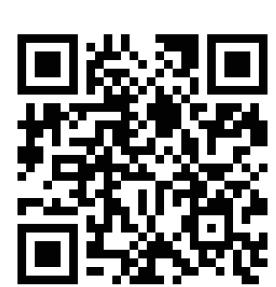


# Regione Emilia-Romagna Monumental Trees

## Books & Booklets knowledge and dissemination



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Since the approval of Regional Law 2/77 for the preservation of the regional flora, which introduces for the first time (art. 6) the protection of valuable tree specimens, the census of the trees and the issuing of protective measures, their knowledge and enhancement, the former Institute for Cultural Heritage, now Cultural Heritage Sector of the Emilia-Romagna Region, produced several publications over the years, disseminating the results of continuous research and stimulating in the community the knowledge and awareness of the value of the 'great trees'.

The first books dating back to the 1990s (1 and 2) publicized the results of the surveys carried out on the regional territory, the census methodologies and data processing, published the lists of trees subject to protection from the 1980s and 1990s, identified and disseminated the best maintenance techniques, proposed initial thoughts on the cultural value of protected trees and recognized an ecological value to the monumental tree as a place of conservation and reproduction for the maintenance of biodiversity.

Awareness of the general lack of knowledge for big trees suggested the publication (2008) of a monumental trees conservation and management handbook (4), in order to convey to technicians, administrators, citizens, owners, correct and in-depth notions of anatomy and physiology for large trees, their pathologies, management, correct pruning and consolidation techniques.

To focus community interest on the "monumental tree," a thematic photo contest was held for all citizens in 2002; the striking winning images were collected in a catalog (3) and disseminated through a traveling exhibition set up for more than a decade in the remotest corners of the regional territory.

