuluhedidi | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 215 | 5/1551 | 65.13 | -19.67 | 7.4 | 26.3 |
| Dovre | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 230 | 2/200 | 62.30 | 9.62 | 11.9 | 80.4 |
| Sångfjället | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 195 | 9/900 | 62.29 | 13.49 | 15.5 | 90.2 |
| Långfjället | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 208 | 11/1100 | 62.10 | 12.26 | 16.7 | 83.8 |
| Setesdal | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 192 | 2/200 | 59.05 | 7.16 | 16.0 | 83.5 |

Table S2.2 Measurements of herbivory at each location (percentage of leaves damaged, percentage of leaf area affected and average damage) for all herbivores and different feeding guilds separately (defoliators, miners and gallers). When more than one site was sampled at each location, means and SE are provided.

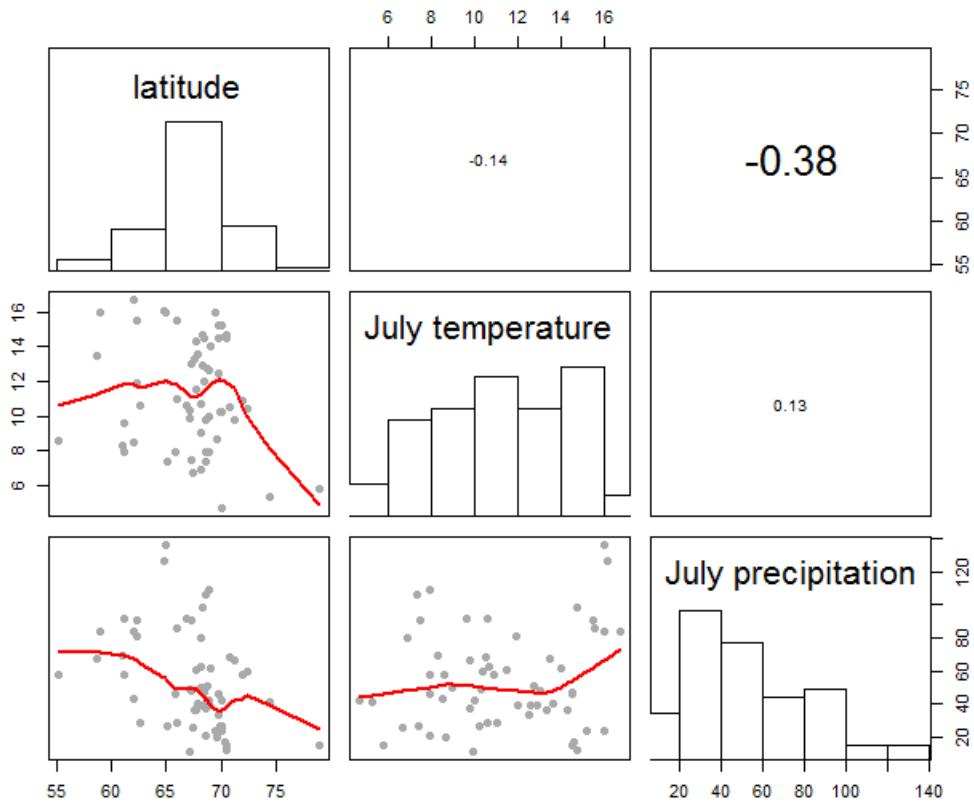
| Location | Taxon | Sampling year | all herbivores | | | defoliators | | | miners | | gallers | |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | | | percentage leaves | percentage leaf area | average damage | percentage leaves | percentage leaf area | average damage | percentage leaves | percentage leaf area | percentage leaves | percentage leaf area |
| Herschel Island | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 2.00 | 0.04 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 0.04 | 1.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Trail Valley Cr | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 12.50±2.50 | 0.68±0.19 | 5.37±0.47 | 9.5±0.5 | 0.65±0.16 | 7.01±2.11 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 3.00±3.00 | 0.03±0.03 |
| Fairbanks | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 10.34±3.34 | 1.09±0.05 | 11.91±4.37 | 9.84±3.84 | 1.01±0.02 | 12.02±4.48 | 0.5±0.5 | 0.08±0.08 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Deception Bay | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 1.50±0.50 | 0.34±0.19 | 20.62±5.62 | 1.5±0.5 | 0.34±0.19 | 20.62±5.62 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Pika Camp | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 19.4±5.28 | 1.84±0.67 | 8.73±1.06 | 18.4±5.04 | 1.78±0.62 | 9.07±1.03 | 0.60±0.40 | 0.06±0.06 | 0.40±0.40 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Narsarsuaq | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 31.00 | 5.61 | 18.08 | 31.00 | 5.61 | 18.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Kluane | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 28.5±5.5 | 3.56±0.18 | 12.85±1.85 | 28±5 | 3.49±0.11 | 12.79±1.91 | 0.50±0.50 | 0.08±0.08 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Churchill | <i>B. glandulosa</i> | 2014 | 16.33±2.33 | 1.20±0.24 | 7.22±0.71 | 15.67±2.4 | 0.99±0.23 | 6.41±1.22 | 0.33±0.33 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.33±0.33 | 0.21±0.21 |
| Kytalyk | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 9.33±2.33 | 1.99±0.64 | 20.76±3.14 | 9.33±2.33 | 1.99±0.64 | 2.38±0.96 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Lena Delta | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 4.00±1.53 | 0.11±0.07 | 2.38±0.96 | 4±1.53 | 0.11±0.07 | 22.50 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Tit Ary | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 3.00 | 0.68 | 22.50 | 3.00 | 0.68 | 20.76±3.14 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Toolik B | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 5.00±1.53 | 0.8±0.65 | 12.41±8.84 | 3.33±1.45 | 0.73±0.61 | 14.19±9.27 | 1.67±0.67 | 0.07±0.04 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Toolik A | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 6.25±0.98 | 0.65±0.13 | 11.69±2.31 | 5.2±1.04 | 0.53±0.14 | 11±2.13 | 0.67±0.47 | 0.02±0.01 | 0.38±0.26 | 0.1±0.07 |
