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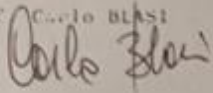
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LA VEGETAZIONE FORESTALE DEI MONTI CIMINI (ITALIA CENTRALE)

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RIASSUNTO

Vengono descritte le diverse tipologie forestali presenti nel comprensorio vulcanico dei M.ti Cimini (Lazio, Italia centrale): faggeti affini al *Corydalidi-Fagetum*; castagneti mesofili dell'orizzonte dei faggeti, riferibili all'*Aquifolio-Fagetum*; quercocastagneti e castagneti con rovere, di pertinenza dell'orizzonte dei querceti, da ricondurre al *Coronillo emeri-Quercetum cerris*; querceti ascrivibili al *Coronillo emeri-Quercetum cerris*. Si è evidenziato quindi come in un'area poco estesa siano presenti, a stretto contatto, tipologie centro-europee, mediterraneo-montane ed orientali. Da sottolineare la presenza di *Quercus petraea* nei querceti e nei quercocastagneti, con un'abbondanza e frequenza insolita per il Lazio.





faggeta vetusta dei Monti Cimini, Patrimonio Mondiale dell'UNESCO dal 2017

<https://www.visitlazio.com/le-faggete-vetuste-del-lazio-patrimonio-unesco/>

La flora della faggeta





I boschi
di cerro
e rovere





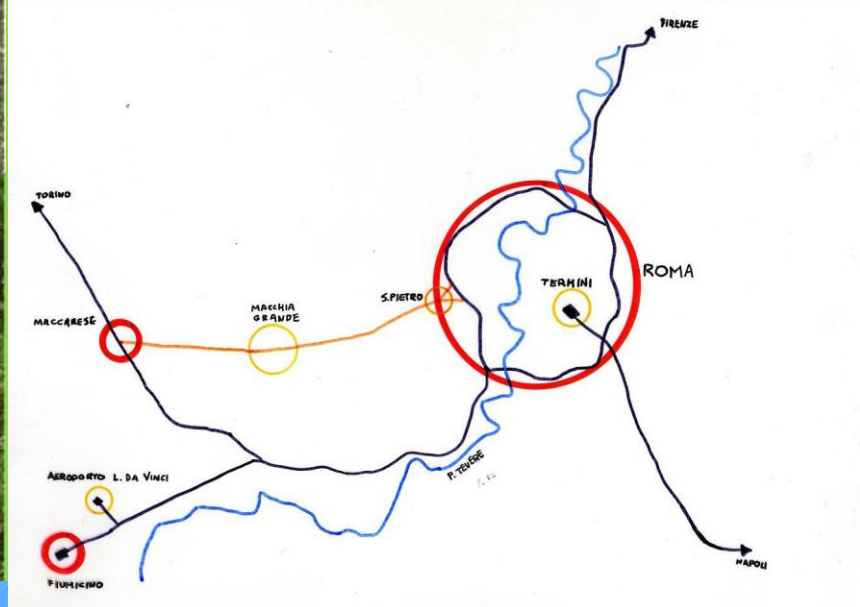
I castagneti



MACCHIA GRANDE DI PONTE GALERIA 34 ANNI DOPO

La rinascita del bosco

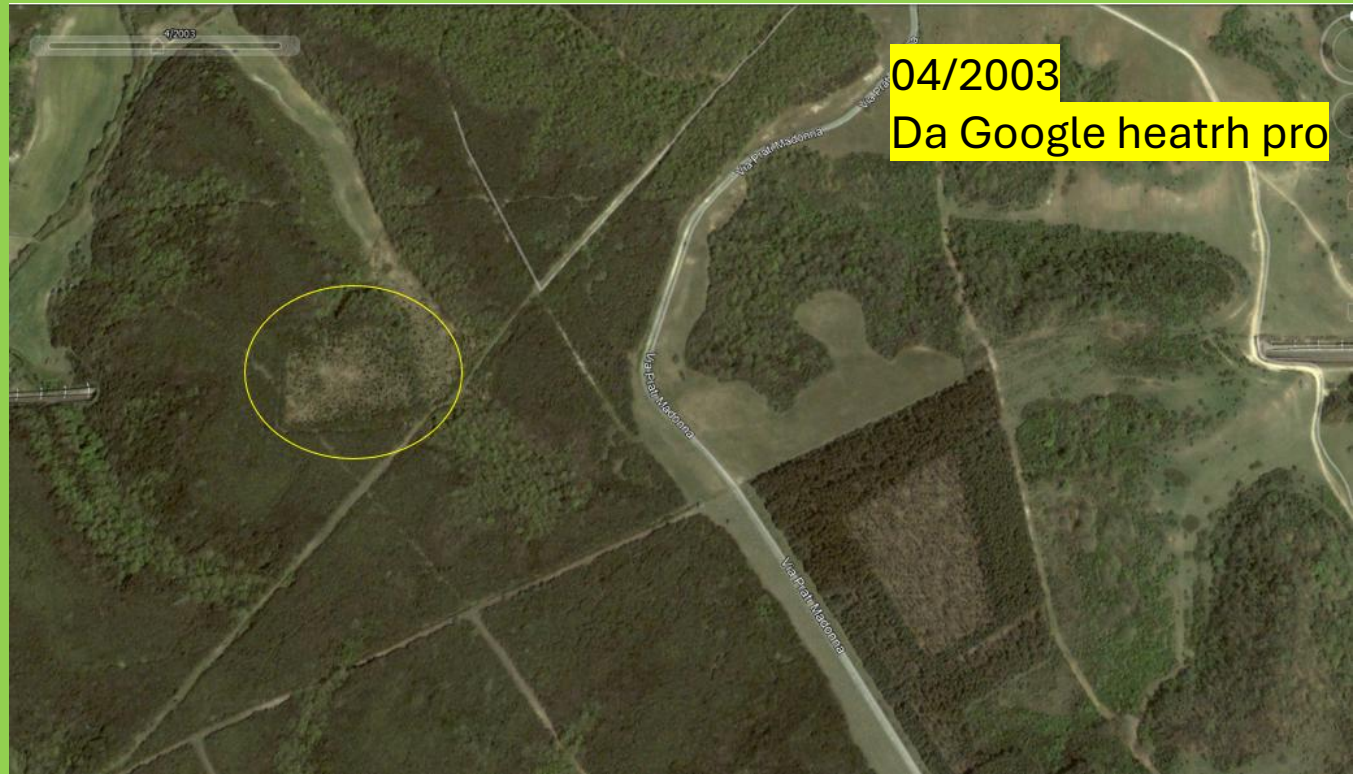
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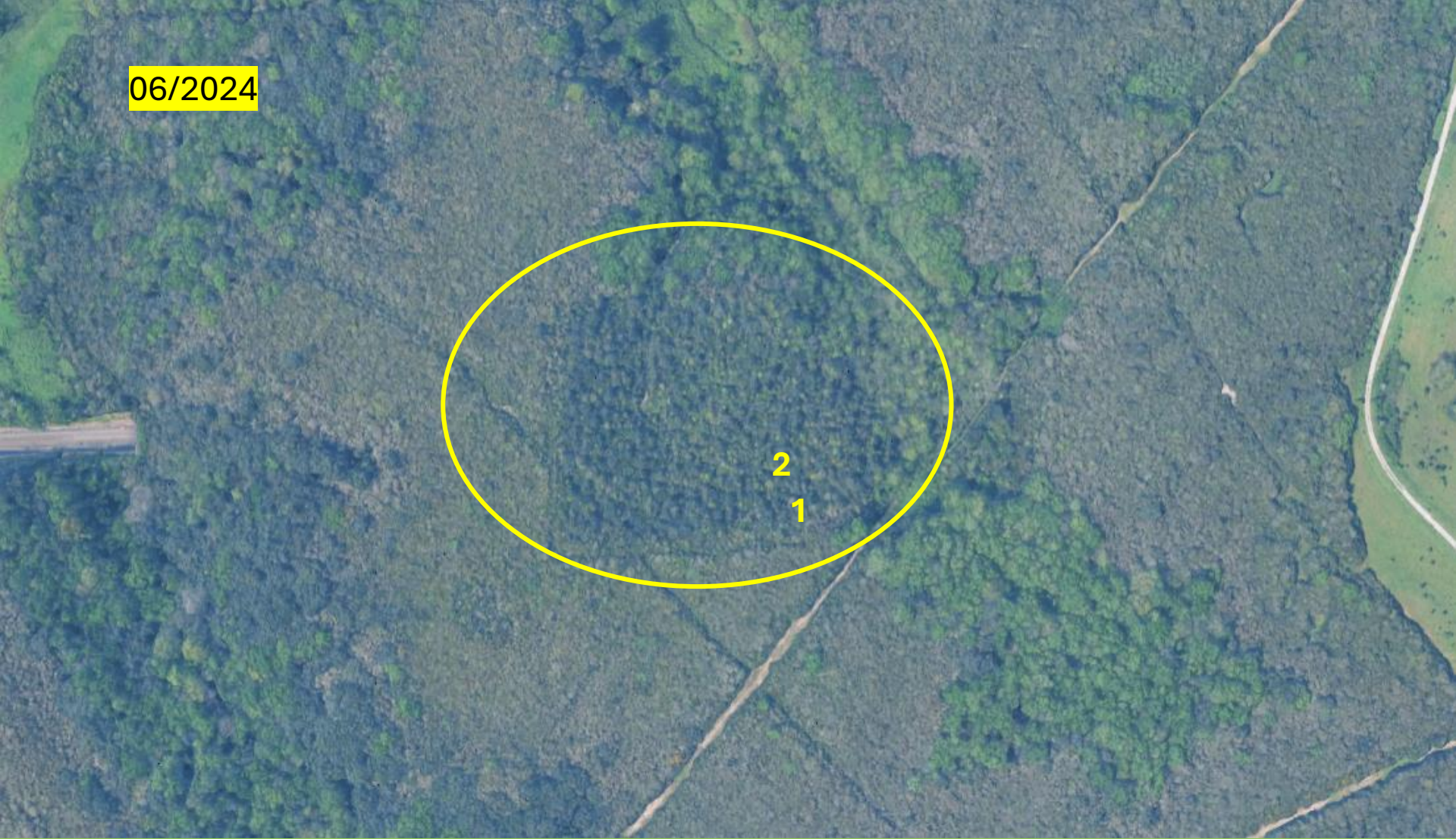
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**LA FLORA DELLA STAZIONE DI ROMA OSTIENSE:
VARIAZIONI E CONFRONTI CON IL CENSIMENTO
DI CACCIATO (1952)**

