

4.3.9. – Specie: GRANITI BIGI (*Lapis Syenites*)

Species: GREY GRANITES

Subinde circumagentibus se maculis in purpuream, candoremque et tertium ex utroque ignescentem.

PLINIUS, XXXVI, 2

Circa Syenem vero Thebaidis, Syenites quem ante Pyrrhopoecilon vocabant. Trabes ex eo fecere reges quodam certamine, obeliscos vocantes, solis numini sacratos.

PLINIUS, XXXVI, 8

...sed ea est Lapidinae natura, ut totus mons lapideus multa miliaria longus, ex solidissimo et compactissimo lapide sine venis constet: ex quo colossi, obelisci, et id genus miraculo res dignae, duo, tria, vel quinque miliaria longae (si humana arte fieri posset) excidi possent.

PETRUS BELLONIUS, *De Opera Antiq. praest.*, p. 2557

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HERODOTUM II, 127

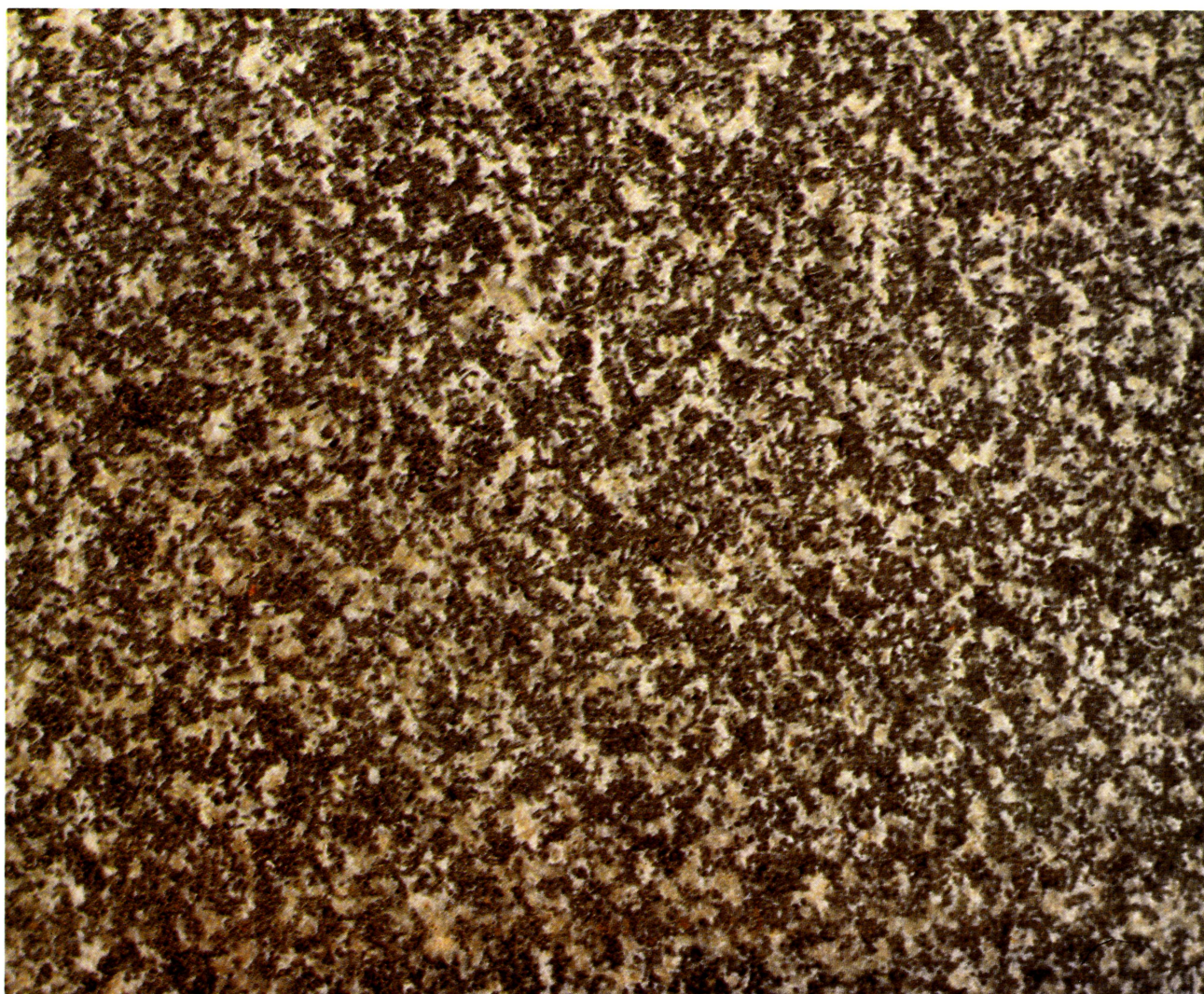


FIG. 136. – *Campione 136: GRANITO BIGIO CONFUSO DI ARACOELI – Diorite a minuti cristalli*
(Roma, scavi)

