How useful is genomic data for predicting maladaptation to future climate?

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Abstract

Methods using genomic information to forecast population maladaptation to climate change are becoming increasingly common, yet the lack of model validation poses serious hurdles toward their incorporation into management and policy. Here, we compare the validation of two methods – Gradient Forests (GF) and the Risk Of Non-Adaptedness – using exome capture pool-seq data from 35 to 39 populations across three conifer taxa: two Douglas-fir varieties and jack pine. We evaluate sensitivity of these algorithms to the number of input populations as well as the source and number of input loci (markers selected from genotype-environment associations [GEA] or those selected at random). We validate these methods against two-year and 52-year growth and mortality measured in independent transplant experiments. Overall, we find that both genetic offset methods often better predict transplant performance than climatic or geographic distances. We also find that while GF models are surprisingly not improved using GEA outliers, they are sensitive to the populations included in analysis. Even with promising validation results, ambiguity of model projections to future climates makes it difficult to identify the most maladapted populations using either method. Our work advances understanding of the sensitivity and applicability of these approaches, and we discuss recommendations for their future use.

1 | Introduction

Climate change poses unprecedented risk to global biodiversity loss[1,2]. Historically, the

impacts of climate change on species abundance have been projected through species

distribution modelling[3]. However, these methods often fail to account for the

environmental drivers of local adaptation and the intrinsic mechanisms by which

populations could respond to environmental change[4,5]. Recently, methods incorporating

genomic information to forecast climate maladaptation have gained traction. Predominant

among these, Gradient Forests (GF; *sensu* Ref[6]) and the Risk Of Non-Adaptedness[7]

(RONA) use current relationships between genotype and climate to estimate offset (i.e.,

the mismatch between populations and their climate optima) under future climate

scenarios (see Methods). If such offset methods were shown to be robust, they could

circumvent the need for long-term field experiments and could be used to rapidly inform

management priorities, or provide an option for species where experimentation is not

feasible.

Despite their current popularity, genetic offset methods remain largely unvalidated

with a few exceptions. For instance, Láruson et al.[8] used simulated data to train GF.

They found that when 1) climate and genotypes are known without error, 2) all

populations across the simulated landscape are locally adapted, and 3) validation is carried

out within the climate space used in training, the predicted offset had a strong negative

rank correlation with simulated fitness, and GF models trained using all markers

performed no better than GF models trained using causal markers. Further, they found

that environmental distances calculated using environmental variables driving local

adaptation also had a strong negative relationship with simulated fitness, though this was

not the case when non-causal environments were included in distance calculations.

Attempts to validate GF using empirical data where error is inherent have found weaker

relationships between GF offset and common garden phenotypes[9].

In empirical settings, GF models are often used to project offset to areas of the species'

range where no populations have been sampled[6,10–12] and have used disparate sets and

sample sizes of both populations and loci to project future offset to changing climates.

Projection to unsampled areas can lead to inaccuracies when models are poor, and the

choice and number of loci may also impact model performance. Moreover, it is unclear

whether more accessible forms of data (e.g., climate or geographic distance) perform as

well as these genetically based methods in empirical settings. Validating these methods'

predictions of maladaptation to future climate is challenging due to the temporal nature

of such projections. However, transplant experiments (i.e., common gardens or provenance

trials) can be used to quantify performance by correlating measurements of fitness-related

phenotypes with the offset projected to the contemporary climate of the growing site[11].

Tree species are ideally suited to empirically validate predictions from offset methods

because there is abundant evidence to suggest that many tree species are locally adapted

to climate[13–16], a key underlying assumption of offset models[8,17,18]. Trees are also relevant

systems for understanding maladaptation to future climate because of their ecological role

in terrestrial systems, as well as their capacity to sequester carbon. Historically, many

forest tree species have experienced large geographic range shifts in response to changes

in climate[19,20]. Yet, rates of projected climate change are likely to outpace maximum rates

of historical migration for many of these species (e.g., Refs[19,21]) and therefore leave future

outcomes largely unknown[22–25].

Here, we train offset methods using exome capture pool-seq data from three conifer

taxa (Fig. 1) and validate results with phenotypes from independent transplant

experiments at seedling (two-year) and adult (52-year) life stages. Using fitness-related

phenotypes from juvenile life stages enables validation of projections for species where no

longer-term phenotypic data exist (i.e., most species), while validation using phenotypes

from adult life stages enables comparison of offset to more direct measures of total lifetime

fitness. We use these datasets to address four main questions: Q1) How is performance of

the offset method affected by the number and source of loci? Q2) How do genetically

based offsets compare with non-genetic offset measures of climate and geographic

distance? Q3) Will a greater number of training populations improve finer-scale

predictions of offset? Q4) How well can GF predict offset in areas of the range not included

in training?

Fig. 1 North American source populations (circles) used for genomic and phenotypic data to train and validate both Gradient Forests (GF) and the Risk of Non-Adaptedness (RONA), and the common gardens used for offset validation: (A) Douglas-fir, and (B) jack pine. Shaded polygons are range maps for the full range of coastal Douglas-fir (lime, A), the northern and central range of interior Douglas-fir (purple, A), and the southern range of jack pine (green, B). All Douglas-fir populations were grown in the Vancouver common garden (blue diamond, A) and used for validation. Jack pine populations outlined in black were used for validation in both the Sainte-Christine (yellow diamond, B) and Fontbrune (red diamond, B) common gardens, while those outlined in yellow were only used for validation in Sainte-Christine, and those outlined in white were only used in model training but not validation. Color of population indicates the genetic groups over which stratified *k*-fold cross-validation was carried out in permutations of Gradient Forests. Code to generate these figures can be found in SN 15.99.

2 | Methods

Throughout this manuscript we will be referencing our code used to carry out specific

analyses in-line with the text, most often in unstripped jupyter notebooks[26]. We refer to

these notebooks as Supplemental Notebooks (SN) using a directory numbering system

(e.g., SN 15.01). More information about the numbering system and archiving can be

found in the Data Availability section.

2.1 Focal Species, Population Sampling, and Genetic Data

Three taxa of conifers across two species (Fig. 1) were used to assess the accuracy of

genetic offset methods: 1) 38 range-wide populations of coastal Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga*

menziesii var. *menziesii* [Mirb.] Franco, *Pinaceae*), 2) 35 populations of interior Douglas-

fir (*P. menziesii* var. *glauca*) from the variety's northern and central range, and 3) 39 jack

pine (*Pinus banksiana* Lamb., *Pinaceae*) populations from across the species' southern

range. We chose these species for their large and environmentally heterogeneous

distributions, economic importance, and ecological relevance.

We used exome capture pool-seq data from these sampled populations. Briefly, we

targeted exomic regions in DNA extracted from 33 to 40 individuals per population for

Douglas-fir (39 Mb capture probe size), and 17 to 20 individuals per population for jack

pine (41 Mb capture probe size) using exome capture probes described in Ref[27], where

individuals within populations were pooled in equimolar quantities before sequencing. The

sequencing depths used here exceed those used in Ref[27], as it was found that pool-seq

depth was one of the best predictors of the agreement of allele frequencies between

sequence data for individuals and those from pool-seq data, despite generally strong

agreement overall (Pearson's $r > 0.948$)[27].

Pool-seq libraries were sequenced in a 150bp paired-end format on an Illumina

HiSeq4000 instrument at the Centre d'expertise et de Services Génome Québec, Montréal,

Canada. We mapped reads from both varieties of Douglas-fir to the current reference

genome of coastal Douglas-fir v1.01[28]. We mapped reads from jack pine to an amended

version of its congener, loblolly pine[29–31] (*P. taeda* L., Pinaceae v2.01). In short, we used

transcriptomic data from jack pine and amended non-mapping transcripts to the loblolly

reference before mapping pool-seq data. Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were

called independently for Douglas-fir and jack pine as in Ref[27] using a VarScan pipeline[32]

and filtered for missing data across populations $\leq 25\%$, minimum population allele depth

≥ 8, and global minor allele frequency ≥ 0.05. Here, we also created a fourth 'cross-variety'

SNP set in which the same filtering process was carried out across both Douglas-fir

varieties simultaneously (SN 02.01.01).

To address Q1, we use two methods for identifying genotype-environment association

(GEA) outliers to ensure that genetic offset performance was not solely the outcome of

the chosen method, as well as random-chosen sets of loci with numbers matching those of

outlier sets to ensure that the number of loci was also not affecting the outcome. BayPass[33]

is a single-locus genotype-environment association that evaluates support for each SNP

independently for each environmental variable. We also use GEA results from Booker,

Singh et al.[34] that employed the Weighted Z Analysis[35] (WZA) using the same pool-seq

data. The WZA uses information across closely linked loci within genomic windows[34] (here

genic regions) to assess GEA support at the window level for a given environmental

variable. We performed GEA analyses using BayPass at the variety level for Douglas-fir

(see SN subfolder 02.02) and the species level for jack pine (see SN subfolder 07.02). For

BayPass, we identified all SNPs across all 19 climatic variables (Table S2) with Bayes

Factor (BF) in deciban units (dB) $\geq$ 15 following Jeffrey's rule indicating, at minimum,

very strong support (Extended Data Table 1). From the WZA output[34], we identified the

top 100 genes associated with each variable using p-values, and kept only those SNPs

from within these windows that had a Kendall's $\tau \geq 0.5$, calculated by correlating the

population-level allele frequencies with environmental values for each locus (Extended

Data Table 1). When using the 'cross-variety' SNPs filtered jointly across both Douglas-

fir varieties, we used the intersection of loci between 1) those that passed cross-variety

filtering and 2) those that were also GEA hits at the variety level (i.e., we did not perform

GEA across varieties). Hereafter, the BayPass and WZA marker sets are also referred to

more generally as 'outlier' marker sets.

Because we were interested in knowing how the input loci would affect genetic offset

methods (Q1), we also created a 'random' set of loci of equal sample size as each of the

two outlier sets by randomly choosing loci across our full datasets (SN 15.04). In total,

we generated four sets of SNPs for each of the three conifer taxa to use in training

(Extended Data Table 1). The comparison of models using random and outlier sets

addresses questions related to criteria of input loci and its impact on model performance,

and comparison among models using the random sets of loci address questions related to

the impact of the number of input loci to model performance. For the main text we present

results using marker sets from BayPass, WZA, and the set of random loci with same

sample size as WZA, and present all sets together within Supplemental Information. Note

that for estimating RONA[7], we used a subset of each of these marker sets so that only

loci with significant linear models were included in RONA calculations (see Section 2.3,

Extended Data Table 1).

