

Introduction

In naming specimens of the *Lactuceae* tribe in the herbarium of Research Institute of Forests and Rangelands (TARI) one variety was found which is new to science. The specimen is a duplicate of the Kordestan Province Herbarium (Research Center of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Sanandaj, Iran), so the original specimen is in Kordestan Province Herbarium.

Among the herbarium specimens from Kermanshah and Khuzestan provinces in TARI and IRAN herbaria, five specimens of the genus *Scolymus* L. were found. The specimens were previously named as *Scolymus hispanicus* L. by Rechinger (1977) or Mozaffarian (in TARI herbarium) but according to descriptions of species in Flora Iranica all of the specimens are *Scolymus maculatus* L. So there is only one species of *Scolymus* L. (*Scolymus maculatus* L.) in Iran. Five specimens of *Scolymus maculatus* L. are reported from Iran in this paper and their geographical distributions are explained.

***Scorzonera luristanica* Rech. f. var. *lanata* Safavi, var. nov.** (Fig. 1).

Involucri phylla dense lanata.

Typus. Kordestan, Southwest of Sanandaj, Darvishan village, 1880 m., Kafash & Kargar 4569 (holotypus: TARI, isotypus: Kordestan Province Herbarium).

The habitat of new variety and that of *S. luristanica* Rech. f. var. *luristanica*, are alike, both of them grow in "dwarf scrub grassland" with an altitude of 1500 to 2500 m. above sea level.

S. luristanica Rech. f. var. *luristanica* distributes in Iran (North, Northwest, West, Center and Northeast) and Iraqs an endemic taxon in Flora Iranica aerea?"

but the new variety is only found in one locality in Kordestan of Iran and is endemic for Iranian flora.

The new variety differs from *S. luristanica* Rech. f. var. *luristanica* in dense lanate phyllaries (not phyllaries nearly glabrous, loosely farinose-puberulous or glabrous).

***Scolymus maculatus* L.** (Fig. 2).

Kermanshah: Ghasre-Shirin, 470 m., Mozaffarian 79496; Khuzestan: Susangerd, 50 m., Mozaffarian 62828; Khuzestan: Susangerd, 50 m., Assadi & Angoshti 67405; Khuzestan: Ca. 60 Km. on the road from Andimeshk to Ahwaz, between Abdolkhan and Ghalee-sar, 100 m., Mozaffarian 62857; Khuzestan: Shush, 34009-E.

Scolymus maculatus L. is a new record for the flora of Iran. According to K. H. Rechinger (1977) in Flora Iranica, This species is distributed in Mediterranean regions and Iraq but now its distribution extends to Iran.

No type material of the species was seen, but these specimens were compared with the descriptions and photographs of the species (Rechinger 1977).

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Fig .1. *Scorzonera luristanica* var. *lanata* ($\times 0.7$), achene ($\times 3.5$) phyllaries ($\times 1.4$).