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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2012, the University of Arizona Mt. Graham Red Squirrel Monitoring Program continued efforts to document aspects of red squirrel population biology and food resources in the established study areas around the Mt. Graham International Observatory in the Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

Overall annual mean mushroom production in 2012 (140.9 kg/ha) was nearly 2 times greater than in 2011 (83.2 kg/ha). The 2012 mushroom crop ranked 10<sup>th</sup> of 19 years since data collection began in 1994. Overall seed production for 2011 (1 year delay in reporting due to methodology), 5.9 ( $\bar{x}$  1000 seeds/ha) was the smallest crop observed in 19 years since data collection began in 1993.

Overwinter survival, calculated as animals surviving from December 2011 to June 2012, was 46% in transitional (TR) habitat (6 of 13 squirrels surviving) and 25% (2 of 8 squirrels surviving) in spruce-fir (SF) habitat. Of the 7 marked (radio collars and/or ear tags) squirrels in December 2011 on the monitored areas, by June 2012, 5 were alive, 1 was a confirmed mortality (likely avian predation), and 1 had disappeared, fate unknown. Twelve litters (including second litters for 2 females) were confirmed on or near the monitored areas in 2012. From these 12 litters, 36 juveniles were known to have emerged from natal nests.

A complete census of the study areas was made in March, June, September, and December 2012. Squirrel populations in December 2012 (43 adults/subadults) were higher than the previous December (21 adults/subadults). Increases in squirrel populations during 2012 were seen in both the TR and SF habitats. The total number of squirrels on all monitored areas in December 2012 (43 adults/subadults) was the highest since June 2002 (61: 34 adults + 27 juveniles). For SF habitat, which had no known resident squirrels as recently as June 2011, the 20 resident squirrels in December 2012 was the highest number since December 2000 (23 adults/subadults).

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## INTRODUCTION

The Mt. Graham red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*) is the southernmost subspecies of the wide-ranging red squirrel and is endemic to the Pinaleño (Graham) Mountains of southeastern Arizona (Hoffmeister 1986). Believed restricted to  $\leq 12200$  ha of mixed-conifer and spruce-fir forest at elevations  $> 2360$  m (Hatten 2000), Mt. Graham red squirrels were federally protected as endangered in 1987 with critical habitat defined in 1990 and a recovery plan published in 1993 (United States Fish and Wildlife Service 1993). The University of Arizona's Mt. Graham Red Squirrel Monitoring Program (RSMP) was established in 1989 to meet the requirements of the Mount Graham International Observatory (MGIO) Management Plan (USDA Forest Service 1989) by monitoring the population of this endangered species in the highest peaks of the Pinaleño Mountains near the MGIO ( $32^{\circ} 42' N$ ,  $109^{\circ} 53' W$ ). In 2012, the MGIO site consisted of three operating facilities, the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope (VATT), the Sub-Millimeter Telescope (SMT), and the Large Binocular Telescope (LBT), a maintenance and generator building, and a 3.2 km access road (FR 4556). Herein, we report on the monitoring efforts from 1 January to 31 December 2012.

All use of terms *red squirrel* or *squirrel* refers to the Mt. Graham red squirrel unless otherwise noted. No part of this report may be used or reproduced in any form without the written permission of the Monitoring Program Director, Dr. John L. Koprowski, School of Natural Resources & the Environment, Wildlife Conservation and Management, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 85721.

### Study Area

Four areas were defined in the vicinity of the MGIO to monitor red squirrel populations (Figure 1) and include two forest habitat types: transitional (TR) or mixed conifer forest and spruce-fir (SF) forest. The TR habitat, between 2680 m and 3050 m elevation, is composed of Engelmann spruce (*Picea engelmannii*), corkbark fir (*Abies lasiocarpa* var. *arizonica*), Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*), southwestern white pine (*P. strobiformis*) and aspen (*Populus tremuloides*). The SF habitat,  $\geq 3050$  m elevation, is composed of Engelmann spruce and corkbark fir. In each habitat type, an area within 300 m of the telescope sites and access road was defined as the *construction* area (TRC, SFC). For comparison, a *non-construction* area beyond 300 m from the MGIO or the access road was defined in each habitat (TRN, SFN). The size of monitored areas has changed several times due to construction and fire events (Table 1).

## METHODS

Red squirrels cache conifer cones in locations known as middens. Middens are easily recognized by presence of cached cones and piles of discarded cone scales. The RSMP defines a midden site as a circular area with 10 m radius surrounding the center of the primary cache site. Because red squirrels are territorial and generally solitary, counts of occupied middens provide a reasonably accurate estimate of population size (C.C. Smith 1968; Vahle 1978).

All known midden sites are marked with numbered metal tags, and black and orange striped flagging. During censuses or other monitoring duties, new activity areas that have the potential to become new middens are often located. Feeding sign, caching and squirrels are seen at these areas. Activity areas are assigned a temporary number and are revisited to assess sign and the presence of a squirrel during the next quarterly census. If conditions warrant, an activity area will be upgraded to a midden and added to the regular quarterly censuses. If no improvement occurs in the two quarterly censuses following initial location, the activity area is removed.

Prior to 2003, at the end of each calendar year, a list of middens to be removed from regular censusing was compiled. If a midden had been censused for at least three years (12 censuses), including at least one good seed crop (better than the mean seed crop over the study period), and was not occupied during that time, the midden was removed from the list for regular censusing and revisited only each December. If any removed middens became reoccupied, the sites are returned to the list for regular census. However, in 2003, because a large number of middens were removed in some areas as a result of insect damage, we began visiting all removed middens during each census. This change was made so as not to leave large parts of the monitored areas unvisited for an entire year. Removed middens, if still unoccupied, are simply checked off a tally sheet, while complete notes are taken on middens considered to be in the regular census.

### Red Squirrel Food Resources

#### *Conifer Seed Production*

The RSMP began collecting quantitative data in the early 1990s, to determine the abundance of major red squirrel food resources: conifer seeds (1993) and mushrooms (1994). In July 2004, 14 of the original seed plots in SFC (7) and SFN (7) were in areas destroyed by the Nuttall Fire. We added 3 new plots in late summer 2004 (SFC - 2, SFN - 1) in remaining unburned areas. Therefore, seed production is estimated from 20 seedfall plots distributed among the monitored areas (Figure 1). Three 0.25 m<sup>2</sup> seed traps were randomly placed within a 10 m x 10 m plot at each location. Seeds from the 2011 crop were collected from the seed traps in June 2012. Conifer seeds contained in each trap were separated by species and individually tested to determine the proportion of seeds that were “filled” (most likely to be viable). A filled seed leaves an oily spot on clean paper when squashed. This method is likely to underestimate total number of viable seeds because some seeds may have been preyed upon within the seed trap. Estimates of seedfall for each tree species were calculated as the average number of viable seeds from all three traps on each plot. Seeds of white pine and ponderosa pine are not readily dispersed by wind due to their large size. As a result, seed

crops of these species are under represented in seed trap samples. Both species may be important local food supplies for red squirrels, but at present no reliable method exists to estimate size of seed crops.

### *Mushroom Production*

As in previous years, mushrooms were collected from plots 1 m by 100 m (0.01 ha) at two week intervals during periods of mushroom production. Fourteen of 28 food resource plots were destroyed in the Nuttall Fire in July 2004, however, three new plots were established in remaining unburned areas on the SFC (2) and SFN (1). Mushrooms (epigeous or above-ground fungi) were collected at these 20 sites (Figure 1) from late July through early October 2012. Mushrooms in 2012 were collected on north-south transects. We alternate plot collection orientation every five years in order to avoid possible impacts of long-term harvest on plots. Prior to beginning the alternating orientations, we collected mushrooms from both east-west and north-south plots in 2001 and detected no significant differences in weight, number, or diversity of mushrooms between the two orientations. Collections were restricted to genera of mushrooms used by red squirrels on Mt. Graham or in other regions (Table 2). Collected mushrooms were separated by plot and genus, and weighed wet to the nearest 0.1 g. For most genera, dry weight was calculated by multiplying wet weight by a wet weight/dry weight ratio determined from previous samples on Mt. Graham. Dry weights were measured directly for genera with small numbers of specimens previously collected ( $n < 100$ ).

Because seeds for a given year are not collected and analyzed until the following spring, seed data are delayed by one year. For comparison, the previous year's seed and mushroom data are reported (Appendix A) in addition to the current year's mushroom data (Tables 4, 5).

## Population Biology

### *Midden Occupancy*

Census data were used to determine number and distribution of occupied middens on each monitored area. In March, June, September, and December 2012, all middens were visited at least once to determine occupancy. If a midden appeared to be occupied based upon feeding sign (cone scales, dried mushrooms, and conifer clippings) or caching, every attempt was made on subsequent midden visits to observe the resident and to determine its sex, age, and reproductive condition. In 2012, most animals on or near monitored areas were ear-tagged and many were fitted with radio collars, further assisting census efforts.

All middens on the monitored areas were classified as either occupied, unoccupied, or possibly occupied, with each occupied midden representing one squirrel (except for females with dependent juveniles). A midden was considered unoccupied when no squirrel or squirrel sign was present. A midden was considered possibly occupied when red squirrel sign was found but sign was insufficient to clearly indicate occupancy. Possibly occupied middens were considered to be unoccupied when determining population size. Population size estimates are conservative and

represent the minimum number known alive (Krebs 1966). Differences in midden occupancy among study areas were compared using data from June and December.

