A REVIEW OF IMPORTANT FOREST

INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS

IN THE IGNACE DISTRICT

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#### FOREWORD

The first forest insect surveys in Ontario were carried out in 1936 from the Dominion Entomological Laboratory in Ottawa and continued from this location until 1944, when the province of Ontario was divided, for the purpose of these surveys, into northern and southern Ontario. In 1945, personnel from Ottawa continued to conduct and report on surveys in the area south of the Algonquin Park and Parry Sound forest districts, while personnel from the Forest Insect Laboratory in Sault Ste. Marie carried out surveys in the area to the north. In 1950, responsibility for reporting insects for all of Ontario fell to the Sault Ste. Marie laboratory. In 1952 the Forest Disease Survey was initiated with headquarters in Maple, Ontario, then was moved to Sault Ste. Marie in The results of these surveys of insects and diseases appear in the Annual Report of the Forest Insect and Disease Survey (FIDS), published by Canadian Forestry Service headquarters in Ottawa. In addition, annual district and regional reports, begun in 1948, are prepared by FIDS technicians (Rangers) in Sault Ste. Marie. In 1980, a new provincial report was released in Ontario. The contents of the following review have been abstracted from these reports and compiled in alphabetical order by the scientific names of species in each of the following three categories:

Major Insects or Diseases

Capable of causing serious injury to or death of living trees or shrubs.

Minor Insects or Diseases

Capable of causing sporadic or localized injury but not usually a serious threat to living trees or shrubs.

Abiotic Damage

Damage caused by non-living factors.

All measurements in this review are in metric form and conversions from Imperial measurements given in the earliest reports are taken to the second decimal point [i.e., sq. mi. to  $\rm km^2$  = area (sq. mi.) x 2.59 = area (km²)]. Infestation maps in this review were copied from the original maps in the FIDS technicians' reports. Abbreviations for the common names of the host tree species, as well as the full scientific names, are given in Appendices A and B. To facilitate the location of hosts, deciduous and coniferous species have been separated and listed alphabetically under the common names.

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#### INTRODUCTION

This report is a review of significant forest insects and diseases that have been encountered in the Ignace District from 1950 to 1980. The present Ignace District was formed in 1973 from parts of the former Sioux Lookout, Dryden and Kenora districts. In the selection of pests for this report, particular attention was paid to the major working groups of host species in the district, i.e., conifers such as jack pine, white pine, white spruce, black spruce and balsam fir, and tolerant hardwoods such as white birch and poplar, as well as some ornamental and shade trees. The insects and diseases included are capable of causing, or have caused, tree mortality or a reduction in growth. Also included are abiotic problems that cause damage to trees, e.g., frost, wind, hail and winter drying damage.

#### SUMMARY

FOREST INSECTS

Eastern Blackheaded Budworm, Acleris variana (Fern.) page 9

[Major]

No tree mortality has been recorded as caused by this defoliator, which affects primarily spruce, balsam fir and eastern hemlock. In 1965, a small pocket of medium-to-heavy infestation occurred along the Norway Lake Road, approximately 16 km south of Highway 17.

Birch Skeletonizer, Bucculatrix canadensisella Cham. pages 9-12

[Major]

Defoliation by this insect seldom causes mortality of the host, but weakened trees are subject to attack by secondary insects and diseases. Large outbreaks of this insect usually last 3 to 4 years, then decline rapidly. From 1970 to 1971, moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred in the western portion of the district. In 1972 and 1973, moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred throughout the entire district.

Large Aspen Tortrix, Choristoneura conflictana (Wlk.) pages 10-15

[Major]

No tree mortality was recorded as caused by this defoliator, which affects primarily aspen and poplar. Medium-to-heavy infestations were reported from 1971 to 1974. Since then, no infestations have occurred.

Spruce Budworm, Choristoneura fumiferana (Clem.) pages 16-25

[Major]

The budworm is considered the most destructive insect pest of several coniferous species in eastern Canada, its main hosts being white spruce and balsam fir. Though not major hosts, black spruce, eastern hemlock and tamarack are attacked, and considerable tree mortality can occur. Moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred from 1952 to 1959. In 1960, the infestation began to decline, however, balsam fir mortality increased.

Jack Pine Budworm, Choristoneura pinus pinus Free. page 26

[Major]

This is a destructive pest of pines that can cause mortality after approximately two years of severe defoliation. In 1971, a small pocket of moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred in the Islets Lake area, and trace levels were reported in 1974 at Smirch Lake.

Aspen Twoleaf Tier, Enargia decolor (Wlk.) page 26

[Major]

No tree mortality has been recorded as caused by this defoliator, which affects aspen and cottonwood, however, heavy defoliation by this insect retards growth and vigor, leaving host trees susceptible to attack by other pests. Outbreaks of this insect last only a few years. Moderate numbers were reported at Gulliver Lake in 1968, and 15% defoliation occurred in 1969 along the Scotch Lake Road.

Eastern Pine Shoot Borer, Eucosma gloriola Heinr. page 27

[Major]

This insect usually infests lateral shoots, and causes only aesthetic damage. When large populations develop, some leaders are infested and deformed or killed. Varying degrees of damage were reported periodically between 1963 and 1968 in the Sandbar Lake area and in Corman Township. In 1976, leader damage ranged from 5% to 11% at two locations, and from 1977 to 1980, damage ranged from 3% to 6%.

Forest Tent Caterpillar, Malacosoma disstria Hbn. page 28-37

[Major]

This caterpillar is widely distributed throughout North America. Infestations usually last an average of five years, and large populations denude extensive areas of susceptible stands. The principal host attacked is aspen; however, many other deciduous species also suffer severe defoliation. Repeated defoliation retards tree growth and vigor, rendering the host susceptible to attack by other pests. Infestations were reported from 1950 to 1953, from 1961 to 1965 and again in 1978 and 1979.

Sawyer Beetles, Monochamus spp. page 38

[Major]

Although sawyer beetles are common and widespread in North America, damage seldom occurs except on decadent trees. However, adults migrating from dead timber and slash have caused varying degrees of damage to healthy stands adjacent to recently harvested areas. In 1955, 90% mortality occurred over 1,500 ha of jack pine. Again in 1964, 1977, and 1979, areas adjacent to cutovers suffered branch and whole-tree mortality.

Balsam Fir Sawfly, Neodiprion abietis complex page 38

[Major]

Severe defoliation can cause mortality of balsam fir and white spruce trees when an infestation persists over a period of years. Trace levels were reported in 1977 and 1980.

Pine Sawflies, Red Pine Sawfly, Neodiprion nanulus nanulus Schedl.,
Jack Pine Sawfly, Neodiprion pratti banksianae Roh.,
Neodiprion swainei Midd., Redheaded Jack Pine Sawfly,
Neodiprion virginianus complex [Major]

page 39

The sawflies listed are capable of causing mortality of semimature pine trees and plantations when population levels are high. From 1952 1952 to 1980, population levels of these sawflies were trace to low. Aspen Leafblotch Miner, Phyllonorycter ontario (Free.) pages 39-41

[Major]

Although this insect has not been known to cause tree mortality, severe browning of foliage over a period of years can cause a reduction in growth. Medium-to-heavy infestations occurred from 1950 to 1952, from 1956 to 1959, from 1960 to 1963, from 1970 to 1973, and from 1973 to 1978.

Yellowheaded Spruce Sawfly, Pikonema alaskensis (Roh.) page 41

[Major]

This destructive insect is a serious pest of young spruce plantations and open-growing ornamentals. High mortality can occur after successive years of severe defoliation. Trace-to-low populations have been evident over the past 30 years.

White Pine Weevil, *Pissodes strobi* (Peck.) pages 42-43

[Major]

This weevil is considered the most destructive pest of white pine in North America. Successive weeviling over a period of years results in multiple-stemmed trees. Varying degrees of damage have occurred over the past 30 years. In 1972, 17% of jack pine leaders were weeviled at one location along the Basket Lake Road.

Larch Sawfly, Pristiphora erichsonii (Htg.) pages 43-45

[Major]

The larch sawfly is the primary defoliating insect of native and of most exotic species of larch. On good sites, larch trees can withstand six to nine years of severe defoliation before mortality occurs; on less favorable sites, mortality may follow three or more years of complete defoliation. Population levels of this sawfly fluctuated between 1950 and 1980, and the sawfly was found throughout the district.

Aspen Leafroller, Pseudexentera oregonana Wlshm. page 45

[Major]

No tree mortality caused by this defoliator, which feeds almost exclusively on trembling aspen, has been recorded. One small pocket was reported in the central part of the district in 1978.

Other Noteworthy Insects pages 46-51

[Major and Minor]

These are insects with the potential for causing damage to stands, regeneration and plantations.

#### FOREST DISEASES

Armillaria Root Rot, Armillaria mellea (Vahl:Fr.) Kummer [Major] page 55

This root rot disease often kills trees previously stressed by drought, insects, other pathogens or unfavorable environment. However, under some circumstances the fungus, or certain strains of the fungus, can kill vigorous trees. Both deciduous and coniferous trees are attacked. Varying degrees of damage were reported periodically in the district from 1956 to 1980.

Scleroderris Canker, Ascocalyx abietina (Lagerb.) Schläpfer-Bernhard pages 55-56 [Major

This destructive pathogen of young planted pines or natural regeneration was first reported in the district in 1966. In 1980, 63% of all trees showed signs of infection in the Gulliver River area.

Spruce Needle Rusts, Chrysomyxa ledi (Alb. & Schwein.) de Bary, [Major]
C. ledicola (Peck) Lagerh.
pages 56-57

These rusts, the most widely spread in the Canadian boreal forest, are of concern on mature trees, but the potential for damage in nurseries can be high as well. Pockets of medium-to-heavy infection occurred from 1955 to 1965.

Ink Spot of Aspen, Ciborinia whetzelii (Seaver) Seaver [Major] page 58

The ink spot disease is widespread throughout the range of aspen. Many poplar species and hybrids are susceptible, but trembling aspen is most commonly affected. Heavily infected trees may be defoliated prematurely, and repeated attacks can reduce increment and perhaps even kill regeneration. Damage in the 30 years covered by this report did not exceed 6%.

Western Gall Rust, Endocronartium harknessii (J.P. Moore) Y. Hirats. pages 58-59 [Major]

This pathogen infects trees in all age classes; however, serious damage generally occurs only in small-diameter regeneration trees in stands or plantations. When stems are girdled by the gall, partial or whole-tree mortality results. Varying degrees of infection have been reported since 1955, with 30% of trees affected in 1966 at Sandbar Lake.

Hypoxylon Canker, Hypoxylon mammatum (Wahlenb.) J. Miller [Major] page 60

Mortality caused by this disease is usually restricted to trees in the 7-cm to 13-cm diameter class growing on poor sites, but branch and top mortality may occur in trees of greater diameter. Infected trees are common in most stands throughout the district.

Shoot Blight, Venturia macularis (Fr.) E. Müller & v. Arx [Major] pages 60-61

This foliar and shoot disease is particularly damaging to leaders of aspen regeneration, causing retarded height growth and clubbed tops. Varying degrees of damage have been reported since 1952.

Other Noteworthy Diseases pages 61-64

These are diseases with the potential for causing damage to natural stands, regeneration and plantations.

ABIOTIC DAMAGE pages 67-68

Abiotic damage is caused by a variety of conditions, such as frost, winter drying, salt, etc. Weakened trees are susceptible to a number of diseases. Abiotic damage has been reported periodically since 1962.

# INSECTS

Eastern Blackheaded Budworm, Acleris variana (Fern.)

Host(s): s	pruce, balsam fir [Major]
Year	Remarks
1950-1953	not reported
1954	trace population levels on Highway 599
1955-1959	not reported
1960-1961	trace population levels
1962	trace population levels, Cathcart Township
1963	light infestation, Sturgeon Lake
1964	Light infestations were recorded at several locations.
1965	A small pocket of medium-to-heavy infestations was recorded along the Norway Lake Road, approximately 16 km south of Highway 17; elsewhere, populations declined.
1966	trace population levels at numerous locations
1967-1973	not recorded
1974	Light defoliation occurred on black spruce through much of the district, particularly along rivers and lakeshores.
1975-1980	not reported

Birch Skeletonizer, Bucculatrix canadensisella Cham.

Host(s):	birch [Major]
Year	Remarks
1950-1956	not reported
1957	A light infestation was reported at Raleigh Lake.
1958-1969	not reported
1970-1971	Moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred over the western three-quarters of the district (see map, page 11).
	(cont'd)

Birch Skeletonizer, Bucculatrix canadensisella Cham. (concl.)

Host(s): birch

[Major]

Year

Remarks

1972-1973

Moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred throughout the entire district (see map, page 12).

1974

The infestation collapsed.

1975-1980

not reported

Large Aspen Tortrix, Choristoneura conflictana (Wlk.)

Host(s): poplar

[Major]

Year

Remarks

1950-1963

not reported

1964

trace population levels

1965-1970

not reported

1971

Moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred over much of Dewan and Grummett townships and in the Shikag Lake area (see map, page 13).

1972

The area of moderate-to-severe damage expanded and included most of the southeastern half of the district (see map, page 14).

1973

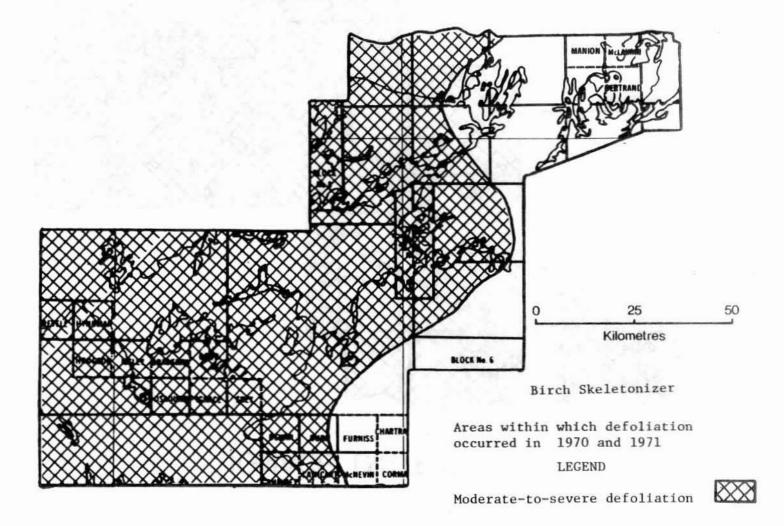
Moderate-to-severe defoliation persisted in the southeastern part of the district (see map, page 15).

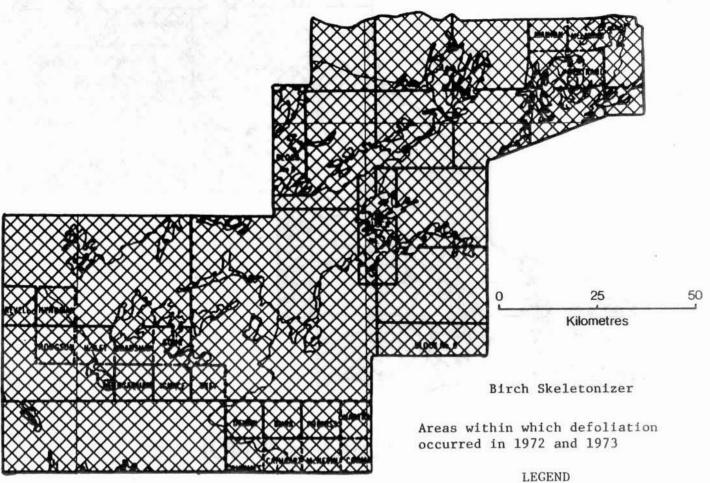
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A small area of moderate-to-severe defoliation was reported northeast of Sowden Lake.

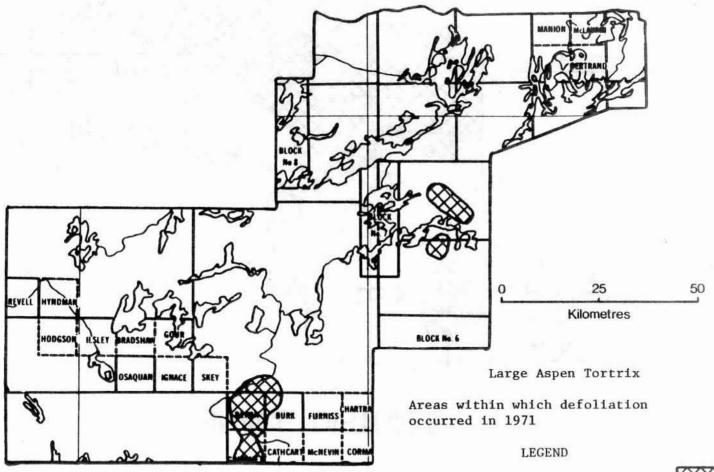
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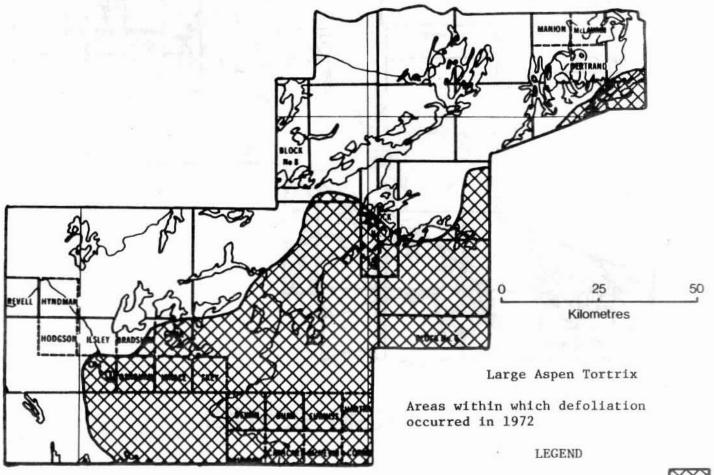




