

THE SERPENTINE FLORA IN THE CENTRAL RHODOPES MOUNTAINS, SOUTHERN BULGARIA

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ABSTRACT

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The serpentine flora on the northern slopes of the Central Rhodopes Mts. was studied. The serpentine bodies are located within the lower montane belt. This region is included in the transitional-mediterranean vegetation zone with a prevalence of mesophilous montane-balkan vegetation. In the foothills of the mountain are found secondary in origin plant communities composed of *Carpinus orientalis* and single trees of *Quercus dalechampii* and *Q. pubescens*. Nowadays the natural vegetation close to the serpentine terrains and the villages is almost completely destroyed. At this stage of research more than 150 plant taxa (annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees) bound to serpentine terrains are established. The highest number of species is established for the following families: *Poaceae*, *Asteraceae*, *Caryophyllaceae*, *Fabaceae*, *Lamiaceae*, *Brassicaceae*, *Scrophulariaceae*. The flora is mainly composed of middle-european and submediterranean geoelements.

Introduction

The distribution of the serpentine bodies in the Rhodopes Mts. coincides with the location of the metamorphic volcanogenic-sedimentary formations that are included in the Precambrian crystalline complex (Kozhoukharova 1984). On the northern slopes of the Central Rhodopes Mts. are observed large serpentine massives near the villages Parvenetz and Hrabrino, and smaller ones near Markovo and Cherven, that fall within the North-Rhodopes fault zone, tec-

tonically linked. From a geological point of view the serpentine bodies in Bulgaria are rather ancient, with a high chemical diversity of the rocks and the soils above them (Kozhoukharova 1984, 1985).

The serpentines belong to the ultrabasic group that is characterized by a low Si content and comparatively high Mg and Fe content (Proctor and Woodell 1971; Brooks 1987). A characteristic feature for the Precambrian volcanites in the Rhodopes Mts. is the high Fe content, a fact stated also by Ritter-Studnicka (1970) and Babalonas (1984) for the serpentines on the Bal-

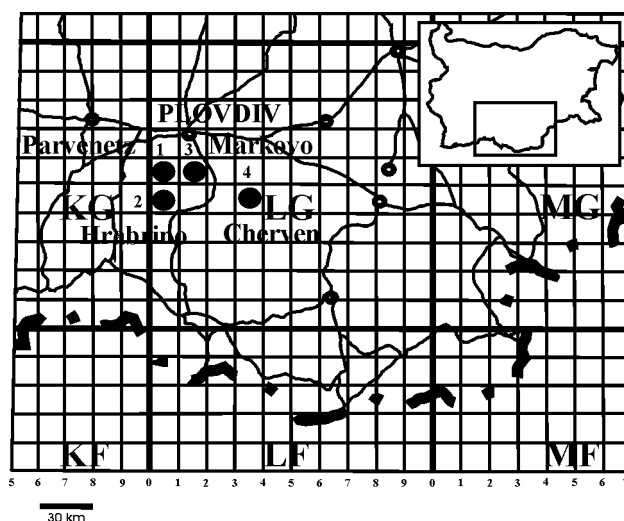


Fig. 1. The study area shown on UTM Grid map

kan peninsula. Their specific chemical composition influences the soil composition and hence the local flora and vegetation. The typical serpentine areas are poorer compared to the surrounding areas in agricultural aspect and are known as sterile.

The study area

The investigation was concentrated on the serpentine areas near the villages Parvenetz (LG 05), Hrabrino (LG 04), Markovo (LG 15) and Cherven (LG 34) (Fig. 1) that are shown on UTM Grid map 15x15 km. The serpentine areas in this region are among the largest one in the Central Rhodopes Mts. and their state of preservation is comparatively well.

The climate is characterized by mild winters and relatively cool summers (Tishkov 1982). In general tree vegetation is lacking and only shrubby forms of some deciduous trees (shiblaks) are found. The north-facing slopes are deforested, characterized by the spread of mosaic, sparse and xerophilous herb flora. Parts of the north- and south-facing slopes are covered by artificial plantations of *Ailanthus altissima* (Mill.) Swingle and *Robinia pseudoacacia* L. The areas near the villages bear the features of anthropogenic activities - afforestation, tourism, ploughed up ground, live-stock-breeding.

