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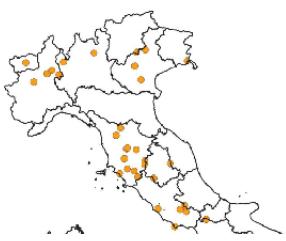
Agricultural landscapes can host a diversified mosaic of different ecosystems and habitat types, each supporting specific plant communities.
Though it is acknowledged that habitat diversification is crucial for the maintenance of a high farmland biodiversity, there is still lack of quantitative information on the contribution of different plant



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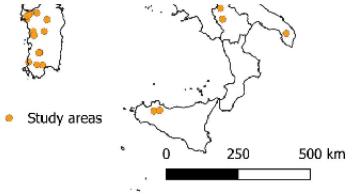
community types to biodiversity in agricultural landscapes.
Here, we aimed at highlighting the conservation priorities for the plant communities of different ecosystems across Italian agricultural landscapes through an analysis of their contribution to biodiversity.



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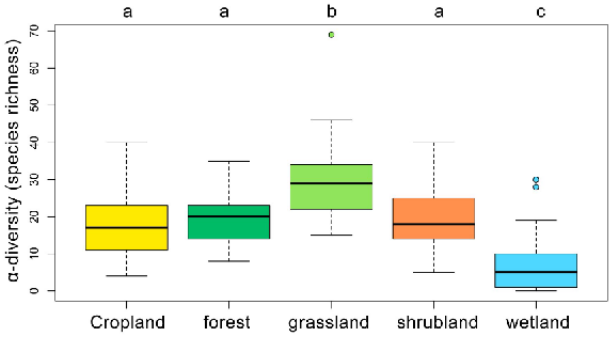

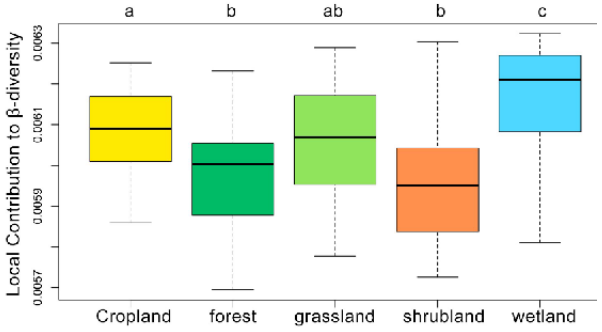

Species	SCBD
Phragmites australis	0.024371602
Prunus spinosa	0.021952752
Rubus ulmifolius	0.019882528
Myriophyllum spicatum	0.018280297
Cornus sanguinea	0.014677318
Quercus cerris	0.013944897
Quercus pubescens	0.013223803
Lemna minor	0.012652517
Crataegus monogyna	0.011065955
Quercus ilex	0.010151648
Acer campestre	0.00973291
Cytisus villosus	0.009526767
Pistacia lentiscus	0.009476622

Wetland species, shrubs, and trees gave the highes
contribution to β-diversity.
All the ecosystem types differed from one another in plar
community species composition based on PERMANOVA, an
they hosted distinctive species based on INSPAN.




Top indicator species
Cropland: *Papaver rhoeas*
Shrubland: *Prunus spinosa*
Forest: *Acer campestre*
Grassland: *Dactylis glomerata*
Wetland: *Phragmites australis*

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