

## VEGETATION ASPECTS IN THE LAPUS VALLEY

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**Summary:** Vegetation aspects in the **Lăpuș Valley vegetation**. The Lăpuș Valley belongs to the Maramureș county. It's situated in North of Transylvania and its territory covers few geomorphological units like: Rodna Mountains, the Maramureș Mountains, the Gutâi Mountains. The longest river which crossed the county is Lăpuș. The climate is formed under the influence of dominantly western and north-western atmospheric flow and sheltered by the nearby mountains. The Lăpuș Mountains far from having impressive heights, are very fragmented, with deep valleys and steep slopes, the river Lăpuș forming true quays. Near the Lăpuș Valley the peaks are covered with forest consist in special in beech forests with a few oak trees and small meadows of *Nardus stricta* and *Agrostis stolonifera*. Near the river they are also low forest edificated by *Salix alba* and *Alnus glutinosa*.

The Lăpuș region is delimited by the Tibles and Gutâi massifs in the North, by the Breaza summit and the Preluca massif in the South, and in the East it is stretching towards Năsăud, the separation of the water being the limit, while in the West it opens towards the depression of Baia Mare. This region is crossed by the Lăpuș river.

From the geographical point of view, the reference area taken into study is at the margin of the Lăpuș river, delimited between the Răzoare locality and its confluence with the valley of Căvnic, more precisely the Lăpuș gorge, also known as "The Straits of Lăpuș" stretching over a length of approximately 30 km. Lăpuș is the most long river from the Maramureș county, gathering the waters from the Igriș and Vărtic volcanic mountains, from the Breaza summit and the Preluca massif. The precipitations which have medium values vacillating between 950 and 1380 mm keep a very special role in the formation of the Lăpuș system. The debit of the Lăpuș vacillates between 10 m<sup>3</sup>/s at Remetea Chioarului. In the spring, due to snow thawing, the debit is maximum and also quite high in the winter because of the western influences. Even during summer, after some heavy rain falls, the debit can increase very much. The lowest value of the trickling are recorded during winter<sup>2</sup>.

**The relief.** The Lăpuș region is formed of several sectors or distinct subunits with specific nature. In the center lies the large corridor of the Lăpuș river which curves in front of the Târgu Lăpuș locality towards North, where the river is called Valea Luncii. If up to the Răzoare village the Lăpuș flows into a relatively open meadow, from the confluence with the Hîjului Valley (a small tributary of Lăpuș), we can see the straits. From here and as far as Remetea Chioara, the Lăpuș river flows into a gorge of 30 km between steep shores, which are rocky here and there, of the Preluca summit and of other hills, starting with an afforested and less higher hill, the Podul Hîjului, situated at the boundary of Peteritea village. The gorge of the Lăpuș valley deepens in the Preluca massif with 200m as compared to the level which is above the gorge, reaching 304m at the entrance in the gorge and 109m at the confluence with Căvnic. It is steep and hardly accessible, with shackled meanders and very abrupt walls, especially in the first 100m from the river bed. The gorge of Lăpuș is a unique touristic objective, "the most wild in the country" as G. Posea characterized it. It is not crossed by any artery of traffic, not even a path<sup>3</sup>.

**The Climate.** The climate of the Lăpuș county is included between the limits of a moderated/continental climate of hill and plateau type. This climate is generated

by the geographical position, by the relief and the general circulation of the air from the Western and Northern directions, there are more humid masses of air. The annual medium temperatures are of 8/10°C in January of -4-2°C, and in June of 18-20°C. The average annual precipitations are of 700-800 mm.

### General Characterization of the Vegetation

The Lăpuș river is limited on one side and the other by a vegetation full of variety, imposed by the relief and the ecological factors. At the sources of the river from the heart of the mountains, the vegetation is formed by forests of spruce fir and of spruce fir mingled with fir. Downstream, the river's margins are limited by beech forests and beech-hornbeam groves and in front of the Târgu Lăpuș town, in the meadow exist crops. In the gorge of the Lăpuș, starting with the Răzoare locality, dominant are the beech-hornbeam groves. These expand from the river bed and up to the summits of the mountains which limit the river bed. They are very well made woods having in the grassy layer a flora as it follows: *Galanthus nivalis*, *Primula acaulis*, *Anemone nemorosa*, *Crocus heuffelianus*, *Helleborus purpurascens*.