| Toolik A | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2015 | 3.69±0.61 | 0.63±0.18 | 17.42±5.05 | 3.45±0.69 | 0.52±0.17 | 15.26±4.84 | 0.12±0.08 | 0.03±0.02 | 0.12±0.12 | 0.08±0.08 |
| Fairbanks | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2014 | 3.00 | 0.45 | 15.00 | 3.00 | 0.45 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Beringowskij | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2010 | 14.45 | 2.90 | 20.05 | 14.45 | 2.90 | 20.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Beringa Island | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2009 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Svalbard | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2009 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Zackenberg | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 3.75±1.49 | 0.32±0.16 | 5.82±2.23 | 3±1.47 | 0.31±0.16 | 8.66±3.3 | 0.75±0.48 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Nordkapp | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2009 | 6.67 | 0.66 | 9.88 | 6.67 | 0.66 | 9.88 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Seiland | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 13.50±1.50 | 3.51±1.31 | 25.21±6.92 | 13.5±1.5 | 3.51±1.31 | 25.21±6.92 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Varanger | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 4.75±1.68 | 0.50±0.22 | 6.1±1.72 | 4.38±1.68 | 0.48±0.22 | 6.5±1.92 | 0.38±0.15 | 0.02±0.02 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Ifjordfjellet | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 8.67±3.18 | 1.06±0.57 | 9.55±3.78 | 8.33±3.48 | 1.06±0.57 | 9.83±3.5 | 0.33±0.33 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Mordy-Yakha | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 3.00 | 0.56 | 18.50 | 3.00 | 0.56 | 18.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Njallavaara | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 17.38±2.67 | 2.62±0.57 | 14.64±1.43 | 17.11±2.71 | 2.58±0.57 | 14.72±1.52 | 0.27±0.13 | 0.04±0.04 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Kevo A | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 8.00 | 2.63 | 32.94 | 8.00 | 2.63 | 32.94 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ailigas | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 21.34±3.59 | 1.29±0.15 | 6.70±1.22 | 21.02±3.59 | 1.28±0.15 | 6.78±1.27 | 0.31±0.02 | 0.01±0.01 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Ailigas | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 3.00 | 0.21 | 7.00 | 3.00 | 0.21 | 7.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Kevo B | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2009 | 3.72 | 0.15 | 4.00 | 3.72 | 0.15 | 4.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Joatka | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 21.33±4.57 | 3.4±0.91 | 15.14±1.39 | 20±4.51 | 3.3±0.94 | 15.59±1.86 | 1.17±0.65 | 0.03±0.02 | 0.17±0.17 | 0.06±0.06 |
| Reisa | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 10.40±1.75 | 0.88±0.24 | 7.76±1.61 | 3.4±0.68 | 0.23±0.09 | 6.64±2.62 | 7.00±1.38 | 0.66±0.2 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |

