

Syntaxonomy and ecology of plant communities of the *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii* in the Western Carpathians

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Abstract: We present a syntaxonomic account of the communities of the alliances of *Oxytropido-Elynion* BR.-BL. 1949 and *Festucion versicoloris* KRAJINA 1933 from Western Carpathians. Both alliances comprise naked-rush, cushion form and dwarf-shrub heath communities typical of wind-exposed habitats occurring at the highest altitudes of the Tatra Mts. They represent a relic vegetation of the cold stages of the Pleistocene (probably Late Glacial Maximum) and they can be classified within the class of *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii* OHBA 1974. A set of relevés was subject to numerical-classification analysis. Floristics and ecology of the communities were characterised and the relationships to similar syntaxa were discussed.

The *Oxytropido-Elynion* is restricted to the extreme ridge positions in the highest altitudes of the Belianske Tatry Mts. Five associations were distinguished, such as the *Pyrolo carpaticae-Salicetum reticulatae*, the *Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum distichae*, the *Festucetum versicoloris*, the *Oxytropido carpaticae-Elynetum myosuroides* and the *Drabo siliquosae-Festucetum versicoloris*.

The *Festucion versicoloris* is limited to the mylonite zone of the alpine and subnival belt of the Vysoké Tatry and Západné Tatry Mts (and found as rare in the Nízke Tatry Mts). The stands of these communities prefer terraces of steep rocky faces and cliffs and stabilised small-grained screes below the cliffs. Within this alliance, three associations were described, including the *Agrostio alpinae-Festucetum versicoloris*, the *Silenetum acaulis* and the *Salicetum kitaibelianae*.

Key words: *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea*, Pleistocene, relic stands, syntaxonomy, Tatra Mts

Introduction

In the Western Carpathians the class *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea* OHBA 1974 has been distinguished only recently. PETRÍK et al. (2005) included into this class relic stands dominated by *Elyna myosuroides* from the ridges of the Belianske Tatry Mts (*Oxytropido carpaticae-Elynetum myosuroides*). The key character for classification of these stands to the *Carici-Kobresietea* was the presence of numerous species considered relic from the past glacial periods. The communities of this class often occupy habitats representing suitable stands, which might have served as refuge during extremely cold periods of the Pleistocene.

Comparative study of the West Carpathian high-altitude communities (DÚBRAVCOVÁ et al., 2005) supported the ideas of recognizing the *Carici-Kobresietea* in this region. The idea by OHBA (1974) and later by

PETRÍK et al. (2005) suggesting the inclusion of the *Festucion versicoloris* Krajina 1933 into this class was also sustained.

Detailed study of the alpine and subnival vegetation from twenties of the last century until today yielded substantial knowledge of these communities. In this paper we want to clarify the extent and content of the low-rank syntaxa of the class *Carici-Kobresietea*. The main aims are: 1) to find differences between individual communities and to determine their diagnostic (character and differential) species; 2) to clarify the distinction of the *Festucion versicoloris* and the *Oxytropido-Elynion* in the Western Carpathians, and finally 3) to investigate the nature of floristic differences between stands dominated by *Festuca versicolor* on base-rich bedrocks such as limestone and marly limestone and stands found on bedrock moderately acid to neutral (Allgäu-Schiefer shale, hornstone, mylonite, quartzite, and sandstone).

Material and methods

We collected 443 phytocoenological relevés of the communities typical of high-altitude, wind-exposed habitats and dominated by cushion and dwarf-shrub heath communities of the central (the highest) part of the Western Carpathians (mostly in Tatra Mts). Based on previous studies (PETRÍK et al., 2005; DÚBRAVCOVÁ et al., 2005) we selected a dataset of phytocoenological relevés typical for the *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea*. They were combined with further relevés from similar communities with uncertain delimitation and classification into a high-rank syntaxon. These communities include the *Saxifrago-Festucetum versicoloris* SILLINGER 1933, the *Saxifrago paniculatae-Festucetum versicoloris* (WALAS 1933) PAWŁOWSKI 1935, the *Seslerio tatrae-Festucetum versicoloris* PAWŁOWSKI et STECKI 1927 corr. KLIMENT et al. 2005. The latter community is usually classified within the *Elyno-Seslerietea*; we used this one as a reference group for this class.

All relevés were sampled using standard procedures of the Zürich-Montpellier School (BRAUN-BLANQUET, 1964), mostly using the modified 9-degree Braun-Blanquet's sampling scale (BARKMAN et al., 1964).

The nomenclature of the taxa generally follows the Checklist by MARHOLD & HINDÁK (1998), with notable exceptions of those taxa, where the author's citation has been also included. The subspecies (given without the species name) in the tables are marked with asterisks (*).

Original cover-abundance categories of the sampling scales used were transformed using the ordinal scale of VAN DEN MAAREL (1979). The taxa determined only at the level of genus were masked-out (except the genera *Alchemilla*, *Sphagnum* and *Taraxacum*). Some taxa were included within more broadly-defined units: *Agrostis rupestris* (*A. pyrenaica*), *Alchemilla* sp. (incl. *A. aculeata*, *A. colorata*, *A. erythropoda*, *A. fissa* GÜNTHER et SCHUMMEL, *A. flabellata*, *A. glabra*, *A. incisa*, *A. monticola*, *A. palmata*, *A. rhodocycla*, *A. straminea*), *Anthoxanthum alpinum* (*A. odoratum*), *Cardaminopsis arenosa* (*C. borbasii*), *Carex atrata* (*C. aterrima*), *C. sempervirens* [subsp. *silicicola*, subsp. *tatrorum* (ZAPAL.) PAWL.]], *Cladonia arbuscula* (subsp. *mitis*), *C. pyridata* (subsp. *pocillum*, subsp. *chlorophaea*), *Empetrum nigrum* (*E. hermaphroditum*), *Gentianella lutescens* (subsp. *carpatica*, subsp. *tatrae*), *Salix retusa* (*S. kitaibeliana*), *Schistidium apocarpum* agg. (*S. atrofusum*, *S. boreale*, *S. trichodon*), *Sphagnum* sp. (*S. capillifolium*, *S. compactum*, *S. girgensohnii*, *S. quinquefarium*), *Taraxacum* sp. (sect. *Alpestris*, sect. *Alpina*), *Thamnolia vermicularis* (subsp. *subuliformis*), *Trifolium repens* (*T. orbelicum*).

Numerical classification was performed using the program HIERCLUS from the SYN-TAX 2000 package (PODANI 2001). The Ward's and β -flexible method ($\beta = -0.25$) with Euclidean Distance and Wishart's similarity coefficients were used. The dendrograms obtained were evaluated by comparative analyses of phytocoenological tables. In the clustering using β -flexible method (Wishart's coefficient) the relevés were classified into clusters representing floristically, physiognomically and ecologically well-differentiated communities. In the second step using of Ward's method and Euclidean Distance helps with classification of communities at the higher units. Results of numerical classification were used for rough orientation in analysed data. They were interpreted with consideration to supplementary information on ecology, phytogeography of individual taxa (e.g. arctic-alpine elements, endemic taxa) and relicness of habitats.

In the article only the associations with new relevant actualities are described in more detail.

Each taxon in synoptic table is characterised by the frequency (in %) and the mean value of abundance (upper index) calculated with the FYTOPACK program (JAROLÍMEK & SCHLOSSER, 1997). The individual columns contain also brief bibliographic references (for unpublished data only the names of authors are given), the number of relevés and their position in orographical units according to the map from the Database of Fauna of Slovakia, scale 1: 500 000. Diagnostically important taxa of individual syntaxa are given in bold.

Geological types of bedrock of the relevés localities were identified according to SEKYRA (1954) and SVOBODA et al. (1983).

The recognition of the diagnostic taxa of the high-ranked syntaxa follows the recent syntaxonomical revisions of Slovak high-mountains vegetations (KLIMENT et al., 2004, 2005; DÚBRAVCOVÁ et al., 2005; PETRÍK et al., 2005; ŠIBÍK et al., 2006). The meaning of abbreviations: art. = article according to the International Code of Phytocoenological Nomenclature [ICPN; WEBER et al. 2000], reg. = regional diagnostic taxon, transgr. = transgressive taxon (sensu WESTHOFF & VAN DER MAAREL, 1978).

Results

Class: ***Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii* OHBA 1974**

Order: ***Oxytropido-Elynetalia* OBERDORFER ex ALBRECHT 1969**

Alliance: ***Oxytropido-Elynion* BR.-BL. 1949**

Relic species-rich naked-rush swards of wind-exposed ridges and ledges of the highest altitudes of the Alps, Apennines, Carpathians, Pyrenees and the mountains of the Balkan Peninsula.

Associations:

Pyrolo carpaticae-Salicetum reticulatae PETRÍK in PETRÍK et al. 2006

Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum distichae PAWŁOWSKI et STECKI 1927 corr. PETRÍK et al. 2006 nom. in-vers. propos.

Festucetum versicoloris DOMIN 1929

Oxytropido carpaticae-Elynetum myosuroides (PUȘCARU et al. 1956) COLDEA 1991

Drabo siliquosae-Festucetum versicoloris PETRÍK in PETRÍK et al. 2006

Alliance: ***Festucion versicoloris* KRAJINA 1933**

Phytocoenoses bound to the mylonite (granite enriched by oligoclase) zone of the upper alpine and subnival belt of the Tatra Mts; mostly developed on terraces of steep rocky cliffs and on stabilised small-grained screes located below these cliffs.

Associations:

Silenetum acaulis KRAJINA 1933

Agrostio alpinae-Festucetum versicoloris PAWŁOWSKI
in PAWŁOWSKI et al. 1928 nom. invers. propos.
Salicetum kitaibelianae KRAJINA 1933

Descriptions of selected syntaxa

***Pyrolo carpaticae-Salicetum reticulatae* PETRÍK
ass. nov. hoc loco**

Tab. 1, column 1; Tab. 2

Nomenclatural type: Tab. 2, r. 34 hoc loco, holotypus

Synonyms: *Dryadeto-Salicetum reticulatae* DOMIN 1925 (art. 2b), *Dryadeto-Salicetum reticulatae* DOMIN 1927 (art. 3f, 7), *Dryadeto-Salicetum reticulatae* DOMIN 1929 (art. 3f)

Non: *Salicetum retuso-reticulatae* BR.-BL. in BR.-BL. et JENNY 1926, As. *Salix reticulata-Dryas octopetala* BELDIE 1967, *Salico reticulatae-Dryadetum* (MC VEAN et RATCLIFFE 1962) SHIMWELL 1969

Characteristic taxa: *Arctous alpina* (reg.), *Carex atrofusca* (reg.), *Pyrola carpatica* (transgr.), *Tofieldia pusilla* (reg.)

Differential taxa: *Biscutella laevigata*, *Coeloglossum viride*, *Pinguicula alpina*, *Pritzelago alpina*, *Ranunculus thora*, *Saxifraga wahlenbergii*, *Selaginella selaginoides*, *Swertia perennis* subsp. *alpestris*, *Blepharostoma trichophyllum*, *Dicranum spadiceum*, *Isopterygiopsis pulchella*, *Meesia uliginosa*, *Polytrichum formosum*, *Sanionia uncinata*

ŠIBÍK et al. (2004) suggested that communities dominated by the creeping and prostrate dwarf shrubs *Dryas octopetala* and *Salix reticulata*, which DOMIN (1925, 1927, 1929) invalidly described as *Dryadeto-Salicetum reticulatae*, are a well-differentiated unit. The most similar communities were described from the Ukraine (MALYNOVSKI & KRICSFALUSY, 2002) and from the Romanian Carpathians (COLDEA, 1984, 1997) under the name *Achilleo schurii-Dryadetum* (BELDIE 1967) COLDEA 1984. These East Carpathian phytocoenoses differ from the West Carpathian ones by numerous taxa typical for specific geographical units and reflect specific and different development of vegetation in past (see also PETRÍK et al., 2005, Tab. 2).

We propose a name – the *Pyrolo carpaticae-Salicetum reticulatae* – for this unit, using *Pyrola carpatica* (a Carpathian endemic) as one of the aponymous species. *Saxifraga wahlenbergii*, a West Carpathian paleoendemic, is still another phytogeographically important species with high constancy found in this community.

The association is characterised by the co-dominance of *Dryas octopetala*, *Silene acaulis* and of arctic-alpine willow *Salix reticulata*. The presence of a group of arctic-alpine species, such as *Bistorta vivipara*, *Cerastium eriophorum*, *Minuartia sedoides*, *Pedicularis oederi* (see Tabs 1, 2) confirms the link to the arctic-

alpine class of *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea*. In the well-developed moss layer (with average cover 55 %) *Hylocomium splendens* and *Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus* are the most abundant species.

The community occupies north-west- to north-east-facing windward slopes on marly limestone, less on limestone or dolomite with shallow to medium deep soils with high content of humus in upper horizon.

The association shows some syngenetic relationships to the *Arenario tenellae-Caricetum firmae* (the *Caricion firmae* GAMS 1936), above all on substrata with higher content of calcium and in habitats with thinner soil layer. Numerous arctic-alpine elements suggest classification of the *Pyrolo carpaticae-Salicetum* to the *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea*, supporting the conclusions made by ŠIBÍK et al. (2004). Opposite side of variability reflects relation to the association *Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum*.

Based on floristic differences we distinguish two subassociations:

1) ***Pyrolo carpaticae-Salicetum reticulatae biscutelletosum laevigatae* subass. nov. hoc loco** (Tab. 2, rels 1–12; nomenclatural type: Tab. 2, r. 5, holotypus hoc loco) is typical of relatively shallow and more skeleton-rich soils. Higher number of calciphilous species, such as *Bellidiastrum michelii*, *Biscutella laevigata*, *Pinguicula alpina* and *Tofieldia calyculata* indicates relationships to the communities of the *Elyno-Seslerietea* or to the *Caricion firmae*. These species are also considered as differential of this subassociation, similarly as well as *Ranunculus thora*. Of the mosses, *Campylium chrysophyllum* is a good differential taxon.

2) ***Pyrolo carpaticae-Salicetum reticulatae saxifragetosum moschatae* subass. nov. hoc loco** (Tab. 2, rels 13–35; the nomenclatural type of this subassociation is identical with that of the association) represents typical stands of the association. They are supported by deeper soils than in the former subassociation, where the influence of the baserich bedrock is partially buffered. *Antennaria *carpatica* and *Saxifraga moschata* and also neutrophilous to acidophilous *Festuca supina*, *Luzula *mutabilis* and *Saussurea alpina* are the differential taxa of this subassociation (see Tab. 2). The latter three of the species indicate a syntaxonomic link to the *Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum distichae*. *Blepharostoma trichophyllum*, *Campylium stellatum*, *Isopterygiopsis pulchella*, *Polytrichum formosum*, *Rhytidium rugosum*, *Timmia austriaca* and *Tritomaria quinqueidentata* are the differential moss species of this subassociation.

The *Pyrolo carpaticae-Salicetum* is differed from the following association (*Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum distichae*) beside the above mentioned differential taxa also by presence or higher constancy of following species: *Bartsia alpina*, *Carex firma*, *Pedicularis verticillata*, *Ranunculus alpestris*, *Saxifraga aizoides*, *Campylium chrysophyllum*, *C. stellatum*, *Distichium capillaceum*, *Ditrichum flexicaule*, *Entodon concin-*

Table 1. Comparison of associations from the alliance *Oxytropido-Elymion* (1–5) with other relevant alliances from the high mountains of the Western Carpathians (a brief synoptic table).

1: *Pyrolo carpaticeae-Salicetum reticulatae*; 2: *Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum distichae*; 3: *Festucetum versicoloris*; 4: *Oxytropido carpaticeae-Elynetum*; 5: *Drabo siliquosae-Festucetum versicoloris*; 6: *Oxytropido-Elymion*; 7: *Festucion versicoloris*; 8: *Caricion firmae*; 9: *Seslerion tatrae*.