Methods

The transect method was selected for observations in the study area. Its displacement is between 150 and 400 m a.s.l. The main goal was to study terrains with an outlet to the basic rock in thus ensure confidence in their determination. The field observations were carried out for four successive years (2000–2003) in May-June. The plant material was determined using Bulgarian floras as well as Flora Europaea and Flora of Turkey. A check-list was prepared. The plant specimens were deposited in the University Herbarium (SO). The floristic analysis was performed following the approach for area-diagnosis and geoelements after Meusel (1965) and Gaije (1980, 1984). The percentage calculations were done on the database summarized by Kozhuharov et al. (1992). At this stage of research the check-list is not completed. Nevertheless, preliminary results are presented for the ratio between the different taxonomical groups and the specificity of the serpentine areas in the different parts of the mountain.

Results

Recent plant cover

The area under study in the Central Rhodopes Mts. belongs to the transitional-mediterranean vegetation zone with the prevalence of mesophilous montane-

balkan vegetation (Velčev et al. 1982). The serpentine bodies lie in the xerothermic oak vegetation belt (Velčev et al. 1982). In the foothills of the mountain are found secondary in origin plant communities of *Carpinus orientalis* with single trees of *Quercus dalechampii* and *Q. pubescens* Willd. As a result of the increasing anthropogenic activity the natural vegetation is completely destroyed and degraded. Vast agricultural areas were formed on the place of former xeromesophilous vegetation with participation of *Carpinus orientalis* Mill., *Quercus dalechampii* Ten. and *Pinus nigra* Arm. (village Cherven). The natural vegetation composed of *Q. dalechampii* Ten., *Q. cerris* L. and *Fagus sylvatica* L. was replaced mainly by secondary plant communities of *Carpinus orientalis* Mill.. Along the river valleys are preserved natural plant communities of *Platanus orientalis* L. The artificial plantations have also a negative effect on the natural vegetation cover. A large part of the serpentine massives is covered by coppice oak woods. On south-facing slopes they change into shiblyaks. The east-facing slopes are lacking tree vegetation and the herb flora is represented by separate, small in size dispersed or mosaic populations. In the composition of the shiblyaks are found also *Juniperus oxycedrus* L., *Fraxinus ornus* L., *Acer campestre* L., *Cotinus coggygria* Scop., *Pistacia terebintus* L., *Rhamnus catarticus* L., *Paliurus spina-cristi* Mill., *Dichanthium ischaemum* L., *Chrysopogon gryllus* (L.) Trin. and *Poa bulbosa* L. The herb flora of the shiblyaks and on deforested slopes was the object of the present study. The most common species, predominantly on open areas, are *Taeniatherum crinitum* (Schreb.) Nevski, *Melica ciliata* L., *Cynosurus echinatus* L., *Aegilops neglecta* Req. ex Bertol, *Scleranthus perennis* L., *Sedum hispanicum* L., *Thalictrum minus* L., *Potentilla argentea* L., *Lactuca perennis* L., etc.

Taxonomical structure

At this preliminary stage of research were collected 176 taxa – 5 from *Bryophyta*, 4 from *Pteridophyta*, and the rest 167 from *Spermatophyta*. All seed plants, *Juniperus oxycedrus* excluded, belong to *Magnoliophytina*. The dicotyledons (36 families) prevail, while the monocotyledons are represented by only 3 families. The families with the highest number of genera are *Poaceae* (19), *Asteraceae* (13), *Fabaceae* (9), *Lamiaceae* (8), *Caryophyllaceae* (7), *Brassicaceae* (5), *Rubiaceae* (4), *Scrophulariaceae* (5), etc. A similar picture is observed for the number of species in each family - *Poaceae* (25), *Asteraceae* (20), *Caryophyllaceae* (13), *Fabaceae* (11), *Lamiaceae* (9), *Brassicaceae* (8), *Rubiaceae* (6), *Scrophulariaceae* (6), etc.

