

# Enebrales-Piornales Silicícolas



*Juniperus communis*



*Cytisus oromediterraneus*



*Juniperus sabina*

Shrubby plant formations that grow between 1,800 and 2,600 m of altitude, widely dominating the vegetal landscape at these levels. With low bearing, they form a vegetal tapestry that reaches almost 100% coverage, playing a fundamental role in protecting the surface from erosion. A very stable vegetal structure, adapted both to the aggression of the harsh winter conditions and to the summer drought. Only man, in his eagerness to spread

his pastures, managing to degrade these highly ecologically valuable bushes, with logging and burning leading to a continuous and irreparable loss of soil.

Characteristic plants include the junipers (*Juniperus communis* subsp. *nana*) and yellow piornos (*Genista baetica*, *Genista versicolor* and *Cytisus galianoi*), sabina (*Juniperus sabina*), etc.

