

Prodromus of vegetation of Yakutia

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Abstract. A brief history of development of the Prodromus vegetation of Yakutia is given. The characteristic of classes is given in a table.

The use of Braun-Blanquet approach for classification of Yakutia vegetation was invigorated by Boris Mirkin, Professor of the Bashkir State University. In Yakutia, he guided the steps of a number of specialists of the Yakut State University in their post-graduate study of botany and landscapes. Under his scientific supervision, K.E. Kononov defended his doctoral dissertation on vegetation of the Lena River floodplain [1-5], E.I. Burtseva studied the meadows on saline soils of the Lena River valley [3, 4], P.A. Gogoleva studied the vegetation of alas landscapes of the Lena-Amga Interfluve [2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8], and S.I. Mironova also studied the alas vegetation of the Lena-Vilyuy Interfluve as well as recovery of vegetation of technogenic landscapes [2, 7, 9, 10, 11].

The students and followers of Prof. Mirkin used Braun-Blanquet approach for classification of weed vegetation (N.P. Sleptsova) [12, 13], a number of northern taiga and tundra plant communities (B.N. Pestryakov) [14-16], vegetation of the Vilyuy River basin (S.I. Poiseeva) [17-19], ruderal vegetation (M.M. Cherosov) [8, 20, 21, 22], grazing land vegetation (L.D. Gavrilyeva) [10, 23, 24], forest and mountain vegetation (N.B. Ermakov, E.G. Nikolin) [25-29]. Recently, the works on tundra vegetation classification were conducted (M.Yu. Telyatnikov, N.N. Lashchinsky, E.I. Troeva) [30-33]. Aquatic vegetation classification is underway now (P.I. Kharlampyeva, V.A. Filippova) [34-35].

The long-term work yielded the Prodromus of vegetation of Yakutia. Its structure is represented now by the following units: 36 classes, 72 orders, 78 alliances, 216 associations, 112 subassociations, 63 variants, and 13 derivative and basal communities (Table).

As it is seen from the Table, riparian, meadow and anthropogenic vegetation is most properly studied. The higher rank units are given according to Ermakov (2012) [36].

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Table. Structure of the Prodrumus of vegetation of Yakutia

Class	Ord	All	Ass	Subass	Var/co	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<i>Lemnetea</i>	1	1	5			
<i>Potametea pectinati</i>	2	3	12			
<i>Utricularietea intermedio-minoris</i>	1	1	1			
<i>Littorelletea</i>	1	1	1			
<i>Phragmiti-Magno-Caricetea</i>	5	10	37	10	1 d.c.	
<i>Thero-Salicornietea</i>	1	1	2			
<i>Bolboshoenetea maritimi</i>	1	2	3			
<i>Scorzonero-Juncetea gerardii</i>	2	3	9	18	5	
<i>Scheuchzerio-Caricetea nigrae</i>	3	5/1	17	1	4	
?	1	1	1	2		
<i>Oxycocco-Sphagnetea</i>	1	1	1	2	1	
<i>Thlaspietea rotundifolii</i>	1	2	2	2		
<i>Salicetea herbaceae</i>	1	1	4		1	
<i>Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii</i>	1	1	2	3		
<i>Loiseleurio-Vaccinietea</i>	1	3	11	8	2	
?	1	1	1			
<i>Juncetea trifidi</i>	1	1	1			
<i>Hylocomio-Salicetea glaucae</i>	1	1	1		1	
<i>Molinio-Arrenatheretea</i>	2	3	7	5	7/1	
<i>Calamagrostetea langsdorffii</i>	1	1	7			
<i>Cleistogenetea sguarrosae</i>	2	8/1	17	13	2/1	
?	1	1	2	2		
<i>Vaccinio-Piceetea</i>	5	6	20	4	4	
<i>Rhytidio-Laricetea sibiricae</i>	3	4	4			
<i>Polygono arenastri-Poetea annuae</i>	1	1	1	2		
<i>Stellarietea mediae</i>	2	4	7	13	/2	
<i>Artemisietea vulgaris</i>	2	3	5	9	13/3	
<i>Polygono-Artemisietea austriacea</i>	1	1	4	2		
<i>Epilobietea angustifolii</i>	1	1	2		/4	
<i>Bidentetea tripartiti</i>	1	1	2	2		
<i>Puccinellio-Hordeetea jubati</i>	1	1	16	10	13	
<i>Matricario-Poetea arcticae</i>	1	1	6	2	2/1	
<i>Plantaginetea majoris</i>	2	2	3			
<i>Salici-Betuletea nanae</i>	1	1			/1	
<i>Salicetea purpureae</i>	1	1	2	4	/7 b.c.	
Total	36	72	78	216	112	63/13

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