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|---------------|-------------------|------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Kilpisjävi | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 39.50±9.5 | 5.06±0.6 | 13.21±1.64 | 39.5±9.5 | 5.06±0.6 | 13.21±1.64 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Murmansk A | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2013 | 2.60 | 0.84 | 32.31 | 2.60 | 0.84 | 32.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Murmansk A | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 46.00±9.93 | 7.87±3.3 | 14.88±2.88 | 46±9.93 | 7.87±3.30 | 14.88±2.88 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Tobaseda | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 4.00±0.58 | 0.3±0.05 | 7.56±0.42 | 4±0.58 | 0.3±0.05 | 7.56±0.42 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Ostojeaggi | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 17.00 | 1.82 | 10.74 | 17.00 | 1.82 | 10.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Kärkevagge | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 10.00 | 1.55 | 15.55 | 8.00 | 1.54 | 19.31 | 2.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Abisko | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 6.00 | 0.10 | 1.75 | 6.00 | 0.10 | 1.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tavva | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 23.00 | 1.59 | 6.91 | 23.00 | 1.59 | 6.91 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Paddus | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 4.80±1.24 | 0.87±0.36 | 13.75±5.63 | 4.8±1.24 | 0.87±0.36 | 13.75±5.63 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Erkuta | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 16.00 | 1.60 | 10.03 | 16.00 | 1.60 | 10.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Erkuta | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 15.04±3.49 | 1.86±0.36 | 12.98±1.54 | 14.54±3.62 | 1.68±0.42 | 11.69±2.06 | 0.11±0.07 | 0.04±0.03 | 0.40±0.25 | 0.13±0.10 |
| Latnjajaur | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 5.96 | 1.05 | 17.64 | 5.96 | 1.05 | 17.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Lovozero | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2013 | 11.33 | 2.81 | 24.79 | 11.33 | 2.81 | 24.79 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ritsem | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 12.17±4.64 | 1.59±0.45 | 15.81±2.06 | 5±1.57 | 0.89±0.27 | 19.66±5.32 | 7.17±5.04 | 0.69±0.51 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Laborovaya | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2009 | 33.06 | 2.03 | 6.13 | 33.06 | 2.03 | 6.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Naryan-Mar | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2013 | 3.50 | 0.20 | 5.71 | 3.50 | 0.20 | 5.71 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Igarka | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 34.00 | 2.42 | 7.10 | 32.00 | 2.36 | 7.36 | 2.00 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Padjelanta | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 14.30±3.78 | 2.66±0.76 | 18.42±1.93 | 14.17±3.83 | 2.57±0.78 | 17.82±1.71 | 0.13±0.13 | 0.08±0.08 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Padjelanta | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 5.33±0.88 | 0.33±0.05 | 6.17±0.32 | 5±0.58 | 0.32±0.05 | 6.46±0.24 | 0.33±0.33 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Kangerlussuaq | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 5.00±1.00 | 0.12±0.08 | 2.23±1.1 | 5±1 | 0.12±0.08 | 2.23±1.10 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Nanoq | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 5.67±1.45 | 1.29±0.96 | 18.19±10.94 | 5.67±1.45 | 1.29±0.96 | 18.19±10.94 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Labytnangi | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 4.00 | 0.19 | 4.75 | 4.00 | 0.19 | 4.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ammarnäs | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 11.5±3.01 | 1.19±0.34 | 10.95±2.94 | 9.5±3.30 | 0.98±0.40 | 11.02±2.78 | 2±0.71 | 0.20±0.17 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Usinsk | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 13.00 | 0.28 | 2.19 | 11.00 | 0.25 | 2.27 | 2.00 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Theistareykir | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 0.96±0.36 | 0.12±0.04 | 21.69±11.45 | 0.96±0.36 | 0.12±0.04 | 21.69±11.45 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Audkuluheidi | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015 | 3.90±1.21 | 0.73±0.24 | 16.24±4.74 | 3.9±1.21 | 0.73±0.24 | 16.24±4.74 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Dovre | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 3.00±0.00 | 0.21±0.00 | 7.00±0.00 | 3.00±0.00 | 0.21±0.00 | 7.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Sångfjället | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 8.89±2.35 | 1.12±0.35 | 11.93±2.61 | 7.56±2.04 | 0.95±0.34 | 11.9±2.51 | 1.11±0.42 | 0.03±0.01 | 0.22±0.22 | 0.14±0.14 |
| Långfjället | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 13.91±2.58 | 1.78±0.35 | 13.98±2.15 | 13.45±2.64 | 1.76±0.35 | 14.51±2.27 | 0.45±0.21 | 0.01±0.01 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |
| Setesdal | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2014 | 11.5±0.5 | 1.76±1.40 | 14.76±11.58 | 10±1 | 1.71±1.42 | 15.84±12.62 | 1.50±0.50 | 0.04±0.02 | 0.00±0.00 | 0.00±0.00 |

