

A revised classification of Ukrainian forests of the order *Fagetalia sylvaticae*

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Abstract

The paper presents a new classification and informations about associations of the order *Fagetalia sylvaticae* on the territory of Ukraine. The order includes 9 alliances (*Asperulo-Fagion*, *Cephalanthero-Fagion*, *Carpinion betuli*, *Tilio platyphylli-Acerion pseudoplatani*, *Dentario quinquefolii-Fagion*, *Paeonio dauricae-Quercion petraeae*, *Quercu roboris-Tilion cordatae*, *Scillo sibericae-Quercion roboris*, *Alnion incanae*) and 31 syntaxa of the level of association. The synoptic table contains data on constancy of species in all associations with constancy more than 10%. Maps of distribution of these associations in Ukraine are given.

Zusammenfassung: Überarbeitete Klassifikation ukrainischer Wälder der Ordnung *Fagetalia sylvaticae*

Die Arbeit präsentiert eine neue Klassifikation und Informationen über die Assoziationen der Ordnung *Fagetalia sylvaticae* in der Ukraine. Die Ordnung enthält 9 Verbände (*Asperulo-Fagion*, *Cephalanthero-Fagion*, *Carpinion betuli*, *Tilio platyphylli-Acerion pseudoplatani*, *Dentario quinquefolii-Fagion*, *Paeonio dauricae-Quercion petraeae*, *Quercu robori-Tilion cordatae*, *Scillo sibericae-Quercion roboris*, *Alnion incanae*) und 31 Syntaxa auf Assoziationsebene. Die Übersichtstabelle enthält alle Arten der Assoziationen mit Stetigkeitswerten über 10 %. Außerdem sind Verbreitungskarten der Assoziationen in der Ukraine eingefügt.

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1. Introduction

For many years the diversity of Ukrainian vegetation was studied using the dominant approach for classifying the plant communities. The first publication about the broadleaved forests of Ukraine using the floristic approach of Braun-Blanquet is probably the book by W. Szafer “Las i step na zachodniem Podolu” (1935) (“Forest and steppe in West Podolia”, in Polish). In 1941, Y.D. Kleopov distinguished a number of regional associations of the broadleaved forests in his dissertation “Analysis of the flora of broadleaved forests of the European part of the USSR”. In the period between 1982 and 2008, more than 30 articles and monographs have been published where *Fagetalia sylvaticae* forests of Ukraine were considered on the basis of the floristic classification. The full classification of Ukrainian forests of the order, documented with vegetation tables containing 802 relevés are presented in the monography by V.A. Onyshchenko (ONYSHCHENKO 2009). The present article is a more compact presentation of these data on *Fagetalia sylvaticae* forests in Ukraine at the level of associations.

2. Study area

The area of Ukraine comprises four geobotanical regions: European deciduous forest region, Eurosiberian forest-steppe region, Eurasian steppe region, and Submediterranean forest region. There are two mountain systems: the Carpathians (in the European deciduous forest region) and the Crimean Mountains (in the Submediterranean forest region). Forests occupy about 15.7% (9.5 millions ha) of the total area of Ukraine. The largest areas are covered by pine (33.1%, mainly *Pinus sylvestris*), oak (24.2%, mainly *Quercus robur*), spruce (7.6%) and beech (7.3%) forests. About 30% of Ukrainian forests belong to the order *Fagetalia sylvaticae* (class *Quercu-Fagetea*).

The mean temperature of the warmest month varies between +17 °C (in mountains +12 °C) and +23 °C, the mean temperature of the coldest month between –8 °C and +4 °C (LIPINSKY et al. 2003). The mean annual precipitation is between 350 and 750 mm within the flatland portion of Ukraine, in the Carpathians it is up to 1600 mm. The heterogeneity of the climate creates opportunities for a rather high level of geographic variety of the forest vegetation. In the southern and middle strips of the steppe zone, no forests of the order *Fagetalia sylvaticae* are found.

3. Materials and Methods

About 2000 relevés were used for the analysis of the diversity and distribution of the syntaxa. Constancies of species were calculated using 984 relevés of high quality (mainly double spring + summer relevés). Plot size varies from 100 m² to 2500 m², usually 400–900 m².

The concept of the order *Fagetalia sylvaticae* is rather traditional. Acidophilous beech forests (*Luzulo-Fagion*) and eutrophic fir forests (*Galio-Abietion*) are not included. Zonal associations are treated as large regional variants of alliances. All subassociations are edaphically determined. The presented classification is the result of a complex approach, making a distinction between geographical and local variability, distinguishing homological series of syntaxa, and making use of the estimation of similarities between syntaxa. This study is not based on any kind of numerical classifications with fixed parameters.

In the synoptic table, species are evaluated using the algorithm for determination of differential taxa (TSIRIPIDIS et al. 2009). Constancies of species of the associations were calculated as means of constancies of these species in subassociations (when subassociations are distinguished). The nomenclature of species follows the nomenclatural checklist of vascular plants of Ukraine (MOSYAKIN & FEDORONCHUK 1999).

4. Classification and characteristics of syntaxa

The data on constancy of vascular plant species are presented in a synoptic table (table 1). Nine alliances have been distinguished, including 31 associations all together.

4.1. *Asperulo-Fagion* Tx. 1955

Typical central European beech forests on neutral soils. Distribution of all associations of this alliance is shown on Fig. 1.

4.1.1. *Eu-Fagenion* Oberdorfer 1957

The suballiance is represented by one association.

Athyrio distentifolii-Fagetum Willner 2002

(*Aceri-Fagetum* Rübél 1930 ex J. et M. Bartsch 1940).