### *Overwinter Survival*

Overwinter survival was estimated for squirrels on the monitored areas. During a complete census in December 2011, the number of occupied middens and the identity of resident squirrels were determined. December 2011 occupancy was then compared to occupancy for June 2012. For unmarked animals, a squirrel was considered to have survived winter if it was a resident of a midden in December and that same midden was found to be occupied by a squirrel of the same sex the following June. In addition, if the midden was listed as occupied based on sign or a squirrel of unknown sex was seen, this was also counted as a surviving individual. For marked squirrels, survival was generally known with a fair degree of certainty using available trapping and telemetry information.

### Reproductive Activity and Success

In 2012, we recorded breeding condition of adult male and female squirrels, and litter size when observed. By examining the squirrel's condition through trapping efforts or binoculars, we determined reproductive status of females as non-reproductive (small unpigmented teats), reproductive (vulva visibly swollen or appearance of pregnancy), lactating (swollen, elongated teats with surrounding alopecia), recently lactating (elongated black tipped teats), or lactating in past seasons (small black tipped teats). We determined reproductive status of male squirrels during trapping or visual assessment as testes non-scrotal (non-reproductive) or testes scrotal (reproductive).

### Trapping and Marking

In accordance with permits issued by United States Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species (TE041875) and Arizona Game and Fish Department (SCP-2012: 770782), using accepted methods (Koprowski 2002), we trapped red squirrels using wire-mesh box-type live traps (Tomahawk Co., model 201), baited with peanuts and/or peanut butter. Once captured, we transferred squirrels to a cloth-handling cone for marks and measurements. We tagged squirrels with small numbered metal ear-tags (National Band & Tag Co., style 1005-1) threaded with colored plastic washers (National Band & Tag Co.,  $\frac{3}{8}$ " diameter, style 1842 ) and affixed to ears for easy distance identification. Radio collars (Wildlife Materials Inc., model SOM2190) were fitted on some adult (collar weight 7 g) and juvenile animals (collar weight 5 g). Squirrels were released at the capture site.

## Mapping

All middens and most other physical features on the monitored areas were previously mapped using GPS with an accuracy of  $\pm 5$  m. Any new GPS data (middens, nests, etc.) were collected using GeoXM or GeoXT units from Trimble Navigation, Inc. Readings were taken within 5 m of the location center. Final GPS locations were based on an average from a minimum of 200 three-dimensional data points. Locations were differentially corrected using base station (Continuously Operating Reference Station, CORS-COT1, Tucson, Arizona). Maps were produced using Arc-View 3.3 (ESRI 2002).

## Weather Data

Weather data were collected using a Weather Monitor II station (Davis Instruments, [www.davisnet.com](http://www.davisnet.com)) located at the Biology Camp (32° 41' 51.47 N, 109° 54' 20.28 W), adjacent to the TRC. The station records air temperature, wind speed, wind direction, rainfall, relative humidity and barometric pressure. Data are averaged at 60 min intervals and minimum, maximum and mean values are recorded. Snow depth (cm) was recorded from five snow pole pairs located in SF habitat, one pair at the 3050 m level on the access road, and three snow pole pairs in TR habitat. Each pair consists of a pole in a clearing or canopy opening and a second pole nearby in the forest.

## Statistical Analyses

All statistical analyses were conducted using standard tests found in IBM SPSS statistical software (Ver. 19, [www.spss.com](http://www.spss.com)). Because sample sizes were sometimes small due to endangered status, significance for statistical tests was implied when  $P \leq 0.05$  and potential biological significance was noted when  $P < 0.10$ .

## RESULTS

### Red Squirrel Food Resources

#### *2011 Conifer Seed Production*

Data collection for seed crops began in 1993 and is currently reported as the mean number of *filled* seeds per hectare. If years are ranked from highest (1) and lowest (19), the total 2011 seed crop ranked 19 of 19. Douglas-fir was the most abundant (in numbers) seed in 2011, though was the second lowest crop seen since 1993. No filled seeds were found in seed traps for corkbark fir or Engelmann spruce. The 2011 overall mean seed crop was 5.9 (1000 seeds/ha), an order of magnitude smaller than the seed crop in 2010, 564.1 (1000 seeds/ha) (Table 3, Figures 2a-c, Appendix A).

### *2012 Mushroom Production*

Overall annual mushroom production (sum of  $\bar{x}$  wet weight for all areas) in 2012 was 140.9 kg/ha, nearly 2 times larger than in 2011 (83.2 kg/ha). The 2012 mushroom crop ranked 10<sup>th</sup> highest of 19 years since data collection began in 1994. Production increased in both TR and SF habitats in 2012 as compared to 2011 (Figure 3). In 2012, mushroom production ( $\bar{x}$  wet weight) differed among the four study areas, with SFC having significantly greater production than the other areas (Table 4). However, when mushroom production was compared between TR and SF habitats, no differences were found (Table 4). On TRC, three genera, *Boletus*, *Russula*, and *Clitocybe* accounted for 69% of production. On TRN, *Russula*, *Cortinarius*, and *Pholiota* accounted for 82% of total production. *Russula*, *Cortinarius*, and *Amanita* accounted for 79% of the production on SFC. On SFN, *Cortinarius*, *Russula*, and *Leccinum* accounted for 57% of the total production (Table 5).

### Population Biology

#### *Midden Occupancy*

Four quarterly censuses (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec) of all middens on or near monitored areas were conducted in 2012 (Appendix B). From December 2011 to December 2012, the number of red squirrels increased, from 21 to 43. On TRC, the highest number of squirrels (11 adults + 8 juveniles) was in September 2012, and the lowest number was 5 adults in June. The highest numbers on TRN were in December (8 adults/subadults) and the lowest was 2 adults in June. The highest number of squirrels on SFC was in December (12 adults/subadults) and the lowest was 3 adults in June. On SFN, the highest number (8 adults/subadults) was in December and the lowest was 2 adults in June (Figure 4, Appendix B, C, D). The total number of squirrels on the monitored areas in December 2012 (43 adults/subadults) was the highest found since June 2002 (61: 34 adults + 27 juveniles) (Figure 5). For SF habitat, which had no known resident squirrels as recently as June 2011, the 20 resident squirrels in December 2012 was the highest number since December 2000 (23 adults/subadults) (Figure 5).

In 2012, 2 new middens were located in TR habitat (Appendix B). In SF habitat, 3 new middens were located and 3 middens that were previously removed from regular censusing due to historically low occupancy became reoccupied. In June and December of 2012, the proportion of middens occupied did not differ within TR and SF habitats (Table 6).

#### *Overwinter Survival*

The number of squirrels that survived the winter of 2011-2012 did not differ among areas (Table 7); survival was 46% (6 of 13 squirrels surviving) in TR habitat and 25% (2 of 8 squirrels surviving in SF habitat. For comparison, survival from the previous winter, 2010-2011, was 56% (9 of 16 squirrels surviving) in TR habitat and no middens in SF habitat were occupied in December 2010. There were 7 marked squirrels on the monitored areas in December 2011, and by June 2012, 5 were known alive, 1 was a confirmed mortality (likely avian predation), and 1 had disappeared, fate unknown.

Overwinter survival may be overestimated because a midden may be occupied in the spring by a different squirrel of the same sex. Such a change in occupancy can not be detected among unmarked squirrels. However, this potential overestimate is minimal in recent years as many squirrels on the monitored areas are ear-tagged and radio-collared for unique identification.

### Reproductive Activity and Success

In 2012, one breeding chase involving squirrels resident on or near the monitored areas was observed, in mid May (Appendix E-1). Based on information from census and trapping records, most resident adult males had testes scrotal from March through late June.

From May through October, several females seen or trapped during these months were found to be either pregnant or lactating. The first lactating female was observed 23 May and the latest was on 26 October. Direct evidence of 12 litters (36 juveniles emerged from natal nests) was documented on or near the areas during censuses or other activities. Litters were confirmed from early July through early October, and 2 females were confirmed to have had a 2<sup>nd</sup> successful litter in 2012 (Appendix E-2).

### Trapping and Marking

By December 2012, 13 of the 51 resident squirrels on or near monitored areas were fitted with colored ear tags and radio-collared (Appendix B). In addition, 25 of the 36 juveniles known on or near monitored areas throughout the year, were trapped at natal middens, once they were large enough to be exploring on the ground (>115g body weight). Juveniles were then fitted with small numbered metal ear tags with colored plastic washers and small expandable radio collars (mean weight 5 g) to aid in the collection of dispersal information.

### Mapping

No significant changes in maps of the monitored areas were made in 2012, as all major features (middens, roads, trails, construction areas, etc.) have been mapped in previous years. New nests or habitat plots were GPS located and added to databases and maps.

### Weather Data

Weather data were collected from February - December 2012 from the Biology Camp weather station (TR habitat). There was no data in January due to station battery failure. From available data, maximum temperature recorded was 25.2 °C in June and the minimum temperature recorded was -14.4 °C in December. The maximum average monthly temperature was 15.3 °C in June and the minimum average monthly temperature was -1.6 °C in December (Appendix F-1). The maximum total monthly rainfall was recorded in July, at 42.8 mm and no rain was recorded

(during snow free months) in April and May (Appendix F-1). Snow depth was recorded from nine pairs of snow poles. The average accumulated snow depth from November 2011 - April 2012 ranged from 5.0 cm to 76.0 cm (Appendix F-2). For comparison, average accumulated snow depths for the previous winter (January - March 2011), ranged from 18.0 cm to 59.0 cm. Data on wind chill temperatures, wind direction and speed, humidity, and barometric pressure were also collected (Appendix F-1).

#### Insect Outbreaks on Monitored Areas

Based on information from USFS Forest Health websites (see below), activity of bark beetles (*Dryocoetes confusus*, *Dendroctonus rufipennis*, *D. pseudotsugae*, and *D. brevicomis*) in Graham County was very low in 2012. For detailed information on forest health and continuing research on insect infestations, please contact the USFS Southwestern Region Entomology and Pathology Office in Flagstaff, AZ.

