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INTRODUCTION AND RESEARCH METHODS

The paper presents a phytosociological characteristics of associations and communities of grasslands and xerothermic shrubs belonging to the *Sedo-Sclerantheseta*, *Festuco-Brometea*, *Trifolio-Geranietea* and *Rhamno-Prunetea* classes in the Kazimierz Landscape Park. Field research was conducted in the years 1982-1989 and then supplemented in 1994-1996. Phytosociological research was carried out using Braun-Blanquet's method (Braun-Blanquet 1964, Pawłowski 1977). The recorded area covered from several up to 150 m² depending on the type and the area of a given phytocenosis. The systematic membership of the communities in question as well as the classification of characteristic and differential species follows the classification made by Matuszkiewicz (1981). The terminologic for vascular plant species is based on Mirek et al. (1995), for bryophytes on Ochyra and Szmajda (1978) and for liverworts on Grolle (1976). The natural environment of the Kazimierz Landscape Park is presented in the first part of the paper together with the characteristics of meadow and pasture associations (Kucharczyk 1996).

SURVEY OF ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

In the Kazimierz Landscape Park 12 associations and communities of xerothermic grasslands and shrubs have been reported. Their syntaxonomic position can be presented as follows:

Cl.: *Sedo-Sclerantheseta* Br.-Bl. 1955 em. Müll. 1961,

O.: *Corynephoreta canescens* R. Tx. 1937 em. Krausch 1962,

All.: *Corynephorion canescens* Klika 1931,

Ass.: *Spergulo vernalis-Corynephoretum* (R. Tx. 1928) Libb. 1933,

- Subass.: *Spergulo vernalis-Corynephoretum thymetosum serpylli* K. Czyżewska 1992,
- O.: *Festuco-Sedetalia* R. Tx. 1951 em. Krausch 1962,
All.: *Koelerion glaucae* (Volk 1931) Klika 1935,
Ass.: *Festuco psammophilae-Koelerietum glaucae* Klika 1931,
- Cl.: *Festuco-Brometea* Br.-Bl. et R. Tx. 1943,
O.: *Festucetalia valesiacae* Br.-Bl. et R. Tx. 1943,
All.: *Festuco-Stipion* (Klika 1931) Krausch 1961,
Ass.: *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* Kornaś 1952,
Subass.: *K.-F. typicum*,
Subass.: *K.-F. odontitetosum luteae* Głazek 1968,
Ass.: *Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae* (Dziub. 1925) Medw.-Korn. 1959,
All.: *Cirsio-Brachypodion pinnati* Hadač et Klika 1944 em. Krausch 1961,
Ass.: *Inuletum ensifoliae* Kozł. 1925,
Ass.: *Thalictro-Salvietum pratensis* Medw.-Korn. 1959,
Ass.: *Origano-Brachypodietum* Medw.-Korn. et Kornaś 1963,
- Cl.: *Trifolio-Geranietea sanguinei* Müll. 1962,
O.: *Origanetalia* Müll. 1962,
All.: *Geranion sanguinei* R. Tx. 1961,
Ass.: *Geranio-Peucedanetum cervariae* (Kuhn 1937) Müll. 1961,
Ass.: *Geranio-Trifolietum alpestris* Müll. 1961,
- Cl.: *Rhamno-Prunetea* Rivas Goday et Carb. 1961,
O.: *Prunetalia spinosae* R. Tx. 1952,
All.: *Berberidion* Br.-Bl. (1947) 1950,
Ass.: *Prunetum fruticosae* Dziub. 1925
Ass.: *Ligistro-Prunetum* R. Tx. 1952,
Comm. with *Ulmus minor* var. *suberosa*.

Spergulo vernalis-Corynephoretum (R. Tx. 1928) Libb. 1933

Table I

Localities of phytosociological records:

- 1 (194). Polanówka near Rogów, sand mine near the village. Area of phytocenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: pine plantings. 1983-08-06.
- 2 (798). Janowiec, near a road. Area of phytocenosis: 90 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Lolio-Plantaginetum*, cereal and root plants. 1986-07-02.
- 3 (799). See record no 2.

Table 1. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses *Spergulo vernalis-Corynephoretum* (R. Tx. 1928) Libb. 1933

- 4 (1052). Nasiłów, slope foot. Area of phytocoenosis: 15 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Peucedano-Pinetum* partially developed, *Lolio-Plantagineteum*. 1986-08-07.
- 5 (357). Oblasy near Janowiec, slope foot. Area of phytocoenosis: 60 m². Contact phytocoenoses: pine plantings, *Plantaginetea* comm. 1984-07-21.
- 6 (371). Janowiec, sand hill. Area of phytocoenosis: 25 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Festuco-Koelerietum*, pine plantings. 1984-07-21.
- 7 (363). Oblasy near Janowiec, edge of a road. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Plantaginetea*, *Peucedano-Pinetum* comm. partially developed. 1984-07-21.
- 8 (359). Oblasy near Janowiec, edge of a road. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Plantaginetea*, *Querco-Pinetum* comm. 1984-07-21.
- 9 (670). Męćmierz, edge of a ravine south of the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: cereal and root plants, *Festuco-Koelerietum* partially developed. 1985-08-12, 1994-06-15.
- 10 (692). Janowiec, side of a road. Area of phytocoenosis: 15 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Artemisietae* comm. 1985-08-21.
- 11 (699). See record no 10.
- 12 (797) Janowiec, small sand mine near the road to Janowice. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Artemisietae* and *Plantaginetea* comm. 1986-07-02.

In *Spergulo vernalis-Corynephoretum* phytocoenoses dominates the growing in tufts *Corynephorus canescens* (V³³⁹⁶), where one can find *Hieracium pilosella* (V⁴⁶³), *Thymus serpyllum* (V³⁷⁸), *Rumex acetosella* (V²⁵⁵), *Scleranthus perennis* (V⁹¹) and others. The layer of bryophytes is usually well developed (up to 70% of the area) and consists mainly of *Rhacomitrium canescens* (V²⁵⁰¹) and *Ceratodon purpureus* (V¹¹²⁵). The characteristic and differential species for this association are *Spergula morisonii* (V²³⁵), *Veronica dillenii* (III⁶) and *Teesdalia nudicaulis* (not present in the analysed phytocoenoses). It is worth noting that from the species of the *Sedo-Scleranthesetea* class, some of the *Festuco-Sedetalia* order (among others *Festuca psammophila* and *Koeleria glauca*) are well represented, while those of the *Corynephoretalia* order are barely visible here (3 species). The *Festuco-Brometea* class species (11), particularly *Artemisia campestris* (IV¹⁷⁰), *Euphorbia cyparissias* (IV¹²⁰) and *Achillea pannonica* (III⁴⁷) are quite numerous.

When compared with the syntaxonomic variability of the association in the area of Poland (Czyżewska 1997), the *Spergulo-Corynephoretum* phytocoenoses of the Kazimierz Landscape Park should be classified as belonging to *S. v.-C. thymetosum serpylli*, among which records 1-4 are a typical variant, while records 5-12 are a variant with *Artemisia campestris*.

Spergulo-Corynephoretum phytocoenoses occur in the Kazimierz Landscape Park only in the vicinity of Janowiec and in Męćmierz. They grow on regosol with a poorly developed profile that was formed from loose sands or on not too clayey soils covering chalk deposits. Small phytocoenoses of the association in question (up to 90 m²) border on one side with coniferous forests (*Pino-Quercetum*, partially developed patches of *Peucedano-Pinetum*, pine young growths) and associations of the *Artemisietae* and *Plantaginetea* classes on the other side. As the sand layer gets thinner, *Spergulo-Corynephoretum* gradually pass into *Festuco-Koelerietum glaucae*.

Festuco psammophila-Koelerietum glaucae Klika 1931

Table 2

Localities of phytosociological records:

- 1 (808). Oblasy near Janowiec, scarp foot. Area of phytocoenosis: 10 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Peucedano-Pinetum* partially developed, *Plantaginetea* comm. 1986-07-06.
- 2 (694). Janowiec, near the road to Janowice. Area of phytocoenosis: 10 m². Contact phytocoenoses: pine monoculture. 1985-08-21.
- 3 (693). See record no 2.
- 4 (358). Oblasy near Janowiec, scarp foot. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Peucedano-Pinetum* partially developed, *Plantaginetea* comm. 1984-07-21.
- 5 (1032). Męćmierz, slope of a sandy ravine near the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*. 1986-07-31.
- 6 (1215). Męćmierz, slope of a sandy ravine near the road to Kazimierz. Area of phytocoenosis: 35 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Potentillo albae-Quercetum* partially developed, *Artemisietea* and *Plantaginetea* comm. 1995-07-12.
- 7 (640). See record no 5. 1985-08-05.
- 8 (638). See record no 5. 1985-08-05.
- 9 (636). Męćmierz, slope of a sandy ravine near the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, *Spergulo-Corynephoretum* partially developed. 1985-08-05, 1994-06-15.
- 10 (637). See record no 9.
- 11 (373) Janowiec, near the ruins of the castle, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 12 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Spergulo-Corynephoretum*. 1984-07-21.
- 12 (372). Janowiec, near the ruins of the castle, sandy hillock on a plateau. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Spergulo-Corynephoretum*, *Plantaginetea* comm. 1984-07-21.

The *Festuco-Koelerietum glaucae* have the character of a loose grassland, where the upper layer consists of *Festuca psammophila* (V²⁴⁵⁹), *Koeleria glauca* (V⁶⁴⁸) and *Artemisia campestris* (V⁵²³), and the lower of *Thymus serpyllum* (V⁷³⁰), *Euphorbia cyparissias* (V⁵⁰⁴), *Sedum sexangulare* (V²³⁷), *Rumex acetosella* (V¹³¹), *Potentilla cinerea* (V¹³¹) and *Sedum acre* (V⁹). The moss layer which covers up to 50% of the area of some phytocoenoses is well developed. From the species characteristic of this association the most abundant is *Festuca psammophila* (V²⁴⁵⁹), while *Silene chlorantha* (III⁴⁶) and *Dianthus arenarius* (I²) are found less frequently. Beside 22 species of the *Sedo-Scleranthetea* class, quite numerous are plants representing the *Festuco-Brometea* class (19 species). The most frequently occurring species of this class are *Artemisia campestris* (V⁵²³), *Euphorbia cyparissias* (V⁵⁰⁴), *Potentilla cinerea* (V³¹) and *Achillea pannonica* (V¹⁰).

Festuco-Koelerietum grows in Męćmierz and in the vicinity of Janowiec on soils that developed from loose and clayey sands covering chalk deposits. Phytocoenoses of the association border with *Spergulo-Corynephoretum* and pine forests or xerothermic grasslands, mainly *Inuletum ensifoliae*; phytocoenoses where records 1-4 have been taken border with *Plantaginetea majoris*.

Table 2. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses *Festuco psammophilae-Koelerietum glaucae* Klka 1931

Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae Kornaś 1952

Table 3

Localities of phytosociological records:

1 (431). Podgórz, upper part of a slope, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 35 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Plantaginetea majoris* comm., cereal and root plants. 1984-08-18.

2 (430). See record no 1. Area of phytocoenosis: 35 m².

3 (578). Dobre, lower part of a loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 25 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae*, *Thalictro-Salvietum pratensis*. 1985-06-19.

4 (429). Podgórz, upper part of a slope, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Plantaginetea majoris* comm. 1984-08-18.