Main positive differential species versus other Ukrainian associations of the alliance are *Geranium sylvaticum* and *Phyteuma spicatum*. The association occurs in the upper part of the forest belt. In Ukraine, it is only known from the extreme western part of the Carpathians.

4.1.2. *Symphyto cordati-Fagenion* Vida 1963

Three associations belong to this suballiance, which is restricted to the Carpathians and adjacent areas. Main differential species are *Dentaria glandulosa* and *Rubus hirtus*.

Symphyto cordati-Fagetum Vida 1959

Typical Carpathian beech and fir-beech forests at altitudes (300) 500–1200 m.

Synonym: *Dentario glandulosae-Fagetum* W. Matuszkiewicz 1964 ex Guzikowa et Korna 1968 p.p. (mountain form).

Stellarario holosteeae-Fagetum Onyshchenko 2008

Beech forests of the Podolian upland (200–450 m).

Carpino-Fagetum Pauca 1941

This association occurs in the Carpathians at lower altitudes than the *Symphyto cordati-Fagetum* and on the Precarpathian plain in the Chernivtsi region. Most of its area is situated in Romania.

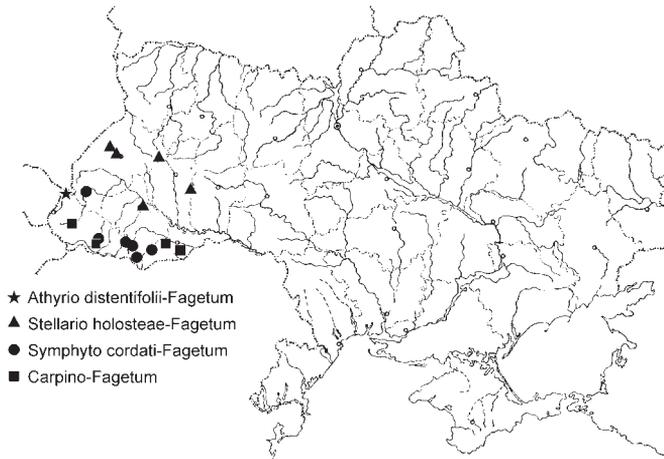


Fig. 1: Distribution of associations of the *Asperulo-Fagion* in Ukraine.

Abb. 1: Verteilung der Assoziationen des *Asperulo-Fagion* in der Ukraine.

4.2. *Cephalanthero-Fagion* Tx. 1955

Central European beech forests on calcareous soils. The distribution of the associations of this alliance in Ukraine is shown in Fig. 2.

Euonymo verrucosae-Fagetum Onyshchenko 2008

Eastern association of lowland calciphilous beech forests. In other countries it is described as *Fagus sylvatica- Crucjata glabra* community or subassociation *Carici-Fagetum convallarietosum* Michalik 1972.

Seseli libanotidis-Fagetum Onyshchenko 2008 ass. prov.

Rare Carpathian association, which stands close to the *Taxo-Fagetum* Etter 1947.

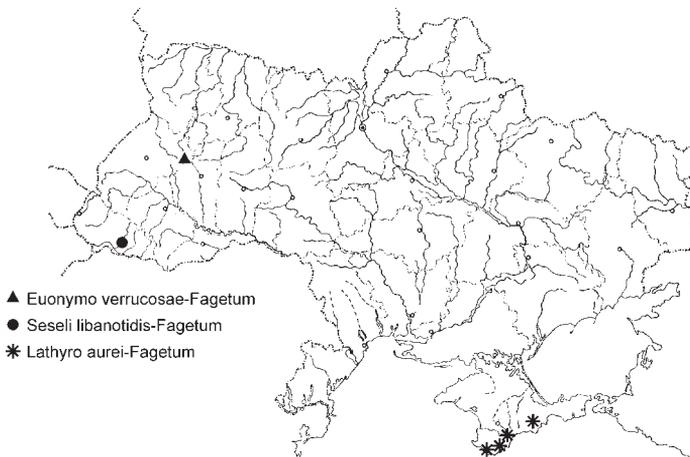


Fig. 2: Distribution of the associations of the *Cephalanthero-Fagion* and *Dentario quinquefoliae-Fagion* in Ukraine.

Abb. 2: Verteilung der Assoziationen des *Cephalanthero-Fagion* und *Dentario quinquefoliae-Fagion* in der Ukraine.

4.3. *Dentario quinquefoliae-Fagion sylvaticae* Didukh 1996

Crimean beech forests (Fig. 2).

Lathyro aurei-Fagetum Borhidi 1962

The main association of the Crimean Mountains at altitudes ranging from (600) 700 to 1200 m.

4.4. *Carpinion betuli* Issler 1931

This alliance includes most European oak-hornbeam forests. The Crimean oak and hornbeam forests belong to the alliance *Paeonio dauricae-Quercion* (see 4.7).

Tilio-Carpinetum Traczyk 1962

Northeastern association of the alliance. It includes oak-hornbeam forests of the northern and western parts of Ukraine (Fig. 3). Besides it occurs in Poland, Belarus, Czech, Slovakia and Lithuania. The geographical variant from the Carpathians and adjacent areas differs by high constancy values of *Euphorbia amygdaloides*, *Fagus sylvatica*, and *Rubus hirtus*.

Circaeο-Carpinetum Borhidi 2003

(*Quercus roboris-Carpinetum* Soó et Pócs 1957)

This association is found on the plains of Hungary and adjacent countries. In Ukraine, it occurs on the Transcarpathian lowland. Besides Transcarpathian forests with *Fraxinus pannonica*, a non-typical variant without this species was found in Precarpathian region. The main dominants in the tree layer are *Quercus robur* and *Carpinus betulus*.