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Table 1. Changes in size of study areas due to construction and fire events, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona. All area measures are in hectares.

Event and Date	Transition habitat		Spruce-fir habitat		All Areas
	Construction <sup>1</sup>	Non-construction	Construction	Non-construction	
September 1989	85.19	20.86	88.28	104.81	299.14
LBT Site Expansion 1993	85.19	20.86	100.42	104.81	311.28
After Clark Peak Fire April 1996	51.12	20.85	75.90	104.81	252.68
After Nuttall Fire July 2004	51.12	19.81	58.49	34.14	163.56

<sup>1</sup> Construction areas are  $\leq 300$  m from Mt. Graham International Observatory or access road. Non-construction areas are sites outside this boundary established for comparison.

Table 2. Mushroom genera known to be food resources of Mt. Graham red squirrels (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*), collected from the food resource plots on University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinalaño Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

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Genus	Source
<i>Amanita</i>	Buller 1920, M.C. Smith 1968
<i>Auricularia</i>	Monitoring Program personal observations
<i>Boletus</i>	Buller 1920, C.C. Smith 1968, M.C. Smith 1968
<i>Clavaria</i>	M.C. Smith 1968
<i>Clitocybe</i>	Monitoring Program personal observations
<i>Cortinarius</i>	C.C. Smith 1968, Froehlich 1990, Uphoff 1990
Gastroid sp.	Monitoring Program personal observations, States 1990
<i>Hydnum</i>	C.C. Smith 1968, M.C. Smith 1968
<i>Lactarius</i>	Buller 1920, C.C. Smith 1968
<i>Leccinum</i>	Monitoring Program personal observations
<i>Lycoperdon</i>	Monitoring Program personal observations
<i>Pholiota</i>	C.C. Smith 1968
<i>Ramaria</i>	Monitoring Program personal observations
<i>Russula</i>	M.C. Smith 1968, C.C. Smith 1968
<i>Suillus</i>	C.C. Smith 1968

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Table 3. Mean *filled* conifer seed production, **2011**, on University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona. The percent column represents the proportion of each seed species on an individual area (proportions add across rows).

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Area/Habitat	# plots	Corkbark fir		Douglas-fir		Engelmann spruce	
		$\bar{x}$ 1000 seeds/ha	%	$\bar{x}$ 1000 seeds/ha	%	$\bar{x}$ 1000 seeds/ha	%
TRC	5	0.0	--	0.0	--	0.0	--
TRN	4	0.0	--	3.3	100.0	0.0	--
SFC	5	0.0	--	2.6	100.0	0.0	--
SFN	6	0.0	--	0.0	--	0.0	--
TR Habitat	9	0.0	--	1.5	100.0	0.0	--
SF Habitat	11	0.0	--	1.2	100.0	0.0	--

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Table 4. Mean annual mushroom production, 2012, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

Area/Habitat	n	$\bar{x}$ wet weight $\pm$ SE (kg/ha)	$\bar{x}$ dry weight $\pm$ SE (kg/ha)
TRC	5	<sup>b</sup> 21.3 $\pm$ 5.7	<sup>b</sup> 2.8 $\pm$ 1.0
TRN	4	<sup>a,b</sup> 38.4 $\pm$ 10.4	<sup>a,b</sup> 3.8 $\pm$ 1.1
SFC	5	<sup>a</sup> 59.1 $\pm$ 5.7	<sup>a</sup> 6.2 $\pm$ 0.7
SFN	6	<sup>b</sup> 22.1 $\pm$ 7.6	<sup>b</sup> 2.3 $\pm$ 0.7
TR Habitat	9	<sup>a</sup> 28.9 $\pm$ 6.0	<sup>a</sup> 3.3 $\pm$ 0.7
SF Habitat	11	<sup>a</sup> 38.9 $\pm$ 7.5	<sup>a</sup> 4.1 $\pm$ 0.8

a,b - means with the same letter are not significantly different

*ANOVA* (among all 4 areas) - wet weight

F = 5.99      df = 3      **P < 0.01**

*ANOVA* (between habitats) - wet weight

F = 1.02      df = 1      P = 0.33

*ANOVA* (among all 4 areas) - dry weight

F = 4.35      df = 3      **P = 0.02**

*ANOVA* (between habitats) - dry weight

F = 0.58      df = 1      P = 0.46

Table 5. Mean annual mushroom production (wet weight kg/ha), 2012, of selected mushroom genera known to be food resources for red squirrels (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*), University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona. The percentages of the three most available genera on each area are in red.

Genus	TRC		TRN		SFC		SFN	
	$\bar{x}$ kg/ha	%	$\bar{x}$ kg/ha	%	$\bar{x}$ kg/ha	%	$\bar{x}$ kg/ha	%
<i>Amanita</i>	1.31	6.1	3.51	9.2	6.27	10.6	0.00	0.0
<i>Auricularia</i>	1.74	8.2	2.20	5.7	1.15	1.9	1.66	7.5
<i>Boletus</i>	6.45	30.3	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	1.16	5.3
<i>Clavaria</i>	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0
<i>Clitocybe</i>	3.09	14.5	0.45	1.2	2.57	4.3	0.33	1.5
<i>Cortinarius</i>	2.87	13.5	5.81	15.2	12.22	20.7	6.17	28.0
<i>Gastroid sp.</i>	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0
<i>Hydnum</i>	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0
<i>Lactarius</i>	0.14	0.6	0.45	1.2	2.79	4.7	2.43	11.0
<i>Leccinum</i>	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	3.01	13.6
<i>Lycoperdon</i>	0.39	1.8	0.49	1.3	1.25	2.1	1.48	6.7
<i>Pholiota</i>	0.00	0.0	4.79	12.5	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0
<i>Ramaria</i>	0.10	0.5	0.00	0.0	3.46	5.8	0.00	0.0
<i>Russula</i>	5.23	24.5	20.66	53.8	28.03	47.4	3.35	15.2
<i>Suillus</i>	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	1.39	2.4	2.46	11.2
Total	21.32		38.37		59.12		22.06	

Table 6. Number and percent of available middens occupied by Mt. Graham red squirrels (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*), 2012, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

Area/Habitat	June			December		
	# middens	# occupied	% occ	# middens	# occupied	% occ
TRC	43	5	11.6	44	15	34.1
TRN	32	2	6.3	33	8	24.2
SFC	25	3	12.0	28	12	42.9
SFN	16	2	12.5	19	8	42.1
TR Habitat	75	7	9.3	77	23	29.9
SF Habitat	41	5	12.2	47	20	42.6
TR + SF	116	12	10.3	124	43	34.7

### JUNE

(Fisher's exact test\*)

within TR P = 0.692

within SF P = 1.000

### DECEMBER

(Chi Square)

within TR  $\chi^2 = 0.003$  df = 1 P = 0.959

within SF  $\chi^2 = 0.873$  df = 1 P = 0.350

\* Used due to small sample sizes in June

Table 7. Overwinter survival of Mt. Graham red squirrels (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*), 2011 - 2012, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

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Area/Habitat	Number of	Number of	% Survival
	Squirrels	Squirrels Surviving	
	Dec 2011 <sup>1</sup>	Jun 2012	
TRC	9	4	44.4
TRN	4	2	50.0
SFC	3	2	66.7
SFN	5	0	0.0
TR Habitat	13	6	46.2
SF Habitat	8	2	25.0

*Fisher's Exact Test\**

within TR P > 0.999

within SF P = 0.107

between habitats P = 0.400

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\* Used due to small sample sizes.

<sup>1</sup> Of the 21 animals resident on the areas in Dec 2011, 7 were radio collared and/or ear-tagged thus enabling unique identification. By Jun 2012, 5 of these animals were alive, 1 was confirmed dead (likely avian predation) and 1 had disappeared, fate unknown. The number of marked animals in the population increases the accuracy of survival calculations.

(Figure 1. map removed)

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Figure 2a. Corkbark fir (*Abies lasiocarpa* var. *arizonica*) seed fall, 1993 - 2011, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleño Mountains, Graham County, Arizona. Note: scales are different for figures 2a-c.

