



Endemic plants of Başarakavak and environs (Konya, Turkey)

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ABSTRACT: As a result of floristic investigation of the region among Başarakavak town, Tatköy and Altınapa Dam within Konya city borders carried out between 2004 and 2006, 691 taxa belonging to 90 families and 370 genera were recorded. The number of endemic taxa within the study area is 100 (14.5%). Within the endemic flora, the largest families are *Leguminosae* (15), *Labiatae* (14), and *Compositae* (12) in terms of the number of species and subspecies included. Genus represented by the highest number of endemic taxa is *Astragalus* (13). The distribution of phytogeographic elements of the endemic flora is 59% for Irano-Turanian, 15% for Mediterranean, 1% for Euro-Siberian, and 25% for others (widespread or unknown). In addition, for all the endemic taxa, IUCN (2001) threatened category was defined. As a result of this, two endemic species are in Endangered (EN) category, while ten endemic plants are considered to be vulnerable (VU).

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INTRODUCTION

The research area is a region among Başarakavak town, Tatköy and Altınapa Dam within Konya city borders and in the northwest of the city centre through the C4 square according to Grid System (Fig. 1). This area was selected for the research because it was not thoroughly studied and has some interesting characteristics, in terms of both flora and phytogeography. The research area has a semiarid Mediterranean climate. According to Emberger the precipitation-temperature coefficient (Q) is 32.8 (AKMAN 1990). Annual mean temperature is 11.4 °C. The maximum mean temperature (M) is 17.8 °C. The minimum mean temperature (m) is 5.1 °C. Annual rainfall is about 320.9 mm (MGM 2006), and the seasonal precipitation regime is winter, spring, autumn, and summer. The ombrothermic diagram shows dry and rainy months (Fig. 2). The most abundant soil types in the area were red-brown soil, red-chestnut soil, brown without lime soil, without lime brown forest soil, alluvial soil (KONYA KAPALI HAVZASI TOPRAKLARI 1978).

Research area has steppe vegetation and these species belong to genus *Astragalus* L., *Hedysarum* L., *Salvia* L., *Dianthus* L. and *Thymus* L.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

During fieldwork conducted between 2004 and 2006, 1222 plant specimens were collected and identified in the study area. The collected plant specimens were dried according to herbarium techniques, numbered and deposited in KNYA Herbarium Collection. For the identification of the specimens The Flora of Turkey (DAVIS 1965-1985; DAVIS *et al.* 1988; GÜNER *et al.* 2000) and other floras and references (TUTIN *et al.* 1964-1980) were used. In addition, phytogeographic elements as well as threat categories for the endemic taxa are defined according to EKİM *et al.* (2000) and IUCN (2001).

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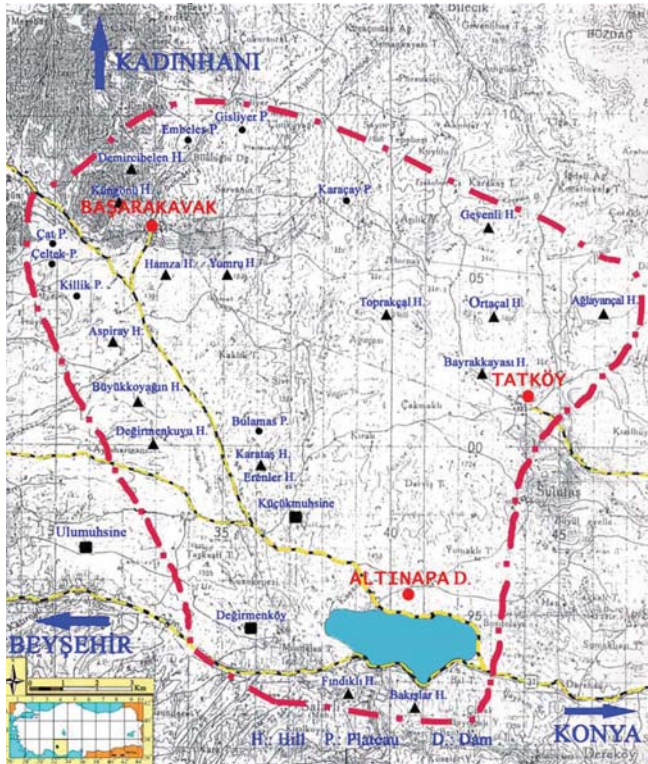


Fig. 1. Map of the studied area.

