



# A first checklist of the alien-dominated vegetation in Italy

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## Abstract

This study provides a first step toward the knowledge of the alien-dominated and co-dominated plant communities present in Italy. The first ever checklist of the alien phytocoenoses described or reported in literature for the Italian territory has been compiled, produced by data-mining in national and local thematic literature. The resulting vegetation-type draft-list has been checked in the light of the most recent syntaxonomic documentation and updated with regards to syntaxonomy and nomenclature, with special reference to the frame proposed in the Italian Vegetation Prodrome. The list includes 27 vascular and one bryophyte vegetation classes, hosting 194 low rank alien-dominated *syntaxa*. The different vegetation types detected for each syntaxonomic class and macro-vegetation group, defined by physiognomical and ecological attributes, are discussed.

## Keywords

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## Introduction

Biological invasions are an ever-increasing global process arising from the intentional or accidental human-mediated introduction of species to areas outside their native range, overcoming natural dispersal mechanisms and biogeographic barriers (Richardson and Pyšek 2006; Blackburn et al. 2014; Seebens et al. 2018).

The consideration and debate on Invasive Alien Species (IAS) date back to long ago (Allan 1936; Egler 1942; Baker 1948; Elton 1958). In the last few decades, invasion science has emerged, becoming a relevant discipline of its own (Richardson et al. 2000; Richardson and Pyšek 2006; Richardson 2011), also as a consequence of the increasing rates of alien species' introductions at the global scale (Seebens et al. 2017, 2018) with no exception in Europe (DAISIE 2009) and in the Mediterranean (Hulme et al. 2008).

Biological invasions are nowadays widely recognized as an important component of human-induced global environmental change (Vitousek et al. 1997; Parmesan and Yohe 2003; Vilà et al. 2011; Vilà and Hulme 2017), being the second most common threat associated to species that underwent extinction in recent times (Bellard et al. 2016). Despite the accumulation of rigorous evidence of its importance to science and society, invasion biology has been the target of criticisms from scientists and academics who do not agree on the role of alien *taxa* as one of the greatest extinction threat at global scale (Da-

vis 2011; Richardson and Ricciardi 2013; Pearce 2015; Russell and Blackburn 2017; Ricciardi and Ryan 2018). However, it is renowned that the establishment and spread of IAS can drastically affect the native biodiversity by changing community composition, biotic interactions and other ecosystem processes (Vilà et al. 2011; Pyšek et al. 2012; Vilà and Hulme 2017), as well as by replacing it with common and widespread *taxa* (McKinney and Lockwood 1999; Hahs and McDonnell 2016), and can promote alternative successional trajectories that may dramatically affect the landscape (Williamson 1996; McKinney and Lockwood 1999; Weber 2003; Acosta et al. 2007; Del Vecchio et al. 2013; Gaertner et al. 2014; Stinca et al. 2015; Malavasi et al. 2018).

An alien organism needs to overcome geographical, environmental, and reproductive barriers to colonize a new region and spread over wide areas. In this process, some factors and traits can be more significant than others in explaining its success and therefore its invasiveness (Van Kleunen et al. 2015). Particularly, the concept of invasiveness of plant species has been integrated with that of propagule pressure and of "invasibility" of habitats and plant communities, i.e. the susceptibility of an environment to invasions by alien species, as different habitats and phytocoenoses may be more invulnerable than others and show different degrees of resistance/resilience (Rejmánek 1989; Lonsdale 1999; Rejmánek et al. 2005; Richardson and Pyšek 2006). All these concepts have been included in

the unifying theory of invasion syndromes (Perkins and Nowak 2013).

Patterns of distribution and abundance of IAS depend on a number of drivers including introduction history and pathways, life traits, availability of potentially invulnerable ecosystems, residence time, disturbance (Wilson et al. 2007; Carranza et al. 2010; Richardson et al. 2011; Comin et al. 2011; Dainese and Poldini 2012; Jucker et al. 2013). It is acknowledged that anthropogenic drivers play a crucial role in the establishment and spread of alien species (Pyšek and Richardson 2006; Pyšek et al. 2010a, 2010b; Bolpagni and Piotti 2015; Lazzaro et al. 2017; Stinca et al. 2017), however alien species showed to be largely constrained also by the same broad environmental factors acting on the native vegetation (Rouget et al. 2015). The same applies to IAS populations as well, as it has been demonstrated that what is good for natives is good for aliens too (Pyšek and Richardson 2006; Dalle Fratte et al. 2019).

Vascular plants are the most investigated taxonomic group in the field of invasive biology, and Europe devoted great efforts to their study, being the second continent (after North America) for investigative endeavour on plant invasions (Pyšek et al. 2009; Early et al. 2016). However, in spite of a huge scientific production about alien species numbers, ecology, impacts and distribution (for a synthesis at the European level, see DAISIE 2009 and Galasso et al. 2018 for Italy), their patterns and co-occurrence dynamics have only recently started to be in the spotlight, together with the factors driving alien plant assemblages (Hui et al. 2013; Pyšek and Chytrý 2014; Rouget et al. 2015).

A number of studies addressed the key role of cover and dominance of alien species to understand the invasion patterns (Lundholm and Larson 2004; Smith et al. 2004; Crall et al. 2006; Chytrý et al. 2008, 2009; Pyšek et al. 2010a, 2010b). This seems to some extent more important than alien species number, suggesting the hypothesis that the more an alien *taxon* becomes dominant in a vegetation type, the stronger the impact on native species diversity might be. This approach gave a pulse to research on alien plant species assemblages, and recently investigations on IAS have been addressed also at the community scale and benefitted from the currently available large databases of vegetation plots (see, e.g., Dengler et al. 2011; Landucci et al. 2012; Del Vecchio et al. 2015; Chytrý et al. 2016; Sperandii et al. 2018; Bonari et al. 2019).

A study by Chytrý et al. (2008) demonstrated that the habitat type is a reliable predictor of the level of plant invasion. This paper took into account patterns of plant invasions across habitats at the European scale, suggesting precious insights for biodiversity conservation and habitat monitoring, especially when considering the acknowledged correspondence between syntaxonomic types and habitats *sensu* Dir. 92/43/EEC (European Commission 1992, 2013; Evans 2010; Biondi et al. 2012; Viciani et al. 2016). Indeed, alien species have been listed among the causes of habitat decline and loss also in the most recent

red-list assessments, both at European (Janssen et al. 2016) and Italian scale (Gigante et al. 2018).

Some authors started to qualify and quantify the role of alien species in different vegetation and habitat types, and to point out the functional role that alien species play in plant communities (Celesti-Grapow et al. 2010; Pyšek and Chytrý 2014; Prisco et al. 2016). Moreover, habitat misclassification can be favoured by the presence of alien species (Sarmati et al. 2019). However, to date only few studies focussed on alien-dominated plant communities and the role of aliens in natural assemblages. With notable exceptions (e.g. Jurko 1964; Hadač and Sofron 1980; Ubaldi 2003; Vítková and Kolbek 2010; Sirbu and Oprea 2011; Allegranza et al. 2019), the large majority of vegetation studies, especially outside Europe, are still mostly focused on natural and semi-natural phytocoenoses with few or no aliens (Chytrý et al. 2009; Pyšek and Chytrý 2014).

Despite a long-dated Italian tradition of phytosociological studies, a national synthesis of the alien-dominated (and co-dominated) plant communities thriving in Italy has never been produced yet. Therefore, the present research aims at taking the first step toward the filling of this knowledge gap.

The European and national projects dedicated to IAS, which involved and currently still involve research academic centres and institutions, are numerous in Italy. Some of them have helped to gather a significant amount of information on invasive plant and animal species. Among the most recent, addressing non-native plant species, their impact and their management, as well as the awareness of the general public on these topics, we can mention: LIFE ASAP (<http://www.lifeasap.eu>), LIFE GESTIRE IP2020 (<http://www.naturachevale.it/il-progetto/life-gestire-2020/>), LIFE REDUNE (<http://www.liferedune.it>), MARITTIMO ALIEM (<http://interreg-maritime.eu/web/aliem>).

