

## A Phytosociological Study of the Forest Communities on Mt. Kwanak, Seoul

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### 관악산의 산림군락에 관한 식물사회학적 연구

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### ABSTRACT

As part of the study of the structure and the successional trends of our temperate forests, a quantitative survey was made of the relatively well conserved forest stands on Mt. Kwanak, Seoul

Three community types were observed; the *Pinus densiflora-Quercus mongolica* community, the *Pinus densiflora* community, and the *Quercus mongolica* community. Evidence suggests that the dominance of *Pinus densiflora* and *Quercus mongolica* will continue in the *Pinus densiflora-Quercus mongolica* community, however, in the *Pinus densiflora* community the dominant species, *Pinus densiflora*, is now being replaced by *Quercus mongolica*. The trend toward an increase in *Acer pseudo-sieboldianum* var. *koreanum*, *Fraxinus rhynchophylla*, *Carpinus cordata*, and *Acer mono* is observed in the *Quercus mongolica* community.

An analysis of the overall composition of the forest reveals that the upper story is mostly occupied by *Quercus mongolica* and *Pinus densiflora*, the shrub layer by *Rhododendron schlippenbachii* and *Lespedeza maximowiczii*, and the herb layer by *Spodiopogon cotulifer* and *Artemisia keiskeana*.

*Quercus mongolica* may cover most part of the forest, gradually excluding *Pinus densiflora*. *Acer pseudo-sieboldianum* var. *koreanum*, *Fraxinus rhynchophylla*, *Carpinus cordata*, and *Acer mono* are increasing in importance with the potentiality of developing into major canopy components. With the diversification of the physical habitat *Cephalotaxus koreana* and *Magnolia sieboldii*, the species which had almost completely been eliminated from the forest through the severe interferences, have reappeared.

### INTRODUCTION

Mt. Kwanak is the dominant mountain on the southern outskirts of Seoul. It is thus not surprising that there have been reports on its forest

vegetation. Unfortunately all of them have been concerned with floristic enumeration, not with the plant communities therein.

During the Korean War in the 1950's, almost all of the forest vegetation of Mt. Kwanak was ruthlessly disturbed. Nevertheless, this vegeta-

tion could be regarded as a favorable one for phytosociological studies of our temperate forest communities. Because of the continuous protection by Seoul National University Forests there are a wide range of seral communities with little human interferences since the massive destruction in the 1950's. Therefore I studied the structure and successional trends of the forest communities of Mt. Kwanak.

Vascular plant voucher specimens have been identified with the help by my advisor, Dr. T. B. Lee, and piled up in the Herbarium of the College of Agriculture, Seoul National University. The nomenclature follows Lee (1969).

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## PHYSIOGRAPHY OF THE STUDY AREA

Mt. Kwanak is located at  $37^{\circ}25' - 37^{\circ}27'N$ ,  $126^{\circ}55' - 127^{\circ}0'E$ . The summit of the peak is 629 m above sea level (Fig. 1).

The meteorological data collected by the R.O. K. Air Force Weather Squadron, 6km northwest to the center of the study area, show that the annual average precipitation is 1141.9 mm, more than two thirds of which is distributed through the growing season. Summer showers are sudden and intense. The estimated annual mean temperature is  $10.7^{\circ}C$ . The average date for the last killing frost in spring is around the end of April, and for the first killing frost, around the end of October.

Brown Forest Soils, chiefly derived from granite and gneiss, are typical of this region, but are generally shallow. Many rock outcrops occur on the south facing slopes and on the ridges owing to the severe erosion following the heavy destruction of vegetation during the Korean War.

The stands of *Quercus mongolica* and *Pinus densiflora*, are occupied on the undulating northern and southern exposures respectively.

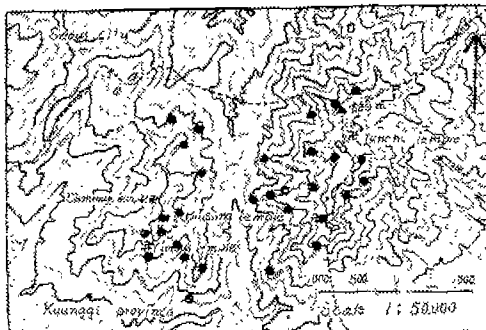


Fig. 1. Topographic map of Mt. Kwanak, Seoul. Black spots indicate the location of the quadrats.

