# STUDIES IN CHROMOSOME NUMBERS OF YUGOSLAVIAN ANGIOSPERMS

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#### Introduction

The flora of Yugoslavia is very rich in species, especially that of the republics Makedonija and Crna Gora.

Macedonian flora shows many Central-European as well as Mediterranean influences and has a very high percentage of endemics. The same holds true for the flora of Crna Gora, of which the coastal regions have a predominantly mediterranean flora and the inland regions a more Central-European one. The highly differentiated and variable flora of Yugoslavia invited as it were to a botanical excursion. This excursion. under the guidance of Drs. Berg, Gadella and Wessels Boer, was made in the month of July 1968. Many plants were collected near Tetovo (Makedonija: Šar Planina and Mavrovsko Jezero) and near Kolašin (Crna Gora: Biogradsko Jezero and near the Monastery of Morača). Many seeds and some live plants were assembled for cytological investigation, since little information is available with regard to the angiosperm flora of Yugoslavia. The results of these studies will be dealt with in this paper. 67 species will be treated, of which 4 had not been studied cytologically before. As a result of the special interest in the genera Sedum, Potentilla, Cardamine, Myosotis and Hieracium, a large number of living collections were assembled for biosystematic investigations. Only the results obtained in the genus *Hieracium* will be dealt with in this paper, the remaining genera will be treated later in separate papers.

### Material and Methods

Living plants were collected as well as seed samples. The seeds were sown in the Botanical Garden of the State University of Utrecht. Chromosome counts were made from root-tips of potted plants. The tips were fixed in Karpechenko's fixative, embedded in paraffin-wax, sectioned at 15 micron and stained according to Heidenhain's heamatoxylin method. Specimens relating to this study are preserved in the herbarium of Utrecht.

## Results

The results of the chromosome counts are given in the following table. This table gives a survey of the species investigated, the source of the material, collection numbers and the chromosome numbers. Notes on some species (marked with an asterisk) have been added.

Boraginaceae	
1. Anchusa officinalis L.	
coll. no.: 8901origin : Slovenija, roadside near Borl.	2 n = 16.
2. Cerinthe minor L.	
coll. no.: 8821	2 n = 18.
3*. Symphytum officinale L	
coll. no.: 8868 and 8869	2 n = 48.
Campanulaceae	
4. Campanula lingulata W. et K.	
coll. no.: 8877 and 9003	2 n = 34.
coll. no.: 8982 and 8985origin: Crna Gora, near monastery of Morača.	2 n = 34.
5*. Campanula patula L.	_
coll. no.: 8833 and 9068origin: Makedonija, between Dobri and Belovište.	2 n = 20.
coll. no.: 8940	2 n = 40.
origin : Crna Gora, near Biogradsko Jezero. coll. no. : 8988origin : Makedonija, near Mavrovo.	2 n = 40.
6. Jasione orbiculata Gris.	
coll. no. : 8952	2 n = 12.
Caryophyllaceae	
7. Arenaria serpyllifolia L.	
coll. no. : 8801 origin : Makedonija, near Mavrovo.	
coll. no. : 9019 origin : Makedonija, Šar Planina, Popova Šapka.	2 n = 40.
8*. Minuartia verna (L.) Hiern. subsp. collina (Neilr.) Halliday	
coll. no. : 8945 origin : Makedonija, <b>S</b> ar <b>Planina, Vakuf Sa</b> r.	2 n = 24.

	9*. Petrorhagia saxifraga (L.) Link. coll. no.: 8900	2 n = 30
	10. Silene italica (L.) Pers. coll. no.: 9007	2 n = 24
	11. Silene paradoxa L. coll. no.: 9034	2 n = 24
Cor	mpositae	
:	12. Centaurea solstitialis L.  coll. no.: 8911	2 n = 16
	13. Crepis foetida L.  coll. no.: 8837  origin: Makedonija, Šar Planina, Popova Šapka.	2 n = 10
	coll. no.: 8882	2 n = 10.
	coll. no.: 8975	2 n = 10.
1	14*. Hieracium hoppeanum Schult. subsp. leucocephalum Vuk. coll. no.: 9062	2 n = 18.
1	15*. Hieracium hoppeanum Schult. subsp. macranthopsis Zal coll. no.: 9065	nn 2 n = 18.
1	16*. Hieracium hoppeanum Schult. subsp. macranthum Boiss. coll. no.: 9063	
1	17*. Hieracium hoppeanum Schult. grex macranthum (Ten.) Z coll. no.: 8933	
	origin: Makedonija, near Mavrovo. coll. no.: 8839 origin: Makedonija, between Tetovo and Popova Šapka.	2 n = 18.
	18*.Hieracium hoppeanum Schult. subsp. multisetum NP. coll. no.: 8936, 8937	2 n = 18.
1	19. Hieracium murorum L.  coll. no.: 9033	2 n = 36.
2	20*. Hieracium pilosella L. coll. no. : 8990	2 n = 54.
2	21. Senecio rupester Waldst. et Kit.  coll. no.: 8824	2 n = 20.
2	22. Xeranthemum annuum L.  coll. no.: 8876	2 n = 12.

