

## Supporting information

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**Table S2** Summary of multiple stepwise regressions performed in R of distance (drainage distance), and climate variables (mean annual temperature, mean annual precipitation, and continentality) with dependent variables; hybrid index, cold injury, and height.

**Fig. S1** Population clustering analyses based on ten replicate *Structure* runs for Sitka spruce, white spruce, and hybrid populations.

**Fig. S2** Genetic relationship amongst 31 populations estimated using *Structure* and genotypic data based on 268 SNP loci for  $K = 2$  for Sitka spruce (red) and white spruce (green) individuals and their hybrids.

**Fig. S3** Genetic relationship between three 'reference' populations (Haida Gwaii, eastern North America and Fort Nelson) estimated using *Structure* and genotypic data based on 120 SNP loci for  $K = 2$  and 3 for Sitka spruce (green) and white spruce (red).

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Locus	Sitka spruce allele*	Sitka spruce allele frequency	White spruce allele*	White spruce allele frequency	Allele frequency differential
0_10112.contig2.C2.352	G	0.938	T	0.095	0.842
0_10754.contig2.C1.179	T	1.000	-	1.000	0.000
0_12681.contig2.C2.315	C	1.000	T	0.976	0.024
0_13680.contig2.C1.149	G	1.000	A	0.036	0.964
0_13680.contig2.NC1.68	A	0.979	T	0.012	0.967
0_14976.contig2.NC1.354	A	1.000	G	0.881	0.119
0_15075.contig2.C2.341	G	0.104	A	0.060	0.045
0_16142.contig2.C1.266	G	1.000	A	0.036	0.964
0_17017.contig2.C1.225	G	1.000	A	0.048	0.952
0_17017.contig2.NC1.250	G	1.000	A	0.048	0.952
0_17238.contig2.NC1.122	T	0.979	G	0.286	0.693
100_316_NS	G	0.667	A	0.000	0.667
103_455_NS	A	0.542	T	0.000	0.542
114_248_S	C	0.833	G	0.274	0.560
124_495_S	T	0.750	C	0.190	0.560
125_312_S	T	0.979	C	0.000	0.979
127_273_S	T	0.875	C	0.286	0.589
13_496_NS	C	0.771	T	0.298	0.473
13_632_S	G	0.708	A	0.000	0.708
132_78_S	A	0.979	G	0.262	0.717
133_39_S	G	1.000	A	0.464	0.536
133_418_S	C	0.750	T	0.000	0.750
133_553_NS	T	0.917	C	0.310	0.607
135_122_NS	G	0.438	A	0.167	0.271
14_248_NS	G	0.458	C	0.000	0.458
14_301_NS	T	0.438	G	0.000	0.438
141_349_S	G	1.000	A	0.476	0.524
144_441_S	A	0.854	G	0.012	0.842
162_199_S	T	0.542	A	0.238	0.304
164_465_S	C	0.417	T	0.012	0.405
169_375_NS	C	0.979	A	0.524	0.455
179_114_S	T	0.417	C	0.024	0.393
179_319_NS	T	0.333	C	0.012	0.321
179_699_S	A	0.688	G	0.012	0.676
19_567_S	G	0.438	A	0.012	0.426
191_162_S	C	0.854	T	0.690	0.164
194_470_S	T	0.688	A	0.000	0.688
195_356_NS	G	1.000	C	0.024	0.976
198_447_S	C	1.000	-	1.000	0.000
20_374_NS	C	0.979	G	0.000	0.979
206_435_NS	T	0.875	A	0.369	0.506
208PG02825j	C	0.854	T	0.655	0.199
208PG04280j	A	0.896	G	0.440	0.455
208PG08590a	G	0.771	A	0.262	0.509
208pg10495g	A	1.000	G	0.167	0.833
208pg10524e	G	1.000	C	0.238	0.762
208pg10802g.1	T	0.958	C	0.155	0.804
208pg12875c	C	1.000	T	0.595	0.405
208pg13043k	G	0.979	C	0.310	0.670
208PG13612a	G	0.875	A	0.845	0.030
209_523_S	C	0.854	G	0.238	0.616