## METHODS

The forest of the study area was delimited subjectively, according to its physiognomy, into three community types; *Pinus densiflora*-*Quercus mongolica* community, *Pinus densiflora* community and *Quercus mongolica* community. Ten quadrats were laid out on relatively undisturbed areas of each community type. Tree data taken in 10m by 10m quadrats included diameter at breast height, crown cover as percentage of quadrat surface, frequency, and density. The last three properties were obtained for shrubs in 4m by 4m quadrats and for herbs in 1m by 1m quadrats, both of which were nested in the fixed corner of the tree quadrats. All species occurring in the quadrats were classified according to Raunkiaerian life forms (Raunkiaer 1934)

Topsoil samples from each quadrat (0–10 cm below the surface) were oven dried at 105–110°C, sifted through a 2 mm sieve and sent to the Central Forest Experimental Station. Water holding capacity was represented by the weight of water contained in the 100 cc drained sample (Wilde-Voigt 1955). Loss on ignition was determined using a muffle furnace at  $575 \pm 25^\circ\text{C}$  for 6 hours. Soil pH was measured with a pH meter (TOA, model-HM-5A). The content of exchangeable Ca and Mg was established by titration with Ethylene Di-amine Tetra-Acetate, and the content of K, with a Coleman Flame Photometer.

Sampling was done in August when most of the plants were near their greatest crown cover for the year.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### 1. The structure and dynamic status of the communities.

#### A) *Pinus densiflora*-*Quercus mongolica* community.

This community occurs largely on the ridges and on the steep slopes, frequently as scattered patches where almost all of the topsoil was washed away as a consequence of the extensive destruction of the vegetation about 20 years ago.

Dwarf *Pinus densiflora* and sprout-originated *Quercus mongolica* dominate this community, with *Juniperus rigida* being mixed with high frequency (six out of ten quadrats). The fact that the second most important tree species as *Quercus mongolica* as well as *Quercus serrata* are largely of sprout origin logically leads to the conclusion that this community was derived from oak-dominated forest through the openings of the forest by human disturbances, thus favouring the rapid invasion of high light demanding species, e.g. *Pinus densiflora* and *Juniperus rigida*, now the most abundant and widespread.

The shrub understory includes seventeen spe-

cies, with *Rhododendron schlippenbachii*, *Smilax china*, *Lespedeza cyrtobotrya*, and *Rhododendron mucronulatum* the most common throughout the community. *Buxus microphylla* var. *koreana* for. *elongata* is widely scattered but depressed in size.

Nine species of grasses observed in the quadrats. *Arundinella hirta*, *Themeda triandra* var. *japonica* are bunch grasses that grow better in the open, but the other grasses seemed to prefer the shaded habitat. *Artemisia keiskeana* was the most important forb among the ten species appearing in the quadrats (Table 1). Generally the herb layer was sparse throughout the forest communities.

In order to reveal the dynamic status of this community, the populations of all component tree species were analysed by D.B.H. classes which can be regarded as age classes (Cain 1932, 1959, Daubenmire 1968) in Table 2. *Pinus densiflora* and *Quercus mongolica* enjoy the largest populations, and their abundant production of seedlings can be expected to maintain their predominance as long as the community remains open. *Quercus serrata*, *Q. variabilis*, *Q. acutissima*, *Alnus hirsuta* and *Styrax japonica*, as they are lacking in seedlings, will finally be replaced when the established individuals die. It is quite reasonable to conclude that this lack of seedlings reflects an adverse change in the environment which is thus no longer favourable to these species (Daubenmire 1968)



Fig. 2. *Pinus densiflora*-*Quercus mongolica* community.

**Table 1.** Frequency, coverage and density of plants in the *Pinus densiflora-Quercus mongolica* community, Mt. Kwanak.