Sample 136: ARACOELI CONFUSED GREY GRANITE – Diorite

(Rome, excavations)



FIG. 137. – *Campione 137*: GRANITO GRAFICO detto anche GRANITO EBREO (*Lapis Judaicus*) – Porfido grigio micaceo

(Roma, scavi del Mausoleo di Augusto)

Sample 137: GRAPHIC GRANITE named also JEWISH GRANITE (*Lapis Judaicus*) – Micaceous grey porphyry

(Rome, Augustus Mausoleum excavations)



FIG. 138. – *Campione 138*: GRANITO PERLATO – Porfido grigio anfibolico

(Roma, scavi)

Sample 138: PEARLY GRANITE – Amphibolic grey porphyry

(Rome, excavations)

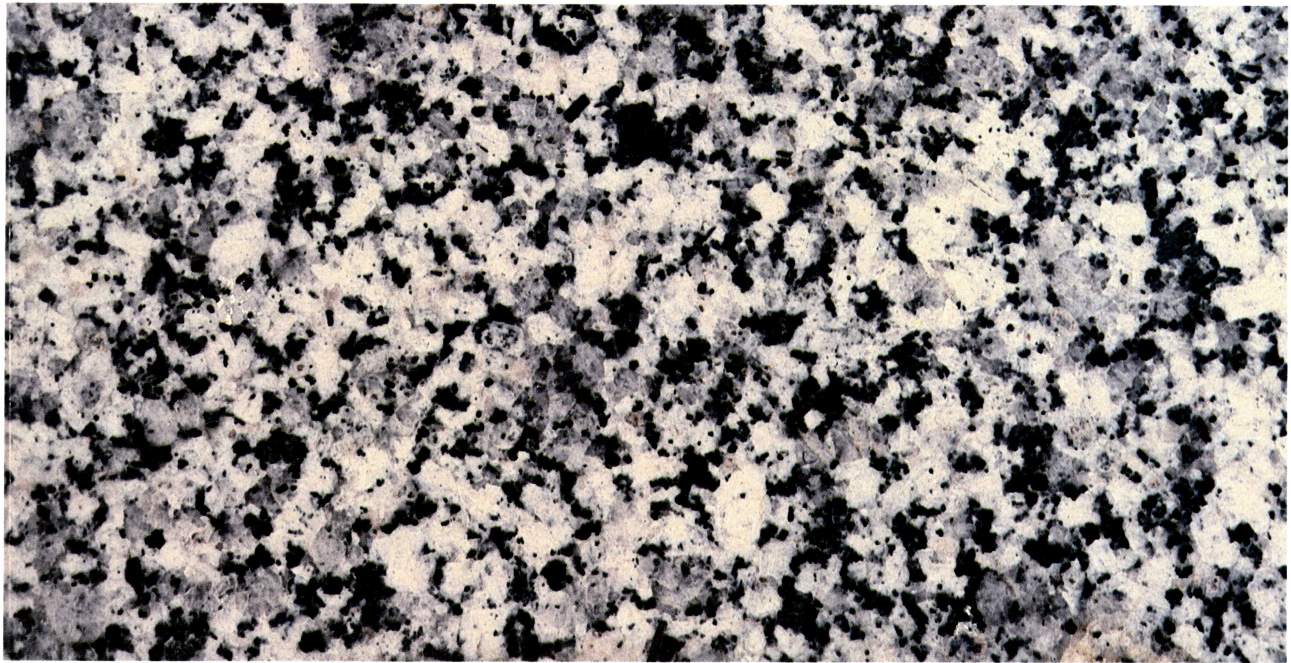


FIG. 139. – *Campione 139*: GRANITO BIGIO DEL BABBUINO – Granito
 (Provenienza ignota)
 Sample 139: BABOON GREY GRANITE – Granite
 (Unknown provenance)

