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**PEATLANDS OF THE TAIGA NORTH-EAST OF EUROPEAN RUSSIA**

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The vegetation of peatlands in the taiga North-East of European Russia is second in area only to forests. Large mires and mire systems dominate, and among them raised bogs and aapa. Our research has destroyed the existing ideas about the existence of the Pechora province of aapa mires. In fact, aapa mires are distributed throughout the entire northern and middle taiga, as well as in the forest tundra. The ratio of raised bogs and aapa mires in the north of the taiga can be likened to the ratio of spruce and pine forests in this area. The pine forests predominate over the spruce forests in the west, i.e. in the Kola-Karelian region, but in the North-East the spruce forests dominate and the pine forests are inferior in both area and stocks. Similarly, the aapa mires dominate in the West and the raised bogs are significantly inferior to them. The raised bogs dominate over the aapa in the northeast.

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