5 (434). Podgórz, upper part of a slope, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed, cereal and root plants. 1984-08-18, 1994-06-15.

6 (571). Podgórz, upper part of a slope, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Plantaginetea majoris* comm. 1985-06-19, 1994-06-15.

7 (411). Podgórz, upper part of a slope, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 25 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Plantaginetea majoris* comm. 1984-08-04.

8 (433). See record no 5.

9 (562). Dobre, near the road to Kazimierz, lower part of the scarp of a ravine. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Among *Origano-Brachypodietum*. 1985-06-13, 1995-07-15.

10 (568). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyży, loess scarp. Area of phytocoenosis: 15 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae*, *Thalictro-Salvietum pratensis*. 1985-06-19.

Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae has the form of a loose grassland, where grasses predominate – species characteristic of the association: *Festuca rupicola* (V¹⁷²⁶) and *Koeleria macrantha* (V¹⁹²⁵); occasionally *Phleum phleoides* (I⁵⁵⁰) occurs here, too. Other species of the *Festuco-Brometea* class, like *Artemisia campestris* (V⁵⁵⁴), *Euphorbia cyparissias* (V⁵⁰⁴), *Achillea pannonica* (V³⁷⁸) and *Centaurea rhenana* (V²³²) occur here permanently, however, they do not attain a high degree of cover. It should be noted that among the accompanying species there are few representatives of the *Trifolio-Geranietea* class (7 species), very few shrubs, and some plants of the *Sedo-Scleranthetea* class (7 species). These are usually *Silene otites* (V¹⁸³), *Helichrysum arenarium* (IV¹⁸²), *Hieracium pilosella* (IV¹⁰⁵) and *Festuca trachyphylla* (III²²⁹). The presence of the species makes *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* closer to communities of the *Festuco-Sedetalia* order, in particular to *Sileno otitis-Festucetum* and *Festuco-Koelerietum glaucae*.

Achillea pannonica, *Agropyron intermedium*, *Campanula sibirica* and *Festuca trachyphylla* occur only in records 1-8, which makes them closer to the *K.-F. s. odontitetosum luteae* sub-association distinguished by Głazek from the Sandomierz Upland (Głazek 1968). However, *Odontites lutea*, *Digitaria ischaemum* and *Pulsatilla pratensis* are absent here. Records 9 and 10 should be classified as a typical sub-association.

Table 3. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* Kornaś 1952

Succesive number of record	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P R E S E N C E
Number of record	431	430	578	429	434	571	411	433	562	568	
Exposure	SSW	SW	SW	S	S	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW	
Slope inclination [°]	40	40	25	40	35	25	35	35	40	35	
Cover of shrub layer b [%]	-	5	5	-	-	5	<5	<5	<5	<5	
Cover of herb layer c [%]	50	70	60	40	60	70	60	60	70	80	
Cover of moss layer d [%]	30	40	30	50	10	30	10	20	30	<5	
Area of sample plot [m ²]	35	25	20	20	30	20	25	25	20	15	
Number of species	25	30	31	28	30	30	25	29	26	24	
<i>Ch. *D Koelerio-Festucetum</i>											
<i>Festuca rupestris</i>	1.2	+	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.2	2.2	2.2	3.2	3.3	V
* <i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	3.2	3.3	2.2	1.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.2	1.1		V
* <i>Phleum phleoides</i>									2.1	3.2	I
<i>Ch. *Festuco-Stipion, C/Festucetalia valesiacae</i>											
<i>Achillea pannonica</i>	+	+	+	1	1	1	1	2.2	1.1		IV
<i>Aropyron intermedium</i>	+	+	1.2	+	+	+	+	+			IV
<i>subsp. intermedium</i>	+	+	1.2	+	+	+	+	+			
<i>Potentilla arenaria</i>	1.1	1.1	+	+	1.1	+	+				III
<i>Campanula sibirica</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			III
<i>Scabiosa ochroleuca</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			II
* <i>Alyssum montanum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			II
<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			II
* <i>Stipa capillata</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1.2		I
<i>Bromus inermis</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			I
<i>Ch. Festuco-Brometea</i>											
<i>Artemisia campestris</i>	1.2	2.2	+	1.2	1.2	1.1	+	2.2	+	+	V
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	+	1.2	2.2	+	+	1.1	1.1	+	2.1	+	V
<i>Centaura rhenana</i>	+	+	+	+	2.2	1.1	+	+	+	+	V
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1.1	IV
<i>Acinos arvensis</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		III
<i>Dianthus carthusianorum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	III
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	II
<i>Galium album</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	1.2	+			II
<i>Carex humilis</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			II
<i>Plantago media</i>	+	+	+	+	+	4	+	+			II
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			I
<i>subsp. polypyllo</i>											
<i>Ch. Trifolio-Geranietea</i>											
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	+	1.1	2.2	+	1.1	1.2	+	+	+	+	V
<i>Galium verum</i>	1.2	+	+	+	+	1.1	+	+	+	2.2	IV
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		III
<i>Verbascum lychnitis</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		II
<i>Ch. Sedo-Scleranthea</i>											
<i>Silene otites</i>	2.2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	V
<i>Helichrysum arenarium</i>	+	+	+	+	2.1	+	+	+	+	+	IV
<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>	+	+	+	+	+	1.2	+	+	1.2	+	IV
<i>Festuca trachyphylla</i>	+	1.2	+	+	+	2.2	+	+	+		III
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		II
Other accompanying:											
<i>Erophila verna</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	IV
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		III
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	+	+	+	+	1.1	+	+	+			II
<i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>	+	+	1.1	+	+	+	+	+			II
<i>Rosa canina</i> b	+	+	1.1	+	1.1	+	+	+			II
<i>Poa angustifolia</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1.2		II
<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			I
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			I
<i>Thymus pulegioides</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			I
<i>Hieracium umbellatum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			I
<i>Eryngium planum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			I
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			I
<i>Chamaecytisus ruthenensis</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			I

Tab. 3 – continued

<i>Campiothecium lutescens</i>	2.2	2.2	2.2	.	.	.	2.2	2.2	.	III
<i>Abietinella abietina</i>	2.2	2.2	1.2	.	.	.	1.2	.	.	II
<i>Pollia intermedia</i>	.	.	.	3.2	2.2	1.2	+	.	.	II
<i>Streblotrichum convolutum</i>	.	.	.	+	.	2.2	.	+	+	II
<i>Phasium floraekeanum</i>	.	.	.	2.2	+	.	.	+	+	I
<i>Bryum caespiticium</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.2	.	+	I
Sporadic species:										
Ch. <i>Festuco-Brometea</i> : <i>Brachypodium pinnatum</i> 3, <i>Pterigoneurum ovatum</i> 7, <i>Hellanthesum numularium</i> subsp. <i>obscurum</i> 9/1.1, <i>Carex caryophyllea</i> 9, <i>Sanguisorba minor</i> 9, <i>Filipendula vulgaris</i> 10.										
Ch. <i>Trifolio-Geranietea</i> : <i>Peucedanum cervaria</i> 7, <i>Coronilla varia</i> 9, <i>Anthicum ramosum</i> 10.										
Ch. <i>Sedo-Scleranthea</i> : <i>Rumex acetosella</i> 9, <i>Sedum sexangulare</i> 9.										
Other accompanying: <i>Nigella arvensis</i> 1, <i>Berteroa incana</i> 2, <i>Erigeron annuus</i> 2, <i>Prunus fruticosa</i> b 2, <i>Bromus sterilis</i> 3, <i>Cichorium intybus</i> 3, <i>Festuca macraeiensis</i> 3, <i>Lappula squarrosa</i> 3/1, <i>Rhamnus catharticus</i> b 3, <i>Daucus carota</i> 4/1.1, <i>Barbula hornschuchiana</i> 4/1.2, <i>Echium vulgare</i> 5, <i>Euphrasia stricta</i> 5, <i>Bryum capillare</i> b, <i>Lithospermum officinale</i> 6, <i>Adonis vernalis</i> 7, <i>Juniperus communis</i> b 8, <i>Catapryrenium lachneum</i> 8, <i>Collema tenax</i> 8, <i>Equisetum arvense</i> 9, <i>Arabis glabra</i> 10, <i>Orobanche lutea</i> 10, <i>Prunus spinosa</i> b 10.										

In the Kazimierz Landscape Park *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* phytocoenoses occur in Dobre, Podgórz and Kazimierz Dolny on loess slopes of southern and south-western exposure and inclination of up to 40°. They have the form of small patches (up to 50 m²), long in shape. On one side they border with communities of the *Plantaginetea majoris* class (mainly *Lolio-Plantaginetum*) and communities of cereal and root plants, and on the other with xerothermic grasslands (*Sisymbrio-Stipetum*, *Thalicstro-Salvietum* and *Origano-Brachypodietum*) or shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class.

Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae (Dziub. 1925) Medw.-Korn. 1959

Table 4

Localities of phytosociological records:

- 1 (412). Dobre, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Thalicstro-Salvietum pratensis*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1984-08-04.
- 2 (428). Dobre, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Thalicstro-Salvietum pratensis*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1984-08-13.
- 3 (445). Dobre, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 60 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Thalicstro-Salvietum pratensis*. 1984-08-18, 1986-06-31.
- 4 (566). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyży, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae*, *Thalicstro-Salvietum pratensis*, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1985-06-19, 1995-07-20.
- 5 (444). See record no 3.
- 6 (441). Dobre, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 100 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed, *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* partially developed. 1984-08-18, 1986-06-10.
- 7 (442). See record no 6.
- 8 (443). Dobre, lower part of a loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1984-08-18, 1994-06-15.
- 9 (572). Dobre, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* partially developed. 1985-06-19, 1994-06-15.
- 10 (1079). Dobre, loess cap. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* partially developed. 1986-07-31, 1994-06-15.

**Table 4. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses *Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae* (Dziub. 1925)
Medw.-Korn. 1959**

Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae phytocoenoses have the character of a dense grassland, where the upper layer consists mainly of *Stipa capillata* (V⁷²⁵⁰) and *Medicago falcata* (V¹²⁵⁰), *Achillea pannonica* (V⁹⁷⁵), *Galium album* (V⁴⁵⁵), *Centaurea rhenana* (V³⁸⁰), *Salvia pratensis* (V¹⁰⁷) and *Veronica spicata* (V⁵⁹). The lower layer of herbaceous plants is made up of *Euphorbia cyparissias* (V¹⁵⁷), *Carex supina* (V¹⁰⁸) and *Potentilla cinerea* (V¹⁰⁵) as well as *Festuca trachyphylla* (II²²⁷), *Carex humilis* (II²²⁶) and others. The proportion of shrubs and bryophytes is rather low and does not exceed 5% and 10% respectively. From the species characteristic of the association only two are present here, namely *Carex supina* (V¹⁰⁸) and *Festuca valesiaca* (I²). The *Festuco-Brometea* class is represented by 31 species; apart from *Stipa capillata* also *Galium album* (V⁴⁵⁵), *Centaurea rhenana* (V³⁸⁰), *Euphorbia cyparissias* (V¹⁵⁷), *Salvia pratensis* (V¹⁰⁷), *Veronica spicata* (V⁵⁹), *Achillea pannonica* (IV⁹⁷⁵), *Potentilla cinerea* (IV¹⁰⁵), *Artemisia campestris* (IV⁸) and *Campanula sibirica* (IV⁸) are often found here. Among the accompanying species the most frequent and abundant is *Medicago falcata* (V¹²⁵⁰), less frequent and numerous are *Poa angustifolia* (IV²³⁰) and *Berberis vulgaris* (IV⁷).

Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae phytocoenoses in the Kazimierz Landscape Park have various facies: records 1-4 (Table 4) present a facies with *Agropyron intermedium*, while records 4-10 one with *Achillea pannonica*, in record no 4 the above mentioned species occur equally numerously. In the Kazimierz Landscape Park *Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae* can be found only in Kazimierz Dolny and Dobre. It prefers extremely dry and warm habitats on slopes and loess caps of south-western exposure, well dried by furrows. The shape of the phytocoenoses depends on the shape of the cap, usually they are long and narrow, coming in contact with other phytocoenoses (*Thalictro-Salvietum pratensis* (records 1-4) and other xerothermic grasslands as well as partly developed shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class) at the very ends only.

Inuletum ensifoliae Kozł. 1925

Table 5

Localities of phytosociological records:

- 1 (1030). Męćmierz, south of the village, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1986-07-31.
- 2 (672). Męćmierz, slope south of the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 120 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1985-08-12.
- 3 (420). Dobre, lower part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 250 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligastro-Prunetum*, pine plantings, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1984-08-13.
- 4 (402). Dobre, lower part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 150 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1984-08-04.

Table 5. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses *Inuletum ensifoliae* Kozł. 1925

<i>Thymus pulegioides</i>	+	+	.	.	.	+	+	+	.	+	1.2	.	.	.	+	+	III	
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	-	+	.	.	.	-	+	-	.	+	+	.	1.2	.	+	+	II	
<i>Genista tinctoria</i>	-	1.1	.	.	.	+	+	-	.	1.1	.	.	.	1.1	2.1	+	II	
<i>Stachys officinalis</i>	-	+	.	.	.	-	+	-	.	+	+	1.2	.	+	.	+	II	
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	+	+	.	.	.	-	-	+	.	+	+	.	.	+	+	.	II	
<i>Daucus carota</i>	+	-	.	+	.	-	+	+	.	-	+	.	+	-	.	.	II	
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	.	-	+	.	+	-	.	.	II	
<i>Poa angustifolia</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	.	+	+	.	.	-	.	2.2	II	
<i>Campanula trachelium</i>	1.1	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	.	-	-	.	+	-	+	.	II	
<i>Ononis spinosa</i>	+	+	.	.	.	-	-	1.2	.	+	-	.	.	.	-	+	II	
<i>Lembotropis nigricans</i>	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	.	-	-	.	-	-	+	.	I	
<i>Carex tomentosa</i>	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.	-	1.2	.	.	.	.	1.1	I
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.	-	-	.	+	-	.	.	II	
<i>Vincentoxicum hirundinaria</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.	-	-	.	+	-	+	.	I	
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	.	-	-	.	+	-	.	.	II	
<i>Chamaecytisus ruthenicus</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	.	-	-	.	+	-	-	.	I	
<i>Campylium chrysophyllum</i>	1.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.2	-	-	-	1.2	-	-	2.2	+	+	2.2	2.2	+	IV
<i>Abietinella abietina</i>	1.2	1.2	-	+	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.2	2.2	-	1.2	2.2	+	-	+	-	III	
<i>Camptothecium lutescens</i>	2.2	3.2	-	+	-	1.2	1.2	2.2	-	-	3.2	-	+	-	+	-	III	
<i>Tortella tortuosa</i>	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1.2	II	
<i>Bryum caespiticium</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	I	
<i>Amblystegium serpens</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	1.2	-	-	-	-	I	

Sporadic species:

Ch. *Festucetalia valesiacae*: *Thesium linophyllum* 2/1.1.Ch. *Festuco-Brometea*: *Centauraea scabiosa* 1/1.1, *Campanula glomerata* 1, 2, *Carex caryophyllea* 8/1.1, 19, *Gentiana cruciata* 11, 12, *Poa compressa* 11, 18,*Ranunculus bulbosus* 11, 20/1.1, *Artemisia campestris* 7, *Linosyris vulgaris* 11, *Phleum phleoides* 18.Ch. *Trifolio-Geranietea*: *Verbascum lychnitis* 5, 12/1.1, *Clematis recta* 14, 18, *Fragaria viridis* 15, 20/1.1, *Astragalus glycyphyllos* 2, *Veronica teucrium* 12, *Campanula rapunculoides* 13, *Clinopodium vulgare* 14, *Peucedanum cervaria* 19/1.1.Ch. *Rhamno-Prunetea*: *Ulmus minor* b 1, 4, *Viburnum opulus* b 1.Other accompanying: *Fraxinus excelsior* b 2, 18, *Quercus robur* b 4, 10/1.1, *Hieracium pilosella* 6, 7, *Euphrasia stricta* 7, 8, *Lotus corniculatus* 9, 11, *Hypericum perforatum* 13, 15, *Thymus serpyllum* 17, 18, *Carex flacca* 10, *Ceratine minor* 11, *Eryngium planum* 14, *Melilotus officinalis* 15, *Lonicera xylosteum* b 20, *Carex montana* 20, *Orobanche lutea* 20.

5 (755). Bochotnica, slope near the quarry. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligistro-Prunetum* and other shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1986-05-28, 1994-07-02.

6 (414). See record no 3.

7 (642). Męćmierz, slope near the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 350 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea*, *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* partially developed. 1985-08-05.

8 (643). Męćmierz, slope near the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 350 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed, *Plantaginetea* comm. 1985-08-05.

9 (629). Bochotnica, slope near the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 250 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligistro-Prunetum*, pine plantings, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1985-07-31, 1994-07-02.

10 (574). Dobre, near the road leading to the fields, lower part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 120 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, plantings of *Quercus robur*. 1985-07-12.

11 (669). Męćmierz, slope south of the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: bushes of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, pine plantings, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1985-07-12.

12 (582). Męćmierz, south of the village, edge of a plateau. Area of phytocoenosis: 150 m². Contact phytocoenoses: pine plantings, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class partially developed, *Origano-Brachypodietum*. 1985-07-12.

13 (456). Dobre, strongly eroded slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Cornus sanguinea*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1984-08-27.

- 14 (1023). Męćmierz, south of the village, edge of a plateau. Area of phytocoenosis: 70 m². Contact phytocoenoses: pine plantings, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1986-07-31.
- 15 (456). Dobre, middle part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 200 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1984-08-27.
- 16 (457). Dobre, lower part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 180 m². Contact phytocoenoses: pine plantings, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1984-08-27.
- 17 (1021). Męćmierz, south of the village, edge of a plateau. Area of phytocoenosis: 60 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, pine plantings. 1986-07-31.
- 18 (646). Męćmierz, upper part of a slope near the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 300 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Potentillo albae-Quercketum* partially developed. 1985-08-05.
- 19 (872). Męćmierz, slope near the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1986-07-12.
- 20 (756). Bochotnica, upper part of a slope near the quarry. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1986-05-19, 1994-07-02.

Inuletum ensifoliae phytocoenoses have the character of a loose grassland with a mosaic-like shrub layer as a permanent element (up to 30%). The following species of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class usually occur here: *Berberis vulgaris* (IV²¹⁷), *Cornus sanguinea* (III²⁶⁷) and *Ligustrum vulgare* (III⁵⁴) as well as *Juniperus communis* (V⁷⁰⁴) and man-planted *Pinus sylvestris* (III²³⁰). In the layer of herbaceous plants the dominant species is *Inula ensifolia* (V⁵⁷⁵⁰), and the following appear permanently, though less abundantly: *Aster amellus* (V³⁴²), *Teucrium chamaedrys* (V³⁶⁷), *Medicago sativa* (V²⁵⁵), *Origanum vulgare* (V²⁶⁹), *Anthericum ramosum* (V²⁶⁹), *Anthyllis vulneraria* subsp. *polyphylla* (V¹⁷⁰) and *Euphorbia cyparissias* (V⁸³). Due to the strong erosion of soil, the layer of bryophytes and lichens is developed almost exclusively in the neighbourhood of shrubs. The syntaxonomic composition is the following: from the species characteristic of the association only *Inula ensifolia* and *Aster amellus* (V³⁴²) occur here. The *Festuco-Brometea* class is represented by 33 species, 11 of which are characteristic of *Festucetalia valesiacae*. The highest degree of permanence with a low degree of cover (+ - 2) at the same time is attained by *Teucrium chamaedrys* (V³⁶⁷), *Galium album* (V²⁰⁵), *Anthyllis vulneraria* subsp. *polyphylla* (V¹⁷⁰), *Salvia verticillata* (V¹⁵⁶), *Euphorbia cyparissias* (V⁸³) and *Sanguisorba minor* (V⁹). Among the accompanying species two groups are worth noting: 18 species of the *Trifolio-Geranietea* class and 10 of *Rhamno-Prunetea*. They constitute a part of the mosaic-like shrub layer and are often found in the herbaceous plants layer of the phytocoenoses.

Among the *Inuletum ensifoliae* phytocoenoses reported from the Kazimierz Landscape Park a facies with *Carex humilis* (records 1-8) can be distinguished. Other phytocoenoses (records 17-20), in which the proportion of *Brachypodium pinnatum* is higher, represent an intermediate stage to *Origano-Brachypodietum* or shrub communities. In the area in question *Inuletum ensifoliae* phytocoenoses occur in Dobre, Męćmierz and Bochotnica. They grow on strongly eroded

rendzinas formed of marls on slopes of southern, south-western and western exposure, rarely on fragments of plateaux. They usually have the form of large patches on slopes or small "islands" in shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class (most often *Ligistro-Prunetum spinosae*). The border between *Inuletum* and the shrubs has the form of a narrow belt of *Origano-Brachypodietum*, rarely – *Geranio-Peucedanetum cervariae*.

Thalictro-Salvietum pratensis Medw.-Korn. 1959

Table 6

Localities of phytosociological records:

- 1 (447). Dobre, upper part of a slope covered with loess. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligistro-Prunetum*, *Inuletum ensifoliae* partially developed. 1984-07-22, 1994-06-15.
- 2 (398). Dobre, ravine near the road to Kazimierz. Area of phytocoenosis: 60 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, cereal and root plants. 1984-08-04.
- 3 (401). Dobre, near the road to a plateau, eroded chalk slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 60 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, *Geranio-Peucedanum*. 1984-08-04, 1994-06-15.
- 4 (448). Dobre, upper part of a slope covered with loess. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae*, *Plantaginetea* comm. 1984-07-22.
- 5 (464). Dobre, slope formed of marls covered with loess. Area of phytocoenosis: 150 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1984-07-27.
- 6 (438). Dobre, upper part of a slope formed of marls. Area of phytocoenosis: 100 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1984-08-18.
- 7 (467). See record no 5.
- 8 (465). See record no 5.
- 9 (575). Dobre, slope foot, alluvial rendzina. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Origano-Brachypodietum*. 1985-06-19.
- 10 (589). Dobre, slope formed of marls covered with loess. Area of phytocoenosis: 120 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1985-07-12.
- 11 (576). Dobre, upper part of a slope formed of marls. Area of phytocoenosis: 150 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligistro-Prunetum* partially developed, *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* partially developed. 1985-06-19.
- 12 (561). Dobre, slope of a ravine near the road to Kazimierz, shallow rendzina formed of marls. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1985-06-13, 1994-06-15.
- 13 (567). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyży, slope covered with loess. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae*, *Sisymbrio-Stipetum*, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1985-07-31.
- 14 (618). See record no 13. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m².
- 15 (651). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyży, slope covered with loess. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Lolio-Cynosuretum* partially developed. 1985-08-09.
- 16 (619). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyży, lower part of a slope, alluvial rendzina. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1985-07-31.