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ABSTRACT - This research concerns the flora in the Roma Ostiense railway station area, which has undergone radical territorial changes in the last decades. The data collected, compared to the information gathered by CACCIATO'S investigation (1952) shows how man's burden has caused the loss of something like 260 taxa, of which 80% were rare. Furthermore, this research also shows a structural evolution of the vegetation in the less disturbed areas, with a prevalence of naturalized alien woody species.

Lamarkia aurea

T scap.

Steno Medit.

Nell'area metropolitana di
Roma la specie è rarissima



Floristic analysis of a high-speed railway embankment in a Mediterranean landscape

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Abstract – We analyzed the floristic composition of a 4.5 km-long segment of a high-speed railway in Lazio, central Italy, which travels on an artificial embankment through an intensively-farmed landscape. In total, 287 vascular plant species were recorded. The life-form distribution was found to be similar to that of the regional species pool, with high percentages of therophytes (38%) and phanerophytes (13%). In the chorological spectrum the Mediterranean floristic element prevailed (44%), while alien species were 8% of the flora. The phytosociological spectrum showed a high diversity of characteristic species from the class *Stellarietea mediae* or its subordinate syntaxa (26%), and in particular from the order *Thero-Brometalia* (Mediterranean, sub-nitrophilous annual communities). Species from forest syntaxa had a relatively high diversity (9%). These results suggest that the ecological filtering provided by the Mediterranean regional climate controlled species assemblage even in a completely artificial habitat, preventing floristic homogenization: the flora of the studied railway section is only partially »ruderalized«, while it keeps strong links with the regional (semi-) natural plant communities. However, in contrast to what is observed in central and north Europe, the railway sides studied in the present paper do not seem to represent a refugial habitat for rare species from grassland communities, mainly because in Italy semi-natural dry grasslands are still widely represented.

Key words: anthropogenic, habitat, artificial soil, life-form, railway flora, Lazio, Italy

**Rilevato ferroviario
sulla piana del
Tevere a
Settebagni**





All ecosystems look messy, but some more so than others: A case-study on the management and acceptance of Mediterranean urban grasslands



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ABSTRACT

The spontaneous revegetation of a disused demolition waste landfill in Rome (Italy) led to a very high vascular plant species density (269 species in 0.2 km²). Vegetation was dominated by Mediterranean annual species (Therophytes), and floristic assemblage was consistent with the regional species pool. No significant levels of biotic homogenization were found. Local activists successfully campaigned to save the site from development, which resulted in its designation as an Urban Nature Reserve; however, it was essentially managed as a conventional neighbourhood park. As a consequence, vascular plant species richness decreased by 50%. The functional and biogeographic groups most typical of Mediterranean habitats saw the largest decrease (the steno-Mediterranean element decreased by 80%), leading to biotic homogenization via changes in native species only (no increases in alien species were observed). The removal of most of the old demolition-waste mounds was probably the main cause for these observed changes. These mounds provide well-drained, oligotrophic soils and micro-habitat heterogeneity.

Mediterranean grassland vegetation, especially within urban areas, is often perceived as “untidy” and undesirable by local residents and decision-makers, who tend to overlook or ignore the ecological value of spontaneous grasslands—perhaps distracted by their apparently “messy” aesthetics. Mediterranean urban wastelands that are “saved” with the scope of creating public green spaces are particularly at risk of being inappropriately managed from the ecological perspective. Thus, in dry-climate regions, ecologists should be particularly careful not to dismiss the importance of aesthetic issues and cultural acceptance in urban nature conservation. Considering the results of this case-study, we offer some generalized management guidelines that can help render urban dry grasslands acceptable for recreational use, while at the same time preserving their biodiversity and educational value.

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