2.2 Training and Fitting Gradient Forests

Gradient Forests is a machine learning algorithm that incorporates Random Forest

ensemble learning to predict genetic offset by using climate to split nodes of allele

frequencies (from many loci) in a forest of decision trees, and uses this splitting

information to construct monotonic turnover functions which are in turn aggregated and

used to predict offset to future climate[6]. We used outlier and random marker sets (Section

2.1) to train GF (SN 15.04). For each marker set, we first created training sets that

included all available populations, as is often done in the literature (e.g., Refs[11,12,36,37]).

To address Q4, we also employed *k*-fold cross-validation to explore model sensitivity to

input populations and the extent to which offset projected to areas of the range with no

training populations can remain reliable (Supplemental Text S1.1-S1.2; Figs. S1-S2).

The climate data used in training included climate normals from 19 climatic

environmental variables between the years 1961-1990, downloaded from AdaptWest.com

on Februrary 5, 2021[38]; AdaptWest data is generated using ClimateNA[39]. These climate

variables include those related to annual temperature (MAT, MWMT, MCMT, TD), 30-

year minimum (EMT) and maximum (EXT) temperature extremes, annual precipitation

(MAP, MSP, AHM, SHM, Eref, CMD), and the seasonality of both temperature (DD0,

DD5, NFFD, FFP, bFFP, eFFP) and precipitation (PAS; see Table S2 for climatic

abbreviations and units). We also included elevation. These variables were selected *a*

priori based upon relevance to the species' biology and environmental variation across the

species' ranges.

After clipping AdaptWest climate data (SN 15.03) to our species ranges (SN 15.02)

using customized shapefiles from the United States Geological Survey[40], training sets (*N*

= 76) were fed into customized training scripts (SN 15.05) to facilitate parallelization on

Compute Canada's high-performance computing clusters (CCHPC; SN 15.04 section 5).

Each trained model from GF was fit to the climate of one (Douglas-fir) or two (jack

pine) common gardens (SN 15.07) using the fitting script created in SN 15.05. The climate

data used for fitting (SN 15.06) was the average climate (obtained from ClimateNA GUI

between July 2-9 2021, Wang et al., 2016; Table S2), and elevation, of the common garden

over the years in which the individuals were grown (see Section 2.5), and was treated as

the 'future' climate of each population in offset projections.

An added utility of GF is that it can identify climatic variables driving patterns in

genetic data, without the need to project offset to future climates, particularly if offset is

not the primary goal. Gradient Forests outputs ranked environmental importance after

being trained. This has shown promise in identifying environmental drivers underlying

selection when using simulated data[8], even when there are multiple correlated

environmental variables. Using the outlier and random marker sets, we explore the

consistency of environmental importance ranks and how this differs among the training

runs that used all populations as well as those runs that used *k*-fold sampling of

populations. We also explore the consistency of environmental importance ranks between

outlier and random marker sets that used all populations in training (SN 15.13). We found

that GF was relatively insensitive to marker and population input with regard to

environmental importance (Supplemental Text S1.3; Figs. S3-S7).

2.3 Estimating the Risk of Non-Adaptedness (RONA)

In addition to GF, we also used RONA[7] to estimate genetic offset. The offset estimated

by RONA relies on linear relationships between allele frequencies for outlier loci and

climatic variables. This estimation is carried out in four steps: 1) identifying outlier loci

putatively underlying adaptation to the environment (e.g., from GEA), 2) subsetting this

list for loci that also have significant linear models relating allele frequency with

environmental variables, 3) using the current model of the linear relationship between

population allele frequencies and environment to estimate the allele frequency for a single

population in a new environmental (e.g., a value from projected climate change or a

common garden), and 4) averaging the absolute difference between current and estimated

future allele frequencies across loci for a given population for a given climatic variable (see

equation and Fig. 2 on p. 5913 of Ref[7]).

Using the four marker sets described in Section 2.1 (two outlier sets and two random

sets), we isolated loci with significant linear models relating current allele frequencies to

climate variables (the same climate data used in GF training in Section 2.2; Table S2),

then calculated RONA for each population for each variable (SN 15.09) using average

environmental values for the years individuals were grown in the gardens (Section 2.5).

Because RONA is calculated for a specific population and environmental variable, there

is a range of RONA estimates for any given population, and thus the choice of

environmental variables to consider for offset estimation could impact inferences regarding

population performance. To address this, Rellstab et al.[7] used paired t-tests to determine

which future environments were most different from their current state ($n = 5$), taking

the top three variables after ranking p-values to use in estimating the range of RONA.

For our validation, the vector containing future environments (i.e., common gardens)

would be constant for a given variable across populations. In the context of a paired t-

test, this is somewhat intractable with the test's null hypotheses that each vector in the

pair is sampled from the same distribution, which could lead to biologically meaningless

(yet statistically significant) inference. We explored groups of environmental variables

(see next section) related to 'expert choice' or those used in guiding seed sourcing in

British Columbia. However, the top 5 environments from the canonical paired t-test as

described above produced more accurate results than any of the other groups of

environments (not shown, except in SN 15.09 section 8), and so we present the range of

RONA using these top five environments from ranked t-test p-values. Because the top

environments isolated in this way are often highly correlated, these top environments thus

allow for the effective estimation of one RONA offset value.

2.4 Non-genetic Offset Measures

Could environmental data alone be used instead of genetic data for management

decisions[41]? To address this question related to Q2, we also estimated population offset

by calculating geographic and climatic distances from the source populations to the

common garden (SN 15.08). To calculate geographic distance, we use the latitude and

longitude of each population and garden to calculate distance via Vincenty's geodesic. To

calculate climatic distance, we use the Mahalanobis distance for each population centered

on the common garden using the same climate data in training and fitting of GF and

RONA (Sections 2.2 and 2.3; Table S2). We explored three sets of environmental variables

to estimate climate distance: 1) all geoclimatic variables (Table S2), 2) those climate

variables used in climate-based seed transfer (CBST) guidelines for British Columbia[42] –

mean annual temperature (MAT), mean coldest month temperature (MCMT),

continentality (TD), mean annual precipitation (MAP), degree-days above 5°C (DD5),

extreme minimum temperature (EMT), and 3) climate variables identified in previous and

independent reciprocal transplants not used here. For jack pine, we used the two climate

variables from the transfer function used to best predict height of a sister species with

which it readily hybridizes, lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta* subsp. *latifolia* Douglas,

Pinaceae)[43]: MAT (>64% variance explained) and annual heat-moisture index (AHM;

where *ln*(AHM) explained >6% variance). For Douglas-fir, we used three variables found

to be significant predictors in universal response functions of height and basal diameter

for a large multiple common garden trial of North American populations planted in

Central Europe[44]: MAT, summer heat-moisture index (SHM), and TD.

2.5 Common Garden Data

Measurements of fitness-related phenotypes from common gardens (diamonds, Fig. 1)

used to validate genetic offset predictions were obtained by phenotyping individuals from

the same populations sampled to obtain genetic data. For jack pine, we measured 52-year

adult phenotypes – height, diameter at breast height (DBH), mortality – grown in a field

provenance trial at two independent sites, Fontbrune (LAT 46.959, LONG -75.698) and

Sainte-Christine-d'Auvergne (LAT 46.819, LONG -71.888), between 1966 and 2018. For

Douglas-fir, we measured two-year seedling phenotypes – shoot biomass and height

increment – grown in a Vancouver common garden (LAT 49.257, LONG -123.250)

between 2018-2019[45]. For each common garden, we used the population mean phenotype

to validate genetic offset (Section 2.6). For more information about phenotypic

measurements, see Supplemental Text S1.4.

2.6 Validating Offset Measures

Population mean phenotypes (Section 2.5) were used as a proxy for fitness by which

to validate the genetic offsets predicted from GF (SN 15.11) and RONA (SN 15.09), by

correlating population mean phenotype with population offset, using Spearman's ρ as a

validation score (Supplemental Text S1.5). We expect a negative relationship between

offset and growth, and a positive relationship between offset and mortality. For GF models

trained using all populations, we used all available offset and phenotypes to calculate the

validation score. For GF models trained using a subset of populations from k-fold stratified

sampling, we used the offset and phenotypes from only those out-of-bag populations that

were excluded from training. We evaluate sensitivity of GF models to population input

using these out-of-bag validation scores and by plotting the relationship between the union

of out-of-bag offset scores with offset scores from the model trained using all populations.

We validated RONA for each environmental variable that ranked within the top five

environments that differed significantly (via t-test p-values) between the common garden

and climates used in training, calculating a validation score for each climate variable.

To determine if models were improved at fine-spatial scales by including a greater

number of populations in training (Q3), we leveraged genetic structure within and across

the two varieties of Douglas-fir. These two varieties (coastal and interior; lime and purple

ranges, respectively, in Fig. 1A) diverged ˜2.11 Ma[46] and differ substantially both

morphologically and ecologically. While the coastal variety shows little genetic grouping

in PCA and instead differentiates along a latitudinal cline, populations in the northern

range of interior Douglas-fir populations form two distinct genetic groups (Fig. S1). This

allowed us address Q3 by calculating our validation score across various levels of genetic

hierarchy: 1) across both varieties (i.e., the cross-variety model), 2) across all interior

variety populations, and 3) across each of the northwestern and southeastern interior

Douglas-fir genetic subgroups (see Fig. S1). We evaluate these hierarchical scenarios using

the GF models trained across both varieties as well as that trained using solely the interior

variety (SN 15.11). We did not carry out an analogous assessment with RONA because

of the effects of using fewer populations in the steps necessary to isolate loci with

significant linear models.

2.7 Projecting genetic offset to future climates

As in Section 2.2, we downloaded future climate scenarios from AdaptWest.com[38,39].

Using the same environmental variables using in training, fit models trained using WZA

loci from GF (SN 15.07) or RONA (SN 15.16) to project future genetic offsets. For future

climates we used Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) greenhouse concentration

trajectories projected to the 2050s and 2080s: RCP4.5 2050s, RCP4.5 2080s, RCP8.5

2050s, and RCP8.5 2080s. RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 each represent radiative forcing units

$(^W/_{m^2})$ and are, respectively, an intermediate scenario where emissions peak in the 2040s

and then decline, or continue to rise throughout the 21st Century. As with estimating

RONA using common gardens (Section 2.3), we identified the five environments most

differentiated between current and future climates using paired *t*-tests and present these

estimates. We report patterns from RCP8.5 2050s in the main text, including Spearman's

ρ between RONA estimates (SN 15.16), GF estimates (SN 15.18), and between RONA

and GF (SN 15.16).

3 | Results

3.1 | Validation of offset with fitness-related phenotypes

3.1.1 | Jack pine

The performance of both GF and RONA differed between the two jack pine

provenance trials validated using 52-year phenotypes of mean DBH, mean height, and

mortality (Fig. 2). Mortality was better predicted than DBH and height. Genetic offset

predictions of 52-year mortality were not demonstrably better than the best non-genetic

offset measures at either location (Q2). Importantly, using loci chosen by GEA analysis

did not improve predictive ability over randomly chosen loci for GF (Q1; Fig. 2). For

RONA the validation scores from GEA sets tended to have similar scores as random loci

when estimating DBH and height, but scores from the two sets became more differentiated

when estimating mortality (Fig. 2, Fig. S8).