# Cruciferae

23	3. Alyssoides utriculata (L.) Medicus.	
	coll. no. : 8977 origin : Crna Gora, near monastery of Morača.	2 n = 16.
	Alyssum saxatile L. coll. no.: 9028 origin: Makedonija, between Mavrovo and Debar.	2 n = 16.
2	5. Arabidopsis thaliana (L.) Heynh. coll. no.: 8822	2 n = 10.
	sko Jezero.	
26	6. Arabis sagittata (Bertol.) D. C. coll. no.: 8912	2 n = 16.
27	d. Arabis turrita L. coll. no.: 9025	2 n = 16.
28	3. Cardamine resedifolia L. coll. no.: 9016	2 n = 16.
20	origin : Crna Gora, near Biogradsko Jezero. Draba aizoides L.	
20	coll. no.: 8965	2 n = 16.
30	*. Erysimum hieracifolium L.	
91	coll. no.: 8797 origin: Kosovo-Metohija, Pečka patrijaršija.	2 n = 16.
31	*. Peltaria perennis (Ard.) Mgf. coll. no.: 8942	2 n = 14.
32	thlaspi montanum L. coll. no.: 8957 origin: Makedonija, Šar Planina, Vakuf Šar, 1900 m.	2 n = 28.
Dips	acaceae	
33	. Scabiosa argentea L. coll. no. : 8878	2 n = 16.
34	origin : Makedonija, near Tetovo.  Scabiosa ochroleuca L.	0 10
	coll. no.: 9021 origin: Makedonija, between Mavrovo and Debar.	$z$ $\mathbf{n} = 10$ .
Grar	nineae	
35	. Alopecurus utriculatus Pers. coll. no. : 8889origin : Hrvatska, near Ivanić-Grad.	2 n = 14.
Labi	atae	
36	. Lamium garganicum L.	
	coll. no.: 9029origin: Makedonija between Mavrovo and Debar.	2 n = 18.
37	Prunella vulgaris L. coll. no.: 8928	2 n = 28.
	Šapka.	

	38.	Salvia viridis L. var. horminum (L.) Battand. et Trabut. coll. no: 8994	2 n = 16.
	20	origin : Makedonija, near Tetovo.	
	39.	Scutellaria altissima L. coll. no.: 9005	2 n = 34.
	40.	Thymus kosteleckyanus Opiz.  coll. no.: 9024	2 n = 28.
	41.		2 n = 28.
	<b>4</b> 2.	Thymus pulegioides L. coll. no.: 8989	2 n = 28.
		Šapka.	
M a	1 v :	a c e a e	
		Althaea hirsuta L.	
	45*.	coll. no.: 8899	2 n = 56.
		origin : Crna Gora, near monastery of Morača.	
Paj	•	ionaceae	
	44*.	Chamaespartium sagittale (L.) Gibbs	
		coll. no. : 8931 origin : Crna Gora, near Biogradsko Jezero.	2 n = 44 (46).
	45.	Lathyrus montanus Bernh.	
	40	coll. no.: 8905	2 n = 14.
	46.	Lathyrus vernus (L.) Bernh. coll. no.: 9036	2 n = 14.
	A 57	origin : Makedonija, near Mavrovo.  Lotus corniculatus L.	
	47.	coll. no.: 8921	2 n = 24.
		origin: Crna Gora, roadside Titograd—Budva. coll. no.: 9012	2 n = 24.
	40+	origin : Crna Gora, Biogradsko Jezero.	
	48*.	Trifolium angustifolium L. coll. no.: 8884	2 n = 16.
	49.	Trifolium fragiferum L.	
		coll. no.: 8923 origin: Crna Gora, near Skadarsko Jezero (lake of Scutari).	2 n = 16.
	50.	Vicia sativa L.	
		coll. no.: 8870 origin: Slovenija, near Borl.	2 n = 12.
Ρla	nt	aginaceae	
	51*.	Plantago media L.	
		coll. no.: 8974 origin: Crna Gora, near monastery of Morača, di-	2 n = 12.
		rection of Titograd.	

