

**ON THE SYNTAXONOMY OF SOME PHYTOCENOSES IN MOUNTAIN
AND PIEDMONT ECOSYSTEMS OF THE CENTRAL CAUCASUS
(WITHIN KABARDINO-BALKARIA)**

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Three associations (*Carici michelii-Bromopsidetum ripariae* ass. nov., *Amorio ambiguae-Alchemilletum orthotrichae* ass. nov., and *Cicerbito macrophyllae-Aethusetum cynapii* ass. nov.) have been distinguished and characterized as a result of our ecological and floristic classification of phytocenoses in the mountain and piedmont ecosystems of Kabardino-Balkaria (the Central Caucasus) within the Tersky and Elbrussian variants of vertical zonation. By syntaxonomic analysis, two of them were classified as secondary subforest meadows Molinio-Arrhenatheretea Tx. 1937, and the other one was classified as subalpine high-grass meadows Mulgedio-Aconitetea Hadaë et Klika in Klika et Hadaë 1944.

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