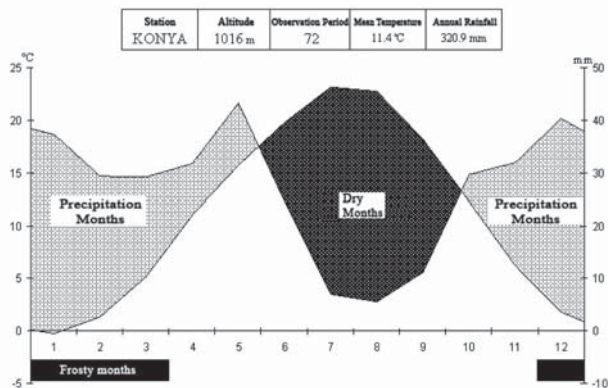


Fig. 2. Ombrothermic diagram of Konya, Turkey.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the investigated area, 691 taxa belonging to 90 families and 370 genera were recorded. The number of endemic taxa is 100 and the endemism rate is 14.5%, which is below the average in Turkey (34%) (EKİM 2005).

Threat categories of the endemic taxa are evaluated according to IUCN 2001. Threat categories number of these taxa: LC (Least Concern): 77, NT (Near Threatened):

6, VU (Vulnerable): 10, EN (Endangered): 2, Unknown: 5. As a result of this *Clypeola ciliata* Boiss. and *Silene lycanica* Chowdh. are in Endangered (EN) categories; *Dianthus ancyrensis* Hausskn. & Bornm., *Astragalus suberosus* Banks & Sol. subsp. *ancyleus* (Boiss.) Maththews, *Centaurea bourgaei* Boiss., *Onosma sieheanum* Hayek, *Veronica macrostachya* Vahl. subsp. *sorgerae* M.A.Fisch., *Sideritis brevibracteata* P.H.Davis, *Thesium bertramii* Aznav. and *Iris stenophylla* Hausskn. & Siehe ex Baker subsp. *stenophylla* are in Vulnerable (VU) category.

Distribution of the species according to floristic region was as follows: Irano-Turanian elements ranked first, accounting for 59% of the specimens, followed by Mediterranean elements (15%) and Euro-Siberian elements (only 1%). The phytogeographic region of 25% of the identified taxa remains widespread or unknown (Tab. 1).

The six richest families in terms of number of endemic taxa are shown in Tab. 2, while the genera with the largest number of endemic taxa in the study area are presented in Tab. 3.

In the present study, the genus *Astragalus* had the highest number of endemic taxa. As the estimated number of taxa belonging to *Astragalus* in Turkey is 400, one would expect to find a higher number of taxa. This might be the result of the suitable ecological factors and habitat for taxa in the genus *Astragalus* within the study area. Most taxa in *Astragalus* are known as steppic plants of Irano-Turanian phytogeographical regions (ÜNAL & BEHCET 2007).

The data of the present study was compared to the results from other floristic studies in East Anatolia, close to The Flora of Region among Başarakavak, Tatköy and Altınapa Dam (Konya) (Tab. 4). The present study was focused on a specific group (endemic plants only), while previous studies were generally based on floristic investigations of all vascular plants in the region.

The Irano-Turanian elements seem to be dominant in all areas studied, while the Mediterranean elements come in second in all these areas, except The Flora of Region among Bozkır-Çumra Apa Dam and Hadım (Konya) (TUGAY 2003) and The Flora of Yeşildağ-Kurucuova (Beyşehir) (SERİN & ÇETİK 1984). The dominance of the Irano-Turanian elements in the flora of region Başarakavak and environs is expected because the study area lies in the Irano-Turanian region.

Finally, 4 species were defined for C4 Konya as new records for the investigated area throughout this study according to Grid System (DONNER 2007). These are as follows: *Clypeola ciliata* Boiss., *Centaurea bourgaei* Boiss., *Cephalaria paphlagonica* Bobrov, *Colchicum baytopiorum* C. D. Brickell.

