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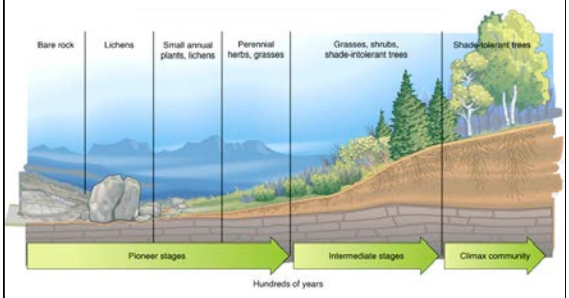

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Idealized secondary succession

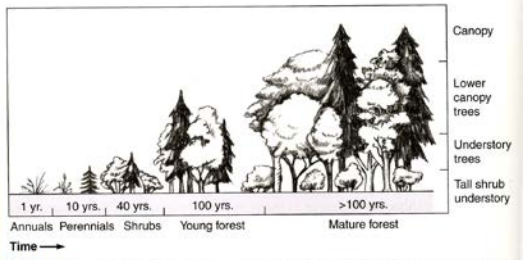

FIGURE 5.1 An idealized "classical" secondary succession on an abandoned agricultural field in the North American Midwest.

Succession can be complex and result in different climax communities

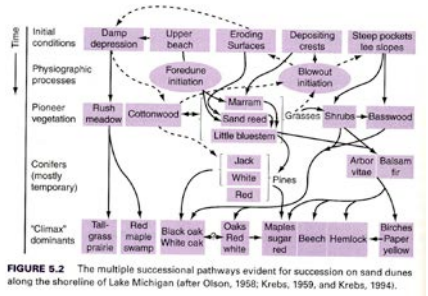

FIGURE 5.2 The multiple successional pathways evident for succession on sand dunes along the shoreline of Lake Michigan (after Olson, 1958; Krebs, 1959, and Krebs, 1994).

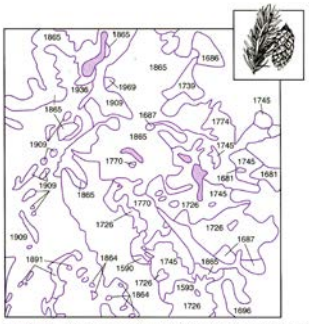

FIGURE 5.3 Different-aged patches that make up a portion of the Rocky Mountain coniferous forest in Alberta. The map shows how the environment is made up of patches of different ages and sizes caused by disturbances. In this case, most of the patchiness is imparted by different forest fires that have occurred over the period 1590 to 1969. The outline of each patch and the age of the fire that created it are indicated on the map. The vegetation and microclimate of a recent patch are very different from those of a site that was burned hundreds of years ago (after Johnson and Larsen, 1991).

Patchwork of disturbances

Disturbances can be patchy across a landscape

FIG. 1. Aerial view in October 1988 of the landscape mosaic produced by the Yellowstone fires (photo credit: M. G. Turner).

Turner, Ecology, 2010

Disturbance types vary regionally

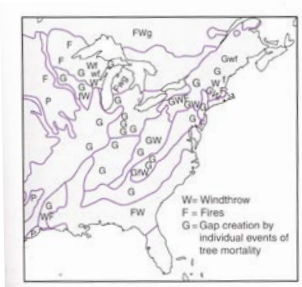

FIGURE 5.9 The major disturbance regimes of eastern North American forest types (after Runkle, 1990).

Disturbance types: Wind

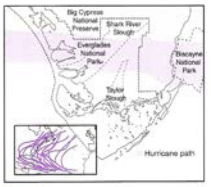

FIGURE 5.11 The path of major destruction due to Hurricane Andrew (1992) in southern Florida and the paths of other historical hurricanes in Florida. The inset maps show some typical hurricane paths apparent from compilations of historical records (after Roman et al. 1994; Strahler and Strahler, 1997).

FIGURE 5.10 A wind microblast destroyed the coniferous tree canopy and allowed light-demanding grasses, herbs, shrubs and trees saplings to become established at this site in Idaho.