Carici pilosae-Carpinetum Neuhäusl et Neuhäuslová 1964

(*Quercus petraeae-Carpinetum* Soó et Pócs 1957)

This association occurs in the lower belt (100-500 m) of the Carpathians. In Ukraine, the association is found only on the southwestern macroslope (Transcarpathia). Probably it can be found in the Chernivtsi region as well. Outside Ukraine it occurs in Czech, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary. The main dominants in the tree layer are *Quercus petraea* and *Carpinus betulus*.

Isopyro thalictroidis-Carpinetum Onyshchenko 1998

Podolian oak-hornbeam forests (western part of the forest-steppe region and adjacent areas of the deciduous forests region). This is the most species-rich association of the alliance in Ukraine.

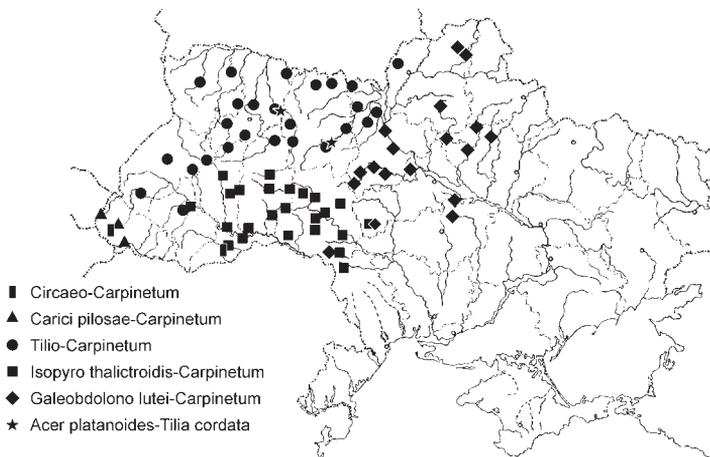


Fig. 3: Distribution of associations of the *Carpinion betuli* in Ukraine.

Abb. 3: Verteilung der Assoziationen des *Carpinion betuli* in der Ukraine.

Galeobdolono lutei-Carpinetum Shevchyk et al. 1996 em. Onyshchenko et Sidenko 2002

Oak-hornbeam forests of the Dnipro forest-steppe region. This association includes the subassociation *G.-C. melampyretosum nemorosi* Vorobyov et al. 2008. It is rich in light-demanding species (transitional to *Quercetalia pubescentis*) and may be treated as a separate association (*Carici michelii-Carpinetum* Vorobyov et al. 2008). TWINSpan groups this community together with the homologous *Isopyro thalictroidis-Carpinetum brachypodietosum sylvaticae* Onyshchenko 2009. Another cluster is formed by more typical subassociations of the *Isopyro thalictroidis-Carpinetum* and the *Galeobdolono lutei-Carpinetum*.

Acer platanoides-Tilia cordata com. Jutrzenka-Trzebiatowski 1993

(*Poo nemoralis-Tilietum cordatae* Yakushenko 2004 nom. inv.)

Rare community of steep granite slopes of valleys in Zhytomyr Polissia. Outside Ukraine, more localities are known from Poland.

4.5. *Quercus roboris-Tilion cordatae* Solomeshch et Laivins 1993

Mesophilous forests of order *Fagetalia sylvaticae* in the deciduous forest region and in the coniferous forest region of eastern Europe (Fig. 4).

Mercurialo perennis-Quercetum roboris Bulokhov et Solomeshch 2003

Mainly oak and lime forests. The association occurs in the northern part of Ukraine, as well as in the Bryansk and Kaluga regions of Russia.

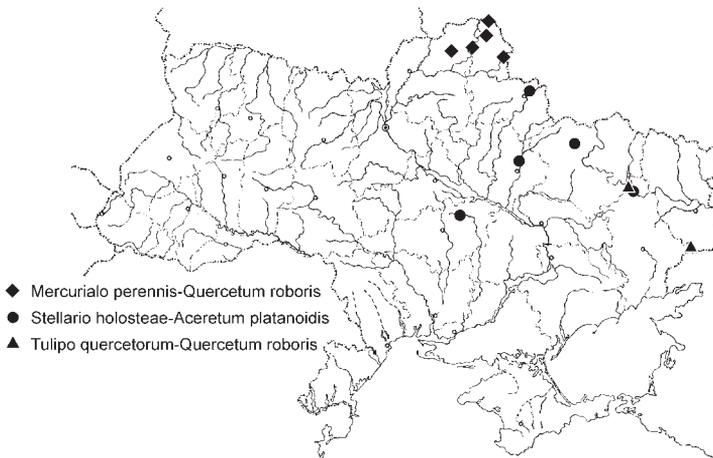


Fig. 4: Distribution of associations of the *Quercus-Tilion* and *Scillo sibericae-Quercion* in Ukraine.

Abb. 4: Verteilung der Assoziationen des *Quercus-Tilion* und *Scillo sibericae-Quercion* in der Ukraine.

4.6. *Scillo sibericae-Quercion roboris* Onyshchenko 2009

Mesophilous forests of the *Fagetalia sylvaticae* in the forest-steppe and steppe regions of eastern Europe (Fig. 4, 5).

Stellario holosteaee-Aceretum platanoidis Bajrak 1996 em. Onyshchenko et Sidenko 2002

Zonal association of the eastern part of the forest-steppe region of Ukraine. Besides it occurs in the steppe region. In the tree layer, *Quercus robur*, *Tilia cordata*, *Fraxinus excelsior* and *Acer platanoides* predominate.

Tulipo quercetorum-Quercetum roboris (Onyshchenko et al. 2007) Onyshchenko 2009

In Ukraine, the association occurs in the eastern part of the steppe region. Character species of the order *Fagetalia sylvaticae* are represented mainly by spring ephemeroïds. In summer, the herb layer is mainly formed by nitrophilous species. Dominant species in the tree layer are *Fraxinus excelsior* and *Quercus robur*.