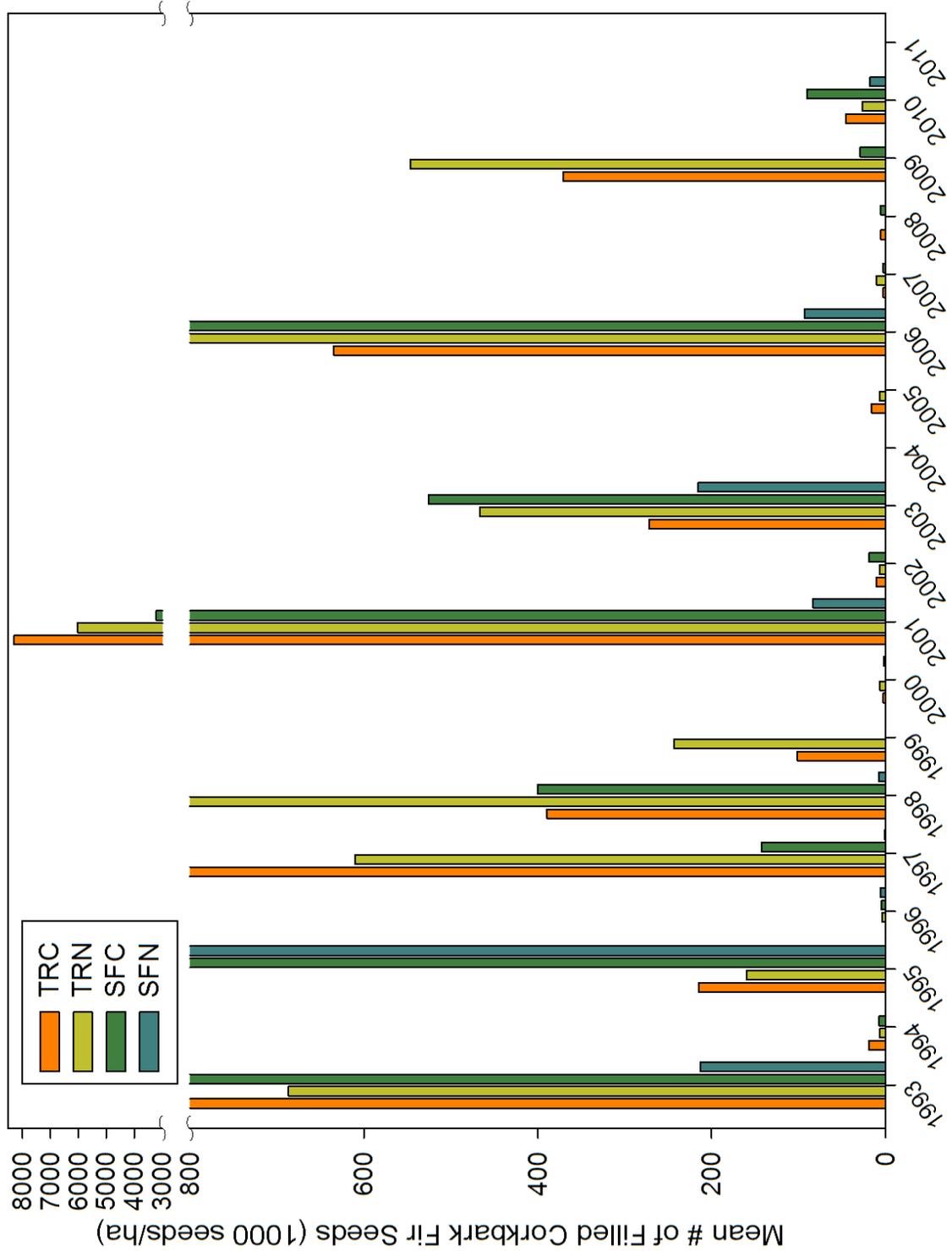


Figure 2b. Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) seed fall, 1993 - 2011, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona. Note: scales are different for figures 2a-c.

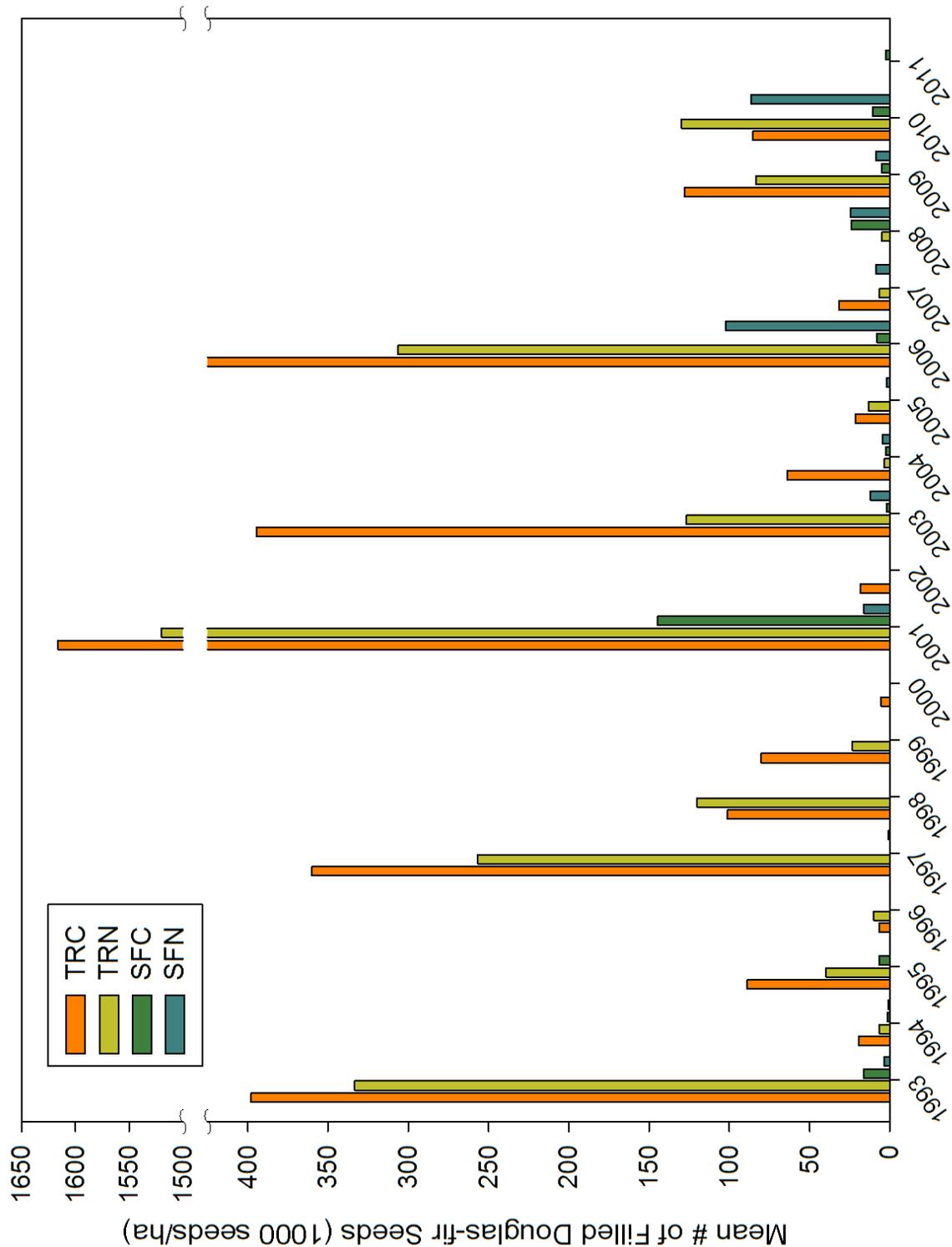


Figure 2c. Engelmann spruce (*Picea engelmannii*) seed fall, 1993 - 2011, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinalaño Mountains, Graham County, Arizona. Note: scales are different for figures 2a-c.

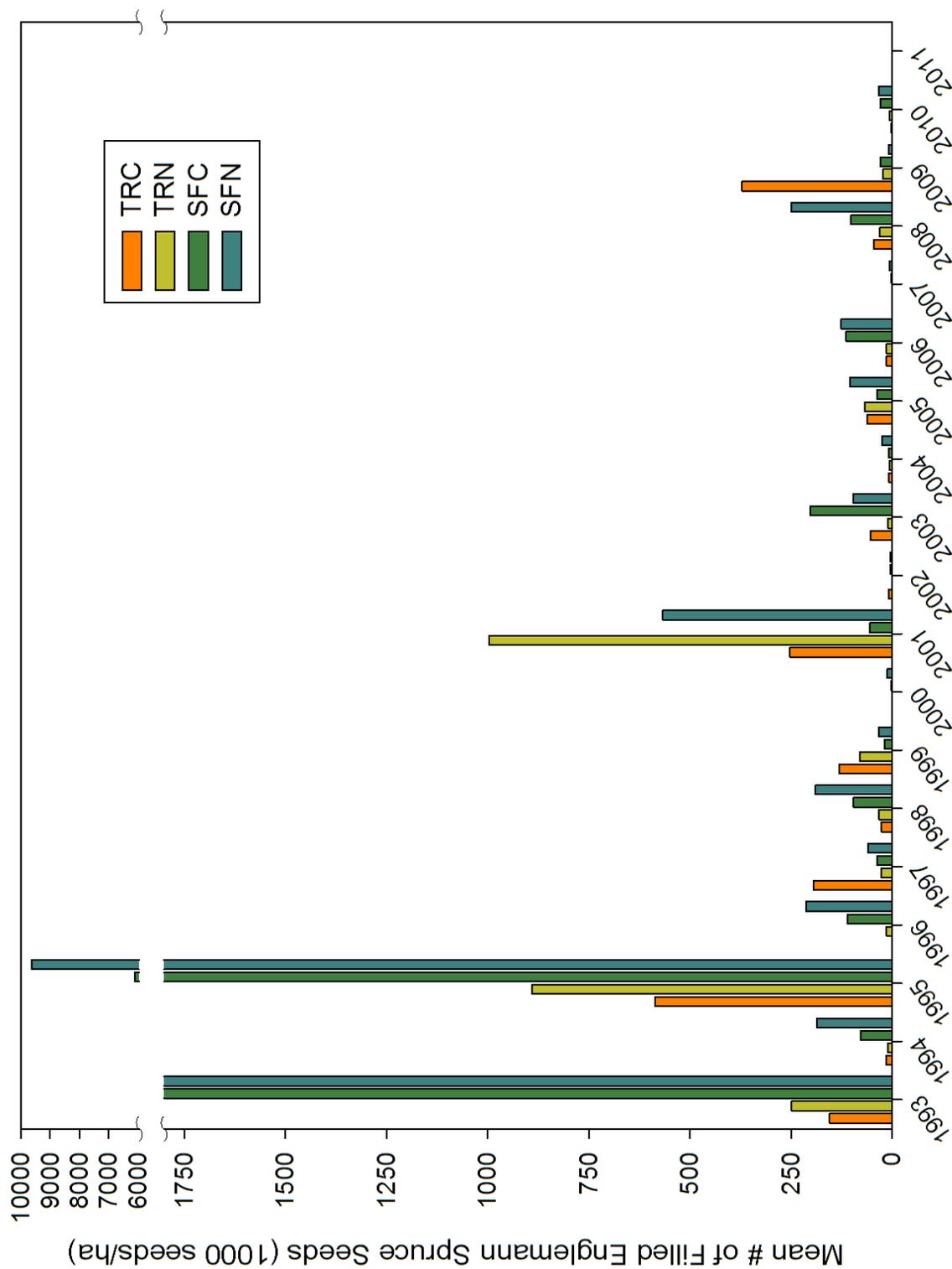


Figure 3. Mushroom crops by habitat, 1994 - 2012, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

