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## New locality of *Centaurea pichleri* (Asteraceae) in Bulgaria

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Centaurea pichleri Boiss. belongs to subgenus Cyanus of Asteraceae and has a very complex taxonomy. It is distributed in Turkey (mainly in Central Anatolia), Greece and Bulgaria. The species is protected by the national Biodiversity Act and included in the Red List of vascular plants in Bulgaria with conservation status "Vulnerable". For the first time C. pichleri was reported for the Bulgarian flora (3 floristic regions) in 2000 by Bancheva and Genchev. During field investigations in the spring of 2016 a new locality of the species in Toundzha hilly country (SE Bulgaria), near to Kostur village, Haskovo district, was found. The taxon inhabit the periphery of dry, stony meadows in termophilous oak forest and brushwood situated in a Site of the Ecological Network NATURA 2000. This habitat type named "Eastern white oak forests – 91AA" is included in Annex I of the "Habitat" Directive 92/43/EEC. The new population of C. pichleri is in a good state and numbers over then 1000 individuals. From the spatial location of individuals can be assumed that the reproduction of the species in this locality combined vegetative and seed model. In the new locality were not registering threats to the species' population.

## Silene noctiflora, present in the flora of Kosovo and Metohija (Serbia)

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Studying the flora of the plain part of Kosovo and Metohija, in the village of Gračanica, on the eastern rim of the Kosovo basin (approximately 10 km to the south

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of Priština), near the Gračanka stream, we identified a weed and ruderal species, Silene noctiflora.

The part of the stream bank is urbanised and turned into a quay. The quay is regularly maintained implying that the banks are regularly weeded and the riverbeds are cleaned as the *Typha latifolia* species rapidly grows; it may be the reason why this species was not immediately detected and appropriately determined.

Except for the afore mentioned locality, the species was also reported on the neglected arable fields and tilths, around the unkempt orchards, along the new tarmac road between Gračanica and Laplje Selo, on the locality called Labura.

*Silene noctiflora* is not mentioned for the region of Kosovo and Metohija in the new and revised edition of the book Flora of Serbia 2.

## A supplement to the knowledge of the flora of Sirinićka Župa at the bottom of the Šara Mountains

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The intensive preliminary floristic studies, carried out between March and August, 2015, yielded the herbaric material consisting of 261 taxa collected at the bottom of the northern slopes of the Šara mountain massif, in the region of Sirinićka Župa. The analysis of the gathered material detected two species, interesting particularly in the flora of the Šara Mountains.

Epipactis palustris (L.) Crantz (Orchidaceae), is a rare species of the swamp orchid, legally protected in the flora of Serbia, and even rarer in the Šara Mountains flora. The village of Sevce can be found in the vicinity of Dragaš and Rastelica, towards little Borce, on the slopes of Ostrovica. The newly-found locality on the left bank of the Lepenac river, is also a new locality of this species, which is uncommon not only in Sirinićka Župa, but also in the flora of the Šara Mountains and Serbia.

Carex ventricosa Curtis (syn. Carex depauperata With.) (Cyperaceae) belongs to the group of forest narrow-leaved ash, which is a new species in the flora on the Šara Mountains, and most probably a new species in the flora of Kosovo and Metohija, as a new, reliable locality for the flora of Serbia.