

# *Pinus contorta* reduces plant diversity in Patagonian ecosystems by changing microenvironmental conditions

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**Table S1.** List of plant species and growth form that make up each study ecosystem. The no-native species of each ecosystem are shown in bold.

Species A. araucana forest	Growth form	Species Patagonian steppe	Growth form
<i>Acaena pinnatifida</i>	Herb	<i>Acaena integerrima</i>	Herb
<i>Anthoxanthum juncifolium</i>	Grass	<i>Acaena pinnatifida</i>	Herb
<i>Araucaria araucana</i>	Tree	<b><i>Aira cariophylea</i></b>	<b>Grass</b>
<i>Austrolycopodium paniculatum</i>	Pteridophyta	<b><i>Aira praecox</i></b>	<b>Grass</b>
<i>Baccharis magellanica</i>	Shrub	<i>Agrostis inconspicua</i>	Grass
<i>Baccharis neaei</i>	Shrub	<i>Anemone multifida</i>	Herb
<i>Berberis empetrifolia</i>	Shrub	<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Herb
<i>Berberis microphylla</i>	Shrub	<i>Azorella acaulis</i>	Herb
<i>Calceolaria integerrima</i>	Herb	<i>Azorella ameginholi</i>	Herb
<i>Carex aphylla</i>	Grass	<i>Baccharis magellanica</i>	Shrub
<b><i>Cerastium arvense</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>	<i>Berberis empetrifolia</i>	Shrub
<i>Chusquea culeou</i>	Shrub	<i>Calceolaria biflora</i>	Herb
<i>Discaria chacaye</i>	Shrub	<b><i>Cerastium arvense</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>
<i>Empetrum rubrum</i>	Shrub	<i>Chlorea magellanica</i>	Herb
<i>Festuca scabriuscula</i>	Grass	<i>Erigeron andicola</i>	Herb
<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	Herb	<i>Festuca pallescens</i>	Grass
<i>Galium araucanum</i>	Herb	<i>Galium araucanum</i>	Herb
<i>Gamochaeta americana</i>	Herb	<i>Gamochaeta americana</i>	Herb
<i>Gaultheria poeppigii</i>	Shrub	<i>Gaultheria poeppigii</i>	Shrub
<i>Gaultheria pumila</i>	Shrub	<i>Gavilea venosa</i>	Herb
<i>Gavilea venosa</i>	Herb	<i>Geranium sessiliflorum</i>	Herb
<b><i>Hieracium pilosella</i></b>	<b>Shrub</b>	<b><i>Hieracium pilosella</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>
<i>Hypochaeris incana</i>	Herb	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Grass
<b><i>Hypochaeris radicata</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	Grass
<i>Lathyrus magellanicus</i>	Herb	<b><i>Hypochaeris radicata</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>
<i>Maytenus disticha</i>	Shrub	<i>Lathyrus magellanicus</i>	Herb
<i>Montiopsis umbellata</i>	Herb	<i>Leucheria candidissima</i>	Herb
<i>Mulinum spinosum</i>	Herb	<i>Loasa argentina</i>	Herb
<i>Nothofagus antarctica</i>	Tree	<i>Luzula alopecurus</i>	Herb
<b><i>Pinus contorta</i></b>	<b>Tree</b>	<i>Microsteris gracilis</i>	Herb
<i>Quinchamalium chilense</i>	Herb	<i>Montiopsis gayana</i>	Herb
<i>Ribes cucullatum</i>	Shrub	<i>Mulinum spinosum</i>	Shrub
<i>Ribes trilobum</i>	Shrub	<i>Nassauvia darwinii</i>	Herb
<i>Rodhophiala andicola</i>	Herb	<i>Noccaea magellanica</i>	Herb
<b><i>Rumex acetosella</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>	<i>Oreopulus glacialis</i>	Herb
<i>Senecio baccharidifolius</i>	Shrub	<b><i>Oxalis articulata</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>
<i>Solenomelus segethii</i>	Herb	<i>Osmorhiza berteroii</i>	Herb
<b><i>Trifolium repens</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>	<i>Perezia candida</i>	Herb
<i>Vicia nigricans</i>	Herb	<i>Phacelia secunda</i>	Herb
<i>Viola reichei</i>	Herb	<b><i>Pinus contorta</i></b>	<b>Tree</b>
		<i>Polygala salasiana</i>	Herb
		<i>Quinchamalium chilense</i>	Herb
		<b><i>Rumex acetosella</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>

<i>Senecio kingii</i>	Herb
<i>Senecio seritonitens</i>	Herb
<i>Spergularia rubra</i>	Herb
<i>Sisyrinchium patagonicum</i>	Herb
<i>Symphytum vahlii</i>	Herb
<b><i>Taraxacum officinale</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>
<b><i>Trifolium repens</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>
<i>Valeriana carnosa</i>	Herb
<b><i>Vicia sativa</i></b>	<b>Herb</b>
<i>Viola maculata</i>	Herb

**Table S2.** Estimates, standard error, z-value and p-values of all measured environmental variables (variables that change with *P. contorta* biomass) that influence changes in native plant richness in the *A. araucana* forest. *Significant variables are marked in bold (p-value<0.05).*