Table 1. List of endemic plants

Families	Taxa	Threat Categories	Phytogeographic element
Acanthaceae	<i>Acanthus hirsutus</i> Boiss.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Alkanna pseudotinctoria</i> Hausskn. ex Hub.-Mor.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Anchusa leptophylla</i> Roem. & Schult. subsp. <i>incana</i> (Ledeb.) Chamb.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Moltkia aurea</i> Boiss.	LC	Irano-Turanian
Boraginaceae	<i>Nonea macrosperma</i> Boiss. & Heldr.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Onosma isauricum</i> Boiss. & Heldr.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Onosma lycaonicum</i> Hub.-Mor.	NT	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Onosma sieheanum</i> Hayek	VU	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Paracaryum longipes</i> Boiss.	NT	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Asyneuma limonifolium</i> (L.) Janch. subsp. <i>pestalozzae</i> (Boiss.) Damboldt	LC	Unknown
Campanulaceae	<i>Asyneuma linifolium</i> (Boiss. & Heldr.) Bornm. subsp. <i>linifolium</i>	LC	Mediterranean
	<i>Campanula lyrata</i> Lam. subsp. <i>lyrata</i>	LC	Unknown
	<i>Arenaria ledebouriana</i> Fenzl. var. <i>ledebouriana</i>	LC	Unknown
	<i>Dianthus ancyrensis</i> Hausskn. & Bornm.	VU	Irano-Turanian
Caryophyllaceae	<i>Minuartia anatolica</i> (Boiss.) Woron. var. <i>arachnoidea</i> McNeill	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Silene lycaonica</i> Chowdh.	EN	Irano-Turanian
Cistaceae	<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i> (L.) Mill. subsp. <i>lycaonicum</i> Coode & Cullen	LC	Unknown
	<i>Achillea aleppica</i> DC. subsp. <i>zederbaueri</i> (Hayek) Hub.-Mor.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Centaurea bourgaei</i> Boiss.	VU	Mediterranean
	<i>Centaurea cariensis</i> Boiss. subsp. <i>longipapposa</i> Wagenitz	LC	Mediterranean
	<i>Centaurea inexpectata</i> Wagenitz	LC	Euro-Siberian
	<i>Centaurea pichleri</i> Boiss. subsp. <i>extrarosularis</i> (Hayek & Siehe) Wagenitz	LC	Unknown
Compositae	<i>Cousinia iconica</i> Hub.-Mor.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Crepis macropus</i> Boiss. & Heldr.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Inula anatolica</i> Boiss.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Onopordum anaticum</i> (Boiss.) Eig	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Ptilostemon afer</i> (Jacq.) Greuter subsp. <i>eburneus</i> Greuter	LC	Widespread
	<i>Scorzonera tomentosa</i> L.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Tripleurospermum callosum</i> (Boiss. & Heldr.) E.Hossain	LC	Unknown

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Convolvulaceae	<i>Convolvulus galaticus</i> Rost. ex Choisy	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Alyssum pateri</i> Nyar. subsp. <i>pateri</i>	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Aubrieta canescens</i> (Boiss.) Bornm. subsp. <i>cilicica</i> (Boiss.) Cullen	LC	Unknown
Cruciferae	<i>Aubrieta pinardii</i> Boiss.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Clypeola ciliata</i> Boiss.	EN	Unknown
	<i>Draba bruniiifolia</i> Stev. subsp. <i>heterocoma</i> (Fenzl) Coode & Cullen var. <i>nana</i> (Stapf) Schulz	LC	Unknown
	<i>Hesperis kotschyi</i> Boiss.	LC	Irano-Turanian
Dipsacaceae	<i>Cephalaria paphlagonica</i> Bobrov	NT	Unknown
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Euphorbia anacampseros</i> Boiss. var. <i>anacampseros</i>	LC	Unknown
Geraniaceae	<i>Erodium amanum</i> Boiss. & Kotschy	LC	Irano-Turanian
Hypericaceae	<i>Hypericum aviculariifolium</i> Jaub. & Spach subsp. <i>depilatum</i> (Frey & Bornm.) Robson var. <i>depilatum</i>	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Hypericum aviculariifolium</i> Jaub. & Spach subsp. <i>depilatum</i> (Frey & Bornm.) Robson var. <i>leprosum</i> (Boiss.) Robson	LC	Mediterranean
	<i>Crocus danfordiae</i> Maw	VU	Mediterranean
Iridaceae	<i>Iris schachtii</i> Markgr.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Iris stenophylla</i> Hausskn. & Siehe ex Baker subsp. <i>stenophylla</i>	LC	Unknown
	<i>Ajuga bombycina</i> Boiss.	NT	Mediterranean
	<i>Ballota nigra</i> L. subsp. <i>anatolica</i> P.H.Davis	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Nepeta congesta</i> Fisch. & Mey. var. <i>congesta</i>	LC	Unknown
	<i>Origanum sipyleum</i> L.	LC	Mediterranean
	<i>Phlomis armeniaca</i> Willd.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Salvia cryptantha</i> Montbret & Aucher ex Benth.	LC	Irano-Turanian
Labiatae	<i>Salvia heldreichiana</i> Boiss. ex Benth.	LC	Mediterranean
	<i>Salvia hypargeia</i> Fisch. & Mey.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Scutellaria salviifolia</i> Benth.	LC	Unknown
	<i>Sideritis brevibracteata</i> P.H.Davis	VU	Mediterranean
	<i>Stachys cretica</i> L. subsp. <i>anatolica</i> Rech.fil.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> L. subsp. <i>tauricum</i> Rech.fil.	LC	Mediterranean
	<i>Thymus sipyleus</i> Boiss. subsp. <i>sipyleus</i> var. <i>sipyleus</i>	LC	Unknown
	<i>Wiedemannia orientalis</i> Fisch. & Mey.	LC	Irano-Turanian