The distribution of the taxa in respect to their biological type is as follows: perennials (per) - 92, annuals (ann) - 53, shrubs (h1) – 7, annuals-biennials (ann-bi) – 7, shrubs to trees (h1-h2) – 5, biennials (bi) – 2,

biennials to perennials (bi-per) – 1, tree (h2) – 5, and annuals to perennials (ann-per) – 2, semi shrubs (h) – 1. This pattern of distribution demonstrates the basic characteristics of the floras from the temperate regions. The high number of annual taxa is typical for the floras of the serpentine areas where these plants with short life cycle thrive in extreme conditions.

The analysis of the floristic elements gives an idea for the phytogeographical specificity of the investigated flora. The vascular plants established are assigned to the following basic groups of floristic elements after the system of Gaijic (1980, 1984) - circumboreal (5.53%), middle-european (28.74%), mediterranean (23.95%), pontic-middle-asiatic- (8.38%), oriental-turanian (9.55%), euro-asiatic (15.56%) and cosmopolitan (1.19%). The highest proportion belongs to the middle-european, mediterranean and euro-asiatic species. These groups comprise 111 taxa from the analyzed flora (66.46%). The group of mediterranean floristic elements includes 10 taxa in the narrow sense of the word - *Centaurea rutifolia* S. et S. ssp. *jurineifolia*, *Cirsium creticum* (Lam.) D'Urv., *Crepis sancta* (L.) Babck., *Asyneuma limonifolium* (L.) Janch., *Trifolium hirtum* All., *Sedum pallidum* Bieb., etc. The most abundant in this group is the submediterranean floristic element (24), i.e. species such as *Orlaya grandiflora* (L.) Hoffm., *Onosma heterophylla* Griseb., *Alyssum desertorum* Stapf., *Silene subconica* Friv., *Sedum album* L., *Teucrium chamaedrys* L., *Psilurus incurvus* (Gouan) Schinz et Thell., *Dasyphyrum villosum* (L.) Cand., etc. The number of oriental turanian and pontic-middle-asiatic geoelements is 15 and 14 respectively, but they both are of great importance for the serpentine flora in the Central Rhodopes Mts.

The endemic element is represented by 11 taxa or 6.25% from the total number of species established. The Balkan endemics *Crucianella graeca* Boiss., *Inula aschersoniana* Janka, *Campanula sparsa* Friv. ssp. *sphaerotherix* (Griseb.) Hayek, *Scabiosa triniifolia* Friv., *Hypericum rumeliacum* Boiss., *Iris reichenbachii* Heuff., *Koeleria macrantha* (Ledeb.) Schult. et Schult., *Delphinium balcanicum* Pawl. and the Bulgarian endemics *Anthemis rumelica* (DC) Ferdinand, *Verbascum nobile* Vel., *Crepis stojanovii* T. Georg. were found. The last two endemics are included with category "threatened" in the Red Data Book of Bulgaria while the species *Anthemis rumelica* (DC) Ferdinand and *Delphinium balcanicum* Pawl. are with category "rare".

The most characteristic species on the serpentine areas in the Central Rhodopes Mts. are *Verbascum nobile* Vel., *Rumex tuberosus* L., *Bilderdikya convolvulus* (L.) Dum., *Dasyphyrum villosum* (L.) Cand., *Goniolimon collinum* (Griseb.) Boiss., *Inula aschersoniana* Janka, *Trinia glauca* (L.) Dum. and *Cheilanthes maranthae* (L.) Domin.

