

A multivariate morphometric analysis of diagnostic traits in southern Italy and Sicily pubescent oaks

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- A. Bark with longitudinal and transversal incisions forming a mosaic composed of approximately quadrangular small flakes.
- B. Bark with incisions little detected and mainly arranged longitudinally.
- C. Bark with deep incisions associated with raised ribs aligned longitudinally.

Examples of pubescent oak bark we found in the study area we considered as the most pertinent with what is reported in Pignatti et al. (2017) keys. Among the collected specimens, however, we observed a much more varied bark pattern with a lot of intermediate types.



ST01, Sample 4.



ST01, Sample 19.



ST02, Sample 5