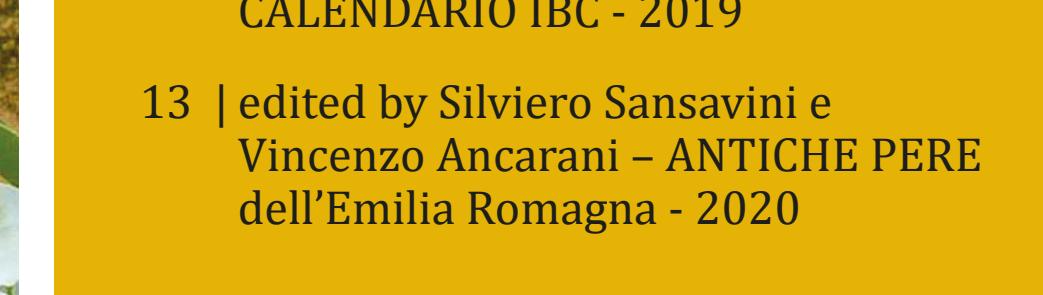
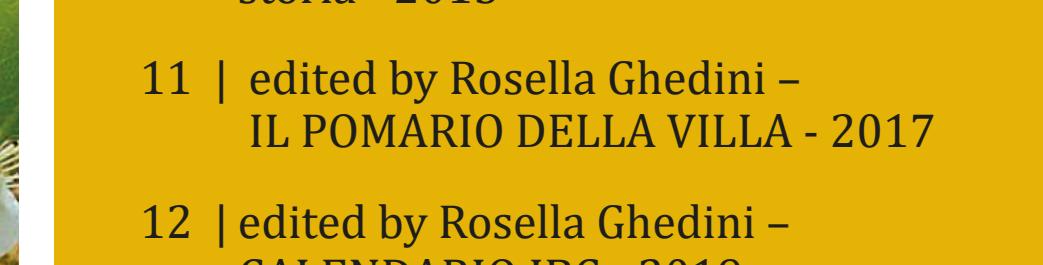
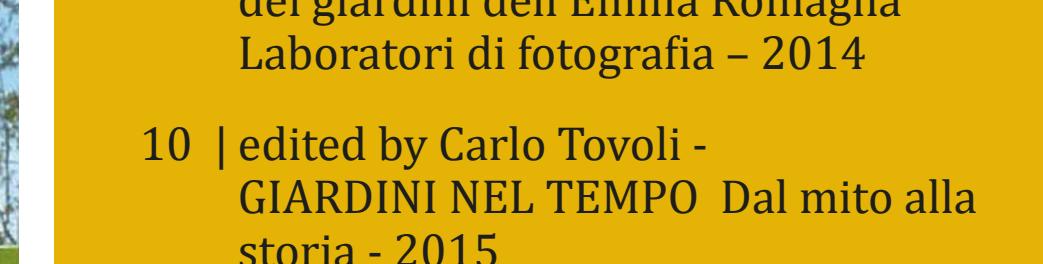
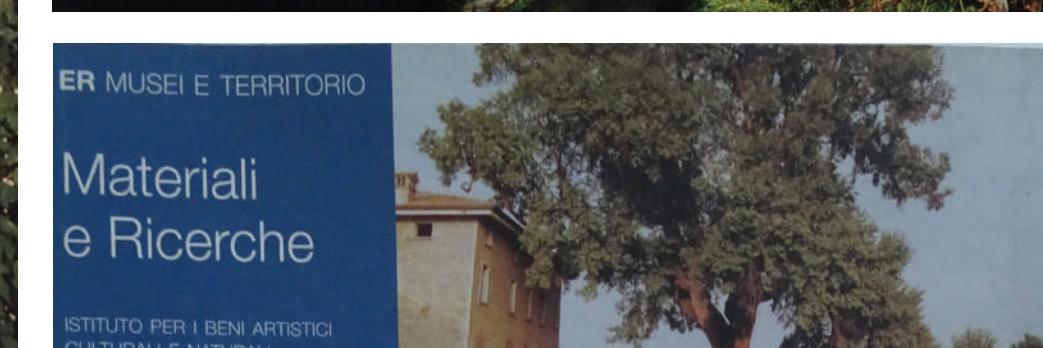
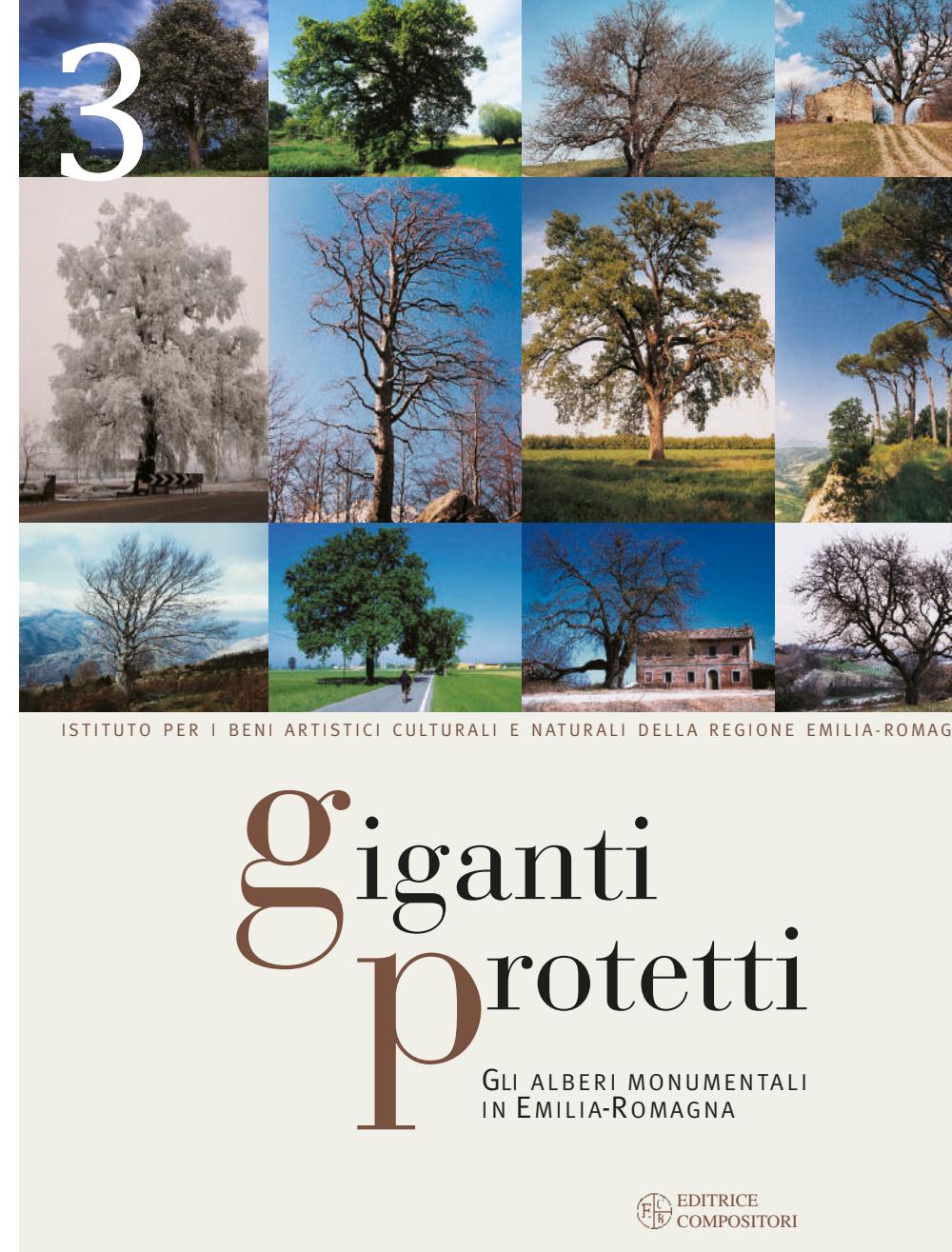
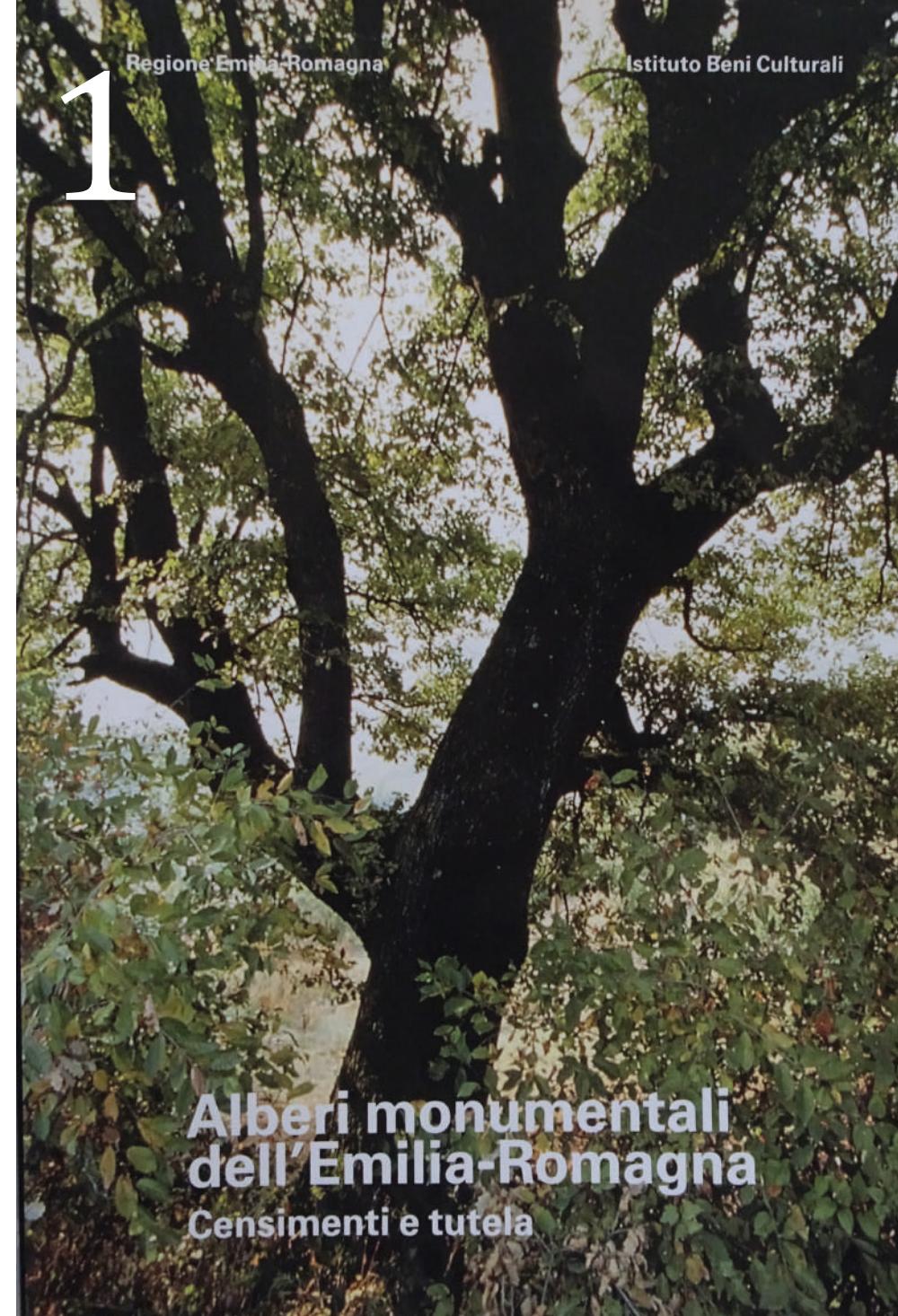
Great communicative power of professional photographic images was used for the publication, in 2019, of a calendar dedicated to monumental trees (12), which brought into homes the charm of some monumental specimens for a whole year.

