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Wildlife Tree Class								
Live		Dead						Dead Fallen
		Hard →			Spongy	→ Soft		Not Sampled
1	2	3	4	5	6 ≈ 2/3 original height	7 ≈ 1/2 original height	8 ≈ 1/3 original height	9
								
Live			Dead				Dead Fallen	
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1	2	3	4	5	6			
								
CWD Decay Class								
								
Log class 1	Log class 2	Log class 3	Log class 4	Log class 5				
Hard	Sap rot (but still hard)	Advanced decay (spongy)	Extensive decay (crumbles/mushy)	Many small pieces, soft				
Bark firm	Loose bark	Bark trace/absent	Bark absent	Bark absent				
Elevated	Sagging	Sagging to settled on ground	Fully settled on ground	Partly sunken in ground				
Hard branches with twigs	Soft branches	Branches stubs/absent	No branches	No branches				
Supports person	May not support person	Breaks easy	Shape collapses when stepped on	Collapsed oval				
No invading roots	No invading roots	Roots in sapwood	Roots in heartwood	Roots in heartwood				