New for the floristic subregion Central Rhodopes Mts. are the Bulgarian endemics *Anthemis rumelica* (DC) Ferdinand and *Crepis stojanovii* T. Georg. included also in the European List of Rare and Endangered Plants, and the species *Arenaria procera* Spreng. var. *glabra* Fenzl., *Goniolimon collinum* (Griseb.) Boiss., *Triticum boeoticum* Boiss., *Milium vernale* Bieb., *Trachynia distichia* (L.) Linn., *Psilurus incurvus* (Gouan) Schinz et Thell. The taxa *Orobanche cumana* Wallr. and *Stipa tirsia* Stev. are new for the floristic region Rhodopes Mts.

Conclusions

The modern flora on the serpentine areas in the Rhodopes massif is of relatively young origin. About 500-1000 years ago vast forests had existed that had impeded the immigration of macrothermic and heliophilous species in this region. Only after the deforestation of the serpentine areas the formation of a fire-plate under the influence of the natural selection has become possible. The anthropogenic factor had also played an important role in these processes. The first herb species have irradiated from the serpentine areas in Northern Greece that had been deforested rather earlier (Stojanov 1941).

The middle-european, submediterranean and mediterranean floristic elements had played a basic role in the formation of the serpentine flora in the Central Rhodopes Mts. The presence of the oriental-turanian floristic element testifies to the penetration of more xeromorphic plant structures. These are predominantly xeromorphic species that had found suitable phytoclimatical conditions for their growth provided by the serpentine rocks and the soils.

The flora and vegetation on the serpentine areas in the Central Rhodopes Mts. show great similarities with similar areas in the Eastern part of the Rhodopes Mts. and other Balkan countries. The close geographical location, the low altitudes, and the similar climatic conditions of the Central and Eastern Rhodopes Mts. explain the presence of a number of common species. Unlike the Eastern Rhodopes Mts. where the influence of the oriental-turanian floristic element is higher, in the Central Rhodopes Mts. it is comparatively weakly expressed. A basic role in the formation of this flora has played the middle-european floristic element.

The number of the endemics established for the serpentine areas in the Central Rhodopes Mts. is 11. This number is rather low compared to other serpentine areas in the Rhodopes Mts. and on the Balkan peninsula (Reichinger 1961; Krause et al. 1963; Babalonas 1984, 1989; Ritter-Studnicka 1970, Tatic & Veljovic 1992). The link between the taxa of the investigated flora of the Central Rhodopes Mts. and the corresponding one of the Eastern Rhodopes Mts., North-

ern Greece, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, testifies to a refugial character of the processes and not to a strong fireplace. That is why a typical serpentine floristic complex has not still been formed in contrast to Northern Greece and in the former Yugoslavian states.

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Greece and the former Yugoslavian states.

Appendix

BRYOPHYTA

*Bryum sp.**Ceratodon purpureus* (Hedw.) Brid.*Grimmia pulvinata* (Hedw.) Sm.*Syntrichia ruralis* (Hedw.) F. Weber et D. Moh.*Syntrichia subulata* Hedw.

POLYPODIOPHYTA

ASPLENIACEAE

Asplenium adiantum-nigrum L.

per; EurAs

Asplenium trichomanes L.

per; Kosm

Ceterach officinarum DC.

per; EurAs

SINOPTERIDACEAE

Cheilanthes maranthae (L.) Domin

per; Med-or-turan-him

SPERMATOPHYTA

PINOPHYTINA

CUPRESSACEAE

Juniperus oxycedrus L.

h1; Med-crim-cauc-or-turanMAGNOLIOPHYTINA

ANACARDIACEAE

Cotinus coggygria Scop.

h1-h2; Med-As

Pistacia terrebinthus L.

h1-h2; MidEur-med

APIACEAE

Caucalis platycarpus L.

ann; EurAs

Eryngium campestre L.

per; Med-pont

Ferulago sylvatica (Bess.) Reichenb.

per; Submed

Orlaya grandiflora (L.) Hoffm.

ann; Submed

Trinia glauca (L.) Dum.

bi-per; Submed

ARISTOLOCHIACEAE

Aristolochia clematitis L.

per; Eur-Med-An

ASTERACEAE

Achillea depressa Janka

per, Pont

Achillea pannonica Schede

per; Pann-Balk

Anthemis rumelica (DC) Ferdinand

per; Bu E included in Red Data Book of Bulgaria and in European List of Rare and Threatened species with category rare.