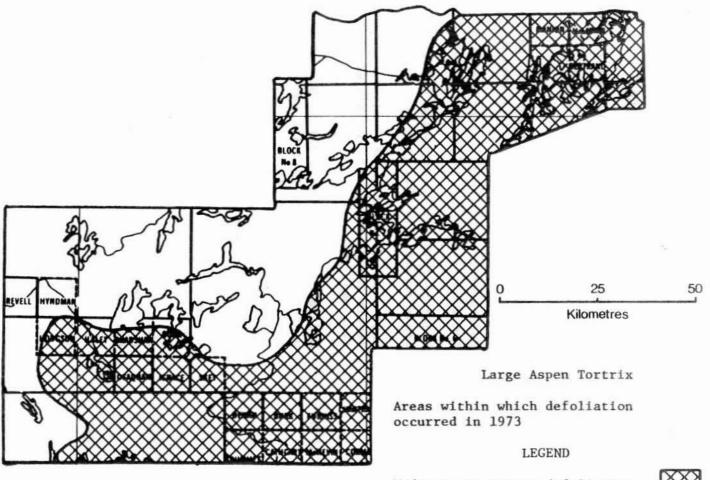












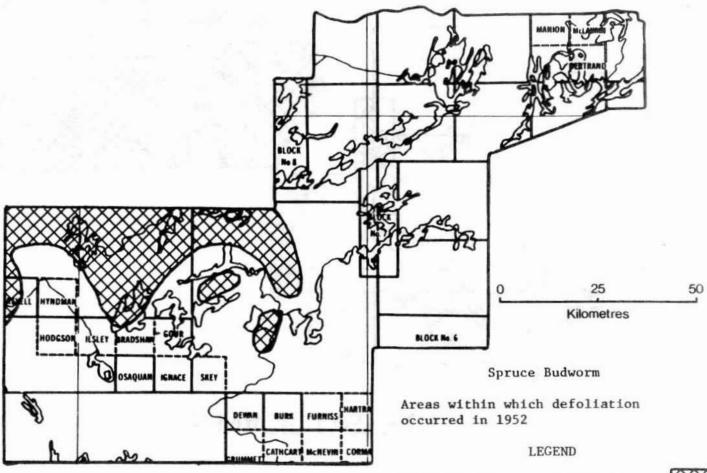
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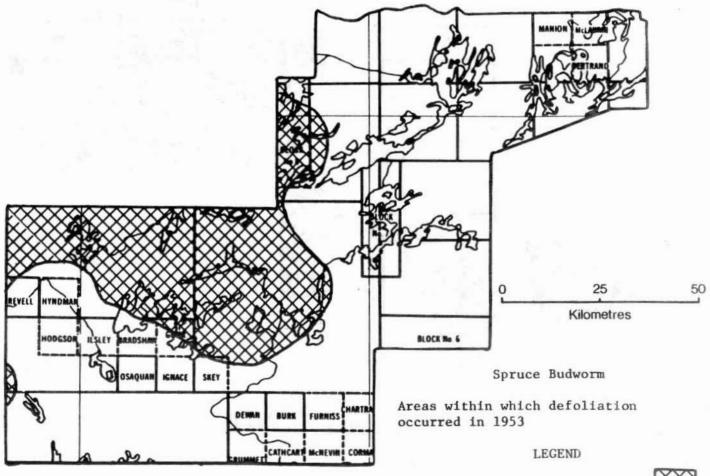
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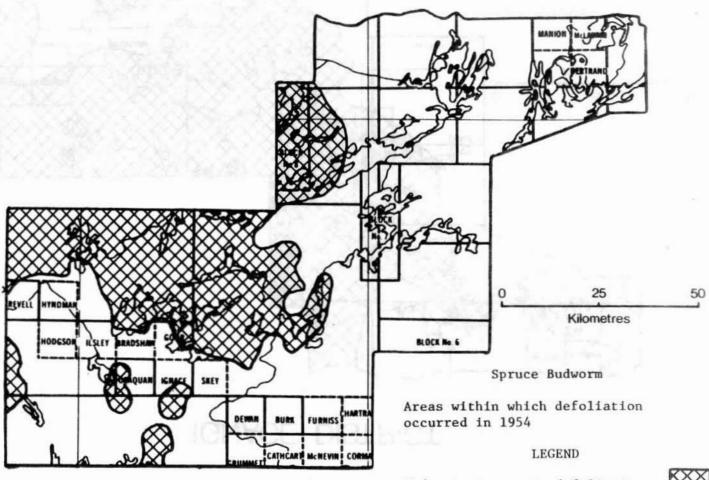
Host(s): sp	pruce, balsam fir [Major]
Year	Remarks
1950	One location in Ignace Township experienced a light infestation.
1951	not reported
1952	Moderate-to-severe defoliation was general in the north-western section of the district (see map, page 17).
1953	Moderate-to-severe defoliation recurred in approximately the same area as in 1952 (see map, page 18).
1954	Moderate-to-severe defoliation was again present in those areas infested in 1953 (see map, page 19).
1955	High budworm populations continued to cause moderate-to- severe defoliation over the western part of the district (see map, page 20).
1956	Moderate-to-severe defoliation was general over the north- western part of the district and in the south-central sec- tion (see map, page 21).
1957	Little change in the boundaries or intensity of infestation occurred in 1957 (see map, page 22).
1958	Infestations occurred over the same areas defoliated in 1957 (see map, page 23).
1959	The area covered by the infestation decreased sharply, but a large area of moderate-to-severe defoliation persisted (see map, page 24).
1960	The infestation continued to decline, but tree mortality increased (see map, page 25).
1961	low numbers in the Sturgeon Lake area
1962-1963	not reported
1964-1969	trace population levels
1970-1974	not reported



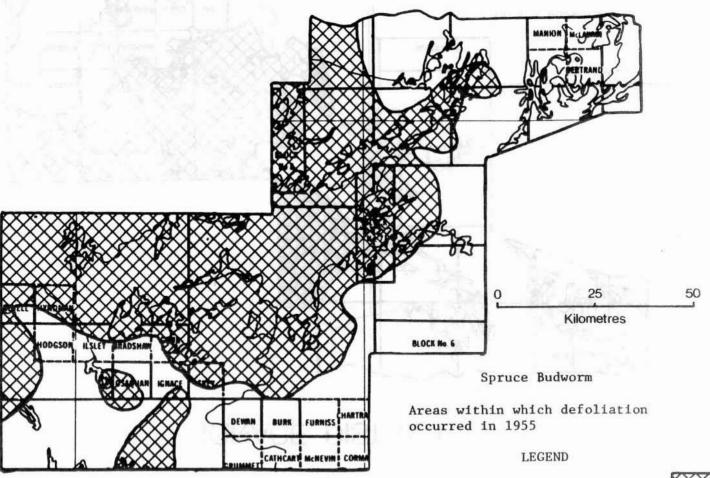




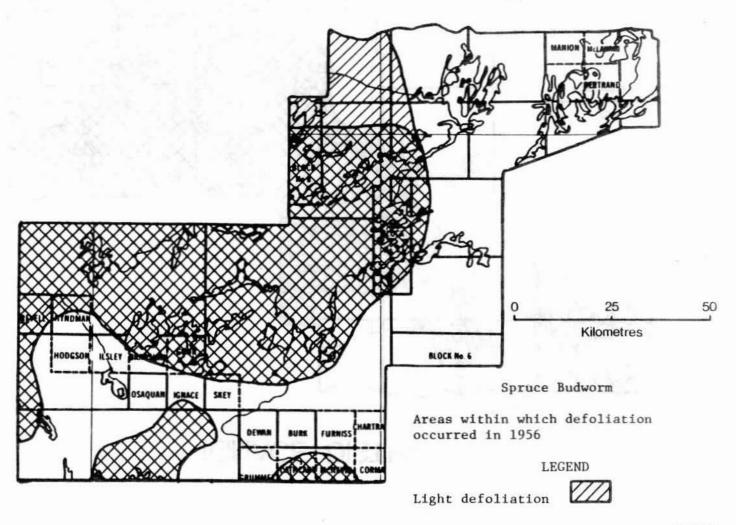




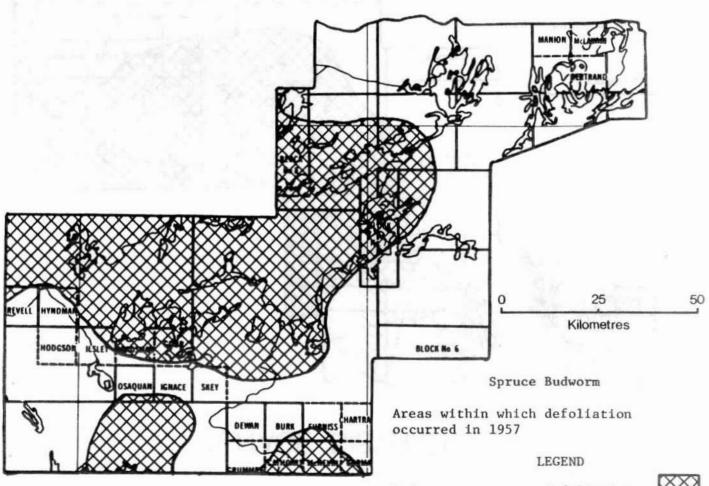




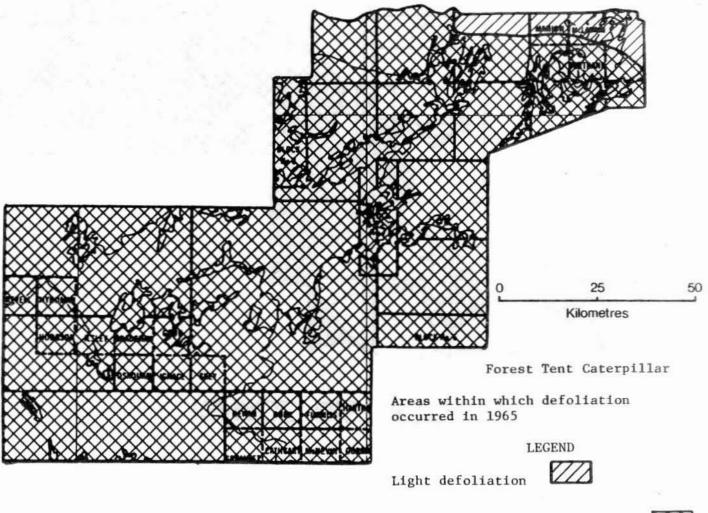








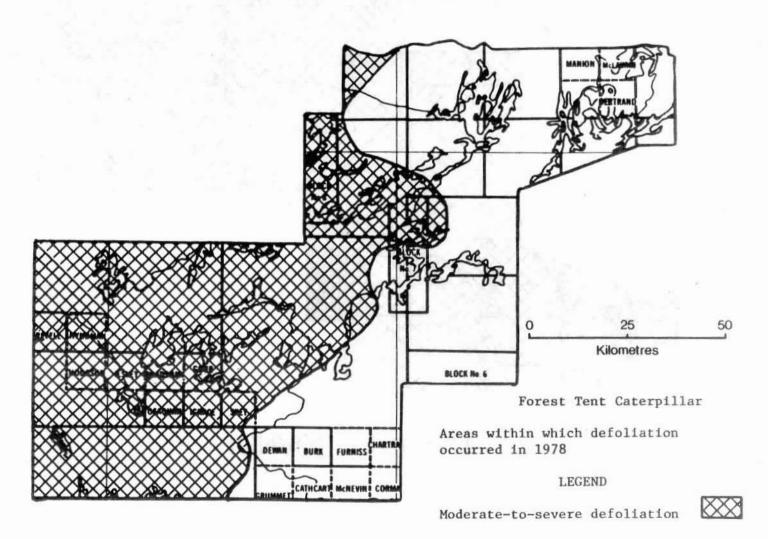


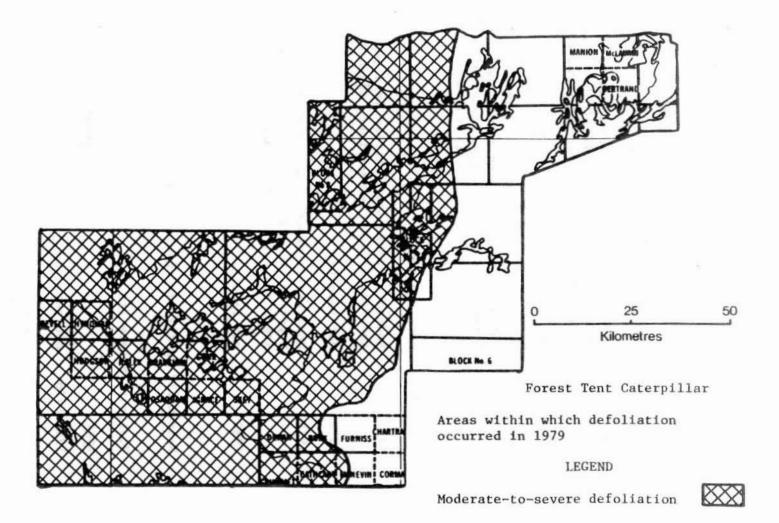


Moderate-to-severe defoliation



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Sawyer Beetles, Monochamus spp.

Host(s): conifers

[Major]

Year Remarks

1950-1954 not reported

A medium-to-heavy infestation caused up to 90% mortality of jack pine trees with a DBH of 10 cm in 1,500 ha of forest adjacent to a recently cut-over area south of Bonheur.

1956-1963 not reported

Jack pine trees adjacent to 1963 and 1964 cut-over areas north of Ignace suffered branch and whole-tree mortality as a result of feeding damage caused by adult beetles. Balsam fir, tamarack and black spruce were also damaged, but to a lesser degree.

1965-1976 not reported

1977 Moderate damage was recorded in a pure jack pine stand on the west side of Vanessa Lake, adjacent to cut-over areas.

1978 not reported

1979 Moderate-to-severe damage resulting from adult feeding was reported in forests adjacent to cutovers in the Sowden Lake area, and approximately 48 km south of Savant Lake.

1980 not reported

Balsam Fir Sawfly, Neodiprion abietis complex

Host(s): balsam fir

[Major]

Year Remarks

1950-1976 not reported

1977 Trace population levels were recorded at several points

along Highway 599, south of the English River.

1978-1979 not reported

1980 trace population levels at Smirch Lake

Pine Sawflies, Neodiprion nanulus nanulus Schedl., N. pratti banksianae Roh., N. swainei Midd., N. virginianus complex

Host(s):	pine [Major]
Year	Remarks
1950-1951	not reported
1952-1953	N. nanulus nanulus - trace populations
1954-1955	not reported
1956	Light infestations of $N$ . nanulus nanulus were reported at Dibble and Lower Scotch lakes.
1957	N. virginianus - trace populations
1958-1975	not reported
1976	Scattered colonies of $N$ . $virginianus$ were reported on fringe trees along Highway 17, at the English River.
1977-1979	not reported
1980	Low numbers of N. virginianus were reported in Corman Town-

Aspen Leafblotch Miner, Phyllonorycter ontario (Free.)

Host(s):	trembling aspen [Major]
Year	Remarks
1950	Medium-to-heavy infestations were common throughout the district.
1951-1952	Medium-to-heavy infestations were found in all stands that escaped defoliation by the forest tent caterpillar.
1953	Severe frost caused the infestation to collapse.
1954	not reported
1955	Low numbers were recorded in Corman and Skey townships and at Tabor Lake.

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#### Aspen Leafblotch Miner, Phyllonorycter ontario (Free.) (cont'd)

Host(s): t	rembling aspen	₩	[Major]
Year		Remarks	
1956	Medium-to-heavy infestat at Bending and Wapegeisi		n reproduction
1957	Infestations recurred at at the same locations a were observed in Bradsha	s in 1956. Lightly	infested trees
1958	One small area of med north of White Otter Lak		ion persisted
1959	trace population levels		
1960	Moderate populations occ	urred near Gulliver L	ake.
1961	Medium-to-heavy infestat	ions recurred near Gu	lliver Lake.
1962	Medium-to-heavy infesta noticeable damage was a		
	Gour townships.		
1963	Moderate populations wer	e reported at Gullive	r Lake.
1964	trace population levels		
1965	not reported		
1966-1967	trace population levels		
1968-1969	not reported		
1970	Medium-to-heavy infesta River and Ignace.	tions were reported	near Gulliver
1971	High numbers of leafblowest of English River, were mined over a large	where more than 90%	of the leaves
1972	Small pockets of large locations.	e populations occurre	ed at several
1973	Medium-to-heavy infesta southern half of the dis		throughout the

Aspen Leafblotch Miner, Phyllonorycter ontario (Free.) (concl.)

Host(s): trembling aspen [Major]

Populations were reduced to low levels.

Small pockets of moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred near Martin Siding.

Medium-to-heavy infestations occurred at several locations in the southern half of the district.

low populations

High numbers of leafblotch miners occurred along roadsides north of Martin Siding.

Yellowheaded Spruce Sawfly, Pikonema alaskensis (Roh.)

Host(s): spruce [Major]

Year Remarks 1950-1957 not reported 1958 Lightly defoliated roadside trees were reported in Ignace Township. 1959-1971 not reported 1972-1974 trace population levels 1975 not reported 1976 Low population levels occurred in the Watcomb Lake area. 1977 Light defoliation occurred at Raven Lake in Burk Township. 1978 Low populations were reported at two locations. 1979 low populations 1980 not reported

#### White Pine Weevil, Pissodes strobi (Peck)

Host(s): pi	ne, spruce [Major]
Year	Remarks
1950-1955	not reported
1956	trace population levels
1957-1960	not reported
1961	Leader damage in McNevin Township was reported on 8% of jack pine regeneration.
1962	Damage in McNevin Township was reduced to 6% weeviling.
1963	trace populations, Corman Township
1964	From 2% to 6% of the leaders were damaged on jack pine regeneration at four locations.
1965	The proportion of weeviled trees ranged from 2% to 10% at five locations; the heaviest damage occurred in Ignace Township.
1966	Leader damage occurred in 3% to 15% of all trees at four locations, but was heaviest at Sandbar Lake Provincial Park.
1967	Damage declined; leader damage was evident in $1\%$ to $7\%$ of all trees at three locations.
1968	Leader mortality ranged from 3% to 9% at three locations.
1969	A high of 7% of all trees showed leader damage in Ignace Township.
1970	Seventeen percent of jack pine trees showed leader damage along the Basket Lake Road.
1971	Damage was reduced; $7\%$ of the trees along the Basket Lake Road were affected.
1972	Seventeen percent of the trees on the Basket Lake Road were weeviled.
1973	Damage declined; 7% of all leaders were affected on the Basket Lake Road.

#### White Pine Weevil, Pissodes strobi (Peck) (concl.)

Host(s): p	ine, spruce [Major]
Year	Remarks
1974	Leader damage occurred on $2\%-9\%$ of jack pine regeneration at five locations.
1975	Leader damage occurred on $1\%-6\%$ of all trees at five surveyed locations.
1976-1977	An average of $4\%$ of trees experienced we eviling at four locations.
1978	Damage decreased; an average of 2% of the trees had affected leaders.
1979-1980	trace population levels

#### Larch Sawfly, Pristiphora erichsonii (Htg.)

Host(s):	larch [Major]
Year	Remarks
1950	Moderate-to-severe defoliation, affecting up to 70% of the trees in a stand, was general throughout the central part of the district.
1951	Pockets of medium-to-heavy infestation were evident throughout the district. Defoliation averaged 65%.
1952	Populations declined to moderate levels in numerous infested areas.
1953	Moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred at most locations; defoliation averaged 75%.
1954	Populations declined to low numbers, except in the north- eastern part of the district, where moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred in six places.
1955	A further decline in population levels occurred. Light defoliation was recorded at several locations.

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#### Larch Sawfly, Pristiphora erichsonii (Htg.) (cont'd)

Host(s): la	rch [Major]
Year	Remarks
1956	Population levels continued to decline, although light de- foliation persisted in several areas, and moderate numbers of sawflies were found in small stands throughout the dis- trict.
1957	Medium-to-heavy infestations occurred at four points in the southwestern part of the district.
1958	Several pockets of moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred throughout the central part of the district.
1959	Medium-to-heavy infestations occurred around Gulliver and Scotch lakes.
1960	Medium-to-heavy infestations were observed at several locations along Highway 17 west of English River.
1961	Light infestations were general throughout the district.
1962	trace populations
1963-1964	Light infestations occurred in Corman and Cathcart town-ships.
1965	Pockets of medium-to-heavy infestation were found southeast of Sturgeon Lake and near the town of Ignace.
1966-1967	Population levels continued to increase. Moderate-to- severe defoliation occurred at several locations, partic- ularly along Highway 17, east and west of Ignace.
1968	Moderate numbers of sawflies were reported at three locations west of Ignace.
1969	Moderate numbers of sawflies were reported near Ignace, where defoliation averaged 30% per stand.
1970	Numerous stands in the Sturgeon Lake area were moderately to severely defoliated.
1971	Moderate-to-severe defoliation occurred at scattered locations.

#### Larch Sawfly, Pristiphora erichsonii (Htg.) (concl.)

Host(s):	larch [Major]
Year	Remarks
1972	Populations declined to low levels.
1973	Only scattered colonies were observed.
1974	Approximately 50% defoliation occurred at four points in the Sowden and Goshen lakes area.
1975	Heavily damaged stands, where defoliation averaged 80%, were mapped in the Goshen and Sowden lakes area.
1976	Populations declined, leaving only scattered colonies.
1977	trace population levels
1978	Scattered colonies were found along Highway 17, from Revell Township to Ignace Township, and along Highway 599, from Ignace to Sturgeon Lake.
1979	Small pockets of moderate-to-severe defoliation were found at Young Lake and in Ignace Township.
1980	Small pockets of tamarack, ranging from 2.5 to 5.0 ha in size, experienced moderate-to-severe defoliation.