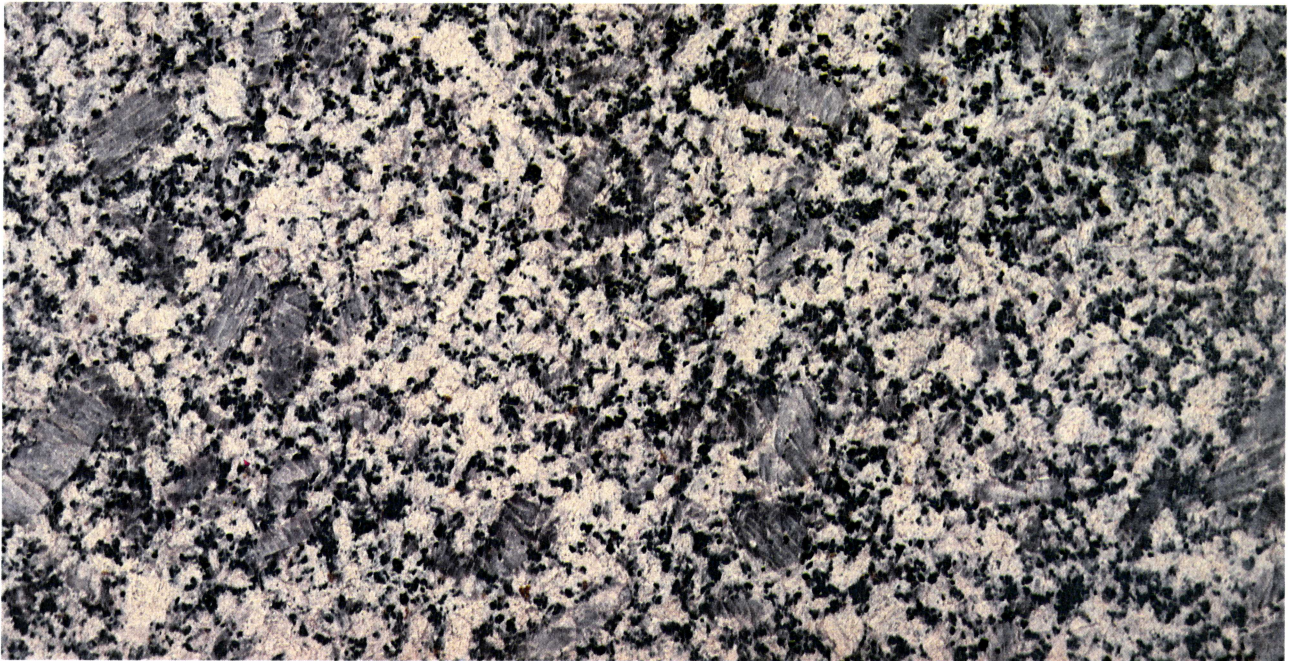


FIG. 140. – *Campione 140*: GRANITO BIGIO DELL'ELBA – Granito porfirico
 (Roma, scavi del Quirinale)
 Sample 140: ELBA GREY GRANITE – Porphyric granite
 (Rome, Quirinale excavations)



FIG. 141. – *Campione 141*: GRANITO BIGIO DELL'ELBA – Granito porfirico
 (Roma, scavi presso il Palatino)
 Sample 141: ELBA GREY GRANITE – Porphyric granite
 (Rome, nearby Palatine excavations)



FIG. 142. – *Campione 142*: GRANITO BIGIO DELL'ELBA – Granito porfirico
 (Roma, scavi presso il Colosseo)
 Sample 142: ELBA GREY GRANITE – Porphyric granite
 (Rome, nearby the Coliseum excavations)



FIG. 143. – *Campione 143*: GRANITO BIGIO DELL'ELBA – Granito porfirico

(Roma, scavi)

Sample 143: ELBA GREY GRANITE – Porphyric granite

(Rome, excavations)