Table 6. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses *Thalictro-Salvietum pratensis* Medw.-Korn. 1959

<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> b	+	.	.	+	.	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	III
<i>Coronilla varia</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	+	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	.	+	r	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>	.	.	.	+	.	.	+	+	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Lappula squarrosa</i>	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1.1	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Erigeron acris</i>	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Cerithie minor</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	II
<i>Eryngium planum</i>	+	.	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	I
<i>Quercus robur</i> b	.	.	+	.	.	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	I
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	I
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	.	.	+	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	I
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	.	.	+	.	+	+	+	+	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	I
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Encalypta vulgaris</i>	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	2.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Barbula unguiculata</i>	+	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	2.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Bryum caespiticium</i>	+	.	.	+	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Bryum argenteum</i>	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II
<i>Abietinella abietina</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.2	.	I
<i>Weissia controversa</i>	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	I

Sporadic species:

Ch. *Festucetalia valesiacae*: *Verbascum phoeniceum* 4, *Hieracium piloselloides* 7, *Stipa capillata* 14/1.2.Ch. *Festuco-Brometea*: *Anthrillus vulneraria* subsp. *polyphylla* 2, 6, *Centaurea scabiosa* 4, 10, *Sanguisorba minor* 12, 18, *Carex caryophyllea* 2/1.2, *Helianthemum nummularia* subsp. *obscurum* 2, *Allium oleraceum* 4, *Arabis hirsuta* 9, *Pterigoneuron ovatum* 10/1.2.Ch. *Trifolio-Geranietea*: *Anthericum ramosum* 2/2.2, 3, *Anemone sylvetris* 2, *Peucedanum cervaria* 3, *Clematis recta* 12, *Fragaria viridis* 15/2.2, *Campanula rapunculoides* 17.Other accompanying: *Chamaecytisus ratisbonensis* 2, 3, *Hypochoeris radicata* 2, 6, *Camptothecium lutescens* 3/2.2, 17/1.2, *Medicago lupulina* 3, 16, *Pterigoneuron subsessile* b, 16/1.2, *Sedum sexangulare* 8, 9, *Lithospermum officinale* 9, 11, *Ceratodon purpureus* 9/2.2, 10/1.1, *Ononis spinosa* 15, 17, *Linum catharticum* 1, *Campylium chrysophyllum* 2/2.2, *Tortella tortuosa*, 2, *Chamaesyces ruthenicus* 4, *Vincetoxicum hirundinaria* 6, *Arabis glabra* 9, *Festuca guespinalica* 11, *Barbula fallax* 12/1.2, *Carex lomentosa* 12, *Amblystegium serpens* 16, *Phascum cuspidatum* 17.

17 (615). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyże, lower part of a slope, alluvial rendzina. Area of phytocoenosis: 60 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs with *Ulmus minor*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1985-07-31.

18 (353). Janowiec, eroded slope formed of marls. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligastro-Prunetum*, *Origano-Brachypodietum*. 1984-07-21.

Thalictro-Salvietum has the character of a dense grassland where the upper layer consists of *Agropyron intermedium* (V^{3556}) (species characteristic of the association), *Achillea pannonica* (V^{1000}), *Salvia pratensis* (V^{877}), *Medicago falcata* (V^{601}), *Origanum vulgare* (V^{338}) and *Artemisia campestris* (V^{92}), and the lower of *Teucrium chamaedrys* (V^{338}), *Euphorbia cyparissias* (V^{173}), *Carex humilis* (III⁹⁵⁸) and others. In the majority of the analysed phytocoenoses there are shrubs but they rarely exceed 10% of cover. Among the 111 species reported from the analysed phytocoenoses 42 belong to the *Festuco-Brometea* class. The following species occur the most frequently: *Agropyron intermedium* (V^{3556}), *Achillea pannonica* (V^{1000}), *Salvia pratensis* (V^{877}), *Galium album* (V^{559}), *Teucrium chamaedrys* (V^{338}), *Centaurea rhenana* (V^{118}), *Artemisia campestris* (V^{92}) and *Scabiosa ochroleuca* (V^9). Species of the *Cirsio-Brachypodion pinnati*

association barely mark their presence (3 species). The *Trifolio-Geranietea* class is represented by 13 species. In records 10-18 *Medicago falcata* has a considerably higher cover. This is not connected, however, with a higher proportion of shrubs or species of the *Trifolio-Geranietea* class.

Thalictro-Salvietum phytocoenoses are found on slopes with southern and south-western exposure (Dobre, Kazimierz Dolny, Janowiec) on rendzinas formed of chalk deposits or on loess soils. They usually occur in the form of patches ranging from 30 to 150 m² among shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. The contact zone of these phytocoenoses is often sharply marked, without a typical belt of "saum" communities of the *Trifolio-Geranietea* class. Some of the phytocoenoses also border with *Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae* and *Origano-Brachypodietum* phytocoenoses, in this case, however, the intermediate zone is wide.

Origano-Brachypodietum Medw.-Korn. et Kornaś 1963

Table 7

Localities of phytosociological records:

1 (378). Janowiec, edge of a plateau above the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 120 m². Contact phytocoenoses: cereal and root plants, *Inuletum ensifoliae* partially developed. 1984-08-01.

2 (396). Janowiec, near the ruins of the castle, edge of a plateau. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligstro-Prunetum* partially developed, *Festuco-Koelerietum glaucae* partially developed. 1984-08-01.

3 (354). Janowiec, eroded slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1984-07-21.

4 (753). Bochotnica, slope above the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Inuletum ensifoliae* partially developed. 1986-04-28.

5 (360). Oblasy near Janowiec, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligstro-Prunetum*. 1984-07-21.

6 (355). Janowiec, middle part of a chalk slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 150 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligstro-Prunetum*. 1984-07-21.

7 (348). Wojszyn near Janowiec, slope south of the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: cereal and root plants. 1984-07-16.

8 (745). Bochotnica, slope above the village, edge of a scarp. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Inuletum ensifoliae* partially developed. 1986-04-22.

9 (436). Dobre, middle part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 100 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1984-08-18.

10 (419). Dobre, lower part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, orchard. 1984-08-13.

11 (415). Dobre, eroded slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 70 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, *Ligstro-Prunetum*. 1984-08-13.

12 (421). Dobre, slope foot. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1984-08-13.

Table 7. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses *Origano-Brachypodietum* Medw.-Korn. et Kornaś 1963

Other accompanying:																				V
<i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>	+	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1.1	+	+	1.1	+	+	+	+	
<i>Poa angustifolia</i>	.	.	.	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	+	1.2	+	+	
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	+	+	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	+	1.2	+	+	
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+
<i>Daucus carota</i>	.	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
<i>Ononis spinosa</i>	+	+	+	.	1.1	+	+	+	+	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
<i>Thymus pulegioides</i>	+	1.2	+	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	II	
<i>Briza media</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	1.2	+	+
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	.	.	.	.	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	II
<i>Eryngium planum</i>	+	.	+	.	.	+	+	.	+	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	II	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	+	+	+	.	.	+	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	II	
<i>Juniperus communis</i> b	.	+	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.1
<i>Leontodon hispidus</i>	+	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	II
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	.	.	1.1	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	I
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	+	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	I
<i>Genista tinctoria</i>	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	I
<i>Carex tomentosa</i>	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	I
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> b/c	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	II
<i>Betula pendula</i> b/c	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	II
<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	I
<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	I
<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	I
<i>Euphrasia stricta</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	I
<i>Carex flacca</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	I
<i>Viola hirta</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	I
<i>Campiothecium lutescens</i>	.	.	.	+	.	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.2	+	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	IV	
<i>Campilium chrysophyllum</i>	2.2	.	.	2.2	2.2	.	.	.	2.2	.	.	.	.	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	II
<i>Abietinella abietina</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.2	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	1.2	.	II	
<i>Barbula unguiculata</i>	2.2	2.2	+	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II

Sporadic species:

Ch *Cirsio-Brachypodion*: *Veronica austriaca* subsp. *dentata* 17.Ch *Festuco-Bromeleia*: *Artemisia campestris* 4, 8, *Linosyris vulgaris* 4, 14/2 1, *Filipendula vulgaris* 13, 14, *Acinos arvensis* 3, *Carex caryophyllea* 3, *Stachys recta* 7, *Helianthemum nummularium* subsp. *obscureum* 15, *Ranunculus bulbosus* 15, *Prunella grandiflora* 17/1.1.Ch *Trifolio-Geranieta*: *Campanula rapunculoides* 3, 4/2 1, *Melampyrum cristatum* 1, 20t, *Veronica teucrium* 14, 20, *Verbascum lychnitis* 4, *Peucedanum cervaria* 11, *Astragalus cicer* 20/1.2.Ch *Rhamno-Prunetea*: *Rosa rubiginosa* 13, 20, *R. coryphyllacea* b 19/2 1, *Rhamnus catharticus* b 20.Other accompanying: *Campanula trachelium* 1, 3, *Lotus corniculatus* 1, 13, *Vincetoxicum hirundinaria* 3, 20, *Peucedanum oreoselinum* 4/2 1, 20, *Lemnopyrum nigricans* 7, 14, *Pyrus communis* b 8, 12, *Stachys officinalis* 11, 20, *Cuscuta epithymum* 13, 16, *Solidago virgaurea* 14, 20, *Fissidens taxifolius* 14, 20/1 2, *Prunella vulgaris* 15, 16, *Heissia controversa* 18, 19, *Senecio jacobaea* 7, *Barbula fallax* 10/2 2, *Eurhynchium hians* 11, *Brachythecium albicans* 12/1 2, *Chamaesyce ratisbonensis* 12, *Populus tremula* b 14/1 1, *Quercus robur* b 14/1 1, *Thymus serpyllum* 19, *Falcaria officinalis* 20, *Monotropa hypopitidis* 20.

13 (466). Dobre, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, *Ligistro-Prunetum*. 1984-08-27, 1986-05-20.

14 (744). Bochotnica, slope above the quarry. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Peucedano cervariae-Coryletum*, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1985-08-15.

15 (468). Dobre, lower part of the gully near the road to the fields. Area of phytocoenosis: 70 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class, *Inuletum ensifoliae* partially developed. 1984-08-30, 1986-04-22.

16 (463). Dobre, lower part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, *Thalictro-Salvietum* partially developed, *Ligistro-Prunetum*. 1984-08-27, 1986-04-22.

17 (409). Dobre, middle part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 70 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1984-08-04.

18 (577). Dobre, lower part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Sisymbrio-Stipetum* partially developed, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1985-06-19.

19 (573). Dobre, slope near the road to the fields. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. 1985-06-19.

20 (583). Męćmierz, edge of a plateau. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligistro-Prunetum*, pine plantings, *Inuletum ensifoliae* partially developed. 1985-07-12.