213_153_S	C	1.000	T	0.274	0.726
213_330_S	C	1.000	T	0.000	1.000
213_468_NS	G	1.000	C	0.262	0.738
213_72_S	T	1.000	G	0.000	1.000
214_180_S	C	0.938	T	0.095	0.842
214_558_S	G	0.938	A	0.095	0.842
215_132_S	A	0.917	G	0.214	0.702
222_305_S	G	0.458	A	0.060	0.399
222_370_S	G	0.042	A	0.036	0.006
242_241_S	C	0.938	T	0.262	0.676
244_118_NS	A	1.000	G	1.000	0.000
245_170_NS	C	0.729	G	0.107	0.622
245_281_S	T	0.750	G	0.060	0.690
245_98_NS	C	0.833	T	0.429	0.405
249_648_S	C	0.563	T	0.012	0.551
252_200_NS	C	0.896	G	0.583	0.313
259_736_NS	A	1.000	G	0.012	0.988
260_264_S	T	1.000	C	0.012	0.988
260_84_S	T	1.000	C	0.012	0.988
27_420_S	A	0.792	T	0.000	0.792
27_711_S	T	0.896	C	0.512	0.384
27_99_S	T	0.042	C	0.024	0.018
273507_S	T	0.667	C	0.381	0.286
288_302_NS	G	0.688	T	0.036	0.652
29_177_S	C	0.479	T	0.000	0.479
29_592_S	G	0.896	T	0.048	0.848
295_78_S	G	0.938	A	0.060	0.878
2iTC2438a	G	0.854	A	0.298	0.557
2pa08pg12519k	A	0.979	G	0.381	0.598
2TC7674e	C	1.000	A	0.667	0.333
30_423_S	G	0.708	A	0.667	0.042
41_150_NS	G	0.792	C	0.107	0.685
45_1067_NS	A	0.979	G	0.976	0.003
46_575_NS	G	0.604	T	0.000	0.604
46_623_NS	T	0.604	G	0.000	0.604
50_135_S	T	1.000	C	0.667	0.333
51_36_S	G	0.938	T	0.012	0.926
68_286_S	T	1.000	C	0.060	0.940
69_753_S	A	0.229	G	0.048	0.182
71_365_NS	A	0.604	T	0.083	0.521
84_261_S	G	0.333	T	0.000	0.333
84_370_NS	T	0.917	G	0.000	0.917
85_279_S	A	1.000	G	0.071	0.929
86_438_S	G	1.000	C	0.071	0.929
89_300_NS	C	0.917	A	0.000	0.917
89_37_NS	G	0.917	A	0.000	0.917
97_489_S	C	0.438	T	0.000	0.438
BB.PF00643.12e	A	0.979	C	0.833	0.146
BB.PF0139.20e	C	0.688	G	0.107	0.580
C13628.contig2.C4.584	G	0.958	C	0.048	0.911
C14881.contig5.C1.273	T	1.000	C	0.214	0.786
C1498.contig1.NC1.839	T	1.000	C	0.167	0.833
C1498.contig1.NC2.1166	G	0.313	A	0.071	0.241
C16679.contig1.C1.315	A	0.771	T	0.452	0.318
C18467.contig1.NC2.168	G	1.000	A	0.000	1.000
C20322.contig1.NC3.296	T	1.000	A	0.179	0.821
C20925.contig1.NC3.450	C	1.000	T	0.702	0.298
C2211.contig1.C5.1435	T	1.000	C	0.679	0.321
C2270.contig1.NC1.384	G	1.000	T	0.048	0.952
C2285.contig1.C2.449	T	1.000	C	0.607	0.393
C2319.contig2.NC1.360	C	1.000	G	0.405	0.595