Species	Frequency (1)	Coverage (2)	Density (3)
<b>Trees</b>			
<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	100	43	886
<i>Quercus mongolica</i>	90	29	530
<i>Quercus serrata</i>	50	6.5	132
<i>Juniperus rigida</i>	60	5	180
<i>Quercus variabilis</i>	40	5	79
<i>Alnus hirsuta</i>	10	5	54
<i>Styrax japonica</i>	20	1	24
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	30	+(4)	54
<i>Quercus aliena</i>	10	+	30
<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	10	+	12
<b>Shrubs</b>			
<i>Rhododendron schlippenbachii</i>	70	11	47
<i>Lespedeza cyrtobotrya</i>	100	8	55
<i>Rhododendron mucronulatum</i>	60	4	27
<i>Smilax china</i>	30	2.5	8
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> var. <i>koreana</i> for. <i>elongata</i>	40	1	8
<i>Stephanandra incisa</i>	40	1	10
<i>Corylus heterophylla</i>	20	1	5
<i>Weigela subsessilis</i>	70	+	12
<i>Lespedeza maximowiczii</i>	10	+	2
<i>Securinega suffruticosa</i>	10	+	1
<i>Rhus japonica</i>	10	+	1
<i>Cocculus trilobus</i>	10	+	2
<i>Lespedeza thunbergii</i> var. <i>intermedia</i>	10	+	1
<i>Viburnum erosum</i>	10	+	2
<i>Indigofera kirilowi</i>	10	+	5
<i>Smilax sieboldii</i>	10	+	2
<i>Callicarpa japonica</i>	10	+	3
<b>Grasses</b>			
<i>Arundinella hirta</i>	60	8.5	101
<i>Andropogon brevifolius</i>	30	7.5	662
<i>Spodiopogon cotulifer</i>	40	4	30
<i>Carex humilis</i>	50	2	15
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> var. <i>purpurascens</i>	20	2	12
<i>Calamagrostis arundinacea</i>	20	1	10

Species	Frequency (1)	Coverage (2)	Density (3)
<i>Themeda triandra</i> var. <i>japonica</i>	10	+	5
<i>Festuca obina</i>	10	+	4
<i>Carex ciliato-marginata</i>	10	+	3
<b>Forbs</b>			
<i>Artemisia keiskeana</i>	30	5	55
<i>Aster scaber</i>	10	+	1
<i>Chrysanthemum boreale</i>	20	+	4
<i>Isodon inflexus</i>	10	+	1
<i>Youngia denticulata</i>	10	+	1
<i>Atractylodes japonica</i>	20	+	2
<i>Gentiana scabra</i> var. <i>buergerii</i>	10	+	1
<i>Patrinia villosa</i>	10	+	3
<i>Ostericum grosseserratum</i>	10	+	1
<i>Viola grypoceras</i>	10	+	5

(1) Frequency based on 10 quadrats

(2) Crown cover as percentage of the quadrat surface covered by vertical projection of the crown. Data based on 10 quadrats

(3) Density on 10 quadrats, 10m by 10m each for trees, 4m by 4m each for shrubs and 1m by 1m each for herbs

(4) + indicates less than 1 per cent coverage

**Table 2.** Population analysis of trees by size classes in the *Pinus densiflora-Quercus mongolica* community, Mt. Kwanak. (Density on ten quadrats, 10 m by 10 m each)

Species	Size classes in centimeters D.B.H.			
	Seedlings	Up to 5	6-10	11-15
<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	330	454	96	6
<i>Quercus mongolica</i>	246	254	30	
<i>Quercus serrata</i>		132		
<i>Quercus variabilis</i>		64	15	
<i>Quercus aliena</i>	6	24		
<i>Quercus acutissima</i>		12		
<i>Juniperus rigida</i>	18	130	32	
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	12	42		
<i>Alnus hirsuta</i>		54		
<i>Styrax japonica</i>		24		

B) *Pinus densiflora* community.

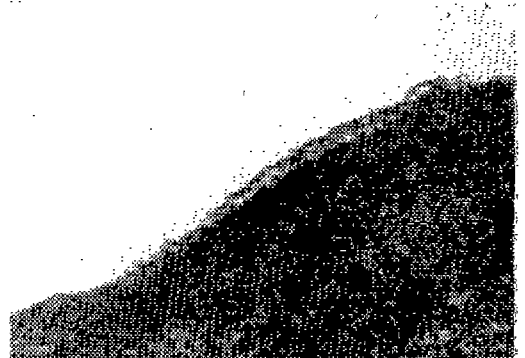
This community is mainly distributed on the southern exposures where the topsoils are comparatively shallow and rocky. It is especially well developed around the several Buddhist temples scattered throughout the study area, the vegetation of which survived the destruction of war. *Pinus densiflora* is dominant in the overstory cover. The overwhelming number of *Quercus mongolica* appearing in the understory would seem to indicate that the species is rapidly increasing its population, except in the local areas of very rocky site where *Juniperus rigida* and *Sorbus alnifolia* are common.