In some places, the river bed is limited by low grounds with excessive humidity upon which there are willow groves, have in the shrubs layer *Crataegus monogyna*, *Corylus avellana*, *Cornus mas*, *Cornus sanguinea*.

Even though the afforested areas are dominant here and there, we can find mezo-hygrophylous grasslands which are enlightened by species as *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Trifolium repens*, *Lotus corniculatus*, *Lolium perenne*, *Caltha laeta*. These species place themselves on plane, humid sections, covered with fertile alluvial soil. The marshy grounds billeted on clayey soil are marked by species as *Phragmites communis*, *Agropyron repens*, *Symphytum officinale*.

Numerous species in the meadows of Lăpuș are characteristic for the grassland, having a hygrophylous nature. Some of them are: *Humulus lupulus*, *Caltha laeta*, *Lysimachia nummularia*, *Rorippa sylvestris*. The meadows areas of Lăpuș, the ones before the gorge, but also the ones which are after the gorge are destined for the crops, mostly cereals and sun-flowers.

The *Carpino -Fagetum silvaticae* Association, Păucă 1941

The forest of mixture between hornbeam and beech are most numerous in the studied region. The accompany the gorge at its almost entire length, being installed on the slope which limit the gorges of the Lăpuș and they often

descend to the river bed. The brushes are well formed and stratified. The arborescent layer is dominated by the beech and the hornbeam and from time to time, there also appear samples of *Acer campestre*, *Quercus robur*, *Quercus petraea* etc.

The shrubs layer is enlightened at the greatest rate by *Crataegus monogyna*, *Corylus avellana* and *Cornus mas*. In the herbaceous layer, more abundant are the species which indicated the mull flora: *Allium ursinum*, *Viola reichenbachiana*, *Galanthus nivalis*, *Crocus heuffelianus*. The grass layer is much more substantial in the spring, while during summer the unity diminished.

In the phytocenosis analysed, both numerical and as covering, dominant are the phanerophytes (40,90%), followed by the geophytes (31,18%), hemicryptophytes (20,45%) terophytes (4,54%), heliohydrotophytes (2,27%). This situation is in full concordance with the ecology and the biology of the beech-hornbeam groves, the arborescent layer creating compact crowns which allow the vegetation of grassy flora to resist only for a short period of time, while the rest of year it traverses latently in the shape of bulbs and rhizomes. The Western influences of the climate are also reflected in the composition of the geoelements, the European elements are majority (34,09%), followed by the Euroasian ones

(29,54%), 13,63% Central-Europeans (6,81%) sM (4,54%) Cp, (2,27%) Atl-M, (2,27%) DB, (4,54%) Cosm. Even though the other elements make smaller proportions, it is noticed the presence of the sheltered microhabitats where more thermophilic elements grow as: *Cornus mas*, *Primula acaulis* sau *Muscari comosum*, but also of the microhabitats exposed to cold currents, where the conditions are worse and where circumpolar species vegetate: *Cerastium sylvaticum*, *Oxalis acetosella*. As a result of the associations ecological analysis, the following situation was distinguished: according to the hydric system, the majority of species are mezophyte (33,32%), in what concerns the temperature, the micro-mezotherms (75,55%), are very numerous, and regarding the reaction of the soil acidity, close enough to the majority of amphotolerant (33,33%), are distinguished the acido-neutrophiles species (26,66%).

The economic value of these phytocenosis is conferred in the first place by the dominant species. Even so, the most significant value of these phytocenosis is the ecological one, because they protect the very steep sides of the Lăpuș Valley, and the last but not the least, they shelter species which are protected as *Narcissus poeticus* și *Fritillaria meleagris*.

