

NEW OR INTERESTING FLORISTICAL RECORDS FROM ALBANIA

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In this paper new records of 9 vascular plant species are discussed, 7 of which are new for the flora of Albania and 2 species are less known. *Orobanche lavandulacea* and *Teline monspesulana* were found near the Adriatic Sea, *Verbascum orientale* and *Lathyrus saxatilis* far from the sea at lower altitudes, while *Corydalis pumila*, *Stellaria holostea*, *Anemone ranunculoides*, *Lathyrus pallescens* and *Gagea fistulosa* in mountains, at different altitudes.

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INTRODUCTION

The vascular flora of Albania is relatively diverse, however, it is insufficiently known (see Shuka *et al.* 2007). Albania has a long seacoast with limestone rocks south of Vlorë and around Shijak, as well as with extensive sand dunes between Vlorë and the border of Montenegro. In addition there is also flysch present locally on the seashore. Numerous mountains higher than 2000 m are situated in the southern, eastern and northern parts of the country. The mountains are mainly made up of various limestone, serpentine, flysch or evaporite, creating several different habitats.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The authors made field trips to the southern and central parts of Albania and to the seacoast to collect vascular plants in spring 2008. The collected