The shrub understory includes twenty species, with *Lespedeza maximowiczii*, *L. cyrtobotrya*, *Rhododendron schlippenbachii*, and *Indigofera kirilowi* being the most common. Five species of grasses and six of forbs appeared in the quadrats (Table 3).

The future trend of this community can be predicted from Table 4. When the number of seedlings and small trees below 10cm in D.B.H. are compared, it goes without saying that the dominant species, *Pinus densiflora*, is now being replaced by *Quercus mongolica*. And what is more, the ubiquitous dead and dying pine trees resulting from severe infestations by pine caterpillar (*Dendrolimus spectabilis*) and pine gall-midge (*Thecodiplosis japonensis*) seem to be another evidence of this replacement (Fig. 4).

*Acer pseudo-sieboldianum* var. *koreanum*, *Fraxinus rhynchophylla*, and *Acer mono*, judging from their abundance in the *Quercus mongolica* community (Tables 5,6), will increase provided that *Quercus mongolica* develops into the leading dominant species of this community. The oak groups and *Prunus serrulata* var. *pubescens* will remain longer in this community because of their special ability to sprout. The other tree species producing few seedlings will finally dwindle away with *Juniperus rigida* and *Sorbus alnifolia* lingering on the xeric sites where their

abundant seedlings are found. As a whole, the trend of this community is apparently a shift from the predominance of *Pinus densiflora* to *Quercus mongolica*.

Fig. 2. *Pinus densiflora* communityFig. 4. The ubiquitous dead and dying *Pinus densiflora* infested with pine caterpillar and pine gall-midge.Table 3. Frequency, coverage, and density of plants in the *Pinus densiflora* community, Mt. Kwanak.

Species	Frequency (1)	Coverage (2)	Density (3)
<b>Trees</b>			
<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	100	74	209
<i>Quercus mongolica</i>	100	64.5	1,113
<i>Quercus variabilis</i>	30	5.5	54
<i>Acer pseudosieboldianum</i> var. <i>koreanum</i>	40	5	90
<i>Prunus serrulata</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>	40	4	46
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	10	2.5	54
<i>Quercus serrata</i>	20	2.5	54

Species	Frequency (1)	Coverage (2)	Density (3)				
<i>Acer mono</i>	10	2.5	8	<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	10	+	5
<i>Styrax japonica</i>	20	1	45	<i>Viburnum erosum</i>	10	+	4
<i>Kalopanax pictus</i>	20	1	78	<i>Callicarpa japonica</i>	10	+	3
<i>Juniperus rigida</i>	30	+(4)	20	<i>Weigela florida</i>	10	+	3
<i>Fraxinus rhynchophylla</i>	20	+	16	<i>Corylus sieboldianus</i>	10	+	2
<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	10	+	18	<i>Weigela subsessilis</i>	10	+	1
<i>Castanea crenata</i>	10	+	18	<i>Cocculus trilobus</i>	10	+	1
<b>Shrubs</b>				<i>Clematis mandshurica</i>	10	+	1
<i>Lespedeza maximowiczii</i>	50	7.5	35	<b>Grasses</b>			
<i>Lespedeza cyrtobotrya</i>	50	5	31	<i>Carex humilis</i>	70	11	44
<i>Rhododendron</i>	50	5	30	<i>Spodiopogon cotulifer</i>	70	8.5	93
<i>schlippenbachii</i>				<i>Carex ciliato-marginata</i>	30	1.5	65
<i>Indigofera kirilowi</i>	40	4.5	51	<i>Calamagrostis</i>	40	1.5	32
<i>Rhododendron</i>	60	3	31	<i>arundinacea</i>			
<i>mucronulatum</i>				<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	20	+	5
<i>Stephanandra incisa</i>	40	3.5	27	<b>Forbs</b>			
<i>Corylus heterophylla</i>	30	1.5	14	<i>Artemisia keiskeana</i>	60	5	76
<i>Lindera obtusiloba</i>	30	1.5	5	<i>Melampyrum roseum</i>	30	2.5	15
<i>Smilax china</i>	30	+	6	<i>Viola rossii</i>	20	+	3
<i>Symplocos chinensis</i>	30	+	5	<i>Atractylodes japonica</i>	10	+	1
for. <i>pilosa</i>				<i>Chrysanthemum boreale</i>	10	+	1
<i>Zanthoxylum</i>	20	+	3	<i>Aster scaber</i>	10	+	1
<i>schinifolium</i>							
<i>Lespedeza thunbergii</i>	10	+	8				
var. <i>intermedia</i>							

(1)(2)(3)(4): See footnote, Table 1.

