

The Check-List and Chorology of the *Linum* L. (Linaceae) Taxa in the Flora of Turkey

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ABSTRACT

A check-list of the genus *Linum* L. in the Flora of Turkey is presented with 51 taxa, of which 22 are endemic to Turkey. Taxonomical changes that have occurred since the recent publications are included. The chorology of taxa are given in dotted squares of the map of Turkey.

Key Words: check-list, chorology, *Linum*, Linaceae, Turkey.

INTRODUCTION

The genus *Linum* L. comprises about 180 species in the temperate region of the World (Mabberley 2002). The Mediterranean area is one of the main centers of diversity for this genus and restricted about 75 species (Greuter et al 1989), particularly *Linum* localized in the Balkans and Anatolia (Davis 1967a). The *Linum* species are herbs or small shrubs, with alternate or rarely opposite, entire leaves, with or without stipular glands at base. The flowers born usually in cymes or rarely solitary, which are five numerous, heterostilous or homostilous (Davis 1967a). The genus has economic importance, especially the common flax *L. usitatissimum* L. cultivated for the seed (flax oil) and fiber production (Baytop 1999).

Boissier (1867, 1888) recognized 42 species of *Linum* in his *Flora Orientalis*, some of these species were described from Turkey. Davis (1957; 1967b) carried out taxonomic studies on *Linum* in Turkey, where he made new combinations and described many new taxa. The first revision of *Linum* in Turkey was done by Davis (1967a) for the Flora of Turkey and the East Aegean Islands in which they recognized 38 species. They indicated the possibility of finding further species either imperfectly known (*L. annotinum* Koch, *L. vanense* Azn.). A complementary work is the Donner's (1990) distribution maps of all taxa presented in the Flora of Turkey. Donner (1990) has been given the chorology for 50 taxa of *Linum* in dotted squares of the map of Turkey.

Since *Linum* was revised by Davis (1967a) for the flora of Turkey, *L. maritimum* L. has been added as a new record (Güner et al 1996) and two new taxa has been published, *L. pamphylicum* Boiss. and Heldr. ex Planch. subsp. *olympicum* Kaynak and Yılmaz and *L. vuralianum* Yılmaz and Kaynak (Yılmaz 2003; Yılmaz et al 2003; Yılmaz and Kaynak 2008). Moreover, two new combinations were given, *Linum pamphylicum* subsp. *papilliferum* (Hub.-Mor. and Reese) Yılmaz and Kaynak and *Linum hirsutum* subsp. *platyphyllum* (P. H. Davis) Yılmaz and Kaynak (Yılmaz and Kaynak 2006a, 2006b). In addition, one new combination has been made, *L. pubescens* subsp. *anisocalyx* (P. H. Davis) Yılmaz and Kaynak (2008).

The present work gives the first updated check-list and the chorology of the *Linum* taxa in the Flora of Turkey after Davis (1967a) and Donner (1990).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Since 2000, during our taxonomical work of the genus *Linum* L. (Linaceae) in Turkey, we have carried out extensive field studies and collected large of number of specimens. Some of these materials were compared with the specimens in the herbaria of ANK, AEF, BASBG, BULU, DUF, EGE, ESSE, GAZI, HUB, ISTO, ISTF, KNYA, MARE, US, WAG and VANF. They were identified with the aid of Flora of Turkey (Davis 1967a), Flora Europea (Ockendon and Walters 1964), Flora of U.S.S.R. (Yuzepchuk 1974), Flora of Cyprus (Meikle 1977), Flora of Iran (Sharifnia and Assadi 2001) Flora of Iraq (Agnew 1980), Flora Palaestina (Zohary 1987), and some other publications (Boissier 1867; Davis 1957; Davis 1967b; Hartvig 1986). In totally, over then 1500 herbarium specimens have been studied carefully. The check-list and chorology of the *Linum* species in the Flora of Turkey based on relevant literature given above and other publications (Akçicek 2002; 2003; Akıncı and Özhata 2000; Aslan and Türkmen 2003; Aydoğdu and Akan 2005; Donner 1990; Dönmez 2002; Duman 1991; Eminağaoğlu and Anşin 2003; Fakir 2006; Gümüş 1994; İlarslan

