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## Supplementary material

### Appendix S1

Cedar Creek oak savanna community species list (n = 261) and phylogeny (Nexus format, branch-length adjusted with fossil ages for included nodes) and references used to resolve the phylogeny.

Community Phylogeny: #NEXUS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Acer_negundo,</li> <li>2 Acer_rubrum,</li> <li>3 Achillea_millefolium,</li> <li>4 Agastache_foeniculum,</li> <li>5 Agropyron_repens,</li> <li>6 Agrostis_scabra,</li> <li>7 Ambrosia_artemisiaefolia,</li> <li>8 Ambrosia_coronopifolia,</li> <li>9 Ambrosia_sp.,</li> <li>10 Amelanchier_alnifolia,</li> <li>11 Amelanchier_arborea,</li> <li>12 Amelanchier_laevis,</li> <li>13 Amelanchier_sanguinea,</li> <li>14 Amelanchier_sp.,</li> <li>15 Amorpha_canescens,</li> <li>16 Amphicarpa_bracteata,</li> <li>17 Andropogon_gerardii,</li> <li>18 Anemone_cylindrica,</li> <li>19 Antennaria_neglecta,</li> <li>20 Antennaria_plantiginifolia,</li> <li>21 Antennaria_sp.,</li> <li>22 Apocynum_androsaemifolium,</li> <li>23 Apocynum_cannabinum,</li> <li>24 Apocynum_sibiricum,</li> <li>25 Apocynum_sp.,</li> <li>26 Aquilegia_canadensis,</li> <li>27 Aralia_nudicaulis,</li> <li>28 Arenaria_lateriflora,</li> <li>29 Aristida_basiramea,</li> <li>30 Aristida_tuberculosa,</li> <li>31 Artemisia_campestris,</li> <li>32 Artemisia_ludoviciana,</li> <li>33 Asclepias_ovalifolia,</li> <li>34 Asclepias_sp.,</li> <li>35 Asclepias_syriaca,</li> <li>36 Asclepias_tuberosa,</li> <li>37 Asclepias_verticillata,</li> <li>38 Aster_azureus,</li> <li>39 Aster_ericoides,</li> <li>40 Aster_lanceolatus,</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>41 Aster_macrophyllus,</li> <li>42 Aster_sp.,</li> <li>43 Betula_papyrifera,</li> <li>44 Bouteloua_curtipendula,</li> <li>45 Bouteloua_hirsuta,</li> <li>46 Bromus_inermis,</li> <li>47 Bromus_kalmii,</li> <li>48 Bromus_sp.,</li> <li>49 Calamagrostis_canadensis,</li> <li>50 Calamovilfa_longifolia,</li> <li>51 Campanula_aparinoides,</li> <li>52 Campanula_rotundifolia,</li> <li>53 Carex_pennsylvanica,</li> <li>54 Carex_spp.,</li> <li>55 Ceanothus_americanus,</li> <li>56 Celastrus_scandens,</li> <li>57 Chenopodium_album,</li> <li>58 Chenopodium_leptophyllum,</li> <li>59 Chenopodium_sp.,</li> <li>60 Chrysopsis_villosa,</li> <li>61 Circaea_quadrisulcata,</li> <li>62 Comandra_richardsiana,</li> <li>63 Comandra_umbellata,</li> <li>64 Conyza_canadensis,</li> <li>65 Coreopsis_palmata,</li> <li>66 Cornus_racemosa,</li> <li>67 Cornus_sp.,</li> <li>68 Cornus_stolonifera,</li> <li>69 Corylus_americana,</li> <li>70 Crepis_tectorum,</li> <li>71 Cyperus_filiculmis,</li> <li>72 Cyperus_Schweinitzii,</li> <li>73 Cyperus_sp.,</li> <li>74 Danthonia_spicata,</li> <li>75 Delphinium_virescens,</li> <li>76 Desmodium_canadense,</li> <li>77 Desmodium_glutinosum,</li> <li>78 Digitaria_sanguinalis,</li> <li>79 Digitaria_sp.,</li> <li>80 Dryopteris_spinulosa,</li> <li>81 Elymus_canadensis,</li> <li>82 Elymus_trachycaulus,</li> <li>83 Equisetum_laevigatum,</li> <li>84 Equisetum_sp.,</li> <li>85 Eragrostis_spectabilis,</li> <li>86 Erechtites_hieracifolia,</li> <li>87 Erigeron_canadensis,</li> <li>88 Erigeron_strigosus,</li> <li>89 Eupatorium_rugosum,</li> <li>90 Euphorbia_corollata,</li> <li>91 Euphorbia_glyptosperma,</li> <li>92 Euphorbia_sp.,</li> <li>93 Fragaria-vesca,</li> </ol> |
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## Appendix S2

Fossil ages in millions of years, with reference used to date nodes of phylogenies for branch length reconstruction (Wikström et al. 2001).