**Table 4.** Population analysis of trees by size classes in the *Pinus densiflora* community, Mt. Kwanak (Density on ten quadrats, 10m by 10m each.).

Species	Size classes in centimeters D.B.H.						
	Seedlings	Up to 5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30 31-35
<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	84	57	35	9	2	10	9 3
<i>Quercus mongolica</i>	416	588	107	1	1		
<i>Acer pseudo-sieboldianum</i> var. <i>koreanum</i>	30	60					
<i>Fraxinus rhynchophylla</i>	6	10					
<i>Acer mono</i>	2	4	2				
<i>Quercus serrata</i>		54					
<i>Quercus variabilis</i>		42	12				
<i>Quercus acutissima</i>		18					
<i>Prunus serrulata</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>	6	37	3				
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	18	36					
<i>Juniperus rigida</i>	7	13					
<i>Styrax japonica</i>		45					
<i>Kalopanax pictus</i>		42	36				
<i>Castanea crenata</i>		15	3				

C) *Quercus mongolica* community

This community occupies largely northern exposures, especially where the topsoils are thicker and contain abundant amounts of organic matter.

*Quercus mongolica* is the obvious dominant making up 93 per cent of the plant cover. The data in Table 5 and 6 show the increasing tendency of *Acer pseudo-sieboldianum* var. *koreanum*, *Fraxinus rhynchophylla*, *Carpinus cordata*, *Acer mono*, and *Philadelphus schrenckii*, giving the promise of becoming predominant in this community (Oh 1959). Only a few individuals of *Pinus densiflora* and *Juniperus rigida* were seen on old, deep deposits, the absence being apparently due to natural succession rather than human disturbance. The more diversified environmental condition of this community is evidenced by its floristic composition (McArthur 1965); sixty-five species were identified on the quadrats laid out in this community, but only forty-five in the *Pinus densiflora*-*Quercus mongolica* community. With the diversification, *Cephalotaxus koreana* and *Magnolia sieboldii*, the species which had almost been removed from the forest through the destruction, have reappeared. *Quercus acutissima*, *Q. serrata*, and *Prunus serrulata* var. *pubescens* will remain longer in this community because of their shoots originating from the roots or stem bases of old trees. *Euonymus sieboldianus*, *Styrax japonica*, *Cornus walteri*, *Sorbus alnifolia*, *Castanea crenata*, *Juniperus rigida*, *Populus davidiana*, and *Pinus densiflora* will disappear from the stands when the established individuals die. They produced few seedlings and what is more, their sprouting abilities are not spectacular.

*Rhododendron schlippenbachii*, *Lespedeza maximowiczii*, *Euonymus alatus*, and *Lindera obtusiloba* are the most common among the shrub under-story species. The herb cover is very sparse and most is provided by *Spodiopogon cotulifer*. *Athyrium nipponicum* and *Artemisia keiskeana*.



Fig. 5. *Quercus mongolica* community.

Table 5. Frequency, coverage and density of plants in the *Quercus mongolica* community, Mt. Kwanak.

Species	Frequency (1)	Coverage (2)	Density (3)
<b>Trees</b>			
<i>Quercus mongolica</i>	100	93	444
<i>Acer pseudo-sieboldianum</i> var. <i>koreanum</i>	90	27	533
<i>Prunus serrulata</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>	70	7.5	24
<i>Fraxinus rhynchophylla</i>	70	6	154
<i>Euonymus sieboldianus</i>	30	2	29
<i>Quercus serrata</i>	40	1.5	16
<i>Cornus walteri</i>	20	1	7
<i>Cephalotaxus koreana</i>	20	+	45
<i>Carpinus cordata</i>	20	+	43
<i>Acer mono</i>	20	+	53
<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	20	+	24
<i>Magnolia sieboldii</i>	20	+	6
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	20	+	5
<i>Philadelphus schrenckii</i>	10	+	34
<i>Styrax japonica</i>	10	+	18
<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	10	+	1
<i>Castanea crenata</i>	10	+	1
<i>Populus davidiana</i>	10	+	1
<i>Juniperus rigida</i>	10	+	1
<b>Shrubs</b>			
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	40	4	13
<i>Rhododendron</i> <i>schlippenbachii</i>	30	9	16
<i>Lespedeza maximowiczii</i>	80	8.5	38
<i>Symphlocos chinensis</i> for. <i>pilosa</i>	20	3.5	9

