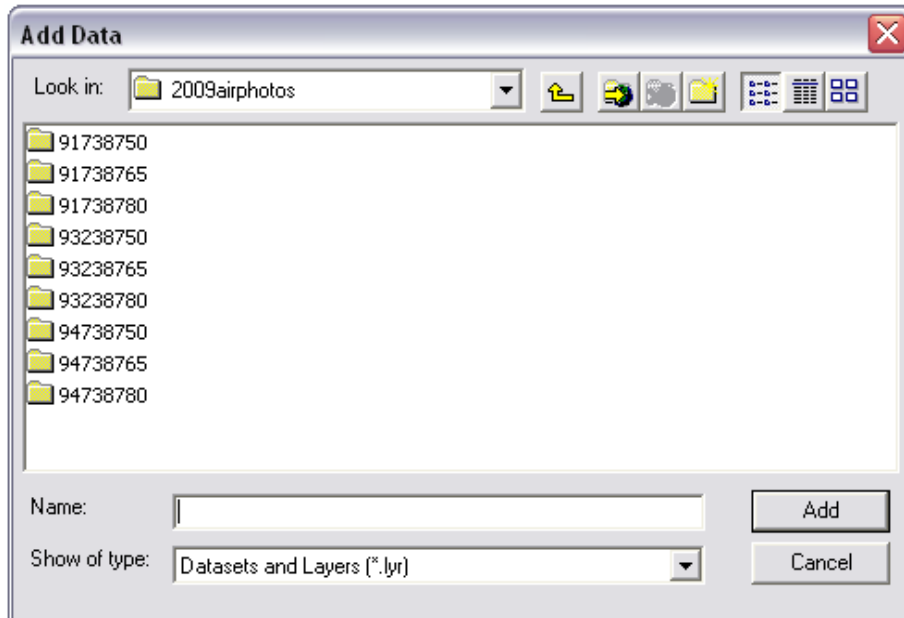


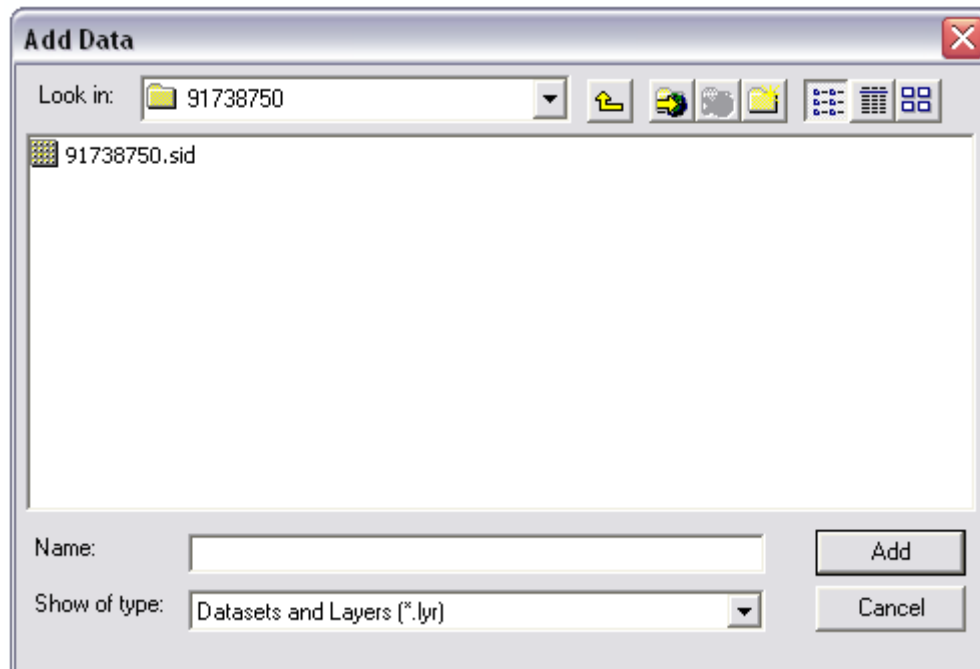
**Here is a step-by-step description of how to correctly open MrSID files in ArcMap.**

1. Download the MrSID file into a dedicated folder and unzip the zip archive if needed.



The screenshot above shows an example. I have a folder called \2009airphotos. This folder contains 9 sub-folders, which each folder containing one MrSID air photo.

2. Double-click on a folder.



In the screenshot above, for example, I double-clicked on the folder \91738750. Now I see the MrSID file named 91738750.sid. That's the file that I want to add to my map.

3. **Single-click** on the file name to select the file, then hit the **Add** button.

That's all – the air photo is added to your map or data frame and is displayed in color. The same procedure applies to the topographic maps as well.

**DO NOT double-click on the file!** If you double-click on the file you 'expand' the composite file into its three bands (Band\_1, Band\_2, Band\_3). You can add each of these bands individually to your map, but then your air photo will be displayed in black-and-white.