Aspen Leafroller, Pseudexentera oregonana Wlshm.

Host	(0).	trembling	aspen
HUSL	151.	LIGHDITIUE	asven

Year	Remarks
1950-1977	not reported
1978	One small pocket of light defoliation occurred in the central part of the district.
1979	trace population levels
1980	Small populations were reported at Sandbar Lake Provincial Park.

#### Other Noteworthy Insects

Jack Pine Resin Midge, Cecidomyia resinicola (0.S.) (= reeksi (Vock.)

Host(s): jack pine

[Minor]

[Minor]

Year Remarks

1950-1972 not reported

1973 Medium infestations were recorded on regeneration near

Tache Crossing in Revell Township.

1974 Damage decreased in the Basket Lake area.

1975-1980 not reported

Jack Pine Tip Beetle, Conophthorus banksianae McP.

<u>Year</u> Remarks

1950-1959 not reported

Host(s): jack pine

1960 trace population levels

1961-1962 not reported

1963-1964 trace population levels

1965 Thirty-eight percent of jack pine were attacked in Revell

Township.

1966 The percentage of trees affected increased to 48% in Revell

Township.

1967 Damage increased in Revell Township, where 67% of trees

were affected.

1968 Fifty-three percent of the trees in Revell Township were

affected.

1969 low numbers

1970 Light infestations were reported south of Valora.

Jack Pine Tip Beetle, Conophthorus banksianae McP. (concl.)

Host(s): jack pine

[Minor]

Year

Remarks

1971-1973

not reported

1974

One percent of trees showed leader damage near Martin

Siding in McNevin Township.

1975

Two percent of trees showed leader damage near Martin

Siding and at Molzan Lake.

1976-1980

not reported

Hemlock Looper, Lambdina fiscellaria fiscellaria (Gn.)

Host(s): larch

[Major]

Year

Remarks

1950-1956

not reported

1957

Small numbers were reported at Sturgeon Lake.

1958-1963

not reported

1964-1965

Large numbers were reported in Dewan Township on beating

tray samples.

1966

Trace numbers were reported in Dewan Township.

1967

not reported

1968

trace population levels

1969-1980

not reported

#### Northern Pitch Twig Moth, Petrova albicapitana (Busck)

1979-1980

small numbers

Host(s): j	ack pine [Minor]
Year	Remarks
1950-1954	not reported
1955	Small numbers were reported at Mameigwess and Indian lakes.
1956	not reported
1957-1958	trace population levels
1959	not reported
1960-1964	trace population levels
1965-1966	not reported
1967	Populations increased, and as many as 27% of the trees were attacked in Corman Township.
1968	not reported
1969	Forty percent of jack pine were infested in Cathcart and McNevin townships.
1970	trace population levels
1971-1974	not reported
1975	trace population levels
1976-1977	The twig moth was widely distributed throughout the district.
1978	not reported

Spruce Bud Midge, Rhabdophaga swainei Felt

Host(s): spruce

[Minor]

Nemarks

1950-1962 not reported

1963 2% of terminal buds damaged in Corman Township

1964 2% of terminal buds damaged in Osaquan Township

1965 4% of terminal buds damaged in Hodgson Township

1966 42% of terminal buds damaged at one location north of Ignace

Pine Tortoise Scale, Toumeyella parvicornis (Ckll.)
[= numismaticum (P. & M.)]

not reported

Host(s): jack pine

1967-1980

Year

[Major]

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1950-1956 not reported

A sizeable area of extensive jack pine mortality was mapped in Block Number 6 and in one other area on the Thunder Bay district boundary (see map, page 50). This infestation may have started in 1955.

Remarks

1958 The area of mortality was the same as that of 1959.

1959-1964 not reported

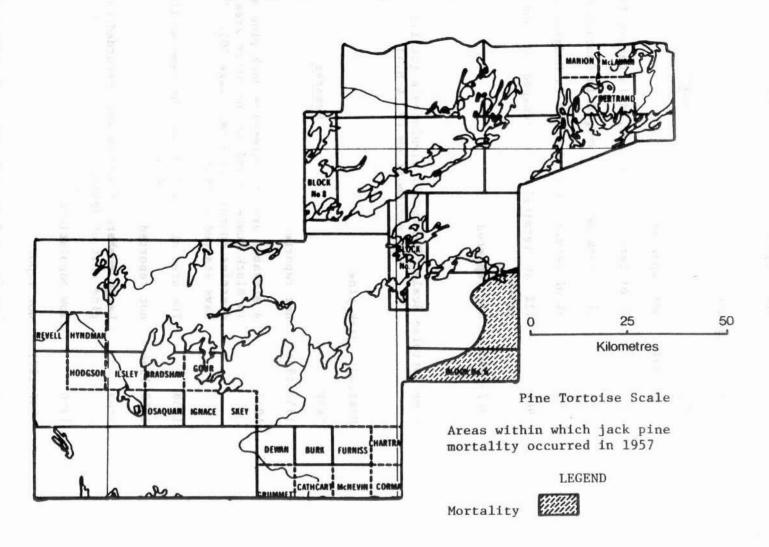
1965 Large numbers of scales were recorded on second-growth jack pine east of Ignace.

1966 low populations

1967-1971 not reported

1972 Moderate numbers were reported along Basket Lake Road.

### IGNACE DISTRICT



## DISEASES

Pine Tortoise Scale, Toumeyella parvicormis (Ckll.)
[= numismaticum (P. & M.)] (concl.)

Host(s): jack pine

[Major]

Year

Remarks

1973

not reported

1974-1975

Light damage occurred in Revell Township.

1976-1980

not reported

#### Armillaria Root Rot, Armillaria mellea (Vahl:Fr.) Kummer

Host(s):	deciduous, coniferous [Major]
Year	Remarks
1950-1955	not reported
1956-1958	trace population levels
1959-1969	not reported
1970	5% tree mortality along Basket Lake Road
1971	7.5% mortality reported in jack pine plantations along Basket Lake Road
1972	2.5% mortality reported in jack pine plantations near Wintering Lake and near Basket Lake Road
1973	not reported
1974	2% mortality reported in jack pine plantations at Crystal River and Martin Siding
1975	Mortality of 1% to 2% was reported in jack pine plantations in Revell Township and Martin Siding, respectively.
1976	Trace infestations were reported in jack pine regeneration along the Basket Lake Road.
1977-1978	not reported
1979	trace population levels
1980	1% mortality at Pinafore Lake

Scleroderris Canker, Ascocalyx abietina (Lagerb.) Schläpfer-Bernhard

Host(s): pine [Major]

Year Remarks

1950-1965 not reported

Scleroderris Canker, Ascocalyx abietina (Lagerb.) Schläpfer-Bernhard (concl.)

[Major]

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Host(s): pine

1971-1980 not reported

Year	Remarks
1966	Stem cankers were found for the first time in Skey Township; survey data for this year revealed 1% mortality and 2% infection in sampled stands.
1967	Infection was still observed in Skey Township.
1968-1969	not reported
1970	In an 80-ha plantation in the Gulliver River area, 63% of the jack pine were affected.

Spruce Needle Rusts, Chrysomyxa ledi (Alb. & Schwein.) de Bary and C. ledicola (Peck.) Lagerh.

Host(s):	spruce [Major]
Year	Remarks
1950	not reported
1951	Both rusts were prevalent in the district, but caused little damage.
1952	Trace levels of infection were reported in Corman and Cathcart townships.
1953	Trace levels of infection recurred in Corman Township.
1954	trace levels of infection
1955	Medium-to-heavy infections were reported on black spruce in Corman Township.
1956	not reported
1957	Scattered trees were heavily infected.
1958	not reported

### Spruce needle Rusts, Chrysomyxa ledi (Alb. & Schwein.) de Bary and C. ledicola (Peck.) Lagerh. (concl.)

Host(s):	spruce [Major]
Year	Remarks
1959-1960	Varying degrees of damage occurred at many points.
1961	not reported
1962	Light infections were reported at many widely separated locations.
1963	not reported
1964	Light infections were reported at several locations.
1965	Severe damage occurred in Ignace Township. Light infections were reported at Young and Gulliver lakes.
1966	Medium-to-heavy infections occurred along Highway 599 near the English River.
1967	Decreased damage was reported along Highway 599. Light damage occurred at Sturgeon Lake.
1968	One area of moderate infection was reported at Cloven Lake.
1969	Trace levels of infection were reported in Skey Township.
1970	trace levels of infection
1971	not reported
1972-1977	trace levels of infection
1978	Light damage occurred at Paguchi Lake.

1979-1980 trace levels of infection

Western Gall Rust, Endocronartium harknessii (J.P. Moore) Y. Hirats. (concl.)

Host(s):	pines	200		ı	Major
Year		Rem	arks		
1965	not reported				
1966	24% of jack part Township and 3			affected in	Corman
1967-1968	Trace levels o	of infection w	ere common	throughout th	e dis-
1969-1970	not reported				
1971	Trace levels o	of infection we	ere reporte	d along Baske	t Lake
1972	7½% of trees Wintering Lake		g Basket La	ike Road, and	5% at
1973	not reported				
1974	Trace levels o at Crystal Riv		ere reporte	d along Highw	ay 599
1975	From 1% to 8 affected.	3% of the tr	ees at th	ree locations	were
1976	2% mortality re	eported along	Basket Lake	Road	
1977	Low levels of	infection were	common in	the district.	
1978	not reported				
1979	4% of trees se	verely affecte	d at Valora	Crossing	
3 2 2 2					

1980

not reported

Ink Spot of Aspen, Ciborinia whetzelii (Seaver) Seaver

Host(s):	trembling aspen [Major]
Year	Remarks
1950-1956	not reported
1957-1959	trace levels of infection
1960-1969	not reported
1970-1972	trace levels of infection
1973-1974	not reported
1975	trace levels of infection
1976	not reported
1977	Defoliation levels of 3% and 6% were reported in aspen regeneration stands at Suzanne and Savant lakes, respectively.
1978-1980	not reported

Western Gall Rust, Endocronartium harknessii (J.P. Moore) Y. Hirats.

V		Pomarke	
HOST(S):	pines		[najor]

Year	Remarks
1950-1954	not reported
1955	trace levels of infection
1956	not reported
1957	trace levels of infection
1958-1959	not reported
1960	trace levels of infection
1961-1962	not reported
1963-1964	trace levels of infection

Hypoxylon Canker, Hypoxylon mammatum (Wahlenb.) J. Miller

Host(s): poplar

[Major]

Year

1950-1952

not reported

1953 Trace levels of infection were reported at several loca-

Remarks

1954-1955

The canker was common throughout the district, but its im-

pact was not measured.

1956-1963 not reported

1964-1969 The canker was found in most aspen stands examined.

1970-1974 not reported

1975-1977

The canker was common throughout the district, but its im-

pact was not measured.

1978-1980

No change in the incidence of this organism was reported.

Shoot Blight, Venturia macularis (Fr.) E. Müller & v. Arx

Host(s): trembling aspen

[Major]

Year Remarks

1950-1951 not reported

1952 Specimens of shoot blight were collected from Bradshaw

Township.

1953-1955

trace levels of infection

1956

not reported

1957-1959

Shoot blight was commonly observed throughout the district.

1960-1961

not reported

1962-1964

trace levels of infection

Shoot Blight, Venturia macularis (Fr.) E. Müller & v. Arx (concl.)

Host(s): ti	rembling aspen [Major]
Year	Remarks
1 965	90% of shoots affected in Ignace Twp and $77%$ in Cathcart Twp
1966	On average, 31% of shoots were affected at locations in Skey Township and along Valora Road and Norway Lake Road.
1967-1970	trace and light levels of infection
1971	not reported
1972	trace and light levels of infection
1973-1974	not reported
1975	Light levels of infection were common throughout the district.
1976	Only 2% of trees were affected along Hwy 17 west of Raven Lake.
1977	32% terminal shoot mortality reported in Isley Twp
1978	Terminal shoot mortality increased to $59\%$ in Isley Township.
1979	light levels of infection
1980	not reported

#### Other Noteworthy Diseases

Pine Needle Rust, Coleosporium asterum (Dietel) Sydow

Host(s):	pines		[Minor]
Year		Remarks	

Year Remarks
1950-1963 not reported

1964-1966 trace levels of infection

[Minor]

Pine Needle Rust, Coleosporium asterum (Dietel) Sydow (concl.)

Host(s): pines

<u>Year</u> Remarks

1967-1968 not reported

1969-1973 trace levels of infection

1974-1980 not reported

Fireweed Rust, Pucciniastrum epilobii Otth

Host(s): Balsam fir [Minor]

nost(s): b	arsam iii
Year	Remarks
1950-1962	not reported
1963	Light levels of infection were observed at scattered points in the district.
1964	Medium-to-heavy levels of infection were reported at one point along Highway 599.
1965	light levels of infection
1966	not reported
1967	90% of shoots infected at one location in Dewan Township
1968	light levels of infection
1969	not reported
1970-1971	trace levels of infection
1972-1976	not reported
1977	trace levels of infection
1978	not reported
1979	Trace levels of infection were reported southwest of the Sturgeon River.
1980	not reported

Shoot Blight, Sirococcus conigenus (DC.) P. Cannon & Minter

Host(s): red pine

[Major]

Year

Remarks

1950-1972

1973

This form of shoot blight was first recorded in the district in this year, causing light damage in the Balmoral

and Dimple lakes area (see map, page 63).

1974

2% mortality reported at Sandbar Lake

1975-1980

not reported

### ABIOTIC DAMAGE

Frost

Year Remarks

1950-1963 not reported

1964 47% of buds damaged in the Ignace area, primarily on balsam

fir

1965-1980 not reported

Wind

Year Remarks

1950-1962 not reported

1963 Severe damage was reported approximately 16 km west of

Ignace.

1970 Small pockets of damage were observed near Ignace.

1973 Severe damage was reported in the northeastern and south-

eastern corners of the district.

1974-1980 not reported

Hail

Year Remarks

1950-1968 not reported

1969 Approximately 16 km<sup>2</sup> of jack pine, balsam fir and black

spruce were severely damaged near Kay Lake.

1970-1980 not reported

#### Winter Drying

Year	Remarks
1950-1969	not reported
1970	Light damage was reported on jack pine regeneration at Basket Lake and in one area south of the Valora crossing.
1971-1972	not reported
1973	Severe damage occurred on jack pine at Mameigwess Lake, and moderate damage was reported along the Martin Access Road.
1974	34 and 36% of red pine trees affected at Wintering and Paguchi lakes, respectively
1975-1980	not reported

### **APPENDICES**

#### APPENDIX A

#### DECIDUOUS HOSTS

Common Name	Scientific Name	Abbreviations
Alder	Alnus spp.	Al
Apple	Malus spp.	Ap
Ash, black	Fraxinus nigra Marsh.	As
Aspen, largetooth	Populus grandidentata Michx.	1A
trembling	tremuloides Michx.	tA
Basswood	Tilia spp.	Ba
Beech	Fagus grandifolia Ehrh.	Be
Birch, white	Betula papyrifera Marsh.	wB
yellow	alleghaniensis Britton	уВ
Butternut	Juglans cinerea L.	Bu
Cherry, eastern choke	Prunus virginiana L.	eaCH
pin	pensylvanica L.f.	pCh
Elm, white	Ulmus americana L.	wE
Horse-chestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum L.	hChe
Ironwood	Ostrya spp.	I
Maple, Manitoba	Acer negundo L.	mM
red	rubrum L.	rM
sugar	saccharum Marsh.	sM
Mountain-ash, American	Sorbus americana Marsh.	aMo
Oak, bur	Quercus macrocarpa Michx.	ьо
red	rubra L.	rO
Poplar, balsam	Populus balsamifera L.	bPo
Carolina	X canadensis Moench	cPo
Lombardy	nigra var. italica	1Po
	Muenchh.	
silver	alba L.	sPo
Willow	Salix spp.	W

#### APPENDIX B

#### CONIFEROUS HOSTS

Common Name	Scientific Name	Abbreviations
Cedar, eastern white	Thuja occidentalis L.	eC
Fir, balsam	Abies balsamea (L.) Mill.	ЪF
Larch (tamarack)	Larix laricina (Du Roi) K. Koc	h tL
Pine, Austrian	Pinus nigra Arnold	aP '
eastern white	strobus L.	wP
jack	banksiana Lamb.	jP
mugho	mugo Turra var. mughus Zenari	mP
red	resinosa Ait.	rP
Scots	sylvestris L.	scP
Spruce, black	Picea mariana (Mill.) B.S.P.	bS
Colorado	pungens Engelm.	colS
Norway	abies (L.) Karst.	nS
red	rubens Sarg.	rS
white	glauca (Moench) Voss	wS

# APPENDIX C MAPS-NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO



Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1963

LEGEND

Light defoliation



Moderate-to-severe defoliation

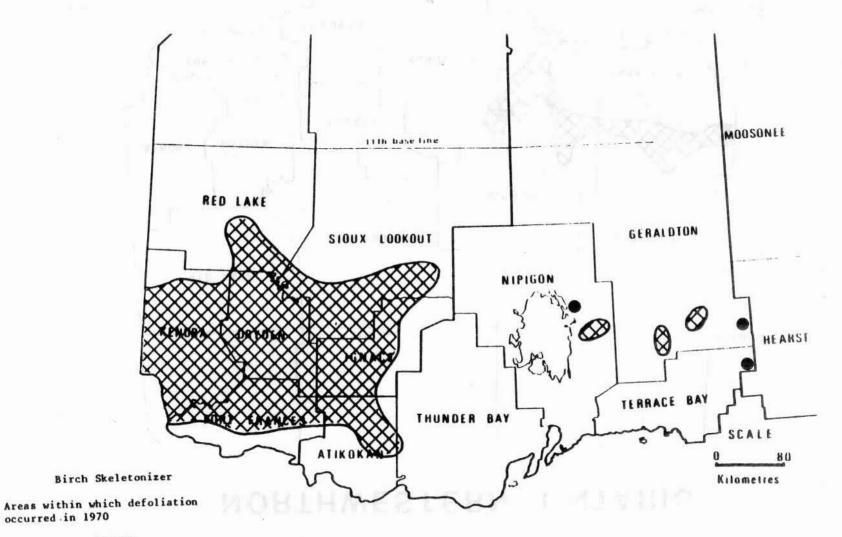




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Light defoliation

occurred in 1962



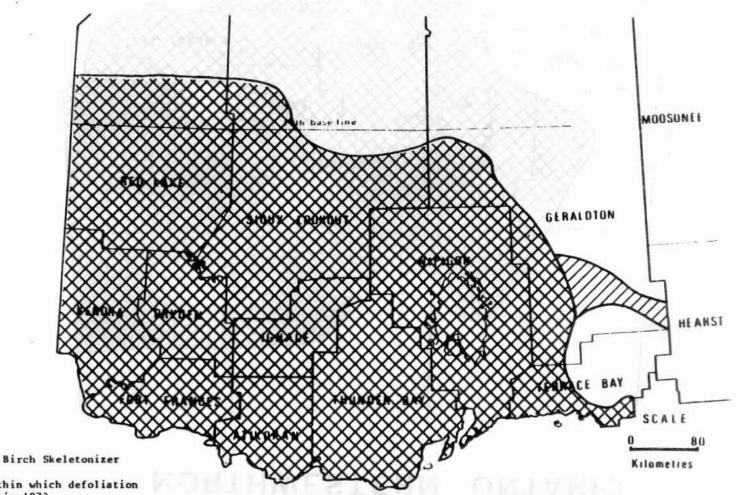
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occurred in 1964