**Table 1.** *Carpino-Fagetum silvaticae* Association Păucă 1941

Number	1	2	3	4	5
Altitude (m)	550	550	600	750	700
Exposition	N-V	N	N-V	V	N-V
Slope (degree)	20	15	20	10	10
Height of the trees (m)	35-40	35-45	30-45	30-45	35-40
Diam. (cm)	3-40	35-45	30-45	30-50	30-50
Crown (%)	0,8	0,9	0,8	0,8	0,9
The grass layer (%)	15	2	10	35	15
		200mp			K
<b>Car as.</b>					
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	2	2	2	3	2
<i>Fagus silvatica</i>	3	3	3	2	2
<b>Q-F; Fa; Sym-Fon</b>					
<i>Acer campestre</i>	-	+	+	-	+
<i>Quercus petraea</i>	-	+	+	+	2
<i>Quercus robur</i>	-	-	+	+	-
<i>Pyrus pyraeaster</i>	+	-	-	-	-
<b>Al-P</b>					
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	+	-	-	-	-
<b>Q-pb-p</b>					
<i>Malus silvestris</i>	-	+	-	-	-
<b>II</b>					
<b>Q-F; Fa; Sym-Fon</b>					
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	+	2	1	+	+
<i>Rubus hirtus</i>	+	2	-	+	-
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	+1	+	+	-	1
<i>Rosa canina</i>	+	-	-	-	-
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	-	-	+	-	-
<b>Q-pb-p</b>					
<i>Cornus mas</i>	+	-	-	-	-
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	-	-	+	-	-
<b>Al-P</b>					
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	+	-	-	-	-
<b>Sa-P</b>					
<i>Salix alba</i>	+	-	-	-	-

<b>III</b>						
<b>Fa; Sym-Fon</b>						
Dryopteris filix-mas	+	-	+	+	+	IV
Anemone nemorosa	-	-	-	+	1	II
Tussilago farfara	1	+	+	-	-	III
Allium ursinum	-	-	-	1	1	II
Hepatica nobilis	+	-	-	1	-	II
Salvia glutinosa	1	-	1	-	-	II
Viola odorata	-	-	+	-	-	I
Telekia speciosa	+	-	+	-	-	II
<b>Q-F</b>						
Lathyrus vernus	+	-	-	-	-	I
Helleborus purpurascens	-	-	+	+	+	III
Erythronium dens canis	-	-	-	+	+	II
<b>Q-pb-p</b>						
Galanthus nivalis	-	-	-	1	+	II
<b>V-P</b>						
Oxalis acetosella	+	-	-	-	-	I
<b>Che</b>						
Agropyron repens	+	-	-	-	-	I
Equisetum arvense	+	-	-	-	-	I
<b>M-AI</b>						
Filipendula vulgaris	+	-	-	-	-	I
<b>Ins.</b>						
Colchicum autumnale	-	+	+	-	-	II
Leucojum vernum	-	-	+	-	-	I
Viola tricolor	-	+	+	-	-	II
Narcissus poeticus	-	-	-	2	-	I
Lysimachia vulgaris	+	-	-	-	-	I
Cerastium sylvaticum	-	+	+	-	-	II
Cirsium canum	-	-	+	-	-	I
Primula acaulis	-	-	+	+	-	II
Fritillaria meleagris	-	-	-	-	1	I
Muscari comosum	-	-	-	-	+	I

1. 17.07. 2003 -Balta lui Văsălică; 2-3 – Vima Mică; 15. 03 2003; 4-5 La Custură 14. 04 2003.

#### Salicetum albae Associations, Issler 1924

This is an association billeted especially at the entrance in the gorge, near the Razoare locality, but it can also be found along the gorges where exists a small meadows and the beech-hornbeam groves don't approach the river bed. The wooden species as well as the grassy ones are also typical hygrophyls. The trees layer is dominated by *Salix alba* and *Salix fragilis*. The shrubs layer is formed by the species like *Cornus sanguinea*, *Humulus lupulus*, *Rubus hirtus*. The grassy layer is made up of hygrophyles species which can resist to floods or to ater bogging. Some of the most frequent species are: *Urtica dioica*, *Rumex crispus*, *Phragmites australis*, *Tussilago farfara*, *Echinocystis lobata*.

The analysis of the bioforms outlines the primate held by hemycryptophytes as number of specie and as accomplished covering. These are followed by phanerophytes and geophytes.

From the point of view of the geoelements: Eua (49,23%), E (20%), Ec (4,61%), Cosm (12,30%), Cp (6,15%), sM (3,07%), DB (1,53%), Adv (3,07%).

