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Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti (Br.-Bl. et de Leeuw 1936) R. Tx. 1937 in the Drawsko Lakeland (Western Pomerania)

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Abstract

The species richness and structure of *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* have been assessed on the basis of 25 phytosociological relevés made by the Braun-Blanquet method in the Drawsko Lakeland (Poland). Two variants have been distinguished, *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomilletosum typicum* and *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomilletosum* with *Plantago intermedia*. The paper presents the distribution and analytical characteristics of this subatlantic association against the background of habitat conditions.

Keywords

segetal community; soil units; Pomerania region; Drawsko Lakeland

Introduction

The paper constitutes a continuation of a chorological study of the *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* association in the area of the eastern part of Western Pomerania. In the first paper, the ecological and biotope characteristics of the *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* association in the Ślupsk Plain and the Damnica Upland were presented, in the second one – in the Słowińskie Coast, and in the subsequent one in the Bytów Lakeland and the Białogard Plain [1–4].

The Drawsko Lakeland is dominated by brown acidified and leached soils. The valleys of the rivers Parseća, Rega, Stara Rega, Brzeźniczka, and Dębnica are covered with boggy soils. In the Drawa River Valley, south of Drawsko, alluvial soils are found. In the vicinity of Czaplinek and Rydzewo, black (D) and degraded meadow black earth (Dz) occurs [5].

In terms of agricultural land suitability, the soils of rye complexes (which cover 78% of the arable land in total) dominate the Drawsko Lakeland. Worth mentioning are the soils of wheat complexes (15% of arable land), which larger patches are found between Gudowo and Lubieszewo on Lake Lubie as well as between Karsino and Wełnica. Larger homogeneous areas of the good wheat complex (2) developed from particulate sediment material originating from marginal lakes. They occur on gentle clay slopes in the area of Dalewo, Darskowo, and Suliszewo. The defective wheat complex (3) is represented by soils formed from clays and particulate material sediments. The larger outlines of that complex cover the slopes of moraine mounds in Dziwigóra, Ogodno and Ostropole. 56% of the area of the rye complexes comprise very good (4) and good rye (5) complexes. A smaller area is covered by cereal-fodder complexes – (6%) strong (8) and (5%) weak (9) [6].

The Drawsko Lakeland belongs to the Baltic region and the mesoregion of the Drawsko – Bytów Lakeland. Soils developed on clays and sands on clays predominate. Forestation in this lake district is relatively low and amounts to 24%. Beech wood forests occur most frequently and they usually develop on clay soils difficult to plough, situated on steep slopes of end moraines [7] in the areas difficult for cultivation.

According to the geobotanical division of Poland, the Drawsko Lakeland is situated in the Pomeranian Divide. A substantial part of this mesoregion is situated in the region of Central Pomeranian Lakelands, in the Świdwin District and the Drawsko Lakeland. A small southeastern part is situated in the Wałcz Province and the Drawa River Valley region [8].

Detailed research on crop-related species was not done. The data concerning the occurrence of some species associated with the Drawsko Lakeland are provided by German botanists [9–11]. More information concerning the distribution of field weeds in this area is found in the studies of Mlynkowiak [12] and Sobisz [13].

The aim of the study was to describe the ecological and phytosociological characteristics of *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* in the Drawsko Lakeland, with particular attention to its diversity against biotope conditions.

Material and methods

A field study was conducted in 2012–2014; 52 phytosociological relevés were made by the Braun-Blanquet method widely used in Poland. In this paper, 25 relevés sampled in 18 places are analyzed. The soil classification is based on Mocek [14]. The phytosociological table contains information on soil complex, type of soil and its texture. The soil conditions in crop fields were established on the basis of the soil-agricultural maps at a scale of 1:5000 made available by the Marshall's Office in Szczecin. The soil samples were taken from every stand of *Chrysanthemum segetum*. The pH in H₂O and 1 M KCl was determined by the potentiometric method [15]. In the phytosociological table, the degree of constancy (S) was also taken into consideration, while the cover coefficient (D) was calculated according to Pawłowski [16].