52.	Plantago coronopus L.  coll. no.: 8917	2 n = 10
Plum	baginaceae	
53.	Armeria maritima (Mill.) Willd.  coll. no.: 8906	$2 n \approx 18$
Ranu	nculaceae	
54.	Nigella damascena L.  coll. no.: 8908	2 n = 12.
Rubia	aceae	
55.	Asperula odorata L.  coll. no.: 9004	2 n = 44.
Saxif	ragaceae	
56.*	Parnassia palustris L.  coll. no.: 8437  origin: Crna Gora, near Biogradsko Jezero.	2 n = 18.
Scrop	hulariaceae	
57.	Digitalis lanata Ehrl. coll. no.: 8991	2 n = 56.
	origin : Makedonija, near Tetovo.	2 n = 56.
58	origin: Makedonija, between Dobri and Belovište.  Linaria genistifolia (L.) Mill.	
00.	coll. no.: 8879	2 n = 12.
59.	Linaria vulgaris Mill.  coll. no.: 8879	2 n = 12.
	Scrophularia nodosa L. coll. no.: 9050	2 n = 36.
61.	Veronica beccabunga L.  coll. no.: 8823	2 n = 18.
	coll. no.: 8968 origin: Crna Gora, near Biogradsko Jezero.	2 n = 18.
62.	Veronica serpyllifolia L.  coll. no.: 8818	2 n = 14.

#### Umbelliferae

63. Orlaya grandiflora (L.) Hoffm.

coll.: no. 8984 origin: Crna Gora, near monastery of Morača.	2 n = 20
Urticaceae	
64. Parietaria officinalis L. coll. no.: 8881	2 n = 14
Violaceae	
65. Viola arvensis Murray coll. no.: 8860 origin: Makedonija, Šar Planina, near Popova Šapka.	2 n = 34
66 Viola anacilia Sibth at Sm	

Šapka. 67. Viola tricolor L. subsp. subalpina Gaudin

coll. no.: 8836 .....

origin : Crna Gora, between Kolašin and Biograd-

origin : Makedonija, Šar Planina, near Popova

sko Jezero.

# Notes on some species

The results obtained in most species are in agreement with the counts published by other authors. Many of these species had been counted only once before and usually originate from a locality outside Yugoslavia.

Four species were studied cytologically for the first time: Scabiosa argentea L. (2n = 16); Viola gracilis Sibth. et Sm. (2n = 20); Silene paradoxa L. (2n = 24) and Hieracium murorum L. (2n = 36).

In three species other chromosome numbers were counted than previously reported by other authors, whereas in 10 other species the occurrence of intraspecific polyploid series could be demonstated. These 13 species will be treated more in detail.

## 3\*. Symphytum officinale L.

Symphytum officinale is a very variable species, not only morphologically, but also cytologically (G a d e l l a and K l i p h u i s 1967). In the Netherlands three cytotypes occur: 2n=24 (diploid); 2n=40; 2n=48 (tetraploid). The diploid plants are white flowered throughout their range, those with the chromosome number 2n=40 are usually purple-flowered (exceptionally white-flowered) and the tetraploids are characterized by various flower colours, usually in the same population, ranging from creamy-white to dark purple and red. Diploid plants are rare in Europe, their occurrence could be demonstrated in scattered localities in the D. D.R., Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Italy, Great Britain and the Netherlands. It seems likely that these white-flowered plants also occur in Yugoslavia, presumably in the North of the country.

2 n = 20.

Tetraploid plants, on the other hand, are common in Europe. Only exceptionally all plants of the same population show the same flower colour in Western Europe, but in Central Europe (Austria and Hungary) the tetraploid plants are always purple-flowered. The plants collected in Slovenija, near Borl, proved to be tetraploid and also purple-flowered. According to Steven (1851) and Popov (1953) no white-flowered individuals have been reported from Russia. These data seem to indicate that the variation of the flower colour is correlated with geographical factors, so that possibly the term topocline can be employed for this situation. At any rate, more data must be assembled before we can arrive at more definite conclusions. The authors intend to continue their studies on this subject and would highly appreaciate to receive living plants or seeds of Symphytum officinale, preferably with indication of the flower-colour of the plants of the local population concerned.