1 – 7: *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea*; 8 – 9: *Elymo-Seslerietea*

Number of column		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Number of crelevés		35	20	39	10	10	114	248	304	123	
Average number of taxa		62	55	64	53	63	61	40	37	44	
Diagnostic taxa of the associations											
	<i>Pyrolo carpaticeae</i>	T1	80 ³	45 ³	5 ²	.	.	34 ³	1 ²	12 ³	1 ²
ca	<i>Tofieldia pusilla</i> (reg.)	C1	11 ³	.	.	.	.	4 ³	.	.	.
ca	<i>Carex atrofusca</i> (reg.)	C1	9 ²	.	.	.	.	3 ²	.	.	.
	<i>Arctous alpina</i> (reg.)	C1	6 ⁵	.	.	.	.	2 ⁵	.	.	.
ac	<i>Saxifraga wahlenbergii</i>	D1,6	91 ²	35 ²	38 ²	10 ²	.	48 ²	5 ²	18 ²	2 ²
	<i>Swertia *alpestris</i>	D1,6	91 ³	30 ³	28 ²	.	50 ³	47 ³	19 ²	36 ²	27 ³
	<i>Selaginella selaginoides</i>	D1	83 ²	20 ²	13 ²	10 ¹	.	34 ²	12 ²	46 ²	35 ²
	<i>Sanionia uncinata</i> (E ₀)	D1	80 ³	15 ²	26 ³	.	.	36 ³	48 ³	13 ²	9 ²
	<i>Dicranum spadicum</i> (E ₀)	D1	54 ³	15 ³	.	.	.	19 ³	1 ³	4 ²	.
	<i>Blepharostoma trichophyllum</i> (E ₀)	D1	51 ²	.	.	.	.	16 ²	8 ²	5 ²	1 ²
	<i>Coeloglossum viride</i>	D1	43 ²	15 ²	.	.	.	16 ²	10 ¹	2 ¹	10 ²
cf	<i>Pinguicula alpina</i>	D1	34 ²	.	3 ³	.	.	11 ²	3 ²	43 ²	6 ²
	<i>Ranunculus thora</i>	D1	29 ³	.	3 ¹	.	.	10 ³	+ ²	3 ²	8 ³
	<i>Isopterygiopsis pulchella</i> (E ₀)	D1	26 ²	.	.	.	.	8 ²	1 ¹	.	.
	<i>Meesia uliginosa</i> (E ₀)	D1	26 ²	.	.	.	.	8 ²	2 ²	6 ²	3 ²
ES	<i>Biscutella laevigata</i>	D1	23 ²	.	.	.	.	7 ²	.	33 ²	37 ²
	<i>Polytrichum formosum</i> (E ₀)	D1	23 ⁴	.	.	.	.	7 ⁴	1 ¹	.	.
Oe	<i>Dianthus glacialis</i>	T2	23 ²	75 ²	21 ²	.	.	27 ²	10 ²	1 ²	2 ²
CC	<i>Festuca supina</i>	D2	43 ³	100 ⁶	56 ²	40 ³	40 ²	57 ⁴	84 ³	5 ³	7 ²
CC	<i>Oreochloa disticha</i>	D2	23 ³	100 ³	23 ³	20 ²	40 ²	38 ⁴	76 ³	1 ³	6 ²
	<i>Bistorta major</i>	D2	29 ²	100 ⁴	8 ²	.	50 ²	33 ³	19 ²	1 ³	21 ³
SH	<i>Luzula *obscura</i>	D2	23 ²	90 ²	13 ²	.	.	27 ²	54 ²	.	2 ²
	<i>Cetraria cucullata</i> (E ₀)	D2	.	75 ³	23 ²	20 ²	.	23 ²	28 ²	5 ²	3 ²
	<i>Cladonia rangiferina</i> (E ₀)	D2	.	75 ³	3 ²	.	.	14 ³	24 ²	1 ³	5 ²
	<i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> (E ₀)	D2	26 ³	75 ⁴	5 ²	.	.	23 ³	22 ³	7 ²	3 ⁴
CK	<i>Potentilla crantzii</i>	D2	6 ²	70 ³	15 ²	.	40 ⁴	23 ³	16 ²	3 ²	25 ³
jt	<i>Senecio *carpathicus</i>	D2	3 ³	70 ³	.	.	.	13 ³	6 ²	.	1 ²
NS	<i>Potentilla aurea</i>	D2	6 ²	65 ³	.	.	.	13 ³	16 ²	1 ²	59 ³
CC	<i>Avenula versicolor</i>	D2	9 ²	55 ³	15 ²	10 ²	.	18 ³	36 ²	.	18 ³
	<i>Cladonia gracilis</i> (E ₀)	D2	6 ²	55 ²	10 ²	10 ²	10 ²	17 ²	36 ²	6 ²	2 ²
jt	<i>Hieracium alpinum</i>	D2	6 ²	45 ²	3 ²	.	.	11 ²	25 ²	+ ²	5 ²
CC	<i>Pulsatilla scherfelii</i>	D2,7	.	40 ²	.	.	.	7 ²	45 ³	+ ²	7 ²
	<i>Salix hastata</i>	D2	.	25 ³	.	.	.	4 ³	.	.	.
pc	<i>Crepis jacquini</i>	D3,6	11 ²	.	41 ³	.	10 ²	18 ³	.	69 ³	7 ²
pt	<i>Delphinium oxysepalum</i>	D3	3 ²	15 ²	41 ²	10 ²	10 ³	19 ²	2 ²	2 ²	.
	<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i> (E ₀)	D3	9 ³	.	36 ³	.	.	15 ³	.	27 ³	.
	<i>Didymodon asperifolius</i> (E ₀)	D3	.	.	28 ³	.	.	10 ³	.	1 ³	.
CK	<i>Elyna myosuroides</i>	C4	.	10 ³	3 ²	100 ⁶	.	11 ⁵	1 ⁴	.	.
	<i>Cladonia pyxidata</i> (E ₀)	D4	9 ²	20 ²	15 ³	100 ³	20 ²	22 ³	28 ²	9 ²	13 ²
	<i>Physconia muscigena</i> (E ₀)	D4	.	.	18 ²	80 ²	.	13 ²	+ ²	2 ²	.
pc	<i>Primula *hungarica</i>	D4	.	.	13 ²	50 ³	.	9 ²	.	45 ²	7 ²
	<i>Toninia lobulata</i> (E ₀)	D4	.	.	18 ²	50 ²	10 ²	11 ²	+ ³	4 ²	.
	<i>Fulgensia bracteata</i> (E ₀)	D4	.	.	.	40 ²	.	4 ²	.	6 ²	.
	<i>Draba siliquosa</i>	C5	.	.	10 ²	20 ³	100 ³	14 ³	.	+ ²	.
	<i>Anthoxanthum alpinum</i>	D5	3 ²	15 ²	10 ²	10 ²	100 ²	17 ²	27 ²	+ ²	50 ³
	<i>Parnassia palustris</i>	D5	29 ²	15 ²	44 ²	.	100 ³	35 ²	6 ²	18 ²	53 ²
ES	<i>Astragalus australis</i>	D5,6	9 ²	.	15 ²	30 ³	90 ³	18 ³	.	2 ²	21 ⁴
ES	<i>Helianthemum grandiflorum</i>	D5	.	10 ²	26 ²	.	90 ⁴	18 ³	1 ²	12 ²	69 ⁴
Cv	<i>Linum extraaxillare</i>	D5	3 ²	.	.	.	90 ⁴	9 ⁴	3 ³	1 ¹	37 ³
	<i>Plagiothecium laetum</i> (E ₀)	D5	.	.	.	.	80 ²	7 ²	+ ²	+ ²	.
st	<i>Tephroseria capitata</i>	D5,6	6 ¹	.	13 ³	20 ²	80 ²	15 ²	.	+ ¹	28 ²
	<i>Poa nemoralis</i>	D5	.	.	13 ²	10 ²	70 ³	11 ³	1 ²	+ ²	1 ³
	<i>Plagiobryum demissum</i> (E ₀)	D5	6 ²	.	13 ²	10 ²	70 ²	13 ²	.	+ ²	1 ³
	<i>Campylopus schimperi</i> (E ₀)	D5	.	.	10 ²	.	50 ²	8 ²	3 ²	.	.
	<i>Plagiopus oederi</i> (E ₀)	D5	6 ²	.	8 ³	.	50 ³	9 ³	.	3 ³	.
ES	<i>Carduus glaucinus</i>	D5	.	.	.	.	30 ³	3 ³	.	1 ²	40 ³
	<i>Saxifraga adscendens</i>	D5	.	.	.	.	30 ²	3 ²	+ ²	.	1 ²

Table 1. (continued)

Number of column		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Oxytropido-Elyniion											
	<i>Androsace chamaejasme</i>	C	71 ³	75 ²	97 ⁴	100 ³	100 ⁴	86 ³	+ ²	39 ²	24 ²
	<i>Rhodax alpestris</i>	C	63 ³	60 ²	79 ³	50 ²	10 ²	62 ²	.	39 ³	4 ³
	<i>Oxytropis halleri</i>	C	20 ²	10 ²	74 ⁴	70 ⁴	30 ²	42 ³	.	2 ²	1 ⁵
	<i>Vulpicida tubulosus</i> (E ₀)	C	31 ²	10 ²	72 ²	50 ²	.	40 ²	2 ²	28 ²	1 ³
	<i>Comastoma tenellum</i> (reg.)	C	26 ²	20 ²	44 ²	70 ²	60 ²	38 ²	.	6 ²	.
	<i>Dactylina madreporeiformis</i> (E ₀)	C	9 ²	.	62 ²	80 ³	.	31 ²	.	13 ³	.
	<i>Oxytropis carpatica</i>	C	14 ³	.	49 ³	50 ²	13 ²	26 ³	.	11 ³	1 ³
	<i>Carex capillaris</i>	C	9 ²	20 ²	36 ³	40 ³	60 ³	27 ³	.	3 ²	2 ²
	<i>Astragalus frigidus</i>	C	14 ²	20 ²	21 ²	10 ²	50 ³	20 ³	.	1 ³	3 ⁴
	<i>Erigeron hungaricus</i>	C	.	.	33 ²	10 ²	70 ²	18 ²	+ ³	1 ²	7 ³
	<i>Astragalus norvegicus</i>	C	9 ²	.	13 ³	.	40 ⁴	11 ³	.	+ ²	3 ³
ES	<i>Galium anisophyllum</i>	D	94 ²	95 ²	97 ²	80 ²	100 ³	95 ²	18 ²	61 ²	76 ²
ES	<i>Ranunculus breyninus</i>	D	51 ²	70 ³	92 ⁴	100 ³	100 ⁴	77 ³	14 ³	27 ²	54 ³
	<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	D	89 ²	70 ²	77 ²	30 ²	100 ³	77 ²	13 ²	9 ²	28 ²
	<i>Poa alpina</i>	D	77 ²	65 ²	87 ²	60 ²	50 ²	75 ²	17 ²	16 ²	59 ³
ac	<i>Salix reticulata</i>	D	100 ⁶	75 ³	54 ³	.	.	62 ⁵	11 ³	35 ³	19 ³
st	<i>Sesleria tatrae</i>	D	71 ²	60 ³	59 ²	10 ²	90 ²	61 ²	1 ²	30 ²	99 ⁶
ES	<i>Phyteuma orbiculare</i>	D	57 ²	30 ²	64 ²	20 ²	90 ⁴	54 ³	18 ²	39 ²	89 ³
	<i>Ditrichum flexicaule</i> (E ₀)	D	57 ³	.	74 ³	50 ³	40 ³	51 ³	4 ³	64 ³	4 ²
	<i>Mnium thomsonii</i> (E ₀)	D	77 ³	.	44 ²	30 ²	60 ²	46 ²	5 ²	16 ²	1 ³
	<i>Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus</i> (E ₀)	D	97 ⁴	65 ³	10 ²	.	.	45 ³	19 ²	21 ²	7 ³
	<i>Saxifraga aizoides</i>	D	63 ²	.	64 ²	10 ²	20 ²	44 ²	5 ²	48 ²	10 ³
cf	<i>Carex firma</i>	D	69 ⁶	10 ²	49 ³	20 ²	10 ²	42 ⁴	+ ²	97 ⁷	15 ²
cf	<i>Ranunculus alpestris</i>	D	83 ²	5 ²	44 ²	10 ²	.	42 ²	15 ³	82 ³	3 ²
ns	<i>Luzula sudetica</i>	D	54 ²	60 ²	31 ²	.	50 ²	42 ²	+ ²	1 ²	5 ²
ES	<i>Euphrasia salisburgensis</i>	D	6 ²	5 ²	64 ²	40 ²	60 ²	33 ²	2 ¹	31 ²	31 ²
st	<i>Cardaminopsis *tatrae</i>	D	51 ²	45 ²	15 ²	.	30 ²	32 ²	.	.	22 ³
cf	<i>Arenaria tenella</i>	D	9 ²	.	62 ³	60 ³	20 ²	31 ³	2 ²	36 ²	2 ¹
ES	<i>Thymus pulcherrimus</i>	D	.	.	51 ³	10 ²	70 ³	25 ³	.	9 ²	39 ³
pc	<i>Draba aizoides</i>	D	11 ²	5 ²	46 ²	40 ²	.	24 ²	1 ²	22 ²	2 ²
asa	<i>Bupleurum ranunculoides</i>	D	.	.	18 ²	50 ³	90 ³	18 ³	.	5 ²	3 ²
as	<i>Aster alpinus</i>	D	.	.	18 ³	40 ⁴	70 ³	16 ³	.	8 ³	1 ²
Festucion versicoloris											
	<i>Salix retusa</i> s. l.	C	43 ³	35 ²	15 ²	10 ³	.	25 ³	63 ⁵	7 ²	4 ²
	<i>Gentiana frigida</i>	C	11 ²	.	8 ²	.	.	6 ²	40 ²	.	.
	<i>Erigeron uniflorus</i> (reg.)	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	19 ²	+ ²	2 ¹
	<i>Saxifraga retusa</i>	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 ²	.	.
	<i>Pulsatilla vernalis</i>	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 ²	.	.
fp	<i>Doronicum stiriacum</i>	D	9 ⁴	35 ³	15 ²	.	10 ²	15 ³	60 ²	.	.
	<i>Huperzia selago</i>	D	17 ²	.	8 ²	.	.	8 ²	48 ²	13 ²	2 ²
	<i>Polytrichum piliferum</i> (E ₀)	D	.	.	.	10 ³	.	1 ³	25 ²	.	.
tf	<i>Cardaminopsis neglecta</i>	D	.	.	.	.	.	.	25 ²	.	.
aa	<i>Saxifraga bryoides</i>	D	3 ²	.	10 ³	10 ³	.	5 ³	24 ²	.	.
aa	<i>Poa laxa</i>	D	.	.	.	10 ²	.	1 ²	23 ²	.	.
SH	<i>Leucanthemopsis *tatrae</i>	D	.	.	.	.	.	.	21 ²	.	.
SH	<i>Salix herbacea</i>	D	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 ²	.	.
aa	<i>Oxyria digyna</i>	D	.	.	3 ²	.	.	1 ²	18 ²	.	.
	<i>Callianthemum coriandrifolium</i>	D	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 ²	.	1 ²
	<i>Novosieversia reptans</i>	D	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 ³	.	.
Oxytropido-Elynetalia											
	<i>Festuca *versicolor</i> (reg.)		100 ⁵	85 ⁴	100 ⁶	100 ⁵	100 ⁸	97 ⁵	49 ⁵	98 ⁴	63 ⁵
	<i>Cerastium eriophorum</i>	T6	89 ³	95 ³	97 ³	90 ³	100 ⁵	94 ³	30 ²	15 ²	8 ²
	<i>Minuartia sedoides</i>	T6	94 ⁴	95 ⁴	95 ⁴	80 ³	40 ²	98 ⁴	41 ³	33 ²	7 ²
	<i>Minuartia pauciflora</i> (reg.)	T6	97 ³	55 ²	97 ³	40 ²	60 ²	82 ³	22 ³	25 ²	3 ²
	<i>Ligusticum mutellinoides</i>		91 ³	95 ³	74 ³	70 ²	20 ²	78 ³	45 ²	5 ²	7 ³
	<i>Carex fuliginosa</i>	T6	83 ³	55 ³	85 ³	60 ³	40 ³	73 ³	31 ²	8 ²	.
	<i>Saxifraga moschata</i>		69 ³	90 ³	69 ³	30 ²	100 ³	72 ³	56 ²	9 ²	14 ²
	<i>Hedysarum hedysaroides</i> (reg.)	T6	66 ⁴	95 ³	51 ³	40 ²	60 ³	63 ³	3 ³	11 ²	14 ³
	<i>Carex atrata</i>		66 ³	100 ³	31 ²	10 ²	50 ³	54 ³	25 ²	6 ²	11 ²
	<i>Saussurea alpina</i> (reg.)	T6	26 ²	30 ³	46 ³	10 ³	80 ⁴	37 ³	2 ³	1 ²	6 ²
	<i>Antennaria *carpatica</i>		31 ³	10 ²	46 ²	50 ²	.	32 ²	23 ²	2 ²	2 ²
	<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>		9 ²	.	51 ³	40 ³	.	24 ³	26 ³	5 ²	1 ²
	<i>Agrostis alpina</i>		.	.	18 ³	60 ⁴	90 ³	19 ³	12 ³	1 ³	5 ²
	<i>Gentiana nivalis</i> (reg.)	T6	6 ²	5 ²	26 ²	20 ²	30 ²	16 ²	+ ²	2 ²	2 ²
	<i>Saussurea pygmaea</i>		.	.	8 ²	10 ¹	10 ²	4 ²	17 ²	.	.