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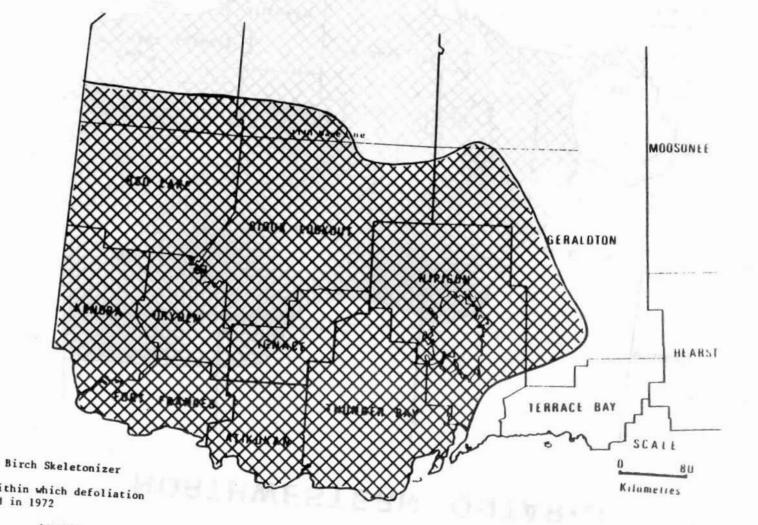
Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1973

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Light defoliation

Moderate-to-severe defoliation



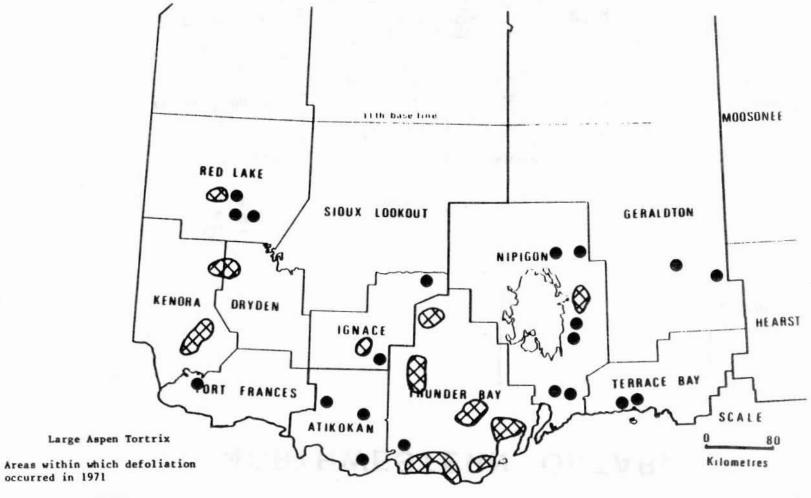


Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1972

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Moderate-to-severe defoliation





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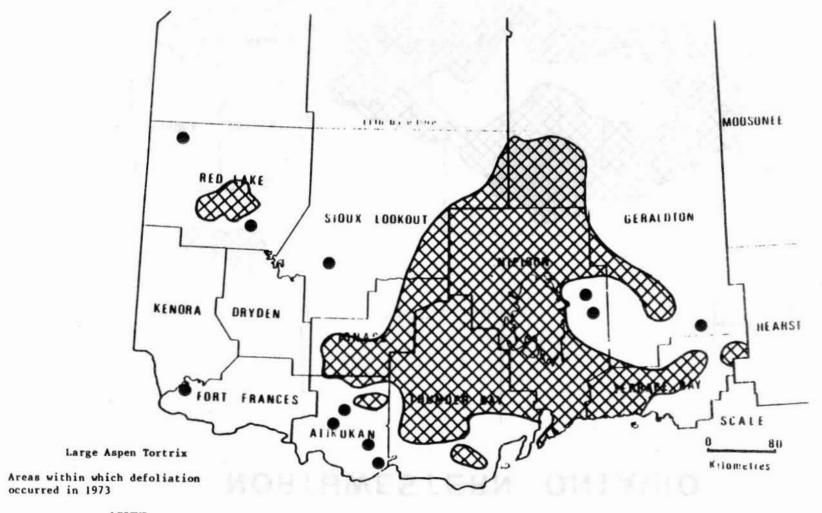
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Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1970

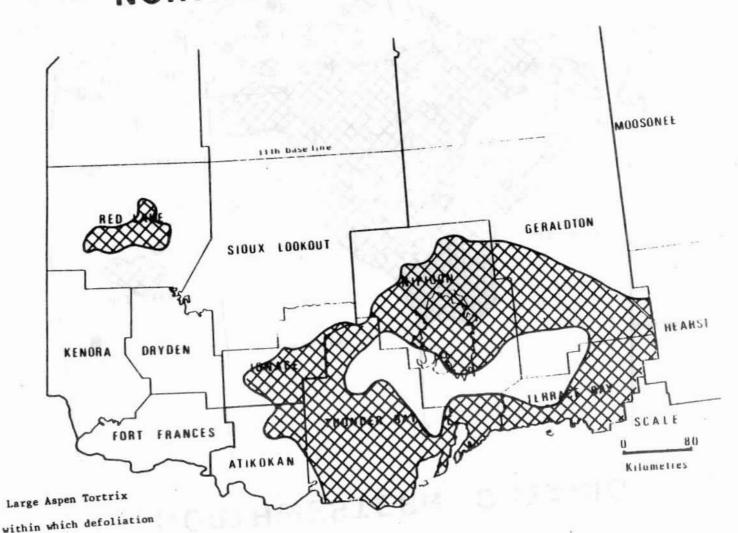
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Moderate-to-severe defoliation ● or



Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1972

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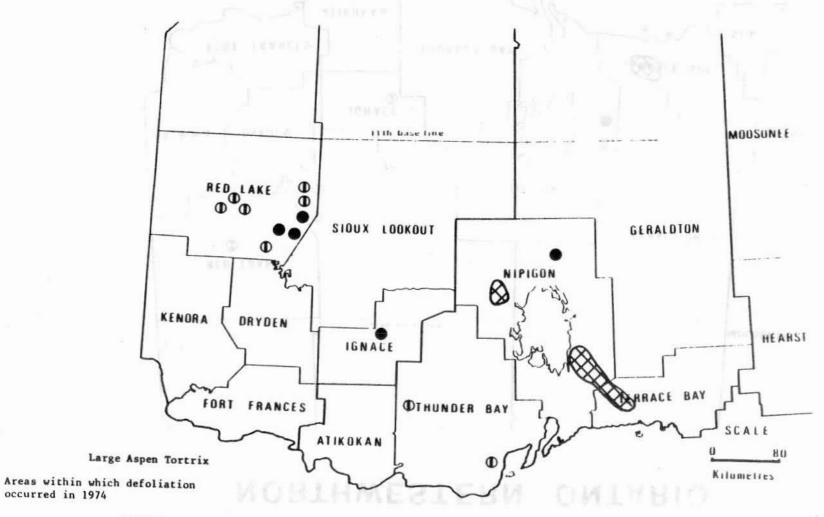


Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1975

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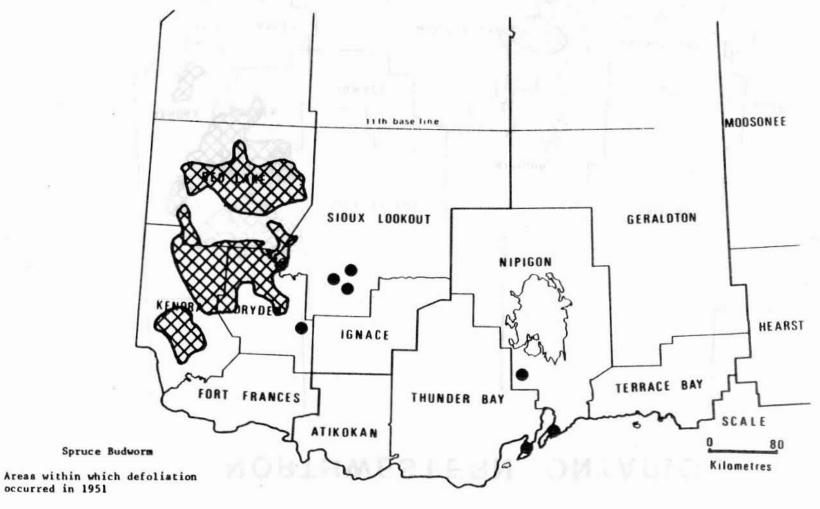
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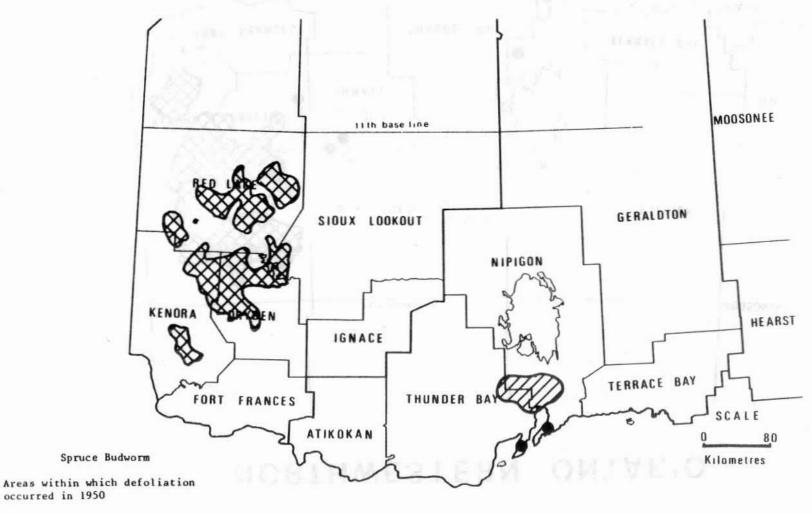


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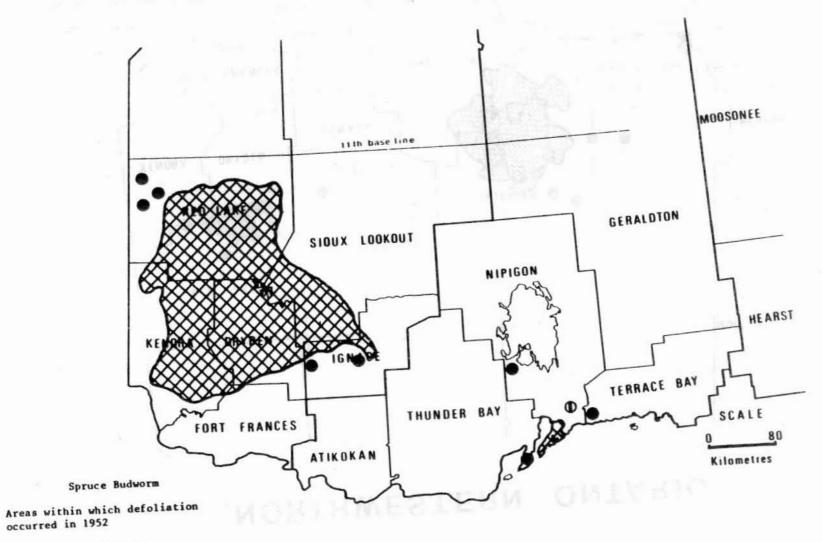


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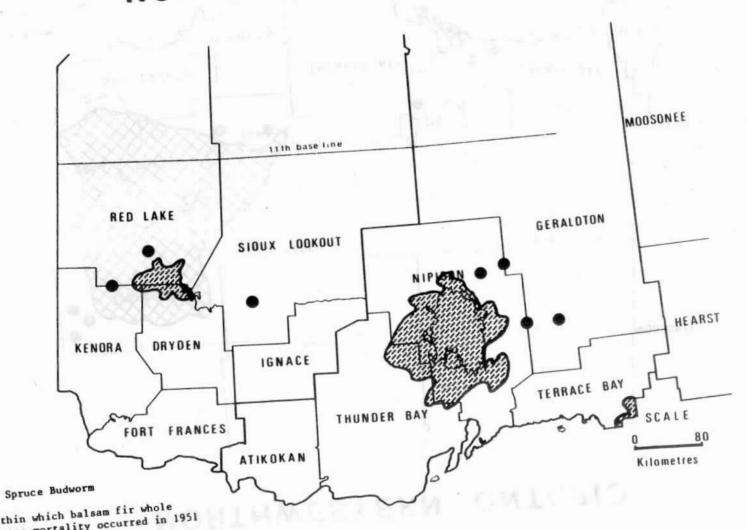
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Light defoliation



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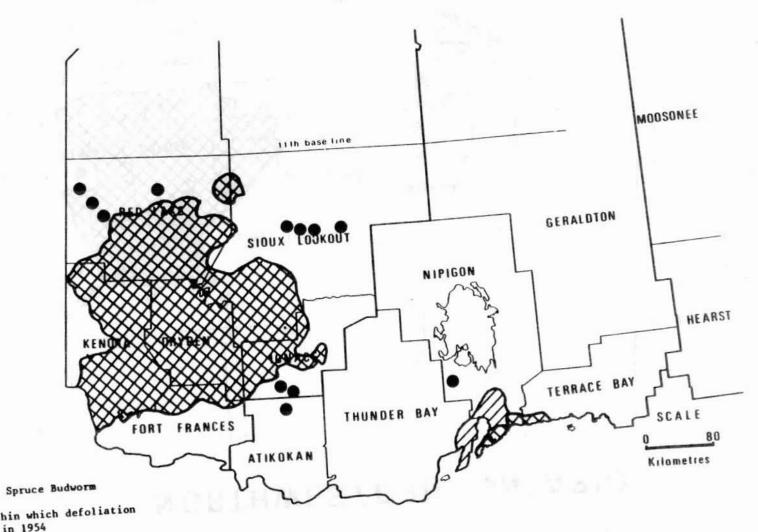
Areas within which balsam fir whole tree and top mortality occurred in 1951

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Mortality



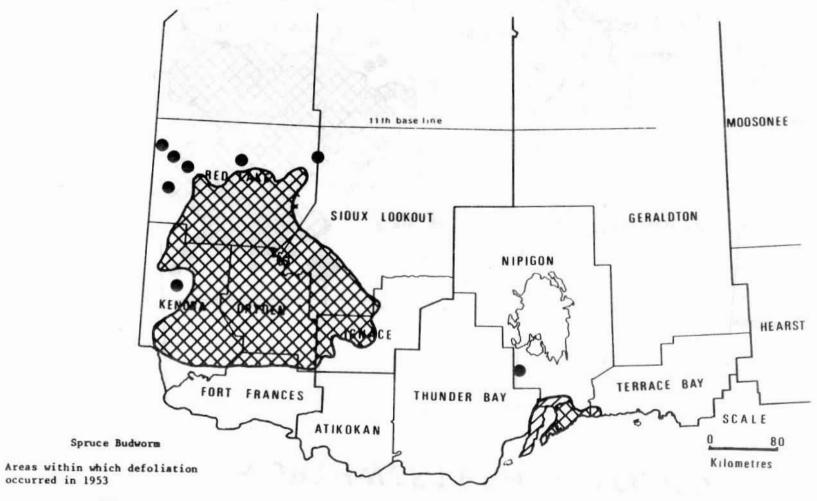




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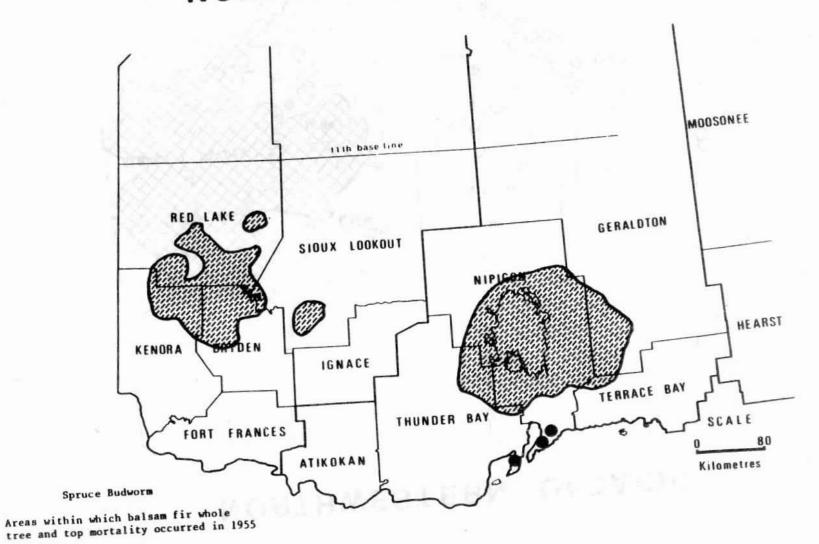
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Light defoliation



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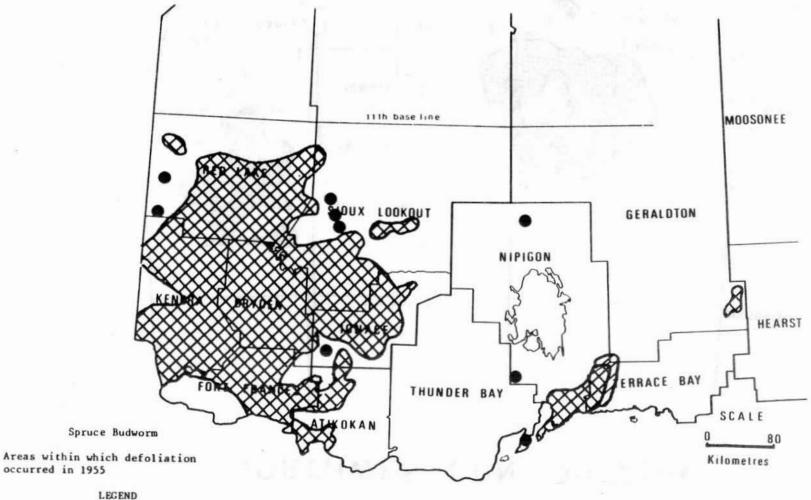
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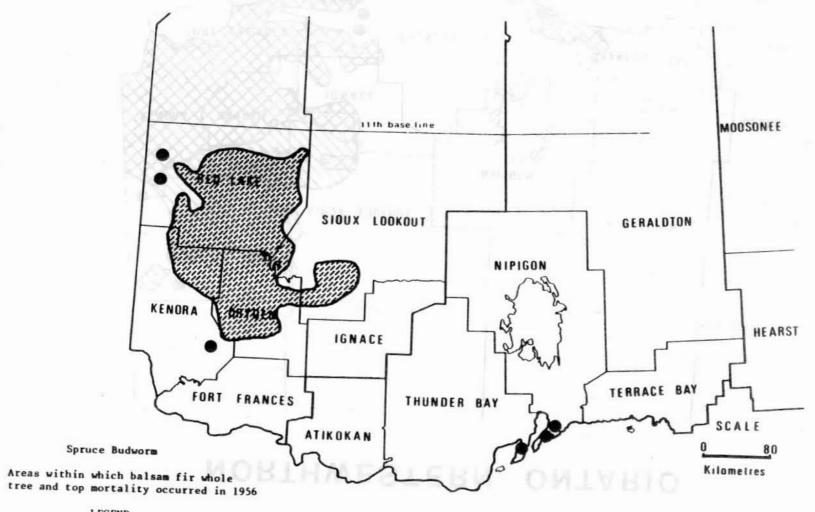
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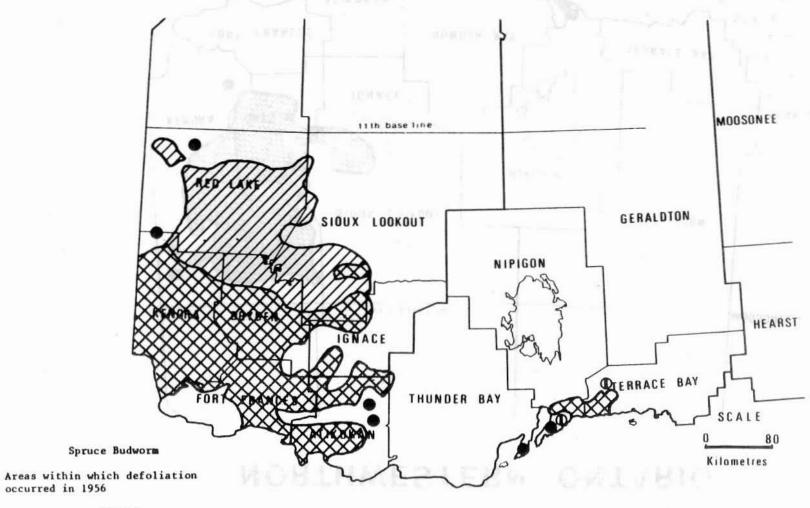
Light defoliation



