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## Abstract

From Proteus to the hamadryads to the Heliades and the more detailed story of Daphne, Greek and Roman mythology presents a rich repertoire of myths that interweave the lives of plants and those of other categories of living beings, whether humans or gods and in narratives that may involve the phenomenon of metamorphosis. After discussing a number of classical myths that mobilize the association between plants and other living beings, this paper reverts to the thought of Presocratics and Plato and explores the status of plants in their cosmologies. Despite the fragmentary evidence, it reveals a systematic attempt to identify morphological and biological analogies that connect plants to other forms of life, considering them full-blown animals. This ultimately sheds light on the categories of representation that support the mythical accounts.

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