Origano-Brachypodietum is a community with strongly marked layers. The upper layer of herbaceous plants is made up of *Brachypodium pinnatum* (V⁴²⁵⁰),

which is the dominant species here, and less abundant *Medicago falcata* (V⁶⁸¹), *Salvia verticillata* (V⁴³⁰), *Achillea pannonica* (V³¹⁷) and *Salvia pratensis* (V²¹⁹). In the lower layer *Teucrium chamaedrys* (V⁷²⁶) and *Euphorbia cyparissias* (V³⁶⁷) are the most frequent species. The cover of bryophytes is rather low (up to 40% of the area). Among the differential species for *Origano-Brachypodietum* only *Clinopodium vulgare* (V⁵⁹), *Agrimonia eupatoria* (V⁵⁸) and *Origanum vulgare* (IV¹⁵⁵) attain higher degrees of permanence; *Coronilla varia* and *Hypericum perforatum* occur only in some phytocoenoses. In phytocoenoses of this association species of the *Festuco-Brometea* class (45 species) dominate, and the *Trifolio-Geranietea* (14 species) and *Rhamno-Prunetea* classes (8 species) are represented less abundantly.

Among *Origano-Brachypodietum* phytocoenoses there are forms without any shrubs (records 1-7) (Table 7) with a big amount of *Salvia verticillata* and a form with a high proportion of shrubs (records 8-20) with *Prunus spinosa* (III²⁰³), *Rosa canina* (III¹⁴¹), *Berberis vulgaris* (III¹⁰⁴) and others. In the area of the Kazimierz Landscape Park *Origano-Brachypodietum* occurs in Dobre, Męćmierz, Kazimierz, Bochotnica and Janowiec on sunny slopes, rarely on plateaux. It prefers shallow or moderately deep rendzinas formed of marls and siliceous chalks. *Origano-Brachypodietum* phytocoenoses develop into the form of patches of different shape, the most typical arrangement being a belt separating other grasslands of the *Festuco-Brometea* class from shrubs or an "island" in shrubs of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. Deep penetration of *Origano-Brachypodietum* into pine plantings or shrubs has also been observed (Męćmierz, Bochotnica).

Geranio-Peucedanetum cervariae (Kuhn 1937) Müll. 1961

Table 8

Localities of phytosociological records:

- 1 (664). Kazimierz Dolny, Albrechtówka, middle part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Peucedano cervariae-Coryletum*. 1985-08-12.
- 2 (564). Dobre, ravine near the road to Kazimierz. Area of phytocoenosis: 25 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligastro-Prunetum*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1985-06-13.
- 3 (673). Męćmierz, south of the village, edge of a plateau. Area of phytocoenosis: 35 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligastro-Prunetum*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1985-08-12, 1994-06-15.
- 4 (674). See record no 3. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m².
- 5 (523). Parchatka, upper part of a slope above the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligastro-Prunetum*, *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Inuletum ensifoliae* partially developed. 1985-05-31.
- 6 (1029). Męćmierz, south of the village, edge of a plateau. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligastro-Prunetum*, *Inuletum ensifoliae*, pine plantings. 1986-07-31, 1994-06-15.

Table 8. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses *Geranio-Peucedanetum cervariae* (Kuhn 1937)
Müll. 1961

Succesive number of record	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Number of record	664	564	673	674	523	1029	417	1080	416	939	
Exposure	NW	SW	SW	N	SW	NW	S	SW	SW	SW	P RE SE NCE
Slope inclination [°]	15	30	30	30	30	25	30	20	30	5	
Cover of shrub layer b [%]	<5	<5	20	5	10	10	10	10	10	20	
Cover of herb layer c [%]	80	80	70	70	80	70	80	70	80	90	
Cover of moss layer d [%]	30	10	30	30	-	40	10	10	20	<5	
Area of sample plot [m ²]	40	25	30	20	50	20	50	30	40	20	
Number of species	30	27	29	29	30	28	33	30	36	28	
Ch. <i>Geranium-Peucedanetum</i> <i>Peucedanum cervariae</i>	2.2	2.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	V
Ch. <i>Geranion sanguinei</i>											
<i>Anemone sylvestris</i>	1.1	2.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	+	+	+	+	+	V
<i>Fragaria viridis</i>	1.1	+	-	+	+	2.1	+	+	-	-	IV
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	1.2	1.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	-	-	-	-	III
<i>Anthicum ramosum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.2	II
<i>Veronica teucrium</i>	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II
<i>Melampyrum cristatum</i>	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I
<i>Lathyrus niger</i>	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
<i>Clematis recta</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
Ch. <i>Trifolio-Geranietea</i>											
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	2.1	2.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.2	2.2	V
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	+	1.1	+	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	+	2.1	V
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	-	-	1.1	-	+	+	+	-	+	1.1	III
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	1.1	-	-	1.1	-	-	+	+	-	-	III
<i>Galium verum</i>	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	1.2	III
<i>Coronilla varia</i>	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	II
<i>Vicia tenuifolia</i>	+	1.1	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	II
<i>Campanula rapunculoides</i>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	II
Ch. <i>Festuco-Brometea</i>											
<i>Brachypodium pinnatum</i>	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	V
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	1.1	+	1.2	+	+	2.1	+	+	+	+	V
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	V
<i>Galium album</i>	-	1.1	1.1	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	IV
<i>Achillea pannonica</i>	-	-	1.1	+	+	-	+	+	+	1.1	IV
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	-	1.1	1.1	+	1.1	-	+	-	+	-	III
<i>Inula ensifolia</i>	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	III
<i>Thesium linophyllum</i>	-	-	-	+	+	1.1	-	+	+	-	III
<i>Filipendula vulgaris</i>	-	-	-	+	1.2	+	-	-	-	1.1	II
<i>Adonis vernalis</i>	-	-	1.1	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	II
<i>Carex humilis</i>	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	1.2	-	II
<i>Scabiosa ochroleuca</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	II
<i>Aster amellus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	II
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	II
<i>Centaurea rhenana</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	II
<i>Salvia verticillata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	II
<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	I
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	I
<i>Asperula lindtioria</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	I
Ch. <i>Rhamno-Prunetea</i>											
<i>Prunus spinosa</i> b/c	-	+	2.2	+	1.1	+	2.2	1.1	1.1	2.2	V
<i>Rosa canina</i> b/c	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	IV
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> b/c	+	-	1.1	-	+	-	-	+	1.1	-	III
<i>Rosa tomentosa</i> b	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	II
<i>Ulmus minor</i> b	-	+	-	+	1.1	-	-	-	-	+	II
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i> b	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	II

Other accompanying:													
<i>Poa angustifolia</i>	2.2	+	-	+	+	-	1.2	+	-	1.2	-	IV	
<i>Betonica officinalis</i>	-	-	-	+	-	-	1.1	1.1	1.1	-	-	III	
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	-	+	-	+	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	II	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	-	+	-	+	-	-	1.1	-	-	-	-	II	
<i>Primula veris</i>	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	II	
<i>Vincetoxicum hierundinaria</i>	2.2	2.2	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II	
<i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>	-	+	-	-	-	-	1.1	1.1	-	-	-	II	
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	-	+	-	1.1	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	II	
<i>Thymus pulegioides</i>	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II	
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II	
<i>Juniperus communis</i> b	-	-	2.1	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	
<i>Knaufia arvensis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	
<i>Capitothecium lutescens</i>	2.2	1.2	1.2	-	-	-	2.2	2.2	+	-	-	III	
<i>Campylum chrysophyllum</i>	-	+	2.2	2.2	-	3.2	-	+	1.2	-	-	III	
<i>Eurychium hians</i>	-	-	-	-	-	+	2.2	-	-	-	-	III	
Sporadic species:													
Ch. <i>Trifolio-Geranietea</i> : <i>Verbascum lychnitis</i> 7, <i>Trifolium medium</i> 10/1.2.													
Ch. <i>Festuco-Brometea</i> : <i>Segetia annua</i> 1/1.1, <i>Veronica spicata</i> 1, <i>Aster Iinosyris</i> 5, <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> 5, <i>Plantago media</i> 6, <i>Carex caryophyllea</i> 9, <i>Allium oleraceum</i> 10, <i>Hellanthemum nummularia</i> subsp. <i>obscurum</i> 10, <i>Phleum phleoides</i> 10.													
Ch. <i>Trifolio-Geranietea</i> : <i>Rhamnus catharticus</i> b 1, <i>Cornus sanguinea</i> b 4													
Other accompanying: <i>Rhytidodaphne triquetrus</i> 1/2.2, <i>Lembotropis nigricans</i> 1, <i>Quercus robur</i> b 1, <i>Veronica chamaedrys</i> 1, <i>Chamaecytisus ruthenicus</i> 3, <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> b 6/1.2, <i>Abietinella abietina</i> 6/1.2, <i>Linum catharticum</i> 6, <i>Cichorium intybus</i> 7, <i>Genista tinctoria</i> 10/2.1, <i>Ononis spinosa</i> 10, <i>Trifolium montanum</i> 10													

7 (417). Dobre, near a road to the fields, lower part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 120 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligastro-Prunetum*, *Inuletum ensifoliae*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1984-08-13.

8 (1080). Dobre, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligastro-Prunetum*, *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Inuletum ensifoliae* partially developed. 1986-07-31.

9 (416). See record no 7.

10 (939). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyży, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligastro-Prunetum spinosae*. 1986-07-19.

Geranio-Peucedanetum is a "saum" community with rich flora. The physiognomy of the community is connected with its dominant species – *Peucedanum cervaria* (V⁴³⁵⁰). A permanent element of the phytocoenosis are shrubs, mainly *Prunus spinosa* (V⁶⁷⁸), *Rosa canina* (IV⁷) and *Ligustrum vulgare* (III¹⁰³). From the species characteristic of the association *Peucedanum cervaria* (V⁴³⁵⁰) occurs here. Apart from *Anemone sylvestris* (V⁴²⁹) and *Geranium sanguineum* (III⁸⁰⁰) other species of the *Geranion sanguinei* alliance grow only in some phytocoenoses and even there they are sparse. In general, the *Trifolio-Geranietea* class is represented by 20 species. Species from the *Festuco-Brometea* class are a bit more numerous (30 species). However, apart from *Brachypodium pinnatum* (V⁶²⁵) and *Teucrium chamaedrys* (V²⁸²) plants of this class do not constitute a very important element in the make-up of the phytocoenoses.

Geranio-Peucedanetum phytocoenoses are not homogenous. It is possible to distinguish a facies with *Geranium sanguineum* (records 1-6) (Table 8) and one with *Anthericum ramosum* (records 7-10). The spatial arrangement of the discussed association in the area in question is closely connected with the occurrence of thermophilous shrubs and grasslands (Parchatka, Kazimierz Dolny, Męćmierz, Dobre). It results from the similar habitat requirements of the

phytocoenoses (soil rich in calcium, slopes of southern, south-western and south-eastern exposure) and the border-like character of this association. It grows in the form of a narrow belt on the border between *Ligstro-Prunetum* (rarely *Corylus avellana* shrubs) and xerothermic grasslands (*Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Inuletum ensifoliae*).

Geranio-Trifolietum alpestris Müller 1961

The only phytocoenosis of this association was found in Dobre in a ravine near the road to Kazimierz Dolny. It occupies the area of 16 m² at the foot of a slope with south-western exposure and the inclination of 25°. The structure and syntaxonomic composition of the phytocoenosis is shown in record no 563 (1985-06-13).