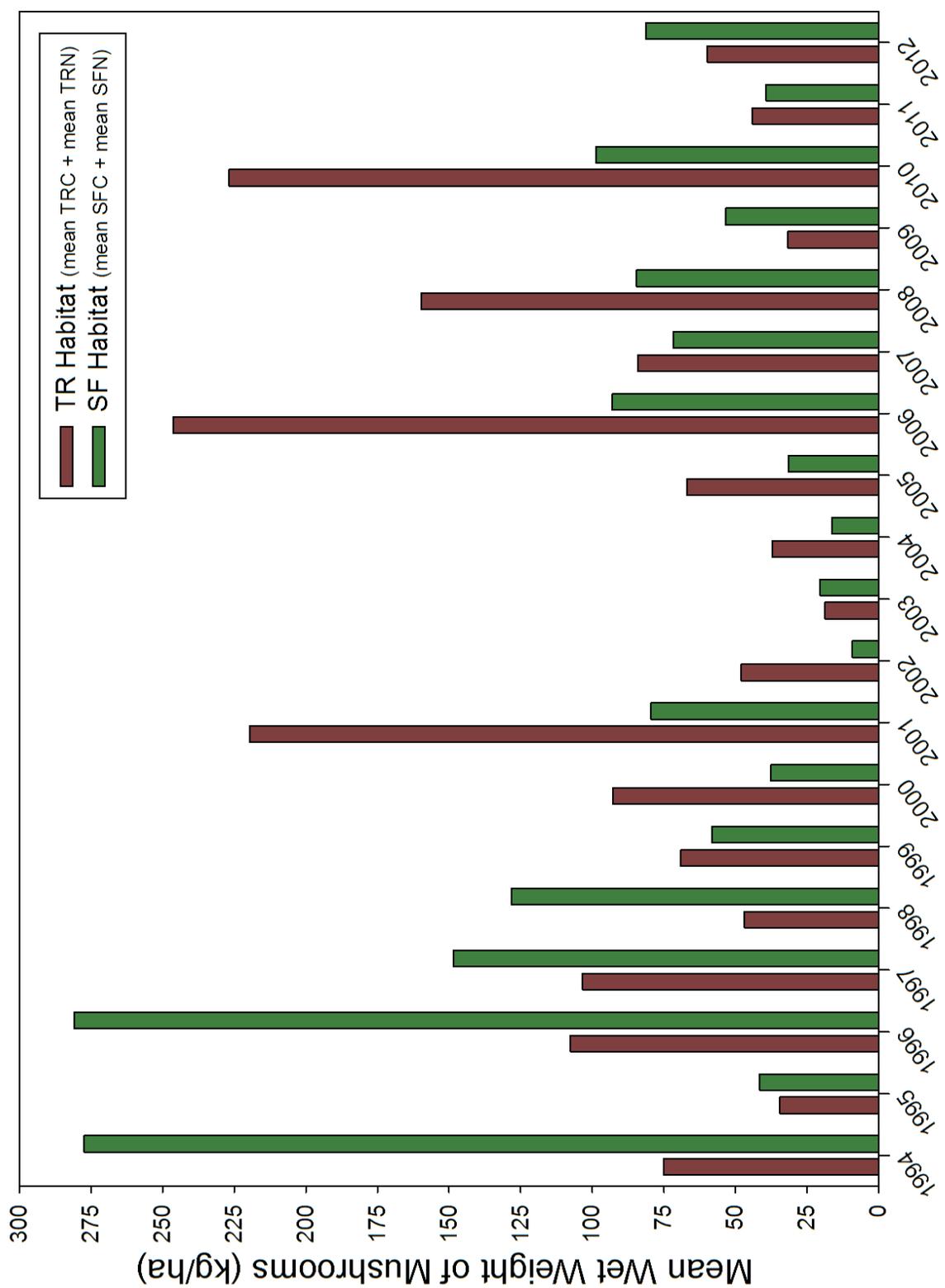


Figure 4. Quarterly Mt. Graham red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*) populations (including juveniles), March 2008 - December 2012, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

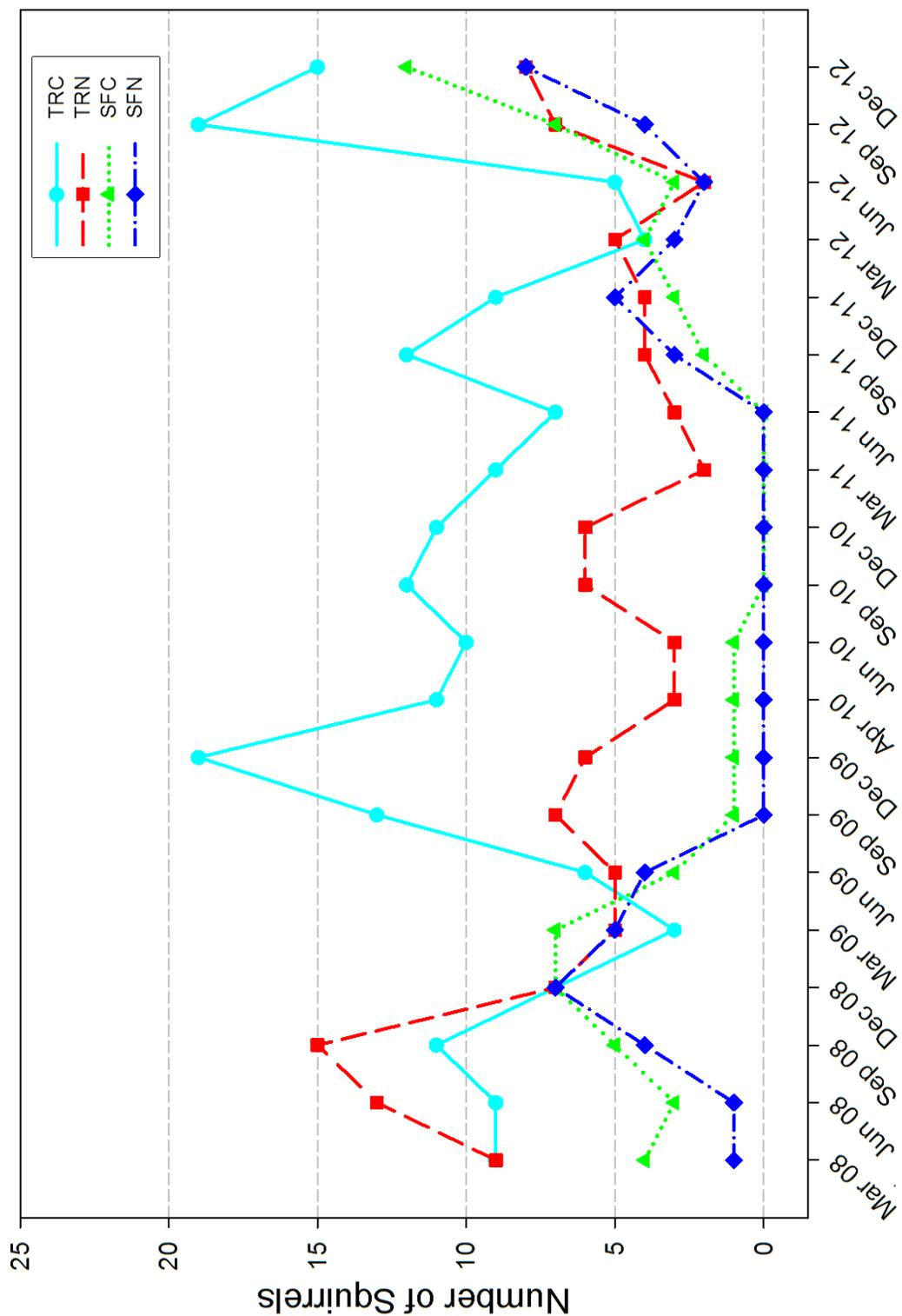
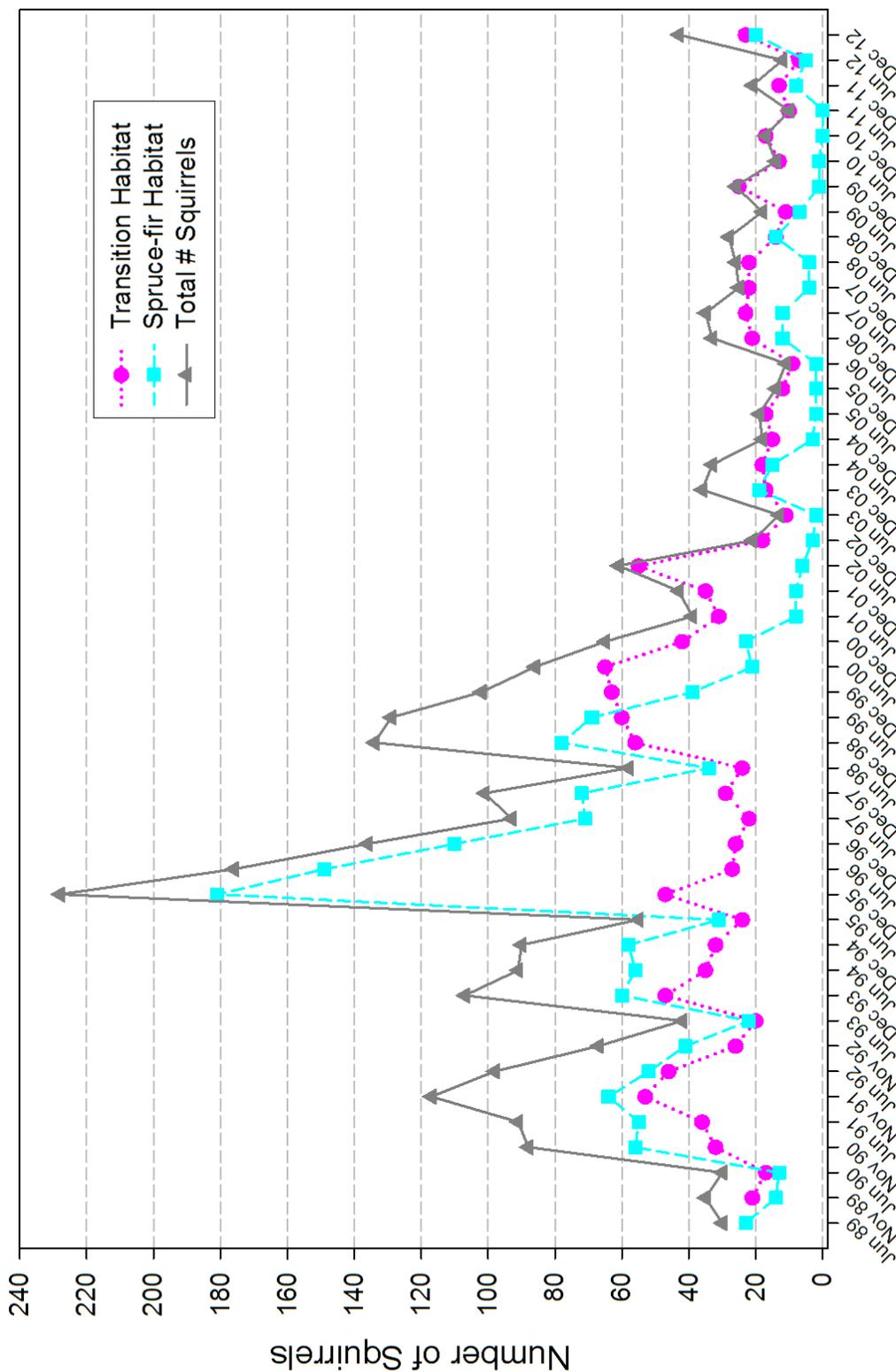