The present work is the result of a research agreement between SISV (the Italian Society for Vegetation Science) and ISPRA (the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research), with financial support from the Italian Ministry of Environment, aimed at supporting the implementation of Regulation EU 2014/1143 (updated by EU Reg. 2017/1263) on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species. In particular, the general agreement focused on: i) the update of the Database of Italian Alien Species (DIAS) with reference to their impacts on the ecosystems and the most threatened habitats and ii) the identification of the alien-dominated or co-dominated plant communities occurring in Italy. The outcomes of the latter are here presented. The research on alien plant communities and habitats was carried out through the collaboration of a wide working group of experts led by a Coordinating Committee composed by SISV members.

## Methods

A dedicated SISV working team, formed by national and local experts, collected all the thematic literature related to terrestrial and freshwater alien-dominated and co-dominated vegetation. On the basis of this bibliographic dataset, a selection of all vegetation data was carried out, with special attention to nomenclature and syntaxonomic classification. All the existing national and regional vegetation databases (e.g. LiSy – <http://www.scienzadellavegetazione.it/sisv/lisy/index.jsp>; Poldini et al. 1985; Poldini 1991, 2002, 2009; Gallizia Vuerich et al. 1999; Brullo et al. 2001; Gigante et al. 2012; Landucci et al. 2012; Evangelista et al. 2016), together with the regional bibliographic sources (e.g. Poldini 1989; Poldini and Vidali 1989; Poldini et al. 1991, 1999), were consulted. Data concerning each phytocoenosis were selected if one or more alien species played a substantial role in the analysed vegetation unit. In particular, the SISV Coordinating Committee collected and checked the information and selected the data whenever:

1. the analysed low rank *syntaxon* (association, subassociation, phytocoenon) was dominated or co-dominated by one or more alien plant species; a cover value  $\geq 3$  according to the "Braun-Blanquet" scale (Braun-Blanquet 1979) for alien species cover in each relevé has been set as threshold; if, instead of the "Braun-Blanquet" scale, the "Pignatti" scale was used in the bibliographical reference (Pignatti and Mengarda 1962), the cover value threshold was set to  $\geq 2$ , i.e. 20-40%;
2. the alien species name was included in the name of the *syntaxon*, by that implying that it is a characteristic/differential/diagnostic or somehow important *taxon* for the definition of the *syntaxon*, or even dominating and determining its vertical structure (as stated in Art. 10b of the International Code of Phytosociological Nomenclature: Theurillat et al. 2020).

Starting from this selected dataset, a draft syntaxonomic list was produced. The names of the plant communities and their syntaxonomic attributions at higher ranks have been acknowledged (and are here reported) in the same form as published by the original Authors. In case of inconsistencies or discrepancies, a specific comment has been provided.

The syntaxonomic scheme has then been updated in accordance with the Italian Vegetation Prodrôme (Biondi et al. 2014; <http://www.prodromo-vegetazione-italia.org/>), which however does not take into considerations *syntaxa* below the alliance level. Relevant differences and discrepancies with other syntaxonomic frames, especially regarding the EuroVegChecklist (Mucina et al. 2016), have been commented.

Plant nomenclature in the text follows the Checklists of the vascular flora of Italy (Bartolucci et al. 2018; Galasso et al. 2018) and later updates reported in the "Portal to the flora of Italy" ([http://dryades.units.it/floritaly/index](http://dryades.units.it/floritaly/index.php)

[php](http://dryades.units.it/floritaly/index.php)), to which we referred also to identify the species to be considered as aliens to Italy, including archaeophytes (e.g. *Arundo donax*, *Acanthus mollis* subsp. *mollis*) as well. New hybridogenic species due to xeno-speciation events (e.g. some species of *Oenothera* or *Vitis*) were taken into account, when considered as alien *taxa* by Galasso et al. (2018). In case of species considered alien to an administrative region and native to another one, only the communities reported for the region where the species is alien have been recorded (e.g.: a community dominated by *Acanthus mollis* subsp. *mollis* was considered alien to Liguria but not to Sicily, where this species is considered as native, see Minissale et al. 2019).

This process allowed to produce a first checklist of the Italian alien-dominated plant communities. On this ground, some statistics were calculated considering the number of alien vegetation units with reference to i) each resulting syntaxonomic class and ii) homogeneous groups of the resulting syntaxonomic classes, clustered according to their physiognomic and ecological characteristics.

## Results and discussion

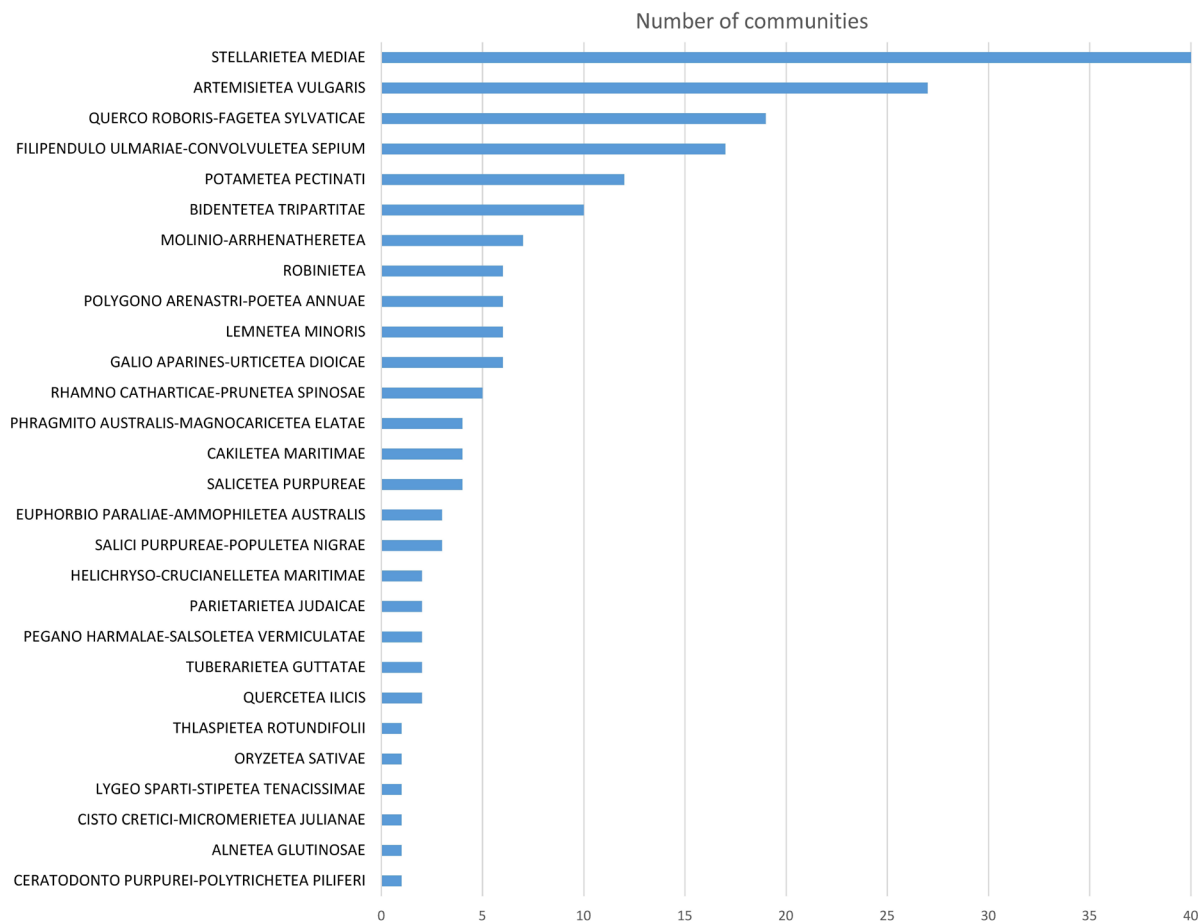
A comprehensive and annotated checklist of the alien-dominated and co-dominated plant communities occurring in Italy is provided in Appendix I. All phytocoenoses have been framed in an updated syntaxonomic scheme. A specific bibliographical list with references for all the *syntaxa* quoted in the checklist is available in Appendix II.

The checklist includes a total of 27 classes of vascular plant vegetation and one of bryophyte vegetation, including plant communities dominated or co-dominated by aliens to Italy. The total number of low rank *syntaxa* (associations/subassociations/communities) amounts to 194.