//WIKSTROM AGES (mya)//

Asteraceae	44
Betulaceae	19
Caryophyllales	84
euasterid1	107
euasterid2	107
eurosid2	95
eurosid1	98
Fagaceae	34
Fagales	61
Gentianales	71
Lamiaceae	23
monocot	161
rosid	121
Poaceae	12
Poales	72
Rhamnaceae	55
Rosaceae	47
Solanaceae	41
Polygonaceae	28
Cyperaceae	16
Myrtales	88
Salicaceae	20
Sapindales	61
Fabaceae	56
Rosales	76
Polemoniaceae	35
Ericaceae	12
Ericales	100
Boraginaceae	59
Liliaceae	48
seedplant	325
euphyllphyte	400
Ranunculaceae	65

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## Appendix S3

Sensitivity analysis of phylogenetic signal of functional traits and trait correlations with species light availability niche. For each trait, the number ( $n$ ) of species is given for the test of phylogenetic signal. The significance of phylogenetic signal was tested by comparing the rank of the observed variance ( $\sigma^2$ ) to a null model based on 9999 random iterations of trait distributions across the composite phylogeny. The observed rank is compared to a two-tail test of significance, i.e. an observed rank of 250 equals a p-value of 0.05 and suggests trait conservatism. Phylogenetic trait-niche correlations were tested using univariate and multivariate generalized estimating equations (GEE). For the GEE analysis, multivariate 1 includes all five traits and multivariate 2 include all traits, but leaf area. Direction and magnitude of correlations are indicated by the sign and size of the  $\beta$  co-efficient, respectively. Phylogenetically corrected degrees of freedom (pDF) are provided for each model. The number of taxa used for the univariate model and the multivariate models are provided under  $n_2$  and  $n_3$ , respectively. Traits include leaf area ( $\text{cm}^2$ ); plant height at maturity (m); leaf perimeter per leaf area ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) [PA]; minimum rooting depth (m); specific leaf area ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$ ) [SLA]; and species light availability niche. Sensitivity to topology was tested by analyzing phylogenetic signal and trait-environment correlations across 50 phylogenetic trees with polytomies randomly resolved. The mean of these 50 analyses are presented. Sensitivity to branch length was tested by analyzing phylogenetic signal and trait-environment correlations with a phylogeny where all branch lengths were set to 1. Significance for trait correlations was corrected for multiple tests ( $k = 5$ ) using a sequential bonferroni adjustment. †  $p < 0.08$ , \*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.0001$ .

Sensitivity analysis of topology

Trait	Phylogenetic signal				Phylogenetic trait correlations with light availability niche										
	$n_1$	$\sigma^2$ Rank	$n_2$	pDF	univariate			multivariate 1			multivariate 2				
					$\beta$	t	$n_3$	pDF	$\beta$	t	pDF	$\beta$	t		
Leaf area	113	1366	86	18.4	-0.07	-5.09	*	39	9.1	-0.04	-1.15	-	-	-	-
Height at maturity	86	5156	65	11.8	-0.07	-3.54	*	39	9.1	-0.03	-0.96	9.1	-0.04	-1.94	-
PA	113	132	86	18.4	0.21	10.74	***	39	9.1	0.16	3.27	9.1	0.20	5.56	*
Rooting depth	86	1064	65	11.8	0.13	3.69	*	39	9.1	-0.05	-1.34	9.1	-0.04	-1.16	-
SLA	107	186	83	17.8	-0.26	-9.12	***	39	9.1	-0.22	-4.53	†	-0.21	-4.56	*
Species niche															
Light availability	139	1		-	-	-									

Sensitivity analysis of branch length

Trait	Phylogenetic signal				Phylogenetic trait correlations with light availability niche										
	$n_1$	$\sigma^2$ Rank	$n_2$	pDF	univariate			multivariate 1			multivariate 2				
					$\beta$	t	$n_3$	pDF	$\beta$	t	pDF	$\beta$	t		
Leaf area	113	54	86	24.5	-0.09	-4.06	**	39	13.8	0.02	0.39	-	-	-	-
Height at maturity	86	1819	65	16.8	-0.07	-2.17		39	13.8	-0.07	-1.85	13.75	-0.06	-1.82	-
PA	113	17	86	24.5	0.18	5.52	***	39	13.8	0.10	1.09	13.75	0.08	1.11	-
Rooting depth	86	4343	65	16.8	0.00	0.04		39	13.8	-0.06	-0.74	13.75	-0.06	-0.78	-
SLA	107	2570	83	23.7	-0.31	-6.16	***	39	13.8	-0.35	-3.44	**	-0.36	-3.56	*
Species niche															
Light availability	139	1		-	-	-									

## Appendix S4

Sensitivity analysis of phylogenetic community structure at the landscape scale (0.375 ha) to phylogeny topology and branch length. Observed test statistics (least mean squares correlation coefficient (LMS) or regression slope of 50th and 75th quantile) for the relationship between pairwise co-occurrences and phylogenetic distances were compared to those in which species abundances within communities were randomized 999 times. A rank of 975 or higher indicates phylogenetic clustering, and a rank of 25 or lower indicates phylogenetic overdispersion at an alpha level of 0.05. Sensitivity to topology was tested by computing phylogenetic community structure using 25 phylogenetic trees with polytomies randomly resolved. The mean observed rank of the observed community is given along with the standard error (SE). To test the effects of branch length, phylogenetic community structure was computed using a phylogeny where all branch lengths were set to 1.