Fig. 2   Offset validation from 52-year jack pine phenotypes at Sainte-Christine-d'Auvergne (A, C, E) and Fontbrune (B, D, F) provenance trials using Gradient Forests, the Risk Of Non-Adaptedness (RONA), and climate and geographic distances. Triangles indicate performance of GF models trained and validated using all available populations. RONA background boxplots are indicative of the range of RONA estimates given for the top five environmental variables (hexagons) that differed significantly between source and common garden variables (see Table S1). Climate distances (squares) were calculated using 1) all climate variables, or 2) those variables used for climate-based seed transfer (CBST) in British Columbia, or 3) those explaining significant variation in provenance trials. Vertical bars indicate standard error estimated using a Fisher transformation (see Supplemental Text S1.3). Loci used in RONA calculations are a subset of those used in Gradient Forests that had significant linear models with the environment, see Extended Data Table 1 for loci counts. See Fig. S8 for all locus groups. Boxplot whiskers extend up to 1.5x the interquartile range. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.14.

The best non-genetic offset measure varied by phenotype and site, where validation

scores among these metrics were not substantially differentiated (Fig. 2). In contrast to

estimates for mortality (Fig. 2A-B), climate distance tended to perform better than

geographic distance for DBH and height (Fig. 2C-F), but the set of climate variables used

to calculate the best distance varied, and only once exceeded the scores from the full GF

models (Fig. 2E).

3.1.2 | Douglas-fir

Both GF and RONA models substantially outperformed climate and geographic

distance metrics for Douglas-fir (Q2, Fig. 3, Extended Data Fig. 1). As with jack pine,

genetic offsets estimated using random loci performed equally well as GEA sets (Q1).

However, fine-scale validation of GF and RONA was not substantially improved by

models including more populations (Q3, Figs. S9-S10). The GF and RONA models that

were trained and validated across both varieties of Douglas-fir had the greatest validation

scores across all comparisons (Fig. 3A, Extended Data Fig. 1A), achieving much higher

performance than in jack pine (Fig. 2). However, when models were trained and validated

for each variety separately the relative performance decreased (Fig. 3B-C, Extended Data

Fig. 1B-C). The stronger validation score from the cross-variety model validated using

both varieties (e.g., Fig. 3A) compared to the scores validated within varieties is likely

driven by the substantial genetic structure of the two varieties, as varieties are distinct

when plotting cross-variety offset vs. phenotype (Extended Data Fig. 2).

Because the cross-variety validation statistic was inflated due to structure in the data,

and because the scale of management is often applied on finer spatial scales, we were

interested in how groups of Douglas-fir populations (i.e., varieties or genetic groups) would

validate, and if there was any information gained from training across a greater number

of populations than are used for validation (Q3). Comparing models, the cross-variety

model validated using only variety-specific populations was not substantially different

Fig. 3 Offset validation from two-year Douglas-fir height increment phenotypes at the Vancouver common garden (see Fig. 1A) using Gradient Forests (GF), the Risk of Non-Adaptedness (RONA), and climate and geographic distances. We assessed accuracy inference from trained models (x-axis groups) using populations (rows) across both varieties of Douglas-fir (A), at the variety level for the coastal (B) and interior varieties of Douglas-fir (C) to determine if greater numbers of training populations improve finer-scale predictions of offset. Genetic offset boxplots and shapes are shaded with respect to marker set source. Triangles indicate performance of GF models trained and validated using all available populations. RONA background boxplots are indicative of the range of RONA estimates given for the top five climatic variables (hexagons) that differed significantly between source population and the common garden (see Table S1). Climate distances (squares) were calculated using 1) all climate variables, or 2) those variables used for climate-based seed transfer (CBST) in British Columbia, or 3) those explaining significant variation in provenance trials. Vertical bars indicate standard error estimated using a Fisher transformation (see Supplemental Text S1.3). Loci used in RONA calculations are a subset of those used in Gradient Forests that had significant linear models with the environment, see Extended Data Table 1 for locus counts. See Extended Data Fig. 1 for similar validation using shoot biomass. See Fig. S9 for all locus groups. Boxplot whiskers extend up to 1.5x the interquartile range. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.14.

368 from models that were both trained and validated at the variety level (Fig. 3B-C, Extended Data Fig. 1B-C). Comparing the two varieties, the coastal variety models had greater validation scores than models for the interior variety (Fig. 3B-C, Extended Data Fig. 1B-C). Coastal variety genetic offsets often performed better than non-genetic offset measures, but genetic and non-genetic offsets performed similarly for the interior variety (Q2, center panels Fig. 3, Extended Data Fig. 1). To further explore impacts on the accuracy of fine-scale offset related to Q3, we subset populations from the interior variety into two distinct genetic groups to validate predictions from the GF cross-variety and interior-only models. We found similar patterns of accuracy between fine-scale validation of the cross-variety and interior-only genetic offset models, though fine-scale validation indicated stronger relationships between offset and performance within these genetic groups than at the variety level (Supplemental Text S1.6).

Validation scores from climate distance using variables inferred as important from

independent provenance trials were often stronger than the other climate distance

measures (Fig. 3, Extended Data Fig. 1), while validation scores from geographic distance

were stronger than climate distance only in the validation of the interior Douglas-fir

populations (Figs. S9-S10).

3.2 | Predicted genetic offset to future climates

3.2.1 | Jack pine

Maladaptation of jack pine populations to future climate (RCP8.5 2050s) inferred from

GF and RONA models trained using WZA loci and all populations indicate that the

western-most group (green populations, Fig. 1B) relative to all other populations are likely

to experience the greatest maladaptive effects from changing climates (Fig. S11B-C). Four

populations (JP_p96, JP_p99, JP_p98, and JP_p101) have consistently high

Fig. 4   Maladaptation of jack pine populations to future climate (RCP8.5 2050s) inferred from RONA and Gradient Forests (GF). A) distribution of offset rank for each jack pine population from RONA and GF (note all but one of the values that create each boxplot are from RONA) and are ordered from left to right by decreasing median offset rank. B) predicted offset from GF interpolated across the species' range. Environments used to estimate RONA were chosen based on ranking p-values from paired *t*-tests between current and future climate. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.17 and SN 15.18. Analogous figures created using climate models RCP4.5 2080s, RCP4.5 2050s, and RCP8.5 2080s show similar patterns and are not shown except within SN 15.17 and SN 15.18. To see populations overlayed onto (B), see Fig. S12.

maladaptive rank across both GF and RONA with all ranks in the top 10 (Fig. 4A). From

the projection of GF to areas of the jack pine range with no training data, it would seem

that the central portion of the range will be similarly maladapted to future climate (red

contours, Fig. 4B). Across the five environmental variables used to estimate RONA for

this climate scenario (which were highly correlated, Fig. S11E-F), the predicted

maladaptive rank from RONA was positively correlated with offset estimated using GF

(Fig. S11C-D).

3.2.2 / Douglas-fir

Gradient Forest models fit to future climates (RCP8.5 2050s) using WZA loci gave

inconsistent results as to which set of Douglas-fir populations were projected to be most

maladapted to new climates (Fig. 5). For the coastal variety, the cross-variety model and

the coastal-only model of GF each identified the same two populations from coastal BC

to be the least maladapted, but rank changed considerably among the remaining

populations (Fig. 5A). For the interior variety, the cross-variety and the interior-only

models were in conflict as to whether the northwestern genetic group (Fig. S1) would be

more maladapted than the southeastern genetic group (compare Fig. 5C and Fig. 5D)

whereas this was not the case when projecting offset to the common garden (Supplemental

Text S1.7; Figs. S13-S15). For the northwestern interior genetic group, results from the

cross-variety and interior-only models were generally similar, except that the population

identified as the least maladapted with the cross-variety model was the most maladapted

from the interior-only model (Fig. 5E). For the southeastern interior genetic group, there

was a negative relationship between offset predicted by the two models (Fig. 5F).

The most maladapted interior Douglas-fir genetic group predicted from RONA was

also inconsistent between the cross-variety and interior-specific models (Fig. S13B).

However, RONA predictions were generally positively correlated for the interior variety

and cross-variety models for the two interior genetic groups (Fig. S13C-D). Predictions

from the cross-variety and coastal-only RONA models generally had positive, albeit

relative weak, relationships (Fig. S13A).

Fig. 5 Maladaptation (offset) rank of Douglas-fir populations to future climate (RCP8.5 2050s) inferred from Gradient Forests is inconsistent between models trained using both varieties with those trained on a variety-specific basis. Shown are projected offsets to the range of Douglas-fir trained using WZA outliers and all populations from B) the coastal variety, C) both varieties, and D) the interior variety. For coastal Douglas-fir (A) and the two subvariety genetic groups of interior Douglas-fir (E, F), the relationship between the magnitude and rank of projected offset using the cross-variety model (pentagons, y-axes) is contrasted to those from the variety-specific model (squares, x-axes). Of note, the cross-variety model (C) and the interior-only model (D) indicate different interior variety genetic groups (populations in E or F) to be most maladapted to projected climate. Red lines within slope graphs are indicative of negative changes of rank. Populations are colored with respect to Fig. 1. Color legend is not standardized across B, C, and D to accentuate patterns in the data (offset values are meaningless outside of the current model). Code used to create these figures can be found in SN 15.18. Analogous figures created using climate models RCP4.5 2080s, RCP4.5 2050s, and RCP8.5 2080s show similar patterns and are not shown except within SN 15.18. To see populations overlayed onto B-D, see Fig. S12.

To select models for projecting offsets to future climate for Douglas-fir, we used four

criteria when comparing cross-variety and variety-specific models: 1) validation scores, 2)

validation model sensitivity, 3) agreement between future offsets from GF and RONA,

and 4) agreement among RONA future offsets (Supplemental Text S1.8; Figs. S16-S21).

Based on these criteria we use the cross-variety models to project maladaptation to future

climate (RCP8.5 2050s; Fig. 6). For coastal Douglas-fir, many populations found along

the Pacific Coast of California (orange) and Oregon (blue) had the greatest projected

maladaptation (Fig. 6A). Populations from northwestern interior Douglas-fir near the

Fraser River had consistently high offset ranks (Fig. 6B), whereas the remaining

populations had a wide range of projected risks, and it is unclear which would be most

affected by future climate. Finally, populations of southeastern interior Douglas-fir found

in the Idaho, Montana, and eastern Washington and Oregon had consistently greater

predicted maladaptation to future climate than those found in Southeastern British

Columbia (Fig. 6B).