For each stand of *Chrysanthemum segetum*, its location in ATPOL squares was given, according to the principles specified in the “Atlas of distribution of vascular plants in Poland” [17]. The numbering of the ATPOL grid squares and the sites of *Chrysanthemum segetum* is in accordance with Sobisz [18,19]. The sites of *Chrysanthemum segetum* written in italics were not included in the phytosociological table. The distribution of the stands is shown in Fig. 1: BB43 – Dziwogóra (Dz); BB51 – Pęczerzyno (Pe); BB52 – Rycerzewko, Stare Resko (SR); BB53 – Dobino, Gawroniec (Ga), Toporzyk, Zajączkowo (Za); BB54 – Brusno, Kocury (Kc), Ogrodno (Og); BB55 – Gonne Małe, Juchowo (Ju), Ostropole (Os), Stary Grabiąż (SG); BB62 – Donatowo (Do), Ostrowice; BB63 – Stare Worowo (SW); BB64 – Kluczewo (Kl); BB72 – Darskowo (Da), Kosobudy (Ks); BB73 – Bobrowo, Siemczyno (Si); BB74 – Pławno (Pl).

The classification and terminology of syntaxons is in accordance with Ratyńska et al. [20]. The nomenclature of weed species is given according to Mirek et al. [21], whereas crop plant nomenclature follows Jasińska and Kotecki [22].

Results

Phytocenoses of *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* were found in spring crops (barley, oats, wheat and their mixtures, buckwheat) and root plant crops (potatoes, rutabaga, and fodder beet). In total, 101 species were found in the entire data set. The relevés comprise from 11 to 42 species (30 on average).

The patches of *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* are characterized by an unusual color, especially at the turn of June and July. *Chrysanthemum segetum* sometimes appears facially (Tab. 1, rel. 1–4) and makes up many hectares of “yellow carpets”. The floristic diversity of this association also depends on the species from the *Stellarietea*

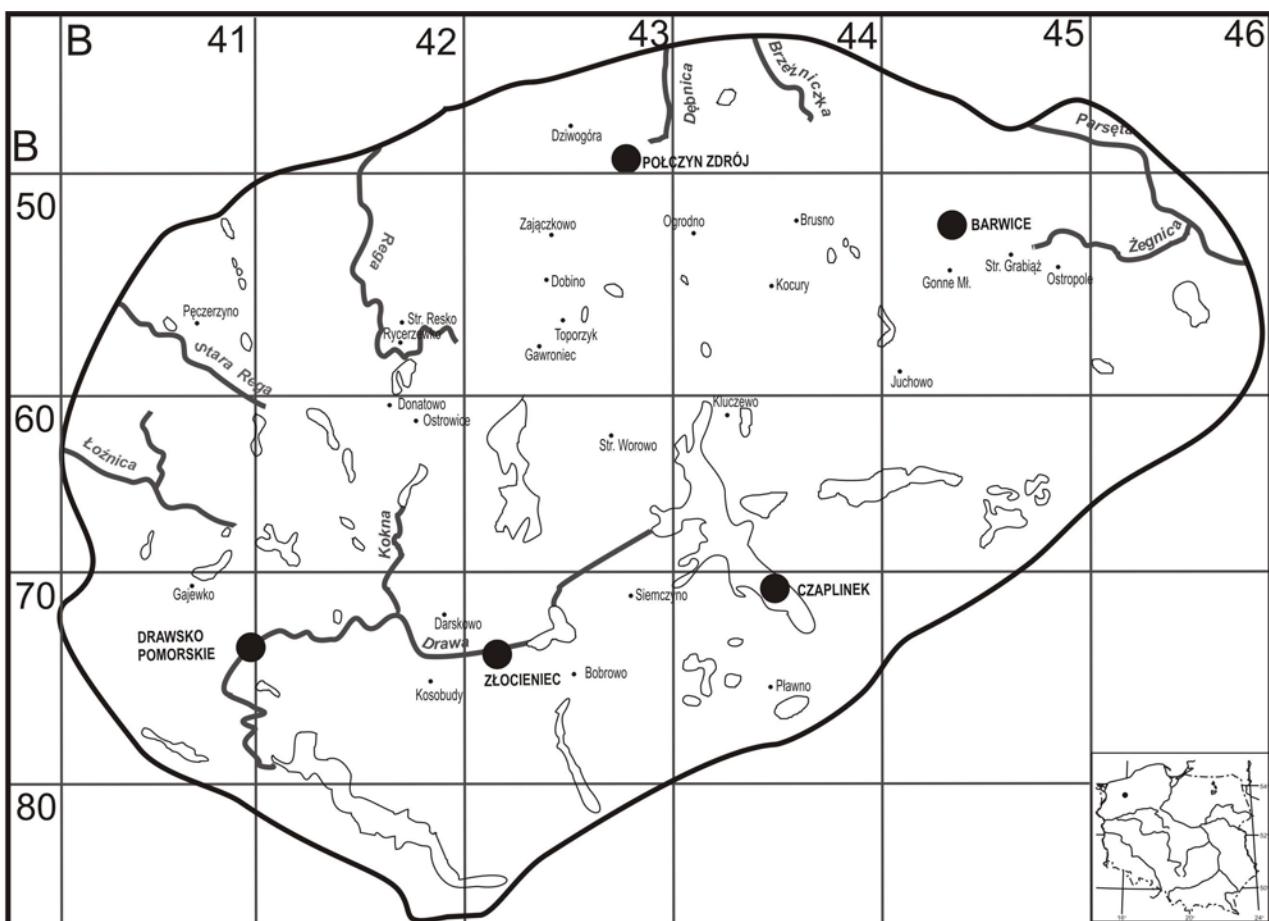


Fig. 1 Study area.