Species	Frequency (1)	Coverage (2)	Density (3)	Species	Frequency (1)	Coverage (2)	Density (3)
<i>Lindera obtusiloba</i>	30	3.5	46	<b>Forbs</b>			
<i>Rhododendron mucronulatum</i>	40	3	10	<i>Athyrium nipponicum</i>	30	6.5	22
<i>Zanthoxylum schinifolium</i>	20	2.5	6	<i>Artemisia keiskeana</i>	60	6.5	60
<i>Corylus sieboldianus</i>	30	2	8	<i>Viola rossii</i>	30	3	18
<i>Stephanandra incisa</i>	40	1.5	11	<i>Hemerocallis minor</i>	20	1.5	3
<i>Rhus verniciflua</i>	40	1.5	9	<i>Aster scaber</i>	20	1.5	3
<i>Callicarpa japonica</i>	40	1.5	10	<i>Disporium smilacium</i>	40	1	25
<i>Tripterygium regelii</i>	10	1.5	8	<i>Potentilla freyniana</i>	20	+	3
<i>Parthenocissus tricuspidata</i>	40	1.5	4	<i>Eupatorium japonicum</i>	20	+	2
<i>Actinidia arguta</i>	30	1.5	3	<i>Isodon inflexus</i>	10	+	3
<i>Lespedeza cyrtobotrya</i>	30	1(4)	9	<i>Viola albida</i> var. <i>chaerophylloides</i>	10	+	3
<i>Weigela florida</i>	30	+	13	<i>Synulus deltoides</i>	10	+	2
<i>Indigofera kirilowi</i>	20	+	2	<i>Melampyrum roseum</i>	10	+	2
<i>Lonicera praeflorense</i>	10	+	5	<i>Asplenium incisum</i>	10	+	2
<i>Weigela subsessilis</i>	10	+	2	<i>Arisaema amurense</i> var. <i>serratum</i>	10	+	2
<i>Vitis amurensis</i>	10	+	2	<i>Atractylodes japonica</i>	10	+	1
<i>Deutzia parviflora</i>	10	+	1	<i>Cephalanthera</i> <i>longibracteata</i>	10	+	1
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> var. <i>koreana</i>	10	+	1	<i>Lysimachia barystachys</i>	10	+	1
<i>Clematis heracleifolia</i>	10	+	1	<i>Asarum sieboldii</i>	10	+	1
<b>Grasses</b>				<i>Pseudostellaria heterophylla</i>	10	+	1
<i>Spodiopogon cotulifer</i>	60	14.5	159				
<i>Carex ciliato-marginata</i>	30	3.5	102				
<i>Carex humilis</i>	50	3	23				
<i>Calamagrostis arundinacea</i>	40	1	17				

(1), (2), (3), (4) : see footnote, Table 1.

**Table 6.** Population analysis of trees by size classes in the *Quercus mongolica* community, Mt. Kwanak (Density on 10 quadrats, 10m by 10m each.).

Species	Size classes in centimeters D.B.H.					
	Seedlings	Up to 5	6-10	11-15	16-20	Above 21
<i>Quercus mongolica</i>	150	194	70	25	4	1
<i>Acer pseudo-sieboldianum</i> var. <i>koreanum</i>	319	195	19			
<i>Fraxinus rhynchophylla</i>	101	48	4	1		
<i>Carpinus cordata</i>	42		1			
<i>Acer mono</i>	33	20				
<i>Phelladelphus schrenckii</i>	24	10				
<i>Cephalotaxus koreana</i>	45					
<i>Magnolia sieboldii</i>	6					
<i>Quercus acutissima</i>		24				
<i>Prunus serrulata</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>		17	5	2		
<i>Quercus serrata</i>		12	3	1		
<i>Euonymus sieboldianus</i>		29				
<i>Styrax japonica</i>		18				



Species	Size classes in centimeters D.B.H.					
	Seedlings	Up to 5	6-10	11-15	16-20	Above 21
<i>Cornus walteri</i>		6	1			
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>		5				
<i>Castanea crenata</i>		1				
<i>Juniperus rigida</i>		1				
<i>Populus davidiana</i>		1				
<i>Pinus densiflora</i>			1			

## 2. The overall composition of the forest.

The forest stands, which can be assigned to three community types, are distributed intermingled with each other over the whole area. Generally, the *Pinus densiflora*-*Quercus mongolica* community is found on the ridges and on the steep slopes, the *Pinus densiflora* community on the southern exposures, and the *Quercus mongolica* community on the northern.