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et al 1997; Ketenoglu and Güney 1997; Kandemir et al 2000; Karaer and Kılıç 2001; Kaynak 1987; Özgökçe and Behçet 2001; Sanön and Özen 2001; Seçmen and Leblebici 1978; 1990; Serin and Ertuğrul 1999; Serin et al 2001; Tugay et al 2002; Türe and Tokur 2000; Ocakverdi 2001; Tatlı et al 2002; Vural et al 1997). According to the publications, the names of some taxa have changed. The plant list is given alphabetically. Synonymous and distribution are also given in after the current names. The authors of plant names follow Brummitt and Powell (1992).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The check-list and the chorology of the genus *Linum* in the Flora of Turkey:

1. *Linum arboreum* L. in Sp. Pl. 279 (1753).
Synonym: *L. caespitosum* Sibth. & Sm. in Fl. Graec. Prodr. 1: 216 (1806). *L. dorfleri* Rech. f. in Oesterr. Bot. Z. 84: 147 (1935).
Distribution: Greece (Crete and Karpathos Island), Southwest Turkey (Figure 1). East Mediterranean Element.
2. *Linum aretioides* Boiss. in Diagn. ser. 1(1): 55 (1843).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 1).
3. *Linum aroanium* Boiss. & Orph. in Boiss. Diagn. ser. 2 (1): 96 (1854).
Synonym: *L. bithynicum* Azn. in Bull. Bot. Soc. Fr. 44: 167 (1897). *L. cassium* Rech. f. in Ark. Bot. Andra ser. 1: 312 (1950). *L. aroanium* var. *paphlagonicum* P. H. Davis in Notes R. B. G. Edinb. 22: 137 (1957).
Distribution: Greece, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey (Figure 1).
4. *Linum austriacum* L. in Sp. Pl. 278 (1753) subsp. *austriacum*
Synonym: *L. squamulosum* Rud. in Willd., Enum. 338 (1809).
Distribution: Europe, Russia, Crimea, Caucasus, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkey (Figure 2.).
5. *Linum austriacum* subsp. *glaucescens* (Boiss.) P. H. Davis in Notes R. B. G. 28: 38 (1967).
Synonym: *L. glaucum* Boiss. & Noe in Boiss., Diagn. ser. 2(5): 66 (1856). *L. alpinum* Jacq. var. *glaucescens* Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 865 (1867).
Distribution: Caucasus, Iran, Turkey (Figure 1).
6. *Linum bienne* Mill. in Gard. Dict. Cd 8, no.8 (1768).
Synonym: *L. angustifolium* Hud. in Fl. Anegl. ed. 2, 134 (1798).
Distribution: Europe, Caucasus, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Turkey (Figure 1). Mediterranean Element.
7. *Linum boissieri* Aschers. & Sint. ex Boiss. In Fl. Or. Suppl. 137 (1888).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 1). East Mediterranean Element.
8. *Linum cariense* Boiss. in Diagn. ser. 1(5): 86 (1884).
Synonym: *L. lignosum* Stapf in Denk. Denkschr. Kaiserl. Akad. Wiss., Wien. Math.-Naturwiss. Kl. 51(2): 22 (1886). *L. verruciferum* Azn. in Bull. Herb. Boissier 2(7): 314 (1907).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 1). Iran-Turanian Element.
9. *Linum catharticum* L. in Sp. Pl. 281 (1753).
Distribution: Europe, Northwest Africa, Caucasus, Iran, Turkey (Figure 1). Euro-Siberian Element.
10. *Linum ciliatum* Hayek in Ann. Nat. Hofmus. Wien, 28: 160 (1914).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 1).
11. *Linum corymbulosum* Rchb. in Fl. Germ. Exc. 834 (1830-1832).
Synonym: *L. liburnicum* auct. non Scop. in Fl. Carn. ed. 2, 1: 230 (1772).
Distribution: South Europe, Southwest Asia, East Africa, Turkey (Figure 1). Mediterranean Element.
12. *Linum densiflorum* P. H. Davis in Notes R. B. G. Edinb. 22: 146 (1957).
Distribution: Caucasus, Iran, Turkey (Figure 1). Iran-Turanian Element.
13. *Linum empetrifolium* Schott & Kotschy in Tchihat. Asie Min. Bot. i. 143 (1860). Synonym: *L. carnosulum* Boiss. var. *empetrifolium* Schott & Kotschy ex Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 864 (1867). *L. empetrifolium* (Boiss.) P. H. Davis in Notes Roy. Bot. Gard. Edinb. 28: 38 (1967).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 1).
14. *Linum flavum* L. in Sp. Pl. 279 (1753). subsp. *flavum*
Distribution: Europe, South Russia, Crimea, Caucasus, Turkey (Figure 1). Euro-Siberian Element.