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Fig. 6   Maladaptation of interior Douglas-fir to future climate (RCP8.5 2050s) inferred from RONA and Gradient Forests (GF) cross-variety models. Shown are the distributions of offset rank for each coastal (A) and interior Douglas-fir (B) population from RONA and GF and are ordered from left to right by decreasing median offset rank (note all but one of the values that create each boxplot are from RONA). Environments used to estimate RONA were chosen based on ranking p-values from paired *t*-tests between current and future climate. Populations are colored as in Fig. 1. For boxplots similar to A and B for all populations in a model see Figure S22. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.17. Analogous figures created using climate models RCP4.5 2080s, RCP4.5 2050s, and RCP8.5 2080s are not shown except within SN 15.17.

446   4 | Discussion

Projections of maladaptation of populations to climate change, i.e., genetic offset

estimates, have remained largely unvalidated despite the recent increase in their use. Here

use three taxa of conifers, four genomic marker sets, and common garden phenotypes from

independent two-year and 52-year individuals to demonstrate that genetic offset methods

perform as well or better than the best climate or geographic distance metrics when

predicting fitness-related phenotypes in transplant experiments (Q2, Fig. 2-3, Extended

Data Fig. 1). We further demonstrate that outlier sets provide little advantage over

random sets of loci, and that the number of loci used here have little impact on genetic

offset performance (Q1). We also show that fine-scale maladaptation is not better

predicted with models using a greater number of populations (Q3, Fig. S9-S10). GF models

are sometimes sensitive to input populations (Figs. S9-S10, S16-S20) and should not be

extrapolated to geographic areas where no training data exists (Q4). Lastly, we reveal

that when using future climate to fit these models, the Douglas-fir populations inferred to

be most maladapted depends on the model used (compare within and across Fig. 5, Fig.

6, and Figs. S13, S21). However, RONA and GF results largely agree when projecting

jack pine offset to future climates (Fig. S11). This highlights the fact that in the absence

of validation data, and without further knowledge of the behavior and sensitivity of these

genetic offset methods under a wider range of scenarios, it may be difficult to determine

whether a given set of populations can lead to reliable inference about maladaptation.

Together, these results suggest that acting on projections of maladaptation from genetic

offset methods through changes to policy and management practices should be considered

only after careful scrutiny of model performance. These findings also highlight the large

knowledge gap with respect to the ideal population and dataset parameters needed to

produce reliable genetic offset models.

Our results have several important implications for the use of offset models for

populations of any plant or animal species. First, our results suggest that genetic data

often contains more information regarding climate adaptation than can be expressed with

more readily accessible forms of data, providing evidence that climate differentiation alone

will not fully reveal the extent of maladaptation of populations to future climate change.

Second, the models trained using random markers performed no worse than those from

models using GEA loci (though there are minor exceptions for random sets used for

RONA, Figs. 2-3 and Extended Data Fig. 1). This suggests it may be unnecessary to

expend resources to identify adaptive regions when genome- or exome-wide data exist, a

finding that closely mirrors simulation results for GF[8]. The similar performance among

marker sets is perhaps due to the nature of our exome-targeted sequence data which

targeted functionally relevant coding regions. It remains to be seen if relatively inexpensive

sequencing techniques such as RAD-seq, which more often tags intergenic regions of large

genomes[47], would perform as well as the random marker sets used here. Even so, for

species with strong local adaptation where isolation-by-environment drives spatial genetic

structure, signals from genotyping-by-sequencing markers may contain sufficient

information for accurate offset projection and may therefore be a cost-effective alternative

to the exome capture data used here.

Third, the contrast in the performance of these offset measures across the two jack

pine provenance trial sites highlights the value of using multiple sources of validation in

future work. Future studies will require validation to provide any degree of confidence in

informing population- or site-specific management decisions. They will need to consider

the extent to which the phenotypes and life stage used in validation are associated with

total lifetime fitness, as well as how the common garden environment interacts with these

phenotypes. For instance, while jack pine 52-year DBH may capture elements of fitness

related to growth, it may miss aspects of fitness more directly related to survival and

reproduction. It may also be more indicative of competitive ability in the planted common

garden environment than fitness in the wild. Further, the location within climate space of

the transplant experiment used in validation relative to that of training populations may

also affect validation inference. In our study for both coastal Douglas-fir and jack pine,

the transplant sites were at the periphery or within the climate space encompassed by the

training populations, whereas the Vancouver common garden was well outside the climate

space of the interior Douglas-fir populations (Fig. S23). Importantly, this observation may

indicate that projections of maladaptation to future climates that differ greatly from

climate data used in training may produce less robust estimates.

Finally, while model exploration will be necessary for future work[17], our results

highlight the sensitivity of GF models to input populations, and the utility of stratified

k-fold cross-validation. Cross-validation will not only ensure that training and test sets

are similar but will also help reveal the extent to which projections to geographic areas

with no training data may produce reliable inferences. In many cases, the cross-validation

scores revealed relationships between offset and fitness that were of the opposite sign

expected (Figs. S8, S9), and further revealed sensitivity of population input to GF models

(Figs. S19, S20, S18, S16, S17). Our implementation of cross-validation represents a best-

case scenario because of the close geographic proximity of training and test populations.

Future validation of offset methods could also leave out entire genetic groups from

training, or instead group populations by source climate, to test yet another avenue for

understanding model sensitivity. Additionally, such exploration could be used alongside

other information to justify the choice among models that, for example, have similar

validation but differ in sensitivity, as we did for Douglas-fir.

Even with some promising results here, genetic offset estimates should be used with

caution to guide management decisions, as there are several circumstances under which

these estimates may be misleading with respect to true population maladaptation even

under otherwise ideal circumstances (e.g., in the presence of local adaptation).

Importantly, the most important factors for training and validating genetic offset models

are: (1) accurately estimating both climate data and allele frequencies for an adequate

number of populations; and (2) our ability to measure population phenotypes relevant to

total lifetime fitness. However, climate data is often interpolated across heterogenous

environments where weather stations are scarce. Further, the accurate, long-term

phenotyping of experiments from a sufficiently large number of individuals per population

for validation is resource- and time-intensive. With this first point in mind, we trained

additional models using climate normals from different periods and applied stricter

filtering of our genetic data but came to very similar conclusions (B. Lind unpublished

data).

In addition to data requirements necessary for accurate genetic offset predictions, not

all species (or groups of populations) are ideally suited for these models. These models

assume all populations are locally adapted to recent climates, that current genotype-

climate relationships are due solely to local adaptation and will remain optimal in the

future, and that deviations from these relationships will result in decreased fitness[17,18].

These models also ignore other dynamics that could alleviate or exacerbate maladaptation

experienced by future populations, such as gene flow (and perhaps subsequent swamping)

of adaptive alleles, release or onset of competition or disease, or the redundancy in the

genetic architecture underlying fitness[17,18,48]. Further, secondary contact or ongoing

hybridization may violate model assumptions (as is the case between Douglas-fir varieties

and for jack pine introgression with *Pinus contorta* in the westernmost part of its range).

Despite these concerns, and the long list of potential factors affecting survival

throughout the lifetime of long-lived individuals, genetic offset results are often used with

future climates projected many decades into the future. Our results for 52-year-old jack

pine across two provenance trial sites offers cautious optimism, as we found that genetic

offset predictions for mortality by both GF and RONA were often better than non-genetic

offset measures despite the long timespan. Yet, the disparity of performance across the

two species studied here highlight the utility of alternative forms of information to guide

management such as long-term reciprocal transplant trials when resources and budgets

allow.

There is still considerable uncertainty in the performance of genetic offset methods

applied to natural populations[8,17,18]. Even with ideal data, offset inferences will be

impacted by both evolutionary factors (e.g., drift, pleiotropy, strength of selection) and

experimental parameters (e.g., the sampling locations of populations)[8]. It is less clear,

however, the circumstances under which we should expect multiple offset methods to come

to the same conclusion, as they are likely to be affected to different degrees for any given

set of parameters. For instance, Láruson et al.[8] highlight how genetic drift can mislead

GF's offset magnitude and rank estimates, which may be driving some patterns observed

here, for example, the extent to which the western-most group of jack pine is inferred to

be the most maladapted (Figs. 4A, S11) or the extent to which the cross-variety model of

Douglas-fir infers the southeastern groups of the interior variety to be most maladapted

(Figs. 5C, 6B, S21.9). Because of this, we hesitate to recommend either GF or RONA

over the other, particularly given their similar performance. Instead, we recommend

further exploration of their performance under a wide variety of scenarios. A more detailed

understanding of how genetic offset methods interact with complex multivariate selection,

admixture, and lesser degrees of (or variation in) local adaptation also warrant further

attention.

Empirical and simulation work estimating genetic offsets, at least in the short term,

will need to thoroughly explore the results by varying input loci, climate data, and

populations used in training to understand how sensitive the offset estimations are to the

data at hand. Most importantly, multiple sources of validation should be used to

corroborate offset estimates, which could include data beyond phenotypic measurements

from common garden experiments (e.g., time-series satellite data to estimate population

growth rates). Doing so will lead to a more complete understanding of the performance of

these models, and the circumstances under which they will fail.

While our validation results show promise, our future projections for Douglas-fir show

ambiguous results (Figs. 5C-5D, S13B). Because of this, we do not recommend using offset

estimates to strongly influence prescriptions to guide climate-adaptive management

practices such as assisted gene flow for individual populations until these approaches are

better understood and validated. It therefore may be more prudent to work under the

assumption that all populations are at some risk of maladaptation due to climate change.

Even so, offset methods could guide *ex situ* conservation collections to capture genetic

diversity from populations predicted to be most at risk of climate-related extirpation, e.g.,

for seed banks or living collections. Further, while our offset projections for Douglas-fir

show ambiguity, monitoring of populations could lead to evidence that support one

projection over the other and could serve as another source of validation. In general

practice, there may be situations where the risks of inaction may outweigh risks associated

with model precision, and these could be weighed accordingly. Finally, the value of

common garden experiments for evaluating risk of maladaptation should not be

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727 7 | Data Availability

We reference the analysis code in the text of our documents by designating Supplemental

Notebooks (SN) using a directory numbering system from our servers (as opposed to the

order listed in the manuscript). For example, for Notebook 15 in Directory 3, we will refer

to SN 03.15; for Notebook 1 in Subfolder 2 of Directory 5, we will refer to SN 05.02.01.

These notebooks not only contain the analysis code, but also contain code output and

display attributes of the data objects being analyzed. Each of these directories will be

archived on Zenodo.org and include a citation below, which will also link to the GitHub

repository. Notebooks are best viewed within a local jupyter or jupyter lab session, but

can also be viewed at nbviewer.jupyter.org using the web link to the notebook archived

on GitHub. Analyses were carried out primarily using python v3.8.5 and R v3.5.1. Exact

package and code versions are available at the top of each notebook.