Fig. 5: *Scilla siberica* and *Corydalis solida* in a forest in eastern Ukraine. (Photo: Yu. Karpenko, April 2006).
 Abb. 5: *Scilla siberica* und *Corydalis solida* in einem Wald in der Ostukraine.

4.7. *Paeonio dauricae-Quercion petraeae* Didukh 1996

Crimean *Quercus petraea*, *Fraxinus excelsior*, *Carpinus betulus* and *Acer stevenii* forests. They have not many species that are common in forests in other regions of Europe. In Crimean broad-leaved forests, some endemic species occur, e.g. *Paeonia daurica* (Fig. 6).

Bromopsis benekenii-Carpinetum Didukh 1996

Hornbeam forests of the beech belt of the Crimean Mountains.

Lasero trilobi-Carpinetum Didukh 1996 em. Onyshchenko 2009

(*Corno maris-Quercetum petraeae* Didukh 1996, *Vincetoxico scandentis-Fraxinetum excelsioris* Didukh 1996)

Non-nitrophilous *Quercus petraea*, *Carpinus betulus* and *Fraxinus excelsior* forests of the *Quercus petraea* belt of the Crimean mountains.

Ranunculo constantinopolitani-Fraxinetum Didukh 1996 em. Onyshchenko 2009

(*Polygonato multiflori-Quercetum petraeae* Didukh 1996)

Nitrophilous *Fraxinus excelsior* and *Quercus petraea* forests of the Crimean Mountains (Fig. 7).

Fago-Aceretum stevenii Borhidi 1962 nom. invers. propos.

Acer stevenii forests on stony soils mainly at altitudes over 800 m.

4.8. *Tilio platyphylli-Acerion pseudoplatani* Klika 1955

Central European maple, lime and ash forests on steep slopes and on the bottom of ravines. In Ukraine, the alliance occurs only in the western part of the country (Fig. 8).

Arunco-Aceretum Moor 1952 s.l.

(*Lunario-Aceretum* Grüneberg et Schlüter 1957, *Mercuriali-Fraxinetum* (Klika 1942) Husová 1982).

In Ukraine, the association occurs on siliceous soils in the Carpathians.

Phyllitido-Aceretum Moor 1952 s.l.

In Ukraine, the association occurs on stony calcareous soils in the Carpathians and Roztochia.



Fig. 6.: *Paeonia daurica*, an endemic character species of Crimean forests
(Photo: V. Onyshchenko, May 2001).

Abb. 6: *Paeonia daurica*, eine endemische Charakterart der Wälder der Krim.

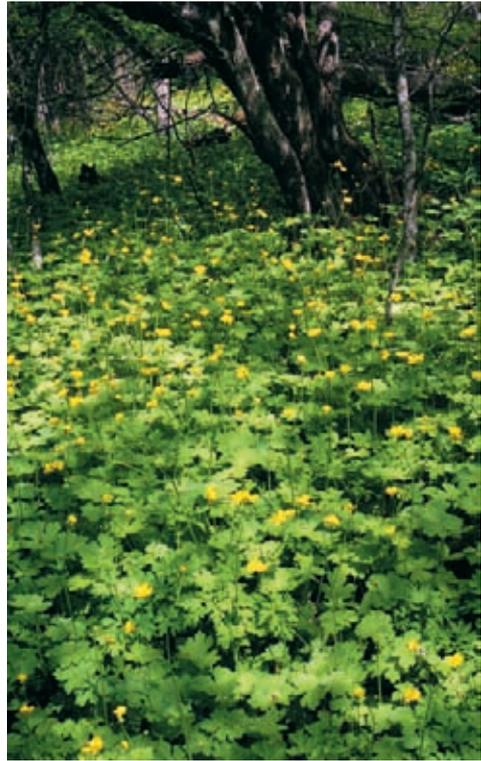


Fig. 7: Dominant *Ranunculus constantinopolitanus* in the *Ranunculo constantinopolitani-Fraxinetum*
(Photo: V. Onyshchenko, May 2001).

Abb. 7: Vorherrschender *Ranunculus constantinopolitanus* im *Ranunculo constantinopolitani-Fraxinetum*

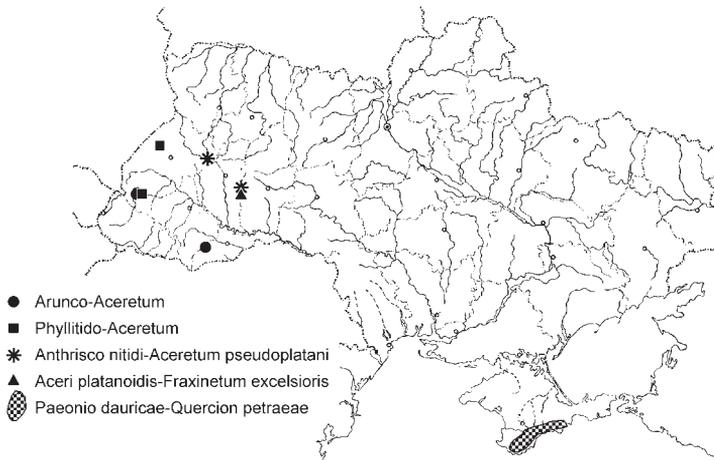


Fig. 8: Distribution of associations of the *Tilio-Acerion* and *Paeonio dauricae-Quercion petraeae* in Ukraine.

Abb. 8: Verteilung der Assoziationen des *Tilio-Acerion* und *Paeonio dauricae-Quercion petraeae* in der Ukraine.

Aceri platanoidis-Fraxinetum excelsioris Onyshchenko 1998

On limestone hills (“tovtras”) and slopes of valleys in West Podillia. The tree layer is mainly formed by *Fraxinus excelsior* and *Acer platanoides*.

