Supplementary Material: Afforestation impacts on terrestrial hydrology insignificant compared to climate change in Great Britain

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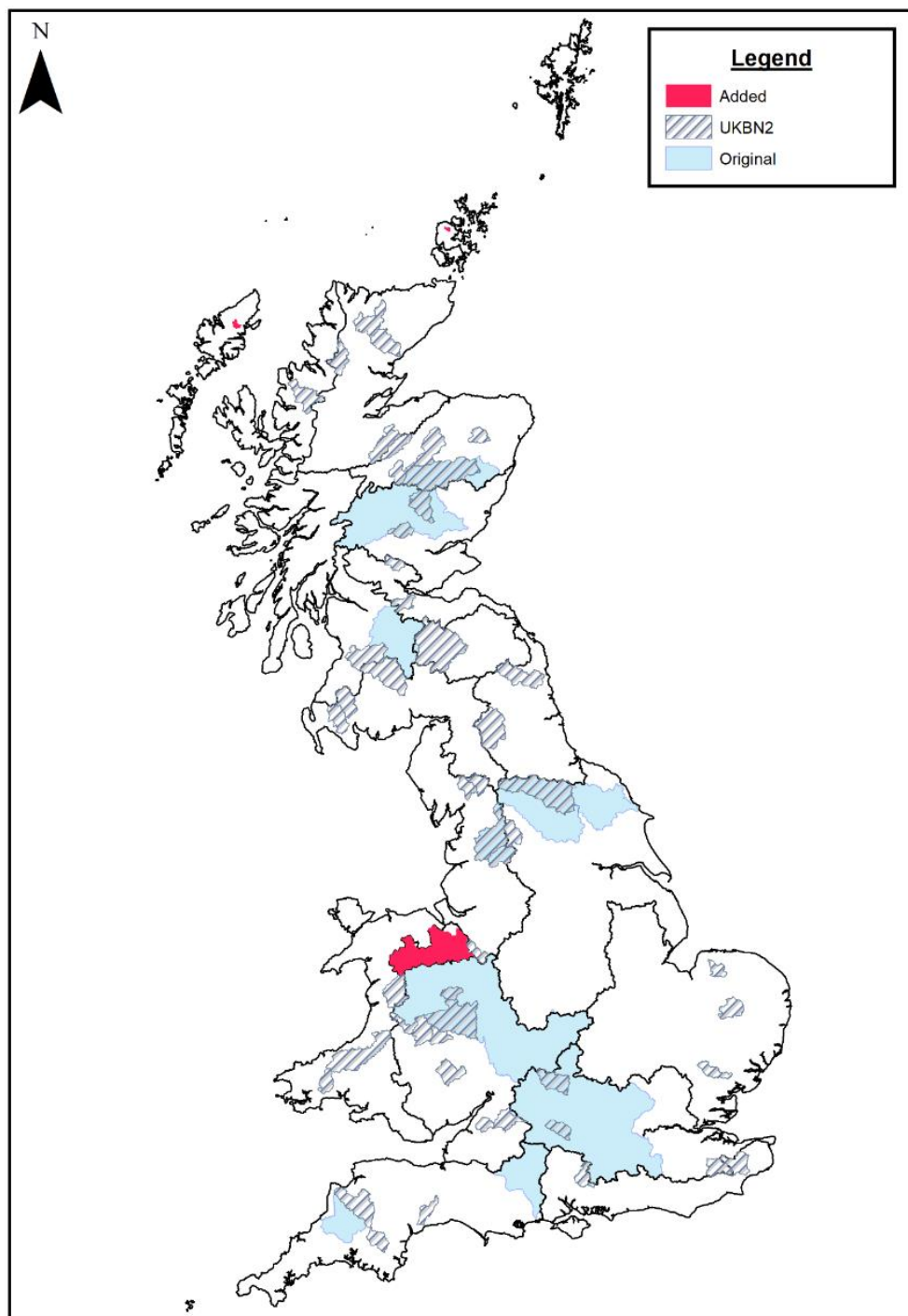
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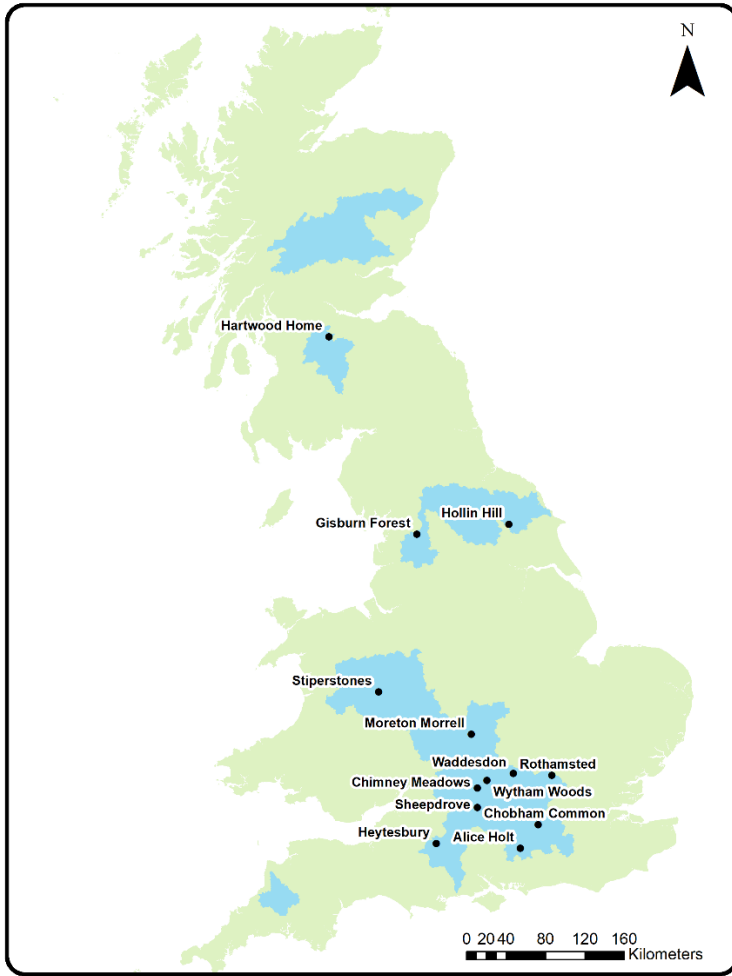
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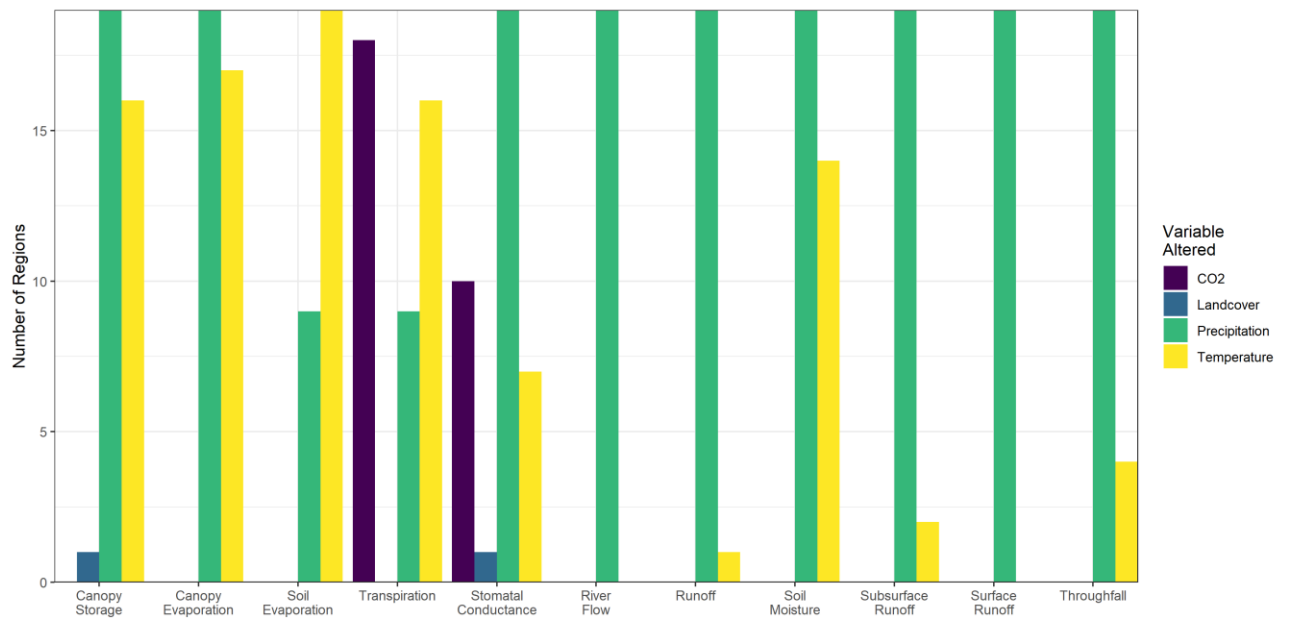
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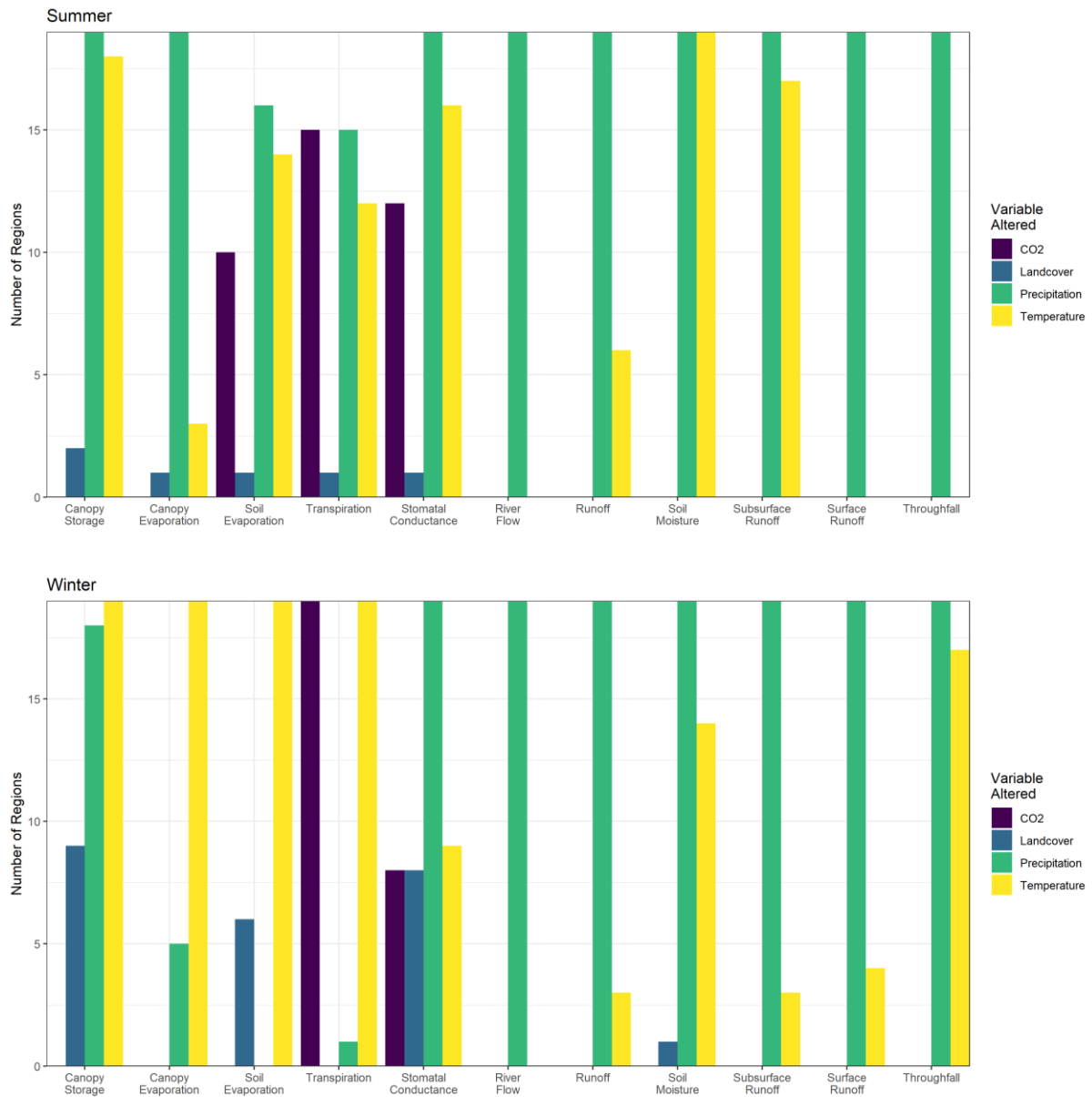
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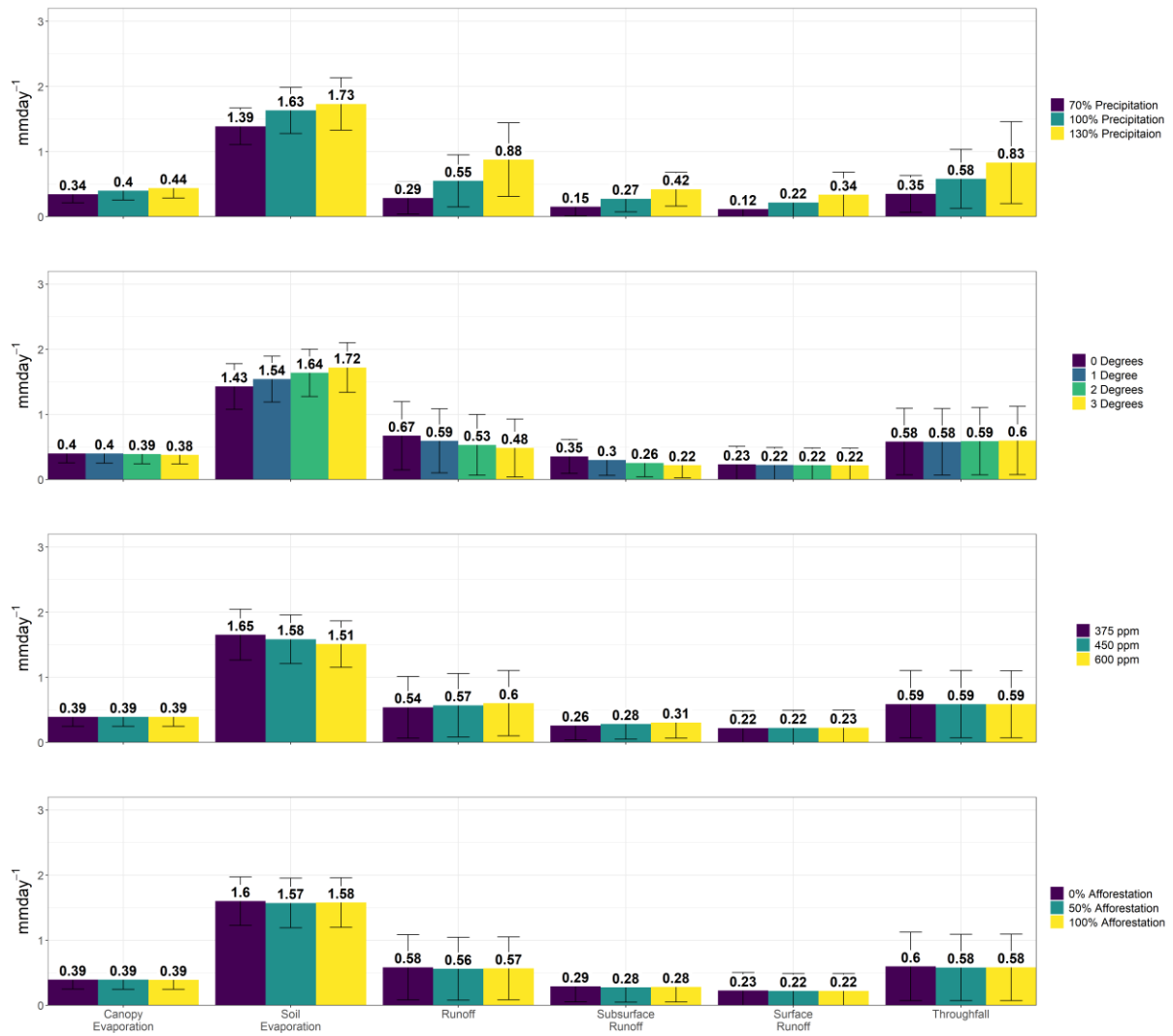
