

Table 1 CO₂/O₂ specificity values^a for Rubisco enzymes isolated from diverse species of the plant kingdom

Species	(V _c K _o /V _o K _c)
Photosynthetic bacteria	
<i>Rhodospseudomonas sphaeroides</i> ^b	9
<i>Rhodospirillum rubrum</i>	15
<i>Rhodospseudomonas sphaeroides</i> ^c	62
Cyanobacteria	
<i>Cocochloris peniocyctis</i>	47
<i>Aphanizomenon flos-aquae</i>	48
<i>Aphanocopsa alpicola</i>	48
<i>Plectonema boryanum</i>	54
<i>Euglena gracilis</i>	54
Green algae	
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardii</i>	61
<i>Scenedesmus obliquus</i>	63
C₃ plants	
<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	77
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	77
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	77
<i>Helianthus maximus</i>	77
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	80
<i>Spinacea oleracea</i>	80
<i>Tetragonium expansa</i>	81
<i>Polypodium aureum</i>	82
<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	82
<i>Glycine max</i>	82
C₃-C₄ intermediate plant	
<i>Panicum milioides</i>	76
C₄ plants	
<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>	83
<i>Amaranthus hybridus</i>	82
<i>Zea mays</i>	78
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	78
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	70
<i>Setaria italica</i>	58

^aValues obtained from (55, 56).

^bSingle subunit-type enzyme.

^cLarge and small subunit-type enzyme.

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