At the time of submission, all coding records will be archived on Zenodo.

Supplemental Notebooks:

SN 15 – GitHub.com/brandonlind/offset_validation

Raw sequence data will be deposited on the Sequence Read Archive of the National Center

for Biotechnology Information (NCBI SRA). All remaining data necessary for the

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9 | Extended Data

Extended Data Table 1   Locus counts used in training of Gradient Forests (GF) and the Risk Of Non-
Adaptedness (RONA) for each set of populations used: coastal Douglas-fir, interior Douglas-fir, jack pine,
and across both varieties of Douglas-fir (cross-variety). Not shown are redundant counts of random marker
sets with the same sample size as the BayPass and WZA sets used in GF. Marker sets used for RONA are
subsets of those used in GF that had significant linear models with at least one environment. Subscript
letters b and w refer to the original outlier sets (BayPass, and WZA, respectively) used to determine sample
sizes for random marker sets used in GF which were then subset to form the counts shown for RONA. Code
used to create this table can be found in SN 15.15.

	Gradient Forests		RONA			
	BayPass	WZA	BayPass	random$_b$	WZA	random$_w$
Jack pine	22635	4788	22571	11899	4788	2538
Cross-variety	25219	14760	24844	23147	14629	13537
Coastal	17516	4886	17436	10034	4881	2761
Interior	12938	11434	12276	7060	11305	6583

Extended Data Fig. 1   Offset validation from two-year Douglas-fir shoot biomass phenotypes at the Vancouver common garden (see Fig. 1A) using Gradient Forests (GF), the Risk of Non-Adaptedness (RONA), and climate and geographic distances. We used genetic hierarchy (rows) to assess accuracy inference from trained models (x-axis groups) using populations (rows) across both varieties of Douglas-fir (A), at the variety level for the coastal (B) and interior varieties of Douglas-fir (C) to determine if greater numbers of training populations improve finer-scale predictions of offset. Triangles indicate performance of GF models trained and validated using all available populations. RONA background boxplots are indicative of the range of RONA estimates given for the top five climatic variables (hexagon) that differed significantly between source population and the common garden (see Table S1). Climate distances (squares) were calculated using 1) all climate variables, or 2) those variables used for climate-based seed transfer (CBST) in British Columbia, or 3) those explaining significant variation in provenance trials. Vertical bars indicate standard error estimated using a Fisher transformation (see Supplemental Text S1.3). Loci used in RONA calculations are a subset of those used in Gradient Forests that had significant linear models with the environment, see Table 1 for locus counts. See Fig. 3 for similar validation using shoot biomass. See Fig. S9 for all locus groups. Boxplot whiskers extend up to 1.5x the interquartile range. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.14. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.14.

Extended Data Fig. 2   Genetic structure drives high validation scores in the Douglas-fir cross-variety models of Gradient Forest. Shown is the relationship between increment growth of coastal and interior varieties of Douglas-fir and offset values from the cross-variety model of Gradient Forests (trained using WZA outliers and all populations). Edges are colored using the shade of each variety's geographic range in Fig. 1 (lime: coastal Douglas-fir, and purple: interior Douglas-fir), and the interior of each point is colored with respect to the genetic groups from Fig. 1. Code used to create this figure can be found in SN 15.22.

How useful is genomic data for predicting maladaptation to future climate?

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1 | Supplemental Text

1.1 | Implementation of *k*-fold cross validation for Gradient Forests

For each marker set used to train GF, we created *k* groups of training populations via stratified *k*-fold sampling (SN 15.01), where the overall proportion of populations from a given genetic group (circle colors in Fig. 1; Supplemental Text S1.2) used in any of the *k*-fold sets for training is roughly equivalent to the proportion of that genetic group in the full data set (see Table S4 for *k*-fold proportions). This ensured that 1) we were not randomly leaving out an excess of populations from any given portion of the range, 2) that validation sets were similar to those used in training, and 3) that each available population was used only once for cross-validation of a given model. Doing so will reveal the sensitivity of these GF models with respect to both marker and population input (Q4). For instance, if 1) the relationship between offsets from a model using all populations is not strongly correlated to the union of out-of-bag offsets from *k*-fold sets, or 2) if cross-validation values vary widely about the estimates from models using all populations, this would indicate that GF is sensitive to population input. If so, any projected offset in areas of the range that lack training populations should not necessarily be taken at face value. Our implementation represents a best-case scenario for modelling offset in geographic areas where training data does not exist because of the proximity of the populations left out of training with those that were used in training.

Within the text and code, we refer to these *k*-fold groups using numerical IDs –

e.g., k1, k2, k3, k4; each *k*-fold group refers to a distinct set of test populations (SN 15.01).

If there are four *k*-fold cross-validation sets (Douglas-fir), this indicates that 25% of the

populations were left out of training for each fold, while when there are three *k*-fold cross-

validation sets (jack pine), this indicates that 33% of the data was left out of training for

each fold. The number of *k*-fold sets was limited by the number of populations within

color groups of Fig. 1 (i.e., minimum group count was either n=3 or n=4). We used these

population assignments consistently across GF analyses so that we could more easily

compare results between marker sets.

1.2 | Genetic grouping

We used genetic groups as informed by PCA *k*-means clustering (Fig. S1-S2). To

choose the optimal number of genetic groups we used a combination of the mean silhouette

coefficient scores from first three axes of PCA fit using loci with no missing data and the

second derivative of the line fit (hereafter, Line 1) using the Number of Clusters and the

Within-Cluster Sum of Squares (SN 07.01, SN 02.12.01, SN 02.12.03). The within-cluster

sum of squares used here is the unweighted sum of squared distances of samples to their

closest cluster center for a given value of *k*. The silhouette coefficient is calculated on a

per-sample basis using the mean intra-cluster distance and the mean nearest-cluster

distance; the best value is 1 and the worst value is -1. We calculated mean silhouette

coefficient scores for *k*=2-20, each time recording the within-cluster sum of squares, and

chose the optimal number of k when the mean silhouette coefficient first reached a local

maximum (for any $k > 2$) and Line 1 appeared to have a second derivative close to zero.

For Douglas-fir varieties, this generally resulted in less than three optimal clusters; for the

interior variety this was the northwestern and southeastern genetic groups, and for the

coastal variety this was the central range and range-edge populations. So we used

information from the PCA, k-means clustering, and geography (see subfolder 02.03) to

increase the number of groups over which to carry out cross-validation, in line with

groupings found when using larger values of k during k-means clustering of PCA data.

This ensured a more even sampling from throughout the range when we implemented k-

fold (Supplemental Text S1.1). PCAs colored with according to the k-means clustering

(i.e., colors in Fig. 1) can be seen in Fig. S1 for Douglas-fir and Fig. S2 for jack pine.

1.3 | Consistency of Environmental Variable Importance Rank

The environmental variables driving local adaption are often unknown *a priori*, and

landscape ecologists must often choose among highly correlated environmental variables

when analyzing data. Random forest models, like those implemented within Gradient

Forests, are well suited to identify features important for predictive models, even when

presented with correlated features. In the context of GF, these features are environmental

variables. We assessed the feature importances output by GF using both accuracy

importance and weighted accuracy importance and visualized the consistency of these

importance ranks from each dataset using slope graphs. If the various marker sets and

populations used to train GF models have little impact with respect to climate feature

importance, ranks should be stable across these outcomes and therefore these slope graphs

should contain relatively little noise (i.e., no large or numerous changes in rank), at least

for the top-ranked climates which may contain considerably larger importance values than

lower ranked climate features. If these figures are noisy throughout all ranks, this tells us

that the input data impacts model outcomes with respect to inferred climate importance.

Among marker sets for a given set of populations used in training, the

environmental ranks using either accuracy importance or weighted importance from

models with outlier or random loci were relatively stable across runs (i.e., the k-fold

iterations as well as the model using all populations; Supplemental Figs. S3-S4).

Across the Douglas-fir models trained using BayPass or WZA outliers, top

environmental ranks from weighted importance values were most similar across runs

between the cross-variety and interior-only models, where TD, EMT, Elevation, and

MCMT were consistently ranked in the top five environments across most runs (except

for Elevation which ranked sixth in k-fold set k3 of the cross-variety model; Fig. S7A-C).

For the coastal variety models trained using outlier sets, Eref and CMD were consistently

ranked in the top three variables across runs, MSP was consistently ranked in the top six

variables across runs (though generally greater than rank 5), and SHM was generally

ranked above the sixth rank except for WZA k-fold sets $k1$ and $k2$ (Fig. S7).

For all Douglas-fir models trained using outliers and all populations (blue circles

and diamonds, Fig. S7), the top six environments were consistently ranked between

BayPass and WZA outlier sets. Together with the environments consistently ranked

across runs, these data suggest that the interaction of summer precipitation and

temperature play an important role in structuring sampled genetic variation in the coastal

variety, while cold temperatures predominate as important factors structuring sampled

genetic variation within the interior variety. Similar to Douglas-fir, models trained using

all jack pine populations and loci from BayPass and WZA outliers produced consistent

rank in the top five environmental variables: MCMT, MAP, DD_0, MAT, and MSP (Fig.

S7D; Table S2). These results indicate both cold temperatures and precipitation drive

patterns within our genetic data for jack pine (Fig. S7). For both species, the ranks from

weighted importance were in general agreement with those from accuracy importance

(Fig. S5).

Except for the GF model trained using the coastal variety, GF models generally

ranked the majority of CBST environmental variables within the top 50% of ranks (blue

and red environmental labels in Fig. S7, Figs. S3-S5). However, environmental variables

explaining significant variation in Douglas-fir provenance trials were generally in the

bottom 50% of ranks, except for MAT in the interior-only models (brown and red

environmental labels in Fig. S7A-C, panels A-D in Figs. S3-5). For jack pine, the

provenance trial environments (except for SHM) generally ranked in the top 50%, where

environments related to both CBST and provenance trials generally predominated top

ranks (brown, red, and blue labels in Fig. S7D, panels E-F in Figs. S3-5). In general, the

magnitudes of weighted importance indicated that between 1 to 5 climate variables could

be inferred to have the greatest importance in these models (Fig. S6; analogous histograms

to Fig. S6 for accuracy importance show similar patterns and are not shown, except in

SN 15.13). Given the relatively consistent rank across these top-ranked climate features,

our analyses indicate that both marker and population input has relatively less impact on

climate importance inference than it does when predicting genetic offset.

Our analyses suggest that inference related to climate importance is relatively less

sensitive than offset predicted from models of GF, though whether the most important

climates ranks indicate the climates most relative to adaptation, as opposed to just

patterns from the data, remains to be seen and warrants further attention.