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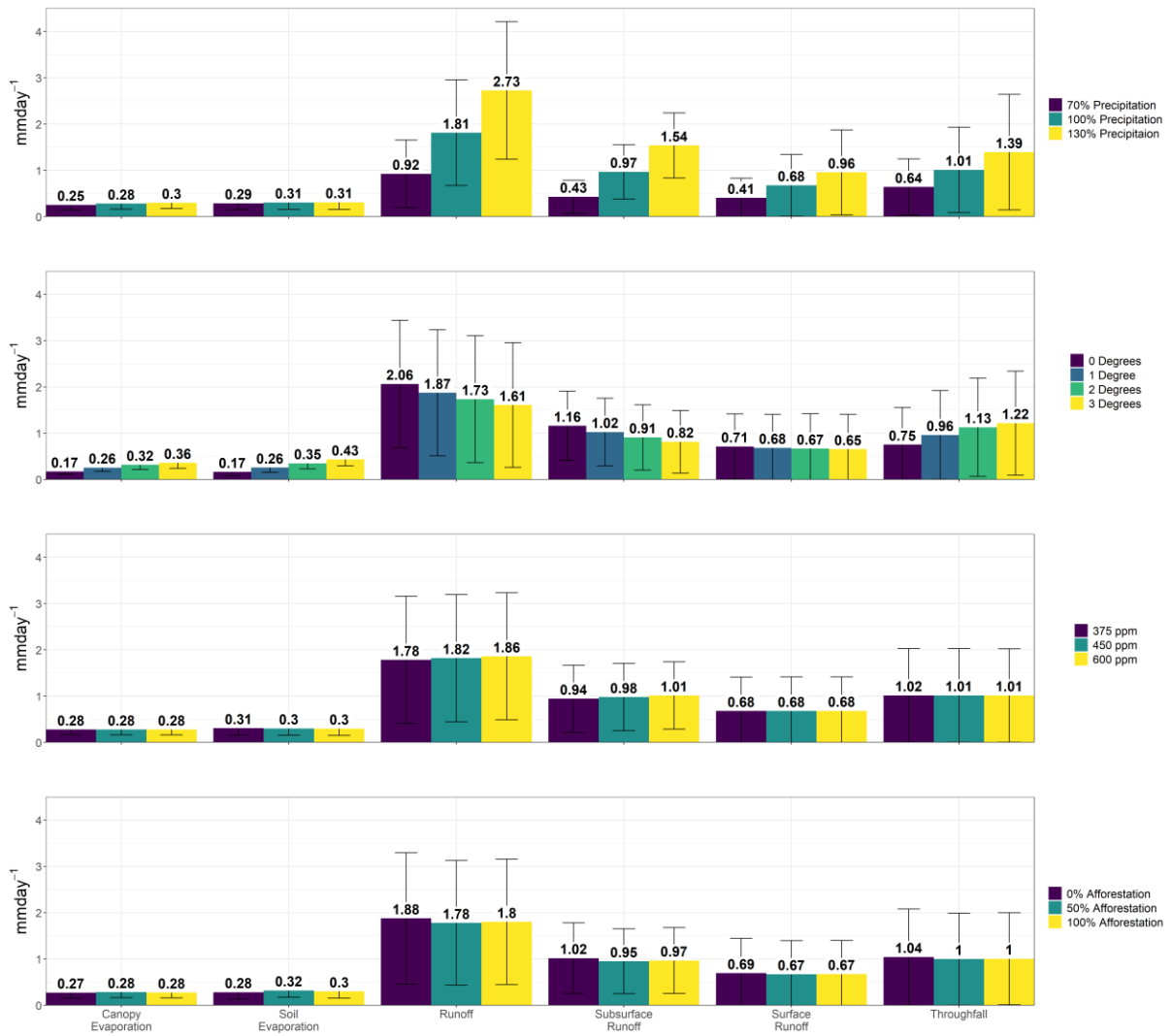
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Supplementary Tables

50   **Supplementary Table S1: Error metrics for the 51 catchments in this study for the period 2000-2015.**

Station	NSE	KGE	R^2
2002	0.36	0.43	0.39
7001	0.14	0.21	0.20
8004	0.06	0.28	0.19
8009	0.18	0.37	0.26
8013	0.10	0.40	0.26
11004	-0.11	0.47	0.39
12002	0.23	0.38	0.27
15006	0.48	0.68	0.53
17005	0.20	0.15	0.34
18001	0.41	0.48	0.48