Although the mezophytes are the most numerous (46,14%), there are in high percentage, the mezo-hygrophytes (18,45%) and the hygrophytes (18,54%). The big proportion of the last ones is due to a water excess in the biotope which was maintained for a long period of time. From the point of view of the thermic preferences, the majority is represented by the mezothermes (66,15%). Regarding the chemical reaction of the soil, beside the euriionics and the weak-acid-neutrophyles which are dominant numerically with 32,3% also numerous are the acido-neutrophyles species (29,23%). The analysed willow groves are getting more reduced as surface. As a consequence, their role of ecological buffer for the Lapus valley is becoming more difficult to accomplish and they should be preserved and extended. They would also supply important quantities of medicinal, edible species.

**Table 2.** *Salicetum albae*, Association, Issler 1924

Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Altitude (m)	350	400	300	300	180	180	180
Exposition	S-V	S-V	S-V	N-V	N-V	N	N-V
Slope (degree)	2-3	2-3	5	5	2-3	5	5
Hights of the trees (m)	10-15	8-10	8-10	5-10	5-10	5-10	8-10
Diam. (cm)	25-35	25-30	25-35	30-35	30-35	20-30	25-35
Crowning (%)	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,8
Grass layer (%)	50	15	5	30	15	3	5

<b>Car as.</b>								<b>K</b>
Salix alba	1	2	2	+	+	1	2	V
<b>Sa-P</b>								
Salix fragilis	2	2	2	2	2	-	3	V
Salix purpurea	-	-	-	-	-	2	+	II
<b>Al-P</b>								
Alnus glutinosa	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	III
<b>Q-F</b>								
Carpinus betulus	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	III
Acer campestre	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
Fraxinus excelsior	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	II
<b>II</b>								
<b>Sa-P</b>								
Cornus sanguinea	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
Humulus lupulus	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	II
<b>Q-F</b>								
Rubus hirtus	+	1	+	-	-	+	-	III
Corylus avellana	-	+	1	-	-	+	+	III
<b>Q-pb-p</b>								
Cornus mas	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	I
<b>Al-P</b>								
Sambucus nigra	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	II
<b>III</b>								
<b>Sa-P</b>								
Phragmites australis	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	III
Urtica dioica	1	+	+	+	-	-	-	III
Rumex crispus	+	-	-	-	1	-	-	II
Convolvulus arvensis	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	III
Echinocystis lobata	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	II
Eupatorium cannabinum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	I
Equisetum arvense	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	II
Chrysosplenium alternifolium	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	II
Tussilago farfara	-	-	-	1	1	+	+	III
<b>Q-F</b>								
Aegopodium podagraria	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	I
Ranunculus ficaria	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
Cardamine glanduligera	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
Allium ursinum	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	I
Erythronium dens canis	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	II
Anemone ranunculoides	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
Melampyrum bihariense	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	I
Telekia speciosa	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	II
Dryopteris filix mas	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	I
<b>V-P</b>								
Oxalis acetosella	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	II
<b>M-Arr</b>								
Trifolium repens	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	I
Taraxacum officinale	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	III
Campanula persicifolia	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	I
Ranunculus acris	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
Achillea millefolium	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
Lolium perenne	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
Galium molugo	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
Stellaria media	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	I
Vicia cracca	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	I
Erigeron acer	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	I
Chenopodium album	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	II
<b>Îns</b>								
Agropyron repens	2	1	+	+	+	+	+	V
Carex riparia	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	I
Cichorium intybus	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	I
Solidago virgaurea	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	I
Typha latifolia	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	I
Armoracia rusticana	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	I
Symphytum officinale	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	II
Carduus acanthoides	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	II
Juncus effusus	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	I
Inula helenium	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	II
Pulicaria vulgaris	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	I
Conium maculatum	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	II
Carduus crispus	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
Plantago lanceolata	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
Serratula macrocephala	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	I

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*Coryletum avellanae* Association, Soó 1927

These phytocenosis place themselves on half-shaded slopes, with brown luvis soils, which are humid and rich in nutritive substances and which can be found in the sub-stage of the beech forests. They are installed like successive stages which followed the deforestation of woods enlightened by beech. They appear as high, compact shrubs, with continuous stratification. They are billeted in the places called: “Fundul câmpului”, “Balta lui Văsălică”, in Vima Mică and in “Dealul Corbului”.