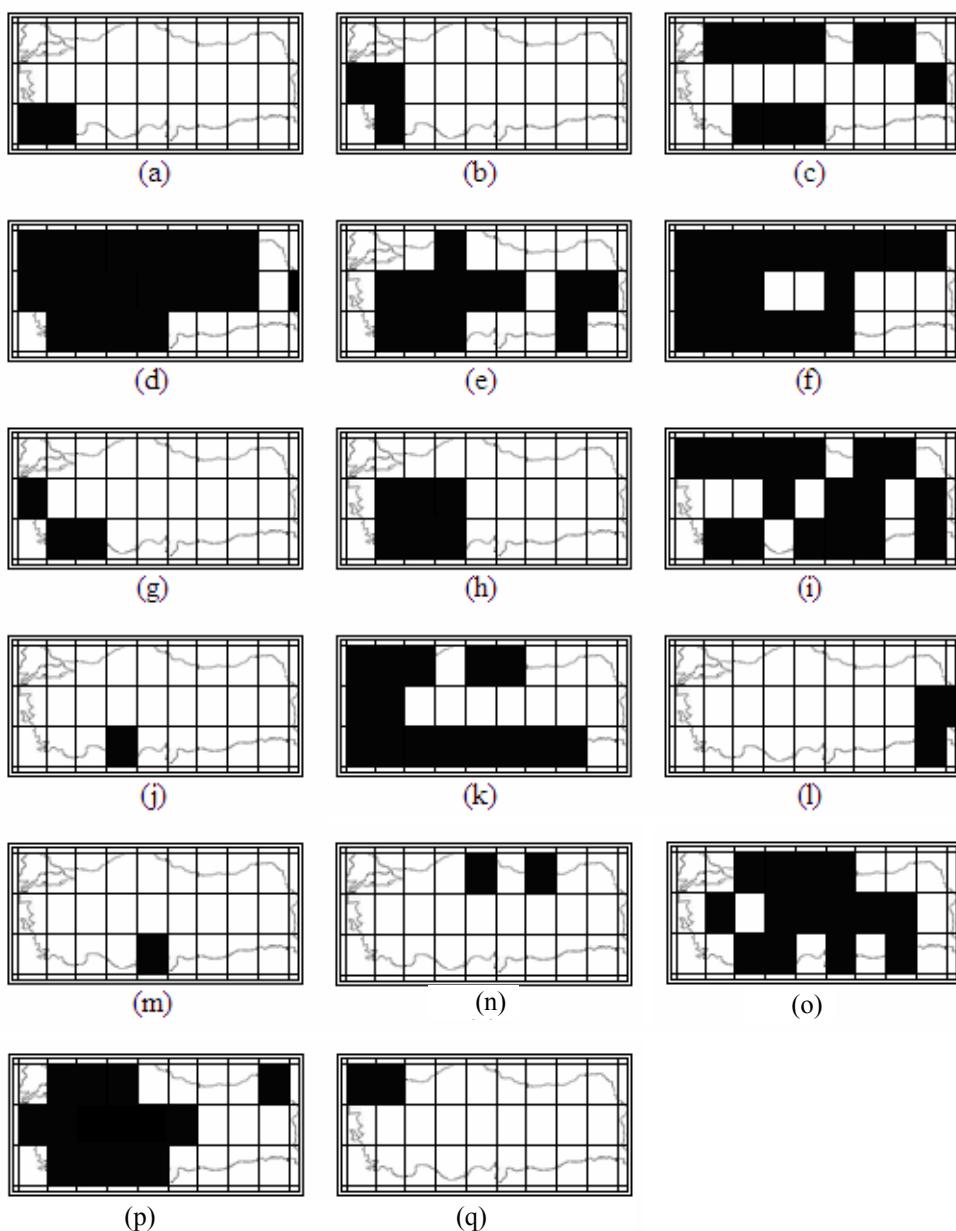


Figure 1. Distribution of *L. arboreum* (a), *L. aretioides* (b), *L. aroanium* (c), *L. austriacum* subsp. *austriacum* (d), *L. austriacum* subsp. *glaucescens* (e), *L. bienne* (f), *L. boissieri* (g), *L. cariense* (h), *L. catharticum* (i), *L. ciliatum* (j), *L. corymbulosum* (k), *L. densiflorum* (l), *L. empetrifolium* (m), *L. flavum* subsp. *flavum* (n), *L. flavum* subsp. *scabrinerve* (o), *L. hirsutum* subsp. *anatolicum* (p) and *L. hirsutum* subsp. *byzantinum* (q) in dotted squares of the map of Turkey.