mediae class: *Matricaria maritima* subsp. *inodora*, *Chenopodium album*, classified in constancy class V, *Fallopia convolvulus*, *Stellaria media* (constancy class IV), and *Chamomilla recutita* which is a phytoindicator of neutral soil pH and biotopes with nitrogen presence [23]. Two variants: *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomilletosum typicum* (Tab. 1, rel. 1–12) and *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomilletosum* with *Plantago intermedia* (Tab. 2, rel. 1–13), can be distinguished. The patches formed on proper brown soil and leached soils with a slightly acidic reaction ($\text{pH}_{(1M \text{ KCl})} = 5.7$) developed from clayey sands and clays (the typicum variant) as well as on proper black and degraded soils, rarely on alluvial soils and peat and mineral soils with an acidic reaction ($\text{pH}_{(1M \text{ KCl})} = 5.1$) developed from clay clayey sands (the variant with *Plantago intermedia*). *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomilletosum typicum* is most often noted in the soils of the very good rye complex (4), good wheat complex (2) and wheat defective complex (3), while the variant with *Plantago intermedia* – in the soils of the crop and cereal-fodder complex – strong (8) and weak (9).

Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomilletosum typicum lacks hygrophilous species and a substantial proportion of oligotrophic species and acidophilous species from the *Aperetalia spicae-venti* order is characteristic of this association. The most frequent ones are *Apera spica-venti* (constancy class V) and *Vicia hirsuta*, *Centaurea cyanus* (constancy class IV). In its patches, 11 to 32 species were noted (24 on average). *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomilletosum typicum* covers the slopes of moraine hills of with a western and northwestern exposure. The variant with *Plantago intermedia* develops on excessively moist soils. It is characterized by a larger number of species (from 32 to 42, on average 36) and a substantial proportion of shallow rooted therophytes of the *Isoëto durieui-Juncetea bufonii* class (*Plantago intermedia*, *Gnaphalium uliginosum*, and *Juncus bufonius*) and other species associated with moist biotopes, among others *Mentha arvensis*, *Sonchus arvensis*, *Stachys palustris*, *Polygonum*

Tab. 1 *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* (Br.-Bl. et de Leeuw 1936) R. Tx. 1937 *chamomiletum*.

Variant	typical													
Successive number of phytosociological relevé	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Date (day, month, year)	23, 07, 2010	28, 06, 2009	16, 07, 2009	02, 07, 2010	12, 07, 2011	29, 06, 2011	28, 06, 2009	29, 06, 2011	03, 07, 2010	19, 07, 2011	22, 07, 2010	29, 06, 2009		
Sites	SR	Og	Ga	Da	Dz	Kc	Za	Si	SW	Ju	Os	Si		
Soil complex, type, subtype of soil	4B	3B	2B	4B	3B	2B	4F	2B	2Bw	2B	3B	2B		
Soil texture	pgm -gs	phi	phi :gl	pgm :gl	phi	glp -gs	pgm -gl	glp -gl	pgm -gs	glp -gl	pfi	pfi		
Exposure	N	NW	-	W	W	NW	SW	-	NW	SW	N	N		
Tilt angle of slope (degrees)	10	20	-	5	25	15	-	10	10	15	8	Average		
pH - in H ₂ O (0-20 cm)	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.4	
pH - in 1M KCl (0-20 cm)	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.7	
Coverage of cultivated plants (%)	40	45	40	40	60	60	60	45	50	70	60	90	55	
Coverage of weeds (%)	100	90	100	95	65	80	90	95	95	85	100	70	89	
Number of species per relevé	11	12	13	11	32	30	27	30	28	31	32	35	24	
											S	D		
Cultivated plants														
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3	.	.	4.4	3.3	.	.	4.4	5.4	.	.
<i>Avena sativa</i>	+	.	.	.	1.1	.	.	.	3.3	.	3.3	4.4	.	.
<i>Triticum vulgare</i> (spring)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.3	.	.	+	.	.
<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	.	.	.	.	4.4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Brassica napus</i> var. <i>napobrassica</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.4	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> var. <i>crassa</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.1	.	.	.	.	.