Figure 5. Summer and winter Mt. Graham red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*) populations (including juveniles), by habitat, June 1989 - December 2012, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona



Appendix A. Mean number of seeds (filled) for **2011** and mushrooms (wet weight and dry weight) for **2011**, by area and habitat on University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona

		Corkbark Fir	Douglas-fir	Englemann Spruce	Total Seeds	Total Mushrooms	
AREA	N	$\bar{x}$ 1000 seeds/ha	$\bar{x}$ 1000 seeds/ha	$\bar{x}$ 1000 seeds/ha	$\bar{x}$ 1000 seeds/ha	$\bar{x}$ ww kg/ha	$\bar{x}$ dw kg/ha
TRC	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.1	1.5
TRN	4	0.0	3.3	0.0	3.3	29.9	3.3
SFC	5	0.0	2.6	0.0	2.6	19.7	2.5
SFN	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.5	2.0
TR	9	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.5	21.1	2.3
SF	11	0.0	1.2	0.0	1.2	19.6	2.2

Appendix B: Midden occupancy records, 2012, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

KEY

For Midden Numbers:

###<sup>89\*</sup> Midden Number <sup>'Year Found'</sup> '\*' following year indicates a newly established midden

For Monthly Occupancy cells:

N	not occupied
P	possibly occupied, red squirrel sign found but unsure of residency
Y	occupied, red squirrel sign indicates resident
S	occupied, red squirrel sighted
♀	occupied, adult female red squirrel
♂	occupied, adult male red squirrel
J	occupied, juvenile red squirrel sex unknown
SA	occupied, subadult red squirrel
♀ <sup>(R/R RC 101)</sup>	squirrel is tagged (letters indicate ear tag colors - left ear/right ear, numbers indicate RSMP animal ID) [B = blue, G = green, M = metal, O = orange, P = pink, R = red, Y = yellow, W = white n = none, -- = rip] [RC = radio collar] [tag shape is round unless noted: sq = square, tr = triangle]
NAT	squirrel is naturally marked - ear notch, short tail, etc.
-	midden not checked, no data
♀L	adult female red squirrel, lactating
♀+'#'	adult female red squirrel with '#' juveniles

Note: Beginning with the 2009 Annual Report, middens that have been removed from regular censusing due to permanent fire damage or low occupancy, are no longer listed in Appendix B. Please refer to the 2008 Annual Report for a complete list of these middens.

Transition Construction Area (TRC), 2012				
Midden	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
1102 <sup>89</sup>	N	♀ (W/Y RC 1006)	S	S
1103 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	N	N
1104 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	Y	N
1111 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	N	N
1112 <sup>89*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1113 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	N	N
1115 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	N	N
1116 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	P	P
1118 <sup>89</sup>	♀ (B/Y RC 958)	♀ (B/Y RC 958)	♂ (Wsq/Rsq RC 1036)	♂ (Wsq/Rsq RC 1036)
1121 <sup>89*</sup>	N	N	N	S
1131 <sup>90*</sup>	N	N	N	Y
1144 <sup>91*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1147 <sup>91*</sup>	N	N	N	Y
1149 <sup>91*</sup>	N	♂ (Wsq/Rsq RC 1036)	N	N
1151 <sup>91*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1153 <sup>92*</sup>	N	N	N	P
1154 <sup>92*</sup>	N	N	N	♀ (Bsq/Rsq RC 1075)
1156 <sup>93*</sup>	♀ (Osq/Ysq RC 939)	N	N	S
1160 <sup>96*</sup>	N	N	P	♀ (none/Bsq RC 968)
1162 <sup>96*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1163 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	N	♀ (B/Y RC 958)
1164 <sup>98*</sup>	♀ (none/Bsq RC 968)	♀ (none/Bsq RC 968)	♀ (Gsq/Wsq RC 1071)	♀ (Gsq/Wsq RC 1071)
1167 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	♀ (R/B RC 1010)	♀ (R/B RC 1010)
1168 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1169 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1170 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	S	S
1171 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	Y	P
1172 <sup>90*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1173 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1177 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	♀ (Osq/Ysq RC 939)	♀ (Osq/Ysq RC 939)
1179 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1180 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1182 <sup>02*</sup>	N	N	P	N
1183 <sup>04*</sup>	N	N	N	P

Transition Construction Area (TRC), 2012				
Midden	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
1184 <sup>04*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1185 <sup>05*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1186 <sup>05*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1187 <sup>05*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1188 <sup>10*</sup>	N	N	N	N
1189 <sup>10*</sup>	♂	N	Y	S
1190 <sup>10*</sup>	N	N	♀ (B/Y RC 958) + 3J <sup>1</sup>	♀ (Psq/Psq RC 1079)
1191 <sup>10*</sup>	N	N	♀ (none/Bsq RC 968) + 5J <sup>2</sup>	P
1192 <sup>11*</sup>	P	♀ (Osq/Ysq RC 939)	P	N
1193 <sup>12*</sup>	new midden			P <sup>3</sup>
# Mid	43	43	43	44
# Occ	4	5	11	15
% Occ	9.3%	11.6%	25.6%	34.1%
# Sq	4	5	11 + 8J	15

- 1 Two of the three juveniles were trapped and marked: ♀1075, ♀1079
- 2 Four of the 5 juveniles were trapped and marked: ♂1076, ♀1077, ♂1078, ♀1080
- 3 This midden was established by SA ♂1076 in early November, with many 100s of cached cones. However, ♂1076 was depredated (likely raptor) on or near 13 Dec 12. It was unclear if the midden had a new resident by the end of the month, so occupancy was designated as possible.

