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Study on characteristics of Quercus aliena var. Acuteserrata Community in Mt. Qinling

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Introduction

Qinling Mountain locates at the middle part of China. It is the natural barrier between the south and north, the watershed of the Yangtze and yellow river's middle reaches and biological intersect. Its north-facing slope belongs to semi-humidity region of temperate climate, and the south-facing slope does humidity region of subtropical climate according to Chinese climate division [1]. Special location decide that it is one of zone with abundant biology resource and biodiversity in china. Quercus aliena var. Acuteserrata distribute at temperate and north subtropical mountainous areas, Qinling is its mass distribution section and it is a better water conservation forest and an important Study on But, until now, there is no one to explain the transitional character of Mt. Qinling from a point of botany view. Quercus aliena var. Acuteserrata community was taken as a case to show the difference of the southand the north-facing slopes and the ecotone character. And in this paper, basal data and research method were provided for further study in this region.

Methods

According to 311 permanent plots' data of *Quercus aliena var. Acuteserrata* stands and topography map, Qinling Mountains in shaanxi province were divided into three parts and boundaries were Baoji and Xi'an city respectively. Plots (area was 400m²)^[2] were respectively selected on the south-facing and north-facing slopes for different factors' discrepancy, such as altitude, gradient, slope aspect, stands age, forest type and human disturbance, et. In the site approaching to the ridge, topography changes rapidly, the boundary of communities is obvious and the distribution is short along contour line, so plots were chosen according to the direction paralleling to the contour line at the foot of the mountain and the middle of the hillside. But on the ridge or the upside swelled section of the hillside, plots were chosen along perpendicular direction of the contour line. There were 31 plots selected altogether. Common ecological methods were used to investigate and 1152 specimens collected.

Results

A. Life form

Life form is extrinsic manifestation that plants adapt to the exoteric circumstance. Species, which belong to the same life form, are the result of which they accommodate to the same circumstances for

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