1.4 | Common garden phenotypic information for Douglas-fir and jack pine

1.4.1 | jack pine

The *Pinus banksiana* genetics program was initiated by Petawawa Experimental

Forest Research in 1950. Between 1955-1961, seeds were collected by Canadian Forest

Service (CFS) and United States (US) collaborators from 99 *P. banksiana* provenances

throughout the species' natural range (Yeatman 1974). In 1962, seeds were sown and

seedlings were then grown and evaluated at the Petewawa nursery. Three to four years

later, twelve field tests, with varying numbers of provenances, were established in Canada

(Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick) and the US to assess the pattern of adaptive

genetic variation (Yeatman 1974).

In September 2018, a census was conducted in two Quebec field tests. Tree status

(e.g. alive or dead) was noted along with tree height (m) and diameter at breast height

(cm) for each of the trees still present. Provenance numbers 73 and 74 were assigned to

Marl Lake with the same LAT and LONG coordinates, had the same mortality levels,

and similar means for height and diameter at breast heigh (DBH) – we therefore averaged

these populations for height and DBH and assigned these values in the data to Provenance

73 and removed Provenance 74.

Since we were using a trial planted long ago, we matched provenance ID (LAT and

LONG) used for phenotyping with that from genomic populations used for offset training

by ensuring each provenance ID was < 1km from only one other population ID from our

pool-seq data (SN 15.06; yellow- and black-edged circles, Fig. 1B); the population-

provenance pairs that were kept all had a distance of 0.0 km, except for one pair that had

a distance of 0.048 km.

1.4.2 / Douglas-fir

The Douglas-fir common garden experiment was established in outdoor nursery

raised beds at the University of British Columbia campus in March 2018. One-year-old

seedlings of 73 natural populations (38 var. *menziesii* and 35 var. *glauca*) spanning most

of the natural range of the species (see Fig. 1A) were randomized into 11 blocks with an

unbalanced block design. Each block contained 240 seedlings surrounded by a row of

unmeasured edge seedlings. We used a spacing of 8 x 8 cm between seedlings and between

one and 13 seedlings per provenance in each block. The total number of seedlings per

provenance in the experiment varied between 11 and 95. All individuals in the experiment

were assessed for initial height in 2018 (before bud flush of the second growing season)

and final height in 2019 (after bud set of the third growing season), and final total shoot

dry biomass.

Best linear unbiased estimates (BLUEs) of the two-year height increments were

obtained for provenances before testing for associations with the genetic offsets. Height

increments were first log transformed to meet the assumptions of normality of residuals

and homoscedasticity of variances in the models. The following mixed effect model

implemented in ASReml-R 4.0 (Butler et al. 2007) was used:

176                                 $$Y_{ij} = \mu + \beta x_1 + \alpha x_2 + \epsilon_{ij}$$

where Y_{ij} is the phenotype height increment corresponding to individuals from provenance

i and block j; μ is the phenotype global mean across all individuals within the experiment

(fixed intercept), β is the coefficient for the fixed effect of provenance (x_1) and α is the

random effect of blocks (x_2) and ϵ_{ij} is the error term for Y_{ij}.

1.5 | Estimating error in Spearman's ρ estimates

We used Fishers Transformation to estimate the lower and upper confidence

intervals of Spearman's ρ estimates used in validation via the following equations:

185                                 $$F(\rho) = artanh\,(\rho)$$

186                                 $$SE = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-3}}$$

$$lower = \tanh(F(\rho) - (1.96 * SE))$$

$$upper = \tanh(F(\rho) + (1.96 * SE))$$

Where $F(\rho)$ is Fisher's transformation of Spearman's ρ, and SE is the standard error

standardized using the number of populations used in the correlation estimate (N). Some

cross-validation scores for Douglas-fir were equal to $\rho = -1.0$ (Supplemental Figs. S9D-

E and S10D-E) and in these cases we set $\rho = -0.9999999999999999$ to avoid domain

errors when calculating $F(\rho)$.

 1.6 | Exploring fine-scale validation of models trained across larger spatial scales

We continued exploring the effects of fine-scale validation by subsetting the interior

variety into its two distinct genetic groups (the northwestern group and the southeastern

group, see Supplemental Fig. S1) to use for validation from models trained across both

varieties or those trained using all interior populations. While the GF models using all

interior populations in validation (triangles, Fig. 3C) were in some cases outperformed by

a non-genetic offset measure, validation scores using either of the two interior genetic

groups often exceeded these same climate and geographic distance measures (Fig. S9D-

E). Furthermore, these sub-interior variety scores (Fig. S9D-E) were often stronger than

scores obtained at the interior level (Fig. 3C), and even exceed those from the coastal

variety (Fig. 3B). However, cross-variety and interior-only models showed similar

performance (Fig. S9C-E). Boxplots in Fig. S9D-E span a wide range, due in part to the

small sample sizes of cross-validation assignments from stratified sampling assigned from

cross-variety and interior-only models (colors, Fig. 1A). Similar patterns were found for

shoot biomass (Fig S10).

1.7 | Inconsistency between projected maladaptation between common garden and future climates for interior Douglas-fir

The relative rank of projected maladaptation between the two genetic groups

within interior Douglas-fir was inconsistent between that predicted for the Vancouver

common garden and for future climate. For projections of maladaptation to future climate,

the cross-variety and interior-only models of both GF (Fig. 5C-D) and RONA

(Supplemental Fig. S13B) disagreed as to whether the northwestern genetic group was

more maladapted to RCP 8.5 2050s than the southeastern genetic group. However, for

projections to the common garden (i.e., models depicted in Fig. 3 and Extended Data Fig.

1) the cross-variety model and interior-only model of GF were in agreement (Fig. S14)

and were in disagreement for RONA (Fig. S15). It is unclear why such a 'flip-flop' would

occur between cross-variety and interior-only GF models for future climate but not for

this model when GF projected to the Vancouver common garden. In each case, we used

the same GF model object from R and then input either the Vancouver climate or the

future climate (SN 15.07). The difference between these input climates was of course the

values used, but in the case of the Vancouver climate input, all of the populations had a

single value for a given climate variable. Other than this, it is unclear what could be

causing these differences. It may be because of the differences between current and future

(common garden or RCP) climates, where the future climates are more differentiated than

that of the common garden from current values. Or perhaps ancestry violating model

assumptions (the northwestern interior genetic group shares secondary contact with the

coastal variety). Future simulation work could explore the effects of ancestry or climate

dissimilarity from current values to determine if such patterns would impact projected

offset rank, but this task is beyond the ability of the sparse pool-seq data available here.

1.8 | Choosing future offset models to predict the most maladaptive populations

Based on the similar level of validation performance among marker sets of either outlier or random loci for both jack pine and Douglas-fir, we explored offset to future climate using WZA outlier loci. Sensitivity of this model to population input was also explored for both St. Christine (Fig. S16) and Fontbrune (Fig. S17) which was similar to other locus sets (SN 15.21).

Next, for Douglas-fir, we needed to decide between the cross-variety or variety-specific models (i.e., which input populations to use) to project offset to future climate change. We used four criteria to choose among models by using insight from model validation and projection: 1) validation scores, 2) model sensitivity to input populations inferred from the strength of the relationship between the union of out-of-bag k-fold offset predictions with the offset predictions from models trained using all populations, 3) the strength of the relationship between offset predicted from GF with that of RONA, 4) the strength of the relationships among RONA estimates from the top environments differentiated between current and future scenarios.

1) While the cross-variety and variety-specific models of GF had similar performance when validated at the variety level, the cross-variety model of RONA had stronger validation scores for the interior variety populations than did the interior-only model (Fig. 3, Extended Data Fig. 1).

2) Additionally, projections from interior-only GF models for the Vancouver common garden had clear outliers and a much weaker relationship between the union of

out-of-bag offset predictions with the offset predicted using all populations (Figs. S18)

relative to the cross-variety models (Fig. S19) or the coastal variety models (Supplemental

Fig. S20). We therefore use cross-variety models to project maladaptation to future

climate (RCP 8.5 2050s; Fig. 6).

3) For both the coastal and interior variety, and the genetic groups from within

the interior variety, the offset predicted from the GF cross-variety models had a stronger

relationship with that predicted from RONA cross-variety models than the comparison

between GF and RONA variety-specific models (Fig. S21).

4) Furthermore, models for interior Douglas-fir had stronger relationships among

RONA estimates from cross-variety models than from interior-only models (Supplemental

Fig. S21 iii-viii).

It is worth noting that the cross-variety model ($n_{populations} = 73$) may be less

sensitive than the interior-only model ($n_{populations} = 35$) due to the relatively greater

number of input populations. However, given the less sensitive behavior of coastal-only

models ($n_{populations} = 38$) relative to interior-only models, where input population numbers

are more similar between varieties relative to either variety and the cross-variety models,

the population numbers input to interior variety models may not be completely driving

sensitivity patterns seen here.

 2 | Supplemental Tables

Environment	p-value	Common Garden	Population set
EXT	1.084316e-27	Ste-Christine-d'Auvergne	jack pine
MSP	9.095524e-16	Ste-Christine-d'Auvergne	jack pine
MAP	5.559867e-12	Ste-Christine-d'Auvergne	jack pine
SHM	5.607879e-10	Ste-Christine-d'Auvergne	jack pine
Elevation	7.337828e-09	Ste-Christine-d'Auvergne	jack pine
EXT	1.229238e-25	Fontbrune	jack pine
MSP	1.640940e-07	Fontbrune	jack pine
SHM	3.166373e-06	Fontbrune	jack pine
AHM	2.229745e-05	Fontbrune	jack pine
MAP	2.495356e-05	Fontbrune	jack pine
bFFP	3.134143e-44	Vancouver	cross-variety
FFP	6.294516e-37	Vancouver	cross-variety
NFFD	2.498133e-27	Vancouver	cross-variety
eFFP	9.501555e-27	Vancouver	cross-variety
DD5	4.645407e-26	Vancouver	cross-variety
bFFP	1.312699e-21	Vancouver	coastal variety
FFP	1.996474e-18	Vancouver	coastal variety
eFFP	2.866360e-12	Vancouver	coastal variety
NFFD	3.582954e-12	Vancouver	coastal variety
EMT	6.254842e-12	Vancouver	coastal variety
bFFP	3.205920e-32	Vancouver	interior variety
FFP	1.292912e-31	Vancouver	interior variety
eFFP	6.564966e-30	Vancouver	interior variety
NFFD	8.936509e-30	Vancouver	interior variety
TD	1.051689e-29	Vancouver	interior variety

Table S1   Top five environments that differed between source populations and common gardens ranked by t-test p-values. These ranks were used to decide which locus-environment relationships to use when calculating the range of RONA (Figs. 2-4 of the main text). Data used to create this table is in SN 15.09 cell 64.