Transition Non-Construction Area (TRN), 2012				
Midden	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
2202 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	N	N
2203 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	N	N
2204 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	Y	♂
2205 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	N	N
2206 <sup>89</sup>	P	P	S	N
2208 <sup>89*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2210 <sup>90</sup>	N	N	N	N
2211 <sup>90*</sup>	Y	♀ (Rsq/Bsq RC 1035)	♀ (Rsq/Bsq RC 1035)	♀ (Rsq/Bsq RC 1035)
2215 <sup>90*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2216 <sup>90*</sup>	♂ (Ysq/Psq RC 1034)	P	N	S
2217 <sup>90*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2218 <sup>91*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2219 <sup>91*</sup>	N	N	N	S
2223 <sup>91*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2227 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2229 <sup>96*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2230 <sup>96*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2234 <sup>97*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2235 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2236 <sup>98*</sup>	♀ (Rsq/Bsq RC 1035)	♂ (Ysq/Psq RC 1034)	N	P
2237 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2238 <sup>98</sup>	N	N	N	N
2241 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	P	N
2242 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2244 <sup>99*</sup>	Y	N	Y	♂
2246 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2248 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	N	P
2249 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2250 <sup>00*</sup>	N	N	N	N
2252 <sup>08*</sup>	N	N	S	♀
2253 <sup>09*</sup>	N	N	S	♂
2255 <sup>11*</sup>	♂ (Ysq/Gsq RC 997)	N	N	N
2256 <sup>12*</sup>	new midden		♀ (W/Y RC 1006)	♀ (W/Y RC 1006)
# Mid	32	32	33	33
# Occ	5	2	7	8
% Occ	15.6%	6.3%	21.2%	24.2%
# Sq	5	2	7	8

## Appendix B - TRN (cont.)

Spruce-Fir Construction Area (SFC), 2012				
Midden	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
3002 <sup>95*</sup>	reoccupied <sup>1</sup>			S
3020 <sup>96*</sup>	N	P	N	♀
3022 <sup>96*</sup>	reoccupied <sup>1</sup>		N	Y
3028 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	N	N
3033 <sup>12*</sup>	new midden			Y
3034 <sup>12*</sup>	new midden			♀
3303 <sup>94*</sup>	N	N	N	N
3310 <sup>95*</sup>	♂ (Bsq/none RC 934)	S <sup>2</sup>	Y	♂
3311 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	S
3312 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
3314 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
3323 <sup>95*</sup>	Y	N	P	N
3328 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
3330 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
3341 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
3346 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	S
3348 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
3360 <sup>86</sup>	N	N	N	♀
3362 <sup>86</sup>	N	N	N	N
3365 <sup>86</sup>	N	P	Y	Y
3366 <sup>86</sup>	Y	N	N	Y
3370 <sup>86</sup>	N	N	N	N
3371 <sup>87</sup>	N	N	N	N
3372 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	N	N
3374 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	N	N
3378 <sup>90*</sup>	Y	♀	♀ + 4J	Y
3382 <sup>91*</sup>	N	N	N	N
3394 <sup>93*</sup>	N	N	N	N
# Mid	24	25	25	28
# Occ	4	3	3	12
% Occ	16.7%	12.0%	12.0%	42.9%
# Sq	4	3	3 + 4J <sup>3</sup>	12

- 1 Midden was previously removed from regular censusing due to low occupancy. Was discovered to be reoccupied and is now added back to regular censusing.
- 2 Male 934 was last located in early Jun 12 about 250m SE of 3310. No radio signal heard after; fate of squirrel unknown.
- 3 Three older juveniles were observed about 50m W-SW of the Vatican telescope. No middens in the area were occupied and juveniles were not seen again on subsequent observations. They are not included in the population total for Sep 12.

Spruce-Fir Non Construction Area (SFN), 2012				
Midden	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
4000 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
4010 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
4026 <sup>09*</sup>	P	N	N	Y
4027 <sup>12*</sup>	new midden		S	S
4400 <sup>89</sup>	N	N	N	P
4417 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
4465 <sup>90*</sup>	N	N	S	P
4466 <sup>87</sup>	reoccupied <sup>1</sup>			S
4467 <sup>87</sup>	P	Y	S	N
4469 <sup>87</sup>	P	N	P	S
4470 <sup>87</sup>	N	N	N	N
4471 <sup>87</sup>	Y	N	N	S
4472 <sup>87</sup>	N	N	N	N
4473 <sup>87</sup>	N	N	N	N
4474 <sup>86</sup>	N	N	N	N
4477 <sup>87</sup>	N	N	N	N
4484 <sup>86</sup>	Y	P	N	♂
4488 <sup>91*</sup>	reoccupied <sup>1</sup>			♀
4491 <sup>91*</sup>	♀	♂	S	♀
# Mid	16	16	17	19
# Occ	3	2	4	8
% Occ	18.8%	12.5%	23.5%	42.1%
# Sq	3	2	4	8

<sup>1</sup> Midden was previously removed from regular censusing due to low occupancy. Was discovered to be reoccupied and is now added back to regular censusing.

Off-Area Midden Occupancy, 2012				
Midden	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
TRC Area				
5101 <sup>89</sup>	♀ (W/Y RC 1006)	P	Y	♂
5102 <sup>98*</sup>	N	N	N	P
5103 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	N	N
5104 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	N	N
5105 <sup>02*</sup>	N	N	N	N
5106 <sup>02</sup>	N	N	N	N
5107 <sup>02</sup>	N	N	N	N
5118 <sup>94*</sup>	N	N	S	N
5119 <sup>89*</sup>	N	N	N	♂ (Rsq/Ysq 1084)
5121 <sup>89*</sup>	N	N	N	N
5125 <sup>89*</sup>	N	N	N	N
5126 <sup>91</sup>	N	N	N	N
5145 <sup>91*</sup>	N	N	N	N
5150 <sup>91*</sup>	♀ (G/Y RC 948)	♀ (G/Y RC 948)	♀ (G/Y RC 948)	♀ (G/Y RC 948)
5155 <sup>93*</sup>	P	♂ (Bsq/Osq RC 976)	N	♂
5157 <sup>93*</sup>	♀ (R/B RC 1010)	♀ (R/B RC 1010)	P	S
5159 <sup>12</sup>	new midden		♂ (met/Y RC 964)	♂ (met/Y RC 964)
TRN Area				
5200 <sup>93*</sup>	Y	♀ (B/P RC 1042)	P	S
5201 <sup>99*</sup>	N	N	N	N
5203 <sup>00*</sup>	N	N	N	N
5221 <sup>91*</sup>	♂ (Y/Y 1038)	♂ (Y/Y 1038)	S	N
5231 <sup>96*</sup>	♂ (Psq/Gsq RC 1033)	N	N	N
5232 <sup>96*</sup>	N	N	N	N
SFC Area				
5311 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
5313 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N
5350 <sup>86</sup>	N	N	N	S
5361 <sup>96*</sup>	N	N	N	N
SFN Area				
5405 <sup>87</sup>	N	N	N	N
5413 <sup>95*</sup>	N	N	N	N

Appendix C. Mt. Graham red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*) populations (including juveniles at maternal middens), March 2008 - December 2012, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

Date	TRC	TRN	SFC	SFN	TOTAL
Mar 2008	9	9	4	1	23
Jun 2008	9	13	3	1	26
Sep 2008	11	8 + 6 Juv	5	4	28 + 6 Juv
Dec 2008	7	7	7	7	28
Mar 2009	3	5	7	5	20
Jun 2009	6	5	3	4	18
Sep 2009	13	7	1	0	21
Dec 2009	19	6	1	0	26
Apr 2010	11	3	1	0	15
Jun 2010	10	3	1	0	14
Sep 2010	5 + 7 Juv	4 + 2 Juv	0	0	9 + 9 Juv
Dec 2010	11	6	0	0	17
Mar 2011	9	2	0	0	11
Jun 2011	7	3	0	0	10
Sep 2011	9 + 3 Juv	4	2	3	18 + 3 Juv
Dec 2011	9	4	3	5	21
Mar 2012	4	5	4	3	16
Jun 2012	5	2	3	2	12
Sep 2012	11 + 8 Juv	7	3 + 4 Juv	4	25 + 12 Juv
Dec 2012	15	8	12	8	43

Appendix D: Quarterly occupancy maps for Mt. Graham red squirrels (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*), March, June, September, and December 2012, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

(12 maps removed)

Appendix E: Reproductive success of Mt. Graham red squirrels (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*), 2012, on or near <sup>1</sup> University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

E-1: Mt. Graham red squirrel breeding chases on or near the study areas.

E-2: Mt. Graham red squirrel litters seen on or near the study areas.

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1 Reproductive success notes for squirrels at middens  $\geq 100$  m from study area boundaries (numbered in 5000s and 8000s) are included for anecdotal information only. Litters at these middens are not counted in population totals for the Monitoring Program study areas.

## Appendix E-1: Breeding Chases Observed - 2012

Descriptions of mating chases observed in 2012 on or near the University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleño Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

Date	Location	Notes
15 May 2012	55 m W of nest 18048	Between 18:00 and 19:30 a breeding chase was observed. At least 4 animals were involved: an unmarked female, unmarked squirrel of unknown sex, marked ♂ 964, and marked ♂ 1031.

Appendix E-2: Litters observed in 2012 on or near University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleño Mountains, Graham County, Arizona. Only litters on the monitored areas during census months are counted in the quarterly population totals (see Appendix C).

Mother ID	Midden/Nest	Date Litter 1 <sup>st</sup> Seen	Juvenile ID	Notes
898	18351	4 Jul 12	♂1046 RC <sup>1</sup>	Dispersed, known alive in Nov 12. <sup>2</sup>
			♂1047 RC	Dispersed, known alive in Nov 12. <sup>2</sup>
			♂1050 RC	Dispersed, known alive Dec 12.
			♀1052 RC	No visual or signal detection after Aug 12, fate is unknown.
939	1153/11050	18 Jul 12	♂1053 RC	No visual or signal detection after Aug 12, fate is unknown.
			♂1054 RC	Dispersed, known alive in Nov 12. <sup>2</sup>
			♂1055 RC	Dispersed, no visual or signal detection after Sep 12, fate is unknown.
948	5150/15105	2 Nov 12	♂1081 RC	Dispersed, known alive Dec 12.
			♀1082 RC	Dispersed, confirmed mortality (likely raptor), 13 Dec 12.
			1 unmarked	Fate is unknown.
958	11041	8 Sep 12	♀1075 RC	Dispersed, known alive Dec 12.
			♀1079 RC	Dispersed, known alive Dec 12
			1 unmarked	Fate is unknown.
959	18265	2 Jul 12	♀1049 RC	Dispersed, last known alive Nov 12, collar signaling from a nest in Dec 12, fate is unknown.
			♂1067 RC	Dispersed, known alive Dec 12
			♂1074 RC	Dispersed, known alive Dec 12
			1 unmarked	Fate is unknown.