Table 1. (continued)

Number of column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii										
	<i>Silene acaulis</i>	100 ⁶	90 ⁵	97 ⁶	90 ⁵	60 ³	93 ⁶	76 ⁴	44 ³	18 ²
	<i>Bistorta vivipara</i>	100 ⁴	85 ⁴	100 ⁴	100 ³	100 ⁴	97 ⁴	70 ²	69 ²	59 ³
	<i>Pedicularis oederi</i>	100 ³	75 ²	95 ³	40 ²	100 ³	89 ³	53 ²	43 ²	24 ²
	<i>Lloydia serotina</i>	74 ³	60 ³	95 ³	90 ³	90 ³	82 ³	58 ²	18 ²	2 ²
	<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	91 ⁵	50 ²	38 ³	10 ¹	.	51 ⁴	6 ⁴	78 ⁵	15 ⁴
	<i>Luzula *mutabilis</i>	29 ²	45 ²	56 ²	40 ²	80 ²	46 ²	44 ²	+ ²	2 ²
	<i>Carex rupestris</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 ²	4 ⁶	.
Elyno-Seslerietea										
cf	<i>Saxifraga caesia</i>	6 ¹	.	.	.	.	2 ¹	.	62 ³	.
cf	<i>Salix alpina</i>	14 ³	.	8 ⁴	.	.	7 ⁴	.	44 ³	21 ³
cf	<i>Chamorchis alpina</i>	17 ²	.	15 ²	10 ²	.	11 ²	.	21 ²	2 ²
cf	<i>Viola alpina</i>	.	5 ²	.	.	.	1 ²	.	12 ³	2 ³
st	<i>Gentiana verna</i>	3 ²	.	10 ²	.	.	4 ²	.	5 ²	31 ²
st	<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	3 ³	5 ²	5 ²	10 ⁵	40 ²	8 ³	.	+ ²	12 ⁴
	<i>Bellidiastrum michelii</i>	20 ³	.	10 ²	.	10 ²	11 ²	6 ²	40 ³	64 ³
	<i>Scabiosa lucida</i>	6 ²	.	23 ²	.	50 ²	14 ²	2 ²	12 ²	78 ³
Asplenietea trichomanis										
Pc	<i>Saxifraga paniculata</i>	69 ⁴	30 ²	100 ⁵	80 ⁴	100 ³	76 ⁴	45 ³	46 ²	33 ³
pc	<i>Trisetum alpestre</i>	.	.	26 ²	60 ⁴	20 ²	16 ³	+ ²	41 ³	7 ³
pc	<i>Artemisia eriantha</i>	.	.	36 ²	40 ²	.	16 ²	8 ²	3 ²	.
pc	<i>Campanula cochleariifolia</i>	.	.	21 ²	30 ²	.	10 ²	.	46 ²	2 ²
pc	<i>Androsace lactea</i>	.	.	8 ³	20 ²	.	4 ²	.	29 ²	2 ²
av	<i>Draba fladnizensis</i>	.	.	13 ²	20 ²	20 ²	8 ²	.	.	.
pc	<i>Leontopodium alpinum</i>	.	.	3 ²	30 ³	.	4 ²	.	15 ²	.
pc	<i>Draba dubia</i>	.	.	5 ²	20 ²	.	4 ¹	1 ²	.	.
pc	<i>Draba tomentosa</i>	.	.	.	10 ²	.	1 ²	+ ²	6 ²	.
pc	<i>Draba × sturii</i>	.	.	.	10 ²	.	1 ¹	.	.	.
Thlaspietea rotundifolii										
pt	<i>Pritzelago alpina</i>	34 ²	5 ²	13 ²	.	.	16 ²	+ ²	9 ²	1 ²
pt	<i>Cerastium *glandulosum</i>	17 ³	40 ²	13 ²	.	20 ³	18 ²	12 ²	4 ²	22 ²
aa	<i>Saxifraga hieraciifolia</i>	37 ²	75 ³	15 ¹	.	.	30 ²	17 ²	1 ²	1 ¹
aa	<i>Saxifraga androsacea</i>	31 ²	10 ²	.	.	.	11 ²	17 ²	1 ²	2 ²
aa	<i>Saxifraga carpathica</i>	.	.	3 ¹	.	.	1 ¹	8 ²	.	.
aa	<i>Ranunculus glacialis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 ²	.	.
Salicetea herbaceae										
ac	<i>Leontodon pseudotaraxaci</i>	20 ²	.	44 ²	10 ²	30 ²	25 ²	15 ²	7 ²	20 ²
fp	<i>Festuca picturata</i>	3 ³	10 ²	3 ⁵	.	40 ²	7 ³	17 ³	.	20 ⁴
ac	<i>Sedum atratum</i>	.	.	10 ²	10 ²	.	4 ²	.	2 ²	3 ²
Sh	<i>Sedum alpestre</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 ²	.	.
Caricion atrofusco-saxatilis										
	<i>Kobresia simpliciuscula</i>	.	5 ²	3 ²	20 ²	.	4 ²	.	9 ⁴	.
	<i>Juncus triglumis</i>	3 ²	.	.	.	.	1 ²	.	+ ²	.
Caricetea curvulae										
jt	<i>Juncus trifidus</i>	23 ³	95 ⁴	31 ³	10 ²	70 ²	41 ³	51 ²	1 ²	3 ²
	<i>Campanula alpina</i>	57 ³	95 ³	31 ²	10 ²	.	46 ³	68 ²	4 ²	6 ²
	<i>Primula minima</i>	54 ³	65 ³	54 ²	70 ³	10 ²	54 ³	71 ²	8 ²	.
	<i>Agrostis pyrenaica</i>	.	35 ²	3 ²	.	.	7 ²	26 ²	.	8 ²
jt	<i>Senecio *carniolicus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 ²	.	.
Loiseleurio-Vaccinietea										
	<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>	46 ³	45 ³	10 ²	.	.	25 ³	33 ²	31 ²	32 ²
	<i>Vaccinium myrtillos</i>	6 ²	10 ²	.	.	.	4 ²	21 ²	10 ²	27 ³
	<i>Vaccinium gaultherioides</i>	6 ²	.	.	.	.	2 ²	13 ²	1 ²	2 ⁴
Mulgedio-Aconitetea										
tf	<i>Rhodiola rosea</i>	3 ²	45 ²	82 ²	80 ²	100 ⁴	53 ²	45 ²	17 ²	24 ²
	<i>Aconitum firmum</i>	6 ²	25 ²	3 ¹	.	10 ²	8 ²	3 ²	1 ²	6 ²
Cv	<i>Achillea *alpestris</i>	3 ²	5 ²	5 ²	.	10 ⁵	4 ³	1 ²	1 ²	46 ³
Cv	<i>Anemone narcissiflora</i>	9 ²	10 ²	.	.	30 ³	7 ²	29 ²	2 ²	35 ³
Cv	<i>Solidago *minuta</i>	3 ¹	5 ²	.	.	10 ²	3 ²	18 ²	.	11 ²
Cv	<i>Luzula luzuloides</i>	.	5 ²	.	.	20 ²	3 ²	6 ²	2 ²	27 ³
Cv	<i>Gentiana punctata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 ²	.	2 ²
Others										
	<i>Campanula tratrae</i>	57 ²	85 ²	90 ²	80 ²	100 ³	79 ²	58 ²	9 ²	37 ²
	<i>Carex sempervirens</i>	49 ²	40 ²	36 ²	20 ²	100 ⁵	45 ³	46 ³	14 ²	96 ⁶
	<i>Viola biflora</i>	26 ³	15 ³	8 ²	20 ²	50 ²	19 ³	26 ²	11 ²	21 ³
	<i>Bartsia alpina</i>	66 ²	.	38 ²	10 ²	70 ³	40 ²	49 ²	55 ³	55 ²
	<i>Thymus alpestris</i>	9 ²	.	56 ³	60 ²	50 ³	32 ³	26 ²	4 ²	38 ³

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Number of column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>Pedicularis verticillata</i>	46 ²	10 ²	46 ²	.	80 ²	39 ²	48 ²	44 ²	45 ²
<i>Alchemilla</i> spec. div.	6 ²	15 ²	28 ²	.	70 ²	20 ²	18 ²	1 ²	47 ³
<i>Euphrasia tatrae</i>	3 ²	10 ²	3 ²	.	40 ²	7 ²	16 ²	+ ²	18 ²
<i>Soldanella carpatica</i>	97 ⁴	90 ³	18 ²	.	.	52 ³	61 ²	44 ²	59 ²
<i>Botrychium lunaria</i>	3 ¹	10 ²	8 ²	.	.	5 ²	.	1 ²	23 ²
<i>Ligusticum mutellina</i>	3 ³	30 ²	3 ²	.	.	7 ²	27 ²	2 ²	41 ³
<i>Trollius altissimus</i>	6 ²	30 ¹	3 ²	.	.	8 ²	.	.	2 ²
<i>Cardaminopsis arenosa</i> agg.	17 ²	.	31 ²	.	50 ²	20 ²	+ ²	15 ²	19 ²
<i>Ranunculus pseudomontanus</i>	.	30 ²	3 ²	.	.	6 ²	27 ²	4 ²	28 ²
<i>Gentianella lutescens</i>	.	.	18 ²	30 ¹	20 ²	11 ²	5 ²	30 ²	21 ²
<i>Tofieldia calyculata</i>	14 ³	.	.	.	.	4 ³	1 ²	34 ³	5 ³
Bryophytes & Lichens									
<i>Cetraria islandica</i>	91 ²	95 ⁴	51 ²	20 ²	20 ²	66 ³	64 ³	46 ²	23 ³
<i>Tortella tortuosa</i>	63 ³	10 ²	87 ³	80 ²	100 ³	67 ³	36 ²	79 ⁴	49 ⁴
<i>Polytrichum alpinum</i>	43 ⁴	55 ³	31 ³	20 ²	10 ²	35 ³	45 ³	4 ³	2 ³
<i>Rhytidium rugosum</i>	43 ³	55 ²	41 ³	30 ³	60 ²	45 ²	24 ²	34 ³	7 ³
<i>Plagiochila porelloides</i>	54 ²	.	33 ²	30 ²	40 ²	34 ²	+ ²	9 ²	1 ²
<i>Entodon concinnus</i>	43 ²	.	56 ²	30 ²	10 ²	36 ²	1 ²	21 ²	1 ²
<i>Ctenidium molluscum</i>	14 ²	.	23 ³	10 ²	10 ²	14 ²	1 ²	43 ³	3 ⁴
<i>Cladonia</i> sp.	3 ²	15 ²	36 ²	.	50 ²	19 ²	10 ²	10 ²	3 ²
<i>Bryum</i> sp.	26 ²	5 ²	18 ²	.	20 ²	17 ²	2 ²	7 ²	2 ²
<i>Thamnolia vermicularis</i>	40 ²	40 ²	85 ²	90 ²	.	56 ²	37 ²	33 ²	3 ²
<i>Campyllum stellatum</i>	46 ³	10 ²	26 ²	20 ²	.	26 ³	19 ²	33 ²	4 ³
<i>Cetraria nivalis</i>	3 ³	45 ²	26 ²	10 ³	.	18 ²	31 ²	6 ²	2 ²
<i>Alectoria ochroleuca</i>	6 ²	15 ²	8 ²	30 ²	.	10 ²	25 ²	16 ²	1 ²
<i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i>	17 ²	5 ²	15 ²	20 ²	.	12 ²	5 ³	20 ³	1 ³
<i>Cladonia coccifera</i>	3 ²	10 ²	10 ²	20 ²	10 ²	9 ²	16 ²	+ ³	.
<i>Timmia austriaca</i>	40 ²	5 ³	10 ²	.	10 ²	18 ²	4 ²	1 ⁴	.
<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>	100 ⁶	90 ⁶	21 ³	.	.	54 ⁶	42 ³	36 ⁴	8 ³
<i>Dicranum scoparium</i>	31 ⁴	50 ³	3 ³	.	.	18 ³	17 ³	10 ³	2 ³
<i>Ptilidium ciliare</i>	51 ²	60 ³	13 ³	.	.	31 ³	8 ²	3 ²	.
<i>Racomitrium lanuginosum</i>	17 ⁴	5 ²	5 ²	.	.	8 ³	22 ²	18 ³	.
<i>Polytrichum strictum</i>	3 ⁶	25 ⁴	13 ³	.	.	10 ⁴	5 ²	1 ³	.
<i>Cladonia arbuscula</i>	3 ²	25 ³	3 ²	.	.	6 ³	25 ²	2 ²	1 ²
<i>Myurella julacea</i>	3 ²	.	44 ²	50 ²	60 ²	25 ²	2 ²	10 ²	3 ³
<i>Distichium capillaceum</i>	57 ²	.	38 ²	.	30 ²	33 ²	12 ²	29 ²	2 ²
<i>Schistidium apocarpum</i> agg.	9 ²	.	44 ²	30 ²	.	20 ²	4 ¹	24 ²	7 ³
<i>Racomitrium canescens</i>	23 ²	.	10 ²	10 ²	.	11 ²	8 ²	2 ³	7 ²
<i>Encalypta alpina</i>	6 ²	.	26 ²	50 ²	70 ²	21 ²	4 ²	17 ³	.
<i>Caloplaca cinnamomea</i>	3 ²	.	8 ²	40 ²	.	7 ²	+ ²	10 ²	.
<i>Didymodon giganteus</i>	14 ³	.	26 ³	10 ²	.	14 ³	+ ²	13 ³	.
<i>Megaspora verrucosa</i>	6 ²	.	10 ²	20 ²	.	7 ²	.	13 ²	.
<i>Hypnum hamulosum</i>	20 ²	.	18 ²	.	40 ²	16 ²	2 ²	8 ²	.
<i>Cirriphyllum cirrosom</i>	14 ²	.	21 ²	.	10 ²	12 ²	6 ²	10 ²	1 ²
<i>Solorina bispora</i>	3 ²	.	23 ²	.	10 ²	10 ²	+ ²	12 ²	1 ²
<i>Tritomaria quinqueidentata</i>	37 ²	.	21 ²	.	.	18 ²	4 ²	2 ³	.
<i>Dicranum fuscescens</i>	20 ³	35 ⁴	.	.	.	12 ³	4 ¹	+ ¹	.
<i>Polytrichum longisetum</i>	11 ³	25 ⁴	.	.	.	8 ³	.	+ ²	.
<i>Ctenidium procerrimum</i>	3 ²	.	41 ²	40 ²	.	18 ²	+ ²	20 ³	.
<i>Campyllum chrysophyllum</i>	26 ³	.	8 ²	.	.	11 ²	+ ²	7 ²	2 ²
<i>Scapania cuspiduligera</i>	23 ²	.	10 ²	.	.	11 ²	.	1 ²	.
<i>Pohlia cruda</i>	54 ²	.	.	.	40 ²	20 ²	23 ²	4 ²	3 ²
<i>Cladonia uncialis</i>	.	30 ²	3 ²	.	.	6 ²	20 ²	1 ²	.
<i>Psora decipiens</i>	.	.	21 ²	40 ²	.	11 ²	.	2 ²	.
<i>Squamarina gypsacea</i>	.	.	13 ²	30 ⁴	.	7 ³	.	11 ²	.
<i>Ochrolechia upsaliensis</i>	.	.	3 ²	40 ²	.	4 ²	.	1 ²	.
<i>Hypnum vaucheri</i>	.	.	5 ²	40 ²	.	5 ²	4 ¹	7 ³	.

Explanations:

aa – *Androsacion alpinae*, ac – *Arabidion coeruleae*; as – *Astero-Seslerion*; asa – *Astero-Seslerienion*; av – *Androsacion vandellii*; ca – *Caricion atrofusco-saxatilis*; CC – *Caricetea curvulae*; cf – *Caricion firmae*; CK – *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea*, Cv – *Calamagrostietalia villosae*; ES – *Elyno-Seslerietea*; fp – *Festucion picturatae*; fv – *Festucion versicoloris*; jt – *Juncion trifidi*; LV – *Loiseleurio-Vaccinietae*; NS – *Nardetea strictae*; ns – *Nardion strictae*; Oe – *Oxytropido-Elynetalia*; oe – *Oxytropido-Elygnion*; Pc – *Potentilletalia caulescentis*; pc – *Potentillion caulescentis*; pt – *Papaverion tatrici*; SH – *Salicetea herbaceae*; Sh – *Salicetalia herbaceae*; st – *Seslerion tatrae*; tf – *Trisetion fuscii*. C – characteristic taxon; D – differential taxon; T – transgressive taxon; reg. – regional diagnostic taxon, in another area it should have a different coenological status or it does not occur; + – occurrence with frequency lower than 0.5 %.

nus, *Mnium thomsonii*, *Plagiochila porelloides*, *Pohlia cruda*, *Racomitrium canescens*, *Scapania cuspiduligera*, *Timmia austriaca*, *Tortella tortuosa* and *Tritomaria quinquedentata*.

Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum distichae
PAWIOWSKI et STECKI 1927 nom. corr. et nom. invers. propos. hoc loco

Tab. 1, column 2

Original form of the name: *Disticheto-Varietum* PAWŁOWSKI et STECKI 1927 (art. 42, 43)

Nomenclatural type: PAWŁOWSKI et STECKI (1927, Tab. 6, r. 7), lectotypus

Synonyms: *Disticheto-Varietum* PAWŁOWSKI 1928 p. p. (art. 2b, 31), *Versicoloretum tatricum* PAWŁOWSKI 1935 p. p. min. (art. 34a)

Non: *Sesleria tatrae-Festucetum versicoloris* PAWŁOWSKI et STECKI 1927 corr. KLIMENT et al. 2005

Characteristic taxon: *Dianthus glacialis* (transgr.)

Differential taxa: *Avenula versicolor*, *Bistorta major*, *Festuca supina* (dom.), *Hieracium alpinum*, *Luzula alpinopilosa* subsp. *obscura*, *Oreochloa disticha* (subdom.), *Potentilla aurea*, *P. crantzii*, *Pulsatilla scherfelii*, *Salix hastata*, *Senecio abrotanifolius* subsp. *carpathicus*, *Cetraria cucullata*, *Cladonia gracilis*, *C. rangiferina*, *Pleurozium schreberi*

The *Oreochloa-Distichetum* is closed, two-layered cushion-sward community rich in species. The stands are typically dominated by species *Festuca supina* and *Silene acaulis*; *Oreochloa disticha* and *Minuartia sedoides* play role of subdominants. Numerous arctic-alpine and boreal species (e.g. *Bistorta major*, *B. vivipara*, *Carex atrata*, *Cerastium eriophorum*, *Hedysarum hedysaroides*, *Juncus trifidus*, *Ligusticum mutellinoides*, *Pedicularis oederi*, *Saussurea alpina* etc.) occur in this community – all with lower cover but high constancy. In the well-developed cryptogamic-layer, *Hylocomium splendens* has the highest cover and constancy. *Pleurozium schreberi*, *Polytrichum alpinum*, *P. strictum*, *Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus*, *Ptilidium ciliare* and lichens *Cetraria islandica*, *C. cucullata* and *Cladonia rangiferina* are also frequent.