Anthriscu nitidi-Aceretum pseudoplatani Ralo et Onyshchenko 2008

The association occurs on bottoms of ravines in calcareous rocks in West Podillia. The tree layer is mainly formed by *Fraxinus excelsior* and *Acer pseudoplatanus*. This is the most species-rich association of the *Fagetalia sylvaticae* in Ukraine. The species number averages at 64 species of vascular plants species per 500 m². The association has some features of the *Alnion incanae*.

4.9. *Alnion incanae* Pawł. 1928

Hygrophilous forests of the *Fagetalia sylvaticae* s.l. (Fig. 9).

Alnetum incanae Lüdi 1921

Floodplain *Alnus incana* forests. In Ukraine, this association occurs in the Carpathians and adjacent areas. All Ukrainian forests of this association belong to its eastern (Carpathian) geographic variant. Differential species of this variant are *Dentaria glandulosa*, *Salvia glutinosa*, *Symphytum cordatum* (Fig. 10), and *Telekia speciosa*.

A similar differential block of species is a reason for distinguishing Carpathian and more western beech forests at the levels of association and suballiance (in some classification schemes at the level of alliance). So, we can consider eastern geographic variants of *Alnetum incanae*, *Arunco-Aceretum* and *Phyllitidi-Aceretum* as new potential associations.

Piceo-Alnetum Mráz 1959

(*Caltho laetae-Alnetum* (Zarzycki 1963) Stuchlik 1968)

Central European mountain alder and spruce-alder forests on moderately acidic gley soils. In Ukraine, this association occurs in the Carpathians.

Ficario-Ulmetum minoris Knapp 1942 em. J. Matuszkiewicz 1976

Forests on (seasonally) moist soils dominated by *Quercus robur*, *Alnus glutinosa*, *Ulmus minor* and *U. laevis*, occurring in lowlands in the deciduous forest and the forest-steppe geobotanical regions. It is found on floodplains and in gullies and depressions, sometimes on plateaus with poor drainage. This association is rather heterogenous. The analysis of Ukrainian relevés by TWINSpan and the cluster analysis of syntaxa combine the subasso-

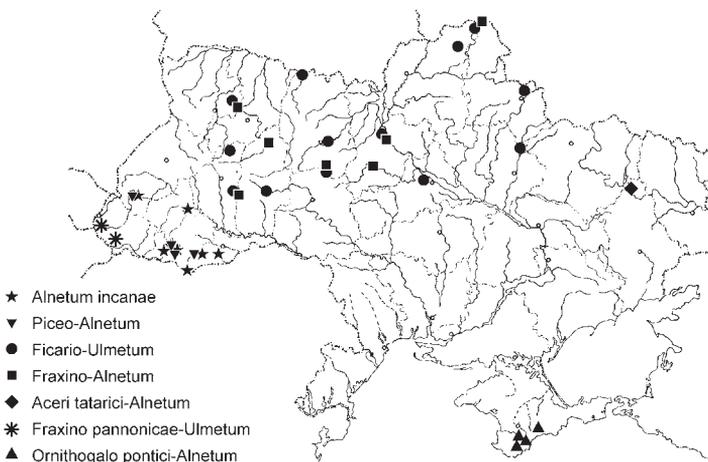


Fig. 9: Distribution of associations of the *Alnion incanae* in Ukraine.

Abb. 9: Verteilung der Assoziationen des *Alnion incanae* in der Ukraine.



Fig. 10: *Symphytum cordatum* in the *Alnetum incanae* (Photo: V. Onyshchenko, April 2007).

Abb. 10: *Symphytum cordatum* im *Alnetum incanae*.

ciation *F-U. chryso splenietosum* Knapp 1942 em. J. Matuszkiewicz 1976 with the *Fraxino-Alnetum*, but not with other subassociations of the *Ficario-Ulmetum*.

Fraxino-Alnetum W. Matuszkiewicz 1952

Lowland wet forests dominated by *Alnus glutinosa* or *Fraxinus excelsior* with presence of hygrophytes.

Aceri tatarici-Alnetum glutinosae Onyshchenko 2009 ass. prov.

Alnus glutinosa forests of the steppe region.

Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum Soó 1960

Pannonian hygrophilous forests dominated by *Fraxinus angustifolia* and *Quercus robur*. In Ukraine, this association occurs only on the Transcarpathian lowland.

Ornithogalo pontici-Alnetum glutinosae Didukh 1996 em. Onyshchenko 2009

Crimean alder forests at altitudes ranging from 400 to 700 m. This association forms narrow strips along mountain rivers.

5. Conclusion

According to the presented classification scheme in Ukraine the order *Fagetalia sylvaticae* is represented by 31 associations, belonging to 9 alliances, as mentioned before. The forests of western and central Ukraine are classified in 'traditional' European alliances. Mesophilous forests of the eastern Ukraine and Crimea are treated as four alliances that are absent in central Europe. The analysis of data from other countries shows that eight associations described on Ukrainian material probably occur only on the territory of Ukraine (*Galeobdolo lutei-Carpinetum*, *Aceri platanoidis-Fraxinetum* and all Crimean associations). It is possible that increasing of the data set will allow describing some new associations, in particular with respect to the *Tilio-Acerion* and *Alnion incanae* in the Carpathians.

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Table 1: Constancy of species in associations of order *Fagetalia sylvaticae* on the territory of Ukraine.Tabelle 1: Stetigkeit der Arten in Assoziationen der Ordnung *Fagetalia sylvaticae* in der Ukraine.