Beside the dominant species *Corylus avellana* there are also *Acer pseudoplatanus*, *Acer campestre*, *Fagus sylvatica*, *Carpinus betulus*. The shrubs layer is represented by *Rubus hirtus*, *Sambucus nigra*, *Cornus mas*. The herbaceous layer is formed of species like *Anemone nemorosa*, *Hepatica nobilis*, *Chrysosplenium alternifolium* and others, which are many remainings of the initial beech forests.

The analysis of the bioforms outlines the great number of H (41,30%) which show an arbustif associations with poor crowning, but also with a significant number of nPh (28,25%); G: 19,56%; T: (8,69%); Hh: 2,17%).

From the geoelements: Eua (41,30%), E (28,26%), Cosm (15,21%), Cp (4,34%), Atl-med, sM, Adv (2,17%). The biotope with a good water supply during the year is reflected by the presence of the mezophytes (52,53%) and of the mezo-hygrophytes (25,77%). Regarding the temperature, the majority are the micro-mezothermes (73,92%), and from the point of view of the soil's chemical reaction, the weak-acid-neutrophyles (32,59%) are predominant, followed at small distance by euriionics.

The economical value of the phytocenosis is conferred, in the first place, by the dominant species which are valuable edible species. Next to these medicinal species can be noticed.

Table 3. *Coryletum avellanae* Association, Soó 1927

Nr.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Altitude	350	450	380	550	450	570	
Exposition	S-V	S-E	V	V	S-V	S-V	
Slope	10	10	15	10	5	5	
Grass layer(%)	40	26	50	10	50	30	
(mp)				100mp			
<b>Car as.</b>							K
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	1	2	2	1	1	1	V
<b>Q-F</b>							
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	-	+	-	1	-	-	II
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	+	-	1	-	-	-	II
<i>Acer campestre</i>	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
<b>Sp</b>							
<i>Salix caprea</i>	-	+	+	-	-	-	II
<b>Al</b>							
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	+	I
<b>II</b>							
<b>Q-F</b>							
<i>Rubus hirtus</i>	2	2	2	2	-	1	V
<b>Al-P</b>							
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	+	+	1	-	-	+	IV
<b>Q-pb-p</b>							
<i>Cornus mas</i>	-	-	-	-	-	+	I
<b>Sp</b>							
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	-	+	+	-	+	-	III
<b>III</b>							
<b>Ep-an</b>							
<i>Atropa bella donna</i>	+	-	-	-	1	2	III
<i>Telekia speciosa</i>	+	-	-	-	-	+	II
<b>Q-F</b>							
<i>Hedera helix</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	-	-	1	-	-	-	I
<i>Dryopteris filix mas</i>	1	-	-	-	+	1	III
<i>Anemone nemorosa</i>	+	-	-	-	1	-	II
<i>Allium ursinum</i>	-	-	-	-	2	1	II
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	I
<b>Sp</b>							
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
<i>Echinocystis lobata</i>	-	+	-	-	-	-	I
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	-	+	-	-	-	-	I

Chrysosplenium alternifolium	-	-	-	-	+	-	I
Tussilago farfara	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
<b>G-U</b>							
Urtica dioica	-	2	+	-	-	-	II
Dactylis glomerata	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
Arctium lappa	-	+	-	-	-	-	I
Aegopodium podagraria	2	-	-	-	-	+	II
<b>Îns.</b>							
Euphorbia palustris	+	-	-	-	2	-	II
Agropyron repens	-	1	-	1	-	-	II
Carex riparia	-	+	1	-	-	-	II
Typha latifolia	-	-	+	+	-	-	II
Artemisia vulgaris	-	-	2	-	-	-	I
Campanula persicifolia	-	-	+	-	-	-	I
Juncus effusus	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
Chenopodium album	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
Medicago sativa	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
Trifolium fragiferum	-	-	-	+	-	-	I
Veratrum album	-	-	-	-	1	-	I
Symphytum officinale	-	-	-	-	+	-	I
Primula acaulis	-	-	-	-	+	+	II

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The Aegopodio-Alnetum glutinosae Association, Kárpáti et Jurko 1961

This association groups riverans lands enlightened by *Alnus glutinosa*, which can be met along the steep from the hills region unlimited by the steep rocky walls, as: "la bisericuță", pe "insulă", "balta lui Văsălică". It units the mezo-hygrophyls phytocenosis with a reach and mixed floristic composition. The trees layer is enlightened by *Alnus glutinosa* beside which disseminated samples of *Salix fragilis*. In the arbustif stratum are outlined *Crataegus monogyna*, *Rubus hirtus*, *Sambucus nigra*. In the grassy layer, the degree of covering is not uniform and it depends on the unification of the crowning, but also on the degree of water supply the soil has. Most of the species are characteristic of the fields, margins of the woods, beside which also vegetate species proceeding from the near forests. The faithful companion of the alder tree woods is *Aegopodium podagraria*, beside which one can frequently *Urtica dioica*, *Caltha laeta*, *Tussilago farfara*, *Anemone nemorosa*.