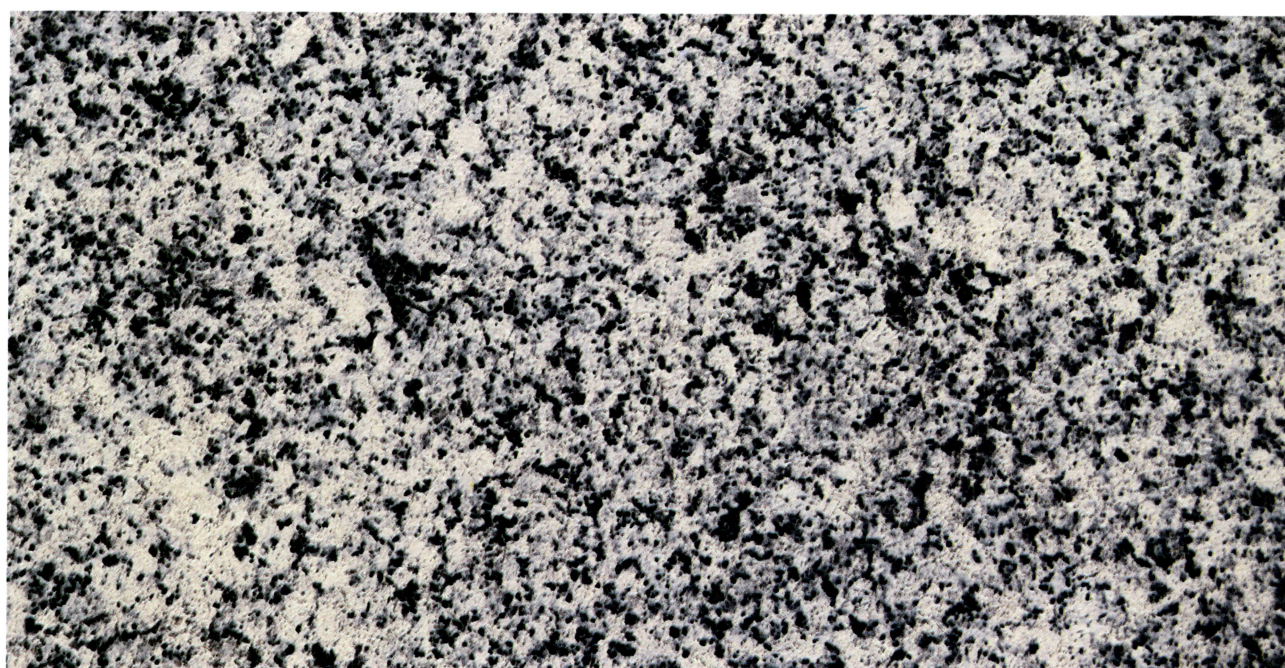


FIG. 144. – *Campione 144*: GRANITO BIGIO DELL'ELBA – Granito porfirico

(Seccheto, Isola d'Elba, Italia)

Sample 144: ELBA GREY GRANITE – Porphyric granite

(Seccheto, Isola d'Elba, Italy)



FIG. 145. – *Campione 145*: GRANITO BIANCO DI MONTORFANO – Granito porfirico
(Montorfano, Lago Maggiore, Italia)

Sample 145: MONTORFANO WHITE GRANITE – *Porphyric granite*
(Montorfano, Lake Maggiore, Italy)

Il saggio è molto simile ai campioni n. 140 e 141.

Very similar to samples n. 140 and 141.