The cover of layers: b – 5%, c – 90%, d – sparse

Ch. *D. <i>Geranio-Trifolietum</i>			
<i>Trifolium alpestre</i>	3.1	<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	1.1
<i>Lathyrus niger</i>	+	<i>Artemisia campestris</i>	1.1
* <i>Hieracium umbellatum</i>	+	<i>Adonis vernalis</i>	+
Ch. <i>Geranion sanguinei</i>		<i>Achillea pannonica</i>	+
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	1.1	<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	+
<i>Veronica teucrium</i>	+	Other accompanying:	
<i>Anemone sylvestris</i>	+	<i>Corylus avellana</i> b	1.1
<i>Fragaria viridis</i>	+	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	+
Ch. <i>Trifolio-Geranietea</i>		<i>Berberis vulgaris</i> b	+
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	2.1	<i>Rosa canina</i> b	+
<i>Medicago falcata</i>	+	<i>Solidago gigantea</i>	+
Ch. <i>Festuco-Brometea</i>		<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	+
<i>Helianthemum muminarium</i>	2.2	<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	+
<i>Galium album</i>	1.1	<i>Carex tomentosa</i>	+
<i>Phleum phleoides</i>	1.2	<i>Pohlia cruda</i>	+

The presented phytocoenosis was a "saum" formation of *Corylus avellana*, *Berberis vulgaris* shrubs and various species of roses, on the other side it bordered with a partially developed *Origano-Brachypodietum*.

Prunetum fruticosae Dziubalt. 1925

Table 9

Localities of phytosociological records:

1 (410). Dobre, middle part of a chalk slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 25 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Thalictro-Salvietum* partially developed, *Ligstro-Prunetum*. 1984-08-04, 1996-06-20.

Table 9. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses *Prunetum fruticosae* Dziub. 1925

Successive number of record	1	2	3	4	5	6
Number of record	410	938	474	1082	1081	451
Exposure	S	-	E	S	SSW	SSW
Slope inclination [°]	30	-	30	40	30	25
Cover of shrub layer b [%]	50	60	60	60	50	40
Cover of herb layer c [%]	60	50	50	50	60	60
Cover of moss layer d [%]	20	10	20	<5	20	<5
Area of sample plot [m ²]	25	8	40	20	25	40
Number of species	25	28	32	34	35	36
Ch. <i>Prunetum fruticosae</i>						
<i>Prunus fruticosa</i> b	3.3	4.5	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3
<i>Prunus fruticosa</i> c	+	+	+	+	1.1	+
Ch. *Berberidion, Rhamno-Prunetea						
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i> b	+	+	+	1.1	1.1	+
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i> c	+	-	-	+	+	-
* <i>Berberis vulgaris</i> b	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Rosa canina</i> b	-	-	+	+	-	+
<i>Rhamnus catharticus</i> b	-	-	+	+	-	+
<i>Rosa tomentosa</i> b	-	-	-	+	1.1	-
* <i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> b	-	-	-	-	1.1	+
<i>Prunus spinosa</i> b	-	+	+	-	-	-
Ch. Trifolio-Geranietea						
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	3.2	1.1	2.2	1.1	1.1	2.2
<i>Medicago falcata</i>	1.1	2.2	1.1	3.2	1.1	+
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	+	1.1	+	+	+	+
<i>Fragaria viridis</i>	+	+	+	+	+	-
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	-	1.1	+	+	-	-
<i>Trifolium medium</i>	-	1.1	+	-	-	+
<i>Anemone sylvestris</i>	-	-	+	+	+	+
<i>Galium verum</i>	-	+	+	-	-	-
<i>Verbascum lychnitis</i>	-	+	-	-	+	+
<i>Vicia tenuifolia</i>	-	+	-	+	+	+
Ch. Festuco-Brometea						
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	1.2	1.2	+	1.1	1.1	1.1
<i>Achillea pannonica</i>	1.1	1.1	+	2.1	1.1	+
<i>Galium album</i>	+	+	1.1	1.1	+	1.1
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	+	+	+	+	1.1	+
<i>Veronica spicata</i>	+	+	1.1	+	-	+
<i>Agropyron intermedium</i> subsp. <i>intermedium</i>	1.2	2.2	1.2	2.1	-	-
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	-	-	+	2.1	1.1	-
<i>Ariemisia campestris</i>	-	-	-	1.1	1.1	+
<i>Scabiosa ochroleuca</i>	-	+	+	-	-	+
<i>Carex humilis</i>	1.2	-	-	-	-	3.2
<i>Centauraea rhenana</i>	-	-	+	1.1	-	-
<i>Acinos arvensis</i>	+	+	-	-	-	-
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	+	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Polygala comosa</i>	+	-	-	+	+	-
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	+	-	-	+	-	+

Other accompanying:						
<i>Poa angustifolia</i>	+	1.1	1.1	2.2	2.2	+
<i>Thymus pulegioides</i>	+	1.1	+	+	+	+
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	+	+	1.1	+	+	+
<i>Calamagrostis epigejos</i>	2.2	1.1	+	+	1.1	-
<i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>	-	-	+	+	+	+
<i>Daucus carota</i>	-	-	+	+	+	+
 <i>Camptothecium lutescens</i>	+	2.2	2.2	+	+	+
<i>Abietinella abietina</i>	1.2	+	-	-	-	+
<i>Euryhynchium hians</i>	-	-	-	+	2.2	-
 Sporadic species:						
Ch. <i>Trifolio-Geranietea</i> : <i>Melampyrum cristatum</i> 2/2 2, <i>Thalictrum minus</i> 2/1.1.						
Ch. <i>Festuco-Brometea</i> : <i>Aster amellus</i> 1, <i>Campanula sibirica</i> 4/2.1, <i>Anthemis tinctoria</i> 4, <i>Brachypodium pinnatum</i> 5, <i>Potentilla arenaria</i> 5, <i>Filipendula vulgaris</i> 6/1.1, <i>Seseli annuum</i> 6/1 1, <i>Allium oleraceum</i> 6, <i>Dianthus carthusianorum</i> 6.						
Other accompanying: <i>Amblystegium serpens</i> 1/2.2, <i>Juniperus communis</i> 6 1, <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> 3, <i>Erigeron acer</i> 3, <i>Chamaesyce ruitenicus</i> 5/1.1, <i>Rubus caesius</i> 5, <i>Veronica chamaedrys</i> 5, <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> 6.						

2 (938). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyzy, edge of a plateau. Area of phytocoenosis: 8 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligstro-Prunetum* partially developed, *Thalictro-Salvietum*. 1986-07-19, 1996-06-20.

3 (474). Dobre, slope of a ravine. Area of phytocoenosis: 100 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligstro-Prunetum*, *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Thalictro-Salvietum* partially developed. 1984-08-30, 1996-06-20.

4 (1082). Dobre, loess cap in the upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs with *Corylus avellana*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1986-05-06, 1996-06-20.

5 (1081). Dobre, loess cap in the upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 25 m². Contact phytocoenoses: shrubs with *Corylus avellana*, *Festuco-Koelerietum*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1986-05-06, 1996-06-20.

6 (451). See record no 5. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m².

Prunetum fruticosae phytocoenoses have the character of low (up to 1 m), loose (40-60% of cover) shrubs, consisting mainly of *Prunus fruticosa* (6⁵⁰⁰⁰). The loose layer of shrubs facilitates the development of undergrowth, which covers 50-60% of the area. The most frequent species of the undergrowth are *Origanum vulgare* (6¹⁴⁵⁸), *Medicago falcata* (6¹¹⁶⁸), *Poa angustifolia* (6⁷⁵³) and *Achillea pannonica* (6⁵⁴⁵). The proportion of bryophytes is rather low, from the 4 species reported from here only *Camptothecium lutescens* (6⁵⁹⁰) occurs permanently. The *Rhamno-Prunetea* class is represented by 8 species, among which the most frequent are *Prunus fruticosa* (6⁵⁰⁰⁰) – a characteristic species of the association, *Cornus sanguinea* (6¹⁷³), *Berberis vulgaris* (6¹⁰) and others. In the big group of accompanying species plants of the *Trifolio-Geranietea* (12 species) and *Festuco-Brometea* classes (24 species) predominate. From the former the most frequent and abundant are *Origanum vulgare* (6¹⁴⁵⁸), *Medicago falcata* (6¹¹⁶⁸) and *Clinopodium vulgare* (6⁹²), from the latter *Achillea pannonica* (6⁵⁴⁵), *Teucrium chamaedrys* (6⁴¹⁸), *Galium album* (6²⁵⁵) and *Salvia pratensis* (6⁹²).

Prunetum fruticosae phytocoenoses have been reported from Dobre and Kazimierz Dolny. They form patches of between 8 to 100 m² on slopes of south,

south-western and eastern exposure or small fragments of plateaux on loess ground. They border with xerothermic grasslands: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* and partially developed *Thalictro-Salvietum pratensis* as well as shrubs with *Corylus avellana* and *Ligistro-Prunetum*. The border between the phytocoenoses of *Prunetum fruticosae* and *Origano-Brachypodietum* is non-distinct and often difficult to point. The contact zone of the discussed shrubs and other grasslands and shrubs is narrow and it is easy to differentiate the phytocoenoses.

Ligistro-Prunetum R. T x. 1952

Table 10

Localities of phytosociological records:

1 (324). Podgórz, slope of a road ravine. Area of phytocoenosis: 25 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed, *Consolido-Brometum*. 1984-07-10.

2 (639). Męćmierz, bottom of a ravine near the road. Area of phytocoenosis: 35 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Festuco-Koelerietum glaucae*, *Lolio-Plantaginetum*. 1985-08-05.

3 (418). Dobre, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 140 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Geranio-Pucedanetum* partially developed, *Aperetalia-comm.* 1984-08-13.

4 (399). See record no 3.

5 (1019). Męćmierz, edge of a plateau south of the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 16 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1986-07-31.

6 (437). Dobre, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 60 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Aperetalia-comm.* 1984-08-18.

7 (425). See record no 6.

8 (422). See record no 6.

9 (432). Podgórz, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed, *Thalictro-Salvietum* partially developed, *Geranio-Pucedanetum* partially developed. 1984-08-18.

10 (424). Dobre, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m. Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Aperetalia-comm.* 1984-08-13.

11 (413). Dobre, edge of a road and a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 60 m. Contact phytocoenoses: *Geranio-Pucedanetum*, *Lolio-Plantaginetum* partially developed. 1984-08-13.

12 (667). Kazimierz Dolny, Albrechtówka, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Aperetalia-comm.* 1985-08-18.

13 (335). Nasiłów, slope of a ravine. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Aperetalia-comm.* 1984-07-16.

14 (1018). Męćmierz, edge of a plateau south of the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*. 1986-07-31.

15 (1024). Męćmierz, edge of the fields on a plateau. Area of phytocoenosis: 30 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, *Consolido-Brometum*. 1986-07-31.

16 (427). See record no 6. Area of phytocoenosis: 70 m².

17 (449). Dobre, upper part of a ravine. Area of phytocoenosis: 120 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed, *Aperetalia-comm.* 1984-08-22.

