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Carrichtero-Amberboion in Fuerteventura

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Carrichtero annuae-Amberboion lippii

The class Stellarietea mediae Tx., Lohm. & Prsg. 1950 [Ruderali-Secalietea cerealis Br.-Bl. 1936] comprises annual nitrophilous plant communities in the northern hemisphere of the earth. Within this class the order Brometalia rubenti-tectori Rivas-Martínez Izco 1977 comprises the subnitrophilous ruderal vegetation with the two alliances Carrichtero annuae-Amberboion lippii Rivas Goday & Rivas-Martínez ex Esteve 1973 and Echio-Galactition tomentosae O. Bolós & Molinier 1969.

The ecology of Carrichtero annuae-Amberboion lippii is characterized by intra-thermomediterranean respective desert climates in the lower regions of the Canary islands and in the dryest parts of southern Spain, perhaps also in Morocco and Western Sahara. The development of the ephemeric vegetation depends on the amount of rainfall in late autumn and winter. The biomass is little compared with communities of the alliance Sisymbrion. The emergence of species of the Carrichtero annuae-Amberboion lippii leads to the phenomenon of „flowering deserts“.

Characteristic species

Characteristic species of the alliance Carrichtero-Amberboion and its associations on Fuerteventura are (Rivas-Martínez et al.1993; Rodríguez Delgado, García Gallo & Reyes-Betancort 2000; Reyes-Betancort, Wildpret de la Torre & León Arencibia 2001, Brandes n.p.):

Calendula aegyptiaca, Carrichtera annua, Cuscuta planiflora, Echium bonnetii, Erodium neuradifolium, Filago desertorum, Ifloga spicata, Launaea nudicaulis, Lotus glinoides, Mairetis microsperma, Medicago laciniata, Matthiola longipetala, Matthiola parviflora, Notoceras bicorne, Oligomeris linifolia, Ononis serrata, Plantago amplexicaulis, Plantago aschersonii, Plantago ovata, Reichardia tingitana, Reseda lancerotae, Rostraria pumila, Schismus barbatus, Senecio glaucus subsp. coronopifolius, Trigonella stellata, Volutaria canariensis?, Volutaria Volutaria lippi?, Volutaria tubuliflora?

Associations described

The following associations of the Carrichtero annuae-Amberboion lippii are described from Fuerteventura:

Launaeo nudicaulis-Resetum lancerotae Rodríguez Delgado, García Gallo & Reyes Betancort 2000

Iflogo spicatae-Stipetum capensis (Esteve & Socorro 1977) Rivas-Martínez et al. 1993

From Lanzerote the associations are described:

Bupleuro semicompositi-Mairetetum microspermae Reyes-Betancort, Wildpret de la Torre & León Arencibia 2001

Iflogo spicatae-Stipetum capensis (Esteve & Scorro 1977) Rivaz-Martínez et al. 1993

Volutaria tubuliflora-community Reyes-Betancort, Widlpret de la Torre & León Arencibia 2001

From Tenerife are described:

Senecio coronopifolii-Echietum bonnetii Rivaz-Martínez et al. 1993

Iflogo spicatae-Stipetum capensis (Esteve & Scorro 1977) Rivaz-Martínez et al. 1993


Carrichtera annua (Brassicaceae)

Carrichtera annua (Brassicaceae) und Echium bonnetii (Boraginaceae)


Cuscuta planiflora (Cuscutaceae)


Echium bonnetii (Boraginaceae)

Ifloga spicata (Asteraceae)


Launaea nudicaulis (Asteraceae)


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Lotus glinoides (Fabaceae)

Reseda lancerotae, Mairetis microsperma und Ifloga spicata

Mairetis microsperma (Boraginaceae)


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Matthiola bolleana (Brassicaceae)


Calendula aegyptiacea (Asteraceae) und Matthiola bolleana (Brassicaceae)


Matthiola longipetala (Brassicaceae)


Matthiola parviflora (Brassicaceae)


Moricandia arvensis (Brassicaceae)


Moricandia arvensis (Brassicaceae)


Notoceras bicorne (Brassicaceae)


Notoceras bicorne (Brassicaceae)


Oligomeris linifolia (Resedaceae)


Oligomeris linifolia (Resedaceae)


Plantago amplexicaule (Plantaginaceae)

Plantago aschersonii (Plantaginaceae)


Plantago aschersonii (Plantaginaceae)


Plantago ovata (Plantaginaceae)


Reseda tingitana (Asteraceae)


Reichardia tingitana (Asteraceae)


Reseda lancerotae (Resedaceae)


Senecio flavus (Asteraceae)


Trigonella stellata (Fabaceae)


Volutaria cf. lippii (Asteraceae)

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