Appendix S3. Leaf damage on dwarf birch (*Betula glandulosa-nana* complex) leaves caused by invertebrate herbivores: external leaf feeders (chewing (A, E, I) or skeletonized (B, F, J), leaf miners (C, G, K) or gallers (D, H, L).



Appendix S4. Correlations between continuous predictor variables included in the study: latitude ($^{\circ}\text{N}$), mean July temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) in the year of sampling, and mean July precipitation (mm) in the year of sampling. Pearson correlation coefficients are presented in the upper right diagonal (size corresponds to the magnitude of the correlation coefficient). Histograms for each variable are also included, as well as pairwise plots showing the relationships between pairs of variables, with a LOESS line to aid visual interpretation.



Appendix S5. Identification of leaf mines from the 2015 sampling. Leaf miner taxa were identified by Erik van Nieukerken, based on mine morphology and larval remains when present. Damage classes correspond to visual estimates of leaf area damaged: 0: intact leaves, 1: 0.01-1, 2: 1-5, 3: 5-25, 4: 25-50, 5: 50-75, and 6: 75-100%.

| Location | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°E) | Dwarf birch taxon | Collection date | Number of leaves | Damage class | Miner identification |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Ailigas | 69.8953 | 27.0665 | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015-08-13 | 1 | 1 | <i>Stigmella tristis</i> |
| Ailigas | 69.8949 | 27.0640 | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015-08-13 | 1 | 3 | <i>Stigmella tristis</i> |
| Ailigas | 69.8953 | 27.0665 | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015-08-13 | 1 | 1 | <i>Stigmella tristis</i> |
| Ailigas | 69.8943 | 27.0716 | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015-08-13 | 1 | 1 | <i>Stigmella tristis</i> |
| Ailigas | 69.8935 | 27.0695 | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015-08-13 | 1 | 1 | <i>Stigmella tristis</i> |
| Erkuta | 68.2267 | 69.1509 | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015-08-05 | 1 | 4 | <i>Phyllonorycter</i> sp. |
| Erkuta | 68.2267 | 69.1509 | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015-08-05 | 1 | 4 | <i>Coleophora</i> sp. |
| Njallavaara | 70.0462 | 27.6040 | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015-08-20 | 1 | 1 | <i>Stigmella tristis</i> |
| Njallavaara | 70.0467 | 27.6015 | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015-08-20 | 2 | 1 | <i>Stigmella tristis</i> |
| Njallavaara | 70.0483 | 27.6046 | <i>B. n. nana</i> | 2015-08-20 | 1 | 5 | <i>Phyllonorycter</i> sp. |
| Toolik A | 68.6434 | -149.5706 | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2015-08-01 | 1 | 3 | <i>Coleophora</i> sp. |
| Toolik A | 68.6426 | -149.5753 | <i>B. n. exilis</i> | 2015-08-01 | 1 | 4 | <i>Stigmella</i> sp. |