Table 10. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses *Ligustrum-Prunellum* R. Tx. 1952

- 18 (452). Dobre, foot of a ravine slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*. 1984-08-22.
- 19 (423). Dobre, slope foot at the opening of a ravine. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1984-08-13.
- 20 (426). Dobre, erosion channel in the upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: comm. with *Salvia verticillata*. 1984-08-13.
- 21 (453). Dobre, slope foot. Area of phytocoenosis: 100 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Inuletum ensifoliae*. 1984-08-27.
- 22 (454). See record no 21.
- 23 (455). See record no 20.
- 24 (459). See record no 21.
- 25 (462). Dobre, erosion channel in the upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 80 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*. 1984-08-27.
- 26 (617). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyży, middle part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 60 m². Contact phytocoenoses: comm. with *Ulmus minor*. 1985-07-31.
- 27 (754). Bochotnica, slope above the quarry. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1986-04-31.
- 28 (1025). Męćmierz, edge of the fields south of the village. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, *Consolido-Brometum*. 1986-07-31.
- 29 (1027). Męćmierz, erosion channel. Area of phytocoenosis: 20 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Inuletum ensifoliae*, *Origano-Brachypodietum*. 1986-07-31.
- 30 (1026). See record no 29.

Ligstro-Prunetum phytocoenoses have the form of dense shrubs made up mainly of *Cornus sanguinea* (V⁴⁰¹⁸), *Prunus spinosa* (V²¹³⁸), *Ligustrum vulgare* (V¹⁵¹¹) and *Berberis vulgaris* (IV²¹²). The layer of undergrowth is poorly developed, it usually covers 20-30% of the area, and when the shrubs grow more loosely, the cover of this layer reaches 50%. Apart from seedlings and young shrubs, *Origanum vulgare* (V³⁶³), *Galium album* (V¹²³), *Medicago salcata* (IV²⁰⁵), *Teucrium chamaedrys* (IV²⁷⁹) and *Pimpinella saxifraga* (IV²⁴) always occur in the undergrowth layer. In most of the phytocoenoses, the layer of bryophytes is well developed, with the cover reaching up to 60%. From the 10 species of bryophytes reported from the analysed phytocoenoses only *Camptothecium lutescens* (V¹¹⁵²) occurs here permanently.

The syntaxonomic composition of *Ligstro-Prunetum* phytocoenoses can be presented as follows: among the 102 species of vascular plants reported from the analysed phytocoenoses 11 are characteristic of *Rhamno-Prunetea*. Apart from species characteristic of the association: *Prunus spinosa* (V²¹³⁸) and *Ligustrum vulgare* (V¹⁵¹¹) as well as *Cornus sanguinea* (V⁴⁰¹⁸) and *Berberis vulgaris* (IV²¹²), other species of the class occur sparsely and in few phytocoenoses. The undergrowth, rich in species, consists mainly of plants of the *Trifolio-Geranietea* (19 species) and *Festuco-Brometea* classes (26 species); however, only few species of *Trifolio-Geranietea*: *Origanum vulgare* (V³⁶⁵) and *Medicago salcata* (IV²⁰⁵), and of *Festuco-Brometea*: *Galium album* (V¹²³) and *Teucrium chamaedrys* (IV²⁷⁹) occur here as a permanent element.

The internal variability of the association shows in the facial formation of the bush layer. Phytocoenoses with *Prunus spinosa* and *Ligustrum vulgare* as the dominant species (records 1-16) (Table 10) as well as those where *Cornus sanguinea* predominates (records 17-30) have been observed.

In the area of the Kazimierz Landscape Park *Ligstro-Prunetum* shrubs occur usually on slopes with southern, south-western and western exposure, on soils formed of marls and loesses (Dobre, Podgórz, Kazimierz, Nasiłów, Bochotnica). Rarely do they occupy small patches on plateaux (Męćmierz). Phytocoenoses of the discussed association usually have the form of a belt of shrubs covering up to 140 m² at the foot and on the top of a slope, separating xerothermic grasslands (*Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Inuletum ensifoliae*) from fields and gardens. While the border-line between the phytocoenoses in question and crops is very sharp, the change from shrubs to grasslands, in particular to *Origano-Brachypodietum*, is gradual. Typical "saum" communities (*Geranio-Peucedanetum*) seldom occur here. The role of such communities in *Ligstro-Prunetum* growing in erosion channels is played by a very narrow belt of *Origano-Brachypodietum* which on strongly eroded slopes passes gradually into a loose grassland with *Salvia verticillata*.

Community with *Ulmus minor* var. *suberosa*

Table 11

Localities of phytosociological records:

- 1 (347). Nasiłów, slope south of the quarries. Area of phytocoenosis: 40 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligstro-Prunetum* partially developed, *Origano-Brachypodietum*. 1984-07-16.
- 2 (613). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyży, upper part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 50 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligstro-Prunetum*, *Origano-Brachypodietum* partially developed. 1985-07-31.
- 3 (614). Kazimierz Dolny, Góra III Krzyży, middle part of a slope. Area of phytocoenosis: 120 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligstro-Prunetum*, *Thalictro-Salvietum*. 1985-07-31.
- 4 (621). See record no 3.
- 5 (750). Bochotnica, slope above the quarry. Area of phytocoenosis: 70 m². Contact phytocoenoses: *Ligstro-Prunetum*. 1986-04-28.

The community has the form of loose shrubs where *Ulmus minor* var. *suberosa* (5⁶⁷⁵⁰) predominates. Other species that make up the bush layer belong to *Rhamno-Prunetea*, mainly to *Berberidion*. Of this group of plants the only permanent species is *Cornus sanguinea* (5⁴⁵⁶). The layer of undergrowth covers from 10 to 40% of the area. The most frequent and the most abundant species here are *Origanum vulgare* (5⁸⁰⁴), *Medicago falcata* (5⁷⁵⁰), *Achillea pannonica* (5²⁰⁶) and *Pimpinella saxifraga* (5¹⁰⁸). The layer of bryophytes with the cover of 10-40% consists mainly of *Eurhynchium hians* (5¹⁸⁰⁰) and *Camptothecium*

Table 11. Composition and structure of phytocoenoses of community with *Ulmus minor* var. *suberosa*

Succesive number of record	1	2	3	4	5
Number of record	347	613	614	621	750
Exposure	E	SSW	S	S	SW
Slope inclination [°]	25	30	30	30	35
Cover of shrub layer b [%]	70	70	70	60	80
Cover of herb layer d [%]	10	30	20	40	20
Cover of moss layer d [%]	40	40	40	30	10
Area of sample plot [m ²]	40	30	50	50	70
Number of species	31	34	28	30	29
D. comm. with <i>Ulmus minor</i>					
<i>Ulmus minor</i> var. <i>suberosa</i> b	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	5.5
<i>Ulmus minor</i> var. <i>suberosa</i> c	+	-	+	-	-
Ch. <i>Berberidion</i>					
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i> b/c	2.2	1.1	+	+	+
<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> b/c	+	-	-	-	+
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i> b	+	-	-	+	+
Ch. <i>Rhamno-Prunetea</i>					
<i>Prunus spinosa</i> b	+	+	1.2	-	-
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> b	+	+	-	-	-
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	+	+	+	-	-
<i>Rhamnus catharticus</i> b	+	-	-	+	+
Ch. <i>Trifolia-Geranietea</i>					
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.2	1.1
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	1.1	2.1	2.1	+	+
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	+	+	-	-	+
<i>Fragaria viridis</i>	+	-	-	-	+
<i>Coronilla varia</i>	-	+	-	+	-
Ch. <i>Festuco-Brometea</i>					
<i>Achillea pannonica</i>	+	+	1.1	1.1	+
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	+	1.1	+	+	+
<i>Brachypodium pinnatum</i>	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Centaurea rhenana</i>	+	+	+	+	-
<i>Acinos arvensis</i>	+	+	+	-	+
<i>Hieracium piloselloides</i>	+	+	-	2.2	-
<i>Scabiosa ochroleuca</i>	+	+	+	-	-
<i>Salvia verticillata</i>	-	+	-	1.1	-
<i>Galium album</i>	+	+	-	-	-
Other accompanying:					
<i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>	+	+	+	1.1	+
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	+	+	+	+	-
<i>Viola hirta</i>	+	+	+	-	+
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> s. l.	+	+	-	-	1.1
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	-	1.2	+	+	-
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	+	+	+	-	-
<i>Daucus carota</i>	+	+	-	+	-
<i>Lonicera caprifolium</i>	-	-	+	2.2	-
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	+	+	-	-	-
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	+	+	-	-	-
<i>Euonymus verrucosa</i> b	+	-	-	-	+
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	-	+	+	-	-
<i>Erychnium hians</i>	1.2	3.2	3.3	1.2	1.2
<i>Camptithemum lutescens</i>	2.2	+	2.2	2.2	1.2
<i>Abietinella abietina</i>	2.2	-	-	-	+
<i>Barbula unguiculata</i>	-	-	+	1.2	-
Sporadic species:					
Ch. <i>Festuco-Brometea</i> : <i>Allium oleraceum</i> 2, <i>Veronica austriaca</i> 2, <i>Agropyron intermedium</i> subsp. <i>intermedium</i> 3, <i>Stachys recta</i> 3, <i>Anthemis tinctoria</i> 4, <i>Campanula sibirica</i> 4, <i>Plantago media</i> 4, <i>Potentilla arenaria</i> 4, <i>Sanguisorba minor</i> 4, <i>Carex michelii</i> 5/1.1, <i>Carex humilis</i> 5/1.2					
Other accompanying: <i>Geum urbanum</i> 1, <i>Trifolium pratense</i> 2, <i>Cordylos acanthoides</i> 3, <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> 3, <i>Torilis japonica</i> 3/4, <i>Bryum capillare</i> 4, <i>Poa angustifolia</i> 4, <i>Chamaesyces ruthenicus</i> 5, <i>Corylus avellana</i> b 5, <i>Juniperus communis</i> b 5, <i>Quercus robur</i> b 5.					

lutescens (5^{1152}). The number of species in individual phytocoenoses ranges from 26 to 34. From the 62 species of vascular plants reported from the analysed phytocoenoses 9 are species characteristic of *Rhamno-Prunetea*. In the big group of accompanying species, those of the *Trifolio-Geranietea* (9 species) and *Festuco-Brometea* (20 species) classes are the most numerous. The most frequent are *Origanum vulgare* (5^{804}), *Medicago falcata* (5^{750}), *Achillea pannonica* (5^{206}), *Euphorbia cyparissias* (5^{108}), *Brachypodium pinnatum* (5^{10}) and *Clinopodium vulgare* (5^{10}).

Communities with *Ulmus minor* var. *suberosa* have been reported from Kazimierz Dolny, Nasłów and Bochotnica. They grow on slopes with southern, south-western and eastern exposure, on shallow rendzinas formed of chalk deposits. Phytocoenoses with the area between 40 and 120 m² occur in *Ligusto-Prunetum* shrubs and come in contact with xerothermic grasslands (*Origano-Brachypodietum*, *Thalictro-Salvietum*).

CONCLUSION

From the area of the Kazimierz Landscape Park (SE Poland) 8 associations of xerothermic grasslands have been reported: phytocoenoses of 2 of them (the cl. *Sedo-Scleranthetea*) occur on sandy substrata, those of the remaining 6 (the cl. *Festuco-Brometea*) can be found on soils formed from carbonate rocks. Xerothermic shrubs phytocoenoses have been classified into 2 associations and 1 community of the *Rhamno-Prunetea* class. Between the grasslands and xerothermic shrubs occur "saum" phytocoenoses, which have been classified as belonging to 2 associations of the *Trifolio-Geranietea* class.