The data obtained from all the quadrats in the three community types were synthesized to represent the overall composition (Table 7). The figures reveal that *Quercus mongolica* is the leading dominant species of this forest and *Pinus densiflora*, the subdominant. Important shrubs are *Rhododendron schlippenbachii*, *Lespedeza maximowiczii*, *Lespedeza cyrtobotrya*, *Lindera obtusiloba* and *Rhododendron mucronulatum*. They are fairly common, but provide only a small amount of cover throughout the area. Nine species of grasses and thirty-one of forbs were observed in the quadrats, but their cover was sparse, the most being provided by *Spodiopogon cotulifer*, *Artemisia keiskeana* and *Carex humilis*. Other plants were seen, but not sampled. The life form distribution of species of plants was: Phanerophytes, 30.1%; chamaephytes, 3.4%; hemicyptophytes, 28.3%; geophytes, 15.6%; hydrophytes and helophytes, 1.7%; therophytes, 19.9% (The details are available when requested).

Table 7. The composition of the forest of Mt. Kwanak, Seoul (1)

Species	Frequ- ency (2)	Cover- age (3)	Den- sity (4)	Life forms (5)
<b>Trees.</b>				
<i>Quercus mongolica</i>	96.6	62.2	2,087	Ph
<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	66.6	39	1,096	"
<i>Acer pseudo-sieboldianum</i> var. <i>koreanum</i>	50	10.3	623	"
<i>Prunus serrulata</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>	36.6	10.3	70	"
<i>Quercus serrata</i>	36.6	4	202	"
<i>Fraxinus rhynchophylla</i>	30	3.5	170	"
<i>Quercus variabilis</i>	23.3	3.5	133	"
<i>Juniperus rigida</i>	33.3	1.8	201	"
<i>Alnus hirsuta</i>	3.3	1.8	54	"
<b>Shrubs</b>				
<i>Rhododendron schlippenbachii</i>	50	8.3	93	"
<i>Lespedeza maximowiczii</i>	46.6	5.3	75	"
<i>Lespedeza cyrtobotrya</i>	60	4.6	95	"
<i>Rhododendron mucronulatum</i>	53.3	3.3	68	"
<i>Stephanandra incisa</i>	40	1.8	48	"
<i>Lindera obtusiloba</i>	20	1.6	51	"
<i>Indigofera kirilowi</i>	23.3	1.5	58	"
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	16.6	1.3	18	"
<b>Herbs</b>				
<i>Spodiopogon cotulifer</i>	56.6	9	282	H
<i>Artemisia keiskeana</i>	50	5.5	191	G
<i>Carex humilis</i>	56.6	5.3	82	H
<i>Arundinella hirta</i>	20	2.8	101	G
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> var. <i>purpurascens</i>	26.6	2.6	9	H
<i>Andropogon brevifolius</i>	10	2.5	662	Th
<i>Athyrium nipponicum</i>	10	2.1	21	G
<i>Carex ciliato-marginata</i>	23.3	1.6	172	H
<i>Calamagrostis arundinacea</i>	33.3	1.2	61	H

(1) : Includes all plants sampled, but only with 1% or more cover percentage.

(2), (3), (4) : Data based on 30 quadrats.

(5) : Ph, phanerophytes; Ch, chamaephytes; H, hemicryptophytes; Th, therophytes.

### 3. The successional trends

The population of each tree species in the forest was analysed by means of D.B.H.-classes for the interpretation of the successional trends (Table 8).

The figures in Table 8 reveal the clear evidence of a shift from an antecedent forest to a subsequent one that promises to be the climax. If the climax species is defined as one which has the permanent possession of the habitat (Daubenmire 1968) *Quercus mongolica* can be the climax species, judging from its copious production of seedlings, from the abundance of its small size classes, and from the scattered existence of older and larger D.B.H. individuals that have survived the destruction.

*Pinus densiflora*, most of which flushed into the forest with the opening of the vegetation, still produces abundant seedlings and their survival is satisfactory. But as the seedlings are strikingly intolerant of shade, so soon die when

overtopped, this species will be finally eliminated. The rampant pine caterpillar and pine gall-midge seem to accelerate this replacement.

