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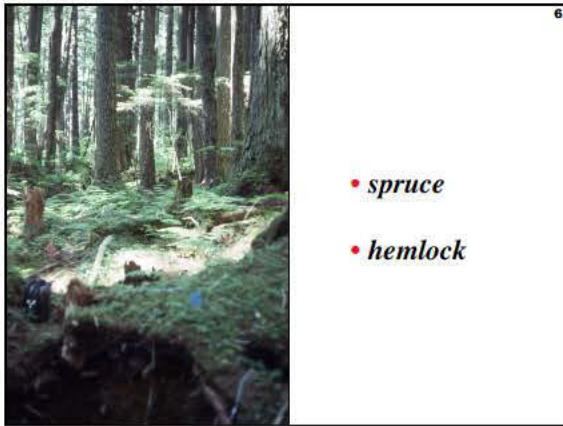
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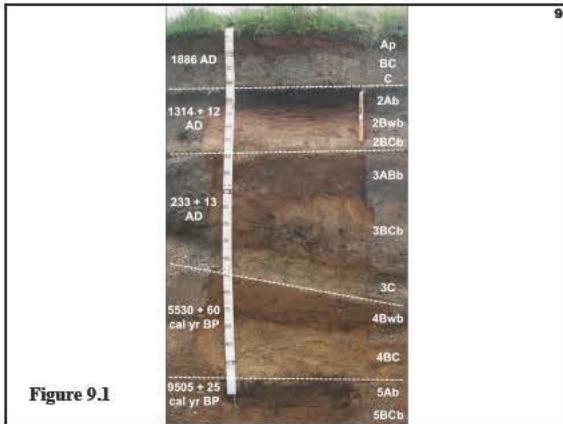
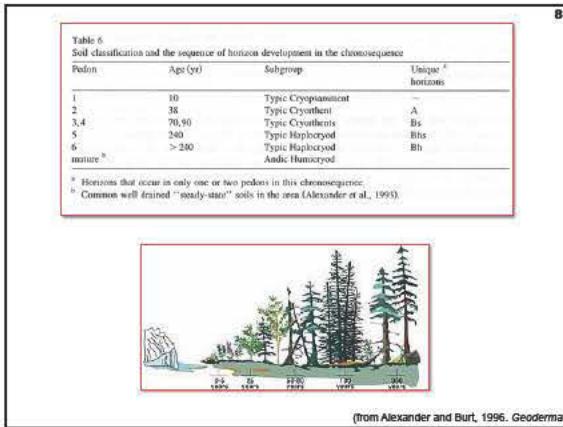
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**Figure 9.1**

Table 3.12. Some estimates of rate of soil formation

Soil Mixture or Profile	Age (years)	Depth of profile (cm)	Rate of formation ( $\text{cm yr}^{-1}$ )	Reference Citation
Aquic ultisol (loamy)	41	19	3.3	Molé and van Dam 1993
Volcanic ash	33	19	2.3	Molé and Marpaas 1993
Hummocky in a tropical clay, surface soil to horizon, following deforestation	13	—	—	Marpaas 1993
Alluvium	777	13	0.1	Ponelis 1978
Argic soils formed in a loamy sand, loamy	—	—	—	—
Alluvium of a fluvial system, derived from weathered lava in lava	400	33	12.0	Schoemaker 1979; Annual and Biannual 1964
2 m thick alluvium, well in a bay in Wisconsin	3000	200	12.0	—
Formation of a Podzol	1200	31	21.0	Torrey and Gholson 1961
Volcanic ash	—	—	—	—
Alluvium (loamy) in a Gray Brown Podzolic soil, derived from weathered lava in Wisconsin	240	7	38.0	Molé and Hale 1993; Van Reeuwen 1977
Soil of a loamy mineral horizon, or a Gray Brown Podzolic soil, derived from weathered lava in lava	8000	100	40.0	Annual and Biannual 1964
Deforested area, southern Wisconsin	8000	100	40.0	Robinson 1990
Soil of a loamy mineral horizon, or a Gray Brown Podzolic (Hyperlept) soil formed from weathered lava in lava	2500	30	13.0	Darwin et al. 1992
Soil of a Soil Yellow Podzolic (Ustic) soil in Australia	25000	30	97.0	Darby 1993
For black soils of a tropical rainforest in Africa	75,000	100	750.0	Author 1960