The stands of this association most frequently occur on marl limestone, and only very rarely on limestone and dolomite in the alpine belt. They are found in extremely windy habitats, both on flat ridges or gentle slopes, less frequently in the scarp positions. Soils are medium deep to deep, with layer of raw humus on surface. The community has character of arctic-alpine high-mountain tundra.

Presence of acidophilous (sub)species, such as *Agrostis pyrenaica*, *Avenula versicolor*, *Campanula alpina*, *Juncus trifidus*, *Oreochloa disticha*, *Potentilla aurea*, *Pulsatilla scherfelii*, *Senecio *carpathicus* and the like, indicates relatively close syngenetical relationships to the acidophilous alpine communities of the *Jun-*

cion trifidi.

We propose to correct and to invert the name of the association *Disticho-Varietum* described by Polish authors PAWŁOWSKI & STECKI (1927) to the name *Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum distichae*. The species *Festuca varia* do not occur in the Western Carpathians.

***Festucetum versicoloris* DOMIN 1929**

Tab. 1, column 3; Tab. 3

Nomenclatural type: DOMIN (1929: 8), lectotypus

Synonym: *Versicoloretum tatricum* PAWŁOWSKI 1935 p. p. min. (art. 34a)

Non: *Festucetum versicoloris* DOMIN 1933, *Sesleria tatrae-Festucetum versicoloris* PAWŁOWSKI et STECKI 1927 corr. KLIMENT et al. 2005

Differential taxa: *Cardaminopsis arenosa* agg.¹, *Crepis jacquini*, *Delphinium oxysepalum*, *Dianthus glacialis*¹, *Helianthemum grandiflorum*¹, *Leontodon pseudotaraxaci*¹, *Luzula sudetica*¹, *Myosotis alpestris*¹, *Parnassia palustris*¹, *Pedicularis verticillata*¹, *Phyteuma orbiculare*¹, *Ranunculus alpestris*¹, *Salix reticulata*¹, *Saussurea alpina*¹, *Saxifraga aizoides*¹, *Scabiosa lucida*¹, *Sesleria tatrae*¹, *Swertia perennis* subsp. *alpestris*¹, *Thymus pulcherrimus*¹, *Didymodon asperifolius*, *Distichium capillaceum*¹, *Hylocomium splendens*¹, *Hypnum bambergi*, *Sanionia uncinata*¹, *Solorina bispora*¹, *Tritomaria quinquedentata*¹

Festucetum versicoloris is a cushion-sward community with open to nearly close canopy. It is very species-rich (64 taxa per relevé on the average). The dominating *Festuca *versicolor* and *Silene acaulis* determine the physiognomy of the stands. *Bistorta vivipara*, *Minuartia sedoides*, *Ranunculus breynianus* and *Saxifraga paniculata* regularly attain higher values of cover. Occurrence of species *Oxytropis carpatica* and *O. halleri* is symptomatic for stands of this association. Species-rich and well-developed layer of cryptogams is build mainly by lichens such as *Dactylina madreporiformis*, *Thamnolia vermicularis* and *Vulpicida tubulosus*, and also by mosses *Entodon concinnus*, *Hypnum bambergi*, *Ctenidium procerrimum* and *Schistidium apocarpum* agg.

This community occurs on slight to steep, mainly south- to west-facing, rocky slopes in the alpine belt of the Belianske Tatry Mts. It occupies very shallow to medium deep, humus-rich soils, sometime affected by solifluction, and having lightly alkaline to slightly acidic soil reaction on spotted shale (= Allgäu-Schiefer), marl limestone or rarely on neighbouring quartzite.

In habitats with shallow soil, the stands are similar in floristic composition and habitat conditions to the *Oxytropido carpaticae-Elynetum* and to some rocky-fissure communities. On deeper soils on less-inclined

¹ Differential taxa against the association *Oxytropido carpaticae-Elynetum*

Table 2. *Pyrolo carpaticeae-Salicetum reticulatae* PETRÍK ass. nov. subass. *biscutelletosum laevigatae* subass. nov. (r. 1–12, frequency C1); subass. *saxifragetosum moschatae* subass. nov. (r. 13–35, frequency C2)

Number of relevé		000000000111	11111112222222222333333			
Number of taxa		123456789012	34567890123456789012345	C1	C2	C
		556445667665	7667667565665666566767	%	%	%
		451786043718	00026559343573204863152			
Diagnostic taxa of the association						
oe	<i>Pyrolo carpaticeae</i>	T	++1+.1+1++++ a1++11+1..1mm1++....11+	92	74	80
ca	<i>Tofieldia pusilla</i> (reg.)	C	.....+... ..m.....1	17	9	11
ca	<i>Carex atrofusca</i> (reg.)	C	..... ..r.....1....+	0	13	9
	<i>Arctous alpina</i> (reg.)	C	..... ..31.....	0	9	6
ac	<i>Saxifraga wahlenbergii</i>	D	+1++++a+++ +++1+.r+.r+11.1+11a111	100	87	91
	<i>Swertia *alpestris</i>	D	a11+++1+a1rr 1bbba1b1.a+++b1+..+1++1	100	87	91
	<i>Selaginella selaginoides</i>	D	1+++++1+++ ++111+1+.+++1+....+1+	100	74	83
	<i>Sanionia uncinata</i> (E ₀)	D	+b.....+1. 1a1m1+1+++..+111+111..+	67	87	80
	<i>Dicranum spadiceum</i> (E ₀)	D	ba11a.111.1. b.11.1.....+..+1.m1.m	75	43	54
	<i>Coeloglossum viride</i>	D	++..1.....+...+.r.....+11.....1	58	35	43
	<i>Meesia uliginosa</i> (E ₀)	D	.....+. .... ++.+. .... +.....1...+.1	8	35	26
Differential taxa of the subassociations						
cf	<i>Pinguicula alpina</i>	D	+.++1+..r++ .....1+.....1	75	13	34
	<i>Ranunculus thora</i>	D	...r+...+++ ...+.....b3.....	58	13	29
ES	<i>Biscutella laevigata</i>	D	...+++.....	67	0	23
	<i>Campyllum chrysophyllum</i> (E ₀)		1...+111+++ ...1.....	67	4	26
ES	<i>Belliadiastrum michelii</i>		1+++a.....1.....	50	4	20
	<i>Tofieldia calyculata</i>		a+..1...r... ..	42	0	14
Oe	<i>Saxifraga moschata</i>		.....++++. ++a1a11b111+1...+1a+++	33	87	69
	<i>Blepharostoma trichophyllum</i> (E ₀)	D	.....+. .... ++++++.++1.+1+...1.++	17	70	51
	<i>Campyllum stellatum</i> (E ₀)		..... 1a1m.1+.....m111b1bm	0	70	46
CC	<i>Festuca supina</i>		..... +.1.111b+a+11.....+1...	0	65	43
	<i>Rhytidium rugosum</i> (E ₀)		...+.....+ +...1.....+++..b+11+1+.	17	57	43
	<i>Timmia austriaca</i> (E ₀)		.....1.+... +++++.b++.....+.+.1	17	52	40
	<i>Tritomaria quinqueidentata</i> (E ₀)		..... ++.+.1.1+1..+1....+++	0	57	37
Oe	<i>Antennaria *carpaticeae</i>		..... +...1.+++aa.....+++	0	48	31
CK	<i>Luzula *mutabilis</i>		..... +.....r+++.....+	0	43	29
	<i>Saussurea alpina</i>		..... r.+...a.1.+..+1.....++...	0	39	26
	<i>Isopterygiopsis pulchella</i> (E ₀)	D	..... ++++.....+.....	0	39	26
	<i>Polytrichum formosum</i> (E ₀)	D	..... ..11..b...m+3.....1+	0	35	23
Oxytropido-Elymion						
	<i>Minuartia pauciflora</i> (reg.)	T	111+111a1+1+ 1+aa1a1++11+a+.1aaa1a1a	100	96	97
	<i>Minuartia sedoides</i>	T	.1+abb1bb311 1.a1ab11a111a1+ba1+abab	92	96	94
	<i>Cerastium eriophorum</i>	T	+..11++111+++ +1a1aa+b+..+1a+11+111.a	92	87	89
	<i>Carex fuliginosa</i>	T	..1...+1r.ba 11+1+1++++a+1.1a1+1111	58	96	83
	<i>Androsace chamaejasme</i>	C	1.+...+.11 ...+1m+++a111.m+1++..+11	58	78	71
	<i>Rhoda* alpestris</i>	C	+..+11++..+11 ...+a...+1...+1+.a+1	83	52	63
	<i>Vulpicida tubulosus</i> (E ₀)	C	.....++ ...+.....+...11++1+.	17	39	31
	<i>Comastoma tenellum</i> (reg.)	C	...r...+.+. r.r.1+.....+.....	25	26	26
	<i>Astragalus frigidus</i>	C	..... +...+.....+.....1.1	0	22	14
	<i>Oxytropis carpaticeae</i>	C	..... +.....+.....a.....+	0	22	14
	<i>Astragalus norvegicus</i>	C	+.....+.....+.....	17	4	9
	<i>Carex capillaris</i>	C	..... ..1.....+.+	0	13	9
	<i>Dactylina madreporiformis</i> (E ₀)	C	..... +.....+.....	0	13	9
	<i>Gentiana nivalis</i> (reg.)	T	.....++ ..	17	0	6
ac	<i>Salix reticulata</i>	D	3aa1ab333baa 44b43bb33333a13bb33bbb3	100	100	100
	<i>Rhytidadelphus triquetrus</i> (E ₀)	D	a1111ama1b11 3am1b1m+11++11m1++m+b.	100	96	97
ES	<i>Galium anisophyllum</i>	D	+++++++ +1+++b.++++m+1+++1+.	100	91	94
	<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	D	...+.+++rr +1+++1+++1+++1+++1+++	67	100	89
cf	<i>Ranunculus alpestris</i>	D	+++1+++++++ +1+++++...+.1+++1m1+1	100	74	83
	<i>Poa alpina</i>	D	++..+...+... ++++++1+...+...+.....	67	83	77
	<i>Mnium thomsonii</i> (E ₀)	D	1+a.1+++11+. +1+++m...1+.1+1.+1b1.+	83	74	77
st	<i>Sesleria tatrae</i>	D	++..+1.1+++ 11+1+11r++..+11+...1.1	75	70	71
cf	<i>Carex firma</i>	D	343533ba4433 +rbb1...+.1.1+...bbb	100	52	69
	<i>Saxifraga aizoides</i>	D	+++..+1+... ++..+...+...+1+++++11	67	61	63
ES	<i>Phyteuma orbiculare</i>	D	+1+++++++1.. +1.1+++.....11.....1.+	83	43	57
	<i>Ditrichum flexicaule</i> (E ₀)	D	1.1.111+.+. .1+.1+...+.1m111b11	58	57	57
ns	<i>Luzula sudetica</i>	D	..+.r+++ +...+...+...+1+...+++	58	52	54
st	<i>Cardaminopsis *tatraca</i>	D	..r+++...+ +1+.1+++...+...+	67	43	51
ES	<i>Ranunculus breyninus</i>	D	+...+.+. +1+.1a+r.1+a...+.1.+	33	61	51
pc	<i>Draba aizoides</i>	D	..... +.....+.....	8	13	11
cf	<i>Arenaria tenella</i>	D	..... +.....1+...r.	0	13	9
ES	<i>Euphrasia salisburgensis</i>	D	.....+ ..	17	0	6

Table 2. (continued)

Number of relevé		000000000111	1111111222222222333333			
		123456789012	34567890123456789012345			
Oxytropido-Elynetalia						
	<i>Festuca *versicolor</i> (reg.)	babaa11ba1aa	111bb3a+111a333ab1babaa	100	100	100
	<i>Ligusticum mutellinoides</i>	.+++111++	+11aa+a1b11ab1+r+++++	83	96	91
	<i>Hedysarum hedysaroides</i> (reg.)	a.1.111...	3aabb3ab.+a3+..+1a..11a	42	78	66
	<i>Carex atrata</i>	..+r+r1.+11	+..+11++b.++aa.+..+++	67	65	66
fv	<i>Salix retusa</i> s.l.	.11.1+.+++	+1....3....1a1..b...1.	58	35	43
	<i>Dianthus glacialis</i>	.....+..rr	+r.....+.....	25	22	23
	<i>Oxytropis halleri</i>	.....	r.....+...+1.+.++.	0	30	20
fv	<i>Gentiana frigida</i>	.....	.....+.....+...1.r.	0	17	11
	<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	.....	.....+.....+.....	0	13	9
Carici rupestris-Kobresietea						
	<i>Silene acaulis</i>	3b1ba3b3bb11	3343333b3bba4ab33b33333	100	100	100
	<i>Bistorta vivipara</i>	111++11+a1ma	aabbabbaa1bbb1mmm11111a	100	100	100
	<i>Pedicularis oederi</i>	111+11111111	1aaa1111a+1111111111+11	100	100	100
	<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	1+ab313aa+44	1+1a1a1..+1b3a+.3b3.b13b	100	87	91
	<i>Loydia serotina</i>	1.....+..1+	+11111111.a+..m11111m1	50	87	74
	<i>Potentilla crantzii</i>	.....	.....r.....	0	9	6
Others						
	<i>Soldanella carpatica</i>	111+a111ba++	mb1ma1brmb+m1m11..+111++	100	96	97
Pc	<i>Saxifraga paniculata</i>	...+b1...	1111.++++.1+1..babbaa1b	42	83	69
	<i>Bartsia alpina</i>	.+1.a+++1+++	+++++.1.....+.....+	83	57	66
CC	<i>Campanula alpina</i>	...+111111	+..1+.++b1+a11+.+...+	58	57	57
	<i>Campanula tatrae</i>	...+...+...	+1+++++...+...+...1++	33	70	57
	<i>Primula minima</i>	...+...+11	...+++.+b+m.1++...++1	42	61	54
CC	<i>Carex *silicicola</i>	...1.++1+...	+++.+.++...11.....	42	52	49
LV	<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>	...+1.+.+++	m.1....1b1+.1....++1	50	43	46
	<i>Pedicularis verticillata</i>	+++...+...+	+++++.....+.....1..	67	35	46
aa	<i>Saxifraga hieraciifolia</i>	.....rr+....	..1+r..a1+r+1.....	25	43	37
pt	<i>Pritzelago alpina</i>	r+1..1+.+1..	++.....+.....+1...	58	22	34
aa	<i>Saxifraga androsacea</i>	..+...+...+	+++..m+1.....+.....	33	30	31
	<i>Bistorta major</i>	.r.+...+...	....11++1..+.....	25	30	29
	<i>Parnassia palustris</i>	a+++...+...	...+.....+.....	42	22	29
	<i>Viola biflora</i>	+11.r+..1...	.....1...b1.....	50	13	26
jt	<i>Juncus trifidus</i>	.....+...++	.....1+..a.1.....	25	22	23
CC	<i>Oreochloa disticha</i>	.....+...	.....1bb++1.1.....	8	30	23
SH	<i>Luzula *obscura</i>	.....+...	.....+1r.++1.....	8	30	23
ac	<i>Leontodon pseudotaraxaci</i>	.1.....1+...	.1.+...+.....	25	17	20
cf	<i>Chamorchis alpina</i>	.....+...++	.....+.....+.....	25	13	17
pt	<i>Cerastium *glandulosum</i>	..+...+...	..1.111.....	17	17	17
	<i>Huperzia selago</i>	..+...+...++	.....1.+.+.....	33	9	17
	<i>Homogyne alpina</i>	..+...+...	.....a.+...am.....	17	17	17
	<i>Cardaminopsis arenosa</i> agg.	.....+...	..+.....+.....	8	22	17
cf	<i>Salix alpina</i>	..+...+...	.....a.....b.....	25	9	14
pc	<i>Crepis jacquinii</i>	..+...+...	.....+.....+.....	17	9	11
Bryophytes & Lichens						
	<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>	b3baabba3ba	33bb3b35b313bm3b13mbbb3	100	100	100
	<i>Cetraria islandica</i>	++++1+++11	+++1m++1+++..1.1+++++	100	87	91
	<i>Tortella tortuosa</i>	.....+m1...	+++11+...+...mm11b+	58	65	63
	<i>Distichium capillaceum</i>	..+1...+1.++	+.....+.....+b++b	58	57	57
	<i>Pohlia cruda</i>	...+1.1.a.	++...+.....+1.....	33	65	54
	<i>Plagiochila porelloides</i>	11.++++.11..	..+++...+.....+...+	67	48	54
	<i>Ptilidium ciliare</i>	+++...+...+	.....+.....+b.....1.	42	57	51
	<i>Entodon concinnus</i>	1.....+a...	+1.....+.....+1.+++	42	43	43
	<i>Polytrichum alpinum</i>	a1+...1ba.	b+...1+.bb...b..+1...	50	39	43
	<i>Thamnia vermicularis</i>	..+...+...1.	.....+.....+1+++++	33	43	40
	<i>Dicranum scoparium</i>	.....1.a.	..1.1+...bm3mm.....+	17	39	31
	<i>Philonotis tomentella</i>	..1...+11..	1.1+.....+.....1+.1	33	26	29
	<i>Thuidium philibertii</i>	1.....	..1+.....+.....+...+	8	35	26
	<i>Pleurozium schreberi</i>	.....1+	1.....1+.+1.b3.....	17	30	26
	<i>Bryum</i> sp.	.....	.....1.+.+.+.1...	0	39	26
	<i>Scapania cuspiduligera</i>	.....+...	1.....+.....+1...	8	30	23
	<i>Racomitrium canescens</i>	..+...+...	...+1+.....+1.+++	8	30	23
	<i>Orthothecium rufescens</i>	.....+...	..+.....+1+.1+.+	8	26	20
	<i>Hypnum hamulosum</i>	.....	.....+.....+1.+.+.+	0	30	20
	<i>Dicranum fuscescens</i>	.....	.....1.1+.m...1.11.	0	30	20
	<i>Hylocomium pyrenaicum</i>	.....	++...+.....11.....	0	30	20