The number of communities for each class is reported in Fig. 1. As expected, the class with the highest number of alien-dominated plant communities resulted by far *Stellarietea mediae*, followed by *Artemisietea vulgaris*. The presence of some higher-rank *syntaxa* named after and mainly formed by IAS (e.g. the class *Robinietea*, the order *Nicotiano glaucae-Ricinetalia communis*) is worth to be noted, which highlights the coenological and physiognomic-structural autonomy of these communities.

The 27 identified classes and some subordinate *syntaxa* have been grouped in clusters based on their physiognomy and ecology. The considered groups are as follows:

- Forest vegetation (*Quercio-Fagetea*, *Quercetea ilicis*);
- Anthropogenic woody vegetation (*Robinietea* and part of *Rhamno-Prunetea*);
- Alluvial, marshy and riparian woody vegetation (*Alnetea*, *Salici-Populetea*, *Salicetea*, *Alnion incanae*);
- Perennial herbaceous hygrophilous and hygro-nitrophilous vegetation (*Galio-Urticetea*, *Filipendulo-Convulvetea*, *Molinio-Arrhenatheretea*, *Phragmito-Magnocaricetea*);



**Figure 1.** Number of alien-dominated communities for each syntaxonomic class of the checklist reported in Appendix I.

- Perennial ruderal herbaceous vegetation (*Artemisietea*);
- Annual ruderal herbaceous vegetation (*Stellarietea*, *Polygono arenastri-Poetea annuae*);
- Annual herbaceous hygro-nitrophilous vegetation (*Bidentetea*);
- Hydrophitic freshwater vegetation (*Potametea*, *Lemneteae*);
- Psammophilous vegetation (*Euphorbio-Ammophiletea*, *Cakiletea*, *Helichryso-Crucianelletea*).

Results of the community rates per class groups are shown in Fig. 2. The group including the classes of annual ruderal herbaceous vegetation (*Stellarietea mediae* and *Polygono arenastri-Poetea annuae*) hosts about 25% of the total number of the detected alien-dominated communities. *Stellarietea mediae* is by definition characterized by high rates of alien plant species, especially archaeophytes (<http://www.prodromo-vegetazione-italia.org/>). However, data analysis showed that this explains only part of the story. Actually, the involved alien species and genera are mainly represented by neophytes (e.g. *Robinia pseudoacacia*, *Artemisia* sp.pl., *Amaranthus* sp.pl., *Erigeron* sp.pl., *Euphorbia* sp.pl., *Solidago* sp.pl.). Indeed, it is known that neophytes mostly occur in strongly anthropogenic areas, whose habitats appear to be not only the most invaded, but also the most invisable (Pyšek et al. 2002,

2005; Deuschewitz et al. 2003; Kühn et al. 2003; Chytrý et al. 2008). On the contrary, relatively low- or non-anthropized ecosystems, such as nutrient-poor environments or montane habitats, are least or not invaded (Chytrý et al. 2008; Angiolini et al. 2019). For these reasons, heavily human-impacted environments (i.e. arable lands and fallow fields, urban and industrial areas, aquatic and riparian habitats) show the highest levels of neophyte invasion, as already suggested by previous studies, at least in continental areas (Kowarik 1995; Walter et al. 2005; Richardson and Pyšek 2006; Chytrý et al. 2009; Myśliwy 2014) and, as a consequence, the highest number of alien-dominated plant communities (Bolpagni and Piotti 2015).

Also the coastal areas are highly impacted by IAS (Acosta et al. 2007; Carboni et al. 2010; Del Vecchio et al. 2013, 2015; Lazzaro et al. 2017). Indeed, the close connection between invasibility, propagule pressure and habitat disturbance is a widely accepted relationship (Di Castri 1990; Vitousek et al. 1997; Pino et al. 2006; Perkins and Nowak 2013). This is indirectly confirmed in this study, by the fact that many of the less represented groups of alien-dominated communities refer to scarcely invisable environments, such as screes (*Thlaspietea rotundifolii*) or Mediterranean grass-dominated vegetation (*Lygeo-Stipetea*). Unexpectedly, our data seem to suggest that psammophilous coastal vegetation experiences low rates of

alien community occurrence (Figs. 1, 2). However, to correctly interpret this outcome, it should be considered that the collected data might outline a biased picture due to a lack of syntaxonomic investigation and classification for some communities. In support of this hypothesis, it should be noted that many alien coastal communities dominated by *Yucca* sp.pl., *Agave* sp.pl., *Opuntia* sp.pl. or *Acacia* sp.pl. have been noted although not syntaxonomically described yet (Carboni et al. 2010; Santoro et al. 2012; Del Vecchio et al. 2013; Lazzaro et al. 2014, 2015, 2017; Stinca et al. 2017). Moreover, low numbers of alien-dominated communities described for a particular environment do not imply low rates of invasion, as even few IAS can spread dramatically to the detriment of native plant communities. For instance, the neo-phytocoenoses formed by just two species of *Carpobrotus* are nowadays massively distributed along the coasts of the whole Europe (Souza-Alonso et al. 2019), possibly leading to a peculiar coenological diversity which, however, has never been formalized in syntaxonomic terms yet.

Disturbance regimes are often related to fluctuation in resource availability, indicated as a key driver for invasions, in relation to the intermittent resource enrichment or release (Alpert et al. 2000; Davis et al. 2000; Richardson and Pyšek 2006). For this reason, besides strongly anthropized habitats, also aquatic and riparian ecosystems are particularly susceptible and extremely vulnerable to biological invasions and generally show high rates of alien species, due to their intrinsically medium-high levels of disturbance (Di Castri 1990; Rauchich and Reader 1999; Pyšek and Prach 1993; Alpert et al. 2000; Bolpagni 2013; Bolpagni and Piotti 2015). As it is known, alien hydrophytes often become dominant in these environments, and give rise to species-poor alien communities. This is confirmed by our results (Figs. 1, 2) where, despite the relative scarcity of ecological niches in aquatic environments, the percentage of alien hydrophytes communities is relevant (Lazzaro et al. 2019). This can have severe consequences considering that alien aquatic plants, as primary producers and often structural component of the ecosystems, can drastically transform the structure of freshwater habitats and their water quality (Valley and Bremigan 2002; Rommens et al. 2003; Perna and Burrows 2005; Ricciardi and MacIsaac 2011; Brundu et al. 2012; Brundu 2015; Ceschin et al. 2016, 2019).

Other habitats also linked to water (and to the related high levels of disturbance) show a high number of alien-dominated communities. It is the case of riparian non-woody habitats, or of annual and perennial herbaceous hygrophilous and hygro-nitrophilous vegetation types (Fig. 2), which reach high percentages (the latter more than 18%).

Also the alien communities attributed by many authors to *Quercus-Fagetum* have a prevalent mesohygrophilous character (Appendix I). The most relevant woody invasive alien species, also found in the anthropogenic neophytic woody vegetation (e.g. *Robinia pseudoacacia*, *Ailanthus altissima*, *Amorpha fruticosa*, and many others)

can be defined as “ecosystem engineers”, i.e. species that shape habitats and/or cause changes to their state and resources availability (Vitousek 1986; Schmitz et al. 1997; Jones et al. 1997; Crooks 2002; Bañnou 2009; Bañnou and Vilá 2009; Djurdjevic et al. 2011; Benesperi et al. 2012; Cierjacks et al. 2013; Vítková et al. 2017; Lazzaro et al. 2018). The replacement of native species by alien plants, even when apparently ecologically equivalent, almost always negatively affects the ecosystems, especially if those species act as “ecosystem engineers” (Brown et al. 2006; Wilson and Ricciardi 2009; Lazzaro et al. 2018; Sitzia et al. 2018; Uboni et al. 2019).