Anthemis tinctoria L.

per; Eur-Med

Centaurea biebersteinii DC

bi; Submed

Centaurea rutifolia S. et S. ssp. *jurineifolia* (Boiss.)

Nym.

ann; Med

Centaurea salonitana Vis.

per Pont-Med

Cirsium creticum (Lam.) D'Urv.

per; Med

Crepis pulchra L.

ann; Eur-Med

Crepis sancta (L.) Babek.

ann; Med

Crepis stojanovii T. Georg.

ann; Bu E included in Red Data Book of Bulgaria with category threatened.

Crupina vulgaris Cass.

ann; Submed-or-turan

Echinops ritro L.

per; EurSib

Hieracium hoppeanum Shult.

per; Eur-Med

Inula aschersoniana Janka

per; Balk E

Inula oculus-christi L.

per; Eur-Med

Lactuca perennis L.

per; MidEur-submed

Leontodon hispidus L.

per; Eur-Med

Logfia arvensis (L.) J. Holub.

ann; Eur-Med

Senecio vulgaris L.

ann-bi, EurAs

BETULACEAE

Carpinus orientalis Mill.

h1-h2; Submed

BORAGINACEAE

Buglossoides arvensis (L.) Johnst.

ann; MidEur-panPont-SubmedMed-Ortur

Echium vulgare L.

per; EurAs

Myosotis stricta Link ex Roem. et Schult.

ann; EurAs

Onosma heterophylla Griseb.

per; Submed

BRASSICACEAE

Aethionema saxatile (L.) R.Br.

ann-per; Submed

Alyssum desertorum Stapf.

ann; Submed

Alyssum murale W. et K. ssp. *murale*

per; Eur-Med

Alyssum tortuosum Willd.

per; Pont-Med

Clypeola jonthlaspi L.

ann; Submed

Erysimum cuspidatum (Bieb.) DC.

ann-bi; Med-Crim-Cauc-An

Erysimum diffusum Ehrh.

bi; Eur-pont-med-or-turan-midAs-sib

Thlaspi perfoliatum L.

ann; Eur-Cauc-(w)As-NAM

CAMPANULACEAE

Asyneuma limonifolium (L.) Janch.

per; Med

Campanula sparsa Friv. ssp. *sphaerotherix* (Griseb.)

Hayek

ann; Balk E

CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Arenaria gypsophylloides L.