Mother ID	Midden/Nest	Date Litter 1 <sup>st</sup> Seen	Juvenile ID	Notes
959	18265	6 Oct 12	2 unmarked	<i>Second litter confirmed for F959</i> (possible 3 <sup>rd</sup> juvenile in litter). Two juveniles were again seen with F959 on 19 Oct 12, their fate after this date is unknown.
968	11207	25 Jun 12	♀1071 RC 1 unmarked	Settled near natal area, known alive Dec 12. Fate is unknown.
968	11142	20 Sep 12	♂1076 RC ♀1077 RC ♂1078 RC ♀1080 RC 1 unmarked	<i>Second litter confirmed for F968.</i> Dispersed, confirmed mortality (likely raptor), 13 Dec 12. No visual after Sep 12, collar signaling from a nest, fate is unknown. Settled near natal area, known alive Dec 12. Last seen near natal area in Nov 12, collar stopped signaling, fate is unknown Fate is unknown.
981	18235	26 Jun 12	♂1045 RC ♂1048 RC ♀1051 RC	Dispersed, known alive Dec 12. Dispersed, known alive Dec 12. Dispersed, known alive Dec 12.
1010	15141	3 Sep 12	3 unmarked	Attempts at trapping this litter (possible 4 <sup>th</sup> juvenile in litter), were unsuccessful.
1035	2211/11213	4 July 12	2 unmarked	Observed 1 juvenile depredated by Cooper's Hawk ( <i>Accipiter cooperii</i> ) on 6 Jul 12. Fate of the second juvenile is unknown.
1037	8022shift	24 Aug 12	♀1072 RC ♂1073 RC	No visual or signal detection after Aug 12, fate unknown. Dispersed, collar only (no remains) found 13 Oct 12, fate is unknown.

- 1 RC indicates the juvenile was fitted with a small radio collar to allow collection of dispersal information. See methods section for details on collar.
- 2 These animals dispersed to areas inaccessible after Nov 2012 due to winter snows. In spring 2013, the last known location for these animals will be visited to try and determine their fate.

Appendix F. Weather information, February - December 2012, University of Arizona Red Squirrel Monitoring Program study areas, Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona.

F-1: Monthly weather summaries. There is no January 2012 data due to a battery failure on the weather station.

F-2: Accumulated snow depths

## Appendix F-1: Monthly weather summaries, Biology Camp

## Biology Camp Weather Summary

Date: Feb 2012

Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	-8.400	704.800	27.000	-19.300	0.000	0.000	-9.600	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	-0.003	712.687	58.000	-7.908	0.541	1.013	-0.310	
<b>Max</b>	7.100	716.300	100.000	-1.400	1.800	3.220	7.100	0.000
<b>Total</b>								0.000
	C	millibars	%	C	meters/sec	meters/sec	C	millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: North

Date: Mar 2012

Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	-11.600	699.800	18.000	-21.300	0.000	0.000	-13.700	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	-0.327	711.972	48.018	-11.586	0.697	1.290	-0.973	
<b>Max</b>	10.700	718.700	98.000	-3.900	2.700	4.830	10.700	0.000
<b>Total</b>								0.000
	C	millibars	%	C	meters/sec	meters/sec	C	millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: West

Date: Apr 2012

Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	2.000	712.300	17.000	-17.500	0.000	0.000	2.000	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	9.485	717.239	41.003	-3.733	0.412	0.775	9.443	
<b>Max</b>	19.400	721.200	85.000	5.100	1.800	3.220	19.400	0.000
<b>Total</b>								0.000
	C	millibars	%	C	meters/sec	meters/sec	C	millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: South East

Date: May 2012

Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	-0.300	712.400	18.000	-14.300	0.000	0.000	-0.300	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	9.233	716.885	40.322	-4.607	0.358	0.683	9.220	
<b>Max</b>	18.900	721.500	100.000	5.800	1.800	3.220	18.900	0.000
<b>Total</b>								0.000
	C	millibars	%	C	meters/sec	meters/sec	C	millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: West

Appendix F-1 (cont.):

## Biology Camp Weather Summary

Date: Jun 2012

Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	6.400	715.500	17.000	-11.400	0.000	0.000	6.400	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	15.278	720.213	41.968	1.274	0.274	0.519	15.278	
<b>Max</b>	25.200	725.400	100.000	14.600	1.800	3.220	25.200	1.600
<b>Total</b>								2.600

C      millibars      %      C      meters/sec      meters/sec      C      millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: South East

Date: Jul 2012

Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	6.800	718.000	32.000	0.800	0.000	0.000	6.800	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	12.905	721.258	83.730	9.835	0.248	0.470	12.902	
<b>Max</b>	24.100	724.000	100.000	14.700	1.800	3.220	24.100	6.600
<b>Total</b>								42.800

C      millibars      %      C      meters/sec      meters/sec      C      millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: South East

Date: Aug 2012

Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	7.400	716.700	35.000	3.800	0.000	0.000	7.400	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	13.763	721.043	79.914	9.960	0.092	0.178	13.763	
<b>Max</b>	24.200	725.500	100.000	15.200	1.800	3.220	24.200	3.400
<b>Total</b>								26.000

C      millibars      %      C      meters/sec      meters/sec      C      millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: South East

Date: Sep 2012

Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	3.400	717.400	48.000	-2.200	0.000	0.000	3.400	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	10.649	720.230	92.012	9.236	0.226	0.423	10.645	
<b>Max</b>	21.000	722.600	100.000	15.600	1.300	2.410	21.000	6.200
<b>Total</b>								25.200

C      millibars      %      C      meters/sec      meters/sec      C      millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: South East

Appendix F-1 (cont.):

## Biology Camp Weather Summary

**Date:** Oct 2012 Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	-1.600	712.400	18.000	-18.700	0.000	0.000	-1.600	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	7.316	716.393	51.511	-2.880	0.267	0.505	7.298	
<b>Max</b>	15.300	720.700	100.000	6.500	1.300	2.410	15.300	2.600
<b>Total</b>								3.400
	C	millibars	%	C	meters/sec	meters/sec	C	millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: North

**Date:** Nov 2012 Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	-13.500	704.600	15.000	-20.800	0.000	0.000	-13.500	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	3.839	716.891	56.199	-5.127	0.165	0.313	3.780	
<b>Max</b>	14.100	721.900	100.000	3.500	1.800	3.220	14.100	2.400
<b>Total</b>								8.600
	C	millibars	%	C	meters/sec	meters/sec	C	millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: North North East

**Date:** Dec 2012 Recording Interval: 60min

	Outside Temperature	Barometric Pressure	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Wind Speed	Max Wind Speed	Wind Chill	Rain
<b>Min</b>	-14.400	701.500	17.000	-24.100	0.000	0.000	-15.800	0.000
<b>Avg</b>	-1.590	711.398	60.139	-9.689	0.519	0.965	-2.106	
<b>Max</b>	13.400	721.200	100.000	0.600	2.700	4.830	13.400	0.000
<b>Total</b>								0.000
	C	millibars	%	C	meters/sec	meters/sec	C	millimeters

Predominant Wind Direction: South East

F-2: Accumulated snow depths on the monitored areas for Winter 2011- 2012.

## *Snow Depth Summary*

<i>Snow Year</i>		<i>Habitat</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Avg Depth (cm)</i>	<i>Min Depth (cm)</i>	<i>Max Depth (cm)</i>	<i>Avg. % Cover</i>	<i># of Readings for Avg.</i>
<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>							
<i>2011-2012</i>								
2011	Nov	Spruce-fir	Clearing	17.5	15	20	100.0	2
2011	Nov	Spruce-fir	Forest	5.0	5	5	100.0	1
2011	Nov	Transition	Clearing	9.7	0	20	83.3	6
2011	Nov	Transition	Forest	12.8	5	26	100.0	4
2011	Dec	Spruce-fir	Clearing	44.8	33	51	100.0	4
2011	Dec	Spruce-fir	Forest	35.0	30	45	100.0	4
2011	Dec	Transition	Clearing	52.7	27.5	84	100.0	6
2011	Dec	Transition	Forest	54.0	30	84	100.0	3
2012	Jan	Spruce-fir	Clearing	43.5	0	87	70.0	2
2012	Jan	Spruce-fir	Forest	45.0	35	55	100.0	2
2012	Jan	Transition	Clearing	54.7	30	73	100.0	3
2012	Jan	Transition	Forest	50.5	28	73	100.0	2
2012	Feb	Spruce-fir	Clearing	71.0	0	127	74.8	4
2012	Feb	Spruce-fir	Forest	60.0	34	83	95.0	4
2012	Feb	Transition	Clearing	68.0	27	100	96.8	9
2012	Feb	Transition	Forest	64.2	32	96	100.0	6
2012	Mar	Spruce-fir	Clearing	76.0	0	109	80.0	6
2012	Mar	Spruce-fir	Forest	53.3	14	72	79.2	6
2012	Mar	Transition	Clearing	48.4	0	100	65.7	9
2012	Mar	Transition	Forest	59.6	0	98	78.6	11
2012	Apr	Spruce-fir	Clearing	12.4	0	55	35.6	5
2012	Apr	Spruce-fir	Forest	15.2	0	49	41.0	5
2012	Apr	Transition	Clearing	14.5	0	42	41.3	6
2012	Apr	Transition	Forest	9.3	0	37	32.5	4
<i>Averages for Snow Year</i>				40.7	14.4	66.3	82.2	<i>Sum #</i>
<i>Std Dev</i>				22.63				<i>Readings</i>
<i>SE of Mean</i>				2.12				114