21006	0.44	0.60	0.45
22001	0.16	0.39	0.23
23004	0.12	0.35	0.19
27009	0.45	0.61	0.48
27035	0.50	0.59	0.53
27041	0.46	0.70	0.59
33019	-0.18	0.15	0.42
34011	-0.03	0.30	0.64
37005	0.62	0.70	0.64
39001	0.66	0.63	0.78
40005	0.60	0.48	0.67
40011	0.47	0.64	0.70
43021	-0.27	0.40	0.44
45005	0.04	0.48	0.27
46003	0.49	0.53	0.53
47001	0.46	0.61	0.49
50002	0.42	0.49	0.43
53006	0.60	0.51	0.66
53008	0.55	0.53	0.61
54057	0.63	0.68	0.63
55014	0.05	0.55	0.41
55026	0.43	0.65	0.48
55029	0.23	0.58	0.35
60003	0.35	0.57	0.46
62001	0.67	0.66	0.70
64001	0.45	0.58	0.49
67033	0.58	0.76	0.64
68005	0.16	0.08	0.60
71001	0.19	0.42	0.24
72005	0.16	0.39	0.25
73005	0.25	0.50	0.34
79002	0.37	0.53	0.39
81002	0.25	0.48	0.30
81004	0.36	0.26	0.54
83006	0.22	0.30	0.23
84013	0.48	0.50	0.50
94001	0.39	0.67	0.61
96002	0.44	0.54	0.46
106001	0.38	0.35	0.64
107001	0.20	0.11	0.67

Supplementary Table S2. Topsoil moisture error metrics for the twelve COSMOS-UK sites [Supplementary Figure S2], ordered by Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency (NSE) score.

COSMOS-UK Site	NSE	KGE	R^2
Gisburn Forest	-33.58	0.26	0.36