Tab. 1 Continued

	Successive number of phytosociological relevé	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	S	D
I. ChAss. <i>Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti</i>															
<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	3.3	2.2	3.3	3.3	2.2	4.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	V	4958
II. SubAss. <i>chamomilletosum</i>															
<i>Chamomilla recutita</i>	1.1	.2	1.2	.2	+.2	2.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	+.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	V	2129
III. D. Regional form															
<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	1.1	1.2	.2	+.2	+	.2	1.2	1.1	.	.	+.2	1.2	+	V	250
<i>Galeopsis tetrahit</i> var. <i>arvensis</i>	.	.	.	.	+	1.1	.2	+	.	.	+	1.1	1.1	III	117
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	.	.	.	.	1.1	.	+	+	1.1	+	.	.	.	III	108
<i>Galeopsis ladanum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.1	.	.	+.2	.	1	1	50	
IV. ChO. <i>Aperetalia spicae-venti</i>															
<i>Apera spica-venti</i>	1.1	.2	1.1	+	+	1.1	1.2	2.2	+	1.2	1.2	+2	+2	V	437
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	.	.	.	.	1.1	.	+	+	1.2	+	1.1	1.1	III	150	
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	.	.	.	.	+	1.1	.2	1.1	.	+	.	.	1.2	III	150
<i>Spargula arvensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	1.1	+2	+	III	75	
<i>Centaura cyanus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	.	+	.	+	+2	III	50
<i>Scleranthus annuus</i>	.	.	.	.	+	.	1.1	.	+	1.1	.	.	II	100	
<i>Vicia angustifolia</i>	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.2	+	1.1	.	.	II	67	
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	II	25	
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	+	I	16
<i>Crepis tectorum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	.	1	16	
V. ChO. <i>Papavertalia rhoeadis</i>, * ChAll. <i>Veronic-Euphorbion</i>															
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	.	+	1.2	+	+.2	+	1.1	.	+	1.1	+	1.1	V	217	
* <i>Veronica persica</i>	.	.	.	.	+	.	+	+	+	+	+2	+	III	100	

Tab. 1 Continued

	Successive number of phytosociological relevé										D		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	S
* <i>Lamium purpureum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	42
<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>	+	.	+2	.	.	+	+	II	33
* <i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	.	.	.	+	.	+	II	25	
* <i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	+	+	.	+	II	25	
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	.	.	.	+	+	.	I	17	
<i>Avena fatua</i>	+	.	.	+	.	.	I	17	
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	+	.	.	I	8	
VI. ChCl. <i>Stellaria mediae</i>													
<i>Matricaria maritima</i> subsp. <i>inodora</i>	1.1	+2	+2	1.1	1.1	+2	+	+	1.1	.	1.1	+	V
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	+2	1.1	.	+2	+	1.2	+	1.1	+2	+	1.2	+2	V
<i>Fallopia convolvulus</i>	+	+	+	+	2.2	+	+	IV	204
<i>Stellaria media</i>	.	.	.	+	+	1.1	1.1	1.2	+	+	+	IV	158
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i> subsp. <i>lapathifolium</i>	.	.	.	+	+	.	+	+	.	.	+	III	50
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	.	.	.	+	+	+2	.	.	+2	+	III	50	
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	+	+	+	+	+	.	III	42	
<i>Capella bursa-pastoris</i>	.	.	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	+	II	33	
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	.	.	.	+2	+2	.	+	+	.	.	II	33	
<i>Viola arvensis</i>	+	.	+	+	.	+2	II	33	
VII. ChCl. <i>Artemisieta vulgaris</i>													
<i>Elymus repens</i>	1.1	1.1	+2	+	+2	1.1	+	+2	1.2	.	+	+	225
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	.	.	.	+	1.1	+	+	1.1	.	1.1	.	III	150
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	+	1.1	+	+	+	+	+	III	92

Tab. 1 Continued

Successive number of phytosociological relevé	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	S	D
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	+	.	.	+	.	.	.	+	II	38
<i>Erysimum cheiranthoides</i>	+2	.	.	.	+2	+	II	38
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	+	.	.	+2	.	.+2	II	38
VIII. ChCl. <i>Molinio-Arrhenatheretea</i>														
<i>Poa annua</i>	+	+2	.	.	+2	+	.	+	.	.	+2	+	III	58
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	.	.	+2	+	.	.	+2	.	+	+	.	+	III	50
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	.	.	.	+	+	.	I	17	
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	+2	.	.	.	.	+2	.	I	17	
<i>Chamomilla saavedrensis</i>	+	.	+	.	.	.	I	17	
<i>Plantago major</i>	+	.	.	.	+	I	17	
IX. Accompanying species														
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	+2	+	+	.	+	.	.	+2	.	+2	+	.	III	58
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	.	.	+	.	+2	.	+	.	+2	.	.	.+2	III	42