Table 2. (continued)

Number of relevé	00000000111	1111111222222222233333	123456789012	34567890123456789012345
<i>Scapania</i> sp.	1+1+....+....	.....+.....+....	42	9 20
<i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i>	.+...+...1+.	.....+.....	42	4 17
<i>Racomitrium lanuginosum</i>	.....	.....31m.....+...1+	0	26 17
<i>Lescuraea plicata</i>	.....	.+...+.....	0	22 14
<i>Cirriphyllum cirrosum</i>	.....	...1.....+...+.	0	22 14
<i>Ctenidium molluscum</i>	.....	.....+...11.+...+	0	22 14
<i>Didymodon giganteus</i>	.....	.....1+m+...1	0	22 14
<i>Polytrichum longisetum</i>	.....	.....1.....1..1+.	0	17 11

Taxa occurring in 1–3 relevés:

E₁: *Achillea *alpestris* + (19); *Aconitum firmum* + (19), r (20); *Adoza moschatellina* + (19); *Alchemilla* sp. r (20), + (21); *Anemone narcissiflora* r (10), + (21, 27); *Anthoxanthum alpinum* + (19); *Asplenium viride* r (10); *Astragalus alpinus* 1 (35); *A. australis* + (23, 24, 29); *Avenula versicolor* + (19, 21, 27); *Botrychium lunaria* r (18); *Cortusa matthioli* + (19); *Cystopteris fragilis* r (2); *Delphinium oxysepalum* + (20); *Doronicum stiriacum* 1 (21, 32), 2a (25); *Euphrasia tatrae* + (12); *Euphrasia* sp. + (11); *Festuca picturata* 1 (27); *Gentiana verna* + (27); *Hieracium alpinum* + (21), 1 (27); *Juncus triglumis* + (18); *Ligusticum mutellina* 1 (27); *Linum extraaxillare* + (26); *Phleum hirsutum* + (27); *Picea abies* r (3, 4, 9); *Pinus mugo* r (9), + (11, 12); *Potentilla aurea* + (21, 27); *Primula elatior* r (20); *Pseudorchis albida* + (35); *Rhodiola rosea* + (18); *Saxifraga bryoides* + (31); *S. caesia* r (11, 12); *Scabiosa lucida* + (5, 26); *Senecio *carpathicus* 1 (22); *Solidago *minuta* r (3); *Tephroseris capitata* r (26, 31); *T. crispa* + (19, 20); *Thymus alpestris* + (21, 26, 31); *Trollius altissimus* + (19, 22); *Vaccinium gaultherioides* + (23, 24); *V. myrtillus* + (9, 27); *Veronica alpina* + (2).

E₀: *Alectoria ochroleuca* + (11), 1 (12); *Aulacomnium palustre* 1 (10), + (19); *Barbilophozia attenuata* + (13, 21); *B. barbata* + (30); *B. kunzeana* + (14); *B. lycopodioides* 1 (19, 27); *B. quadriloba* + (20); *Barbilophozia* sp. + (9, 10); *Bartramia ithyphylla* + (21); *Biatorrella* sp. + (9); *Bryoerythrophyllum recurvirostre* + (30); *Bryum capillare* + (18, 33, 34); *B. capillare* 1 (9); *B. pallescens* + (4, 10); *Caloplaca cinnamomea* + (5); *Catoscopium nigratum* + (4); *Cephalozia bicuspidata* + (23); *Cetraria ericetorum* + (12); *C. nivalis* 1 (12); *Cladonia arbuscula* + (10); *C. coccifera* + (9); *C. furcata* + (9); *C. gracilis* + (8, 9); *C. *pocillum* + (8, 9), 1 (12); *C. squamosa* 1 (12); *C. symphyocarpa* + (5); *Cladonia* sp. + (10); *Dicranum acutifolium* 1 (17), 2b (19); *D. bonjeanii* + (35); *D. elongatum* 2m (21); *Distichium inclinatum* + (14, 31); *Drepanocladus revolvens* + (4), 1 (9); *Encalypta alpina* + (28, 29); *Heterocladium dimorphum* + (9, 26, 27); *Homalothecium philippeanum* (8); *Hypnum bambergeri* + (29), 1 (30, 33); *H. lindbergii* + (2); *H. recurvatum* + (3); *H. revolutum* + (30), 2m (31); *Meesia triquetra* + (2, 17), 1 (10); *Megaspora verrucosa* + (5, 8); *Micarea* sp. + (9); *Myurella julacea* + (34); *M. tenerrima* + (29, 31, 35); *Orthothecium chryseon* 2m (30); *Pannaria pezizoides* 1 (9); *Peltigera aphthosa* + (9); *P. leucophlebia* + (5, 10); *Plagiobryum demissum* + (31, 32); *Plagiommium ellipticum* 1 (26); *P. rostratum* + (35); *Plagiopus oederiana* + (16, 35); *Pogonatum aloides* 2b (25), + (29); *Polytrichum strictum* 2b (3); *Pseudoleskeella catenulata* + (9, 31, 33); *Pseudostereodon procerrimum* + (18); *Racomitrium heterostichum* + (29); *Rhodobryum roseum* + (26); *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* + (14, 27), 1 (35); *Scapania aspera* + (25); *S. helvetica* + (18); *Schistidium atrofusum* + (33); *S. boreale* + (29); *S. trichodon* + (30); *Solorina bispora* + (9); *Sphagnum* sp. + (25); *Tayloria froehlichiana* + (8); *T. lingulata* 1 (9, 32), + (19); *Thelopsis melathelia* + (8); *Thuidium abietinum* + (29); *Th. erectum* + (13, 29).

Explanations: see Tab. 1.

slopes with places this community shows floristic links to the *Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum distichae*. In the transitional zone between the alpine and subalpine belt on relatively sheltered habitats, stands showing transitional features to the *Sesleria tatrae-Festucetum versicoloris* (the *Sesleria tatrae*) occur.

We propose to use the name *Festucetum versicoloris* DOMIN 1929 for the community with dominant subspecies *Festuca *versicolor* and with presence of species of genus *Oxytropis*. The community represents relic vegetation in alpine belt of the Belianske Tatry Mts. DOMIN (1933) described similar stands from the Southern Carpathians (Buçegi Mts). Due to differences in the evolution of the local floras, we prefer to consider the *Festuca versicolor* communities of the Western and Southern Carpathians as separate units.

Based on different ecology and floristic composition two subassociations are recognised:

1) ***Festucetum versicoloris saxifragetosum oppositifoliae* subass. nov. hoc loco** (Tab. 3, rels 1–28; nomenclatural type: Tab. 3, r. 24, holotypus hoc loco) typifies mainly open stands on steep (rarely moderate) slopes with garland soils in ridge positions of the Belianske Tatry Mts. More rocky habi-

tats and openness of stands are well-indicated by differential species *Arenaria tenella*, *Artemisia eriantha*, *Campanula cochlearifolia*, *Carex capillaris*, *C. firma*, *Crepis jacquinii*, *Draba aizoides*, *Euphrasia salisburgensis*, *Saxifraga oppositifolia* and *Trisetum alpestre*. Mosses, such as *Ctenidium procerrimum*, *Distichium capillaceum*, *Ditrichum flexicaule*, *Entodon concinnus*, *Hypnum bambergeri*, *Mnium thomsonii*, *Myurella julacea*, *Plagiochila porelloides*, *Schistidium apocarpum* agg., and lichen *Dactylina madreporiformis* differentiate this subassociation in the cryptogamic layer.

Stands of the subassociation on sunny rocky ridges with very shallow soil, ecologically and floristically similar to the *Oxytropido carpaticae-Elynetum*, are singled out as a **variant with *Aster alpinus*** (Tab. 3, rels 1–14), characterised by differential (sub)species *Aster alpinus*, *Bupleurum ranunculoides*, *Chamorchis alpina*, *Gentianella lutescens*, *Primula *hungarica*, *Sedum atratum* and *Psora decipiens*. The **variant with *Saxifraga wahlenbergii*** (Tab. 3, rels 15–28) is positively differentiated by hygrophilous scree species such as *Pritzelago alpina*, *Ranunculus alpestris*, *Saxifraga wahlenbergii* and moss *Campylopus stellatum*.

Table 3. *Festucetum versicoloris* DOMIN 1929 subass. *saxifragetosum oppositifoliae* subass. nov. (r. 1–28, frequency C1); subass. *caricetosum atratae* subass. nov. (r. 29–39, frequency C2) variant with *Aster alpinus* (r. 1–14); variant with *Saxifraga wahlenbergii* (r. 15–28)

Number of relevé		0000000011111	11111222222222	23333333333				
Number of taxa		12345678901234	56789012345678	90123456789	C1	C2	C	
		67567646555566	66755665577686	67655677645	%	%	%	
		70983595332945	27526669856394	78658760051				
Differential taxa of the association								
pt	<i>Delphinium oxysepalum</i>	D	+r.....+r..	...+1...+....	...+1+...+	36	55	41
	<i>Didymodon asperifolium</i> (E ₀)	D	...a...+1....1+	.....+...1+	...+b.....	32	18	28
Differential taxa of the subassociations								
oe	<i>Ditrichum flexicaule</i> (E ₀)		11.11+++1+++11	bbal.11a1a1a1+	...+++.....	93	27	74
	<i>Dactylina madreporiformis</i> (E ₀)		+++++1+11+11	++..11+11+++.	+.....	82	9	62
ES	<i>Euphrasia salisburgensis</i>		+++++.....	+++.....+++++	...+1.+....	79	27	64
cf	<i>Arenaria tenella</i>		1+.11a11a1a1++	.1.....+1+11++	.....+1	79	18	62
Oe	<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>		.....+++++	+a.a+11+++11+	.....+...	68	9	51
	<i>Entodon concinnus</i> (E ₀)		+.+.+.+.+.+.1	++++.+++1+++1	+.1a.....	68	27	56
cf	<i>Carex firma</i>		...+.1+++1+++3	...+.+++331+	.....+.a	61	18	49
	<i>Myurella julacea</i> (E ₀)		++.+++.....+..	...+.+++++.+++	.....	61	0	44
pc	<i>Draba aizoides</i>		...+.+++..+..	11.1+m+1.++++	+.....+..	57	18	46
	<i>Schistidium apocarpum</i> (E ₀)		+.+.+.+.+.+.1	+.+.++++.+++.	+.....	57	9	44
	<i>Pseudostereodon procerrimum</i> (E ₀)		+.+.1+.+.+.1+	1.....1.+1+1+	.....	57	0	41
pc	<i>Crepis jacquinii</i>	D	+11..+b+aab1.+	.....+.+.1+.1	.....	57	0	41
	<i>Mnium thomsonii</i> (E ₀)		1+.+.+.+.+.+.+	a+1+.+++1+1.	++.....	54	18	44
	<i>Distichium capillaceum</i> (E ₀)		+.1+.+.+.+.+	1.++++.++++.	.....	54	0	38
pc	<i>Artemisia eriantha</i>		.....1..r1+r.+	+1..+.1+r..	.....	50	0	36
	<i>Plagiochila porelloides</i> (E ₀)		+++++.+.+.+.+	...+.+++.....	.....	46	0	33
oe	<i>Carex capillaris</i>		1a++11...+.b.	.1+.+.1+....	...1.....+	43	18	36
	<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i> (E ₀)	D	...+.+.a.....	+.+.+++11a++	...+.....	43	18	36
pc	<i>Trisetum alpestre</i>		+.+.+.+.1+++.	+.+.++++.+++.	.....	36	0	26
pc	<i>Campanula cochleariifolia</i>		.....+.+.+.+	.....1.+1..	.....	29	0	21
	<i>Cetraria islandica</i> (E ₀)		...+.+.1..+.++	+++.....+.+	+1+++aa+++	32	100	51
Oe	<i>Carex atrata</i>		.....r++.....	.....+.+.+.+	+.+.+.+.1+1	18	64	31
CC	<i>Campanula alpina</i>		.....+.+.+.+	+.1+++.....	++1+.+.1..r.	18	64	31
ns	<i>Luzula sudetica</i>		+++.....+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	+++1+++...	18	64	31
	<i>Sanionia uncinata</i> (E ₀)		.....+.+.+.+	...+.1.....+	1a+.+.1a.+.+	11	64	26
CC	<i>Oreochloa disticha</i>		.....+.+.+.+	.1+.....+.+	b+11..+a....	11	55	23
	<i>Soldanella carpatica</i>		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	+m..+.++++.	4	55	18
Oe	<i>Dianthus glacialis</i>		.....+.+.+.+	+.+.+.+.+.+.+	m+...+1...+	11	45	21
CC	<i>Avenula versicolor</i>		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	+.++++....	4	45	15
fp	<i>Doronicum clusii</i>		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	+11..+.+.+	4	45	15
CK	<i>Potentilla crantzii</i>		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	+.+.+.+.+.+	4	45	15
aa	<i>Saxifraga hieraciifolia</i>		.....+.+.+.+	r.....+.+.+	rr...+r+....	4	45	15
	<i>Pogonatum urnigerum</i> (E ₀)		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	1+.1.+.+.+.+	4	45	15
	<i>Trifolium orbelicum</i>		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	++1..+.+.+.+	4	45	15
SH	<i>Luzula *obscura</i>		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	.r+.+.+.+.1	0	45	13
st	<i>Tephrosia capitata</i>		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	...1..b+++.	0	45	13
	<i>Polytrichum strictum</i> (E ₀)		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	.1+++a....	0	45	13
	<i>Ptilidium ciliare</i> (E ₀)		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	a+...1a....	0	45	13
LV	<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>		.....+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	...+.+.+.1.r	0	36	10
Differential taxa of the variants								
as	<i>Aster alpinus</i>		111..+.+.1a1..	.....+.+.+.+	.....	25	0	18
asa	<i>Bupleurum ranunculoides</i>		1+1+++.....+++.	.....+.+.+.+	.....	25	0	18
	<i>Gentianella lutescens</i>		+.+.+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	.....	25	0	18
	<i>Psora decipiens</i> (E ₀)		+.+.+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	.....	29	0	21
cf	<i>Chamorchis alpina</i>		..1r+.+.+.+.+	.....r.....	.....	21	0	15
pc	<i>Primula *hungarica</i>		+.r+.r.1....	.....+.+.+.+	.....	18	0	13
ac	<i>Sedum atratum</i>		+.+.+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+	.....	14	0	10
ac	<i>Saxifraga wahlenbergii</i>		.....+.+.+.+	1++1.+.+.++1++	+1..r..r...	39	36	38
cf	<i>Ranunculus alpestris</i>		.....+.+.+.+	+m+1..++++mm++	++.....+.+	50	27	44
pt	<i>Pritzelago alpina</i>		.....+.+.+.+	+.+.+.+.+.+.+	.....	18	0	13
	<i>Campylium stellatum</i> (E ₀)		.....+.+.+.+	++1.....+1+.	.....+.+.+.+	32	9	26
Oxytropido-Elyniion								
	<i>Androsace chamaejasme</i>	C	mbm1mm+1m.bm1+	m++mmmmam1++m1	b1bmmmm+aa1	96	100	97
	<i>Rhodax alpestris</i>	C	.a1+1+++111+++11	...+.+.+.+.11+a	+++b.a+++11	79	82	79
	<i>Oxytropis halleri</i>	C	11+1a+...+aa1	1+a.a1+b.1+.1a	b1a13ba+...	75	73	74
	<i>Vulpicida tubulosus</i>	C	+.+.+.b++1+1+	+1+.1+1+1+++1+	+++.....+	86	36	72
	<i>Oxytropis carpatica</i>	C	1.....+aa11b.1	.....+++r+++1	+++.....+	57	27	49
	<i>Comastoma tenellum</i>	C	++++.+.+.+.r.	.....+.+.+.1..+	.+r+++1....	39	55	44

Table 3. (continued)