Several publications told about large trees in some Regional Parks (5 and 7) or in public and private gardens (14-3 volumes and 9), to promote the knowledge and visiting of these places, with a view to the development of "green" tourism, tree watching and tree trekking, enjoying great success today, and increasingly growing over and over.

From the monumental trees lists the fruit species are macroscopically absent, despite their great importance both for monumentality in size, and for great historical and cultural value. Two books introduced this subject, dealing with the main ancient fruit varieties on the regional territory (11) and in particular the pears ancient varieties (13).

Increasing awareness of the big tree, has grown the ability to recognize its historical-cultural and landscape value; some booklets (6, 10 and 15) have contributed in providing answers to these needs by delving into the religious, artistic, anthropological and cultural aspects related to big trees, the environments in which they live, the landscapes they help to create, and the symbols, knowledge and memory they represent.

Finally following a widespread photographic campaign of the Italian Monumental Trees (AMI) on the regional territory, in 2021 "Memories of Green Giants" (8) combined the suggestion and attractive effect of the photographic image with detailed informations on geolocalization and recognition, as well as on historical, cultural, religious traditions, use, landscape and identity importance, in order to stimulate visiting and knowledge; an invitation to not only "see" but "look with intention" at trees and thus understand them, a prerequisite for loving and protecting them.



1 | edited by Pina Testoni  
ALBERI MONUMENTALI DELL'EMILIA ROMAGNA Censimento e tutela - 1991

2 | edited by Pina Testoni ed Elettra Gozzoli L'ALBERO E L'UOMO Informazione e tutela - 1992

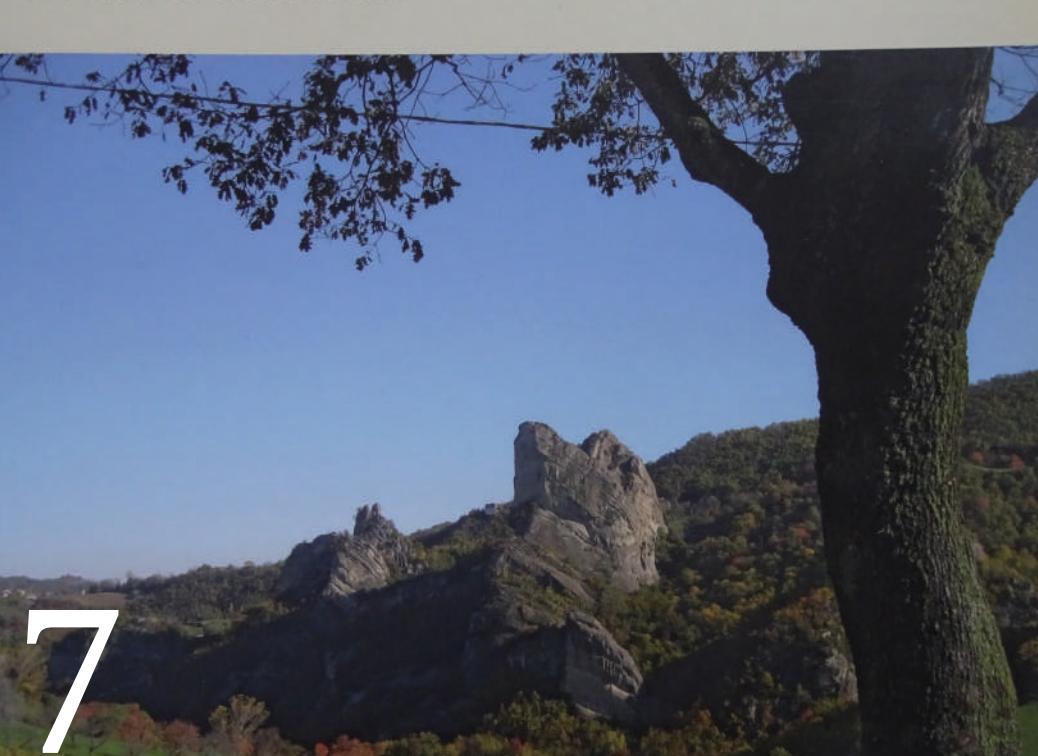
3 | edited by Teresa Tosetti e Carlo Tovoli - GIGANTI PROTETTI Gli alberi monumentali in Emilia-Romagna - 2002