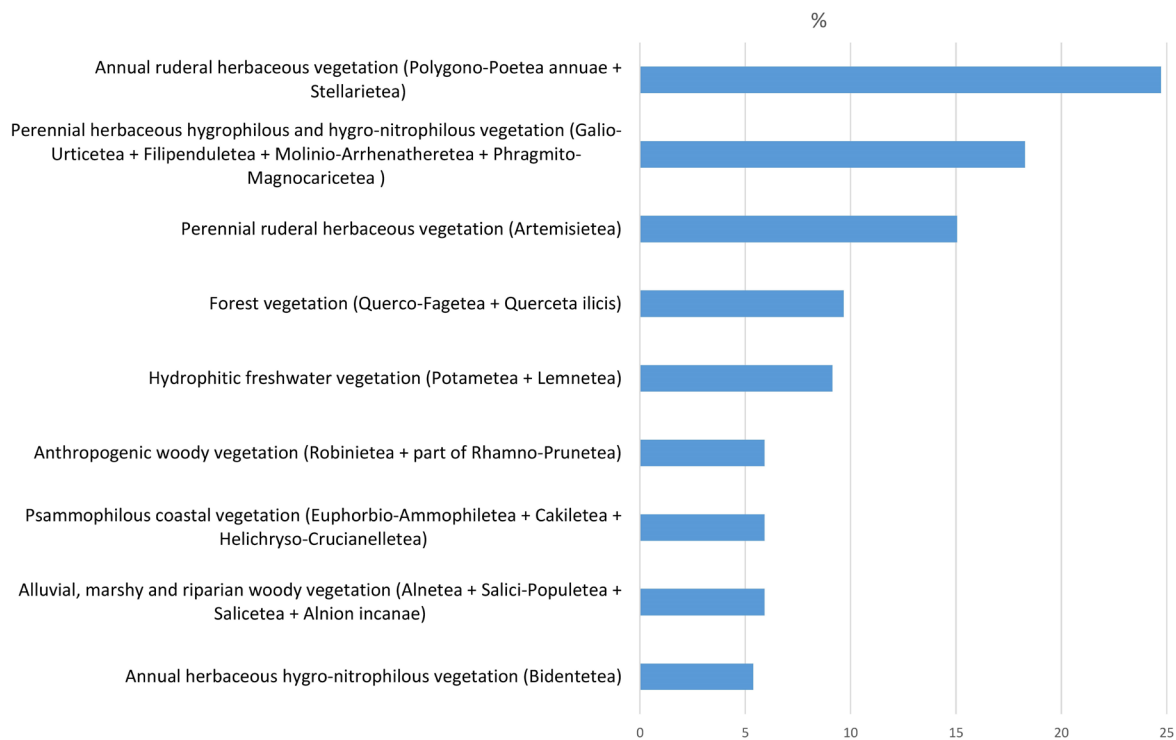
In the checklist we also recorded a bryophyte community dominated by the alien *Campylopus introflexus*, which in Europe is considered a neophytic moss, introduced from the Southern hemisphere and rapidly expanding (Hill et al. 2006). It was detected along Mediterranean ponds and neighbouring wood glades (Cogoni et al. 2002; Puglisi et al. 2016; Poponessi et al. 2016, 2018) and its distribution deserves to be monitored.

Few considerations can be made on the number of alien species involved in the communities reported in the checklist. According to Galasso et al. (2018), there are 791 non-native naturalized species in the Italian territory, 221 of which are considered invasive in at least one region. Our checklist shows that, based on the current knowledge, less than one hundred of these species (precisely 88) perform a dominant or co-dominant role in the considered plant communities. Only five of these (*Ailanthus altissima*, *Elo-dea nuttallii*, *Lagarosiphon major*, *Myriophyllum aquaticum*, *Cenchrus setaceus*) are considered IAS of Union Concern (see [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/list/index\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/list/index_en.htm)), however this number grows considerably when downscaling at the national level, with 76 of them (i.e. more than 86% of the total) to be considered as IAS in Italy (Galasso et al. 2018). Again, this can be traced back to the fact that most of these IAS are neophytes, many have been introduced in relatively recent times, and probably there was not enough time to give rise to such a degree of invasion to be relevant at European scale yet. Additionally, also at the national scale these invasions are often very localized or at very early stages, and their study from the phytosociological point of view is still a minor topic (although emergent).

At the same time, the continuous rate of introduction-naturalisation-invasion of new alien plants is an ongoing process that should be detected just in early stages, in order to prevent serious damage to native biodiversity. The numbers here reported raise the alarm for planning conservation biodiversity studies, monitoring protocols and management activities.

## Conclusion

The here presented first checklist of the alien-dominated plant communities in Italy should not be considered exhaustive. It is the first step toward a better understanding



**Figure 2.** Percentages of alien-dominated communities in physiognomically and ecologically homogeneous groups of classes and subordinate *syn taxa*, based on the checklist reported in Appendix I.

of distribution, ecology and invasion processes of alien species at community level in this country. Our review represents a screenshot of the current knowledge and suggests that a serious lack of investigation for certain vegetation types (and probably for certain areas of the country) has to be highlighted.

The present checklist of the alien vegetation in Italy can represent a very useful tool, not only for stimulating further studies and investigations but also for prevention, management and monitoring purposes. As emphasized by Olaczek (1982), the phytosociological school, taking into account the whole floristic composition of plant communities, was one of the first approaches able to detect the effects of alien species on the diversity of natural phytocoenoses and to include these new communities in the syntaxonomical vegetation classification. In fact, the “floristic and phylogenetic homogenization” (e.g. Pino et al. 2009) and the “degeneration of phytocoenoses” by means of a progressive modification of structure and floristic composition due to the alien species invasion, concepts expressed by Olaczek (1982) and Faliński (1998a, 1998b), can transform a native plant community into an anthropogenic one, or even in a “novel ecosystem” (Lugo 2015), susceptible to be classified in a new syntaxonomic frame.

This becomes particularly important when considering the close link between plant communities syntaxonomically described and Natura 2000 habitat types, as listed in the Annex I to the Directive 92/43/EEC (European Commission 1992, 2013). It is mandatory for Member States to conserve Annex I habitats in Europe in a favourable

conservation status (Evans 2012; Gigante et al. 2016). Undoubtedly, a better understanding of the processes by which a plant community and a habitat type are firstly invaded and then dominated by alien species, together with the comprehension of the successional (and syntaxonomic) implications of those processes, can effectively support the monitoring and management of biodiversity and protected areas.

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## Appendixes

### Appendix I – Alien-dominated and co-dominated plant communities in Italy (Syntaxa authors are abbreviated according to Izco 2002)

Class	Order	Alliance	Association/Phytocoenon	Reference number in the specific bibliographical list of Supplement 1
2	LEMNETEA	MINORIS O.	Bolòs & Masclans 1955	
	2.1	LEMNETALIA MINORIS O.	Bolòs & Masclans 1955	
			<i>Lemna minuta</i> community	115
	2.1.1	<b>Lemnion minoris</b> O.	Bolòs & Masclans 1955	
			<i>Azollo filiculoidis</i> - <i>Lemnetum minuscolae</i> Felzines & Loiseau 1991	82, 83, 90
			<i>Ceratophyllo</i> - <i>Azolletum filiculoidis</i> Nedelcu 1967	56, 58
			<i>Lemna minuta</i> community	110
			<i>Lemnetum minuto-gibbae</i> Liberman Cruz, Pedrotti & Venanzoni 1988	56
			<i>Lemno</i> - <i>Azolletum filiculoidis</i> Br.-Bl. 1952	40, 115
3	POTAMETEA	PECTINATI	Klika in Klika & V. Novák 1941	
	3.1	POTAMETALIA PECTINATI	Koch 1926	
	3.1.1	<b>Potamion pectinati</b> (Koch 1926)	Libbert 1931	
			<i>Callitricho</i> - <i>Elodeetum canadensis</i> Passarge 1964 ex Passarge 1994	39
			<i>Elodea canadensis</i> and <i>Potamogeton crispus</i> community	91
			<i>Elodea nuttallii</i> community	28
			<i>Elodeo</i> - <i>Potametum crispum</i> (Pignatti 1953) Passarge 1994	40
			<i>Elodeo</i> - <i>Ranunculetum</i> Richard 1975	114
			<i>Lagarosiphon major</i> community	28
			<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> community	64
			<i>Potametum crispum</i> Soó 1927 <i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> variant	64
			<i>Potametum lucentis</i> Hueck 1931 <i>Lagarosiphon major</i> variant	116
	3.1.2	<b>Nymphaeion albae</b> Oberdorfer 1957		
			<i>Hydrocotyletum ranunculoidis</i> Corbetta & Lorenzoni 1976	42