Number of relevé		00000000011111	11111222222222	233333333333					
		12345678901234	56789012345678	90123456789					
	<i>Erigeron hungaricus</i>	C	+.r1...+.+.1.	.....+.....+	1.+...+.+.+	29	45	33
	<i>Astragalus frigidus</i>	C	1.....+.+.+	.....+.+.+	....+.+.1.1	18	27	21
	<i>Astragalus norvegicus</i>	C	b.1.....+.+	.....+.+.+	.....	18	0	13
	<i>Pyrola carpatica</i>	C	.....	.....	.....	0	18	5
ES	<i>Galium anisophyllum</i>	D	+++1111111111	1+++1a+++.++++	+11++1++a11	96	100	97	
ES	<i>Ranunculus breymianus</i>	D	bab111aa1+a11+	b.++aa111b.+1+	a+b11b+.aa1	93	91	92	
	<i>Poa alpina</i>	D	+1+.+++1+.+.+	++.++1+11+++.1	++++++1++1	82	100	87	
	<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	D	1+++.....	1.+r1+++.++++	++a1m+++1	68	100	77	
ES	<i>Phyteuma orbiculare</i>	D	11b11+...+.+++	.....+.+.+	+1++++11+.	54	91	64
	<i>Saxifraga aizoides</i>	D	11...1+++1++1	+++...1++a111+	+.+.+.+++.	75	36	64	
st	<i>Sesleria tatrae</i>	D	+++.....+.+	.....+.+.+	+.a+.+.a3++	54	73	59
ac	<i>Salix reticulata</i>	D	+.+.+.1.++.+	..1+.+.+.1++1	abb.a.b1b+a	43	82	54	
ES	<i>Thymus pulcherrimus</i>	D	11.....+.a1+	.....+.a.1.+.+	..+1++1.+.+	50	55	51
	<i>Rhytidadelphus triquetrus</i> (E ₀)	D	.....	.....	+1.....	4	27	10
Oxytropido-Elynetalia									
	<i>Festuca *versicolor</i>		433b3aa33a3b31	3bab3bbb33aa3b	b133ba14445	100	100	100	
	<i>Cerastium eriophorum</i>		a111+1a111++1++	a+++11a1111++1+	1aa++1.a.111	100	91	97	
	<i>Minuartia pauciflora</i> (reg.)		1a11+111+++.	1+++1a1a1111a1	b+++1+++111	96	100	97	
	<i>Minuartia sedoides</i>		.+111111+++.	11a1baaa1	a1a11+b+++1	93	100	95	
	<i>Carex fuliginosa</i>		b11+1aa++.	r.++	++ab1.b1a111a1	+++1...+1a1	89	73	85
	<i>Ligusticum mutellinoides</i>		+++.....	1+++aa++++.	b111+b1++11	64	100	74	
	<i>Saxifraga moschata</i>		1+++1.....	+.+.1+++1..1.	1b1+1b1+++1	57	100	69	
	<i>Hedysarum hedysaroides</i>		1+++.a.....	1.+...+.+.aa	.1b+...+111	46	64	51	
	<i>Saussurea alpina</i> (reg.)		1.1...1+++.	...+ab..1+.1.	++1.....+	46	45	46	
	<i>Antennaria *carpatica</i>		..+.+.+.+.+	..+.+.+.+.+	++++.++1.+	36	73	46	
	<i>Gentiana nivalis</i>		++++.....	.....	..r.+.+.+	25	27	26
	<i>Agrostis alpina</i>		.+b.+.+.+.+	..1.....	.....	21	9	18
fv	<i>Salix retusa</i>		.....	.....	.....1+.+1	7	36	15
	<i>Saussurea pygmaea</i>		.....	.....1r.....	.....+.+	7	9	8
fv	<i>Gentiana frigida</i>		.....	.....+.+	.....	11	0	8
Carici rupestris-Kobresietea									
	<i>Bistorta vivipara</i>		11a11b1111+a++	+++1+a11aaa+1am	b1bam+m+a11	100	100	100	
	<i>Silene acaulis</i>		b3a3b33bbb33b3	3b433b33333333	34333bb+1a.	100	91	97	
	<i>Pedicularis oederi</i>		1a11a1++111aa+	1++a.11a+1+11a	a1a.1aa+1++	96	91	95	
	<i>Lloydia serotina</i>		m.ml+m1+1+11+1	mrmmbm1amm11mm	amm1mm1++1.	96	91	95	
	<i>Luzula *mutabilis</i>		+1+.+.+.+.+	..+11.++.+.+	11++1+1+.+1	43	91	56	
	<i>Dryas octopetala</i>		.....+.+.+	.....+1++a	...+.1+a+b	32	55	38
	<i>Elyna myosuroides</i>		.....	.....	.....	4	0	3
Others									
Pc	<i>Saxifraga paniculata</i>		bb1bbb1a11abab	1a+bbb1abbbba3	bbbabbba1+1	100	100	100	
	<i>Campanula tatrae</i>		111r+11++++.	a11+++++1+++.	+++1+1++.	93	82	90	
tf	<i>Rhodiola rosea</i>		a+1+++1+1+1.+	..+r+1+.+++++1	..+1.a+.+	89	64	82	
CC	<i>Festuca supina</i>		.....+.+.+	+11+1.+++++1..	b+.1.11+...	57	55	56
	<i>Thymus alpestris</i>		1.1+1..+1.+.+	...+.1+.+.1+++	1++11a+...	54	65	56	
CC	<i>Primula minima</i>		.....+.+.+	..+a1+.+.+.+	1+.m+.+.+.1	50	64	54
	<i>Pedicularis verticillata</i>		1+.+++a1+.1..	+.+.+.+.+.+	.....+1.+	54	27	46
ac	<i>Leontodon pseudotaxaci</i>		++++.....1.+	++.....1+++.	+.+.+.+.+	46	36	44	
	<i>Parnassia palustris</i>		11++1.....	..+.+.+.+.+	.....+11+1.1	32	73	44
	<i>Bartsia alpina</i>		..1+.++++.+	.....+.+.+	+++1.+.+.+	32	55	38
jt	<i>Juncus trifidus</i>		.....	.....+1+.	a11+++.a....	21	55	31
	<i>Cardaminopsis arenosa</i> agg.		.....	.....+.+.+	++++.+.+	29	36	31
	<i>Carex *silicicola</i>		+.a..+.+.+	.....	+++++.+	25	45	31
	<i>Swertia *alpestris</i>		.....	.....	.....	32	18	28
ES	<i>Helianthemum grandiflorum</i>		1+++++.+.+	.....	.....	32	9	26
ES	<i>Scabiosa lucida</i>		1+.+.+.+.+	.....	.....+.+.+	21	27	23
ES	<i>Astragalus australis</i>		.1+.1.....	.....	.....	18	9	15
st	<i>Cardaminopsis *tatrae</i>		.....	.....r.....	1+.....	11	27	15
av	<i>Draba fladnizensis</i>		.....	.....+r.....	.....	18	0	13
	<i>Alchemilla</i> sp.		.....	.....+.+.+	.....	11	18	13
	<i>Poa *carpatica</i>		.....	.....+.+.+	1.....1.....	11	18	13
pt	<i>Cerastium *glandulosum</i>		.....	.....	.....++1	7	27	13
	<i>Selaginella selaginoides</i>		.....	.....	.....+1.1	4	36	13
	<i>Anthoxanthum alpinum</i>		.....	.....	.....+1+.	0	36	10
Bryophytes & Lichens									
	<i>Tortella tortuosa</i>		+1+1b11++++.aa	baa1++a1aba1aa	.....+.+.1.	96	64	87
	<i>Thamnia vermicularis</i>		+++..+.1.++.+	+1+11+++11+++	+1++++.+.+	86	82	85	
	<i>Rhytidium rugosum</i>		...+.11.....	1.+.....+++1	...+.ab+.1..	39	45	41	

Table 3. (continued)

Number of relevé	0000000011111	1111122222222	23333333333			
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<i>Cladonia</i> sp.	+++a.....++..	+.....+++.+++	50	0	36
<i>Polytrichum alpinum</i>	+1+.+.+.+.+.+	b1+1+.+.+.+.+	21	55	31
<i>Didymodon giganteus</i>	+1+.+.+.+.+.+	1+.+.+.+.+.+	b1+1+.+.+.+.+	36	0	26
<i>Encalypta alpina</i>	1.....+++	1+.+.+.+.+.+	.....	36	0	26
<i>Cetraria nivalis</i>	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	14	55	26
<i>Cetraria cucullata</i>	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....1+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	14	45	23
<i>Ctenidium molluscum</i>	.....1.....	.....1.....	11++1.....	29	9	23
<i>Solorina bispora</i>	+.+.+.+.+.+.+	+.+.+.+.+.+.+	.....	29	9	23
<i>Collema</i> sp.	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....+11+.+	32	0	23
<i>Cirriphyllum cirrosom</i>	+.+.+.+.+.+.+	+.+.+.+.+.+.+	.....	25	9	21
<i>Tritomaria quinqueidentata</i>	.....	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	14	36	21
<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>	.....	.....	1b.....	14	36	21
<i>Cladonia symphylicarpa</i>	.....	.....	.....	14	27	18
<i>Bryum</i> sp.	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	21	9	18
<i>Hypnum hamulosum</i>	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	21	9	18
<i>Physconia muscigena</i>	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	21	9	18
<i>Leptogium</i> sp.	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	25	0	18
<i>Toninia lobulata</i>	.....1+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	25	0	18
<i>Cladonia pyxidata</i>	11...1.....	.....	1...1.....	11	27	15
<i>Lepidoma demissum</i>	.....	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	14	18	15
<i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i>	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	21	0	15
<i>Phaeorrhiza nimbosa</i>	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	21	0	15
<i>Toninia diffracta</i>	.....+++.	.....	.....	21	0	15
<i>Toninia</i> sp.	.....+++.	.....	.....	21	0	15
<i>Caloplaca stillicidiorum</i>	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	.....	18	0	13
<i>Marsupella sprucei</i>	.....+++.	.....	.....	18	0	13
<i>Plagiobryum demissum</i>	1++1.....	.....	.....	18	0	13
<i>Polyblastia</i> sp.	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	.....	18	0	13
<i>Squamarina gypsacea</i>	.....+.+.+.+.+	.....	.....	18	0	13
<i>Cynodontium polycarpon</i>	.....	.....1+11.....	.....	14	9	13
<i>Orthothecium rufescens</i>	.....	.....	11++.....	14	0	10
<i>Cladonia gracilis</i>	.....	.....	.....+++1..	0	36	10

Taxa occurring in 1–3 (4) relevés:

E₁: *Achillea *alpestris* + (36, 37); *Aconitum firmum* r (34); *Agrostis pyrenaica* + (35); *Alchemilla glabra* + (36), 1 (39); *A. incisa* + (36, 37); *A. rhodocycla* + (29, 31, 35); *Androsace lactea* 1 (15, 24), + (16); *Astragalus alpinus* 1 (12), + (14); *Bellidiastrum michelii* + (27, 28, 37), 1 (39); *Bistorta major* + (36, 37, 38); *Botrychium lunaria* r (9), + (12, 36); *Carex *tatorum* 1 (37, 39); *Cortusa matthioli* 1 (39); *Draba dubia* + (6), r (16); *D. siliquosa* 1 (1), r (3, 21), + (4); *Euphrasia tatrae* + (1); *Euphrasia* sp. + (4); *Festuca picturata* 2a (34); *Gentiana verna* + (2, 4, 8), 1 (39); *Gypsophila repens* + (5); *Hieracium alpinum* + (35); *Huperzia selago* + (17, 18, 30); *Kobresia simpliciuscula* + (7); *Leontopodium alpinum* + (10); *Ligusticum mutellina* + (36); *Luzula multiflora* + (37); *Oxyria digyna* + (16); *Phleum hirsutum* r (36); *Pinguicula alpina* 1 (39); *Ranunculus pseudomontanus* + (36); *R. thora* r (30); *Salix alpina* 1 (8, 38), 2a (36); *Saxifraga bryoides* 2a (18), + (20, 30), 1 (29); *S. carpathica* r (18); *Trollius altissimus* + (37); *Veronica aphylla* + (2, 11, 16); *Viola biflora* r (37), + (38), 1 (39). – **E₀**: *Alectoria ochroleuca* + (19, 38, 39); *Agonimia tristicula* + (25, 26, 28); *Anoetangium tenuinerve* + (23); *Aulacomnium palustre* + (34); *Baeomyces* sp. + (19); *Brachythecium glareosum* + (36); *Bryum caespiticium* + (7); *Caloplaca cinnamomea* + (5, 6, 24); *Caloplaca* sp. + (3, 6); *C. lucifuga* G. Thor 1 (9, 10); *Campylium chrysophyllum* + (20, 36), 1 (28); *C. halleri* + (14, 16); *Campylopus schimperi* + (3, 4, 13, 19); *Catapyrenium* sp. + (5, 11); *Catolechia wahlenbergii* + (2); *Ceratodon purpureus* + (20); *Cetraria ericetorum* + (35); *Cladonia arbuscula* + (36); *C. coccifera* + (19, 31, 32, 35); *C. furcata* 1 (8); *C. macroceras* + (24); *C. rangiferina* + (36); *C. uncialis* + (35); *Cornicularia muricata* + (30, 34); *Desmatodon latifolius* + (20); *Dicranum elongatum* 1 (29), + (33, 35); *D. scoparium* 1 (30); *Didymodon fallax* + (13, 31); *D. ferrugineus* + (26); *Diploschistes gypsaceus* + (16); *Encalypta ciliata* + (3, 26, 27); *E. microstoma* + (5); *E. rhaptocarpa* + (5, 6, 15); *Fulgensia schistidii* + (13); *Grimmia* sp. + (19); *Harpanthus scutatus* + (26, 34); *Hylocomium pyrenaicum* 1 (29); *Hymenostylium recurvirostre* + (1, 27), 1 (24); *Hypnum revolutum* + (14, 20); *H. vaucheri* + (17, 22); *Hypogymnia physodes* + (18); *Hypogymnia* sp. + (20); *Jungermannia atrovirens* + (2, 14, 22, 29); *Lecanora epibryon* + (13, 14, 27, 39); *Lepraria* sp. + (15, 16); *Lescuraea plicata* + (16, 30, 34, 35); *Lophozia bantriensis* + (5); *Megaspora verrucosa* + (8, 13, 14, 17); *Micarea* sp. + (19); *Ochrolechia upsaliensis* + (39); *Peltigera aphthosa* + (27); *Phaeorrhiza* sp. + (6); *Physcia caesia* + (13); *Placidopsis* sp. + (16, 27); *Placynthium dolichoterum* + (13); *P. sp.* + (25); *Plagiobryum zierii* + (20, 27); *Plagiopus oederiana* 1 (15, 24), + (27); *Platismatia glauca* + (17); *Pleurozium schreberi* + (30, 36); *Pohlia rothii* (Corr. ex Limpr.) Broth. + (29); *P. sp.* 1 (1); *Protoblastenia terricola* + (21); *Pseudevernia furfuracea* + (17, 18), 1 (20); *Pseudoleskeella catenulata* + (13, 23, 25); *Psora* sp. + (9, 10); *Psoroma hypnorum* + (35); *Racomitrium canescens* + (8, 20, 33, 35); *R. lanuginosum* + (4, 33); *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* + (30); *Scapania curta* + (5); *S. cuspiduligera* + (8, 20, 21, 25); *S. subalpina* + (29); *Solorina saccata* + (14, 15); *S. spongiosa* + (11, 12); *Solorina* sp. + (13); *Stegonia latifolia* 1 (5), + (11, 12, 22); *Thelopsis melathelia* + (14, 16, 18, 26); *Thuidium abietinum* + (25, 27, 28), 1 (34); *Th. philibertii* + (27); *Timmia austriaca* + (1, 15, 16, 24); *Toninia opuntioides* + (13, 14); *T. sedifolia* + (25); *Trichostomum crispulum* + (12, 24, 26); *Xanthoria elegans* + (6, 16).

Explanation: see Tab. 1.

2) *Festucetum versicoloris caricetosum atratae* subass. nov. hoc loco (Tab. 3, rels. 29–39; the nomenclatural type of this subassociation is identical with that of the association) typifies nearly closed stands, usually with rich in mosses. They occur on moderately inclined rocky slopes and stabilised screes (sometimes with admixture of quartzite rubble) with relatively deeper soils. The group of differential species consists of acidophilous (sub)species such as *Avenula versicolor*, *Campanula alpina*, *Carex atrata*, *Dianthus glacialis*, *Doronicum stiriacum*, *Luzula *obscura*, *L. sudetica*, *Oreochloa disticha*, *Saxifraga hieraciifolia* and *Soldanella carpatica* as well as *Potentilla crantzii*, *Tephrosieris capitata*, *Trifolium orbelicum* and *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*. *Cetraria islandica* represents the most constant lichen, while *Pogonatum urnigerum*, *Polytrichum strictum*, *Ptilidium ciliare* and *Sanionia uncinata* are the most common bryophytes in this community. Syntaxonomically, this subassociation shows similarities with the *Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum distichae*.

***Draba siliquosae-Festucetum versicoloris* PET-RIK ass. nov. hoc loco**

Tab. 1, column 5; Tab. 4

Nomenclatural type: Tab. 4, r. 6, holotypus hoc loco

Characteristic taxon: *Draba siliquosa*

Differential taxa: *Anthoxanthum alpinum*, *Astragalus australis*, *Carduus glaucinus*, *Helianthemum grandiflorum*, *Linum extraaxillare*, *Parnassia palustris*, *Poa nemoralis* subsp. *carpatica*, *Saxifraga adscendens*, *Tephrosieris capitata*, *Campylopus schimperi*, *Plagiobryum demissum*, *Plagiopus oederiana*, *Plagiothecium laetum*

The species *Draba siliquosa* has its coenological optimum in the Western Carpathians in nearly close sward communities. Large ecological and species differences of these ones from all relevant communities described so far were the reason for description of the new association *Drabo siliquosae-Festucetum versicoloris*.

The *Drabo-Festucetum versicoloris* is very species-rich community dominated by *Festuca *versicolor*, while *Cerastium eriophorum*, *Helianthemum grandiflorum*, *Linum extraaxillare* and *Rhodiola rosea* are also prominent. High constancy of *Agrostis alpina*, *Aster alpinus*, *Astragalus australis*, *Bupleurum ranunculoides*, *Erigeron hungaricus* and absence of creeping and prostrate dwarf shrubs such as *Dryas octopetala* and *Salix reticulata* are also significant features for this community. The moss layer has a high number of mosses and occasional lichens, usually having low cover.