Species occurring only in constancy class I: III – *Galeopsis bifida* 10(+); IV – *Agrostemma githago* 12(+), *Aphanes arvensis* 5(1.1), *Bromus secalinus* 2(1.2), *Vicia grandiflora* 4(+), *Vicia sativa* 1(+2); V – *Sherardia arvensis* 11(1.2), *Valerianella dentata* 10(+), *Veronica agrestis* 4(+); VI – *Geranium pusillum* 2(+), *Senecio vulgaris* 5(+); VII – *Medicago lupulina* 8(+), *Solidago canadensis* 12(+); VIII – *Daucus carota* 3(+), *Rumex acetosa* 6(+); IX – *Betula pendula* c 11(+), *Populus tremula* c 7, *Stellaria graminea* 6(+), *Trifolium arvense* 9(+). Soil agricultural complexes: 2 – good wheat complex; 3 – defective wheat complex; 4 – very good rye complex. Types and subtypes of soils: B – proper brown soils; Bw – leached and acid brown soils; F – alluvial soils. Soil species: gl – light loam; gip – silty sandy loam; gs – sandy clay loam; pgn – heavy loamy sand; pli – silty loam; “ ” – subsoil lies medium deeply (50–100 cm).

Tab. 2 *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* (Br.-Bl. et de Leeuw 1936) R. Tx. 1937 *chamomilletosum*.

Variant	with <i>Plantago intermedia</i>													S	D
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Successive number of relevé	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Date (day, month, year)	12, 07, 2011	16, 07, 2010	02, 07, 2011	12, 07, 2010	29, 06, 2009	19, 07, 2011	29, 06, 2009	02, 07, 2010	29, 06, 2011	03, 07, 2010	16, 07, 2010	12, 07, 2011	29, 06, 2011		
Sites	Gj	SW	Ks	Ga	SG	Kl	Do	Og	Pt	Za	SG	SR	Pe		
Soil complex, type, subtype of soil	9Bw	9D	8F	9F	8F	9M	8F	8Bw	8D	9Dz	8D	8F	8D		
Soil texture	płi	pgl :pl	płi	pgl :pl	płi	ps :i	płi	pgm :gl	pgm :gs	pgl :pl	pgm :gl	płi :pl	pgm :gl	Average	
pH - in H ₂ O (0–20 cm)	5.5	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.5	6.1	5.9	6.4	6.5	5.5	5.9	6.2	6.0	
pH - in 1M KCl (0–20 cm)	4.6	5.1	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.8	5.6	4.6	5.1	5.4	5.1	
Coverage of cultivated plants (%)	95	90	65	40	40	60	100	60	45	60	65	60	65	59	
Coverage of weeds (%)	55	50	60	80	95	95	60	45	100	70	45	85	60	69	
Number of species per relevé	33	37	37	36	35	41	42	33	38	35	40	33	32	36	
Cultivated plants															
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	.	5.5	4.5	.	1.1	4.4	5.5	4.4	.	4.4	4.4	.	.	.	.
<i>Avena sativa</i>	.	.	.	3.3	.	.	1.1	.	1.1	.	+	4.4	.	.	
<i>Triticum vulgare</i> (spring)	5.5	.	*	1.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	.	.
<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i>	.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	.	.
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.4	*	*	*	*	.	.
<i>Brassica napus</i> var. <i>napobrasica</i>	*	*	*	*	3.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	.	.
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> var. <i>crassa</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.3	.	.
I. ChAss. <i>Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti</i>															
<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.2	2.2	3.3	3.3	2.2	3.4	3.3	V	2827
Successive number of relevé	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	S	D