per; Eur

- Arenaria serpyllifolia* L.
ann-bi; EurMed
- Dianthus pinifolius* S. et S.
per; Balk-An
- Herniaria hirsuta* L.
ann-bi; EurAs
- Lychnis coronaria* (L.) Desr.
per; Med-ortur
- Petrorhagia illyrica* Ball et Heyw. ssp. *haynaldiana* (Janka) Ball et Heyw.
per; Pont-Med
- Petrorhagia prolifera* (L.) Ball et Hayw.
ann; Eurmed-Cauc
- Scleranthus perennis* L.
per; Eur-Cauc-An
- Scleranthus polycarpus* L.
ann-bi; Eur
- Silene bupleuroides* L. ssp. *bupleuriodes*
per; Eur-Cauc
- Silene conica* L.
ann; Eur-Cauc-An-midAs
- Silene flavescens* W. et K.
per; Carp-Balk
- Silene subconica* Friv.
ann; Submed
- CISTACEAE
- Helianthemum nummularium* (L.) Mill.
h; Submed-med-cauc-ortur
- CONVOLVULACEAE
- Convolvulus cantabrica* L.
per; Pont
- CRASSULACEAE
- Sedum album* L.
per; Submed
- Sedum acre* L.
per; Eur-Med
- Sedum hispanicum*
ann-per; MidEur-med-cauc
- Sedum pallidum* Bieb.
bi; Med
- Sedum rubens* L.
ann; MidEur-submed
- CUSCUTACEAE
- Cuscuta europaea* L.
ann; SubBoreal
- DIPSACEAE
- Knautia arvensis* (L.) Coult.
per; EurSib
- Scabiosa triniifolia* Friv.
ann; Balk E
- EUPHORBIACEAE
- Euphorbia cyparissias* L.
per; Eur
- Euphorbia myrsinites* L.
per; Submed
- Euphorbia taurinensis* All.
ann; Eur-An-Cauc
- FABACEAE
- Astragalus onobrychis* L. ssp. *chlorocarpus* (Griseb.) Koz. et Pavlova
per; EurAs
- Chamaecytisus albus* (Jacq.) Rhotm. ssp. *microphyllus* (Boiss.) Kuzm.
h1; Eur
- Coronilla emerus* L. ssp. *emeroides* (Boiss. et Sprun.) Hay.
h1; Submed
- Dorycnium herbaceum* Vill. var. *illyricum*
per; Eur-cauc-ortur
- Lotus corniculatus* W. et K.
per; Eur-submed-med
- Medicago minima* (L.) Bartel var. *minima*
ann; EurAs
- Onobrychis gracilis* Bess.
per; Submed-med-cauc-or-turan
- Trifolium arvense* L. ssp. *strictum*
ann; Eur-med-pont-cauc-or-turan
- Trifolium campestre* Schreb. var. *campestre*
ann; Submed
- Trifolium hirtum* All.
ann; Med
- Vicia hirsuta* (L.) S. F. Gray var. *hirsuta*
ann; EurAs
- FAGACEAE
- Quercus pubescens* Willd.
h2; MidEur-submed
- GERANIACEAE
- Erodium cicutarium* (L.) L'Herit
ann-bi; Subboreal
- Geranium columbinum* L.
ann; EurSubmed
- HYPERICACEAE
- Hypericum elegans* Steph. ex Willd.
per; Eur-An-Cauc-Sib
- Hypericum perforatum* L.
per; EurAs
- Hypericum rumeliacum* Boiss.
per; Balk E
- IRIDACEAE
- Iris rechenbachii* Heuff.
per; Balk E
- LAMIACEAE
- Acinos arvensis* (Lam.) Dandy
ann-bi; Eur-Med
- Ajuga laxmanii* (L.) Benth.
per; MidEur-Cauc-SibAn
- Clinopodium vulgare* L.
per; Eur-or-turan-cauc-sib-(n)Am
- Leonurus cardiaca* L.
per; EurAs
- Prunella laciniata* (L.) L.
per; Eur-or-turan
- Salvia sclarea* L.
per; (s)Eur-Med-An-(c)As
- Stachys recra* L. ssp. *subcrenata* (Vis.) Briq.
per; EurMed-cauc-An
- Teucrium chamaedrys* L.
per; Submed
- Teucrium polium* L.
per; Eur-submed-med-or-turan
- LILIACEAE
- Allium flavum* L.
per; EurMed
- Allium sphaerocephalon* L.
per; Med
- Asparagus verticillatus* L.
h; PontAs
- Hyacinthella leucophaea* (Koch) Schur
per; Pont-Med

Muscari comosum (L.) Mill.

per; (w)Eur-submed

Ornithogalum comosum L.

per; Pont-Balk

Ornithogalum kochii Parl.

per; Eur-Med-An-ortur

LINACEAE

Linum austriacum L.

per; Submed

OLEACEAE

Fraxinus ornus L.

h1-h2; Submed

Jasminum fruticans L.

h1; Med

OROBANCHACEAE

Orobanche cumana Wallr.

per; EurAs

Orobanche minor Sm. in Sm. et Sowersy

per; Eur-Med-Cauc-An

PAPAVERACEAE

Papaver dubium L.

ann; Med

Papaver rhoeas L.

ann; EurSib

PLANTAGINACEAE

Plantago lanceolata L.

per; EurAs

PLUMBAGINACEAE

Goniolimon collinum (Grsb.) Boiss.