Test	Topology		Branch length	Branch length new ages
	Mean obs. rank	SE	Obs. rank	Obs. rank
LMS	995.9	0.6	913	999
50 quantile	994.8	3.6	574	999
75 quantile	991.8	0.5	520	999



## Appendix S5

Phylogenetic structure of communities within plots among neighbors (0.5 m<sup>2</sup>). Each plot was analyzed separately. There were 24 neighbors per plot. Observed test statistics (least mean squares correlation co-efficient [LMS] or regression slope of 75th quantile [75q]) for the relationship between pairwise co-occurrences and phylogenetic distances were compared to those in which species abundances within communities were randomized 999 times. The rank of the observed community is given relative to the distribution of the 999 simulated communities. A rank of 975 or higher indicates phylogenetic clustering, and a rank of 25 or lower indicates phylogenetic overdispersion at an alpha level of 0.05. Variance of light availability ( $\sigma^2_{\text{light}}$ ) across neighborhoods within each plot is also provided. Sensitivity to topology was tested by computing phylogenetic community structure using 25 phylogenetic trees with polytomies randomly resolved. The mean observed rank of the observed community is given along with the standard error (SE) [subscript top]. To test the effects of branch length, phylogenetic community structure was computed using a phylogeny where all branch lengths were set to 1 (subscript BL).

plot	$\sigma^2_{\text{light}}$	LMS	75q	LMS <sub>top</sub>	LMS <sub>top</sub> SE	75q <sub>top</sub>	75q <sub>top</sub> SE	LMS <sub>BL</sub>	75q <sub>BL</sub>
1	0.041	207	228	215	8	27	3	331	116
3	0.025	125	1	190	8	39	4	230	185
4	0.037	927	811	713	8	820	7	782	720
5	0.037	996	943	999	0	966	2	972	940
6	0.065	990	864	924	5	702	8	987	961
7	0.019	765	504	556	8	237	8	952	719
8	0.015	283	89	102	4	8	2	29	104
9	0.002	448	152	122	6	85	5	293	115
10	0.001	299	131	224	8	582	6	245	368
11	0.030	880	960	857	6	917	6	857	792
13	0.008	801	893	895	6	962	3	342	430
15	0.003	38	258	30	2	322	7	21	73
16	0.029	998	996	978	2	970	3	931	993
17	0.026	215	299	445	7	266	8	103	100
18	0.000	733	288	574	8	252	8	416	158
19	0.034	864	792	775	7	855	7	314	215
20	0.000	61	114	207	7	362	9	189	439
21	0.008	726	511	931	4	777	7	860	716
22	0.008	721	41	850	6	144	8	2	4
24	0.034	539	758	818	8	634	10	278	301
28	0.091	836	966	772	8	938	4	864	905
101	0.055	990	999	985	1	999	0	977	996
102	0.086	997	999	972	2	964	3	964	999
103	0.09	909	993	977	2	990	0	917	983
901	0.035	586	709	558	8	596	11	620	746
902	0.008	532	238	204	7	61	4	448	8
903	0.059	983	999	999	0	999	0	977	985
904	0.029	837	750	743	9	636	9	523	232
905	0.017	865	213	676	8	63	5	201	5

## Appendix S6

Correlations between phylogenetic community structure and environmental variation with spatial extent held constant. Correlations were tested using parametric Pearson's correlation co-efficient (R) and non-parametric Kendall's tau. Correlations were tested using phylogenetic community structure results from least mean square (LMS) and 75th quantile regression (75q) analysis. Correlations were also tested with phylogenetic community structure results from topology (subscript top) and branch length (subscript BL) sensitivity analysis.

Test	Pearson's R	t	p-value	tau	z	p-value
LMS	0.52	3.19	0.0036	0.44	3.29	0.0010
75q	0.71	5.17	< 0.0001	0.54	4.04	0.0001
LMS <sub>BL</sub>	0.65	4.41	0.0001	0.47	3.55	0.0004
75q <sub>BL</sub>	0.68	4.84	< 0.0001	0.46	3.46	0.0005
LMS <sub>top</sub>	0.56	3.48	0.0017	0.39	2.95	0.0032
75q <sub>top</sub>	0.59	3.75	0.0009	0.39	2.91	0.0036