C24607.contig1.NC4.1208	T	1.000	C	0.190	0.810
C3300.contig1.NC4.640	G	0.479	C	0.440	0.039
C4447.contig1.C2.631	T	1.000	C	0.083	0.917
C4545.contig1.C1.200	A	0.729	C	0.655	0.074
C4575.contig1.C2.853	A	0.313	C	0.012	0.301
C4773.contig1.NC1.338	C	1.000	T	0.298	0.702
C4944.contig2.C2.472	A	1.000	C	0.583	0.417
C4944.contig2.C4.573	A	0.979	G	0.357	0.622
C4944.contig2.C5.740	A	0.896	T	0.762	0.134
C5104.contig1.C1.624	G	0.833	A	0.405	0.429
C6522.contig1.NC1.269	T	0.563	A	0.167	0.396
C6814.contig1.NC8.578	C	0.396	A	0.298	0.098
C6847.contig1.C2.1238	T	0.938	C	0.655	0.283
C717.contig2.NC2.162	A	0.083	G	0.000	0.083
C7807.contig1.C1.230	A	1.000	G	0.643	0.357
C8159.contig1.NC7.1499	G	0.438	A	0.262	0.176
C9634.contig2.NC2.1086	G	1.000	C	0.774	0.226
C996.contig1.NC1.663	C	0.750	T	0.238	0.512
C996.contig1.NC4.945	A	0.833	G	0.238	0.595
CL1458Contig1.contig2.C2.311	A	0.958	G	0.012	0.946
CL1458Contig1.contig2.C3.377	T	1.000	-	1.000	0.000
CO481261.contig1.NC7.671	G	0.083	A	0.048	0.036
CO484662.contig1.C1.269	C	0.104	T	0.095	0.009
P03539.4	T	0.958	C	0.798	0.161
p09832.2	A	0.979	G	0.702	0.277
P15825.2	T	0.979	C	0.405	0.574
P4800.3	C	1.000	T	0.357	0.643
P6937.1	C	0.688	T	0.357	0.330
P7108.2	G	0.917	A	0.238	0.679
P9580.1	G	1.000	A	0.417	0.583
PTC9341	C	0.979	T	0.476	0.503
SNP_GQ0013.BR.1_E01.Contig1.114	G	0.979	A	0.036	0.943
SNP_GQ0014.BR_A18.Contig1.666	T	1.000	G	0.048	0.952
SNP_GQ0021.B3.r_E11.Contig1.558	T	0.979	G	0.548	0.432
SNP_GQ0021.BR.1_O06.Contig1.333	A	1.000	C	0.452	0.548
SNP_GQ0031.TB_K19.Contig2.238	C	1.000	G	0.655	0.345
SNP_GQ0043.TB_G16.Contig2.1226	A	1.000	T	0.429	0.571
SNP_GQ0044.B3.r_K18.Contig1.396	T	1.000	C	0.214	0.786
SNP_GQ0044.B3.r_N02.Contig1.846	T	0.875	G	0.786	0.089
SNP_GQ0046.B3_H01.Contig1.506	T	0.958	G	0.333	0.625
SNP_GQ0048.B3.r_I01.Contig1.195	T	1.000	C	0.607	0.393
SNP_GQ00612.B3_G14.Contig1.819	C	1.000	A	0.476	0.524
SNP_GQ00612.B3_J14.Contig1.472	G	1.000	A	0.369	0.631
SNP_GQ0072.B3.r_I18.Contig1.409	T	0.979	C	0.750	0.229
SNP_GQ0074.B3.r_L04.Contig1.773	C	0.958	T	0.095	0.863
SNP_GQ0178.B7_E07.Contig1.180	C	1.000	G	0.262	0.738
SNP_GQ02010.B3.r_E06.Contig1.520	C	1.000	T	0.381	0.619
SS_CO483349.contig3.496	G	0.688	A	0.131	0.557
WS.2.0.GQ0011.B3.r.O22.2.439	C	0.958	T	0.060	0.899
WS.2.0.GQ0013.BR.1.F05.1.445	G	0.979	A	0.619	0.360
WS.2.0.GQ0013.BR.1.F24.1.457	A	0.979	C	0.107	0.872
WS.2.0.GQ0013.BR.1.H07.1.1246	C	0.979	T	0.274	0.705
WS.2.0.GQ0014.B3.r.K03.1.350	G	0.979	T	0.429	0.551
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WS.2.0.GQ0021.BR.1.G04.1.641	C	1.000	T	0.238	0.762
WS.2.0.GQ0021.BR.1.I14.1.917	T	1.000	C	0.726	0.274
WS.2.0.GQ0023.B3.r.A10.1.304	A	0.688	G	0.369	0.318
WS.2.0.GQ0024.B3.r.O14.1.374	C	0.979	A	0.202	0.777
WS.2.0.GQ0024.BR.K09.4.220	G	1.000	A	0.500	0.500
WS.2.0.GQ0025.BR.I12.1.575	T	0.896	C	0.726	0.170
WS.2.0.GQ0025.BR.J23.1.1534	G	0.938	A	0.583	0.354