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		3.1.3	<b>Ranunculion aquatilis</b> Passarge 1964	
			<i>Callitriche stagnalis</i> and <i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> community	64
			<i>Lemno-Callitrichetum cophocarpae</i> (Mierwald 1988) Passarge 1992	64
			<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> variant	
12	BIDENTETEA	TRIPARTITAE	Tüxen, Lohmeyer & Preising ex Von Rochow 1951	
	12.1	<i>BIDENTETALIA TRIPARTITAE</i>	Br.-Bl. & Tüxen ex Klika in Klika & Hadac 1944	
	12.1.1	<b>Bidention tripartitae</b>	Nordhagen 1940	
			<i>Bidens frondosus</i> community	57
			<i>Bidenti-Polygonetum mitis</i> (Von Rochow 1951) Tüxen 1979	126
			<i>Bidens frondosa</i> variant	
			<i>Bidenti-Polygonetum mitis</i> (Von Rochow 1951) Tüxen 1979	15
			<i>echinochloetosum crus-galli</i> Baldoni & Biondi 1993	
			<i>Polygonetum hydropiperis</i> Passarge 1965 <i>Bidens frondosus</i> facies	61
			<i>Xanthio italicum-Polygonetum persicariae</i> O. Bolòs 1957	61, 60
			<i>Xanthio italicum-Persicarietum maculosae</i> O. Bolòs 1957 nom. mut. propos.	59
			<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i> variant	
			<i>Xanthium orientale</i> subsp. <i>italicum</i> community	46
	12.1.2	<b>Chenopodion rubri</b>	(Tüxen 1960) Hilbig & Jage 1972	
			<i>Cyperetum esculenti</i> Wisskirchen 1995	62
				1, 7, 13, 20, 29, 38,
			<i>Polygono-Xanthietum italicum</i> Pirola & Rossetti 1974	43, 44, 46, 53, 55,
				63, 68, 70, 75, 76,
				81, 92, 94, 95
			<i>Polygono-Xanthietum italicum</i> Pirola & Rossetti 1974	4
			<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i> variant	
16	PHRAGMITO	AUSTRALIS-MAGNOCARICETEA	ELATAE Klika in Klika & V. Novák 1941	
	16.1	<i>PHRAGMITETALIA AUSTRALIS</i>	Koch 1926	
	16.1.1	<b>Phragmition communis</b>	Koch 1926	
			<i>Scirpetum maritimi</i> (Christiansen 1934) Tüxen 1937	60
			<i>Paspalum distichum</i> variant	
	16.3	<i>MAGNOCARICETALIA ELATAE</i>	Pignatti 1953	
	16.3.1	<b>Magnocaricion elatae</b>	Koch 1926	
			<i>Cyperus eragrostis</i> community	16
			<i>Cyperus glomeratus</i> community	43
	16.5	<i>NASTURTIO OFFICINALIS-GLYCERIETALIA FLUITANTIS</i>	Pignatti 1953	
	16.5.1	<b>Glycerio fluitantis-Sparganion neglecti</b>	Br.-Bl. & Sissingh in Boer 1942	
			<i>Eleocharitetum palustris</i> Schennikov 1919	25
			<i>paspaletosum paspaloidis</i> Biondi et al. 2002	
20	EUPHORBIO	PARALIAE-AMMOPHILETEA	AUSTRALIS Géhu & Rivas-Martínez in Rivas-Martínez, Asensi, Díaz-Garretas, Molero, Valle, Cano, Costa & T.E. Díaz 2011	
	20.1	<i>AMMOPHILETALIA AUSTRALIS</i>	Br.-Bl. 1933	
	20.1.1	<b>Ammophilion australis</b>	Br.-Bl. 1933 em. Géhu & Géhu-Franck 1988	
			<i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i> community	88

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			<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> community	88
			<i>Xanthietum-Ammophiletum</i> Pignatti 1953	91
21	CAKILETEA	MARITIMAE	Tüxen & Preising ex Br.-Bl. & Tüxen 1952	
	21.1	EUPHORBIETALIA	PEPLIS Tüxen 1950	
		21.1.1	<b>Euphorbion peplis</b> Tüxen 1950	
			<i>Cakilo-Xanthietum italici</i> Pignatti 1953	1, 9, 12, 38, 91, 93
			<i>Salsolo kali-Cakiletum maritimae</i> Costa et Mansanet 1981 corr. Rivas-Martínez et al. 1992	17, 24, 48, 70, 91,106
			<i>xanthietosum</i> (Pignatti 1953) Géhu & Scoppola 1984	
			<i>Xanthio italici-Cenchretum incerti</i> Biondi, Brugiapaglia, Allegrezza & Ballelli 1992	24, 100, 109
			<i>Xanthio italici-Cenchretum longispini</i> Poldini et al. 1999	100, 106
22	HELICHRYSO-CRUCIANELLETEA	MARITIMAE	(Sissingh 1974) Géhu, Rivas-Martínez & Tüxen 1973 em. Sissingh 1974	
	22.1	HELICHRYSO-CRUCIANELLETALIA	MARITIMAE Géhu, Rivas-Martínez & Tüxen 1973 em. Sissingh 1974	
		22.1.1	<b>Crucianellion maritimae</b> Rivas Goday & Rivas-Martínez 1958	
			<i>Crucianello-Helichrysetum microphylli</i> Bartolo, Brullo, De Marco, Dinelli, Signorello & Spampinato 1992 <i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i> variant	125
			<i>Ephedro-Helichrysetum microphylli</i> Valsecchi & Bagella 1991 <i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i> variant	125
31	PARIETARIETEA	JUDAICAE	Oberdorfer 1977	
	31.1	TORTULO-CYMBALARIETALIA	Segal 1969	
		31.1.1	<b>Parietaron judaicae</b> Segal 1969	
			<i>Cheiranthetum cheirii</i> Segal 1962	46
			<i>Erigeronetum karvinskiani</i> Oberdorfer 1969	46, 54, 70
33	THLASPIETEA	ROTUNDIFOLII	Br.-Bl. 1948	
	33.6	EPILOBIETALIA	FLEISCHERI Moor 1958	
			<i>Oenothera biennis</i> and <i>Scrophularia canina</i> community	114
34	ARTEMISIETEA	VULGARIS	Lohmeyer, Preising & Tüxen ex Von Rochow 1951	
			<i>Sporobolus vaginiflorus</i> community	104
			<i>Senecio mikanioides</i> community	101
			<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i> community	99, 104
			<i>Solidago gigantea</i> community	70, 120
			<i>Senecio inaequidens</i> community	99
	34.1	ARCTIO LAPPAE-ARTEMISIETALIA	VULGARIS Dengler 2002	
		34.1.1	<b>Arction lappae</b> Tüxen 1937	
			<i>Artemisietum verlotorii</i> Lang 1973	41, 99, 101
			<i>Arundo donax</i> community	43
			<i>Saponario-Artemisietum verlotorum</i> Biondi & Baldoni 1993	15, 63, 72
			<i>Sileno albae-Acanthetum mollis</i> Biondi, Allegrezza & Filigheddu 1990	21