Chobham Common	-7.93	0.23	0.62
Stiperstones	-6.32	0.20	0.70
Wytham Woods	-5.13	0.29	0.15
Hollin Hill	-4.93	0.34	0.61
Heytesbury	-4.63	0.52	0.73
Sheepdrove	-1.15	0.57	0.67
Alice Holt	-0.86	0.43	0.21
Chimney Meadows	0.29	0.68	0.79
Hartwood Home	0.47	0.45	0.51
Waddesdon	0.49	0.58	0.61
Rothamsted	0.81	0.82	0.84

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Supplementary Table S3. Potential evapotranspiration error metrics for the twelve COSMOS-UK sites [Supplementary Figure S2], ordered by Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency (NSE) score.

COSMOS-UK Site	NSE	KGE	R^2
Hartwood Home	-0.46	0.22	0.55
Chimney Meadows	-0.23	0.27	0.62
Rothamsted	-0.13	0.32	0.62
Sheepdrove	0.11	0.46	0.62
Alice Holt	0.11	0.54	0.53
Heytesbury	0.13	0.51	0.57
Hollin Hill	0.20	0.55	0.59
Gisburn Forest	0.28	0.60	0.59
Stiperstones	0.43	0.70	0.61
Wytham Woods	0.44	0.47	0.67
Chobham Common	0.45	0.72	0.60
Waddesdon	0.46	0.69	0.57

Supplementary Table S4. Catchment attributes for those in this study as derived from the CAMELS-GB dataset. Also included is the percentage increase in woodland for the catchments.