	AdF	ScF	CF	ShF	EvF	SIF	LaF	TC	IC	GC	CpC	CC	A-1	MQ	ShA	TQ	AA	PhA	AnA	ApF	BC	LC	RF	FAs	OA	FA	AtA	Al	PA	FpU	FU	
Number of relevés	2	29	70	152	54	26	121	113	97	10	19	8	22	52	13	3	3	24	25	11	24	15	5	10	9	9	11	7	6	29		
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Cirsium erisithales	100																															
Gentiana asclepiadea	100	8															33										27	14				
Geranium sylvaticum	100													7																	17	
Hypericum maculatum	100		2	4								5								4										14		
Laserpitium latifolium	100				7			1	8																							
Lathyrus laevigatus	100				2			2				5																				
Phyteuma spicatum	100							5										33														
Aconitum besseranum					21																											
Astragalus glycyphyllos				1	45		3	2	6	12					3																	
Cypripedium calceolus			1	1	24																											
Hieracium gentile				19	28		10	2																								
Staphylea pinnata				4	34			2				20																				
Vicia sylvatica					23				4																							
Cardaminopsis arenosa		2				83						10									8											
Epilobium montanum		8	5	4	2	25	3	1	2	2	10									8												
Euphorbia cyparissias						25					11										4											
Galium transcarpathicum						42																										
Helleborus purpurascens			4			50					10																					
Hypericum hirsutum						25			5	5					2						3											
Seseli libanotis						58																										
Moehringia muscosa						42																										
Orthilia secunda			1	15	2	33	10	8						10																		
Securigera varia						25				4																						
Taxus baccata			5			83	3														8											
Tilia platyphyllos						83																										
Valeriana tripteris			2			33																							9			
Vincetoxicum hircundinaria				2	11	50		1	8	2	10										3											
Lathyrus laxiflorus						21																18	4									
Corydalis intermedia										29					7																2	
Viola hirta							0	8	23					13							4										13	
Symphytum tuberosum s.l.			19	1	3			1			90										4											
Leucium vernum		8			2							21									17											
Steris viscaria										4					25																	
Platanthera bifolia			12					4		3					26																	
Rubus saxatilis								12		2					44																	
Pteridium aquilinum				1	2			17		4	20				26												11		14			
Trientalis europaea								13							34																	
Ballota nigra								3	4																							
Cynoglossum officinale																																
Leonurus villosus							0																									
Tortilis japonica							1	3	14																							
Tulipa quercetorum										9					30	100																
Calamagrostis villosa			2																													
Cicerbita alpina																																
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Phegopteris connectilis		15		10				0																								
Vinca minor			4	4				1	4		20																					
Gagea spathacea																					33											
Grossularia uva-crispa		8						7	9	6											33											
Huperzia selago				20				1																								
Ribes lucidum													11																			
Anthriscus nitida				1	2					11																						
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Primula elatior				1				2																								
Rumex obtusifolius s.l.								2		4																						
Salix caprea			2					2	0																							
Galeopsis pubescens				12				15	6												13	27										
Hordeylmus europaeus				2	5			16													4	29										
Omphalodes scorpioides								3	14	8																						
Paeonia daurica						21																18	79	27	20							
Vincetoxicum scandens						14																										

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Agrostis stolonifera																														29		
Circea alpina		4	5	1																									9	43		
Equisetum sylvaticum			2	5				5		1		5	13	5						17								9	71			
Lonicera nigra																													29			
Picea abies		28	1	28	19			23	5	2		11	7				33		29								9	100		2		
Prunella vulgaris			1					10		0					2							9					9	43	17			
Salix aurita																												29				
Leucantherum rotundifolium		2																										29				
Streptopus amplexifolium		2																										29				
Carex strigosa																															100	
Iris pseudacorus																										11					50	
Leucopium aestivum																															33	
Phalaroides arundinacea																															67	
Polygonum hydropiper																											11				33	
Selinium carvifolia																															67	
Xanthoxalis fontana																															33	
D.s. of two associations																																
Lilium maritagon	50	4	6	1	62			18	8	3		5	13						4	3										4		
Calamagrostis arundinacea	100	6				75		16					13	24											11							
Rosa pendulina	50	2				75																									14	
Luzula luzuloidea	50	19	10								50																					
Gymnocarpium dryopteris	25	12	25	3	17									5																		
Abies alba	55	2	1					1									100	33										9	29			
Galeopsis speciosa	26	14	3					1											38									9	17	2		
Cephalanthera longifolia		21				35	2		4	10	11												18	4								
Melittis carpatica + M. sarmatica		4	1	61	33			9	4		10																					
Cephalanthera rubra						39		62	2															9	13							
Lonicera xylosteum	6	3	5	36				4	22			11															9	14				
Clematis recta						28			3	17	4								38													
Asplenium trichomanes						100		1	8		10																					
Asplenium viride						50																										
Phyllitis scolopendrium	4	5				50																										
Polypodium vulgare	8	1	3			58		1		4	10		38														9					
Polystichum aculeatum	19	5	6	3		83					10																					
Vaccinium myrtillus						3								13	5																43	
Sorbus torminalis		1						21		0		10																				
Euonymus latifolia								25																								
Vicia sepium				1							33	2																				
Carex spicata + C. muricata								2	32	11																						
Viburnum lantana	0		1						60	14																						
Melampyrum nemorosum s.l.		2						5	17	15	40	5	25	5																		
Crocus heuffelianus		6									20	74																			50	
Fraxinus angustifolia																																100
Taraxacum officinale			6				3	1	12	7		5	25			8											50	11			17	
Phalacrologia annuum			2										25																		50	
Melica picta									17							29	46															
Aruncus dioicus	4	4	2	5							10																					
Veratrum lobelianum								3																								
Ranunculus lanuginosus		2	4					2	6			11																				
Melandrium dioicum	4	2						2	5			5																				
Chaerophyllum aromaticum				3	3				3	5	2																					
Chelidonium majus		1	2					7	2	8																						
Bromopsis benekenii			4	23			13	1	27	4																						
Crocus tauricus							15	1																								
Tamus communis																																
Heracleum sibiricum											1																					
Aegonychon purpureo-caeruleum							17		4	2																						
Lathyrus rotundifolius																																
Ornithogalum ponticum							4																									
Dictamnus gymnostylis															7	8																
Laser trilobum							4																									
Equisetum telmateia		2	1																													
Humulus lupulus							8			2				3																		
Lysimachia vulgaris										0																						
Scutellaria galericulata																																
Caltha palustris s.l.				1				2				5																				
Galium palustre																																
Solanum dulcamara		2	6							1		5																				
Ulmus laevis											4																					
Acer negundo									1	3			13																			
Alnus incana		2									10																					
Petasites albus		14		2	2																											
Chaerophyllum hirsutum																																
Myosotis palustris																																
Carex remota		2	5						0																							
Eastern European species																																
Corydalis marschalliana							3			2																						
Dentaria quinquefolia							78	1		2																						
Scilla sibirica											10																					
"Carpathian" species																																
Dentaria glandulosa	86	24	17	8	17		7	20				5																				
Rubus hirtus	82	85	56	9	42	10	20																									

