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## Species diversity of urban forests in China

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### Highlights

- A total of 2,640 woody plant species were found in urban forests in China
- These species consisted of 1,671 trees, 743 shrubs, and 226 lianas
- About 23.98% of all woody plant species are exotic species
- There was a latitudinal pattern in compositional similarity of urban forests

### Abstract

A good knowledge of species diversity is essential for urban forest planning and management. In this study, we analyzed species diversity of urban forests in China using data synthesized through a systematic review. Our analysis showed that 3,740 taxa of

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