The *Drabo-Festucetum* prefers convex parts of relief on steep, south- to southwest-facing rocky slopes in the alpine belt of the Belianske Tatry Mts. It stands are found over shallow to medium deep, humus-rich and skeleton-poor soils supported by on spotted shale (Lias) and hornstone (Dogger) with typical step-microrelief re-

sulting from accumulation of fine soil particles in tufts of the dominant grass.

Constant presence of *Anthoxanthum alpinum*, *Helianthemum grandiflorum*, *Linum extraaxillare*, *Parnassia palustris* and *Tephrosieris capitata* reflects close relations of this association to the communities of the *Seslerion tatrae* and indicates its marginal position within the *Oxytropido-Elynion*.

Discussion and conclusions

Great number of co-occurring arctic-alpine geoelements, relic nature of the habitats in alpine and subnival belt of the highest mountains of the Western Carpathians (Tatra Mts), and floristic analyses and comparisons with existing literature served as reasons for classification of the studied communities into the arctic-alpine class of *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea*. These communities are distributed widely in the circumpolar arctic and boreal regions (OHBA, 1974) and they also occur in the Alps, Carpathians, Apennines, Pyrenees and some mountains ranges of the Balkans (COLDEA, 1997; GRABHERR, 1993; MALYNOVSKI & KRICSFALUSY, 2002; RIVAS-MARTÍNEZ et al., 2002; ROUSSAKOVA, 2000).

We found that the communities occurring at the highest altitudes of the Belianske Tatry Mts on neutral to moderately basic bedrock are different from the communities occurring in similar habitats on mylonite (neutral to moderately acid bedrock) in upper alpine to subnival belts of the Vysoké Tatry Mts (rarely Západné Tatry Mts). The former group of communities is classified as the alliance *Oxytropido-Elynion*, while the latter group belongs to the *Festucion versicoloris*. The *Festucion versicoloris* is differentiated by acidophilous taxa (*Doronicum stiriacum*, *Leucanthemopsis *tatrae*, *Oreochloa disticha*, *Pulsatilla scherfeli* etc.) as well as by some taxa typical for the mylonite zone (or subnival belt) of the Vysoké Tatry Mts, including *Cardaminopsis neglecta*, *Gentiana frigida*, *Poa laxa*, *Saxifraga bryoides*, *S. retusa*. It also lacks basiphilous taxa, such as *Carex firma*, *Hedysarum hedysaroides*, *Myosotis alpestris*, *Ranunculus breyninus*, *Rhodax alpestris* and *Sesleria tatrae* (see Tab. 1). The crucial difference between both groups of communities is the character of the geology.

Potential fusion of both alliances should be confusing. According to the ICPN, the name of the alliance described by KRAJINA (1933) should have a priority (art. 22). Forasmuch the *Festucion versicoloris* was described from marginal part of natural area of the *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea* and in addition, name-giving subspecies is Carpathian sub-endemit – *Festuca *versicolor*. Therefore, respecting sufficiency of differential taxa in these syntaxa with different geological bedrock, we suggested to use both names in the context mentioned in this article. ŠOLTĚS et al. (2001) solved similar situation between the *Oxyocco-*

Table 4. *Drabo siliquosae-Festucetum versicoloris* PETRÍK ass. nov.

Number of relevé	0000000001		
Number of taxa	1234567890	C	%
Number of taxa	6664777755	C	%
Number of taxa	1329300173	C	%
Diagnostic taxa of the association			
	<i>Draba siliquosa</i>	C 1mmml11m1m	100
	<i>Anthoxanthum alpinum</i>	D +++++1++11+	100
	<i>Parnassia palustris</i>	D 1111+11111	100
ES	<i>Astragalus australis</i>	D +.1+1a1111	90
ES	<i>Helianthemum grandiflorum</i>	D bba1b1+.a+	90
Cv	<i>Linum extraaxillare</i>	D 1a+a11+ba.	90
	<i>Plagiothercium laetum</i> (E ₀)	D ++.+++++	80
st	<i>Tephrosia capitata</i>	D 11++++.1+	80
	<i>Poa *carpatica</i>	D .1++1+.31.	70
	<i>Plagiobryum demissum</i> (E ₀)	D ++++.11++	70
	<i>Campylopus schimperi</i> (E ₀)	D ....+1+1+	50
	<i>Plagiopus oederiana</i> (E ₀)	D ++b+.....	40
ES	<i>Carduus glaucinus</i>	D 1ar.....	30
	<i>Saxifraga adscendens</i>	D .+++......	30
Oxytropido-Elymion			
	<i>Androsace chamaejasme</i>	C mmm11mbmab	100
	<i>Cerastium eriophorum</i>	T abab+babba	100
	<i>Saussurea alpina</i> (reg.)	T 1a+a+.11a	80
	<i>Erigeron hungaricus</i>	C +.+.+++++	70
	<i>Comastoma tenellum</i>	C ++++.+.+.+	60
	<i>Carex capillaris</i>	C .1+...1++a	60
	<i>Minuartia pauciflora</i>	T +.1+.+.+.+	60
	<i>Hedysarum hedysaroides</i> (reg.)	T a+....+11	60
	<i>Astragalus frigidus</i>	C ++.a...11.	50
	<i>Astragalus norvegicus</i>	C a1....a+.	40
	<i>Minuartia sedoides</i>	T +.+.+.+.+	40
	<i>Carex fuliginosa</i>	T .....a1+1	40
	<i>Gentiana nivalis</i> (reg.)	T +.+.+.+.+	30
	<i>Oxytropis halleri</i>	C +.+.+.+.+	30
	<i>Oxytropis carpatica</i>	C +.+.+.+.+	10
	<i>Rhodax alpestris</i>	C+.+	10
ES	<i>Galium anisophyllum</i>	D +a1++1+1+1	100
ES	<i>Ranunculus breynianus</i>	D a1a11a1ab1	100
	<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	D 1111++1b1+	100
st	<i>Sesleria tatrae</i>	D 11++++11+	90
ES	<i>Phyteuma orbiculare</i>	D ba1aa11a1.	90
asa	<i>Bupleurum ranunculoides</i>	D a1111.11+1	90
ES	<i>Thymus pulcherrimus</i>	D +.1.1a.111	70
as	<i>Aster alpinus</i>	D +.11a.111	70
	<i>Mnium thomsonii</i> (E ₀)	D ++.+++++	60
ES	<i>Euphrasia salisburgensis</i>	D .++r++++.	60
	<i>Poa alpina</i>	D +.+.+.+.+	50
ns	<i>Luzula sudetica</i>	D +.+.+.+.+	50
	<i>Ditrichum flexicaule</i> (E ₀)	D ..1..+11..	40
st	<i>Cardaminopsis *tatraca</i>	D .+.+.+.+.+	30
	<i>Saxifraga aizoides</i>	D +.+.+.+.+	20
cf	<i>Arenaria tenella</i>	D +.+.+.+.+	20
cf	<i>Carex firma</i>	D .+.+.+.+.+	10
Oxytropido-Elymetalia			
	<i>Festuca *versicolor</i>	4443344433	100
	<i>Saxifraga moschata</i>	+1++++1a1+	100
	<i>Agrostis alpina</i>	+a++++.1a3	90
	<i>Carex atrata</i>	.1...+.a1+	50
	<i>Ligusticum mutellinoides</i>	.....+1	20
	<i>Saussurea pygmaea</i>	.....+.	10
Carici rupestris-Kobresietea			
	<i>Pedicularis oederi</i>	1+1+++a111	100
	<i>Bistorta vivipara</i>	ab11a1+11a	100
	<i>Lloydia serotina</i>	.111++1111	90
	<i>Luzula *mutabilis</i>	++++.++11.	80
	<i>Silene acaulis</i>	.b.+++++	60
	<i>Potentilla crantzii</i>	.a...+.a1	40
Others			
	<i>Campanula tatrae</i>	+a+++b1+111	100
tf	<i>Rhodiola rosea</i>	+a+++b1bbbbb	100
	<i>Saxifraga paniculata</i>	++b++1++11	100
CC	<i>Carex *silicicola</i>	+ .a31ba1b+	90
	<i>Pedicularis verticillata</i>	11++++11..	80
	<i>Bartsia alpina</i>	1.11+.1+1.	70
jt	<i>Juncus trifidus</i>	...+++++11	70
	<i>Alchemilla</i> sp.	++ .1...+.+	50
	<i>Swertia *alpestris</i>	b1...+.+.+	50
	<i>Viola biflora</i>	+1...+.+.+	50
	<i>Thymus alpestris</i>	1..b1.+1..	50
ES	<i>Scabiosa lucida</i>	1.1..+.+.+	50
	<i>Bistorta major</i>	.+.+.+.1+	50
	<i>Cardaminopsis arenosa</i> agg.	..+++++.+	50
st	<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	+ .+.+.1..	40
	<i>Euphrasia tatrae</i>	+++ .+.+.+.+	40
CC	<i>Festuca supina</i>	...+.+.+.+	40
fp	<i>Festuca picturata</i>	...+1+...+	40
CC	<i>Oreochloa disticha</i>	...+.+.1..+	40
Cv	<i>Anemone narcissiflora</i>	.1.1+...+	30
ac	<i>Leontodon pseudotaraxaci</i>	..+.+.+.+	30
ES	<i>Carex *tatorum</i>	aa.....+	20
	<i>Primula *platyphylla</i>	1..1...+	20
pt	<i>Cerastium *glandulosum</i>	.1.1...+	20
pc	<i>Trisetum alpestre</i>	....1+...+	20
Bryophytes & Lichens			
	<i>Tortella tortuosa</i>	++a+++b11+	100
	<i>Encalypta alpina</i>	++1+++...+	70
	<i>Myurella julacea</i>	++ .++++.+	60
	<i>Rhytidium rugosum</i>	+++ .+++ .+	60
	<i>Cladonia</i> sp.	..+.+.+.+	50
	<i>Hypnum hamulosum</i>	++...+.+.+	40
	<i>Plagiochila porelloides</i>	+...1+++.	40
	<i>Pohlia cruda</i>	...+.+.+.+	40
	<i>Trichostomum crispulum</i>	++ .1...+	30
	<i>Desmatodon latifolius</i>	.1.....11.	30
	<i>Distichium capillaceum</i>	..+.+.+.+	30
Taxa occurring in 1–2 relevés:			
E ₁ : <i>Achillea *alpestris</i> 2a (5); <i>Aconitum firmum</i> + (2); <i>Alchemilla erythropoda</i> + (5, 7); <i>Bellidiastrum michelii</i> + (5); <i>Bellardiachloa violacea</i> + (5); <i>Cortusa matthioli</i> 1 (2), + (5); <i>Crepis jacquinii</i> + (7); <i>Delphinium oxysepalum</i> 1 (8); <i>Doronicum stiri-acum</i> + (10); <i>Draba fladnizensis</i> + (3, 7); <i>Festuca carpatica</i> + (5); <i>Gentianella lutescens</i> + (7, 10); <i>Geranium sylvaticum</i> + (5); <i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i> r (6); <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> agg. + (1); <i>Luzula luzuloides</i> + (4, 5); <i>Primula elatior</i> + (5); <i>P. minima</i> + (8); <i>Solidago *minuta</i> + (6); <i>Trifolium orbelicum</i> + (5). – E ₀ : <i>Apometzgeria pubescens</i> + (7); <i>Bryum elegans</i> + (3); <i>Bryum</i> sp. + (5, 8); <i>Caloplaca tirolensis</i> + (7); <i>Cetraria islandica</i> + (5, 6); <i>Cirriphyllum cirrosom</i> + (3); <i>Cladonia coccifera</i> + (6); <i>C. furcata</i> + (2); <i>C. gracilis</i> + (6); <i>C. pyxidata</i> + (8), 1 (9); <i>Ctenidium molluscum</i> + (6); <i>Encalypta ciliata</i> + (7, 9); <i>E. rhaptocarpa</i> + (8); <i>E. streptocarpa</i> + (4, 8); <i>Entodon concinnus</i> + (7); <i>Lepidoma demissum</i> + (10); <i>Lepraria</i> sp. + (9); <i>Marsupella sprucei</i> + (10); <i>Micarea</i> sp. (+7); <i>Myurella tenerrima</i> + (6, 7); <i>Peltigera venosa</i> + (5); <i>Peltigera</i> sp. + (7, 9); <i>Placynthium</i> sp. + (6, 8); <i>Plagiopus oederi</i> var. <i>condensatus</i> (Brid.) Limpr. + (7); <i>Pohlia elongata</i> + (7); <i>Polytrichum alpinum</i> + (6); <i>Pseudoleskeella catenulata</i> + (7); <i>Solorina bispora</i> + (6); <i>Solorina</i> sp. + (7); <i>Thuidium abietinum</i> + (7); <i>Timmia austriaca</i> + (6); <i>Toninia lobulata</i> (+7); <i>Trapeliopsis flexuosa</i> + (10).			
Explanations: see Tab. 1.			
<i>Empetrium hermaphroditi</i> NORDHAGEN ex HADAČ et VÁŇA 1967 and the <i>Eriophorion vaginati</i> KRAJINA 1933.			
The numerical classifications suggest that the <i>Festucetum versicoloris</i> , <i>Oxytropido-Elymetum</i> and <i>Drabo</i>			

siliquosae-Festucetum versicoloris are relatively similar. The *Oxytropido carpaticae-Elynetum* represents the most typical community of the *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea* in the Western Carpathians, however it is developed only fragmentarily (cf. PETRÍK et al., 2005). The other two associations are more influenced by neighbouring vegetation (by communities of the alliances *Caricion firmae* and *Seslerion tatrae*). Based on results of numerical analyses, total floristic composition and relic type of habitats we classify these communities as individual associations within the one alliance *Oxytropido-Elynion*.

The *Salicetum kitaibelianae* seems to be the most aberrant syntaxon of the studied group. This community shows transitional characters (floristically and ecologically) of several high-rank syntaxa including the *Festucion versicoloris* and the *Loiseleurio-Vaccinion*. It occupies scree habitats below the steep rocky cliffs on mylonite or acidic granit bedrock. The dominant species *Salix kitaibeliana* represents microspecies from broadly defined group *Salix retusa* agg. We prefer to treat this community tentatively as member of the *Carici-Kobresietea* (the *Festucion versicoloris*), as suggested by the numerical classification and in accordance with its original classification by HADAČ (1956).

Comparison of the communities dominated by *Festuca *versicolor* showed, that the *Seslerio tatrae-Festucetum versicoloris* (the *Seslerion tatrae*) differs from the *Festucetum versicoloris* (the *Oxytropido-Elynion*) by presence and/or higher constancy of *Anemone narcissiflora*, *Anthoxanthum alpinum*, *Avenula versicolor*, *Bellidiastrum michelii*, *Carex *tatorum*, *Cerastium *glandulosum*, *Gentiana verna*, *Helianthemum grandiflorum*, *Homogyne alpina*, *Leontodon hispidus*, *Ligusticum mutellina*, *Oreogalum montanum*, *Parnassia palustris*, *Potentilla aurea*, *P. crantzii*, *Primula elatior*, *Ranunculus pseudomontanus*, *Scabiosa lucida*, *Selaginella selaginoides* and *Soldanella carpatica* (KLIMENT et al., 2005). On the other hand *Arenaria tenella*, *Artemisia eriantha*, *Carex fuliginosa*, *Cerastium eriophorum*, *Euphrasia salisburgensis*, *Ligusticum mutellinoides*, *Lloydia serotina*, *Luzula *mutabilis*, *Minuartia pauciflora* (KIT. ex KANITZ) DVOŘÁKOVÁ (syn.: *M. gerardii* auct. carpat. non WILLD.), *M. sedoides*, *Oxytropis carpatica*, *O. halleri*, *Primula minima*, *Ranunculus alpestris*, *Rhodax alpestris*, *Saussurea alpina*, *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *Thymus alpestris*, *Dactylina madreporiformis*, *Ditrichum flexicaule*, *Thamnolia vermicularis* are either missing (or show very low constancy) in the *Seslerio-Festucetum*. Consequently these two types of communities strictly cannot be considered as identical.

The classification of the *Saxifrago-Festucetum versicoloris* SILLINGER 1933 into a high-rank syntaxon is ambiguous. Our results suggest that this community is closest to the *Caricion firmae* (belonging to the *Elyno-Seslerietea*). It contains many common species, e.g. *Saxifraga aizoides*, *Ranunculus alpestris*, *Bistorta*

vivipara, with other *Elyno-Seslerietea* communities and occupies also similar habitats. On the contrary, the absence of many diagnostic species of the *Caricion firmae*, such as *Carex firma*, *Dryas octopetala*, *Saxifraga caesia* etc. (cf. ŠIBÍK et al., 2004) contradicts its classification within the *Elyno-Seslerietea*. The *Saxifrago-Festucetum* is known from one alone locality in the Nízke Tatry Mts (cf. SILLINGER, 1933). Based on its ecology we propose to classify it within the *Caricion firmae* with emphasize on its exceptionality and transition position among the *Caricion firmae*, and *Arabidion caerulae*.