## 5\* Campanula patula L.

G a della (1964) reported the chromosome number 2n=40 for this species. Closely related to Campanula patula L. is Campanula abietina (2n=80). This taxon is regarded by some authors as a variety of Campanula patula. As C. abietina deviates not only in cytological, but also in morphological respect, this opinion does not seem to be correct. The diploid and tetraploid plants of Campanula patula are (macro-morphologically indistinguishable, only the pollengrains of the former are smaller than those of the latter. The tetraploid cytotype was found in Austria and Yugoslavia up till now (G a della, l.c.). Contandriopoulos (1966) reported diploids from Yugoslavia and Greece. The present authors demonstrated the occurrence of both diploids and tetraploids in Yugoslavia; it appeared to be impossible to find clear-cut morphological differences between these two cytotypes.

# 8\*. Minuartia verna (L.) Hiern. subsp. collina (Neilr.) Halliday

Favarger (1967) studied several populations of *Minuartia verna*. He found diploids and tetraploids. In his opinion the diploids belong to the subspecies *verna* and the tetraploids should be assigned to the subspecies *collina*. The diploids occur in the Pyrenees, the Alps and the Jura, the tetraploid material was found in Greece (Mount Parnassus; Pili) and in S. W. Bulgaria.

According to Favarger the tetraploid plants mentioned by Halliday (in Löve and Löve, 1961) which originated from the Botanical Garden of Zagreb and from Hungary, probably belong to the subspecies collina. The plants studied by the present authors originate from the Sar Planina, Makedonija, and were identified with the key given by Halliday in Flora Europaea I, p. 131. The most important characters of these plants are:

- a. leaves linear-subulate to setaceous, not stiffly patent, margins entire.
- b. axillary vegetative fascicles present.
- c. petals obtuse, widest above the middle.
- d. cymes 4—5—6 flowered.
- e. petals equalling sepals.
- f. anthers yellow.

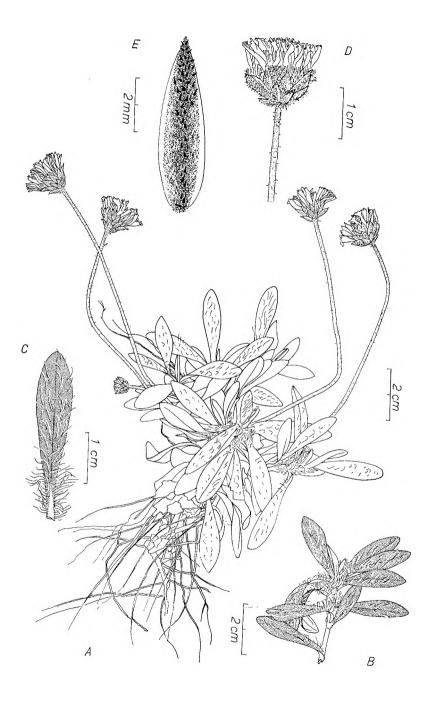
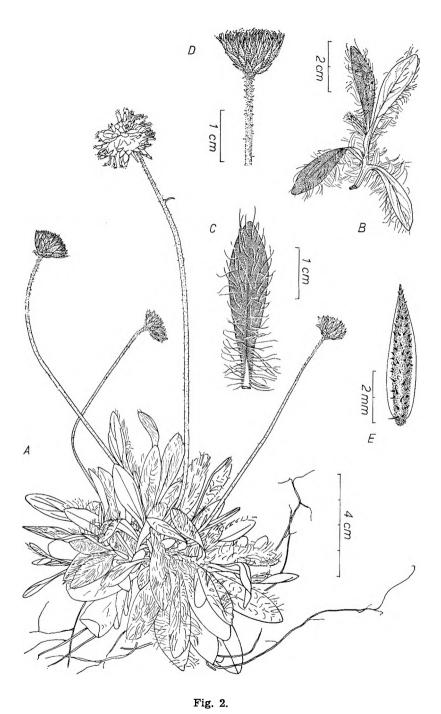


Fig. 1.