From the analysis of the bioforms it results that from numerical point of view, the H (49,99%), are dominant, although through the accomplished abundance-dominance, the (23,07%) achieve a more consistent coagulation. G: 23,07%, Hh: 3,84%. In the spectre of the geoelements, the greatest importance is registered by the Eua (65,38%), while

the Cosm (15,38%), is situated on the second position and the European one registers a percentage of 11,53% and the Central-European one 3,84% at equality with the circumpolars. The ecological analysis obtains the mixture of the microresorts under the aspect of the humidity of the soil's chemical reaction. Regarding the humidity factor, in the studied alder-tree groves, the mezophytes (53,84%) are the ones which impose themselves, followed by the hygrophytes and the dydrophytes, each with 19,23%. The last ones are situated especially in the part of the meadow that cannot be flooded. Depending on the temperature, those who represent the majority in the association are the mezothermic species. Regarding the soil's chemical reaction, more species of alder-trees are euriionics, weak-acid-neutrophyle and acid-neutrophyle being in equivalent proportions (26,92%) which certifies the association's character.

The role of the alder-trees groves as of other fields is more mostly an ecological and a protective one for the valleys, they are limiting. As other formations of field, their surface is in a continuous reduction, with a powerful and unwanted impact over the environment. Their spreading or at least the preservation of the existing ones, beside the protective and preserving effect for many species of plants and animals, would give supplies of medicinal resources, of edible one etc in valuable quantities.

**Table 4.** Aegopodio-Alnetum glutinosae Association, Karpáti et Jurko

Nr.	1	2
Altitude	400	380
Exposition	S-V	N-V
Slope	5	5
The heights of the trees (m)	20-25	25-30
Diam. (cm)	25-30	25-35
Crowner (%)	0,7	0,7
Herbaceous layer (%)	15	12
(mp)	200	200
<b>Car as.</b>		
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	2	2
<b>Sa-P</b>		
<i>Salix fragilis</i>	+	+
<b>II</b>		
<b>Sa-P</b>		
<i>Rubus hirtus</i>	2	1
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	-	+
<b>Q-F</b>		
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	+	-
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	+	-

<b>Al-P</b>		
Sambucus nigra	1	+
<b>III</b>		
<b>Car as.</b>		
Aegopodium podagraria	+	1
<b>Sa-P</b>		
Urtica dioica	1	+
Chrysosplenium alternifolium	+	-
Tussilago farfara	+	-
Equisetum arvense	-	+
<b>Q-F</b>		
Dryopteris filix-mas	-	+
Anemone nemorosa	+	-
<b>Îns.</b>		
Carex gracilis	+	-
Achillea millefolium	-	+
Rumex acetosella	-	+
Agropyron repens	-	+
Lotus corniculatus	-	+
Taraxacum officinale	-	+
Galium molugo	-	+
Vicia cracca	-	+
Trifolium repens	-	+
Symphytum officinale	-	+
Erythronium dens-canis	+	-
Caltha lactea	1	-

1. 10.09. 2003. La Stanul lui Ipeș; 2. 7.07. 2003 – Balta lui Văsălică

Agrostetum stoloniferae Association, Ujvarosi 1941

The cenoses of this association are placed on plane humid areas covered by alluvial soils from the places where the Lăpuș river is limited by a narrow meadow and in the middle of the river where exist islands as those from "Răstoacă", Strâmtoare", at the Răzoare, Vima Mică, Sălăniță. It is one of the most spreaded associations, the grasslands being billeted in the meadows of the rivers, in coppices and near basin with permanent water. The ecological conditions give these associations a powerful mezohygrophyte character, reflected in the floristic structure. In these meadows phytocenoses, the hemicryptophytes accomplish the most important procent (over 80%), followed by the geophytes and the terophytes, which register a reduced percentage. We should take into consideration, the reduced number of the terophytes indicating a relatively reduced level of the anthropic influences.

