18 **Supplementary Table S4**

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A three-way analysis of variance of the factors affecting the number of seedlings that reached leaf senescence (50 % of leaves yellow or fallen) by the end of the experiment. T = air temperature, P = photoperiod, SM = soil moisture. The analysis was not applied to *Carya*

illinoinensis nor to Cerasus serrulata because in these species all seedlings reached leaf senescence in all treatments.

Treatment	Liriodendron chinense		Sassafras tzumu	
	F	P	F	P
Т	45.653	<0.001	15.267	<0.001
P	8.938	0.00383**	6.571	0.0127*
SM	2.637	0.109	0.612	0.437
T*P	9.305	0.00321**	0.838	0.0111*
T*SM	2.843	0.0962	0.855	0.358
P*SM	0.092	0.762	0.256	0.614
T*P*SM	0.095	0.759	0.256	0.614

^{22 ***}P < 0.001; **P < 0.01; *P < 0.05. P-values in bold are significant at P < 0.05.