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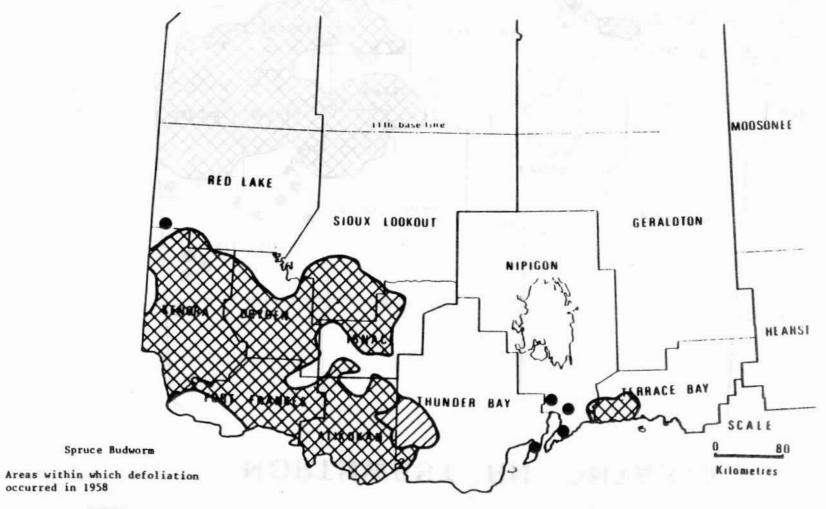


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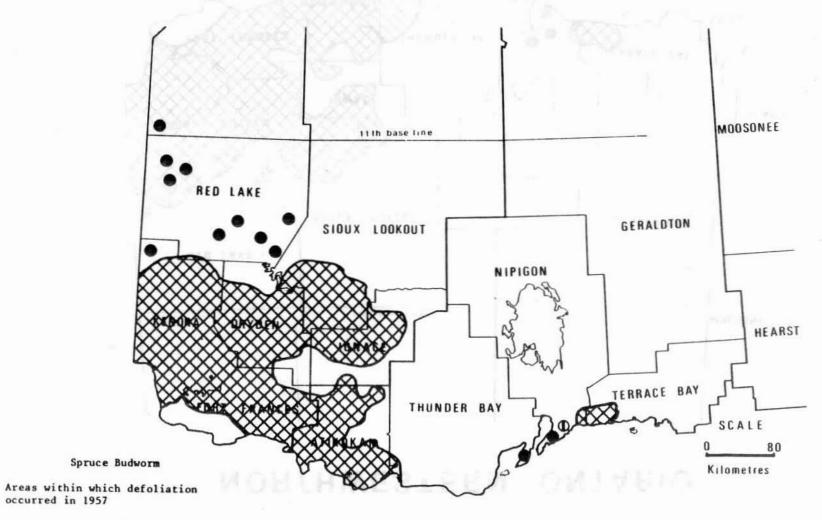






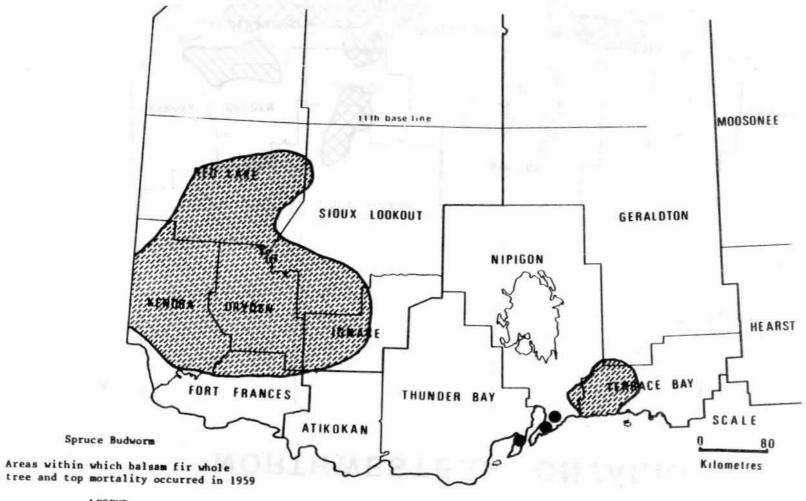
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Light defoliation



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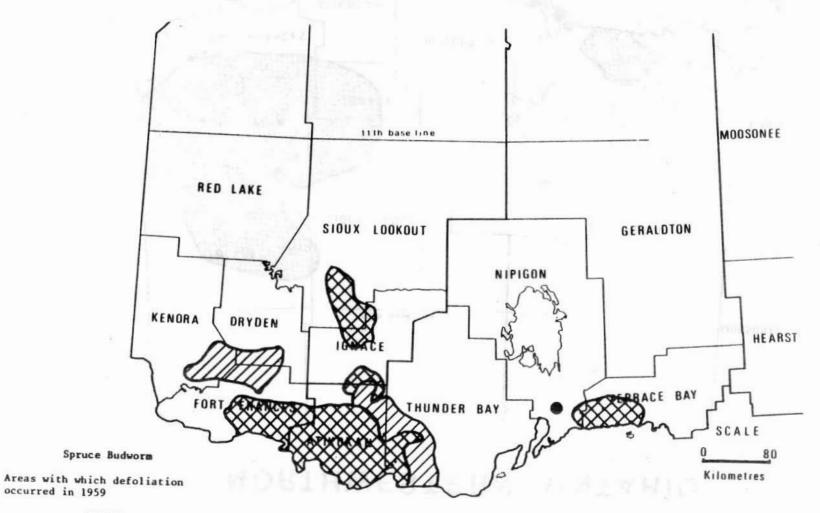


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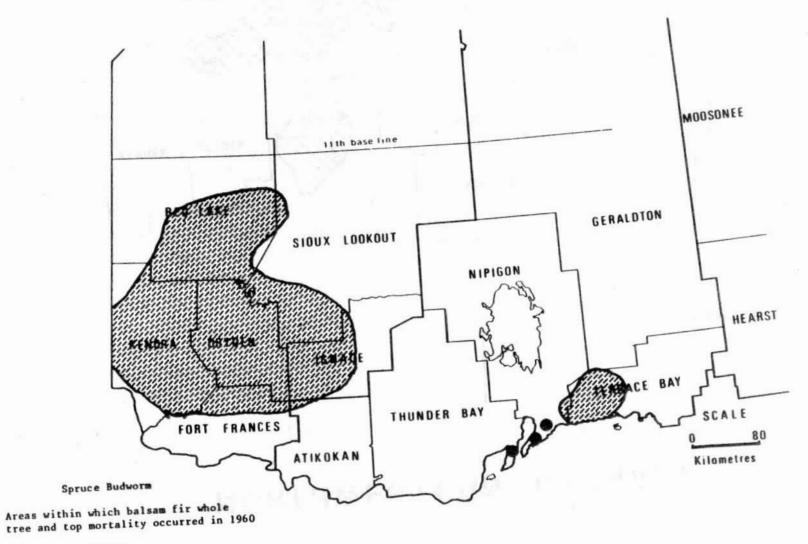
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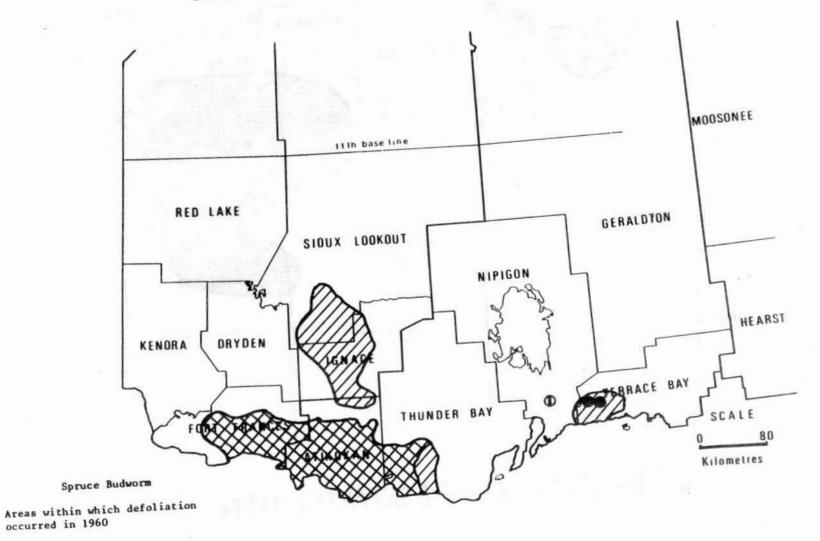


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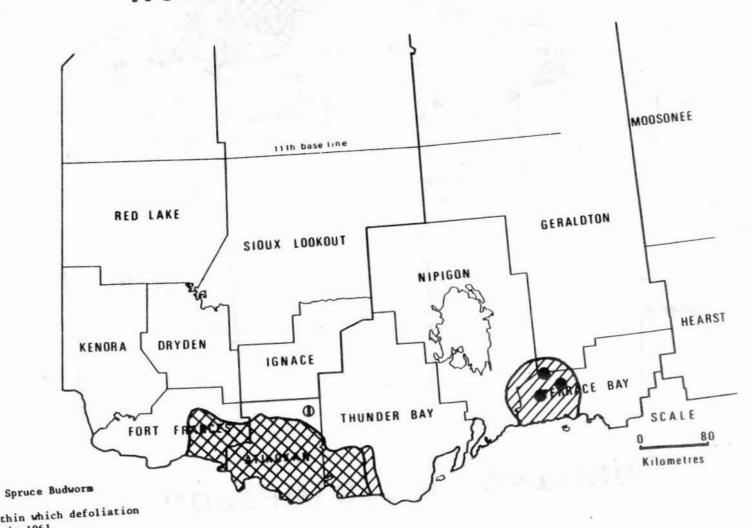
LEGEND



occurred in 1962

LEGEND

Light defoliation



Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1961

LEGEND



Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1964

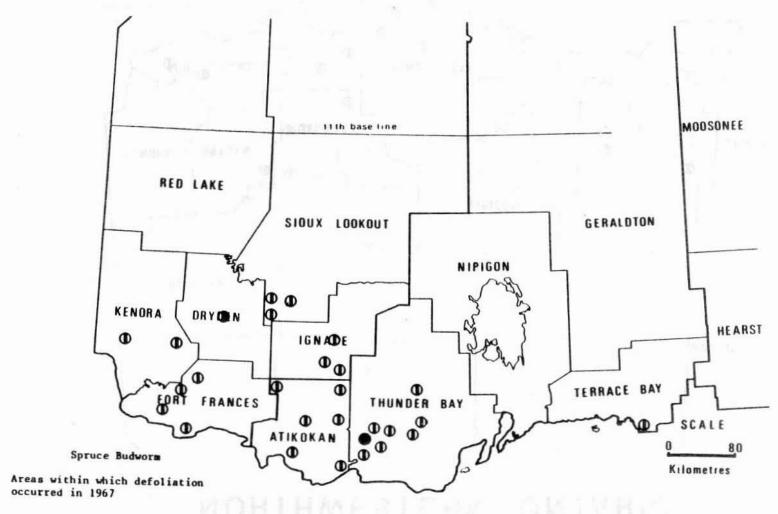
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Light defoliation ① or



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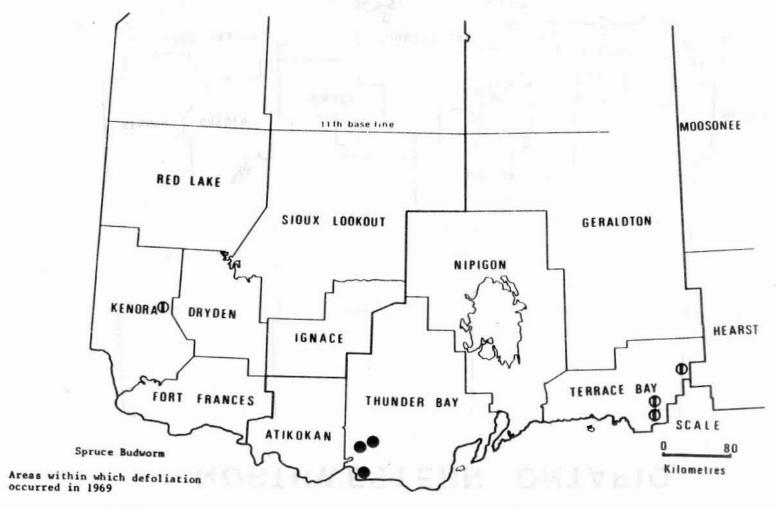
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Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1965

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Light defoliation ①



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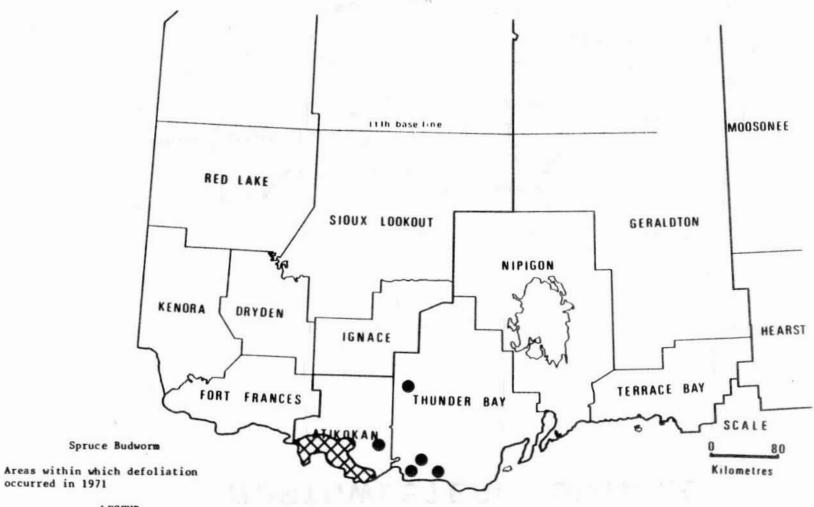


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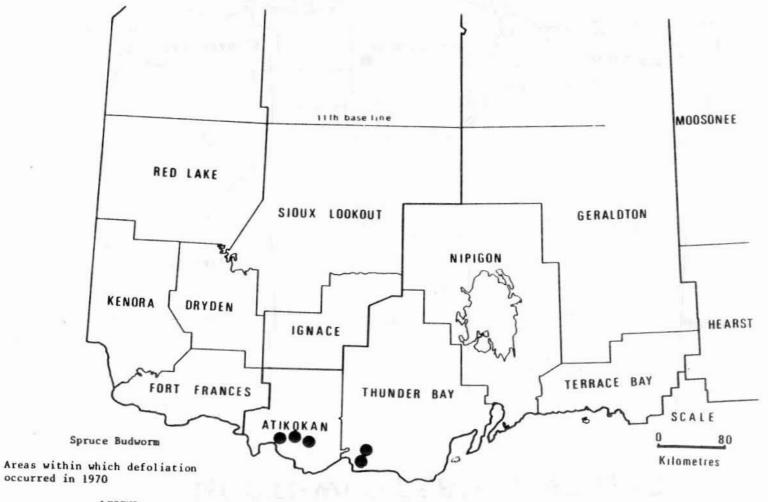
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Light defoliation 10

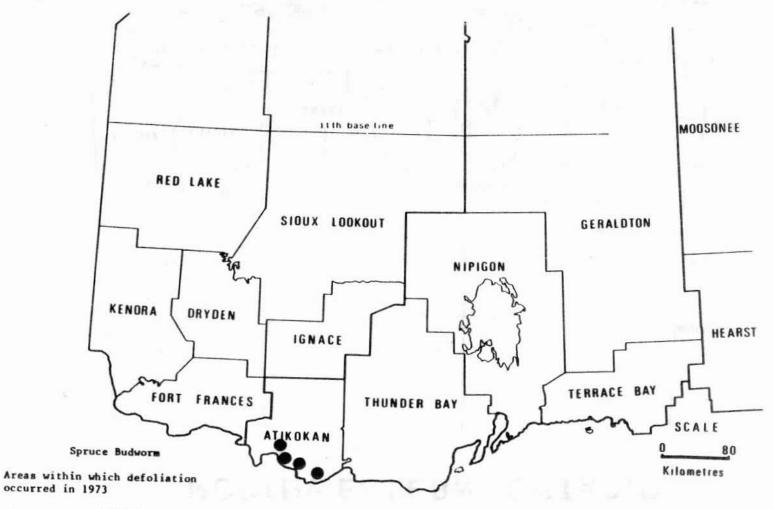




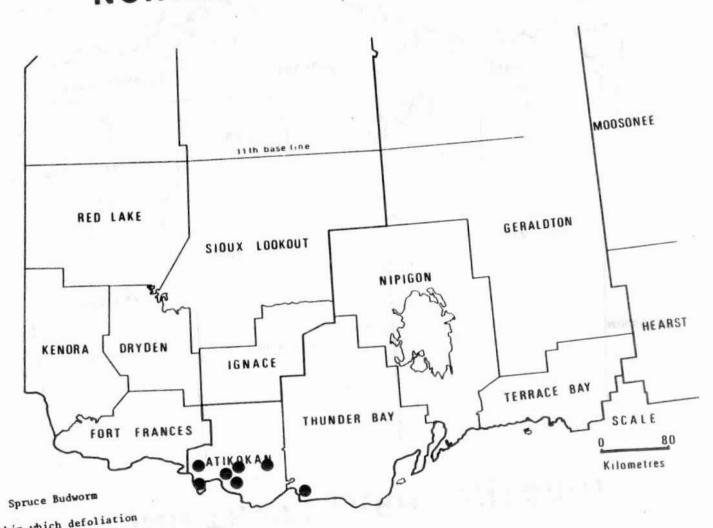
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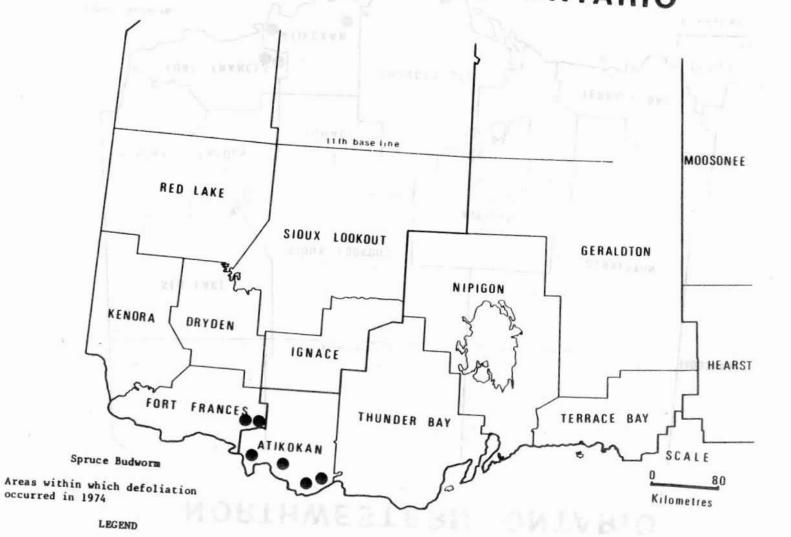
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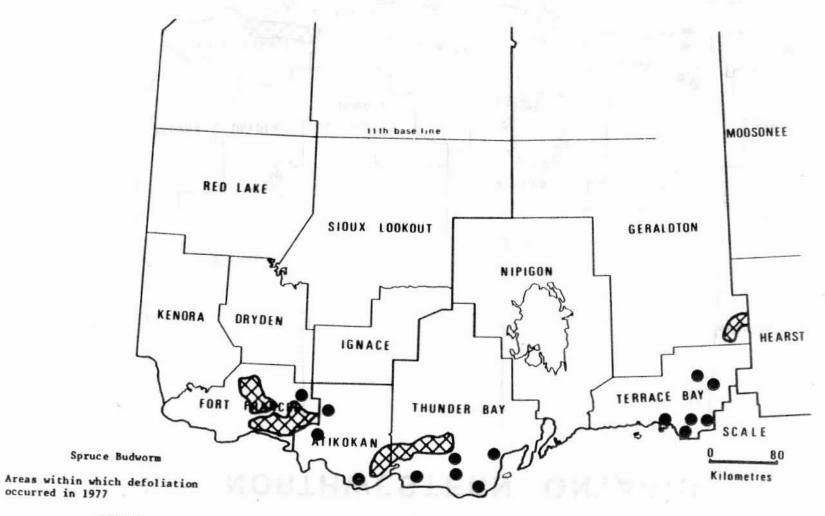


