Common Species Maintain a Large Root Radial Extent and a Stable Resource Use Status in Soillimited Environments: A Case Study in Subtropical China

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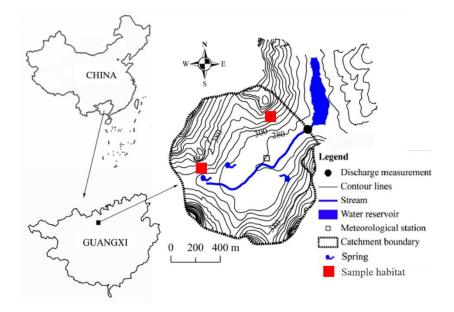


FIGURE S1 | Location of the study area and the plots for each of the two selected habitats (cited and revised from Fu's dissertation, Chinese Academy of Science, 2016). The size of each plot is 400 m² (20 m \times 20 m)

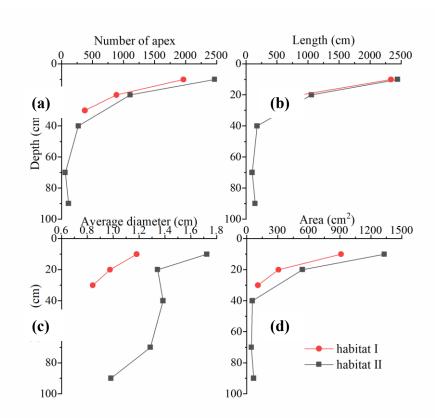


FIGURE S2 | Vertical distribution of fine root parameters in the two community plots nearby habitat I and habitat II. Number of apex (a), length (b), average diameter (c) and area (d). Data on fine root was obtained by soil auger on community level.