4.3.10. – Specie: GRANITO ORBICOLARE

Species: ORBICULAR GRANITE

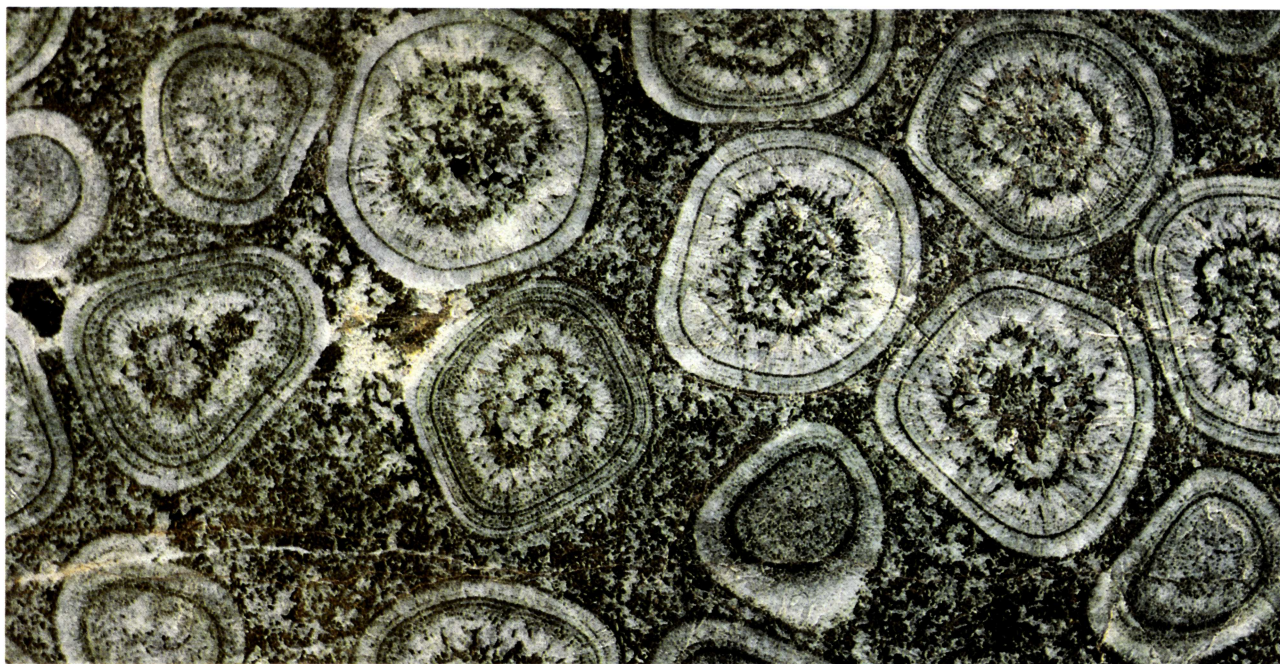


FIG. 146. – *Campione 146*: GRANITO ORBICOLARE – Diorite orbicolare

(Corsica, Francia)

Sample 146: ORBICULAR GRANITE – *Orbicular diorite*

(Corsica, France)

È dubbio che questa varietà sia stata conosciuta dagli antichi, ma, per consuetudine è ammessa in tutte le collezioni di saggi antichi.

There is some doubt that this species was known by the ancients, but, as usual, it is included in all ancient collections.

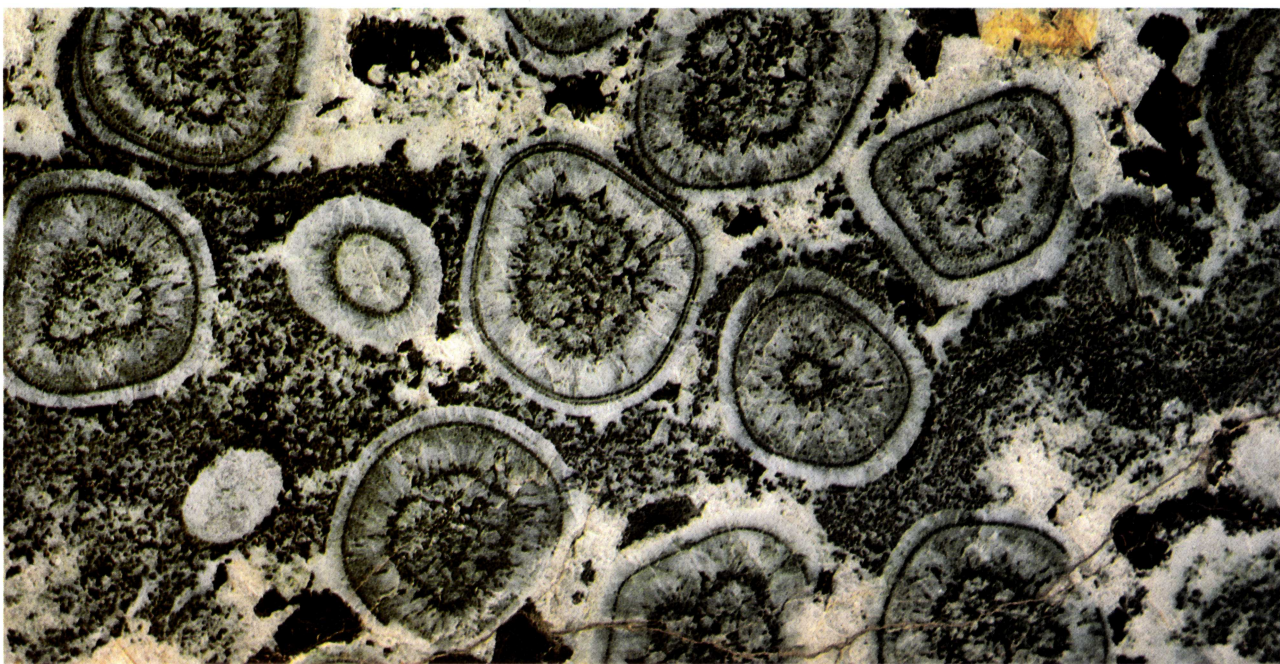


FIG. 147. – *Campione 147*: GRANITO ORBICOLARE – Diorite orbicolare

(Corsica, Francia)

Sample 147: ORBICULAR GRANITE – *Orbicular diorite*

(Corsica, France)