

### 3. EDUCATIONAL WOOD IN PONTE FELCINO - PG

The *Bosco Didattico*, or **Educational Wood**, is an area owned by the municipality, an example of environmental regeneration in an area just outside the city. It provides a positive experience of active citizenship, involving and welcoming citizens into the management and improvement of shared spaces. The purpose of the educational wood is to promote understanding and appreciation of the environment, with a particular emphasis on awareness of the world of plants. Most of the area is given over to botanic collections, mainly woody species (trees and shrubs) from all over the world. Opened in 1992, work on the Educational Wood began in 1990 and the first part of the site was opened in 1992. Inside, more than 1,000 botanical species of trees, shrubs and herbs are present, belonging to around 150 different botanical families. There are also two greenhouses dedicated to succulent plants, one greenhouse for citrus fruits, a large domed greenhouse with tropical plants and a smaller one with subtropical plants. The site is also home to two little lakes featuring aquatic plants, a rose garden with over 300 old and modern rose varieties, a large space dedicated to herbaceous perennials, an orchard with historically cultivated tree varieties, and models of lowland and riparian woodlands.

#### Historically significant buildings

The Educational Wood is also enhanced by the presence of two immensely significant historical buildings: the *Baldelli Bombelli* Tower (Villa Giardino) and the *Molino della Catasta* Tower. Villa Giardino is a fully restored and restructured complex dating from the year 1300, which was used in the past as a summer residence for nobility before later becoming the centre of a large agricultural company, mainly serving to store agricultural products. It currently houses a Youth Hostel with a capacity of about 80 beds and catering facilities attached. The *Molino della Catasta* Tower also dates back to 1300 and was built by the *Nobile Collegio del Cambio* (Exchange Guild) in order to provide defence during the processing of cereals. The *Molino* (mill) itself is situated on an artificial canal which diverts some of the water from the Tiber to Villa Pitignano, before returning to the river within the confines of the Educational Wood.

#### KEY TO THE EDUCATIONAL WOOD OF PERUGIA

##### FLORA

A. Deciduous trees: Plane trees, Maple trees, Linden trees, Horse chestnut trees - B. Ornamental flower beds, herbaceous perennials. - C. Ornamental trees and shrubs: Magnolia, Bamboo, Palm trees, Ginkgo trees, Reeds, Pomegranate trees, Irish strawberry trees. - D. Evergreen trees: Pine trees, Fir trees, Cedar trees, Yew trees, Sequoia trees, Larch trees. - E. Deciduous trees: Oak trees, Birch trees, Alder trees, Poplar trees, Willow trees. - F. Deciduous trees: Maple trees, Linden trees, Plane trees, Ash trees, Sweetgum trees, Horse chestnut trees. - G. Deciduous trees: Black locust trees, Sophora trees, Albizia trees, Judas-trees, Laburnum trees. - H. Ornamental shrubs: Cornelian cherry, Japanese allspice, Dove-trees, Vines, Currant shrubs, Raspberry shrubs, Kiwi plants. - I. Fruit trees: Apple trees, Pear trees, Apricot trees, Plum trees, Almond trees, Quince trees. - L. Ornamental trees and shrubs: Mulberry trees, Hornbeam trees, Ash trees, Walnut trees, Lote trees, Fig trees, Hazel trees. - M. Evergreen trees: Cypress trees, Thuja trees, Juniper trees, Libocedrus trees,

Cupressus Cyparis trees. - N. Ornamental shrubbery: Privets, Winter Jasmin, Lilac, Devilwood, Forsythia. - O. Deciduous trees: Zelkova trees, Elm trees, Maclura trees, Buckthorn trees, Silverberry trees. - P. Ornamental trees: Azarole trees, Cherry trees, Quince trees, Sorb trees, Loquat trees, Hawthorn trees, Jujube trees, Persimmon trees. - Q. Rose garden. - R. Seedbed for new plants. - S. Nursery for European ornamental trees and bushes. - T. Ornamental flower beds: Rose garden, Azalea, Hydrangea, Rhododendron.

## BUILDINGS

1. "Tepidarium" Greenhouse – collection of Mediterranean plants: succulents, cacti, citrus fruit. - 2. Heated Greenhouse – collection of tropical plants: succulents, cacti and crop plants. - 3. "Tepidarium" Greenhouse – ornamental plants. - 4. Former hydroelectric plant - 5. Youth Hostel. - 6. Water supply canal. - 7. C.V.A. (Community Centre). - 8. Bowls centre. - 9. Educational complex. - 10. Car park. - 11. Aviary. - 12. Waterfowl. - 13. Greenhouse for succulent plants. - 14. Greenhouse for tropical plants. - 14. Auditorium. - 15. Multi-purpose track. - 16. Crèche. - 17. U.R.P. (Public Relations Office). - 18. Playground. - 19. Municipal Police Corp. - 20. Circostrizione 4.0 (Digital Services Office).