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Abstract

To address taxonomic problems stemming from treatments in the *Flora of Turkey* and other publications, *Tulipa* is revised for Turkey. Following detailed morphological and cytotaxonomic studies of the taxa, *Tulipa* in Turkey has been found to be represented by 17 species, two subspecies and two varieties (in total 19 taxa). A new key for the species and detailed descriptions of taxa are provided, as are synonyms and typification as far as possible, distribution, habitat types, localities and conservation status of all taxa. These studies are based on approximately 1000 fresh and 2000 herbarium specimens. Adopting the classification of Van Raamsdonk & De Vries, *Tulipa* is divided into two subgenera, *Eriostemones* and *Tulipa*, which were previously treated as sections by Marais in *Flora of Turkey* following Boissier's classification. *Tulipa* subgenus *Eriostemones* is divided into two sections following Baker's treatment: *Sylvestres* and *Saxatiles*. However, section *Sylvestres* is again divided into two subsections following Baker and Hall's treatments: *Sylvestres* and *Biflores* (here described). Section *Saxatiles* is further divided into three subsections, with the addition of two new subsections: *Saxatiles*, *Orphanidetes* and *Humiles*. The type subgenus *Tulipa* is divided into two sections: *Tulipa* and *Clusiana*. In subsection *Humiles*, *T. pulchella* is accepted at species rank, having usually been placed as a synonym of *T. humilis*. Some previously uncollected species (*T. raddii* and *T. saxatilis*) and a doubtful record (*T. clusiana*), after the first collection of material in Turkey, have been recollected and verified.

Key words: Flora of Turkey, Liliaceae, Tulipeae

Introduction

Tulipa Linnaeus (1753: 305) is a member of Liliaceae, which was formerly treated as a large family, Liliaceae *sensu lato*. According to Cronquist (1981), Liliaceae consisted of about 280 genera and nearly 4000 species, but more recently on the basis of molecular studies the family has been broken into segregate families in several orders; these include families such as Smilacaceae (Liliales), Asparagaceae (Asparagales), Nartheciaceae (Dioscoreales), Liliaceae *s.s.* (Liliales), Colchicaceae (Liliales) etc. (APG III 2009, Reveal & Chase 2011). According to the most recent phylogenetic studies (Rønsted *et al.* 2005, Fay *et al.* 2006, APG III 2009), Liliaceae include 15 genera: *Amana* Honda (1935: 20), *Calochortus* Pursh (1814: 240), *Cardiocrinum* (Endlicher, 1836: 141) Lindley (1847: 205), *Clintonia* Rafin (1818: 266), *Medeola* Linnaeus (1753: 339), *Erythronium* Linnaeus (1753: 305), *Fritillaria* Linnaeus (1753: 303), *Gagea* Salisbury (1806: 555), *Lilium* Linnaeus (1753: 302) (including *Nomocharis*), *Notholirion* Wallich ex Boissier (1882: 190), *Scoliopus* Torrey (1857: 145), *Prosartes* Don (1839: 48), *Streptopus* Michaux (1803: 200), *Tricyrtis* Wallich (1826: 61) and *Tulipa*. They are mostly distributed in steppes and mountain meadows of temperate and subtropical regions of the Northern Hemisphere, especially Asia (Simpson 2006) except for *Clintonia*, *Medeola*, *Scoliopus*, *Prosartes*, and *Streptopus*, which are plants of temperate deciduous forests. Hayashi & Kawano (2000) and Patterson & Givnish (2002) supported Liliaceae *sensu* Tamura, based on plastid DNA sequence data: *rbcL/matK* and *rbcL/ndhF*, respectively. Takhtajan (1997) included *Tulipa* in

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