15. *Linum flavum* subsp. *scabrinerve* (P. H. Davis) P. H. Davis in Notes R. B. G. Edinb. 28: 38 (1967).
Synonym: *L. scabrinerve* P. H. Davis in Notes R. B. G. Edinb. 22: 158 (1957).

Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 1). Iran-Turanian Element.

16. *Linum hirsutum* L. subsp. *anatolicum* (Boiss.) Hayek in Prodr. Fl. Balc. 1: 564 (1925).

Synonym: *L. anatolicum* Boiss. in Diagn. ser. 1(1): 56 (1843). *L. hirsutum* var. *glanduliferum* Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 859 (1867).

Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 1). Iran-Turanian Element.

17. *Linum hirsutum* subsp. *byzantinum* Azn. in Bull. Soc. Bot. Fr. 46: 140 (1899).

Distribution: North Greece, Turkey (Figure 1).

18. *Linum hirsutum* subsp. *oreocaricum* P. H. Davis in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 22: 143 (1957).

- Distribution: Endemic to the flora of Turkey (Figure 2). Iran-Turanian Element.
19. *Linum hirsutum* subsp. *platyphyllum* (P. H. Davis) Yilmaz & Kaynak Ann. Bot. Fennici 43(1): 62 (2006).
Synonym: *L. hirsutum* subsp. *anatolicum* var. *platyphyllum* P. H. Davis in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 22: 142 (1957).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 2). Iran-Turanian Element.
20. *Linum hirsutum* subsp. *pseudoanatolicum* P. H. Davis in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 22: 143 (1957).
Synonym: *L. hirsutum* subsp. *anatolicum* var. *eglandulosum* P. H. Davis in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 22: 142 (1957).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 2). Iran-Turanian Element.
21. *Linum hypericifolium* Salisb. in Parad. 79 (1806).
Distribution: Caucasus, Turkey (Figure 2).
22. *Linum maritimum* L. Sp. Pl. 280 (1753).
Distribution: South Europe, Cyprus, Palestine, Turkey (Figure 2). Mediterranean Element.
23. *Linum meletonis* Hand.-Mazz. in Ann. Nat. Hofmus. Wien, 27: 62 (1913).
Distribution: North Iraq, Turkey (Figure 2). Iran-Turanian Element.
24. *Linum mucronatum* Bertol. in Misc. Bot. (1): 18 (1842) non Gilib. (1792) nomen illegit. subsp. *mucronatum*
Synonym: *L. sulphureum* Boiss. & Hauskn. ex Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 857 (1867). *L. rigidissimum* Post in J. Linn. Soc. Bot. 24: 424 (1886).
Distribution: North Iraq, Syria, Turkey (Figure 2). Iran-Turanian Element.
25. *Linum mucronatum* subsp. *orientale* (Boiss.) P.H. Davis in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 22: 153 (1957).
Synonym: *L. flavum* L. var. *orientale* Boiss in Daign. ser. 2(1): 99 (1853). *L. orientale* (Boiss.) Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 855 (1867).