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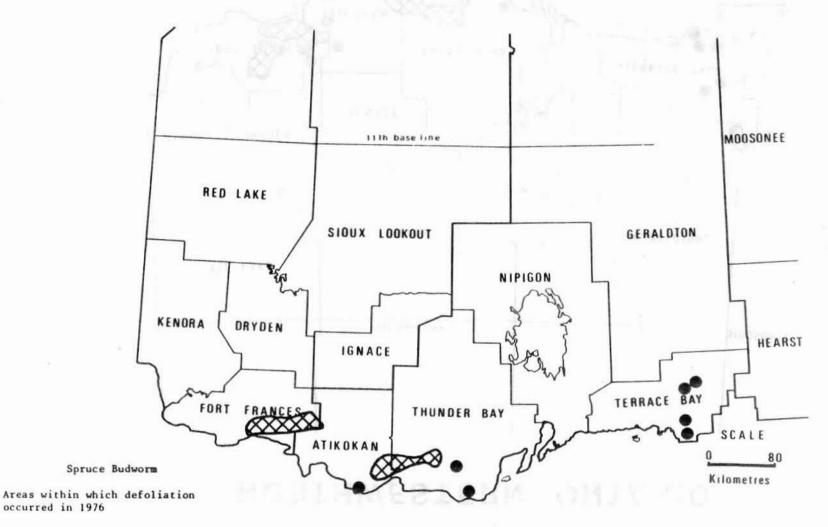
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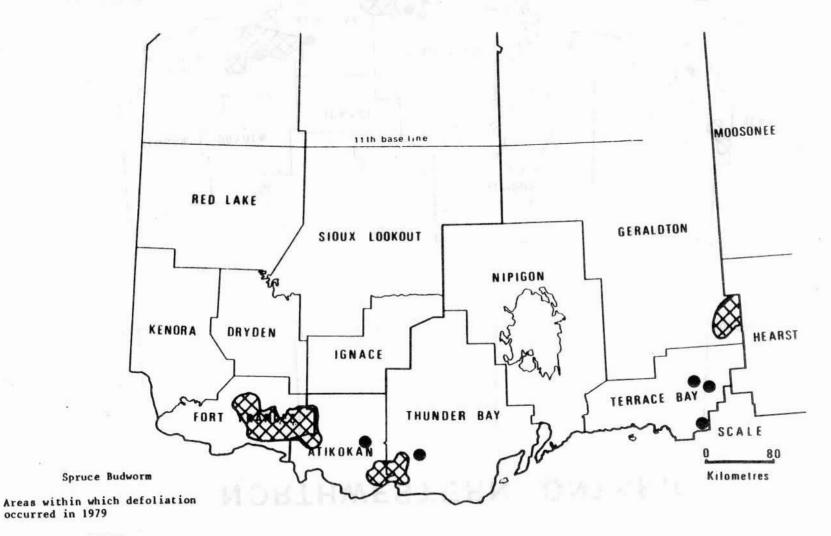




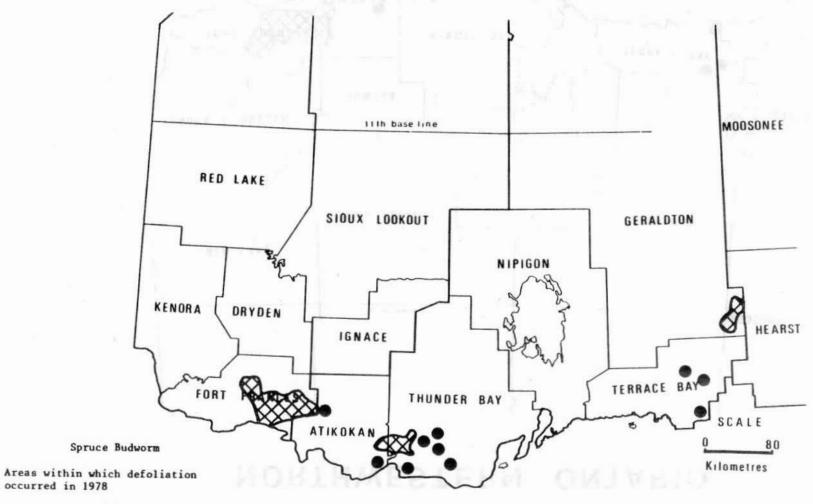
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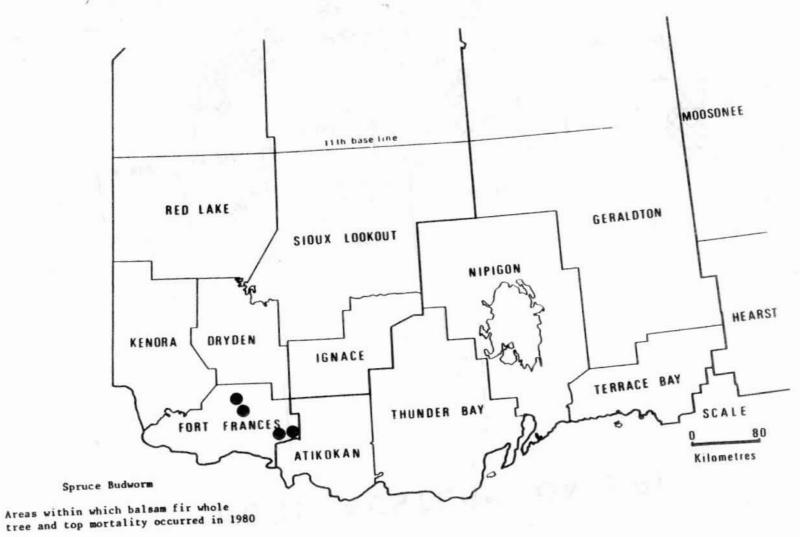
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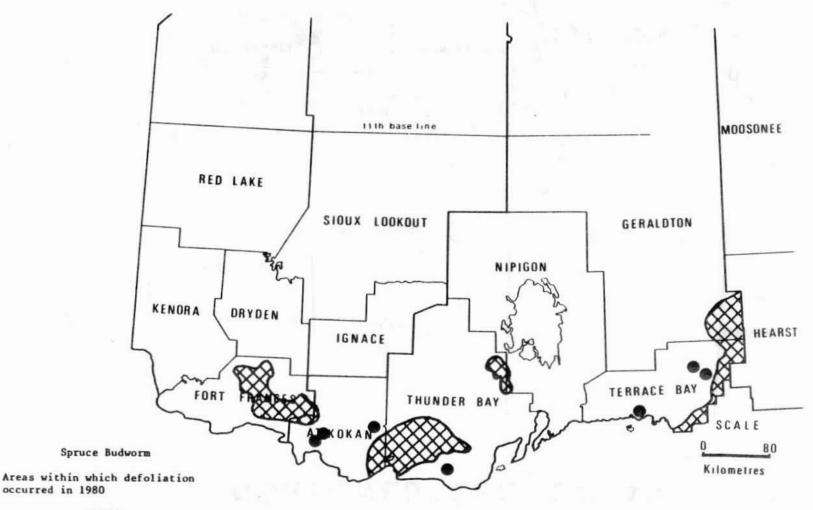


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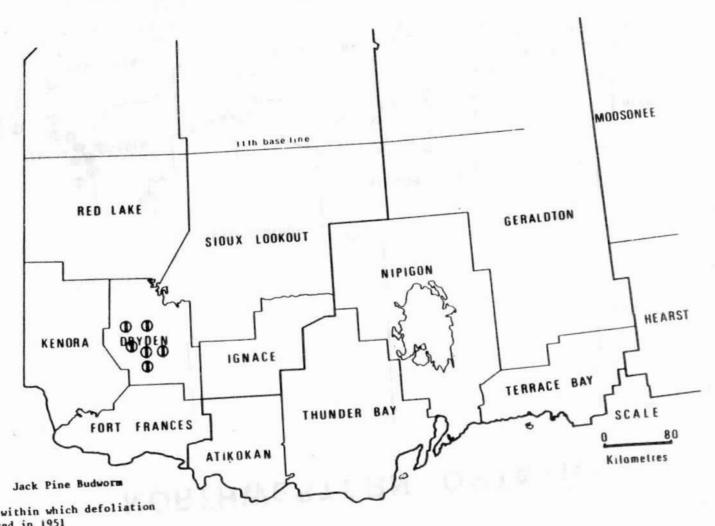


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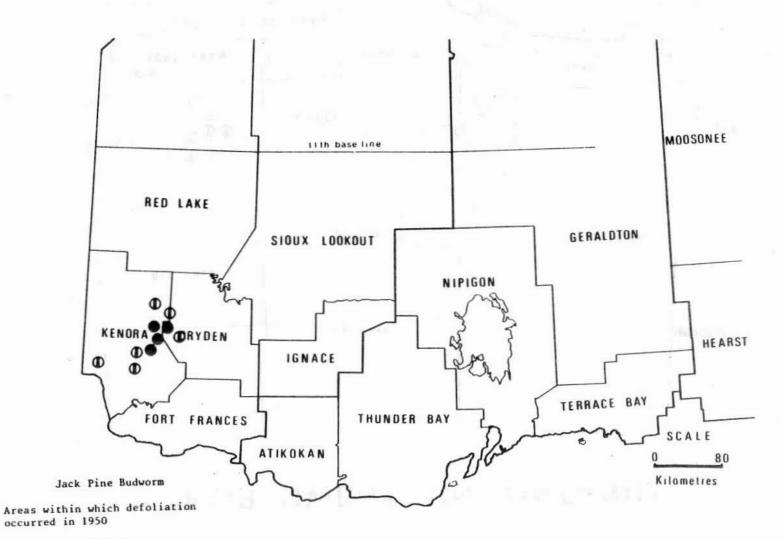
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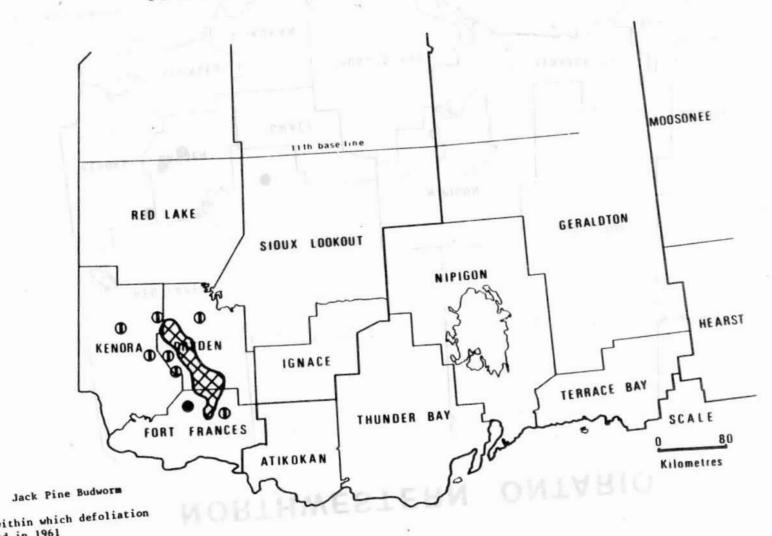
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Light defoliation ①



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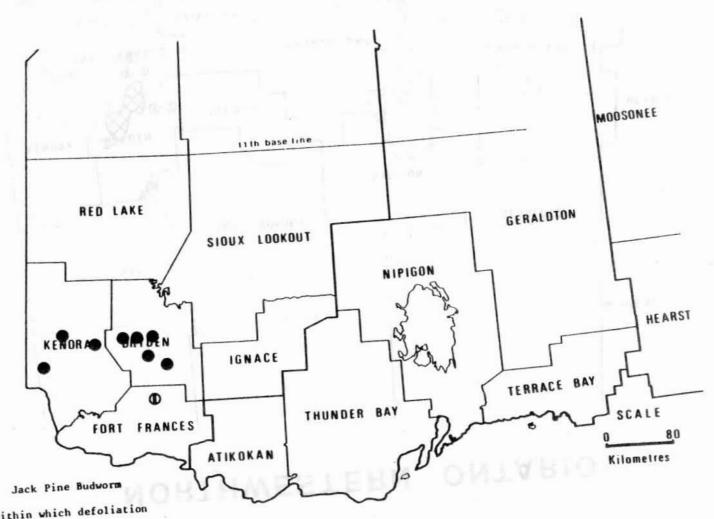
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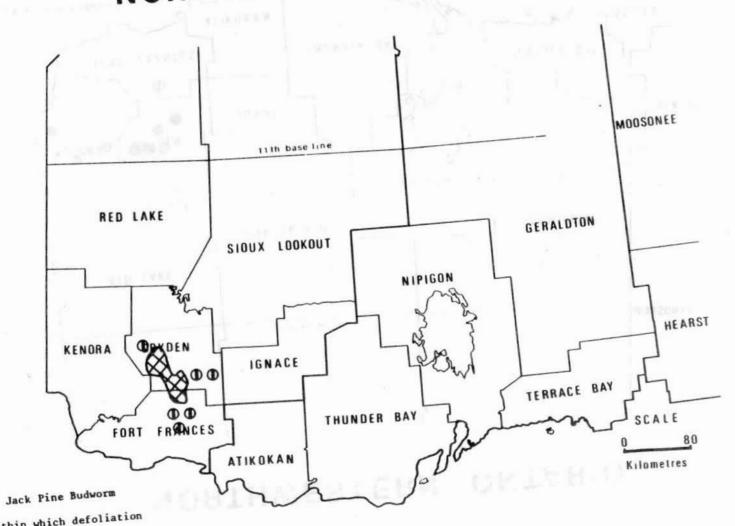
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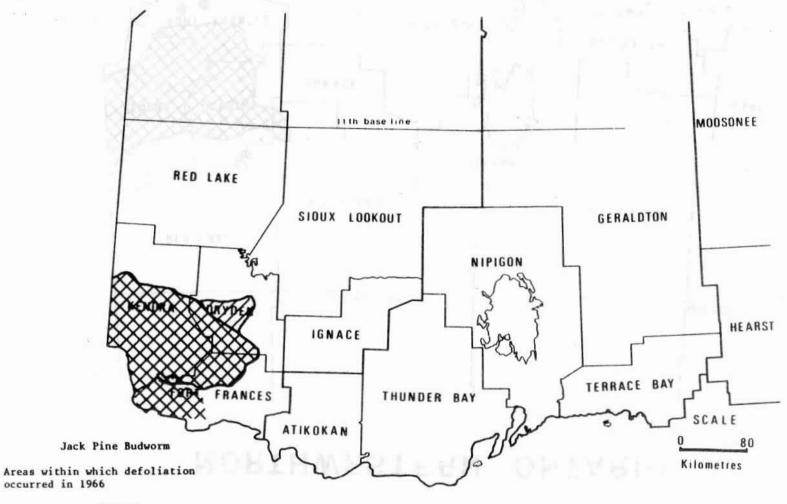


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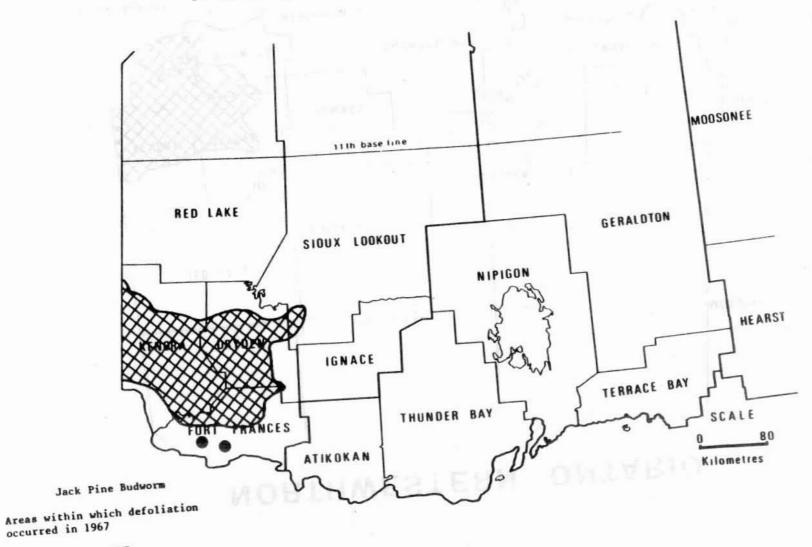
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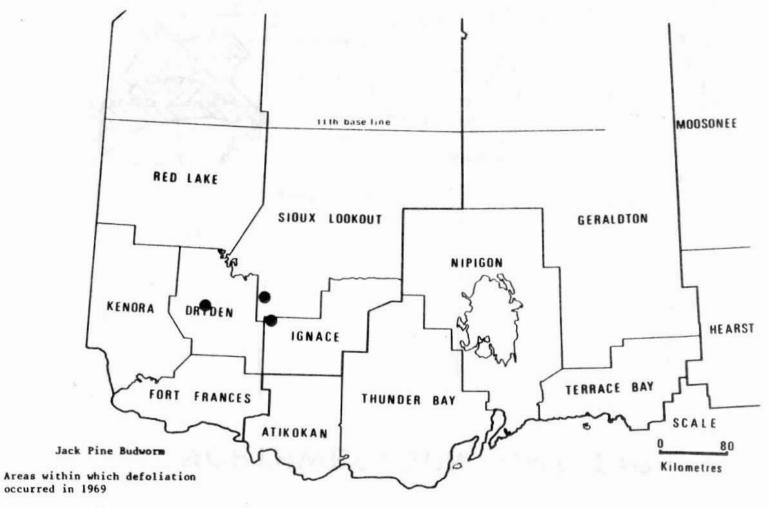