Annual variables:
MAT - mean annual temperature (°C)
MWMT – mean warmest month temperature (°C)
MCMT – mean coldest month temperature (°C)
TD – temperature difference between MWMT and MCMT, or continentality (°C)
MAP – mean annual precipitation (mm)
MSP – May to September precipitation (mm)
AHM – annual heat-moisture index (MAT+10)/(MAP/1000)
SHM – summer heat-moisture index MWMT/(MSP/1000)
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Derived annual variables:
DD0 – degree-days below 0°C
DD5 – degree-days above 5°C
NFFD – number of frost-free days
FFP – frost-free period
bFFP -the day of the year on which FFP begins
eFFP – the day of the year on which FFP ends
PAS – precipitation as snow (mm) between August in previous year and July in current
year
EMT – extreme minimum temperature over 30 years
EXT – extreme maximum temperature over 30 years
Eref – Hargreaves reference evaporation (mm)
CMD – Hargreaves climatic moisture deficit (mm)
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298 **Table S2**. Climate variables used for offset calculations.

Jack pine

	group_count	group_perc	k1_count	k1_perc	k2_count	k2_perc	k3_count	k3_perc
blue	15	0.384615	10	0.384615	10	0.384615	10	0.384615
darkorange	10	0.256410	7	0.269231	7	0.269231	6	0.230769
green	11	0.282051	7	0.269231	7	0.269231	8	0.307692
magenta	3	0.076923	2	0.076923	2	0.076923	2	0.076923

Cross-variety (both varieties of Douglas-fir)

	group_count	group_perc	k1_count	k1_perc	k2_count	k2_perc	k3_count	k3_perc	k4_count	k4_perc
California	5	0.068493	3	0.055556	4	0.072727	4	0.072727	4	0.072727
Eastern BC	6	0.082192	4	0.074074	5	0.090909	5	0.090909	4	0.072727
Lower Mainland	4	0.054795	3	0.055556	3	0.054545	3	0.054545	3	0.054545
Montana	4	0.054795	3	0.055556	3	0.054545	3	0.054545	3	0.054545
North BC	12	0.164384	9	0.166667	9	0.163636	9	0.163636	9	0.163636
Oregon	11	0.150685	9	0.166667	8	0.145455	8	0.145455	8	0.145455
South Central BC	4	0.054795	3	0.055556	3	0.054545	3	0.054545	3	0.054545
Tri-state	9	0.123288	7	0.129630	6	0.109091	7	0.127273	7	0.127273
Washington	7	0.095890	5	0.092593	6	0.109091	5	0.090909	5	0.090909
Western BC	11	0.150685	8	0.148148	8	0.145455	8	0.145455	9	0.163636

Interior Douglas-fir

	group_count	group_perc	k1_count	k1_perc	k2_count	k2_perc	k3_count	k3_perc	k4_count	k4_perc
Eastern BC	6	0.171429	4	0.153846	4	0.153846	5	0.192308	5	0.185185
Montana	4	0.114286	3	0.115385	3	0.115385	3	0.115385	3	0.111111
North BC	12	0.342857	9	0.346154	9	0.346154	9	0.346154	9	0.333333
South Central BC	4	0.114286	3	0.115385	3	0.115385	3	0.115385	3	0.111111
Tri-state	9	0.257143	7	0.269231	7	0.269231	6	0.230769	7	0.259259

Coastal Douglas-fir

	group_count	group_perc	k1_count	k1_perc	k2_count	k2_perc	k3_count	k3_perc	k4_count	k4_perc
California	5	0.131579	4	0.142857	3	0.107143	4	0.137931	4	0.137931
Lower Mainland	4	0.105263	3	0.107143	3	0.107143	3	0.103448	3	0.103448
Oregon	11	0.289474	8	0.285714	9	0.321429	8	0.275862	8	0.275862
Washington	7	0.184211	5	0.178571	5	0.178571	6	0.206897	5	0.172414
Western BC	11	0.289474	8	0.285714	8	0.285714	8	0.275862	9	0.310345

Table S4. Implementation of stratified k-fold sampling. Groups of populations over which stratified k-fold sampling was carried out are shown as rows (see colors in Fig. 1 of the main text). Each group represents a given number of populations in the full dataset (`group_count`) and therefore a proportion of the overall dataset at hand (`group_perc`). Stratified k-fold sampling is implemented so that within each fold (`k1`, `k2`, `k3`, `k4`) each group of populations maintains a similar proportion in the training and test data as that group did in the full dataset. Shown for each k-fold are the number of populations representing a group (e.g., `k1_count`) and the proportion of that group's populations in the fold's training set (e.g., `k1_perc`). This contrasts with traditional cross-validation, where in each fold populations are chosen at random irrespective of their population, location, or genetics. These tables were produced in SN 15.01.

3 | Supplemental Figures

318 **Fig. S1**   Principle components analysis (PCA) of the two varieties of Douglas-fir using SNPs called
319 across both varieties. Populations are colored as in Fig. 1 of the main text. Code used to create this figure
320 can be found in SN 02.12.02.
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323 **Fig. S2** Principle components analysis (PCA) of jack pine. Populations are colored as in Fig. 1 of the
324 main text. Code used to create this figure can be found in SN 02.12.02.
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326   Fig S3 – Consistency of weighted environmental importance from Gradient Forests.

 Figure S3 continued

Fig. S3   Consistency of environmental weighted importance rank output from trained models of
Gradient Forests *k*-fold stratified sampling (orange, green, red, and purple). Models (i.e., a set of
populations) are paired every two rows, where the first row represents BayPass-related marker sets and
the second row represents WZA-related marker sets (i.e., boxplot colors in Supplemental Figs. S8-S10): A-
B) combined cross-variety using both varieties of Douglas-fir; C-D) FDC coastal Douglas-fir; E-F) FDI
interior Douglas-fir; G-H) jp jack pine. Within each figure, red lines indicate negative changes in rank,
while black lines indicate changes in rank ≥0. Environment labels are colored according to membership
within 1) those used in climate-based seed transfer (CBST) guidelines in British Columbia (sky blue), 2)
those explaining significant variation from provenance trials (brown), 3) those overlapping CBST and
provenance trial environments (red), and 4) remaining environments (black). Code to create these figures
can be found in SN 15.13.

Figure S4 - Consistency of environmental accuracy importance from Gradient Forests.

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Fig. S4   Consistency of environmental accuracy importance rank output from trained models of Gradient
Forests using all populations (full, blue) or *k*-fold stratified sampling (orange, green, red, and purple).
Models (i.e., a set of populations) are paired every two rows, where the first row represents BayPass-
related locus sets and the second row represents WZA-related locus sets (i.e., boxplot colors in
Supplemental Figs. S8-S10): A-B) combined cross-variety using both varieties of Douglas-fir, C-D) FDC
coastal Douglas-fir, E-F) FDI interior Douglas-fir, G-H) jp jack pine. Within each figure, red lines indicate
negative changes in rank, while black lines indicate changes in rank ≥0. Weighted importance is only
shown once within each figure because it was unchanged across the *k*-fold iterations (including models
using all populations) as well as across locus sets for a given model. Environments are colored according
to membership within 1) those used in climate-based seed transfer (CBST) guidelines in British Columbia
(sky blue), 2) those explaining significant variation from provenance trials (brown), 3) those overlapping
CBST and provenance trial environments (red), and 4) remaining environments (black). Code to create
these figures can be found in SN 15.13.

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376   **Fig. S5**   Consistency of environmental accuracy importance rank output from trained models of Gradient

377   Forests using outlier loci sets (BayPass and WZA) for A) the cross-variety model, B) FDC coastal

variety, C) FDI interior variety, D) JP jack pine. Legend (excluding importance type) and abbreviations
as in Fig S4. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.13.

Fig S6.

Cross-variety model

Fig S6 (cont'd)

Coastal variety model

 Fig S6 (cont'd)

387 Interior variety model

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390 **Jack pine**

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Fig S6. Weighted feature (climate) importance from Gradient Forest models trained using either WZA
(A, C, E, G) or BayPass loci (B, D, F, H) using both varieties of Doulgas-fir (A, B), the coastal variety of
Douglas-fir (C, D), the interior variety of Douglas-fir (E, F), or jack pine (G, H). Colors refer to the set of
populations used: blue – all populations, orange, green, red, and purple – populations from stratified *k*-fold
sampling. See Fig. S17 for rank visualization across loci and *k*-fold sets. Code to create this figure can be
found in SN 15.13.
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Fig. S7 Consistency of environmental weighted importance rank across models of Gradient Forests trained using outlier marker sets from BayPass (circles) or the WZA (diamonds) and either all populations (full, blue) or *k*-fold stratified sampling (orange, green, red, and purple) for A) both Douglas-fir varieties, B) coastal Douglas-fir, C) interior Douglas-fir, and D) jack pine. Within each figure, red lines indicate negative changes in rank, while black lines indicate changes in rank ≥0. Environmental labels are colored according to membership within 1) those used in climate-based seed transfer (CBST) guidelines in British Columbia (sky blue), 2) those explaining significant variation from provenance trials (saddle brown), 3) those overlapping CBST and provenance trial environments (red), and 4) remaining environments (black). Histograms of these values can be found in Supplemental Fig. S6. Figures showing rank consistency from both accuracy and weighted importances using only baypass or only WZA outliers (as well as the other individual marker sets) are found in Supplemental Fig. S3. Code used to create this figure can be found in SN 15.13.

Fig. S8   Offset validation from 52-year jack pine phenotypes at Sainte-Christine-d'Auvergne (A, C, E)
and Fontbrune (B, D, F) common gardens using Gradient Forests, the Risk Of Non-Adaptedness
(RONA), and climate and geographic distances. Gradient Forests boxplots are indicative of cross-
validation from stratified sampling using out-of-bag populations (circles) while triangles indicate
performance of models trained and validated using all available populations (see Fig. 1B). RONA boxplots
are indicative of the range of RONA estimates given for the top five climatic variables (hexagons) that
differed significantly between source (i.e., populations used in validation) and common garden variables
(see Table S1). Climate distances (squares) were calculated using 1) all climate variables, or 2) those
variables used for climate-based seed transfer (CBST) in British Columbia, or 3) those explaining
significant variation in provenance trials. Loci used in RONA calculations are a subset of those used in
Gradient Forests that had significant linear models with the environment. Vertical bars indicate standard
error estimated using a Fisher transformation (see Supplemental Text S1.5). See Extended Data Table 1
for loci counts. Whiskers extend up to 1.5x the interquartile range. Code to create these figures can be
found in SN 15.14.

