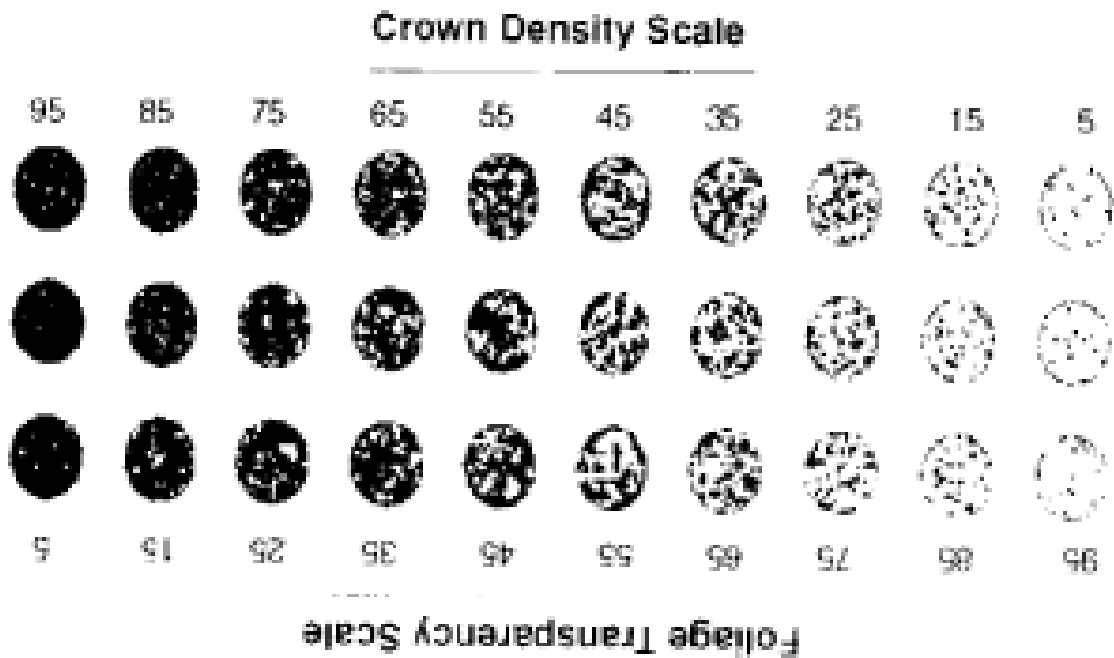


Hemlock Crown Transparency

Stand about 1 tree-length away from the hemlock tree at the same elevation as the base of the tree. Look up at its branches and leaves. What percentage of the sky is visible? It might help to view the crown from a position upslope as well. See the chart below for a guide to foliage transparency.



Crown Density- Transparency Card: Utilized as a tool for training personnel until ocular estimations can be made. White areas of the card represent skylight visible through the live crown and black areas represent portion of the live crown that is blocking skylight. **Taken from USFS FIA Handbook.**