

A NEW VARIETY OF THE GENUS TRAGOPOGON L. FROM IRAN

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Tragopogon bornmuelleri M. Ownbey & Rech. f. var. *latifolius* Safavi is described here as a new variety from Iran. The difference with related variety is also discussed.

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یک واریته جدید از جنس *Tragopogon* L. برای ایران

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"*Tragopogon bornmuelleri* var. *latifolius*" که از استان کردستان جمع آوری شده است به عنوان واریته جدید برای ایران معرفی می شود. این واریته با داشتن برگهای خیلی پهن تر از واریته تیپ مشخص می شود.

Introduction

In a revision of the genus *Tragopogon* L. in Iran the specimens of several Iranian herberia have been studied. Among the herbarium specimens a new variety to Iran was found in Kordestan Province Herbarium. This variety was seen between *Tragopogon* L. collection of Research Institute of Forests and Rangelands Herbarium (TARI) too. The two specimens are preserved in TARI.

***Tragopogon bornmuelleri* M. Ownbey & Rech. f. var. *latifolius* Safavi & Maroofi var. nov. (fig .1).**

Folia basalia late lanceolata vel oblonga, 10-50 mm lata, suprema saepe abbreviata et dilatata 5-8 mm lata.

Typus. Kordestan: Saghez, Sonateh to Souteh, near Hajimohamad village, 1800–1950 m, Maroofi 1935 (holotypus TARI); Kordestan: 32 km on the road from Marivan to Paveh (Tangh Dezli), 1700 m, Runemark & Mozaffarian 29375 (paratypus TARI).

Discussion

The new variety together with the type variety grow in "Dwarf scrub grassland" with an altitude of 1700 to 2600 m.

T. bornmuelleri var. *bornmuelleri* is distributed in Iran (North & Northwest) and Iraq as an endemic taxon in "Flora Iranica Aerea", but the new variety is only found in two localities in Kordestan and is an endemic variety in Iran (Rechinger 1977).

The new variety differs from *T. bornmuelleri* var. *bornmuelleri* in basal leaves 10-50mm width (not 2-7 mm width) and upper leaves 5-8mm width (not 1-3 mm width).

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Fig .1. *Tragopogon bornmuelleri* var. *latifolius* ($\times 0.63$); flower and achene ($\times 2.5$).