Station	Mean Precipitation (mm day⁻¹)	Mean Potential Evapotranspiration (mm day⁻¹)	Runoff Ratio	Area (km²)	Mean Elevation (m)	Percentage Increase in Woodland	Percentage Point Increase in Woodland
2002	3.41	1.11	0.72	423.48	259.00	2400.56	6.31
7001	3.42	1.07	0.87	415.59	560.00	279.83	5.06
8004	3.08	1.07	0.75	540.75	525.00	191.08	6.99
8009	2.83	1.09	0.69	272.20	461.00	513.50	6.66
8013	3.68	1.03	0.78	229.63	618.00	243.06	1.10
11004	2.44	1.20	0.59	195.44	206.00	649.39	18.38
12002	3.11	1.11	0.71	1833.21	447.00	197.31	5.86
15006	4.16	1.12	0.81	4586.79	411.00	137.37	7.11
17005	2.87	1.25	0.65	194.81	161.00	165.89	13.64
18001	4.10	1.20	0.72	160.29	245.00	446.06	13.37
21006	3.35	1.21	0.64	1505.54	358.00	282.73	11.75
22001	2.39	1.32	0.53	578.25	225.00	33.76	2.28
23004	3.18	1.26	0.66	749.89	350.00	16.95	0.69
27009	2.52	1.35	0.53	3300.80	185.00	13.87	0.76
27035	3.18	1.33	0.63	283.39	230.00	132.47	6.42
27041	2.15	1.37	0.42	1594.24	128.00	2.82	0.23
33019	1.76	1.48	0.30	311.37	39.00	13.93	1.28
34011	1.94	1.47	0.23	162.93	62.00	2.95	0.17
37005	1.61	1.47	0.25	235.88	66.00	2.02	0.13
39001	1.99	1.42	0.27	9930.80	109.00	9.23	1.25
40005	1.94	1.40	0.33	278.05	45.00	1.75	0.23
40011	2.10	1.40	0.38	341.26	84.00	0.68	0.10
42016	2.41	1.41	0.67	234.17	123.00	0.04	0.00
43021	2.33	1.43	0.44	1712.31	120.00	0.43	0.04
45005	2.75	1.45	0.50	202.83	144.00	2.28	0.25
46003	5.16	1.42	0.75	249.99	327.00	0.03	0.00
47001	3.43	1.44	0.62	920.22	155.00	69.29	6.09
50002	3.37	1.43	0.61	664.25	160.00	44.87	5.23
53006	2.29	1.43	0.44	151.63	73.00	11.16	0.55
53008	2.27	1.44	0.42	305.17	119.00	10.48	0.76
54057	2.22	1.40	0.42	9885.46	145.00	24.56	2.20
55014	2.84	1.36	0.59	202.54	299.00	181.38	7.88
55026	4.61	1.33	0.76	172.12	387.00	337.28	6.18
55029	2.73	1.38	0.54	355.01	228.00	11.03	1.27
60003	4.02	1.43	0.76	216.44	125.00	381.18	18.33
62001	3.85	1.37	0.74	897.59	209.00	193.36	12.63
64001	5.18	1.32	0.85	464.61	281.00	70.36	6.30
67033	3.11	1.35	0.51	1800.75	242.00	50.66	3.28
68005	1.96	1.41	0.34	201.38	89.00	13.30	0.54
71001	3.73	1.32	0.67	1144.70	220.00	55.52	4.12
72005	4.72	1.27	0.85	219.24	317.00	40.66	1.37
73005	4.88	1.29	0.78	212.24	234.00	69.51	3.89
79002	4.22	1.22	0.74	797.71	294.00	432.43	14.44
81002	5.20	1.25	0.73	366.21	238.00	63.01	2.21
81004	3.87	1.33	0.67	329.07	105.00	140.46	4.29
83006	3.51	1.23	0.66	579.03	219.00	552.96	12.03
84013	3.28	1.22	0.68	1901.23	265.00	334.33	13.56
94001	6.49	1.07	0.90	441.21	311.00	6.01	0.08
96002	3.81	1.08	0.75	474.01	224.00	358.55	5.03
106001	4.16	1.13	0.78	44.93	100.00	0.00	0.00
107001	3.16	1.07	0.73	19.60	99.00	1.75E+20	5.58