Distribution: Syria, Turkey (Figure 2). Iran-Turanian Element.
26. *Linum mucronatum* subsp. *armenum* (Bordz.) P. H. Davis in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 28: 37 (1967).
Synonym: *L. balansae* Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 855 (1867). *L. orientale* Boiss. subsp. *armenum* Bordz. in Acta Hort. Bot. Jurjev. 13: 20 (1912). *L. mucronatum* subsp. *orientale* (Boiss.) P. H. Davis var. *balansae* (Boiss.) P. H. Davis in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 22: 154 (1957).
Distribution: Caucasus, Iran, Iraq, Turkey (Figure 2.). Iran-Turanian Element.
27. *Linum mucronatum* subsp. *gypsicola* P. H. Davis in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 22: 156 (1957).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 2). Iran-Turanian Element.
28. *Linum nervosum* Waldst. & Kit. in Pl. Rar. Hung. 2: 109 (1805).
Synonym: *L. nervosum* var. *glabratum* DC. in Pordr., 1: 426 (1824). *L. aucheri* Planchon in Lond. J. Bot. 7: 173 (1847). *L. nervosum* var. *aucheri* (Planchon) Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 862 (1867). *L. nervosum* subsp. *glabratum* (DC.) P. H. Davis in Notes R. B. G. Edinb. 22: 136 (1957).
Distribution: Europe, South Russia, Crimea, Caucasus, Iran, Turkey (Figure. 2).
29. *Linum nodiflorum* L. in Sp. Pl. ed. 2, 401 (1762).
Synonym: *L. luteolum* Bieb. in Fl. Taur.-Cauc. 1: 256 (1808). *L. nodiflorum* var. *perpapillosum* Gomb. in Not. Syst. Paris 14: 110 (1951).
Distribution: South Europe, Crimea, Caucasus, Cyprus, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Turkey (Figure 2). Mediterranean Element.
30. *Linum obtusatum* (Boiss.) Stapf. in Denk. Akad. Wiss. Wien, Math.-Nat. Kl. 51(2): 23 (1886).
Synonym: *L. alpinum* Jacq. var. *obtusatum* Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 865 (1867).
Distribution: North Iraq, Turkey (Figure 2).
31. *Linum olympicum* Boiss. in Diagn. ser. 1(1): 56 (1843) subsp. *olympicum*
Synonym: *L. hirsutum* L. var. *alpinum* Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 859 (1867). *L. kotschyanum* Hayek in Ann. Nat. Hofmus. Wien 28: 160 (1914).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure. 2).
32. *Linum pamphylicum* Boiss. & Heldr. ex Planch. in London J. Bot. 7: 511(1848). subsp. *olympicum* Kaynak & Yilmaz in Ann. Bot. Fennici 40 (2): 147 (2003).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure. 2). East Mediterranean Element.
33. *Linum pamphylicum* subsp. *pamphylicum*
Synonym: *L. orientalis* Boiss. var. *pamphylicum* Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 856 (1867). *L. pamphylicum* (Boiss.) Podp. in Verh. K.K. Zool.-Bot. Ges. Wien 52: 639 (1902).