4 | edited by Teresa Tosetti - GIGANTI DA PROTEGGERE Conservazione e gestione degli alberi monumentali - 2008

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GUIDA AI GRANDI ALBERI



**Parco Regionale dei Sassi di Rocciamalatina**  
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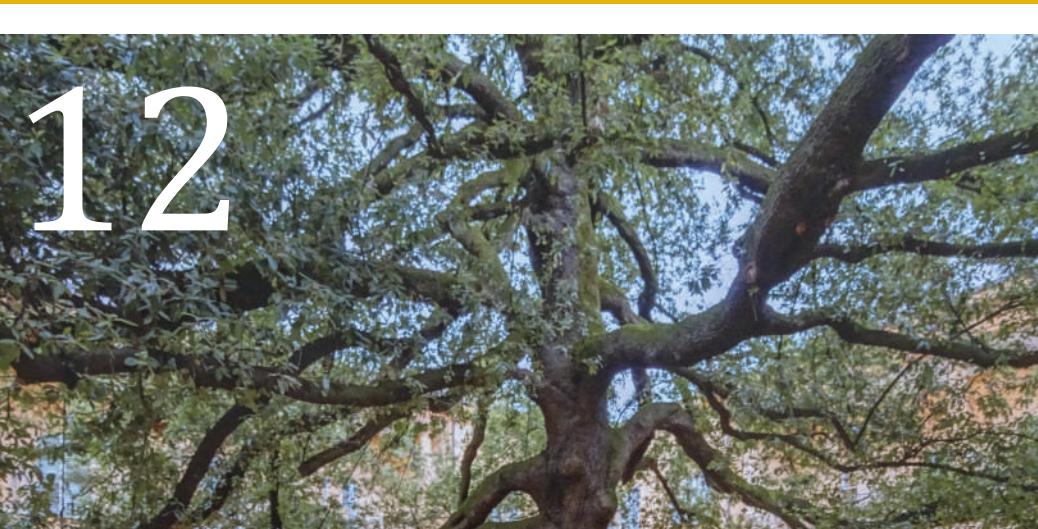


5 | edited by Teresa Tosetti e Carlo Tovoli  
PARCO STORICO DI MONTE SOLE  
Guida ai grandi alberi - 2010

6 | edited by Carlo Tovoli - VERDE MAESTÀ L'albero fra simboli, miti e storie - 2013

7 | edited by Teresa Tosetti e Carlo Tovoli  
PARCO REGIONALE DEI SASSI DI ROCCA MALATINA Guida ai grandi alberi - 2012

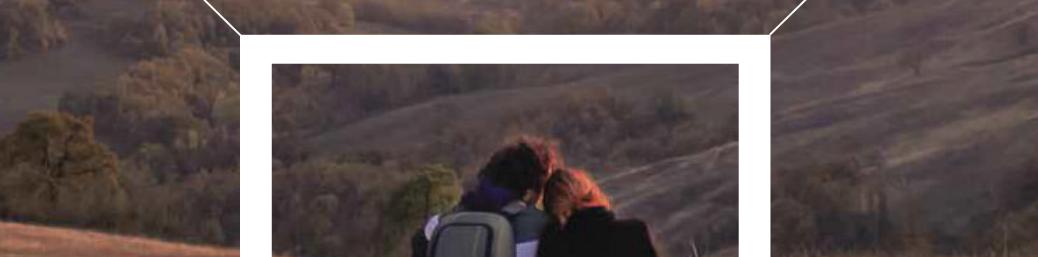
8 | edited by Rosella Ghedini e Carlo Tovoli - MEMORIE DI GIGANTI VERDI Il racconto degli Alberi Monumentali d'Italia dell'Emilia Romagna - 2021



12 | edited by Rosella Ghedini e Carlo Tovoli - MEMORIE DI GIGANTI VERDI Il racconto degli Alberi Monumentali d'Italia dell'Emilia Romagna - 2021



15 | edited by Rosella Ghedini e Carlo Tovoli - MEMORIE DI GIGANTI VERDI Il racconto degli Alberi Monumentali d'Italia dell'Emilia Romagna - 2021



14 | edited by Teresa Tosetti e Carlo Tovoli  
MOMUNENTI VERDI nei giardini dell'Emilia Romagna Guida al tree watching - 2014 - 3 volumi

15 | edited by Fabio Falleni, Rosella Ghedini e Carlo Tovoli - IL PAESAGGIO CHE CURA - 2022