WS.2.0.GQ0031.B3.r.N13.1.1210	C	0.979	G	0.071	0.908
WS.2.0.GQ0031.TB.F08.2.1213	C	1.000	T	0.310	0.690
WS.2.0.GQ0032.TB.K21.1.136	T	0.875	C	0.524	0.351
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WS.2.0.GQ0041.BR.J16.4.199	C	1.000	A	0.369	0.631
WS.2.0.GQ00410.B3.P11.1.1618	T	0.875	C	0.060	0.815
WS.2.0.GQ00411.B3.J14.1.1171	A	1.000	G	0.429	0.571
WS.2.0.GQ00412.B3.E01.1.1202	C	0.979	G	0.357	0.622
WS.2.0.GQ00412.B3.K07.1.1479	G	1.000	A	0.619	0.381
WS.2.0.GQ00412.B3.M21.1.371	G	0.708	A	0.369	0.339
WS.2.0.GQ00412.B3.P24.3.109	A	0.917	G	0.452	0.464
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WS.2.0.GQ0044.B3.r.L23.1.678	G	0.875	A	0.155	0.720
WS.2.0.GQ0045.B3.G10.1.344	T	0.813	C	0.107	0.705
WS.2.0.GQ0045.B3.I14.1.573	T	1.000	C	0.214	0.786
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WS.2.0.GQ0045.B3.N10.1.1522	G	1.000	A	0.357	0.643
WS.2.0.GQ0045.B3.P14.1.834	T	0.979	G	0.024	0.955
WS.2.0.GQ0046.B3.C03.1.551	A	0.750	T	0.476	0.274
WS.2.0.GQ0047.B3.F06.1.894	C	0.833	A	0.202	0.631
WS.2.0.GQ0049.B3.A02.1.657	G	0.958	A	0.369	0.589
WS.2.0.GQ0061.B3.r.G16.3.334	A	1.000	G	0.286	0.714
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WS.2.0.GQ00611.B3.J20.1.130	G	1.000	A	0.571	0.429
WS.2.0.GQ00611.B3.L10.2.622	A	1.000	G	0.179	0.821
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WS.2.0.GQ0064.B3.r.I13.1.1236	A	0.875	G	0.036	0.839
WS.2.0.GQ0064.TB.H03.2.370	C	1.000	T	0.012	0.988
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WS.2.0.GQ0073.TB.L02.2.233	T	1.000	G	0.369	0.631
WS.2.0.GQ0073.TB.M05.1.1123	A	0.979	C	0.548	0.432
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WS.2.0.GQ02010.B3.r.N03.1.1528	A	1.000	G	0.619	0.381
WS.2.0.GQ02010.B7.H23.1.251	C	0.646	T	0.167	0.479
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WS.2.0.GQ02014.B3.r.H08.1.644	A	1.000	T	0.440	0.560
WS.2.0.GQ02015.TB.B10.1.1440	C	0.875	T	0.571	0.304
WS.2.0.GQ02016.B3.r.F09.1.1121	G	0.396	A	0.262	0.134
WS.2.0.GQ0202.B3.O09.3.261	A	1.000	G	0.452	0.548
WS.2.0.GQ0204.B3.H10.1.662	G	0.958	A	0.095	0.863
WS.2.0.GQ0204.B3.P14.2.925	G	0.438	A	0.190	0.247
WS.2.0.GQ0206.B3.P13.1.173	C	1.000	A	0.274	0.726

