

MOUNT ANDUTZ

On the eastern slope of Mount Andutz there is a large Cantabrian holm oak grove, accompanied by the floristic communities typically associated with it. However, in the wetter and cooler places, the holm oak gives way to some mixed groves and beech groves.

To the west, the scrub predominates, the most evident proof that a forest once existed here, now disappeared, and that the vegetation is gradually recovering ground. Next to the scrub we can see stony meadows, while in the crevices of the rock, highly specialized plants take root, including some ferns.

On the limestone ridges grow thorns, heather and herbaceous mountain meadows.

Regarding the fauna, it is necessary to highlight the presence of mammals such as the hare, the wild boar, the wild cat, the genet, the European polecat, the badger or the marten. Along with them some birds such as the Egyptian vulture or the short-toed eagle fly over Andutz in their camps and in winter some alpine accentors have been seen. In addition, this limestone massif is conducive to the life of reptiles such as the Spanish lizard and the black-green lizard.



Summits of the Andutz range



Crook



Holly