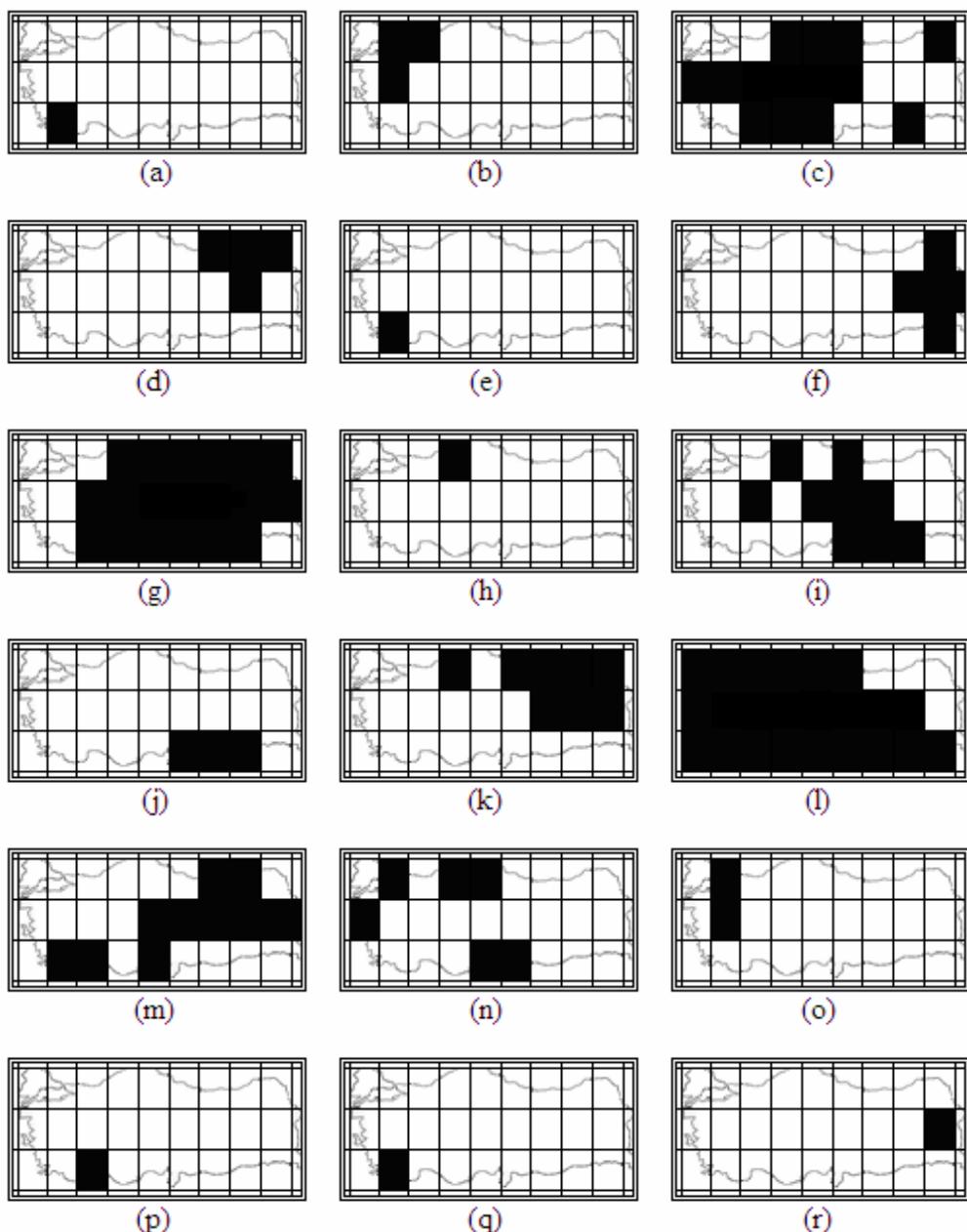


Figure 2. Distribution of *L. hirsutum* subsp. *oreocaricum* (a), *L. hirsutum* subsp. *platyphyllum* (b), *L. hirsutum* subsp. *pseudoanatolicum* (c), *L. hypericifolium* (d), *L. maritimum* (e), *L. meletonis* (f), *L. mucronatum* subsp. *armenum* (g), *L. mucronatum* subsp. *gypsicola* (h), *L. mucronatum* subsp. *mucronatum* (i), *L. mucronatum* subsp. *orientale* (j), *L. nervosum* (k), *L. nodiflorum* (l), *L. obtusatum* (m), *L. olympicum* subsp. *olympicum* (n), *L. pamphylicum* subsp. *olympicum* (o), *L. pamphylicum* subsp. *pamphylicum* (p), *L. pamphylicum* subsp. *papilliferum* (q) and *L. persicum* (r) in dotted squares of the map of Turkey.

Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure. 2). East Mediterranean Element.

34. *Linum pamphylicum* subsp. *papilliferum* (Hub.-Mor. & Reese) Yilmaz & Kaynak in Ann. Bot. Fennici 43(1): 77 (2006).

Synonym: *L. papilliferum* Hub.-Mor. & Reese in Feddes Repert. 52 (1): 45. 1943. *L. mucronatum* Bertol. subsp. *gypsicola* P.H. Davis var. *papilliferum* (Hub.-Mor. & Reese) P.H. Davis in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 22: 158. 1967.

Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 2). East Mediterranean Element.