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34.2	AGROPYRETALIA	INTERMEDII-REPENTIS	Oberdorfer, Müller & Görs in Müller & Görs 1969	
34.2.1	<b>Convolvulo arvensis-Agropyrion repentis</b>		Görs 1966	
			<i>Artemisia verlotiorum</i> community	13, 127
			<i>Sorghum halepense</i> community	46
34.4	BRACHYPODIO	RAMOSI-DACTYLETALIA	HISPANICAE Biondi, Filigheddu & Farris 2001	
34.4.4	<b>Bromo-Oryzopsis</b>	<b>miliaceae</b>	O. Bolòs 1970	
			<i>Boerhaavio-Oryzopsietum miliaceae</i> Brullo 1984	33
34.5	ONOPORDETALIA	ACANTHII	Br.-Bl. & Tüxen ex Klika in Klika & Hadač 1944	
			<i>Reynoutria japonica</i> community	118
			<i>Artemisia verlotiorum</i> community	104
			<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i> community	29
			<i>Senecio inaequidens</i> community	29
			<i>Solidago gigantea</i> community	29
34.5.1	<b>Onopordion acanthii</b>		Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Gajewski, Wraber & Walas 1936	
			<i>Erigeron canadense</i> and <i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i> community	91
34.5.2	<b>Dauco carotae-Melilotion albi</b>		Görs 1966	
			<i>Artemisia verlotiorum</i> community	47, 118
			<i>Artemisia absinthii-Senecionetum inaequidentis</i> Pirone 2001	45, 96
			<i>Echio-Melilotetum</i> Tüxen 1947	
			<i>Senecio inaequidens</i> and <i>Erigeron annuus</i> variant	30
			<i>Echio-Melilotetum</i> Tüxen 1947 <i>Oenothera biennis</i> (aggr.) variant	31
			<i>Erigeron annuus</i> community	78
			<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i> community	29
			<i>Oenothera biennis</i> community	123
			<i>Senecio inaequidens</i> community	29, 31, 129
			<i>Solidago gigantea</i> community	29
34.6	CARTHAMETALIA	LANATI	Brullo in Brullo & Marcenò 1985	
34.6.2	<b>Onopordion illyrici</b>		Oberdorfer 1954	
			<i>Carduo pycnocephali-Nicotianetum glaucae</i> Biondi, Blasi, Brugiapaglia, Fogu & Mossa 1994	23
36	ORYZETEA	SATIVAE	Miyawaki 1960	
36.1	CYPERO	DIFFORMIS-ECHINOCHLOETALIA	ORYZOIDIS O. Bolòs & Masclans 1955	
36.1.1	<b>Oryzo sativae-Echinochloion oryzoidis</b>		O. Bolòs & Masclans 1955	
			<i>Heteranthera</i> sp.pl. community	39
37	PEGANO	HARMALAE-SALSOLETEA	VERMICULATAE Br.-Bl. & O. Bolòs 1958	
37.2	NICOTIANO	GLAUCAE-RICINETALIA	COMMUNIS Rivas-Martínez, Fernández-González & Loidi 1999	
37.2.1	<b>Nicotiano glaucae-Ricinion communis</b>		Rivas-Martínez, Fernández-González & Loidi 1999	
			<i>Nicotiano glaucae-Ricinetum communis</i> (Br.-Bl. & Maire 1924) de Foucault 1993	37, 87
			<i>Polycarpo-Nicotianetum glaucae</i> Sunding 1972	37

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38	POLYGONO	ARENASTRI-POETEA ANNUAE	Rivas-Martínez 1975 corr. Rivas-Martínez, Báscones, T.E. Díaz, Fernández-González & Loidi 1991	
			<i>Eleusinetum indicae</i> (Slavnic 1951) Pignatti 1953	30
			<i>Euphorbio-Oxalidetum corniculatae</i> Lorenzoni 1964	30
38.2	SAGINO	APETALAE-POLYCARPETALIA TETRAPHYLLI	de Foucault 2010	
38.2.1	<b>Polycarpion</b>	<b>tetraphylli</b>	Rivas-Martínez 1975	
			<i>Eleusine indica</i> community	91
			<i>Eleusinetum indicae</i> (Slavnic 1951) Pignatti 1953	46, 70, 99, 104
			<i>Euphorbietum maculatae</i> Poldini 1989	70, 99, 101, 104
			<i>Euphorbio-Oxalidetum corniculatae</i> Lorenzoni 1964	38, 99, 101
39	STELLARIETEA	MEDIAE	Tüxen, Lohmeyer & Preising ex Von Rochow 1951	
39a.3	SOLANO	NIGRI-POLYGONETALIA CONVULVULI	(Sissingh in Westhoff, Dijk, Passchier & Sissingh 1946) O. Bolòs 1962	
39a.3.1	<b>Digitario</b>	<b>ischaemi-Setarion</b>	<b>viridis</b> Sissingh in Westhoff, Dijk, Passchier & Sissingh 1946	
			<i>Amarantho-Chenopodietum albi</i> (Morariu 1943) Soó 1957	101
			<i>Amarantho-Digitarietum sanguinalis</i> Pignatti 1953	67, 71, 91, 101
			<i>Chenopodium album</i> and <i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> community	99
			<i>Cynodonto-Sorghetum halepensis</i> (Laban 1974) Kojic 1979	38
			<i>Echinochloo-Setarietum pumilae</i> Felföldy 1942 corr. Mucina 1993 <i>xanthetosum italicum</i> Poldini et al. 1998	105
			<i>Oxalido-Chenopodietum polyspermi</i> (Br.-Bl. 1921) Sissingh (1942) 1946 (*)	66, 67, 91
			<i>Oxalido-Chenopodietum polyspermi</i> (Br.-Bl. 1921) Sissingh (1942) 1946 <i>Galinsoga parviflora</i> (*) subassociation	66
			<i>Panico sanguinalis-Polygonetum persicariae</i> Pignatti 1953 <i>sorghetosum halepensis</i> Baldoni 1995 (*)	14
			<i>Panico sanguinalis-Polygonetum persicariae</i> Pignatti 1953 <i>Acalypha virginica</i> (*) facies	67
			<i>Panico sanguinalis-Polygonetum persicariae</i> Pignatti 1953 <i>Echinochloa oryzoides</i> (*) facies	66
			<i>Panico sanguinalis-Polygonetum persicariae</i> Pignatti 1953 <i>Panicum capillare</i> (*) subassociation	66
			<i>Panico sanguinalis-Polygonetum persicariae</i> Pignatti 1953 <i>Datura stramonium</i> and <i>Portulaca oleracea</i> (*) variant	51
			<i>Panico sanguinalis-Polygonetum persicariae</i> Pignatti 1953 <i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i> and <i>Paspalum distichum</i> (*) variant	51
			<i>Euphorbio-Galinsogetum ciliatae</i> Passarge 1981	79
			<i>Galeopsido tetrahit-Galinsogetum parviflorae</i> Poldini et al. 1998	105
			<i>Galinsogo-Portulacetum</i> Br.-Bl. 1949 ex Pedrotti 1959	78, 91
			<i>Setario-Echinochloetum colonum</i> A. & O. Bolòs ex O. Bolòs 1956	34, 38
			<i>Setario-Galinsogetum parviflorae</i> (Beck 1941) Tüxen 1950 em. Müller & Oberdorfer	70
			<i>Setario ambiguae-Cyperetum rotundi</i> Brullo, Scelsi & Spampinato 2001	38
39a.3.3	<b>Diplotaxion</b>	<b>erucoidis</b>	Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Gajewski, Wraber & Walas 1936 em. Brullo & Marcenò 1980	
			<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> community	86
39a.3.5	<b>Fumarion</b>	<b>wirtgenii-agrariae</b>	Brullo in Brullo & Marcenò 1985	
			<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> community	85, 87