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Dactylis glomerata s.l.	50		5	2	6		27	5	37	31	50	16	25		13	69			4	17	45	4	40		22	9		17						
Deschampsia caespitosa	50			1				5						3					8						22	9	29		22					
Digitalis grandiflora	50				2				2																									
Dryopteris carthusiana		14	9	60	19			48	8	9	10	16	25	64	2		33	33	63						78	44	9	86	33					
Dryopteris dilatata +D. expansa		28	1	40				6	2								33	29											14					
Fallopia diuturnum			4			25			10	15			38		6	38					35					33			13					
Filipendula ulmaria											5						67								89	22	36	57	50	8				
Fragaria vesca			9	1	6		28	14	16	9	30	11		5				33	4		45	8			33	56	14		27					
Frangula alnus				6	4			14	2	2	50	11		27											33	56	14		27					
Galanthus nivalis				4	20			13	33	5									46	87								20		2				
Galium aparine			3	2			4	35	27		42	13		23	38				25	78	18	17	53	20	80	44	33	18		33	40			
Galium intermedium	100	6	40	1	2	100		9	12	2	60	5							3															
Galium verum		4		3				3															20											
Genista tinctoria											20																							
Geranium phaeum								6	19			21					33																	
Geranium robertianum		26	20	27	22	50	8	23	28	25	20	5		3	2	38		33	96	79	9				11	44	18	14	33	34				
Geum urbanum		4	12	6	12	50	23	23	73	60		42		25	37	92			83	64	73	25	47	20	60	22	56	18		17	66			
Glechoma hederacea		11	8					4	0	1		16			2				58		6	27	42		30	11	44	27		83	27			
Glechoma hirsuta		31				50		10	77	57	20	16		58	40	8	67		17	46	18				22		45	14		42				
Hesperis matronalis																							20											
Hylolephium argutum	50																33	33																
Hylolephium polonicum s.l.	50					50			8	14	10		50		2				4	39														
Impatiens noli-tangere		37	7	13	2	25		2	5	2		5		3	9		67		88						22	33	55	29	50	10				
Impatiens parviflora		10	8	6				0	1	23			50						17						22	18				39				
Isopyrum thalictroides		43		36	37			21	59	1	20	16							92	45					22		20			8				
Knautia dipsacifolia	50																												14					
Lamium maculatum		9	1	4	2		8	5	35	24	5	63	13	25	46				79	69	9	8	7		40	33		55		17				
Lamium purpureum							3			4						67								60		11								
Lapsana communis			3	3			27	5	27	9	5			6	46				46	25	45	29	20	20	40	11					17			
Lathyrus niger			2		27			1	28	26	10	5	38		3	15				6	27	42												
Ligustrum vulgare							17		2	60						8						18	50	7	20	60								
Lunaria rediviva	33					25											67	33	17	44										27				
Luzula pilosa		2	7	37	7			41			20		25	18					4															
Majanthemum bifolium		6		78	94	33		80	33	17	20	53	25	73			33		46						11						15			
Malus sylvestris								8	2	20			10	8	8				4	3										14	8			
Melica uniflora								6		20											13													
Mentha longifolia																									20									
Moehringia trinervia		20	6	10	2			14	8	22		5		7	2	8		33	54	9					22	44					26			
Mycelis muralis	33	39	37	70	67	18	16	7	11	10								33	25	11	27							27	14	17	11			
Orchis mascula	50					4																9	4		10									
Oxalis acetosella	53	19	42	12			51				21						67	33	88						11		27	43		2				
Padus avium				5	2		20	1	9		11	25	52						29						67	33	27		46					
Picris hieracioides	50																																	
Pinus sylvestris			4	15	16			41	1	3				26					8							33					7			
Platanthera chlorantha				21	42		78	25	8					3						17		36	17	27	10									
Pleurospermum austriacum	50																																	
Poa chaixii	50																																	
Poa nemoralis		2	12	46	97	25	64	14	41	42	70	11	100	10	21	54		33	46	33	73	33	13	20	30	11	56	18			7			
Polygonatum hirtum							8		74	16		5							13	71	27	54	7	40								6		
Polygonatum odoratum					4		92	18		11			25	26	6							82	42	40	40	11								
Polygonatum verticillatum	50	21		3	2			2													33											9		
Polystichum braunii																					67	33	4											
Populus tremula			2	19	6		30	33	8	16	11		33	9						13		27	13		10	11	11		14		28			
Potentilla erecta	50										10																							
Primula acaulis						50	53	7															64	71	60	60	80	11		9				
Pyrethrum clusii	50	2							13																									
Pyrethrum corymbosum					11			8	4			13									9	8		20										
Pyrus communis			1				9		27	40				20	46										13	13	10	67				17		
Quercus petraea			22	7	2		35			1	90											55	88	87	20					9				
Quercus robur			9	32	19			89	83	80		68	75	92	91	100			63	25						44	56			83	83			
Rosa canina								5	9	40	5			2	8									38	13	20								
Rubus idaeus	50	4	7	13	3	25		10	2	2			13	3		33		25									11		45	57		2		
Sambucus ebulus					2																			9		20								
Sambucus nigra		46	36	49	57	25	5	21	29	24	10	47		9	31		33	96	92	18		20		50	33		45	14		55				
Sambucus racemosa		10		34	6			3	2	1																22					29			
Scutellaria altissima							3		17	18					5	31					65		8	20		40								
Senecio ovatus	50	51		1													67		8											18	71			
Solidago virgaurea	50	6	1	3	8	42		4		13	30		25	14							4		9											
Sorbus aucuparia	50	22	6	28	37	100	13	40	0	15	5	50	49							4		9	4	13		11		18	71		11			
Stellaria media									0	0	16													20										
Swida sanguinea			28	13	89		4	13																										