Tab. 2 Continued

II. D. SubAss. <i>chamomiletorum</i>	1.2	.2	+.2	+2	1.1	2.2	1.2	+	+2	1.2	+	+2	2.2	1.2	V	508
III. D. var. <i>Plantago intermedia</i>																
<i>Plantago intermedia</i>	2.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	2.2	1.2	1.1	+	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	2.2	V	758	
<i>Mentha arvensis</i> subsp. <i>arvensis</i>	1.1	+2	.	1.1	1.1	+	+2	2.2	1.1	+2	1.1	+	V	V	373	
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	+	+	+2	+	+2	+	+2	+	1.1	1.1	+	+	+2	V	161	
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	+	+2	+	1.1	+	+	+	+	+	+2	+	1.1	+2	V	161	
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	+2	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	77	
<i>Stachys palustris</i>	+	.	+	+	+	+	+2	+	.	+	+	+	+	IV	69	
<i>Polygonum hydropiper</i>	.	+	+	+	.	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	69	
<i>Gnaphalium uliginosum</i>	.	+	*	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	IV	61	
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	+	+	.	.	.	+	+	58	
<i>Polygonum amphibium</i> f. <i>terrestris</i>	.	+	.	+2	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	II	31
<i>Mentha arvensis</i> subsp. <i>austriaca</i>	.	.	.	+	.	+	+	.	.	.	+	.	.	II	31	
<i>Bidens tripartita</i>	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	II	23
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	II	23
IV. D. Subvar. <i>Galeopsis speciosa</i>																
<i>Galeopsis speciosa</i>	1.2	.2	+.2	+	+	1.2	2.2	1.1	+	+2	+	1.2	.	.	V	335
V. D. Regional form																
<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	+	+	*	1.2	+	2.2	1.2	+2	2.2	+2	.	+	1.1	V	431	
<i>Galeopsis tetrahit</i> var. <i>arvensis</i>	+2	+	*	1.1	1.1	+	+	+	+2	1.1	1.1	+	V	215		
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	1.1	+	+	1.1	.	+	1.1	+	.	1.1	+	.	IV	192		
<i>Galeopsis ladanum</i>	.	.	1.1	.	.	.	1.2	.	.	+	.	.	II	85		
Successive number of relevé	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	S	D	

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VI. ChO Aperetalia spicae-venti												VII. ChO Papaveretalia rhoeadis, * ChAll Veroniceto-Euphorbion				VIII. ChCl Stellarietea mediae			
<i>Apera spica-venti</i>	+	+.2	*	.2	+	1.1	.	+.2	1.1	+.2	IV	161			
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	.	1.2	+	.	+2	.	.	.	+	.	+2	.	.	.	III	69			
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	+	+	*	1.1	+	+	+	+	+	1.1	+	V	154						
<i>Spergula arvensis</i>	.	+2	+	.	.	+	.	1.2	.	1.1	.	+2	III	108					
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	.	+	+	+	+	.	+	.	+2	+	+	+	IV	77					
<i>Scleranthus annuus</i>	.	+	+	.	.	+	.	.	.	+	+	+	II	38					
<i>Vicia angustifolia</i>	+	+	1.1	.	.	.	+2	.	.	+	.	+	III	77					
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	.	+	*	+	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	II	23	
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	.	.	.	+	.	+	.	+	+	.	.	.	II	31					
<i>Crepis tectorum</i>	.	.	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	+	II	23					
Successive number of relevé																D			
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	1.1	+	1.1	+	+	1.1	+	+2	1.1	+	1.1	+	V	254					
* <i>Veronica persica</i>	.	1.1	1.1	.	+	1.1	1.1	+	1.2	.	+	.	IV	116					
* <i>Lamium purpureum</i>	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	II	23	
<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>	+	1.1	+	+2	+2	+	.	+	+	1.1	+	+2	1.1	V	185				
* <i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	.	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	II	38					
* <i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	.	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	II	23					
<i>Papaver rhoas</i>	+	.	+	.	.	.	+	I	23					
<i>Avena fatua</i>	.	.	*	+	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	+	II	31					
<i>Funaria officinalis</i>	.	.	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	.	I	23					

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<i>Chenopodium album</i>	+.2	1.1	+	+	1.1	+	.2	+	+	+	+	+.2	V	161	
<i>Falllopia convolvulus</i>	+	1.1	+	.	1.1	.	.	.	1.1	.	+	.	IV	154	
<i>Stellaria media</i>	+	+	+	1.2	+	+	+	+	.	1.1	+	1.2	.	92	
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i> subsp. <i>lapathifolium</i>	+	.	+	.	+	+	.	+	+	.	+	.	IV	61	
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	+	+	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	.	+	.	+	.	.	.2	+	.	+	+	+	IV	61	
<i>Capella bursa-pastoris</i>	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	II	31
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.2	.	.	+	.2	.	.	II	31
<i>Viola arvensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	+	.	.	II	23
IX. ChCl. Artemisieta vulgaris															
<i>Elymus repens</i>	+	+	+	1.2	+	+	1.2	+	1.1	1.2	+	1.2	V	254	
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	+	1.2	+	.	.2	1.2	.	1.2	+	.	+	.	IV	161	
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	.	+	1.2	+	+	+	+	+	1.2	+	+	+	V	154	
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	+	.	+	+	.	+	.	+	.	+	+	.	IV	61	
<i>Erysimum cheiranthoides</i>	.	.	+	+	1.1	+	1.1	+	+	+	+	.	IV	138	
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	I	7
X. ChCl. Molinio-Arrhenatheretea															
<i>Poa annua</i>	+	+.2	*	+	+.2	*	.	.	+	.2	+	+	IV	61	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	.	.	.	+	.	.	+	+	+	.	.	.	II	31	
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	+	.	.	+	.	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	II	31	
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	+	.	+.2	.	+	+	.	+	.	+	+	+	III	53	
<i>Chamomilla sauvetensis</i>	.	+	*	.	*	.	*	+	*	.	.	.	I	23	
<i>Plantago major</i>	.	.	+	*	.	*	.	*	.	.	.	.	I	15
Successive number of relevé	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	S D	