WS.2.0.GQ0208.B3.P21.1.535	A	1.000	G	0.155	0.845
WS.2.0.GQ0222.B7.B17.1.379	T	0.708	G	0.286	0.423
WS.2.0.GQ0222.B7.P03.4.50	A	0.979	G	0.393	0.586
WS.2.0.GQ0226.B7.D08.1.418	G	0.896	A	0.452	0.443
WS.2.0.GQ0226.B7.D16.1.397	A	1.000	T	0.357	0.643
WS.2.0.GQ02511.B3.A11.2.431	A	0.979	T	0.464	0.515
WS.2.0.GQ0253.B7.G03.1.1020	G	0.375	A	0.298	0.077
WS.2.0.GQ0255.B3.P02.1.233	C	0.917	T	0.369	0.548
WS.2.0.GQ0258.B3.B12.1.786	A	1.000	G	0.262	0.738
WS.2.0.GQ02801.B7.O14.1.512	G	0.896	T	0.226	0.670
WS.2.0.GQ02805.B7.J24.2.535	A	0.792	G	0.429	0.363
WS.2.0.GQ02807.B7.A19.1.869	G	1.000	A	1.000	0.000
WS.2.0.GQ02808.B7.O03.2.818	A	0.542	G	0.500	0.042
WS.2.0.GQ02815.B7.M19.1.534	A	1.000	G	0.417	0.583
WS.2.0.GQ02819.B7.K02.2.592	G	1.000	A	0.548	0.452
WS.2.0.GQ02823.SP6.H05.1.827	T	0.979	C	0.262	0.717
WS.2.0.GQ02827.B7.B09.1.298	C	1.000	T	0.321	0.679
WS.2.0.GQ02830.B7.N19.1.816	T	1.000	C	0.345	0.655
WS.2.0.GQ02903.B7.B21.1.1399	G	0.979	A	0.155	0.824
WS.2.0.GQ02905.B7.P10.1.849	T	0.625	C	0.226	0.399
WS.2.0.GQ03101.B7.A12.1.268	G	1.000	A	0.345	0.655
WS.2.0.GQ03101.B7.M09.1.229	A	0.979	G	0.571	0.408
WS.2.0.GQ03105.B7.N08.1.636	C	1.000	T	0.202	0.798
WS.2.0.GQ03108.B7.H08.1.831	G	0.958	A	0.405	0.554
WS.2.0.GQ03115.B7.P17.1.1218	G	0.896	A	0.405	0.491
WS.2.0.GQ03118.B7.C03.1.798	G	1.000	A	0.250	0.750
WS.2.0.GQ03125.B7.D11.2.871	A	0.896	G	0.179	0.717
WS.2.0.GQ03126.B7.M13.1.633	A	1.000	G	0.488	0.512
WS.2.0.GQ03226.B7.M05.1.485	G	0.917	T	0.083	0.833
WS.2.0.GQ03409.B7.H11.1.187	G	0.917	A	0.321	0.595
WS.2.0.GQ03516.B7.I16.1.170	G	0.813	T	0.440	0.372
WS.2.0.GQ03614.B7.C22.1.141	A	0.875	G	0.619	0.256
WS00841.B21_O11.contig1.NC1.149	A	0.333	G	0.131	0.202
WS01026.B21_I20.contig1.C1.288	T	1.000	C	0.607	0.393

\*Species-specific alleles for candidate gene SNPs: A, adenine; C, cytosine; G, guanine; T, thymine

Table S2 - Summary of multiple stepwise regressions performed in *R* of distance (drainage distance), and climate variables (mean annual temperature, mean annual precipitation, and continentality) with dependent variables; hybrid index, cold injury, and height. Summary of predictor variables used within the best fit model is provided, along with Akaike's Information Criterion (AIC),  $R^2$ , F-value, and p-value.

Dependent variable	Predictor variable(s)	AIC	$R^2$	F-value	p-value
Hybrid Index	DD + TD + MAT + MA #####	0.68	365.90	<0.0001	
Cold Injury -8 ( $^{\circ}$ C)	DD	4118.80	0.07	52.57	<0.0001
Cold Injury -18 ( $^{\circ}$ C)	DD + TD	3543.14	0.08	30.64	<0.0001
Ten Year Height (mn DD + TD)		5916.63	0.00	2.52	0.08

DD, drainage distance; MAT, mean annual temperature; MAP, mean annual precipitation; TD, continentality