35. *Linum persicum* Boiss. in Diagn. ser. 1 (6): 27 (1845).
Distribution: Iran, Turkey (Figure 2).
36. *Linum peyroni* Post in Pl. Postianae 3: 6 (1892).
Distribution: Syria, Iran, Turkey (Figure 3). Iran – Turanian Element.
37. *Linum pubescens* subsp. *anisocalyx* (P. H. Davis) Yılmaz & Kaynak
Synonym: *L. anisocalyx* P. H. Davis in Notes R. B. G. Edinb. 22: 149 (1957).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 3). East Mediterranean Element.
38. *Linum pubescens* Banks & Sol. in Russell, Aleppo ed. 2, 2: 268 (1794)
subsp. *pubescens*
Distribution: Syria, North Iraq, Turkey (Figure 3). East Mediterranean Element.
39. *Linum punctatum* Presl. subsp. *pycnophyllum* (Boiss. & Heldr.) Gustavsson in Bot. Not. 131(1): 16 (1978).
Synonym: *L. alpinum* Jacq. var. *pynophyllum* (Boiss. & Heldr.) Boiss. in Fl. Or. 1: 865 (1867). *L. alpinum* subsp. *pycnophyllum* (Boiss. & Heldr.) Maire & Petitmengin in Mater. Etude Fl. Geogr. Bot. Orient 4: 51 (1908). *Linum pycnophyllum* Boiss. & Heldr. in Diagn. Pl. Orient. ser. 2, 1: 97 (1854). *Linum punctatum* Presl subsp. *kurdicum* (P. H. Davis) Greuter & Burdet in Willdenowia 12(1): 45 (1982).
Distribution: Greece, Turkey (Figure 3).
40. *Linum seljukorum* P. H. Davis in Notes R. B. G. Edinb. 22: 149 (1957)
subsp. *seljukorum*
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 3). Iran-Turanian Element.
41. *Linum strictum* L. var. *spicatum* Pers. in Pl. 1: 336 (1805).
Synonym: *L. strictum* subsp. *spicatum* (Pers.) Linb. fil. in Ofrers Finish. Vet. Soc. Forh. 48: 63 (1906).
Distribution: South Europe, North and east Africa, Southwest Africa, Pakistan, Turkey (Figure 3).
42. *Linum strictum* var. *strictum* in Sp. Pl. 279 (1753).
Distribution: South Europe, Cyprus, Turkey (Figure 3).
43. *Linum tauricum* Willd. subsp. *bosphori* P. H. Davis in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 28: 37 (1967).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 3).
44. *Linum tenuifolium* L. in Sp. Pl. 278 (1753).
Synonym: *L. cilicicum* Fenzl. in Tchih. As. Min. Bot. 141 (1860).
Distribution: Europe, South Russia, Crimea, Caucasus, Iran, Turkey (Figure 3).
45. *Linum tmoleum* Boiss. in Diagn. ser. 1(8): 105 (1849).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 3). East Mediterranean Element.
46. *Linum triflorum* P. H. Davis in Notes R. B. G. Edinb., 22: 159 (1957).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 3). Iran-Turanian Element.
47. *Linum trigynum* L. in Sp. Pl. 279 (1753).
Synonym: *L. gallicum* L. in Sp. Pl. ed. 2, 401 (1762).
Distribution: South Europe, North Africa, Syria, Cyprus, Iran, Turkey (Figure 3). Mediterranean Element.
48. *Linum unguiculatum* P. H. Davis in Notes R. B. G. Edinb. 22: 145 (1957).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 3). Iran-Turanian Element.
49. *Linum ussatissimum* L. in Sp. Pl. 272 (1753).
Distribution: Widespread in the northern hemisphere, cultivated as crops (Figure 3).
50. *Linum virgulorum* Boiss. & Heldr. ex Planch. in London J. Bot. 7: 172 (1848).
Distribution: Greece, Turkey (Figure 3). East Mediterranean Element.
51. *Linum vuralianum* Yilmaz & Kaynak in Bot. J. Linn. Soc. 156: 459 (2008).
Distribution: Endemic to Turkey (Figure 3).
- According to Davis (1967a) and Christodoulakis (1995), *L. gyaricum* Vierh. subsp *gyaricum* and *L. gyaricum* subsp. *icaricum* Christod. found in the east Islands of Greece. They are removed from the check-list, because these taxa distributed outside of political boundary of Turkey.
- In the check-list the endemism of *L. obtusatum* and *L. seljukorum* have changed. Previously, *L. obtusatum* has been given as endemic to Turkey (Davis 1967a). Subsequently, Agnew (1980) reported that this species distributed concurrently in north Iraq. The taxonomically distinctive species *L. seljukorum* distributed in central Anatolia and so far in west Armenia (1967a). Afterwards, Gabrielian and Ditrich (1992) described the Armenian specimens as a new species, and Egorova (2000) designated it as *L. seljukorum* subsp. *barsegjanii* (E. Gabrielian & M. Ditrich) T. V. Egorova. In addition, *L. olympicum* subsp. *athoum*

Hartvig has been described from northeast Greece (Hartvig 1986). Therefore, the Anatolian endemic *L. olympicum* has been given in the check-list as *L. olympicum* subsp. *olympicum*.