XI. Accompanying species															
		+	.	.	+	.	+	.	.	+	.	.	II	II	
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	.	.	.	+	31	31
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	.	.	+	.	+	+	.	.	23	23

Species occurring only in constancy class I: III – *Agrostis stolonifera* 1(+), *Lotus uliginosus* 2(1.2), *Myosurus minimus* 8(+), *Rorippa sylvestris* 9(+), *Sagina procumbens* 1(+), *Spergularia rubra* 8(+); V – *Galeopsis bifida* 6(+), *Galeopsis pubescens* 3(+); VI – *Neslia paniculata* 7(+), *Vicia sativa* 19(+); VII – *Anagallis arvensis* 6(+); VIII – *Polygonum persicaria* 5(+); IX – *Cichorium intybus* 9(r), *Glechoma hederacea* 13(+), *Melandrium album* 11(+.2); X – *Ceratium holosteoides* 2(+.2), *Plantago lanceolata* 13(+); XI – *Populus tremula* c 10(+), *Senecio jacobaea* 12(+). Soil agricultural complexes: 8 – cereal-fodder strong complex; 9 – cereal-fodder weak complex; 9 – muck-mineral soils. Soil species: gl – light loam; gs – sandy clay loam; i – clay; pgl – light loamy sand; pgn – heavy loamy sand; ps – slightly loamy sand; “.” – subsoilies shallow (up to 50 cm); “.” – subsoilies medium deeply (50–100 cm).

hydropiper, and *Ranunculus repens*. Similar moisture relationships in spring crops with the participation of *Chrysanthemum segetum* were observed in Rhineland-Westphalia by Hüppe [24]. Within the variant with *Plantago intermedia*, a subvariant with *Galeopsis speciosa* was distinguished (Tab. 2, rel. 1–11). *Galeopsis speciosa* has a narrow spectrum of ecological requirements and occurs exclusively in soils which are periodically excessively moist in the complex 8 and 9 [25].

The local form of this association is distinguished by the presence of hempnettles, a species of low thermal requirement [26]. They are accompanied by *Anchusa arvensis* and *Lapsana communis*. Regional forms of the association with the participation of *Galeopsis* sp. div. from the plateau areas of northern Poland were described, among others, by Sobisz [27].

Discussion

Chrysanthemum segetum is a Mediterranean species with subatlantic features [28]. It is fairly common in England, the Netherlands, and in the German and French lowlands. The corn marigold is somewhere rare in Central Europe, North Africa and on the Caspian Sea coasts. Its northern range reaches Ireland, Scotland, Sweden as well as southern Norway and Finland. Individuals of *Ch. segetum* have been recorded in the northern part of the Iberian Peninsula, in the Balkans, in southern Ukraine and also in single localities in western Syria [29].

The first information about the occurrence of *Ch. segetum* within the present boundaries for Poland was reported by Lucas in 1860, who recorded it in Przytor and Warnowo on Wolin Island. In Poland 352 localities of *Ch. segetum* (210 ATPOL grids) have been identified until now. Most localities are concentrated in the north, west and northwest of the country. It is found in segetal (325 sites) and ruderal habitats (27 sites). The northernmost locality for this plant is Karwia, whereas the southernmost one is Zakopane [18]. In the present study, 25 new stands of the species have been identified.

In the territory of central and eastern Germany, *Ch. segetum* is recognized as threatened with extinction [30,31]. Nationwide, it is critically threatened with extinction [32], in Opole Silesia – vulnerable [33,34], in Greater Poland – little endangered [35,36], and in Lower Silesia – endangered with extinction [37]. For the first time, it was presented and described in the Kashubian Lakeland by Passarge [38], and later by Herbich [39]. The subsequent studies come from the Myślibórz Lakeland [40], the Elbląg Heights, the Warmińska Plain and the Górowskie Heights [41], the Hława Lakeland [42], the Odra River valley [43], the Olsztyn Lakeland [44], and the Słupia River valley [45].

Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti is a rare syntaxon in Poland and can be found in the western and northwestern part of Poland [46]. *Chrysanthemum segetum* is a species characteristic for the association [47]. It is especially found in the stands of crop plants, rarely in ruderal stands [48–50]. The center of the range of this subatlantic syntaxon is in Western Europe [51–55]. The association of *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* reaches in Poland its eastern range, occurring especially on the South Baltic coast and in the part the Eastern Baltic Lakelands [56].

Comparing the occurrence of the *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* stands with the map of potential natural flora of the Western Pomeranian Lakeland [57], a clear relationship is noticeable between the occurrence of *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* with the

Tab. 2 Continued

dominance of fertile beech wood, the “Pomeranian type” *Melico uniflorae-Fagetum sylvaticae*, and subatlantic lowland oak and hornbeam wood *Stellario holosteae-Carpinetum betuli*.

Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti occurs in the northern part of Poland in a series of moraine belts along the lake district located in a relatively cool and moist climate. Both in Western Europe and in the northwestern part of Poland, due to the participation of weeds of low trophic requirements, it has been so far included in the alliance of *Panico-Setarion* [58]. At present, it seems that the higher participation of taxa from the alliance of *Veronico-Euphorbion* (= *Eu-Polygono-Chenopodion*) allows us to classify it in the latter.

Conclusions

- *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti*, the association reaching in Poland the eastern limit of its range, was studied in the Drawsko Lakeland mesoregion. *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* was only found in spring cereals (wheat, barley, oat and their mixtures, buckwheat) and in root crops (beets, rutabaga, potatoes).
- The association *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* has a clear regional character because of the presence of *Galeopsis* sp. div., species that have low thermal requirements.
- Two variants were distinguished: *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomilletosum typicum* (Tab. 1, rel. 1–12) and *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomilletosum* with *Plantago intermedia* (Tab. 2, rel. 1–13). The patches of the subassociation occur on leached brown soils, developed from loamy sands and clays (variant typicum), or they develop on brown soils, podzolic soils and black soils containing light loam (the variant with *Plantago intermedia*). The soil optimum for *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomilletosum typicum* is the good wheat complex (2) and very good rye complex (4), while for the variant with *Plantago intermedia* the cereal-fodder complex – strong (8) and weak (9).
- The ecological optimum of *Chrysanthemum segetum* has shifted towards rich habitats (the dynamic circle of subatlantic lowland oak-hornbeam wood and fertile beech wood of “Pomeranian type”), hence the placement of *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* in *Veronico-Euphorbion* alliance is justified.

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***Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* (Br.-Bl. et de Leeuw 1936) R. Tx. 1937 na Pojezierzu Drawskim (Pomorze Zachodnie)**

Streszczenie

Celem pracy było rozpoznanie oraz ekologiczno-fitosocjologiczna charakterystyka *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti* na Pojezierzu Drawskim, ze szczególnym uwzględnieniem jego zróżnicowania na tle warunków siedliskowych.

Podano ważniejsze cechy florystyczne wyróżnionej agrofitocenozy, jej wewnętrzne zróżnicowanie i powiązania z warunkami siedliskowymi. Do oceny niektórych z nich oznaczono pH w H₂O i 1 M KCl metodą potencjometryczną. W obrębie *Spergulo-Chrysanthemetum segeti chamomiletosum* wyróżniono dwa warianty: typowy i z *Plantago intermedia*. Płyty wariantu typowego wyksztalcają się na glebach brunatnych właściwych i wyługowanych o odczynie słabo kwaśnym wytworzonych z piasków gliniastych i glin. Płyty wariantu z *Plantago intermedia* rozwijają się na czarnych ziemiach właściwych i zdegradowanych, rzadziej na madach i glebach murszowych. Wariant typowy podzespołu występuje najczęściej na glebach kompleksu żytnego bardzo dobrego (4), pszennego dobrego (2) i pszennego wadliwego (3), natomiast wariant z *Plantago intermedia* i subwariant z *Galeopsis speciosa* – na glebach kompleksów zbożowo-pastewnych – mocnego (8) i słabego (9).

Cechą charakterystyczną opisanego syntaksonu jest znaczny udział gatunków z rodzaju *Galeopsis*, którym towarzyszą *Anchusa arvensis* i *Lapsana communis*. Częste występowanie tych taksonów upodabnia omawiane zbiorowiska do agrofitocenoz występujących na obszarach wysoczyznowych, pogórzu i w górach.