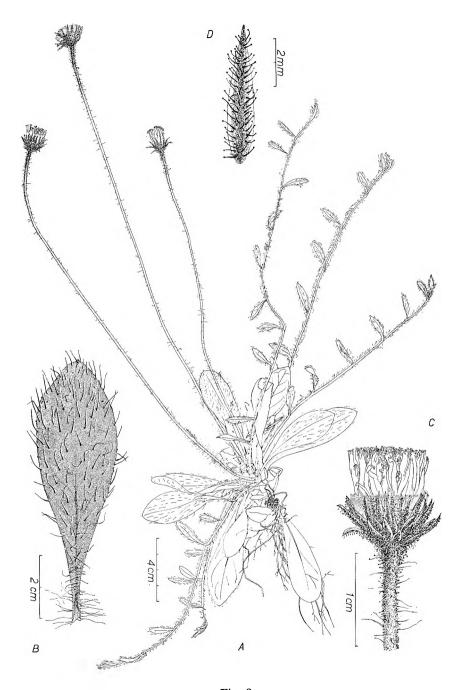


Fig. 3.

Fig. 1. Hieracium hoppeanum Schult. grex macranthum (Ten.) Zahn: 2 n = 18
 — coll. no. 8839.

A. habit; B. Stolon with leaves of about equal size; C. Rosette-leaf, upper side; D. Capitule, showing broad bracts; E. bract of the involucre.

Fig. 2. Hieracium hoppeanum Schult. subsp. multisetum NP. : 2 n = 18 — coll. no. 8937.

A. Habit, B. Stolon with leaves of about equal size; C. Rosette leaf, upper side; D. Capitule, the flowers withered; E. Bract of the involucre.

Fig. 3. Hieracium pilosella L. : 2 n = 54 — coll. no. 8990.

A. Habit; B. Rosette leaf, upper side; C. Capitule, showing the bracts of the involucre with many glandular hairs; D. Bract of the involucre with many glandular hairs. Note the long and slender stolons with leaves gradually diminishing in size.

Five of these characters point in the direction of the subspecies collina, only the number of flowers per cyme is in better agreement with subspecies verna. For that reason the authors regard the Yugoslavian plants as belonging to the subspecies collina. The chromosome number of the plants (2n = 24) does not lend support to Favarger's supposition that probably all plants of the subspecies collina are tetraploid.

## 9\*. Petrorhagia saxifraga (L.) Link.

This species was studied by Rohweder (1934) and by Larsen (1954), who counted 2n=60 in Austrian material, and by Favarger (1946) in cultivated material of unknown origin, with the same result. The plants collected near Smederevo (Srbija), however, turned out to be diploid (2n=30).

## 14/18\*; 20\*. Hieracium hoppeanum Schult. and Hieracium pilosella L.

Several plants of the section Pilosellin a of the genus *Hieracium* were collected. They were examined by the *Hieracium*-specialist Prof. Dr. J. L. van Soest of the Rijksherbarium of Leyden, the Netherlands, to whom the authors are greatly indebted for his careful identification of the material.

Most plants turned out to belong to *Hieracium hoppeanum* Schult, and are diploid. The plants collected in Makedonija near Mavrovo and between Tetovo and Popova Sapka are diploid. They belong to the grex macranthum, but it proved impossible to assign them with certainty to one of the subspecies of this group (see fig. 1). The other plants are also diploid (2n=18) and belong to the subspecies macranthopsis, multisetum (see fig. 2) and leucocephalum. Christoff and Christoff (in Tischler 1950) counted 2n=90, but Favarger (1965) reported the number 2n=18 for material originating from Tessin (Switzerland).

The plants collected near Debar (Makedonija) belong to the species Hieracium pilosella and are hexaploid (2n=54). The drawing shows that the stolons are long and slender and provided with leaves that are gradually diminishing in size, characters which are regarded as typical for H. pilosella (see fig. 3). Up till now, only once diploid plants were collected, i.c. near Aosta (N. Italy), where a large population of these sexually reproducing plants was found (Gadella and Kliphuis 1970a). All other European populations turned out to be polyploid 2n=36, 2n=45, 2n=54). Many populations were studied in Scandinavia (Turesson and Turesson 1960), in the Netherlands (Gadella and Kliphuis 1968 a, c.), in Poland (Skalińska 1967), in the French and Italian Alps (Gadella and Kliphuis 1970 a + b) and finally in Austria (Gadella, Kliphuis and Kramer 1970). The distribution of the different cytotypes is not clear, but more chromosome counts have to be made, especially in southern and eastern Europe, before we can arrive at more definite conclusions.