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<i>Acer stevenii</i>	20	nd	nd
<i>Acer tataricum</i>	4	2	8	nd	nd	9	
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	2	13	3	nd	nd	100	100	.	.	.	21		
<i>Alnus incana</i>	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	nd	nd	.	100	100	.	.	2
<i>Betula pendula</i>	.	6	15	.	.	.	42	12	17	.	.	.	13	50	6	.	.	13	.	.	.	nd	nd	33	44	.	33	.	13			
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	.	4	22	53	53	.	43	96	13	89	70	100	.	.	23	.	.	83	59	83	89	60	nd	nd	11	.	.	50	27			
<i>Cersus avium</i>	.	.	.	8	23	.	.	9	15	11	30	.	.	5	.	.	100	29	3	17	.	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.	35	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	20	2	.	30	.	.	.	.	.	67	100	29	4	50	.	nd	nd	.	25	33	.	.	
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i>	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	100	.		
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	.	.	.	17	55	66	10	22	52	35	.	.	.	7	85	85	33	.	100	100	.	11	100	nd	nd	11	.	25	.	55		
<i>Larix sp.</i>	1	1	nd	nd	
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.	5		
<i>Picea abies</i>	.	8	.	4	.	.	14	1	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	13	.	.	.	.	nd	nd	.	.	.	67	.	.	.
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	.	.	6	8	16	.	43	1	1	.	.	.	.	26	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	nd	nd	.	.	22	.	.	7	
<i>Populus tremula</i>	.	.	.	17	6	.	20	22	2	20	.	8	.	30	10	.	.	13	.	17	.	nd	nd	11	11	.	.	.	22			
<i>Pyrus communis</i>	9	3	.	.	.	.	.	10	15	.	.	.	.	.	22	40	nd	nd	.	22	.	.	18			
<i>Quercus borealis</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Quercus petraea</i>	.	.	22	8	.	.	7	.	1	90	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33	100	80	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Quercus robur</i>	.	.	.	19	15	.	.	90	73	82	.	83	25	92	88	92	.	58	25	.	.	nd	nd	33	.	.	.	83	65			
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Salix alba</i>	nd	nd	.	.	50	.	.	2	.		
<i>Salix fragilis</i>	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.	.	2		
<i>Salix caprea</i>	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	33	.	.	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.	.	2		
<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	78	20	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	.	.	.	30	58	.	20	60	50	45	10	50	100	66	74	31	.	79	41	50	.	nd	nd	44	.	.	.	17	34			
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>	33	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	.	33	.	24	49	.	.	11	23	13	.	.	.	10	14	.	100	79	57	.	20	nd	nd	.	.	44	.	.	27			
<i>Ulmus laevis</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	nd	nd	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	1	9	11	.	.	.	10	6	31	.	4	.	.	.	nd	nd	11	11	.	.	17	35			

Abbreviations:

AdF – Athyrio distentifolii-Fagetum, ScF – Symphyto cordati-Fagetum, CF – Carpino-Fagetum, ShF – Stellario holostaeae-Fagetum, EvF – Euonymo verrucosae-Fagetum, SIF – Seseli libanotis-Fagetum, LaF – Lathyro aurei-Fagetum, TC – Tilio-Carpinetum, IC – Isopyro thalictroidis-Carpinetum, GC – Galeobdolono lutei-Carpinetum, CpC – Carici pilosae-Carpinetum, CC – Circaeio-Carpinetum, A-T – Acer platanoides-Tilia cordata com., MQ – Mercurialo perennis-Quercetum roboris, ShA – Stellario holostaeae-Aceretum platanoidis, TQ – Tulipio quercetorum-Quercetum roboris, AA – Arunco-Aceretum, PhA – Phyllitido-Aceretum, AnA – Anthrisco nitidi-Aceretum pseudoplatani, ApF – Aceri platanoidis-Fraxinetum, BC – Bromopsio-Carpinetum, LC – Lasero trilobi-Carpinetum, RF – Ranunculo constantinopolitani-Fraxinetum, FAs – Fago-Aceretum stevenii, FA – Fraxino-Alnetum, AIA – Aceri tatarici-Alnetum, OA – Ornithogalo pontici-Alnetum, Ai – Alnetum incanae, PA – Piceo-Alnetum, FpU – Fraxino-Ulmum, FU – Ficario-Ulmum campestris.
nd – no data.

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