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Supplementary Material

Does drought limit resprouter recruitment in Erica? A test using seeder and resprouter seedlings of Erica coccinea

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Figure S1: *Erica coccinea* seedlings were sown into large trays (A) in February, 2013 and sealed in a tent that was then filled with smoke (B). Seedlings emerged in April (C). In September, seedlings were transplanted into individual pots (D). Drought commenced in March, 2014.

Table S1: Full factorial ANOVAs (F statistic and P value) of *Erica coccinea* seedling (n=8) responses including photosynthetic rate (a), conductance (b) and water potential (c) for different forms (resprouter and seeder) under the different treatments (control and drought) for each measurement day of the drought period Significance is indicated by an asterisk and highlighted in bold text.

| a) Photosynthetic rate | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Day | Form | Treatment | Interaction | | | |
| 0 | 0.6 (p=.446) | 1.81 (p=.190) | 3.97 (p=.056) | | | |
| 3 | 0 (p=.956) | 4.53 (p=.042)* | 0.48 (p=.493) | | | |
| 7 | 0.93 (p=.344) | 0.59 (p=.448) | 0.16 (p=.694) | | | |
| 9 | 2.23 (p=.147) | 1.53 (p=.226) | 0.38 (p=.545) | | | |
| 12 | 1.94 (p=.175) | 1.11 (p=.302) | 2.49 (p=.126) | | | |
| 18 | 0.45 (p=.508) | 2.5 (p=.126) | 0.42 (p=.524) | | | |
| 25 | 0.01 (p=.915) | 6.8 (p=.015)* | 0.23 (p=.633) | | | |
| 32 | 0.01 (p=.905) | 2.64 (p=.116) | 0.19 (p=.666) | | | |
| 40 | 0 (p=.970) | 27.66 (p<.001)* | 1.12 (p=.299) | | | |
| b) Sto | omatal conductance | | | | | |
| Day | Form | Treatment | Interaction | | | |
| 0 | 0 (p=.987) | 0.23 (p=.638) | 1.97 (p=.171) | | | |
| 3 | 1.74 (p=.198) | 1.42 (p=.243) | 1.14 (p=.295) | | | |
| 7 | 0.4 (p=.530) | 0.72 (p=.404) | 1.57 (p=.220) | | | |
| 9 | 3.14 (p=.087) | 13.89 (p<.001)* | 1.52 (p=.227) | | | |
| 12 | 2.38 (p=.134) | 8.51 (p=.007)* | 0.53 (p=.471) | | | |
| 18 | 0.33 (p=.570) | 21.25 (p<.001)* | 1.55 (p=.224) | | | |
| 25 | 0.55 (p=.464) | 21.11 (p<.001)* | 1.65 (p=.210) | | | |
| 32 | 2.47 (p=.127) | 7.18 (p=.012)* | 0 (p=.961) | | | |
| 40 | 0.05 (p=.831) | 93.41 (p< .001)* | 1.15 (p=.294) | | | |
| c) Wa | c) Water potential | | | | | |
| Day | Form | Treatment | Interaction | | | |
| 0 | 0.32 (p=.573) | 1.25 (p=.272) | 7.67 (p=.001)* | | | |
| 3 | 0.03 (p=.871) | 4.28 (p=.049)* | 0.5 (p=.483) | | | |
| 7 | 18.1 (p<.001)* | 2.99 (p=.095) | 2.28 (p=.142) | | | |
| 9 | 6.79 (p=.015)* | 0.8 (p=.380) | 0.17 (p=.685) | | | |
| 12 | 4.45 (p=.044)* | 2.76 (p=.108) | 0.13 (p=.724) | | | |
| 18 | 0.11 (p=.741) | 3.46 (p=.074) | 0.02 (p=.877) | | | |
| 25 | 0.75 (p=.395) | 6.59 (p=.016)* | 0.06 (p=.803) | | | |
| 32 | 0.32 (p=.579) | 15.39 (p<.001)* | 0.41 (p=.530) | | | |
| 40 | 0.08 (p=.784) | 133.66 (p<.001)* | 0.02 (p=.881) | | | |

Table S2: Duncan's post-hoc test for days yielding significantly different means from the full factorial ANOVAs of *Erica coccinea* seedling responses including (a) photosynthetic rate, (b) conductance and (c) water potential for different forms (resprouter and seeder) under the different treatments (control and drought) for measurement days during the drought period which indicated significant differences (Table S1) Different letters indicate significant differences within each day.