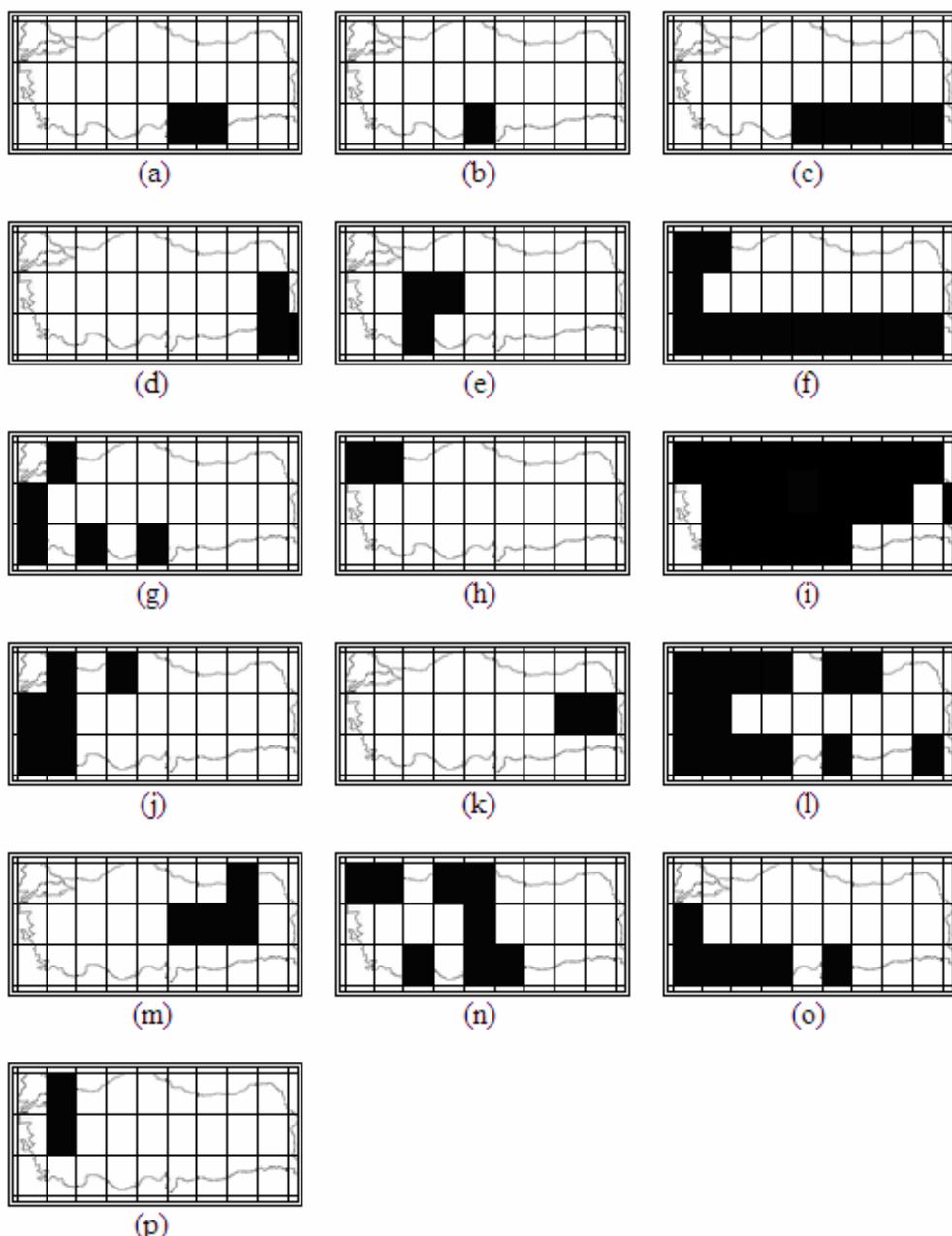


Figure 3. Distribution of *L. peyronii* (a), *L. pubescens* subsp. *anisocalyx* (b), *L. pubescens* subsp. *pubescens* (c), *L. punctatum* subsp. *kurdicum* (d), *L. seljukorum* subsp. *seljukorum* (e), *L. strictum* var. *spicatum* (f), *L. strictum* var. *strictum* (g), *L. tauricum* subsp. *bosphori* (h), *L. tenuifolium* (i), *L. tmoleum* (j), *L. triflorum* (k), *L. trigynum* (l), *L. unguiculatum* (m), *L. ussatissimum* (n), *L. virgultorum* (o) and *L. vuranianum* (p) in dotted squares of the map of Turkey.

In conclusion, the genus *Linum* contains 51 taxa, of which 22 are endemic to Turkey. The endemism percentage is c. 43%. This result indicates that Turkey is a major centre of diversity and speciation for the genus *Linum*.

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