The classification of the *Saxifrago paniculatae-Festucetum versicoloris* (WALAS 1933) PAWŁOWSKI 1935 [basionym *Versicoloretum babiogorensis* WALAS 1933] is also disputable. The numerical analyses suggested it might be similar to the *Saxifrago-Festucetum versicoloris* or to the *Agrostio alpinae-Festucetum versicoloris*. In this community elements typical of the *Elyno-Seslerietea* (*Anemone narcissiflora*, *Bartsia alpina*, *Festuca *versicolor*, *Ranunculus breyninus*, etc.) as well as of the *Caricetia curvulae* (*Campanula tatrae*, *Huperzia selago*, *Polytrichum alpinum*, *Pulsatilla scherfelii*, *Ligusticum mutellina*, *Solidago *minuta*) are meeting. The geological substrate (sandstone) indirectly yields support to classification within the latter class. However due to limited extent of the data available we prefer to refrain from suggesting a conclusion at this stage.

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Appendix:

Sources of data in Table 1:

- 1: *Pyrolo carpatiae-Salicetum reticulatae*: PETRÍK et al. (2006), Tab. 2, rels 1–35.
- 2: *Festuco versicoloris-Oreochloetum distichae*: 3 – PAWŁOWSKI & STECKI 1927, Tab. 6, rels 4, 6, 7, Belianske Tatry; 5 – PAWŁOWSKI (1935), Tab. 1, rels 16–20, Belianske Tatry; 12 – Petrik, ined., detto.
- 3: *Festucetum versicoloris*: PETRÍK et al. (2006), Tab. 3, rels 1–39.
- 4: *Oxytropido carpatiae-Elynetum myosuroides*: PETRÍK et al. (2005), Tab. 1, rels 1–10.

5: *Drabo siliquosae-Festucetum versicoloris*: PETRÍK et al. (2006), Tab. 4, rels 1–10.6: *Oxytropido-Elynon*: PETRÍK et al. (2006), Tab. 1., columns 1–5.7: *Festucion versicoloris*: (cf. KLIMENT & VALACHOVIČ, 2006)8: *Caricion firmae*: (cf. KLIMENT & VALACHOVIČ, 2006)9: *Seslerion tatrae*: (cf. KLIMENT & VALACHOVIČ, 2006)

Localities of relevés

Data on unpublished relevés (all made by A. PETRÍK in the Belianske Tatry Mts) or relevés from manuscripts are ordered as fol-

lows: the name and description of locality; altitude; exposition, inclination, geological bedrock, relevé area, total cover (TC), cover of layer E₁, cover of layer E₀, date, author of relevé. Published relevés are documented by abbreviated citation and localisation.

Table 2. *Pyrolo carpaticae-Salicetum reticulatae*:

1. Tristárska dolina, right side, fixed scree cone below the rock cliffs; 1550 m; NW, 30°, limestone, 14 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 30 %, 7. 8. 1985.
2. Bujačí vrch, N slope above the end of valley of Tokárenský potok; 1750 m; NE, 30°, dolomite, 20 m², TC: 95 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 60 %, 20. 8. 1983.
3. Havran, NE slope of the ridge towards Podspády; 1800 m; N, 45°, limestone, 18 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 40 %, 5. 8. 1985.
4. Bujačí vrch, NE slope of the ridge between Babia dolina and Tokárenský potok; 1870 m; NE, 30°, dolomite, 12 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 95 %, E₀: 10 %, 24. 7. 1981.
5. Hlúpy, left side of glen to Zadné Medodoly, fixed scree on lateral slope of crest; 1750 m; NW, 35°, dolomite, 16 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 100 %, E₀: 15 %, 1. 8. 1985.
6. Bujačí vrch, NW slope near the saddle between Bujačí vrch and Košiare; 1900 m; NW, 25°, dolomite, 15 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 25 %, 10. 9. 1984.
7. Zadné Jatky, N slope below Kamzíčia jaskyňa; 1980 m; NNE, 35°, limestone, 12 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 40 %, 4. 8. 1992.
8. Saddle between Bujačí vrch and Košiare, N slope; 1910 m; N, 20°, dolomite, 16 m², TC: 95 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 50 %, 14. 8. 1986.
9. Bujačí vrch, N slope, wide glen in the end of Babia dolina; 1880 m; N, 35°, dolomite, 20 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 95 %, E₀: 30 %, 24. 7. 1981.
10. Bujačí vrch, NW slope of ridge descending towards Alabastrová jaskyňa; 1830 m; NNW, 30°, dolomite, 25 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 50 %, 20. 8. 1983.
11. Bujačí vrch, N slope above Babia dolina; 1860 m; N, 30°, dolomite, 25 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 30 %, 10. 8. 1984.
12. Bujačí vrch, N slope of ridge descending towards Alabastrová jaskyňa; 1850 m; N, 30°, dolomite, 30 m², TC: 95 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 30 %, 11. 8. 1984; + D. Bernátová.
13. Hlúpy, N slope of ridge towards Zadné Jatky; 1970 m; N, 25°, marl, 25 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 50 %, 5. 8. 1992.
14. Hlúpy, N slope, right side of the wide glen descending towards Monkova dolina; 1870 m; N, 25°, marl, 20 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 60 %, 11. 8. 1991.
15. Ždiarska vidla, N slope, on NE slope towards Tristárska dolina, near old tourist path; 2000 m; N, 30°, marl, 25 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 30 %, 7. 8. 1992.
16. Ždiarska vidla, N slope, towards Tristárska dolina; 2020 m; NNE, 30°, marl, 16 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 85 %, E₀: 50 %, 9. 8. 1987.
17. Zadné Jatky, N slope towards the valley of Riglaný potok; 1950 m; NNW, 15°, marl, 16 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 60 %, 15. 8. 1986.
18. Saddle between Bujačí vrch and Košiare, N slope; 1910 m; NNE, 20°, marl, 15 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 40 %, 23. 7. 1987.
19. Ždiarska vidla, N slope towards Tristárska dolina; 1950 m; NNE, 35°, marl, 16 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 70 %, 10. 8. 1987.
20. Zadné Jatky, N slope near the old tourist path; 1980 m; WNW, 20°, marl, 30 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 90 %, 5. 8. 1992.
21. Havran, NW slope of ridge towards Nový vrch; 1970 m; NW, 35°, marl, 20 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 75 %, E₀: 40 %, 6. 8. 1985.
22. Havran, small plain below the top on the ridge towards Zadné Jatky; 2050 m; N, 20°, marl, 25 m², TC: 95 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 50 %, 30. 7. 1993.
23. Tristárska dolina, left side, about 15 m from stream, slightly elevated crest on valley bottom; 1650 m; NNE, 35°, spotted shale, 15 m², TC: 95 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 50 %, 15. 7. 1987.
24. Tristárska dolina, crest between two folds on the bottom of cirque; 1700 m; NE, 35°, spotted shale, 18 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 80 %, 17. 7. 1987.
25. Tristárska dolina, right side, fixed scree slope about 50 m below the rock walls; 1700 m; WNW, 30°, spotted shale + marl, 12 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 60 %, 18. 7. 1987.
26. Bujačí vrch, north slope, in depression near the top; 1940 m; NNE, 25°, dolomite, 12 m², TC: 95 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 60 %, 4. 9. 1984.
27. Bujačí vrch, north slope of the ridge towards Alabastrová jaskyňa, in small depression; 1830 m; NE, 20°, dolomite, 10 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 80 %, 7. 9. 1984.
28. Ždiarska vidla, N slope near the top; 2130 m; NNE, 35°, marl, 12 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 40 %, 25. 7. 1990.
29. Ždiarska vidla, N slope, garland soils on the ridge descending towards Tristárska dolina; 2020 m; NNW, 15°, marl, 16 m², TC: 60 %, E₁: 50 %, E₀: 30 %, 9. 8. 1987.
30. Havran, NW slope of the ridge descending towards Podspády; 2140 m; NNW, 20°, marl, 18 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 40 %, 31. 7. 1993.
31. Hlúpy, NW slope of the ridge towards Vyšné Kopské sedlo; 1960 m; NW, 35°, spotted shale, 16 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 50 %, 19. 7. 1986.
32. Ždiarska vidla, N slope towards Tristárska dolina; 2220 m; N, 30°, marl, 20 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 50 %, 25. 7. 1990.
33. Ždiarska vidla, N slope, near the top; 2140 m; NNE, 35°, marl, 20 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 40 %, 25. 7. 1990.
34. Havran, NE slope between two crests descending from the top towards NNE and NE; 1950 m; NNE, 30°, marl, 15 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 40 %, 16. 7. 1987.
35. Havran, as No. 34; 1830 m; N, 25°, marl, 18 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 50 %, 16. 7. 1987.

Table 3. *Festucetum versicoloris*:

1. Havran, SE slope of the ridge towards Ždiarska vidla; 2020 m; SSW, 50°, marl, 25 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 10 %, 1. 8. 1990.
2. Havran, SW slope below the ridge towards Nový vrch; 1980 m; SW, 50°, hornstone, 25 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 75 %, E₀: 10 %, 8. 8. 1991.
3. Ždiarska vidla, S slope, ridge descending towards highest quartzite outcrop; 2040 m; W, 55°, hornstone, 12 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 5 %, 20. 8. 1990.
4. saddle between Havran and Nový vrch, rock cliffs on SW slope, close near the saddle; 1940 m; SSW, 65°, hornstone, 15 m², TC: 60 %, E₁: 50 %, E₀: 25 %, 6. 8. 1985.
5. Havran, SW slope, near the saddle between Havran and Nový vrch; 1950 m; SSW, 55°, hornstone, 25 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 30 %, 8. 8. 1991.
6. Ždiarska vidla, SW slope of the ridge descending towards Široké sedlo, close below its edge; 2000 m; S, 45°, spotted shale, 15 m², TC: 60 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 5 %, 5. 8. 1995.
7. Košiare, SW slope of the western top; 1940 m; WSW, 30°, marl, 10 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 75 %, E₀: 10 %, 7. 8. 1999.
8. saddle between Bujačí vrch and Košiare, flat mountain ridge with garland soils; 1940 m; ENE, 10°, marl, 25 m², TC: 60 %, E₁: 50 %, E₀: 20 %, 16. 8. 1984.
9. Hlúpy, SE slope, near below the ridge, with partially garland arrangement of vegetation; 2000 m, S, 30°, marl, 25 m², TC: 50 %, E₁: 50 %, E₀: 5 %, 30. 7. 1993.
10. Havran, S slope, in the ridge towards Ždiarska vidla; 2080 m; S, 40°, marl, 25 m², TC: 60 %, E₁: 50 %, E₀: 10 %, 6. 8. 2004.
11. Havran, SE slope, habitat with partially developed garland soils; 2040 m; SSE, 45°, marl, 20 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 5 %, 31. 7. 1993.

12. Havran, S slope with indication of development of garland soils; 2010 m; S, 35°, marl, 30 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: do 5 %, 6. 8. 2004.
13. Hlúpy, SE slope, isolated rock crest surrounded by closed sward stands; 1960 m; S, 45°, marl, 6 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 30 %, 4. 8. 1992.
14. Hlúpy, SW slope, complex of top cliffs near the ridge descending towards Široké sedlo; 2020 m; NW, 45°, marl, 8 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 20 %, 6. 8. 2002.
15. Ždiarska vidla, W slope above the end of Tristárska dolina; 2010 m; WSW, 55°, spotted shale, 15 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 40 %, 21. 8. 1990.
16. Ždiarska vidla, W slope above the end of Tristárska dolina; 2040 m; SW, 50°, hornstone, 20 m², TC: 60 %, E₁: 40 %, E₀: 30 %, 8. 8. 2003.
17. Ždiarska vidla, quartzite outcrops on SW slope of the ridge descending towards Široké sedlo; 1870 m; W, 60°, quartzite in touch with spotted shale, 16 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 25 %, 9. 8. 2003.
18. Hlúpy, SW slope, on quartzite outcrop near Vyšné Kopské sedlo; 1960 m; WNW, 45°, quartzite in contact with spotted shale, 6 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 10 %, 4. 8. 2001.
19. Hlúpy, the ridge of Vyšné Kopské sedlo; 1980 m; SW, 45°, hornstone, 12 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 20 %, 12. 8. 1991.
20. Hlúpy, SW slope, garland soils close above the quartzite outcrops; 1960 m; W, 30°, spotted shale, 25 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 20 %, 30.7.1992.
21. Ždiarska vidla, on SW slope of the ridge towards the Havran; 1980 m; W, 55°, spotted shale, 12 m², TC: 60 %, E₁: 50 %, E₀: 15 %, 6. 8. 1992.
22. Hlúpy, W slope of the ridge towards Vyšné Kopské sedlo; 1980 m; W, 50°, hornstone, 12 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 15 %, 30. 7. 1993.
23. Ždiarska vidla, slope below the top ridge towards Havran; 2130 m; WSW, 40°, marl, 25 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 15 %, 5. 8. 2004.
24. Ždiarska vidla, W slope above the end of Tristárska dolina; 2020 m; W, 60°, spotted shale, 20 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 40 %, 23. 8. 1990.
25. Hlúpy, NW slope, near the ridge descending towards Monkova dolina; 2010 m; W, 50°, marl, 25 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 25 %, 6. 8. 2002.
26. Hlúpy, NW slope, as 25; 2020 m; NW, 30°, marl, 15 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 20 %, 6. 8. 2002.
27. Ždiarska vidla, ridge towards the Havran, coarse rock steps on the front of the crest; 2020 m; W, 55°, spotted shale, 20 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 70 %, E₀: 20 %, 2. 8. 1995.
28. Hlúpy, W slope of the ridge descending towards Monkova dolina with garland soils; 1920 m; WNW, 35°, marl, 30 m², TC: 70 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 15 %, 3. 8. 2004.
29. Hlúpy, SW slope, convex slope below the ridge towards Vyšné Kopské sedlo; 1980 m; WNW, 45°, hornstone, 25 m², TC: 95 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 40 %, 12. 8. 1991.
30. Hlúpy, SW slope above the quartzite outcrops; 1970 m; NW, 40°, hornstone, 25 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 30 %, 2. 8. 1999.
31. Hlúpy, SW slope, fixed scree below the quartzite outcrops; 1950 m; WSW, 30°, mixture of quartzite and spotted shale, 25 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 95 %, E₀: 10 %, 1. 8. 1992.
32. Hlúpy, edge of ridge towards Široké sedlo; 1980 m; WSW, 45°, hornstone, 6 m², TC: 85 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 10 %, 28. 7. 1994.
33. Hlúpy, SW slope below the quartzite outcrops; 1945 m; W, 35°, mixture of quartzite and spotted shale, 15 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 30 %, 8. 8. 2002.
34. Hlúpy, ridge towards Vyšné Kopské sedlo, about 10 m above saddle; 1940 m; SW, 30°, mixture of quartzite and spotted shale, 25 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 40 %, 7. 8. 2002.
35. Hlúpy, SW slope below the quartzite outcrops; 1930 m; W, 30°, mixture of quartzite and spotted shale, 18 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 60 %, E₀: 40 %, 10. 8. 2002.
36. Ždiarska vidla, close below the top; 2140 m; N, 30–40°, limestone and spotted shale, 200–300 m², TC: 80 %, 16.9.1924. (PAWLOWSKI & STECKI, 1927, tab. 4, rel. 10).
37. Ždiarska vidla; 2100 m; SE, 40°, marl limestone (Neocomian), 100 m². (PAWLOWSKI, 1935, tab. 1, rel. 3).
38. Jatky–Bujačí; 1950 m; ENE, marl limestone (Neocomian), 10 m², TC: 80 %. (PAWLOWSKI, 1935, tab. 1, rel. 6).
39. Havran; 1850 m (DOMIN, 1929: 8).

Table 4. *Drabo siliquosae-Festucetum versicoloris*:

1. SW slope between Muráň and Havran, small crest on slope; 1900 m; SW, 45°, hornstone, 20 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 100 %, E₀: 5 %, 30. 7. 1990.
2. Ždiarska vidla, SW slope of the ridge towards Široké sedlo about 5 m below the crest, convex slope; 2010 m; WSW, 45°, hornstone, 15 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 5 %, 27. 7. 1990.
3. Ždiarska vidla, SW slope of the ridge towards Široké sedlo, side slope of the rock tower near the ridge; 2000 m; SE, 55°, hornstone, 15 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 5 %, 27. 7. 1990.
4. Ždiarska vidla, S slope, edge of the ridge descending towards the highest quartzite outcrop; 2010 m; SW, 50°, hornstone, 15 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 100 %, E₀: 5 %, 1. 8. 1990.
5. Ždiarska vidla, S slope, small crest on slope western from the ridge descending towards the highest quartzite outcrop; 2000 m; SW, 45°, spotted shale, 20 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 5 %, 1. 8. 1990.
6. Ždiarska vidla, SE slope of the ridge descending towards the highest quartzite outcrop; 2030 m; SE, 60°, hornstone, 12 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 5 %, 20. 8. 1990.
7. Havran, SW slope, ridge above the Janovky; 1980 m; SSW, 50°, hornstone, 20 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 5 %, 8. 8. 1991.
8. SW slope between Muráň and Havran, ridge descending towards third quartzite outcrop from Štefanov žlab to Muráň; 1850 m; SW, 55°, hornstone, 10 m², TC: 90 %, E₁: 90 %, E₀: 20 %, 13. 8. 1991.
9. Havran, small crest on slope above 100 m towards the West from the glen on southern slope; 1990 m; S, 45°, hornstone, 20 m², TC: 100 %, E₁: 100 %, E₀: 10 %, 1. 8. 1994.
10. Ždiarska vidla, S slope, ridge descending to the highest quartzite outcrop; 1960 m; JZ, 60°, spotted shale, 20 m², TC: 80 %, E₁: 80 %, E₀: 20 %, 31. 7. 1990.