When the number of seedlings and small trees below 5cm in D.B.H. are taken into consideration, *Acer pseudo-sieboldianum* var. *koreanum*, *Fraxinus rhynchophylla*, *Carpinus cordata*, and *Acer mono* will increase with the potentiality of becoming major canopy constituents, while *Styrax japonica*, *Alnus hirsuta*, *Kalopanax pictus*, *Euonymus sieboldianus*, *Castanea crenata*, *Cornus walteri*, and *Populus davidiana* can be regarded as disappearing relics of an earlier stage in succession. For them the environment seems to have changed adversely and can no longer be considered favourable.

The disappearance of *Quercus serrata*, *Q. variabilis*, *Q. acutissima*, *Q. aliena*, and *Prunus serotula* var. *pubescens* will be long postponed because of their sprouting ability. *Juniperus rigida* and *Sorbus alnifolia* will occupy the xeric sites as long as the vegetation remains open.

The appearance of seedlings of *Cephalotaxus koreana* and *Magnolia sieboldii* can be attributable to the diversification of the environment through succession (Appendix)

Table 8. Population analysis of trees by size classes in the forest of Mt. Kwanak (Synthesized).

Species	Size classes in centimeters. D.B.H.								
	Seedlings	up to 5	5-10	11-15	15-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40
<i>Quercus mongolica</i>	812	1,036	207	26	5			1	
<i>Pinus densiflora</i>	414	511	132	15	2	10	9	3	
<i>Acer pseudo-sieboldianum</i> var. <i>koreanum</i>	349	255	19						
<i>Fraxinus rhynchophylla</i>	107	58	4	1					
<i>Carpinus cordata</i>	42		1						
<i>Acer mono</i>	35	24	2						
<i>Cephalotaxus koreana</i>	45								
<i>Magnolia sieboldiana</i>	6								
<i>Quercus serrata</i>		198	3	1					
<i>Quercus variabilis</i>		106	27						

Species	Size classes in centimeters D.B.H.								
	Seedlings	Up to 5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40
<i>Prunus serrulata</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>	6	54	8	2					
<i>Quercus acutissima</i>		54							
<i>Quercus aliena</i>	6	24							
<i>Juniperus rigida</i>	25	144	32						
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	30	83							
<i>Styrax japonica</i>		87							
<i>Alnus hirsuta</i>		54							
<i>Kalopanax pictus</i>		42	36						
<i>Euonymus sieboldianus</i>		29							
<i>Castanea crenata</i>		16	3						
<i>Cornus walteri</i>		6	1						
<i>Populus davidiana</i>		1							

## 摘 要

우리나라 은대지방 산림식생의 구조와 천이에 관한 연구로서, 관악산의 산림을 대상으로 식물사회학적인 조사를 하였다.

조사지역의 산림은 소나무-신갈나무군락, 소나무군락 및 신갈나무군락 등으로 구분되며 소나무-신갈나무군락은 신갈나무군락의 파편적지에 소나무, 노간주나무 등 강한 양수종이 침입하여 형성한 군락으로 현 우점종인 소나무, 신갈나무가 당분간 그 지위를 유지할 것이며 소나무 군락에서는 현 우점종인 소나무가 신갈나무에 의하여 추방되어지고 있는 경향을 보였다. 신갈나무 군락에서는 짧은단풍, 물푸레, 까치박달, 코토쇠나무 등이 장차 이 군락의 우점종으로까지 발달할 잠재적 가능성을 보였고 개비자, 활박꽃나무 등 심한 인위적 간섭으로 말미암아 거의 자취를 감추었던 수종들이 환경의 다양화와 더불어 다시 나타나기 시작하였다.

전반적으로 보아 관악산의 산림은 신갈나무와 소나무가 상층수관에서 우점하며 관목층에서 철쭉, 토본층에서 기름새가 우점하는 구조를 가지고 있으며, 짧은단풍, 물푸레, 까치박달 등이 산림내에서 그들의 세력을 확장하여가고 있으며 소나무는 점점 쇠퇴하여 가는 추세인 것 같다.

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Appendix. Some analysis of soil properties in each community type

Community types Factors	Pine-oak commu- nity	Pine commu- nity	Oak commu- nity
Water holding capacity (%)	43.7	46.9	49.1
Humus content (%)	4.9	8.9	14.3
pH	5.5	5.4	5.4
Exchangeable Ca (me/100g)	2.1	2.8	4.7
Exchangeable Mg (me/100g)	1.3	1.0	1.0
Exchangeable K (me/100g)	0.54	0.59	0.86