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419 **Fig. S9**   Offset validation from two-year Douglas-fir height increment phenotypes at the Vancouver
420 common garden (see Fig. 1A) using Gradient Forests (GF), the Risk of Non-Adaptedness (RONA), and

climate and geographic distances. Gradient Forests boxplots are indicative of cross-validation from stratified sampling using out-of-bag populations (circles) while triangles indicate performance of models trained and validated using all available populations. RONA boxplots are indicative of the range of RONA estimates given for the top five climatic variables (hexagons) that differed significantly between source (i.e., populations used in validation) and common garden variables (see Table S1). Climate distances (squares) were calculated using 1) all climate variables, or 2) those variables used for climate-based seed transfer (CBST) in British Columbia, or 3) those explaining significant variation in provenance trials. We used genetic hierarchy to assess accuracy inference using the validation statistic at the variety level for coastal and interior varieties, and at the subvariety level within the interior variety. X-axis labels indicate populations used in training sets, and the rows indicates populations used in validation sets. Vertical bars indicate standard error estimated using a Fisher transformation (see Supplemental Text S1.5). Locus counts in Extended Data Table 1. See Fig. S10 for similar validation using shoot biomass. See Supplemental Fig. S9 for all locus groups. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.14.

Fig. S10   Offset validation from two-year Douglas-fir shoot biomass phenotypes at the Vancouver
common garden (see Fig. 1A) using Gradient Forests (GF), the Risk of Non-Adaptedness (RONA), and
climate and geographic distances. Genetic offset boxplots and shapes are shaded with respect to marker
set source. Gradient Forests boxplots are indicative of cross-validation from stratified sampling using out-
of-bag populations (circles) while triangles indicate performance of models trained and validated using all
available populations. RONA boxplots are indicative of the range of RONA estimates given for the top
five climatic variables (hexagons) that differed significantly between source (i.e., populations used in
validation) and common garden variables (see Table S1). Climate distances (squares) were calculated
using 1) all climate variables, or 2) those variables used for climate-based seed transfer (CBST) in British
Columbia, or 3) those explaining significant variation in provenance trials. We used genetic hierarchy to
assess accuracy inference using the validation statistic at the variety level for coastal and interior
varieties, and at the subvariety level within the interior variety. X-axis labels indicate populations used in
training sets, and the rows indicates populations used in validation sets. Vertical bars indicate error
estimated using a Fisher transformation (see Supplemental Text S1.5). Locus counts in Extended Data
Table 1. See Fig. S10 for similar validation using shoot biomass. See Supplemental Fig. S9 for all locus
groups. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.14.

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Fig S11 Comparisons of Gradient Forest (GF) and RONA top environments for projected maladaptation
to RCP 8.5 2050s for jack pine. Circos plots show pairwise comparisons (A and F) between the offset
predicted from the top five environments from RONA and GF (B-D) where B* shows the changes in rank
between comparisons, C** shows the linear relationship (with gray line of best fit), and D shows the
Spearman's rank correlation of offset predictions. E shows the correlation between future environmental
variables compared in A and F. Environments used to estimate RONA were chosen based on ranking p-
values from paired *t*-tests between current and future climate across all populations that went into a given
model (this is why some environments differ between cross-variety and variety-specific models). Populations
in B, C, and G are colored as in Fig. 1. Red lines in B are indicative of negative changes in rank between
F and A. Code to create this figure can be found in SN 15.17. Analogous figures created using climate
models RCP4.5 2080s, RCP4.5 2050s, and RCP8.5 2080s show similar patterns and are not shown except
within SN 15.17.
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466 * outer ranks are from A, inner ranks are from F
467 ** y-axis is from A and x-axis is from F

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469 **Fig S12** These figures are identical to maps shown in Figs. 4-5, except with the overlay of sample
470 populations. Note color of population corresponds to Fig. 1 and does not reflect values of predicted offset.
471 Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.18.

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Fig S13   Relationship between Douglas-fir RONA offset predictions to future climates (RCP 8.5 2050s)
from variety-specific models and cross-variety models (A, B) or for genetic groups in the interior variety-
specific models with the same genetic groups taken from the cross-variety model (C, D). Environmental
names are at the top of each plot – an asterisk on the left side of an environmental name indicates that the
variable was significantly different between current and future climates at the variety level; similarly an
asterisk on the right side of an environmental variable indicates a significant difference in climate between
current and future conditions using populations from both varieties. Background color of each figure
indicates population membership to either the coastal variety (lime green) or the interior variety (purple).
FDI = interior Douglas-fir; FDC = coastal Douglas-fir; eastern and western refer to the genetic groups
within interior Douglas-fir; combined refers to the cross-variety model. Compare with Fig. 5 in the main
text comparing similar datasets output from Gradient Forests. Code to create these figures can be found in
SN 15.17.

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Fig. S14 Gradient Forest (GF) model agreement as to whether the northwestern or southeastern genetic
group of interior Douglas-fir is most maladapted to the climate of the Vancouver common garden used for
validation. Note that the same GF models were in disagreement as to whether either genetic group was
most maladapted to RCP 8.5 2050s. Models shown are the cross-variety (y-axis) and interior-only (x-axis)
models of GF trained using WZA loci and all populations. Population colors are as in Fig. 1 of the main
text. Code used to create this figure can be found in SN 15.20.

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493 **Fig. S15**   RONA model comparison of cross-variety (y-axes) and interior-only (x-axes) offset projected to
494 the Vancouver common garden. Population colors are as in Fig. 1 of the main text. Code used to create this
495 figure can be found in SN 15.20.

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Fig S16   Relationship between estimated offset to the Sainte Christine-d'Auvernge provenance trial site
predicted from full models (i.e., trained using all populations) of Gradient Forests (x-axes) and the union
of out-of-bag offset estimations across k-fold models of Gradient Forests (y-axes) for jack pine. Models
shown are those using either outlier (A, C) or random loci (B, D) with respect to marker sets from either
the WZA (A, B) and baypass (C, D) genotype-environment association analyses. Points are color coded
with respect to groups from Fig. 1 of the main text, and shapes corresponding to k-fold membership. Code
to create these figures can be found in SN 15.21.

Fig S17 Relationship between estimated offset to the Fontbrune provenance trial site predicted from full models (i.e., trained using all populations) of Gradient Forests (x-axes) and the union of out-of-bag offset estimations across *k*-fold models of Gradient Forests (y-axes) for jack pine. Models shown are those using either outlier (A, C) or random loci (B, D) with respect to the WZA (A, B) and baypass (C, D) genotype-environment association analyses. Points are color coded with respect to groups from Fig. 1 of the main text, and shapes corresponding to *k*-fold membership. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.21.

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Fig S18   Relationship between estimated offset to the Vancouver common garden site predicted from full
models (i.e., trained using all populations) of Gradient Forests (x-axes) and the union of out-of-bag offset
estimations across *k*-fold models of Gradient Forests (y-axes) for the interior variety models of Douglas-fir.
Models shown are those using either outlier (A, C) or random loci (B, D) with respect to marker sets from
either the WZA (A, B) and baypass (C, D) genotype-environment association analyses. Points are color
coded with respect to groups from Fig. 1 of the main text, and shapes corresponding to *k*-fold membership.
Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.21.

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Fig S19 Relationship between estimated offset to the Vancouver common garden site predicted from full
models (i.e., trained using all populations) of Gradient Forests (x-axes) and the union of out-of-bag offset
estimations across *k*-fold models of Gradient Forests (y-axes) for the cross-variety models of Douglas-fir.
Models shown are those using either outlier (A, C) or random loci (B, D) with respect to marker sets from
either the WZA (A, B) and baypass (C, D) genotype-environment association analyses. Points are color
coded with respect to groups from Fig. 1 of the main text, and shapes corresponding to *k*-fold membership.
Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.21.

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Fig S20   Relationship between estimated offset to the Vancouver common garden site predicted from full
models (i.e., trained using all populations) of Gradient Forests (x-axes) and the union of out-of-bag offset
estimations across *k*-fold models of Gradient Forests (y-axes) for the coastal variety models of Douglas-fir.
Models shown are those using either outlier (A, C) or random loci (B, D) with respect to marker sets from
either the WZA (A, B) and baypass (C, D) genotype-environment association analyses. Points are color
coded with respect to groups from Fig. 1 of the main text, and shapes corresponding to *k*-fold membership.
Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.21.

Fig S21. Comparison of Douglas-fir offset projections
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i) Coastal Douglas-fir
Cross-variety model

ii) Coastal Douglas-fir
Coastal variety model

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539   iii) Interior Douglas-fir
540   Cross-variety model

iv) Interior Douglas-fir
Interior variety model

Fig S21. Comparison of Douglas-fir offset projections (cont'd)

v) Northwestern Interior Douglas-fir
Cross-variety model

vi) Northwestern Interior Douglas-fir
Interior variety model

vii) Northwestern Interior Douglas-fir
Cross-variety model

viii) Northwestern Interior Douglas-fir
Interior variety model

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Fig S21 Comparisons of Gradient Forest (GF) and RONA top environments for projected maladaptation
to RCP 8.5 2050s (models labeled within each panel). Circos plots show pairwise comparisons (A and F)
between the offset predicted from the top five environments from RONA and GF (B-D) where B* shows
the changes in rank between comparisons, C** shows the linear relationship (with gray line of best fit), and
D shows the Spearman's rank correlation of offset predictions. E shows the correlation between future
environmental variables compared in A and F. Environments used to estimate RONA were chosen based
on ranking p-values from paired t-tests between current and future climate across all populations that went
into a given model (this is why some environments differ between cross-variety and variety-specific models).
Populations in B, C, and G are colored as in Fig. 1. Red lines in B are indicative of negative changes in
rank between F and A. Boxplot ranks similar to Figs. 4A, 6A-B can be found in Supplemental Fig. S22.
Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.17. Analogous figures created using climate models
RCP4.5 2080s, RCP4.5 2050s, and RCP8.5 2080s show similar patterns and are not shown except within
SN 15.17.
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564 * outer ranks are from A, inner ranks are from F
565 ** y-axis is from A and x-axis is from F

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Fig. S22 Maladaptation of Douglas-fir populations to future climate (RCP 8.5 2050s) inferred from the
A) cross-variety B) coastal-only, and C) interior-only models of RONA and Gradient Forests. This figure
shows the distribution of offset rank for each Douglas-fir population from RONA and GF (note all but
one of the values that create each boxplot are from RONA) and are ordered from left to right by
increasing median offset rank. Information in A is the combined information from Fig. 6A-B. Code to
create this figure can be found in SN 15.17. Analogous figures created using climate models RCP4.5 2080s,
RCP8.5 2050s, and RCP8.5 2080s are not shown except within SN 15.17.

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575   **Fig S23**   Climate space as inferred from Principle Component Analysis of climate normals (1961-1990) for
576   populations of jack pine (squares, A); coastal Douglas-fir (circles, B), and interior Douglas-fir (triangles,
577   C) relative to common gardens used for validation (diamonds). Colors in figures are the same as the
578   genetic groups and common gardens used in Fig. 1. Code to create these figures can be found in SN 15.19.

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