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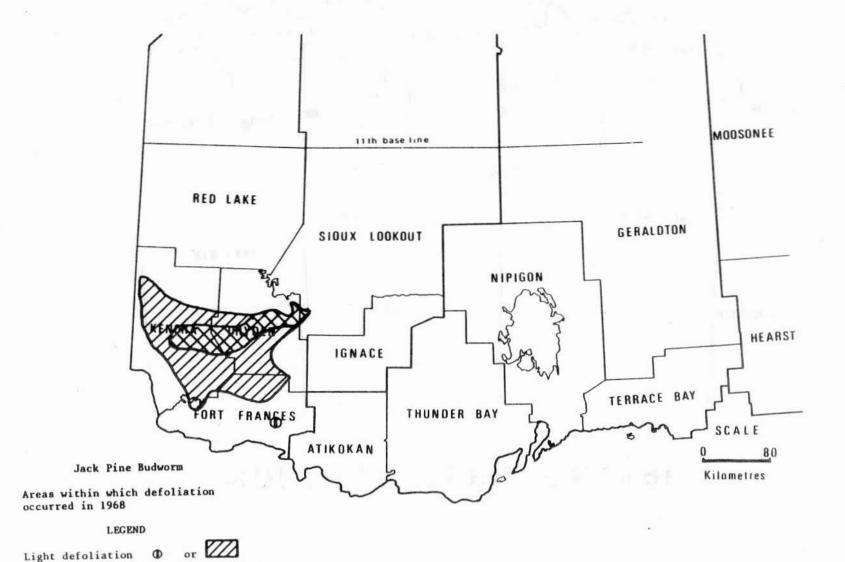
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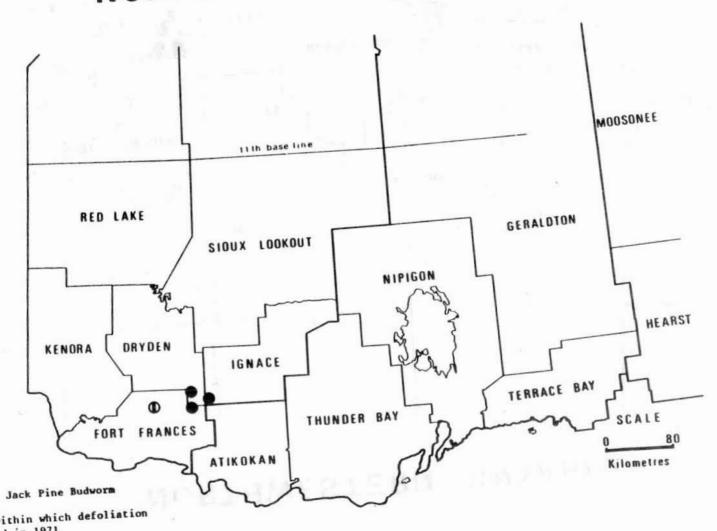
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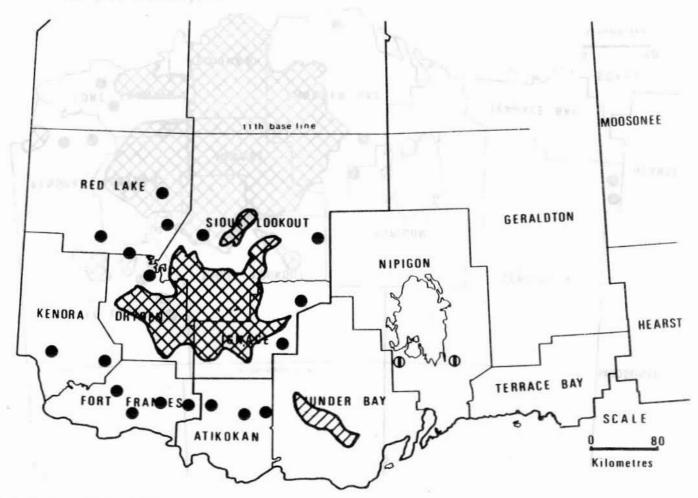
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Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1971

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Light defoliation ①



Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1950

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Light defoliation

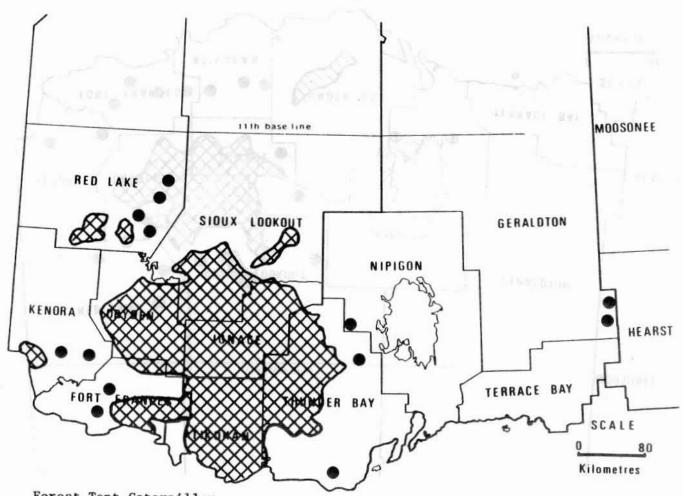
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Moderate-to-severe defoliation

or



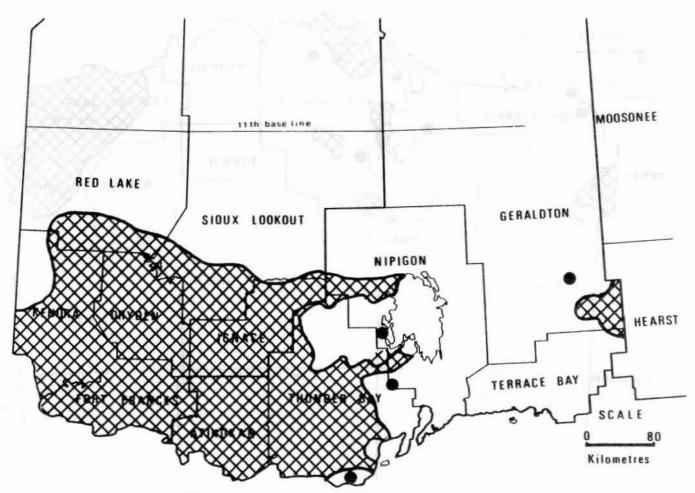


Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1951

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Forest Tent Caterpillar

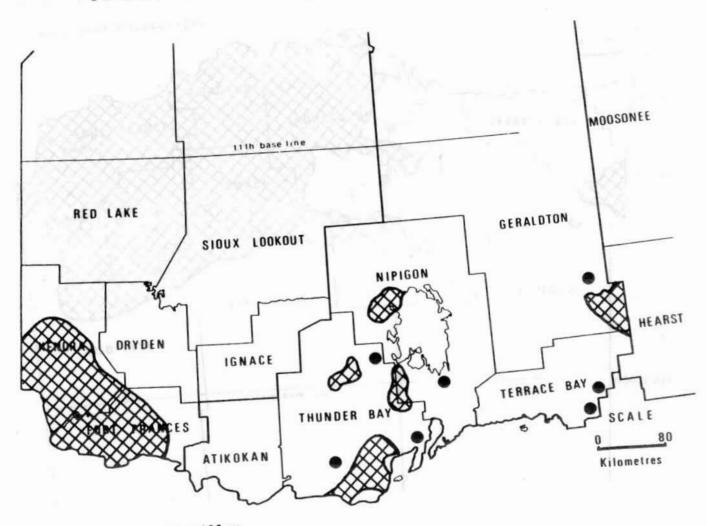
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Moderate-to-severe defoliation

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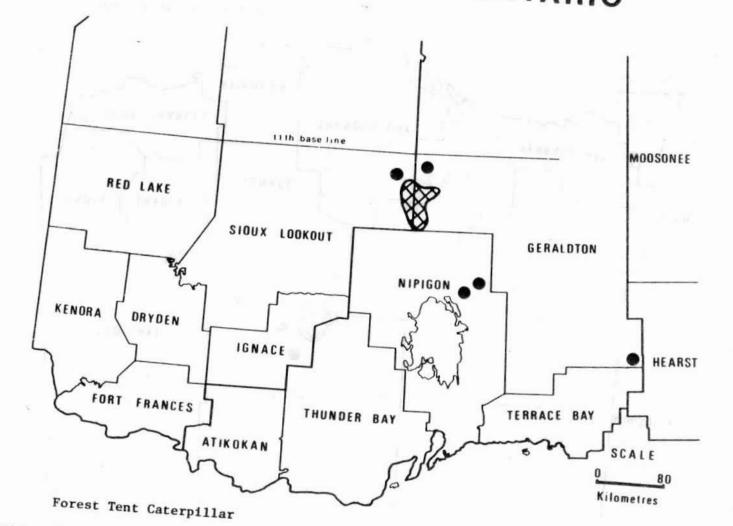
Forest Tent Caterpillar

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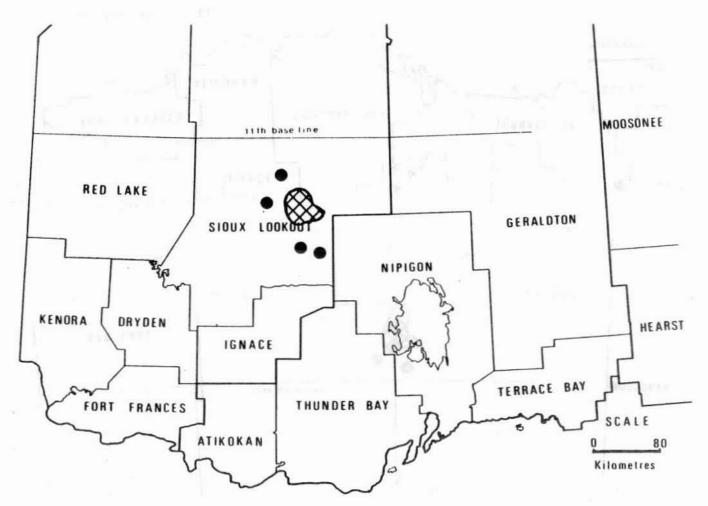


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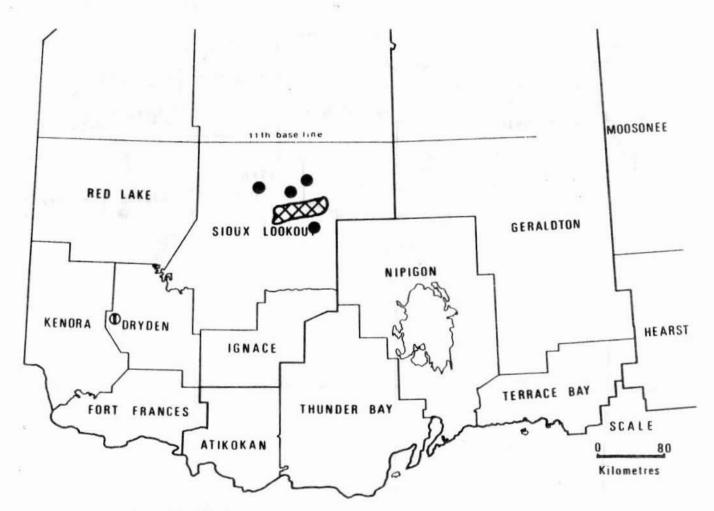
Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1956

LEGEND







Forest Tent Caterpillar

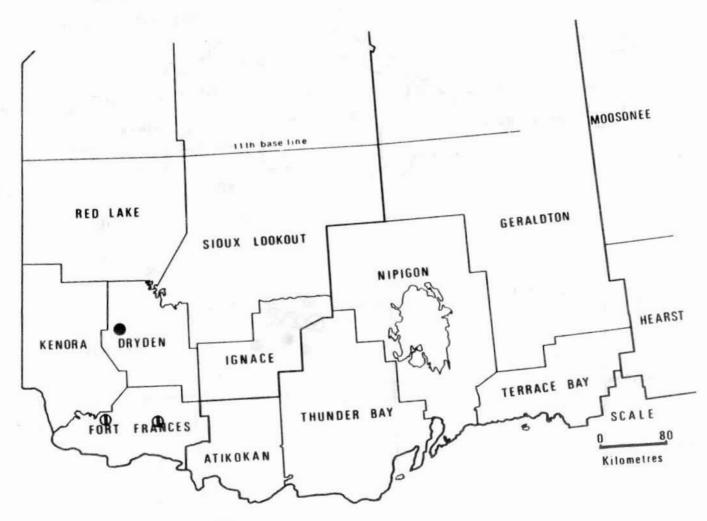
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Light defoliation

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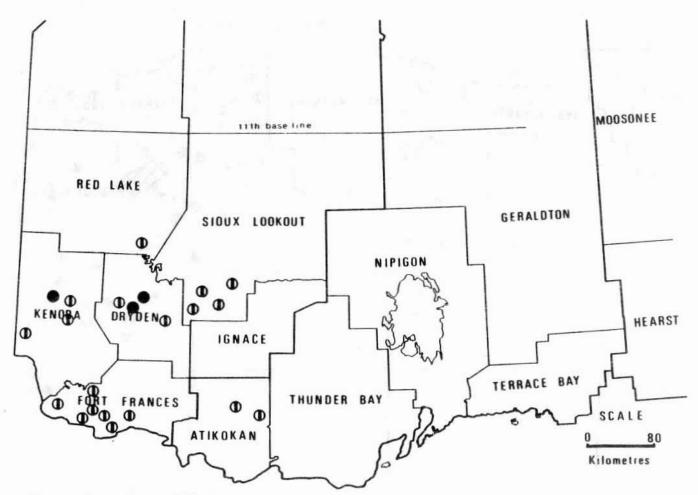


Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1959 LEGEND

Light defoliation

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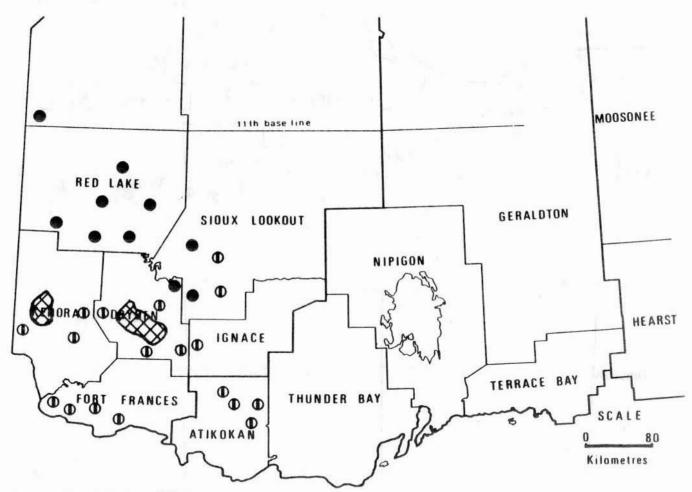


Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1960 LEGEND

Light defoliation

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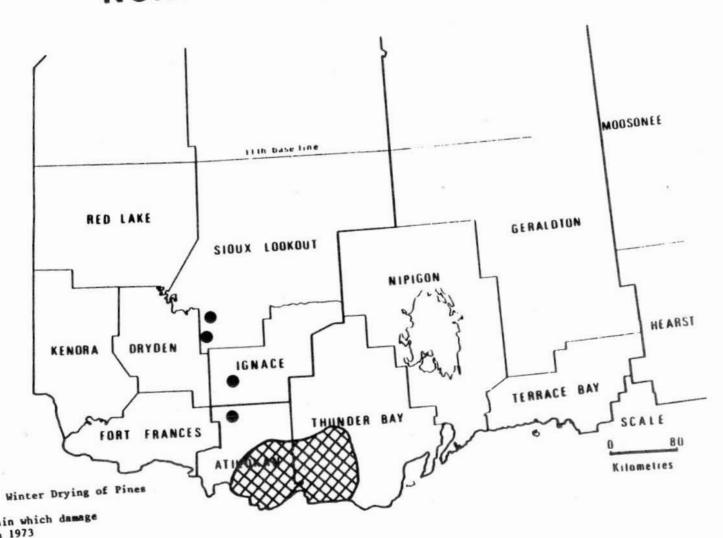
Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1961 LEGEND

Light defoliation



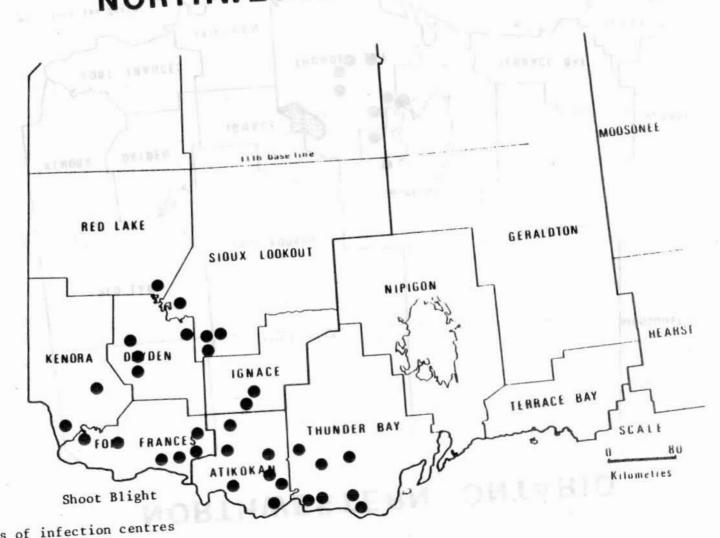




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LEGEND

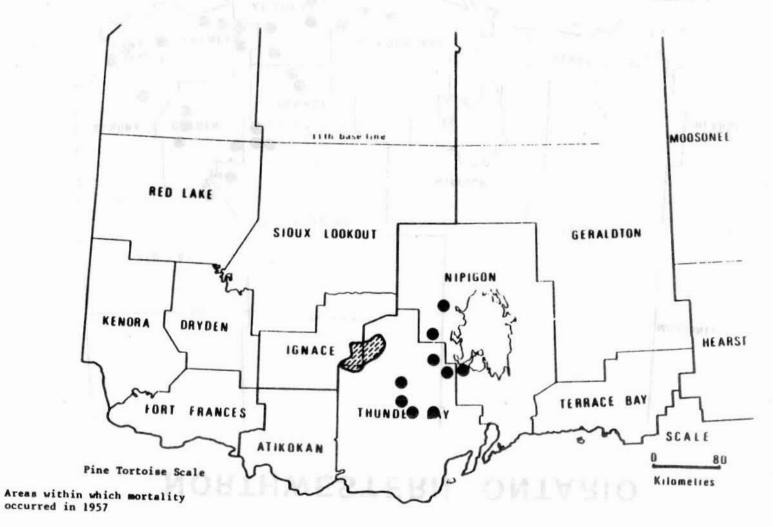
Moderate-to-severe damage ● or ₩₩



Locations of infection centres in 1973

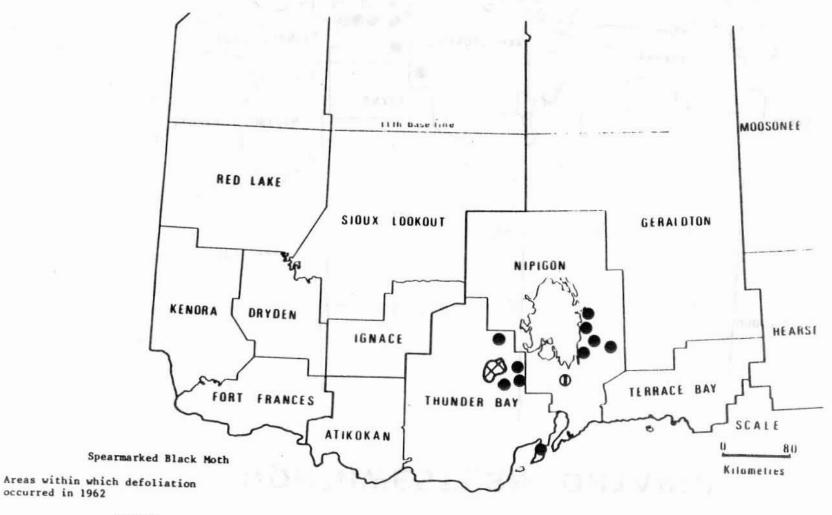
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Infection centres