per; Pont

POACEAE

Aegilops neglecta Req. ex Bertol

ann; Submed-med-ortur

Aira elegantissima Schur

ann; Submed-med-cauc-or-turan-midAs

Bromus squarrosus L.

ann; Submed-cAs

Bromus tectorum L.

ann; Eur-Med-cauc-(w)sib-or-turan-midAs-sinojap

Chrysopogon gryllus (L.) Trin.

per; PontMed

Cynosurus echinatus L.

per; MidEur-submed

Dactylis glomerata L. ssp. *glomerata*

per; EurAs

Dasypyrum villosum (L.) Cand.

per; Submed *Dischantium ischaemum* (L.) Roberty

per; MidEur-med-pont-or-turan-IndoMalay

Koeleria macrantha (Ledeb.) Schult. et Schult.

per; Balk E

Koeleria nitidula Vel.

per; Pont

Koeleria shurii Ujh.

per; Eur-Med

Lerchenfeldia flexuosa (L.) Schur

per; Boreal

Lolium perenne L.

per; EurAs

Melica ciliata L.

per; MidEur-submed

Phleum phleoides (L.) Kasrst.

per; Eur-or-turan-cauc-midAs-sib-sinojap

Phleum pretense

per; Eur-Submed

Poa bulbosa L.

per; EurAs

Psilurus incurvus (Gouan) Schinz et Thell.

ann; Submed

Stipa capillata L.

per; Eur-submed

Stipa tirsia Stev.

per; Eur-submed

Taeniatherum caput-medusae (L.) Nevski

ann; EurAs

Trachynia distachya (L.) Link.

ann; MedAs

Vulpia ciliata Pers.

ann; Med-midAs

Vulpia myurus (L.) C.C. Gmel.

ann; SubBoreal

POLYGALACEAE

Polygala major Jacq.

per; EurSib

POLYGONACEAE

Bilderdikya convolvulus (L.) Dum.

ann; Eur-med

Polygonum pulchellum Loiseli

ann; EurAs

Rumex acetosella L.

per; Eur-med-cauc-sib-(n)Am

Rumex tenuifolius (Wallr.) A. Love

per; Eur

Rumex tuberosus L.

per; (s)Eur-Med-Cauc-As-An

RANUNCULACEAE

Delphinium balcanicum Pawl.

ann; Balk E included in Red Data Book of Bulgaria with category rare.

Thalictrum minus L. ssp. *minus*

per; Eur-cauc-sib-or-turan

RHAMNACEAE

Paliurus spina-christi Mill.

h1; Med-pont-midAs

Rhamnus catharticus L.

h1-h2; EurAs

ROSACEAE

Filipendula vulgaris Moench

per; Eur-Med

Potentilla argentea L.

per; Eur

Potentilla pedata Willd.

per; Med

Sanguisorba minor Scop. ssp. *minor*

h1; SubBoreal

RUBIACEAE

Asperula cynanchica L.

per; Eur-Med

Asperula purpurea (L.) Ehrend.

per; Submed

Crucianella graeca Boiss.

ann; Balk E

Galium parisiense L.

ann; Submed

Galiun verum L.

per; EurAs

Sherardia arvensis L.

ann; Eur-Med-An-cAs

SCROPHULARIACEAE

Celsia orientalis L.

ann; Balk-An-cauc

***Digitalis lanata* Ehrh.**

per; Submed

***Linaria simplex* (Willd.) DC.**

ann; Med

***Verbascum nobile* Vel.**

ann; Bu E included in Red Data Book of Bulgaria with category threatened.

***Veronica arvensis* L.**

ann; Kosm

***Veronica austriaca* L. ssp. *jaquinii* (Bamg.) Maly**

per; Pont

VALERIANACEAE

***Valerianella dentata* (L.) Poll.**

ann; Eur-med-midAs

VIOLACEAE

***Viola arvensis* Murr.**

ann; Eur

***Viola kitaibeliana* Schult.**

ann; MedEur-An

VITACEAE

***Vitis vinifera* L.**

h1; Submed