

Table S3. The mean coverage (SE) of plant species in in the subarctic site, Sodankylä Northern Finland, mid-July 2008. Vegetation coverage was analyzed using the point-intercept method (n=4).

Vegetation type	Plant species	Percentage cover
Evergreen shrubs		
	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i>	5.8 (-) ^a
	<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>	7.4 (-) ^a
Graminoids		
	<i>Carex limosa</i>	6.8 (2.2)
	<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>	68.2 (6.4)
	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>	3.3 (4.3)
Forbs		
	<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	2.5 (-) ^a
Moss		
	<i>Warnstorfia exannulata</i>	55.4 (24.0)
Dead material		
	Mud buttom	35.0 (8.9)

^a (-) the species was found in only one plot.