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39b.1	CHENOPODIETALIA	MURALIS	Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Gajewski, Wraber & Walas 1936		
	39b.1.1	<b>Chenopodion muralis</b>	Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Gajewski, Wraber & Walas 1936		
		<i>Amarantho blitoidis-Chenopodietum ambrosoidis</i>	O. Bolòs 1967	46	
		<i>Amarantho muricati-Chenopodietum ambrosioidis</i>	O. Bolòs 1967	34	
		<i>Amarantho-Chenopodietum ambrosioidis</i>	O. Bolòs 1967	34, 38, 99	
		<i>Conyzetum albidiae-canadensis</i>	Baldoni & Biondi 1993	8	
		<i>Lolium multiflorum</i>	variant		
		<i>Conyzetum albido-canadensis</i>	Baldoni & Biondi 1993	46, 101	
		<i>Conyzo canadensis-Oenotheretum biennis</i>	Biondi, Brugiapaglia, Allegrizza & Ballelli 1992	24	
		<i>Xanthio italici-Daturetum stramoni</i>	Fanelli 2002	46	
		<i>Amaranthus deflexus</i> and <i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i>	community	91	
		<i>Datura stramonium</i>	community	21	
39b.2	THERO-BROMETALIA	(Rivas Goday & Rivas-Martínez ex Esteve 1973)	O. Bolòs 1975		
	39b.2.1	<b>Echio plantaginei-Galactition tomentosae</b>	O. Bolòs & Molinier 1969		
		<i>Erigeron canadensis</i>	community	121	
		<i>Galactito-Isatidetum canescentis</i>	Brullo 1983	32	
39b.3	SISYMBRIETALIA	OFFICINALIS	J. Tüxen ex W. Matuszkiewicz 1962		
	39b.3.1	<b>Sisymbrium officinalis</b>	Tüxen, Lohmeyer & Preising ex Von Rochow 1951		
		<i>Artemisietum annuae</i>	Fijalcowski 1967	30	
		<i>Artemisietum annuae</i>	Fijalcowski 1967 <i>ambrosietosum</i>	Siniscalco & Montacchini 1989	118, 119
		<i>Conyzo-Lactucetum serriolae</i>	Lohmeyer in Oberdorfer 1957	3, 31, 104	
		<i>Datura stramonium</i> and <i>Malva neglecta</i>	community	67, 91	
		<i>Erigeron canadensis</i>	community	70, 86	
	39b.3.2	<b>Hordeion leporini</b>	Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Gajewski, Wraber & Walas 1936 corr. O. Bolòs 1962		
		<i>Bassia scoparia</i> and <i>Chenopodium ambrosioides</i>	community (**)	91	
39b.4	URTICO-SCROPHULARIETALIA	PEREGRINAE	Brullo ex Biondi, Blasi, Casavecchia & Gasparri in Biondi, Allegrizza, Casavecchia, Galdenzi, Gasparri, Pesaresi, Vagge & Blasi 2014		
		<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	community	70	
	39b.4.1	<b>Veronico-Urticion urentis</b>	Brullo in Brullo & Marcenò 1985		
		<i>Bromo-Brassicetum sylvestris</i>	Brullo & Marcenò 1985	34	
40	GALIO APARINES-URTICETEA	DIOICAE	Passarge ex Kopecký 1969		
		<i>Artemisia verlotiorum</i>	community	30	
40.1	GALIO APARINES-ALLIARIETALIA	PETIOLATAE	Oberdorfer ex Görs & Müller 1969		
		<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	community	39	
	40.1.1	<b>Petasion officinalis</b>	Sill. 1933 em. Kopecký 1969		
		<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	community	5	
	40.1.2	<b>Geo-Alliarion</b>	Lohmeyer & Oberdorfer ex Görs & Müller 1969		
		<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	community	5, 89	
	40.1.5	<b>Allion triquetri</b>	O. Bolòs 1967		
		<i>Acantho-Smyrnetum olusatri</i>	Brullo & Marcenò 1985	34, 70	
		<i>Acanthus mollis</i>	community	70, 117	

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41	FILIPENDULO ULMARIAE-CONVOLVULETEA SEPIUM	Géhu & Géhu-Franck	1987	
	41.1	CALYSTEGIETALIA SEPIUM	Tüxen ex Mucina 1993 nom. mut. propos. Rivas-Martínez, T.E. Díaz, Fernandez-Gonzales, Izco, Loidi, Lousã & Penas 2002	
			<i>Reynoutria japonica</i> community	31
			<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i> community	31
			<i>Solidago canadensis</i> and <i>Erigeron annuus</i> community	31
			<i>Erigeron annuus</i> community	31
	41.1.1	Calystegion sepium	Tüxen ex Oberdorfer 1957 nom. mut. propos. Rivas-Martínez, T.E. Díaz, Fernandez-Gonzales, Izco, Loidi, Lousã & Penas 2002	
			<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> community	81
			<i>Artemisia verlotiorum</i> community	127
			<i>Arundini-Convolvuletum sepium</i> (Tüxen & Oberdorfer) O. Bolòs 1962 <i>Artemisia verlotiorum</i> variant	72
			<i>Arundini-Convolvuletum sepium</i> (Tüxen & Oberdorfer 1958) O. Bolòs 1962	11, 15, 34, 40, 46, 80, 99, 101
			<i>Arundo donax</i> community	43
			<i>Calystegio sylvaticae-Arundinetum donacis</i> Brullo, Scelsi & Spampinato 2001	35, 38, 73, 84, 85, 87
			<i>Calystegio-Asteretum lanceolati</i> (Holzner et al. 1978) Passarge 1993	63
			<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i> community	15, 63, 71, 127
			<i>Humulus scandens</i> community	39
			<i>Rubus caesius</i> and <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> community	89
			<i>Solidago canadensis</i> community	81, 83
			<i>Solidago gigantea</i> community	39, 63, 127
50	TUBERARIETEA GUTTATAE (Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Roussine & Nègre 1952)	Rivas Goday & Rivas-Martínez	1963 nom. mut. propos. Rivas-Martínez, T.E. Díaz, Fernández-González, Izco, Loidi, Lousa & Penas 2002	
	50.2	MALCOLMIETALIA	Rivas Goday 1958	
		50.3.2	Laguro ovati-Vulpion fasciculatae Géhu & Biondi 1994	
			<i>Ambrosio coronopifoliae-Lophochloetum pubescentis</i> Biondi, Brugiapaglia, Allegrezza & Ballelli 1992	95, 99, 102
			<i>Sileno coloratae-Vulpietum membranaceae</i> (Pignatti 1953) Géhu & Scoppola 1984 <i>ambrosietosum coronopifoliae</i> Pirone 2005	97
55	LYGEO SPARTI-STIPETEA TENACISSIMAE	Rivas-Martínez	1978 nom. conserv. propos. Rivas-Martínez, T.E. Díaz, Fernández-González, Izco, Loidi, Lousa & Penas 2002	
	55.2	HYPARRHENIETALIA HIRTAE	Rivas-Martínez 1978	
		55.2.1	Hyparrhenion hirtae Br.-Bl., P. Silva & Rozeira 1956	
			<i>Penniseto setacei-Hyparrhenietum hirtae</i> Gianguzzi, Ilardi & Raimondo 1996	36, 52
56	MOLINIO-ARRHENATHERETEA	Tüxen	1937	
	56.4	HOLOSCHOENETALIA VULGARIS	Br.-Bl. ex Tchou 1948	
		56.4.4	Paspalo distichi-Agrostion semiverticillatae Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Roussine & Nègre 1952	
			<i>Aster squamatus</i> and <i>Inula viscosa</i> community	94
			<i>Loto tenuis-Paspaletum paspaloidis</i> Biondi, Casavecchia & Radetic 2002	25, 68
			<i>Paspalo distichi-Polypogonetum viridis</i> Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Gajewski, Wraber & Walas 1936 nom. mut. propos. Rivas-Martínez et al. 2002 (= <i>Paspalo distichi-Agrostidetum verticillati</i> Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Roussine & Nègre 1952)	15, 41, 46, 60, 61, 63, 68, 70, 76, 93, 94, 95, 99, 101, 115