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| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Day9 | Resprouter | -0.884 ± 0.073 ^b | | | |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | | Seeder | | | | |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Day12 | Resprouter | -0.943 ± 0.069 ^b | | | |
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Table S3: T-test for the difference between treatments (control minus drought) for both forms of *Erica coccinea* seedling responses including (a) photosynthetic rate, (b) stomatal conductance and (c) water potential for different forms (resprouter and seeder) under the different treatments (control and drought) for measurement days during the drought period which indicated significant differences (Table S1)

Different letters indicate significant differences within each day.

| a) Photosynthetic rat |
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| Day | T-value | df | <i>P</i> -value |
|-----|---------|----|-----------------|
| 0 | 0.932 | 2 | ns |
| 3 | 0.348 | 2 | ns |
| 7 | 0.199 | 2 | ns |
| 9 | 0.306 | 2 | ns |
| 12 | 0.79 | 2 | ns |
| 18 | 0.333 | 2 | ns |
| 25 | 0.241 | 2 | ns |
| 32 | 0.219 | 2 | ns |
| 40 | 0.534 | 2 | ns |

b) Stomatal conductance

| Day | T-value | | df | <i>P</i> -value |
|-----|---------|-------|----|-----------------|
| 0 | | 0.672 | 2 | ns |
| 3 | | 0.534 | 2 | ns |
| 7 | | 0.627 | 2 | ns |
| 9 | | 0.617 | 2 | ns |
| 12 | | 0.365 | 2 | ns |
| 18 | | 0.643 | 2 | ns |
| 25 | | 0.642 | 2 | ns |
| 32 | | 0.025 | 2 | ns |
| 40 | | 0.551 | 2 | ns |

c) Water Potential

| 0 1.355 2 ns 3 0.355 2 ns 7 0.755 2 ns 9 0.205 2 ns 12 0.178 2 ns | Day | T-value | df <i>P</i> -value |
|---|-----|---------|--------------------|
| 7 0.755 2 ns 9 0.205 2 ns | 0 | 1.355 | 2 ns |
| 9 0.205 2 ns | 3 | 0.355 | 2 ns |
| | 7 | 0.755 | 2 ns |
| 12 0.178 2 ns | 9 | 0.205 | 2 ns |
| | 12 | 0.178 | 2 ns |
| 18 0.078 2 ns | 18 | 0.078 | 2 ns |
| 25 0.126 2 ns | 25 | 0.126 | 2 ns |
| 32 0.318 2 ns | 32 | 0.318 | 2 ns |
| 40 0.054 2 ns | 40 | 0.054 | 2 ns |

Table S4: Full factorial ANOVAs (F statistic and P value) of biomass, root:shoot ratios, sucrose content and starch content in *Erica coccinea* seedlings for different forms (resprouter and seeder) under the different treatments (control and drought) for above and below ground material

Duncan's *post hoc* test was used to separate means (see Figures 5-7). Significance is indicated by an asterisk and highlighted in **bold** text

| | Root:shoot | Sucrose | Starch |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Treatment | 15.49 (p<.001)* | 84.65 (p<.001)* | 7.73 (p=.008)* |
| Form | 1.07 (p = .305) | 97.58 (p<.001)* | 0.30 (p=.587) |
| Allocation | NA | 12.32 (p<.001)* | 2.52 (p=.119) |
| Treatment*Form | 0.58 (p =.449) | 17.91 (p<.001)* | 0.01 (p=.978) |
| Treatment*Allocation | NA | 0.89 (p=.349) | 4.65 (p=.036)* |
| Form*Allocation | NA | 2.93 (p=.093) | 4.77 (p=.034)* |
| Treat.*Form*Allocation | NA | 0.60 (p=.441) | 0.27 (p=.607) |