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Disturbance types: Insect/pathogens

mountain pine beetle, CO

Disturbance types: Landslide, avalanche

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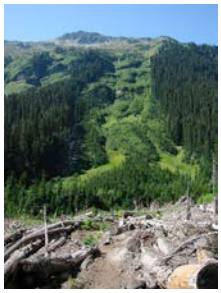

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Disturbance types: Eruption

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Disturbance types: Eruption

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Disturbance types: Flooding

Bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)

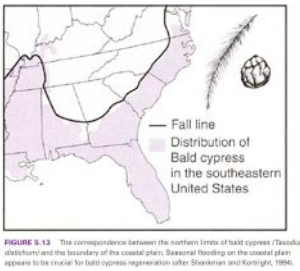

FIGURE 5.13 The correspondence between the northern limits of bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) and the boundary of the coastal plain. Seasonal flooding on the coastal plain appears to be crucial for bald cypress regeneration (after Shankman and Kortright, 1994).

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http://www.dmr.state.ms.us/Coastal-Ecology/preserves/plants/trees/bald-cypress/bald-cypress.htm

Disturbance types: Fire

low severity

www.sierraforestlegacy.org/FC_FireForestEcology/FFE_FireScience.php

high severity

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Disturbance types: Fire

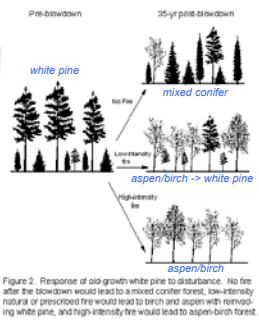

Figure 2. Response of old-growth white pine to disturbance. No fire after the blowdown would lead to a mixed conifer forest, low-intensity natural or prescribed fire would lead to birch and aspen with reinvading white pine, and high-intensity fire would lead to aspen-birch forest.

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Human impacts to disturbances

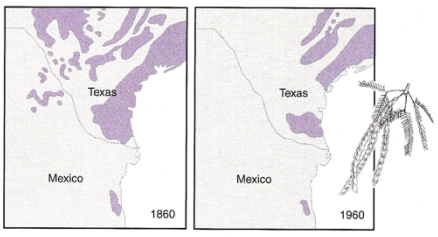

FIGURE 5.8 The expansion of mesquite *(Prosopsis)* shrubland at the expense of grassland between 1860 and 1960. Decreases in burning due to human land-use change and fire control are thought to be a major contributor to the decline in grassland cover (after Johnston, 1963; Brown and Lomolino, 1998).

Human impacts to disturbances

altered fire regimes

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Invasive species example: Buffelgrass as a disrupter of Southwest desert ecosystems

- modifications to disturbance regimes
- elimination of native species
- control by
  - education
  - mechanical removal

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Disturbances interactions windthrow -> beetle outbreaks

Spruce beetle

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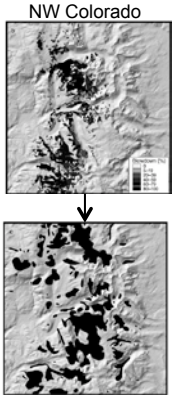
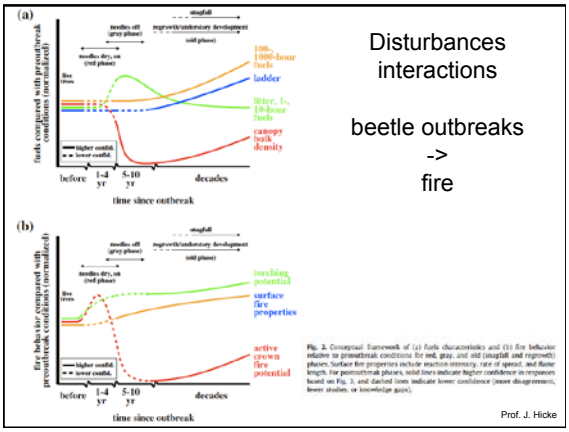


Kulakowski et al., Ecology, 2007



Disturbances interactions

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