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			<i>Paspalo distichi-Polypogonetum viridis</i> Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Gajewski, Wraber & Walas 1936 nom. mut. propos. Rivas-Martínez et al. 2002 facies with <i>Cyperus eragrostis</i>	63
			<i>Paspalum distichum</i> (= <i>paspaloides</i> ) community	19, 81, 103
	56.5	PLANTAGINETALIA MAJORIS	Tüxen ex Von Rochow 1951	
	56.5.1	<b>Lolio perennis-Plantaginion majoris</b>	Sissingh 1969	
			<i>Juncetum macri</i> (Diemont et al. 1940) Tüxen 1950	78
			<i>Eleusine indica</i> community	91
61		CISTO CRETICI-MICROMERIETEA JULIANAE	Oberdorfer ex Horvatić 1958	
	61.1	CISTO CRETICI-ERICETALIA MANIPULIFLORAE	Horvatić 1958	
	61.1.1	<b>Cisto cretici-Ericion manipuliflorae</b>	Horvatić 1958	
			<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> community	69, 85
64		RHAMNO CATHARTICAE-PRUNETEA SPINOSAE	Rivas Goday & Borja ex Tüxen 1962	
	64.1	PRUNETALIA SPINOSAE	Tüxen 1952	
			<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> and <i>Rubus ulmifolius</i> community	6
			<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> and <i>Sambucus nigra</i> community	70
	64.1.1	<b>Berberidion vulgaris</b>	Br.-Bl. 1950	
			" <i>Corno sanguineae-Ligustretum vulgaris</i> " sensu Biondi et al. 1999 non Horvat 1956 <i>amorphetosum fruticosae</i> Biondi, Vagge, Baldoni & Taffetani 1999	27
	64.1.2	<b>Cytision sessilifolii</b>	Biondi in Biondi, Allegranza & Guitian 1988	
			<i>Cercido siliquastri-Rhoetum coriariae</i> Biondi, Allegranza & Guitian 1988	22
	64.3.1	<b>Pruno-Rubion ulmifolii</b>	O. Bolòs 1954	
			<i>Clematido vitalbae-Arundinetum donacis</i> Biondi & Allegranza 2004	18
65		ALNETEA GLUTINOSAE	Br.-Bl. & Tüxen ex Westhoff, Dijk & Passchier 1946	
	65.1	SALICETALIA AURITAE	Doing ex Westhoff in Westhoff & Den Held 1969	
	65.1.1	<b>Salicion cinereae</b>	Müller & Görs 1958	
			<i>Salicetum cinereae</i> Zolyomi 1931 <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> variant	65
68		SALICI PURPUREAE-POPULETEA NIGRAE	Rivas-Martínez & Cantó ex Rivas-Martínez, Bascónes, T.E. Díaz, Fernández-González & Loidi 2001	
	68.1	POPULETALIA ALBAE	Br.-Bl. ex Tchou 1948	
			<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community	122
	68.1.1	<b>Populion albae</b>	Br.-Bl. ex Tchou 1948	
			<i>Acer negundo</i> community	46
			<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> and <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community	6
69		SALICETEA PURPUREAE	Moor 1958	
	69.1	SALICETALIA PURPUREAE	Moor 1958	
	69.1.1	<b>Salicion albae</b>	Soó 1930	
			<i>Amorpha fruticosae-Salicetum albae</i> Poldini, Vidali, Bracco, Assini & Villani in Poldini, Vidali & Ganis 2011	13, 27, 48, 71, 107
			<i>Sicyos angulatus</i> community	40, 112
	69.1.2	<b>Salicion triandrae</b>	Müller & Görs 1958	
			<i>Salicetum triandrae</i> (Malcuit 1929) Noirfalise 1955 <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> variant	27

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		69.1.4	<b>Salicion incanae</b> Aichinger 1933	
			<i>Salicetum incano-purpureae</i> Sillinger 1933 <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> variant	27, 62
70	QUERCETEA	ILICIS	Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Roussine & Nègre 1952	
			<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> community	49
	70.1	QUERCETALIA	ILICIS Br.-Bl. ex Molinier 1934	
		70.2.2	<b>Oleo sylvestris-Ceratonion siliquae</b> Br.-Bl. ex Guinochet & Drouineau 1944	
			<i>Asparago acutifolii-Oleetum sylvestris</i> Bacchetta et al. 2003 <i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> variant	117
71	QUERCO	ROBORIS-FAGETEA	SYLVATICAE Br.-Bl. & Vlieger in Vlieger 1937	
			<i>Acacia melanoxydon</i> community	49
			<i>Euonymus europaeus</i> and <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community	77
			<i>Festuca heterophylla</i> and <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community <i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i> variant	77
			<i>Festuca heterophylla</i> and <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community <i>Rubus macrophyllus</i> variant	77
			<i>Pinus canariensis</i> community	49
			<i>Pinus radiata</i> community	49
			<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community	50
			<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> and <i>Prunus serotina</i> community	113
			<i>Sambucus nigra</i> and <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community <i>Chelidonium majus</i> variant	77
			<i>Sambucus nigra</i> and <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community <i>Poa trivialis</i> variant	77
			<i>Sambucus nigra</i> and <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community <i>Rubus</i> gr. <i>discolores</i> variant	77
	71.1	FAGETALIA	SYLVATICAE Pawłowski in Pawłowski, Sokołowski & Wallisch 1928	
		71.1.4	<b>Tilio platyphylli-Acerion pseudoplatani</b> Klika 1955	
			<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community	50
		71.1.6	<b>Carpinion betuli</b> Issler 1931	
			<i>Prunus serotina</i> community	113
		71.1.10	<b>Alnion incanae</b> Pawłowski in Pawłowski, Sokolowski & Wallisch 1928	
			<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> community	40
			<i>Populus nigra</i> and <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community	26
			<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> and <i>Rubus ulmifolius</i> community	55
	71.2	QUERCETALIA	ROBORIS Tüxen 1931	
			<i>Buddleja davidii</i> community	74
		71.2.1	<b>Quercion roboris</b> Malcuit 1929	
			<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community	50
	71.3	QUERCETALIA	PUBESCENTI-PETRAEAE Klika 1933	
		71.3.3	<b>Crataego laevigatae-Quercion cerridis</b> Arrigoni 1997	
			<i>Sambuco nigrae-Robinetum pseudacaciae</i> Arrigoni 1997	10
75	ROBINIETEA	Jurko ex Hadac & Sofron 1980		
	75.1	CHELIDONIO-ROBINIETALIA	Jurko ex Hadac & Sofron 1980	

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	75.1.1	<b>Balloto nigrae-Robinion</b>	Jurko ex Hadac & Sofron 1980 <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> community	88
	75.1.2	<b>Bryonio-Robinion</b>	Ubaldi, Melloni & Cappelletti in Ubaldi 2003 <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> community <i>Bryonio-Robinieta</i> Ubaldi, Melloni & Cappelletti in Ubaldi 2003 <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> community	46 124 46, 98, 128, 130
	75.1.3	<b>Lauro nobilis-Robinion pseudoacaciae</b>	Allegrezza, Montecchiari, Ottaviani, Pelliccia & Tesei 2019 <i>Melisso altissimae-Robinieta pseudoacaciae</i> Allegrezza, Montecchiari, Ottaviani, Pelliccia & Tesei 2019 <i>Rubio peregrinae-Robinieta pseudoacaciae</i> Allegrezza, Montecchiari, Ottaviani, Pelliccia & Tesei 2019	2 2

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CERATODONTO PURPUREI-POLYTRICHETEA PILIFERI Mohan 1978

*POLYTRICHETALIA PILIFERI* von Hübschmann 1975

**Campylopodion polytrichoidis** Giacomini 1951

*Campylopus introflexus* community 108, 111

(\*) In Poldini et al. (1998) the associations *Panico-Polygonetum persicariae* Pignatti 1953 and *Oxalido-Chenopodietum polyspermi* (Br.-Bl. 1921) Sissingh (1942) 1946 are considered syntaxonomic synonyms of *Echinochloo-Setarietum pumilae* Felföldy 1942 corr. Mucina 1993. The authors reached this result by elaborating the synthetic tables of only a part of the works published at national level with the name *Panico-Polygonetum* and *Oxalido-Chenopodietum*. Beside this, in Poldini et al. (1988) the numbers of tables and relevés taken into account for the analysis were not indicated. These authors did not also consider any subassociations and variants described. For these reasons, we prefer to report the names of the associations as they were indicated in the original works, without including them as synonyms in the name *Echinochloo-Setarietum*.

(\*\*) This association was described for the north-Adriatic Italian coasts, published by Pignatti (1952-53) as "nom. prov.", therefore not validly, according to ICPN (Art. 3b, Weber et al., 2000). It cannot be attributed to *Atriplicion littoralis* sensu Nordhagen 1940, as already highlighted by Mucina et al. (2016, p. 137), according to whom it must be referred to ruderal communities of *Atriplicion Passarge* 1978 (*Sisymbrietalia*). After examining the original table in Pignatti (1952-53), we agree with the comments of Mucina et al. (2016). Anyway, in the Italian Vegetation Prodrome, the alliance *Atriplicion* Passarge 1978 is not reported, so we provisionally prefer to attribute this association to *Hordeion leporini*, the most similar alliance from the eco-coenological point of view present in the Italian Vegetation Prodrome.

Soon after the development and data analysis of this article, Pellizzari (2020) hypothesized a reinterpretation of *Cyperus glomeratus*, currently considered alien species

in Italy, as a probable native. We are currently sticking to the consolidated position of Galasso et al. (2018), pending a reassessment of the chorology of this species.

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