	Estimated	Standard error	z value	P value
T° max soil	-0.040	0.029	-1.371	0.170
T° max air	0.034	0.039	0.874	0.382
Total litter	-0.005	0.003	-1.785	<b>0.044</b>
Litter deep	-0.172	0.143	-1.206	0.227
Potassium (mg/kg)	3.594	2.519	1.427	0.153
pH	0.665	0.299	2.220	<b>0.026</b>
Tree cover	1.136	0.735	1.545	0.122
PAR	0.004	0.002	1.500	0.133

**Table S3.** Estimates, standard error, z-value and p-values of all measured environmental variables (variables that change with *P. contorta* biomass) that influence changes in native plant richness in the Patagonian steppe. *Significant variables are marked in bold (p-value<0.05).*

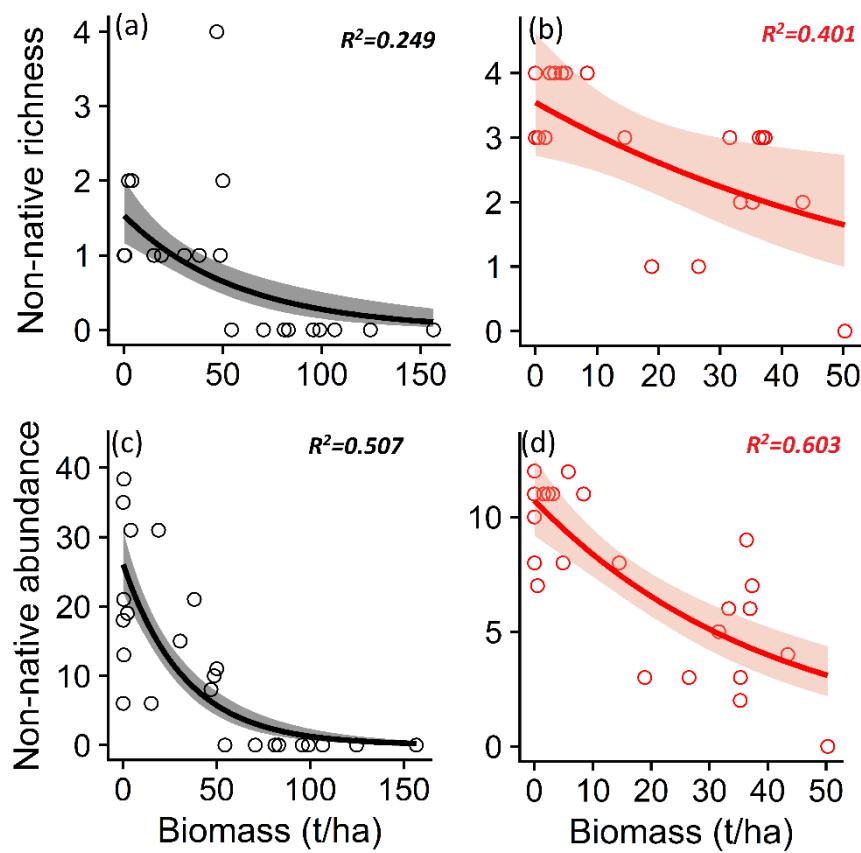
	Estimated	Standard error	z value	P value
T° max soil	0.014	0.008	-2.002	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
T° max air	0.016	0.015	5.314	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Total litter	-0.004	0.008	-4.583	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Litter deep	-0.090	0.004	-2.232	<b>0.025</b>
Potassium (mg/kg)	1.496	-0.717	2.084	<b>0.037</b>
pH	0.563	-0.008	6.733	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Tree cover	-0.087	-0.207	4.327	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
PAR	-0.003	-0.202	5.267	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

**Table S4.** Estimates, standard error, z-value and p-values of all measured environmental variables (variables that change with *P. contorta* biomass) that influence changes in native plant abundance in the *A. araucana* forest. *Significant variables are marked in bold (p-value<0.05).*

	Estimated	Standard error	z value	P value
T° min air	-0.231	0.092	-2.500	<b>0.012</b>
Soil moisture	-2.356	1.062	-2.217	<b>0.026</b>
Total litter	-0.007	0.005	-1.373	0.169
Litter depth	0.100	0.058	1.716	0.086
Organic matter	0.399	0.052	7.570	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Nitrate (mg/kg)	-0.084	0.040	-2.094	<b>0.036</b>
Tree cover	-0.558	0.412	-1.353	0.176
PAR	0.003	0.001	2.649	<b>0.008</b>

**Table S5.** Estimates, standard error, z-value and p-values of all measured environmental variables (variables that change with *P. contorta* biomass) that influence changes in native plant abundance in the Patagonian steppe. *Significant variables are marked in bold (p-value<0.05).*

	Estimated	Standard error	z value	P value
T° min air	0.215	0.142	-1.518	<b>0.001</b>
Soil moisture	-2.160	1.184	-1.824	0.068
Total litter	0.015	0.007	-2.005	<b>0.004</b>
Litter depth	0.188	0.088	2.147	0.125
Organic matter	-0.259	0.081	3.203	<b>0.001</b>
Nitrate (mg/kg)	-0.006	0.069	-0.091	0.927
Tree cover	-0.587	0.620	-0.947	0.343
PAR	0.002	0.001	1.413	0.157



**Figure S1.** Relationship between the biomass of *Pinus contorta* and the richness and total abundance of non-native plants for the *A. araucaria* forest (a, c) and for the Patagonian steppe (b, d). The lines show the linear model fit and the 95% confidence interval. R<sup>2</sup> is the adjusted R<sup>2</sup>.