

Table 3

Mean site similarity coefficients (nominal scale S_n ; ordinal scale S_o) and indices of pioneer persistence (nominal scale PP_n ; ordinal scale PP_o) and importance (nominal scale PI_n ; ordinal scale PI_o) with $\pm 95\%$ confidence intervals, according to conventional altitudinal zone and site type.

Zone/ Belt	Altitudinal range (m)	S_n (%)	PP_n (%)	PI_n (%)	S_o (%)	PP_o (%)	PI_o (%)
<i>Sorted circle sites</i>							
High-alpine	2075-2200	92.28 \pm 5.05	91.79 \pm 10.75	94.19 \pm 9.46	78.09 \pm 7.21	72.27 \pm 14.59	76.21 \pm 13.54
High-alpine	1875-2050	83.36 \pm 5.92	83.24 \pm 8.70	85.13 \pm 6.09	70.62 \pm 6.73	72.30 \pm 11.11	75.03 \pm 7.76
High-alpine	1750-1850	70.99 \pm 11.53	72.28 \pm 13.49	69.86 \pm 10.14	66.75 \pm 10.10	69.77 \pm 13.19	64.24 \pm 8.11
<i>Roadside verge sites</i>							
High-alpine	1625-1850	46.21 \pm 4.79	51.02 \pm 5.76	42.99 \pm 6.18	36.63 \pm 4.59	45.82 \pm 7.24	32.87 \pm 6.68
Mid-alpine	1375-1600	39.72 \pm 7.19	39.83 \pm 7.53	41.69 \pm 10.38	28.98 \pm 6.12	27.81 \pm 7.01	35.37 \pm 10.67
Low-alpine	1000-1350	31.35 \pm 5.27	34.78 \pm 7.84	30.58 \pm 5.72	22.27 \pm 4.18	28.79 \pm 8.33	22.94 \pm 7.01
Sub-alpine	850-1025	17.97 \pm 6.67	18.74 \pm 6.17	17.49 \pm 7.26	15.27 \pm 7.72	16.69 \pm 7.64	14.68 \pm 8.43