Xerothermic grasslands found in Poland have an extrazone character. Their origin is connected with human activity, and species composition reflects the routes of Quarternary migrations of species. The Kazimierz Landscape Park is located on the route from Podolia and Volhynia through the Lublin Upland to the valley of the lower Vistula. Another possible migration route lead through the Moravian Gate, the Little Poland Upland to the valley of the lower Vistula (Kornaś, Medwecka-Kornaś 1977).

The composition of the analysed phytocoenoses partially reflects the unique location of the Park on the junction of the two migration routes. It can be observed on the example of grasslands with *Stipa capillata* as the dominant species, which have been described as *Potentillo-Stipetum capillatae* and *Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae*. The former has locations on the lower Oder and Vistula (Ceynowa 1968, Filipek 1974), the latter – on the Kielce-Sandomierz Upland (Głazek 1968, Cieśliński 1979), in the Nida Basin (Dziubałtowski 1925, Medwecka-Kornaś 1959) and on the Little Poland Upland (Kozłowska 1928). The grasslands with *Stipa capillata* from Kazimierz Dolny and Dobre have the character of simplified *Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae*.

Also simplified are the *Thalictro-Salvietum pratensis* phytocoenoses. The *Thalictro-Salvietum* has been reported from the Nida Basin, where it grows on gypsum rendzinas (Medwecka-Kornaś 1959). From the characteristic species of this association, *Eryngium campestre*, *Campanula bononiensis* and *Ranunculus illiricus* do not occur in the Kazimierz Landscape Park.

Inuletum ensifoliae in the western part of the Lublin Upland also lacks some of its characteristic species. Among the species listed by Kozłowska (1926) the following are missing in the *Inuletum ensifoliae* phytocoenoses: *Cirsium pannonicum*, *Iris apylla*, *Linum flavum* and *L. hirsutum*. Some of them have been reported in the phytocoenosis of this association from the eastern part of the Lublin Upland (Fijałkowski, Izdebski 1959) and on the Western Volhynia Upland (Kulczyński, Motyka 1936).

Grasslands with *Brachypodium pinnatum* as the dominant species are the most frequent association of the *Festuco-Brometea* class on the Lublin Upland. They have been described as associations of *Brachypodium pinnatum-Teucrium chamaedrys*, *Brachypodio-Teucrietum* (Fijałkowski 1962, 1965) and *Adonido-Brachypodietum* (Fijałkowski, Adamczyk 1980). Such grasslands from the Kazimierz Landscape Park have been classified into *Origano-Brachypodietum*, reported from the Ojców National Park and the Pieniny Mts. (Medwecka-Kornaś 1963, Grodzińska 1970). The syntaxonomic position of the grasslands with *Brachypodium pinnatum* from the Lublin Upland is not clear and requires a further syntaxonomic analysis not only through comparing it with similar grasslands in Poland but also in the Ukraine.

The classification of the remaining xerothermic grasslands into proper associations does not pose any difficulties. *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* from the Kazimierz LP does not differ considerably from the phytocoenoses reported from the uplands of southern Poland (Medwecka-Kornaś 1959, Medwecka-Kornaś 1963, Cieśliński 1979, Glazek 1968, 1985).

The *Festuco-Koelerietum glaucae* association has been described from the Czech Republic (Klika 1931), it grows in the areas with continental climate and its composition resembles that of Eastern European sandy steppes of the *Festucetalia vaginae* order from the Pontic-Pannonian area (Matuskiewicz 1981). In Poland it occurs in dispersal localities in the upland of the southern Poland (Fijałkowski 1967, Cieśliński 1979), on the lower Vistula and Oder (Ceynowa 1968, Radomski, Jasnowska 1965) and near Wrocław (Wika 1975).

Among grasslands occurring on sandy soils the most frequent is *Spergulo-Corynephoretum*. It occurs widely in Poland (Czyżewska 1997, Fijałkowski 1967, Glazek 1985, Cieśliński 1979, Wika 1975). Grasslands with *Corynephorus canescens* are widespread in Central Europe (Oberdorfer 1978, Mucina, Maglocky 1985).

“Saum” associations found in the Kazimierz LP are rarely reported from the area of Poland. Apart from the data from Great Poland (Brzeg 1988), the

records that can be classified as *Geranio-Peucedanetum* are found on tables of *Peucedano cervariae-Coryletum* (Fijałkowski 1962, Ceynowa 1968), *Carici-Inuletum* (Fijałkowski 1962) and *Brachypodio-Teucrietum* (Fijałkowski 1965). It seems that the association is quite frequent but so far it has not been distinguished as a separate one by Polish authors. *Geranio-Trifolietum* has been reported only from Great Poland (Brzeg 1988). Both of these associations have been found in the neighbouring countries (Lang 1973, Oberdorfer 1978, Mucina, Maglocky 1985).

Among associations of xerothermic shrubs *Prunetum fruticosae* is particularly worth noting. These shrubs are widespread in the uplands of southern Poland (Fijałkowski, Izdebski 1959, Fijałkowski, Wawer 1982, Głazek 1968, 1985, Dziubałtowski 1925). Similar phytocoenoses have been reported from the valley of the lower Vistula (Ceynowa 1968). Thermophilous shrubs with *Prunus fruticosa* are described as communities of the Pontic-Pannonic type of range, widespread in south-eastern Europe (Matuszkiewicz 1981).

Shrubs with *Ulmus minor* var. *suberosa* are known from the Lublin Upland (Fijałkowski 1965, Fijałkowski, Adamczyk 1980). *Ligastro-Prunetum* occurs in southern Poland (Fijałkowski, Adamczyk 1980, Głazek 1968, Matuszkiewicz 1981) and in the neighbouring countries (Oberdorfer 1957, Lang 1973, Müller 1974, Mucina, Maglocky 1985).

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STRESZCZENIE

Na terenie Kazimierskiego Parku Krajobrazowego (SE Polska) stwierdzono występowanie fitocenozy 8 zespołów muraw kserotermicznych: dwóch napiaskowych z klasy *Sedo-Scleranthetea* i 6 z klasy *Festuco-Brometea* występujących na skałach węglanowych i lessach. Kserotermiczne zarośla zakwalifikowano do 2 zespołów i jednego zbiorowiska z klasy *Rhanno-Prunetea*. Na obrzeżach zarośli występują fitocenozy okrajkowe, które zakwalifikowano do 2 zespołów z klasy *Trifolio-Geranietea*.

Skład obserwowanych fitocenozy po części odzwierciedla specyficzne położenie Parku na styku dwóch szlaków migracyjnych (21). Można to zaobserwować w przypadku muraw z panującą *Stipa capillata*, które były opisywane jako *Potentillo-Stipetum capillatae* i *Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae*. Pierwszy z zespołów ma stanowiska nad dolną Odrą i Wisłą (3, 15), drugi – na Wyż. Kielecko-Sandomierskiej (4, 16), w Niecce Nidziańskiej (7, 28) i na Wyż. Małopolskiej (23). Murawy ze *Stipa capillata* z Kazimierza Dolnego i Dobrego mają charakter uproszczonego *Sisymbrio-Stipetum capillatae*.

Uproszczony charakter mają także fitocenozy *Thalicstro-Salvietum pratensis*. Zespół *Thalicstro-Salvietum* został opisany z Niecki Nidziańskiej, gdzie występuje na rędzinach gipsowych (28). Spośród gatunków charakterystycznych na badanym terenie nie występują: *Eryngium campestre*, *Campanula bononiensis* i *Ranunculus illiricus*.

Inuletum ensifoliae w zachodniej części Wyżyny Lubelskiej również pozbawiony jest częścią gatunków charakterystycznych. Spośród podawanych przez Kozłowską (22) gatunków charakterystycznych nie występuje tu: *Cirsium pannonicum*, *Iris apylla*, *Linum flavum* i *L. hirsutum*. Część z tych gatunków była notowana w fitocenoza tego zespołu we wschodniej części Wyżyny Lubelskiej (13) i na Wyż. Zachodniowięłyńskiej (25).

Murawy z panującą *Brachypodium pinnatum* są najczęstszym zbiorowiskiem z klasy *Festuco-Brometea* na Wyż. Lubelskiej. Były one opisywane jako zbiorowisko *Brachypodium pinnatum-Teucrium chamaedrys*, *Brachypodio-Teucrietum* (9, 10) i *Adonido-Brachypodietum* (12). Murawy z panującą *Brachypodium pinnatum* w KPK zakwalifikowano do *Origano-Brachypodietum* opisywanego z Ojcowskiego Parku Narodowego i z Pienin (18, 29). Pozycja syntaksonomiczna muraw z *Brachypodium pinnatum* z Wyżyny Lubelskiej nie jest jasna i wymaga szczegółowych badań syntaksonomicznych.

Zakwalifikowanie pozostałych muraw kserotermicznych do poszczególnych zespołów nie nastręczało trudności. *Koelerio-Festucetum sulcatae* z Kazimierskiego PK nie różni się istotnie od fitocenozy opisanych z wyżyn południowej Polski (4, 16, 17, 28, 29). Podobnie *Festuco-Koelerietum glaucae*, który został opisany z Czech (20), a w Polsce występuje na rozproszonych stanowiskach w pasie wyżyn (4, 11), nad dolną Wisłą i Odrą (3, 39) oraz w okolicach Wrocławia (40). Swoim składem nawiązuje do południowo-wschodnioeuropejskich stepów piaskowych z rzędu *Festucetalia vaginae* obszaru pontyjsko-pannońskiego (27).

Spośród muraw napiaskowych najpospolitszym zespołem w KPK jest *Spergulo-Corynephoretum*. Występuje w całej Polsce (4, 5, 11, 17, 40). Murawy z *Corynephorus canescens* są także szeroko rozpowszechnione w środkowej Europie (32, 36).

Stwierdzone w KPK zespoły okrajkowe były rzadko opisywane z terenu Polski. Poza danymi z Wielkopolski (2), zdjęcia, które można zaliczyć do *Geranio-Peucedanetum* można odnaleźć w tabelach *Peucedano cervariae-Corylellum* (3, 9), *Carici-Inuletum* (9) i *Brachypodio-Teucrietum* (10). Wydaje się, że zespół ten jest szerzej rozpowszechniony, lecz dotychczas nie wyróżniany przez polskich autorów. *Geranio-Trifolietum* podawano jedynie z Wielkopolski (2). Obydwa zespoły opisywane były z krajów sąsiednich (26, 32, 36).

Spośród zespołów zarośli kserotermicznych na szczególną uwagę zasługuje *Prunetum fruticosae*. Zarośla te są dość rozpowszechnione na wyżynach południowej Polski (7, 13, 14, 16, 17). Zbliżone fitocenozy zostały opisane z doliny dolnej Wisły (3). Ciepłolubne zarośla z *Prunus fruticosa*, określane jako zbiorowiska o pontyjsko-pannońskim typie zasięgu, rozpowszechnione są w południowo-wschodniej Europie (27).

Zarośla z *Ulmus minor* var. *suberosa* znane są z Wyżyny Lubelskiej (10, 12). *Ligastro-Prunetum* występuje w południowej Polsce (12, 16, 27), a także w krajach sąsiednich (26, 32, 34, 35).