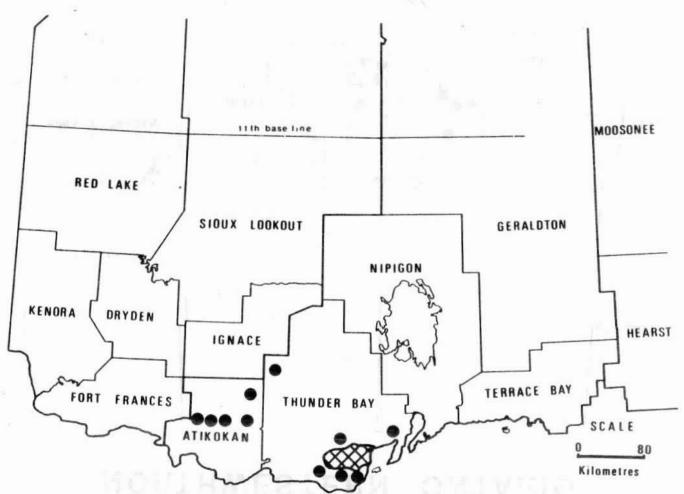
LEGEND

Mortality • or



LEGEND

Light defoliation (1)



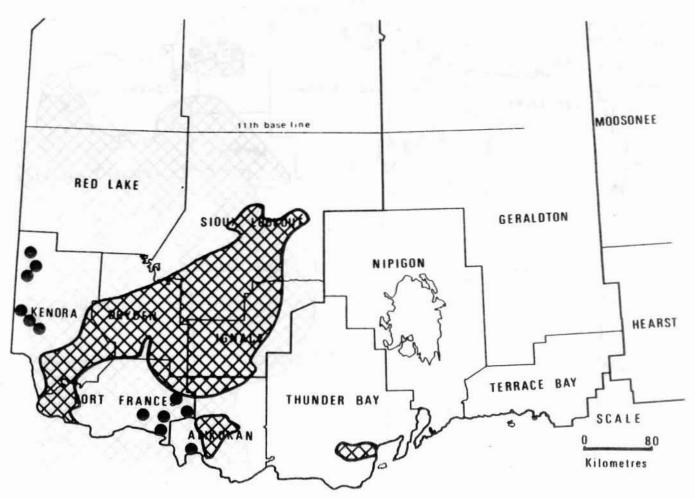
Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1980

LEGEND







Forest Tent Caterpillar

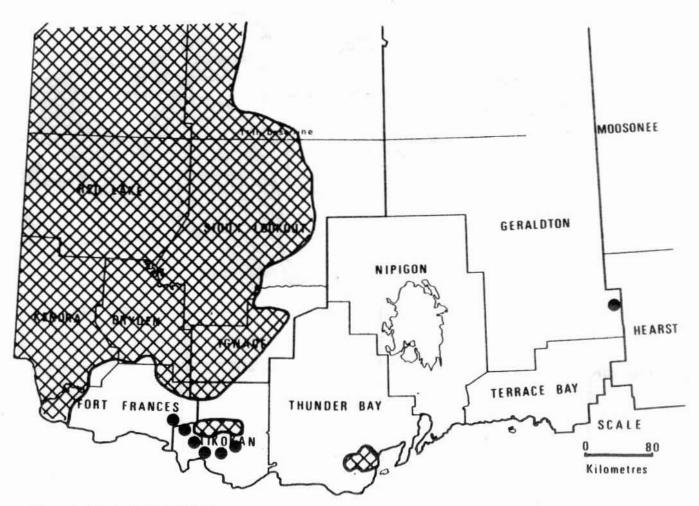
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LEGEND

Moderate-to-severe defoliation

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Forest Tent Caterpillar

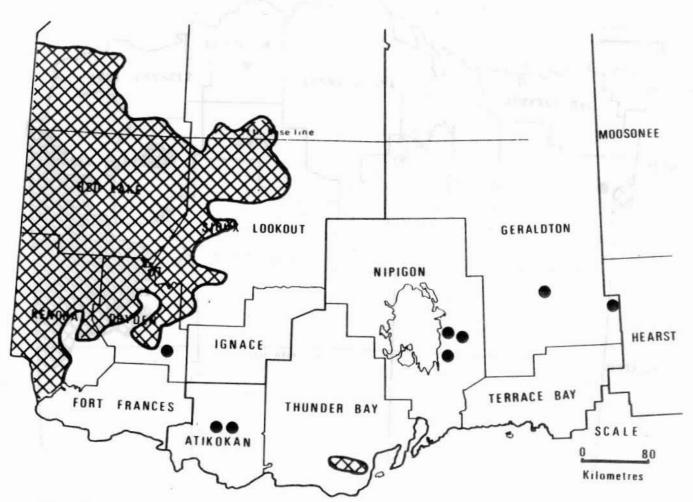
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LEGEND

Moderate-to-severe defoliation

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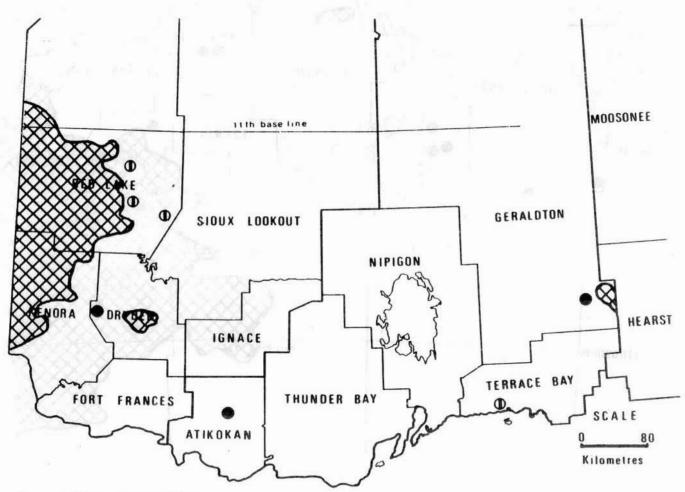


Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1977

LEGEND





Forest Tent Caterpillar

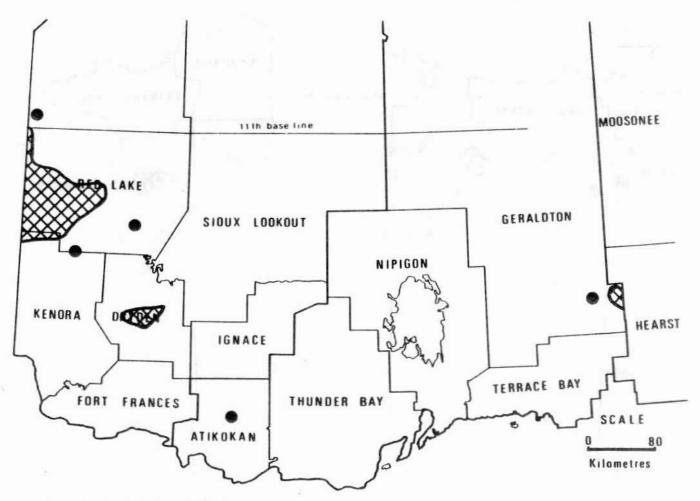
Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1976

LEGEND

Light defoliation

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Forest Tent Caterpillar

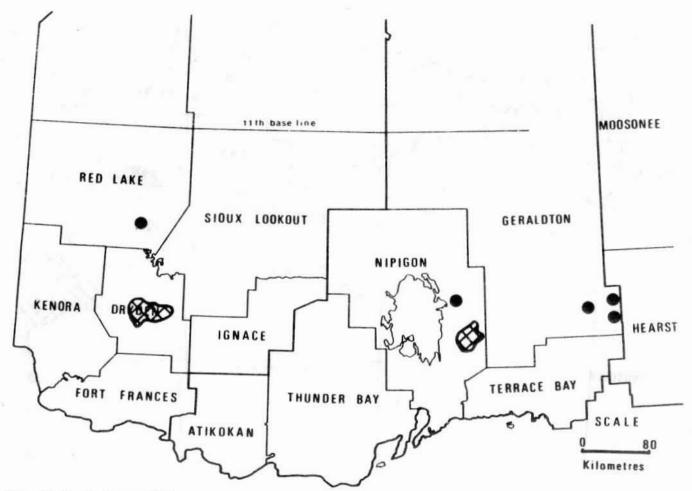
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Moderate-to-severe defoliation

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Forest Tent Caterpillar

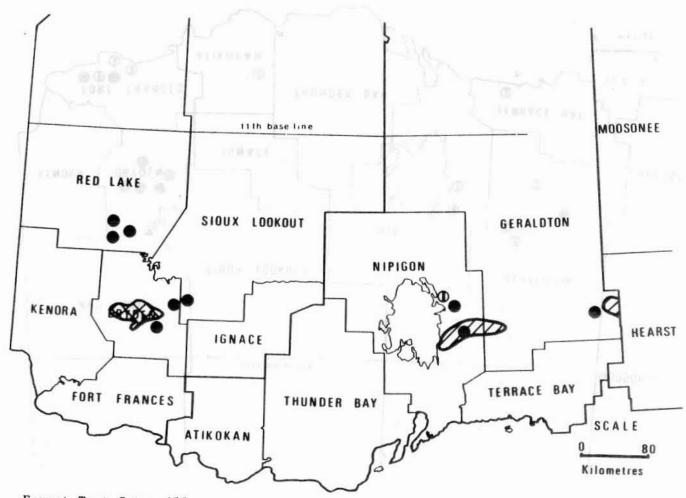
Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1974

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Moderate-to-severe defoliation

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Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1973

LEGEND

Light defoliation

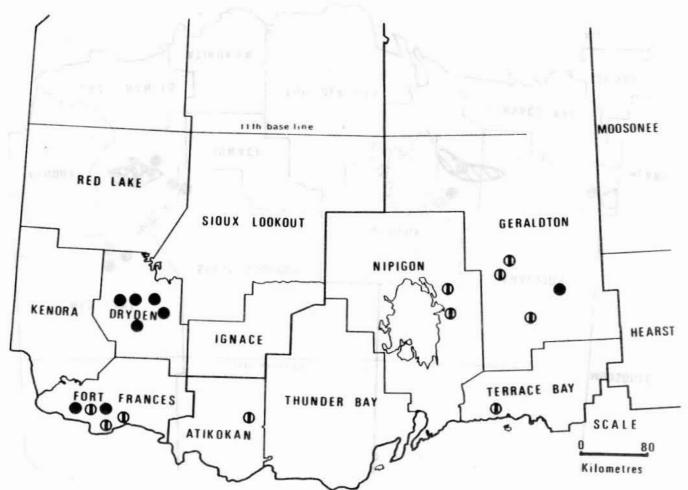
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Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1972

LEGEND

Light defoliation

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Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1971

LEGEND

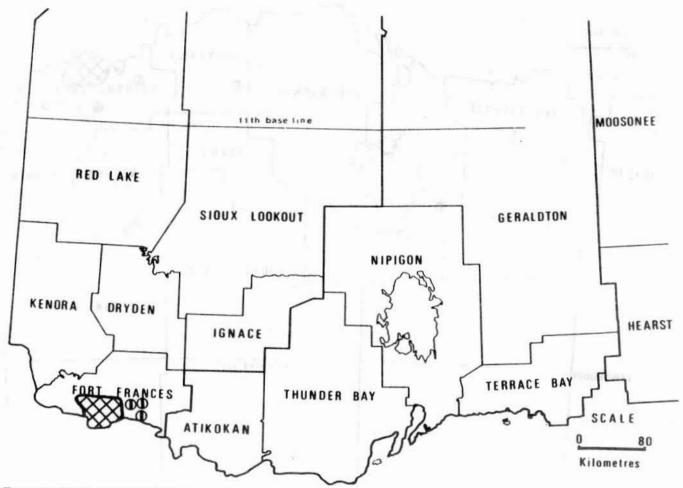
Light defoliation











Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1970 LEGEND

Light defoliation







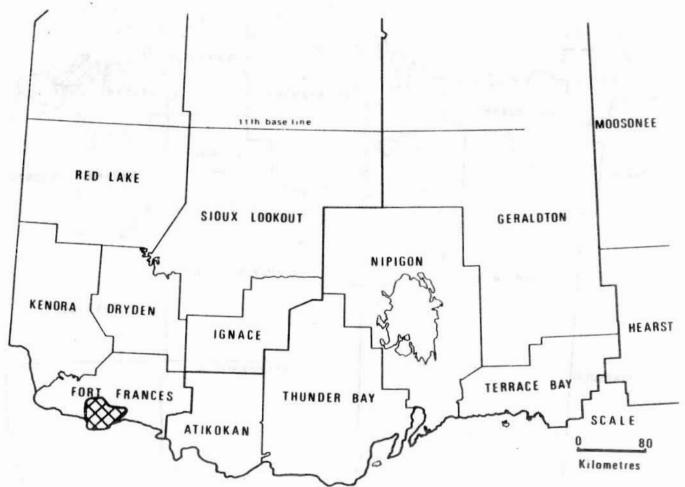
Forest Tent Caterpillar

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Light defoliation

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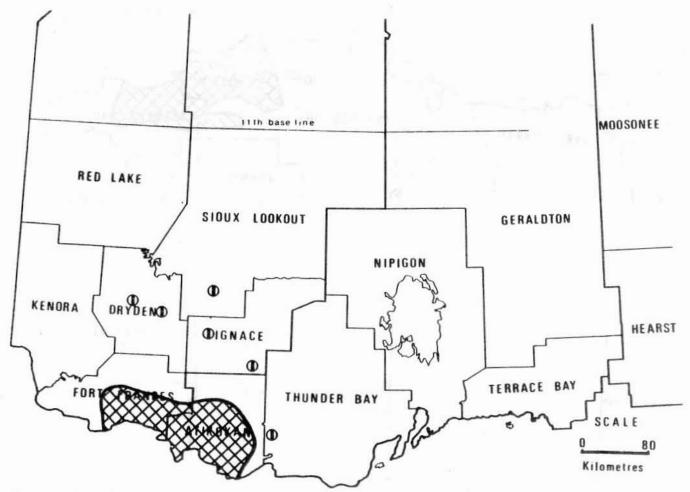


Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1968

LEGEND





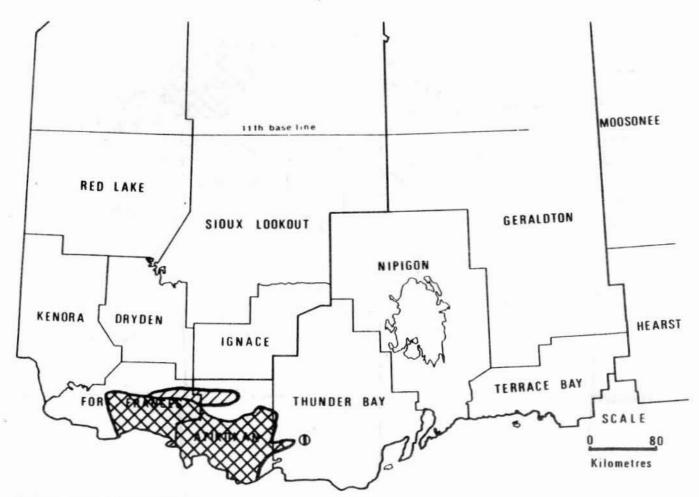
Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1967 LEGEND

Light defoliation

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Forest Tent Caterpillar

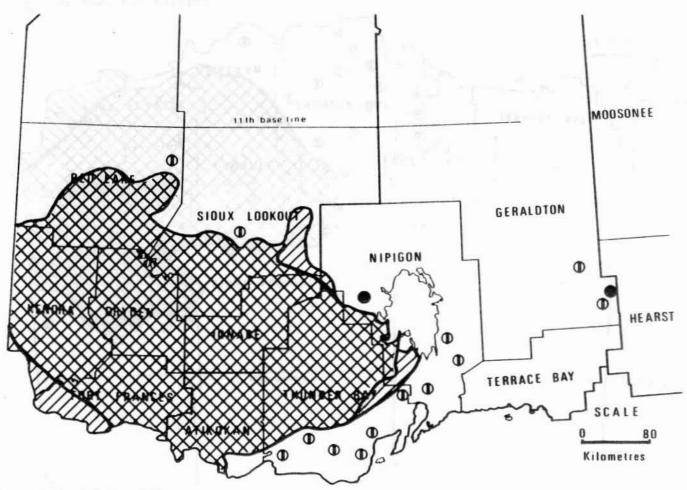
Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1966

LEGEND

Light defoliation

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Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1965

LECEND

Light defoliation

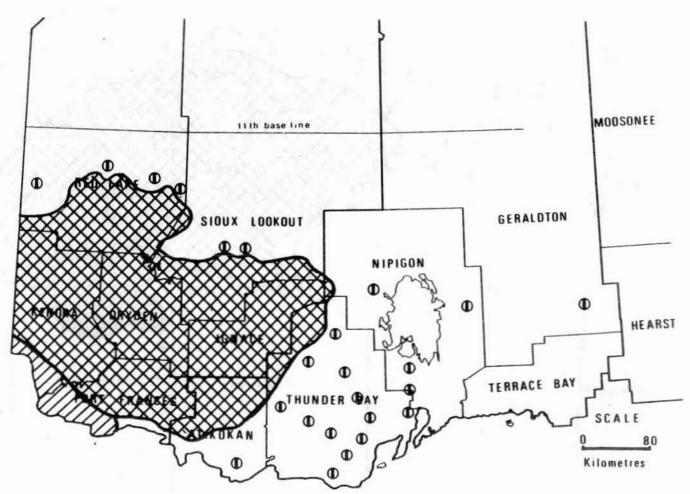
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Moderate-to-severe defoliation

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Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1964

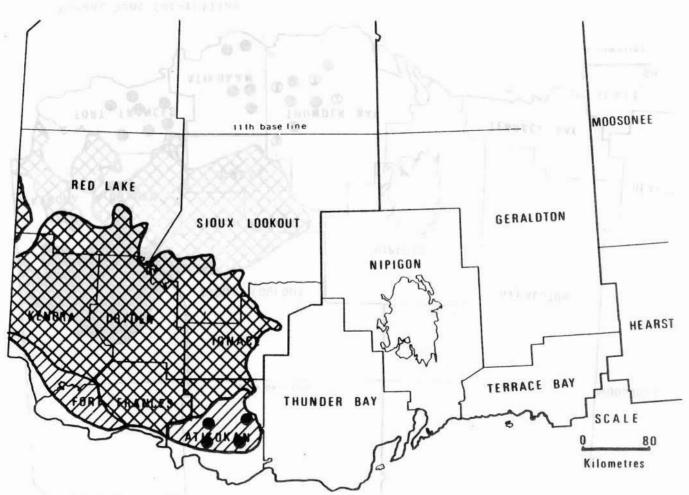
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Light defoliation

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Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1963

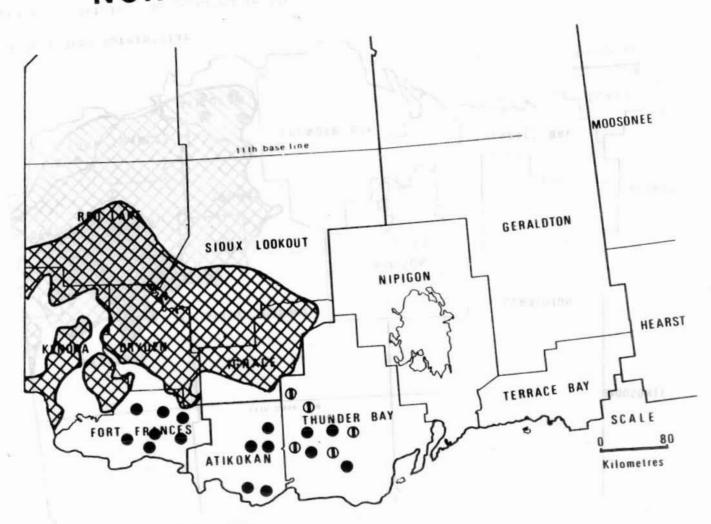
LEGEND

Light defoliation









Forest Tent Caterpillar

Areas within which defoliation occurred in 1962 LEGEND

Light defoliation