In the spectre of geoelements, the percentage of the Eua elements is the most significant (73,33%) followed by that of the cosmopolitan ones (13,33%), of the Cp

(6,66%), of the E ant Ec (each with 3,33%). In the ecological analysis, a majority of mezophytic species (59,88%) is outlined, followed by the mezo-hygrophytes (16,33%), the situation being explained by the soil's increased and permanent humidity. The thermic system favours the dominance in the phytocenose of the micro-mezothermic species and depending on the soil's chemical reaction, the acido-neutrophile species are dominant (36,66%), followed by the euriionics ones (23,33%) and the weak-acid-neutrophiles ones (16,66%).

The grasslands present an economic importance because of the good and very fooder species: Agrostis stolonifera, Alopecurus pratensis, Trifolium repens, Lolium perenne, Vicia cracca etc. For their preservation it is recommended the use of these grasslands in a system of hay fields. We can also find there medicinal species and toxical ones, which increase the economical value of these grasslands. Pentru conservarea acestora se recomandă folosirea acestor pășuni în regim de fânețe. Se găsesc de asemenea specii medicinale, melifer și toxice care sporesc valoarea economică a acestor pășuni.

**Table 5.** *Agrostetum stoloniferae*, Association, Ujvarosi 1941

Nr.	1	2	3	4
Altitude	350	400	200	180
Exposition	S-V	S-V	S-E	N-V
Slope	2	5	2	2-3
Grass layer(%)	75	70	80	45
(mp)	8	6	6	6
<b>Car as.</b>				
Agrostis stolonifera	4	3	3	3
Poa pratensis	1	+	-	+
Alopecurus pratensis	+	-	+	+
Potentilla reptans	-	+	+	-
Lysimachia nummularia	-	-	+	+
Rorripa sylvestris	-	+	-	+
Daucus carota	-	-	+	+
<b>M-Arr</b>				
Trifolium repens	+	1	1	-
Lotus corniculatus	+	-	+	-

Medicago lupulina	-	1	-	-
Vicia cracca	-	-	+	-
Plantago lanceolata	+	-	-	-
Ranunculus ficaria	-	-	1	-
Rumex acetosella	1	+	-	-
Rumex crispus	-	-	+	-
Galium schultesii	+	-	-	-
Juncus effusus	-	-	+	-
Achillea millefolium	-	+	+	-
Dactylis glomerata	-	+	+	-
Filipendula vulgaris	-	+	-	-
Taraxacum officinale	-	+	-	-
<b>Pl</b>				
Cichorium intybus	-	+	-	-
Ranunculus repens	-	-	1	-
Lolium perenne	-	1	2	-
Plantago major	-	+	-	-
Plantago media	-	+	-	-
<b>Art</b>				
Urtica dioica	-	-	-	+
Tussilago farfara	-	-	-	+
<b>Che</b>				
Chenopodium album	-	-	+	1
Lamium album	-	-	+	-
<b>Îns</b>				
Matricaria chamomilla	-	-	+	-
Lythrum salicaria	-	-	+	-
Asperula odorata	+	-	-	-
Pulmonaria montana	-	+	-	-
Conium maculatum	-	-	-	+
Petasites hybridus	-	-	-	+

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## ASPECTE DIN VEGETAȚIA VĂII LĂPUȘULUI

Valea Lăpușului este cea mai lungă de pe teritoriul județului Maramureș. Cu toate că ea străbate și zone joase, cu lunci domoale, între satul Răzoare și confluența cu Valea Hîjului (un afluent al Lăpușului) se găsesc strâmtorile Lăpușului, un defileu de cca 30 de km, mărginit de pereți stâncoși și abrupti. Vegetația Văii Lăpușului, impusă de condițiile ecologice este reprezentată în cea mai mare parte de carpino-făgete, dar și de asociații arbustive edificate de alun și mur, iar insular, pe lângă vale vegetează sălcișuri și zăvoaie edificate de arin negru. Vegetația ierboasă insulară, este reprezentată, mai ales de pajiști de iarba câmpului.