Families	Taxa	Threat Categories	Phytogeographic element
	<i>Astragalus brachypterus</i> Fisch.	Unknown	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Astragalus campylosema</i> Boiss. subsp. <i>campylosema</i>	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Astragalus hirsutus</i> Vahl	LC	Unknown
	<i>Astragalus lycius</i> Boiss.	LC	Unknown
	<i>Astragalus lydius</i> Boiss.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Astragalus mesogitanus</i> Boiss.	LC	Unknown
	<i>Astragalus nitens</i> Boiss. & Heldr.	Unknown	Irano-Turanian
Leguminosae	<i>Astragalus oxytropifolius</i> Boiss.	Unknown	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Astragalus prusianus</i> Boiss.	Unknown	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Astragalus setulosus</i> Boiss. & Bal.	Unknown	Unknown
	<i>Astragalus strictispinis</i> Boiss.	NT	Unknown
	<i>Astragalus suberosus</i> Banks & Sol. subsp. <i>anceleus</i> (Boiss.) Maththeus	VU	Unknown
	<i>Astragalus zederbaueri</i> Stadlm.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Ebenus hirsuta</i> Jaub. & Spach	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Onobrychis armena</i> Boiss. & Huet	LC	Widespread
Liliaceae	<i>Asphodeline rigidifolia</i> (Boiss.) Baker	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Colchicum baytopiorum</i> C.D.Brickell	NT	Mediterranean
	<i>Hyacinthella campanulata</i> K.M.Perss. & Wendelbo	VU	Irano-Turanian
Linaceae	<i>Linum flavum</i> L. subsp. <i>scabrinerve</i> (P.H.Davis) P.H.Davis	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Linum hirsutum</i> L. subsp. <i>anatolicum</i> (Boiss.) Hayek var. <i>anatolicum</i>	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Linum hirsutum</i> L. subsp. <i>pseudoanatolicum</i> P.H.Davis	LC	Irano-Turanian
Plumbaginaceae	<i>Acantholimon halophilum</i> Bokhari	VU	Irano-Turanian
Ranunculaceae	<i>Consolida raveyi</i> (Boiss.) Schröd.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Consolida stenocarpa</i> (P.H.Davis & Hossain) P.H.Davis	LC	Irano-Turanian
Rosaceae	<i>Alchemilla holocycla</i> Rothm.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Potentilla anatolica</i> Peşmen	LC	Irano-Turanian
Rubiaceae	<i>Asperula stricta</i> Boiss. subsp. <i>latibracteata</i> (Boiss.) Ehrend.	LC	Irano-Turanian
Rutaceae	<i>Haplophyllum myrtifolium</i> Boiss.	LC	Irano-Turanian
Santalaceae	<i>Thesium bertramii</i> Aznav.	VU	Irano-Turanian

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Scrophulariaceae	<i>Linaria corifolia</i> Desf.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Linaria genistifolia</i> (L.) Mill. subsp. <i>confertiflora</i> (Boiss.) P.H.Davis	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Linaria iconia</i> Boiss. & Heldr.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Scrophularia libanotica</i> Boiss. var. <i>oligantha</i> Heywood	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Verbascum brachysepalum</i> (Fisch. & Trautv.) Kuntze	LC	Mediterranean
	<i>Verbascum splendidum</i> Boiss.	LC	Mediterranean
	<i>Veronica cuneifolia</i> D.Don subsp. <i>cuneifolia</i>	LC	Unknown
	<i>Veronica macrostachya</i> Vahl. subsp. <i>sorgerae</i> M.A.Fisch.	VU	Mediterranean
<i>Veronica multifida</i> L.	LC	Irano-Turanian	
Umbelliferae	<i>Bupleurum lycaonicum</i> Snogerup	LC	Mediterranean
	<i>Bupleurum sulphureum</i> Boiss. & Bal.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Eryngium bitynicum</i> Boiss.	LC	Irano-Turanian
	<i>Prangos meliocarpoides</i> Boiss. var. <i>meliocarpoides</i>	LC	Unknown

EN: Endangered, VU: Vulnerable, NT: Near Threatened, LC: Least Concern.

Table 2. Total endemic taxa numbers of the largest families found in the studied area.

Families	Number of taxa
Leguminosae	15
Labiatae	14
Compositae	12
Scrophulariaceae	9
Boraginaceae	8
Cruciferae	6

Table 3. Total endemic taxa of the largest genera in the studied area.

Genera	Number of Taxa
Astragalus	13
Centaurea	4
Salvia	3
Veronica	3
Onosma	3

Table 4. Comparison of endemism and phytogeographic elements rate (%) in the studied area and nearby regions (abbreviations are given below the table).

The Floristic Studies ▶		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Taxa Numbers ▶		691	440	600	471	461	477	473	1173	900	512
Phytogeographic El. ▼											
Irano-Turanian	%	23.1	32.4	31.0	14.4	13.0	19.1	22.6	19.6	17.0	15.2
Mediterranean	%	9.8	3.8	14.6	10.1	12.5	15.1	15.0	20.1	15.6	20.8
Euro-Siberian	%	6.6	0.4	3.0	2.8	5.7	4.4	3.4	3.5	5.8	3.9
Endemism	%	14.5	15.5	13.0	14.6	14.0	16.6	16.2	18.6	11.4	11.5

1. The Flora of Region among Başarakavak, Tatköy and Altınapa Dam (Konya) (Yıldıztugay 2006).
2. Flora of Takkalı Mountains (Konya) (Dural et al. 1984).
3. Contributions to the Flora of Loras, Çal and Kızılören Mountains (Konya) (Tatlı et al. 1993).
4. The Flora of Region Among Kızılören-Hüyük-Derbent (Konya) (Konya) (Durukan 2002).
5. The Flora of Region Sultan Mountains, Doğanhisar (Konya) (Ocakverdi 1984b).
6. The Flora of Region Among Ardıçlı-Bahçesaray-Beykavağı (Konya) (İpekci 2005).
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Endemične biljke Başarakavaka i okoline (Konza, Turska)

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Tokom florističkih istraživanja oblast između mesta Başarakavak, Tatköy i Altınapa Dam unutar granica regiona Konya vodjenih između 2004 i 2006, 691 taksona raspoređenih u 90 familija i 370 rodova je zabeleženo. Broj endemičnih taksona u istraživanom području je 100 (14.5%). Među endemičnim biljkama najbrojniji su predstavnici familije *Leguminosae* (15), *Labiatae* (14) i *Compositae* (12) uzimajući i vrste i podvrste u razmatranje. Najveći broj endemičnih taksona je u okviru roda *Astragalus* (13). Među endemičnim predstavnicima 59% su Irano-Turanski, 15% su Mediteranski, 1% su Euro-Siberski elementi dok je 25% drugih (šireg ili nepoznatog rasprostranjenja). Za sve endemične taksona definisana je IUCN-ova (2001) kategorija ugroženosti. Dve endemične vrste su ugrožene i pripadaju EN kategoriji, dok ih se 10 smatra ranjivim vrstama (VU).

Ključne reči: Flora, endemične biljke, Başarakavak, Tatköy, Altınapa Dam, Konya, Turska



Fig. 3. *Clypeola ciliata* Boiss. - EN



Fig. 4. *Silene lycaonica* Chowdh. - EN



Fig. 5. *Dianthus ancyrensis* Hausskn. & Bornm. -- VU



Fig. 6. *Onosma sieheanum* Hayek - VU

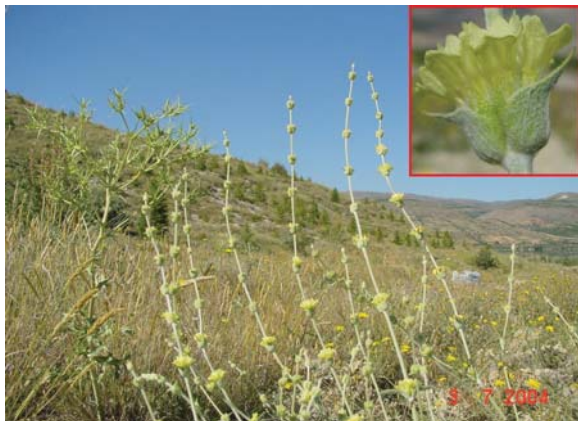


Fig. 7. *Sideritis brevibracteata* P.H.Davis - VU



Fig. 8. *Acantholimon halophilum* Bokhari - VU



Fig. 9. *Thesium bertramii* Aznav. - VU



Fig. 10. *Hyacinthella campanulata* K.M.Perss. & Wendelbo - VU