## 30\*. Erysimum hieracifolium L.

Jaretzky (1928) and Löve and Löve (1956) counted 2n = 32in material of unknown origin and of Icelandic origin, respectively. Polatschek (1966) reported tetraploid material from various places in Austria (Schlögen; Weiten; Absdorf/Wagram; Moosbrunn; Stopfenreuth). Mulligan (1959) found hexaploid plants (2n = 48) in Canada, Ontario, where the species appeared to be introduced. This number was confirmed by Mulligan and Frankton (1967) in plants from Ottawa. They are of the opinion that some plants from six other populations in Canada possibly exhibit agamospermy, judging from the fact that these plants set abundant seed in spite of meiotic irregularities in the pollen fertility. It appeared that diploid plants were not known up till now. Therefore. the record of the number 2n = 16, counted in plants originating from Peć (Kosovo-Metohija) is of interest for the study of this variable species. The present authors completely agree with Polatschek's (l. c) statement: »Für die Klärung des Formenkreises sind weitere cytologische Beiträge notwendig«.

# 31\*. Peltaria perennis (Ard.) Mgf.

In this species the occurence of intraspecific polyploidy was demonstrated by Polatschek (1966). He found diploid plants in Austria and tetraploid plants (2n=28) near Mosor, Yugoslavia. The present authors found diploid plants in Yugoslavia, in the environment of the lake near Biograd (Crna Gora).

#### 43\* Althaea hirsuta L.

The chromosome number of A. hirsuta, 2n = 56, counted by the present authors, does not agree with the results obtained by D e l a y (1969), who reported the haploid number n = 25. The basic number of the genus Althaea is undoubtedly x = 7, since several species of the genus have 2n = 28, 2n = 42, 2n = 70 and 2n = 84. The number 2n = 56 (octoploid level) was not found before. In the light of this evidence Delay's report needs a reinvestigation.

# 44\*. Chamaespartium sagittale (L.) Gibbs.

Santos (1945) published the numbers 2n=46 and 2n=48, determined in cultivated plants originating from the botanical gardens of Utrecht and Leyden, respectively. The material studied by the present authors provided serious cytological difficulties. Most metaphase plates showed 2n=44, but in some others 2n=43 and 2n=46 was counted.

# 48\*. Trifolium angustifolium L.

The authors could confirm Larsen's (1960) observation, who determined the number 2n=16 in material originating from the Canary Islands. Karpechenko's (1925) report (2n=14) is probably erroneous.

## 51\*. Plantago media L.

Rahn (1954, 1966) demonstrated the occurence of diploid plants in S. France and in Rumania and reported the same number in plants of unknown origin, obtained from various botanical gardens. The number 2n=24 was counted by various authors (for references see Löve and Löve, 1961). The Yugoslavian plants, collected near the Monastery of Morača are diploid. These observations invite to a more thorough cytogeographic investigation in this species, especially in Southern and Eastern Europe.

## 56\*. Parnassia palustris L.

Parnassia palustris was studied cytologically by many authors (for references see G a della and Kliphuis, 1968 b). According to Löve (1950) P. palustris s. l. is represented in Europe by tetraploid and diploid plants, with the chromosome number 2n=36 and 2n=18, respectively. The first cytotype has a circumpolar distribution, the latter a more southern one.

In the Netherlands, where both diploids and tetraploids occur, it proved impossible to separate the diploids from the tetraploids on morphological grounds. The Dutch tetraploids, however, are separable morphologically from the arctic tetraploids.

The Yugoslavian plants from the Sar Planina mountains are diploids and have the same combination of morphological characters as the Dutch diploids and tetraploids. Therefore, the present authors are of the opinion that these plants should be assigned to *Parnassia palustris* L. subsp. palustris.

### Summary

The chromosome number of 67 species of Yugoslavian plants was determined. Most plants were collected in Makedonija and Crna Gora. The chromosome number of 4 species could be determined for the first time, whereas in 10 other species intraspecific polyploidy was demonstrated. Finally, in three species the results of previous investigations could not be confirmed. Notes on some species are given.

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#### SADRŽAJ

#### ISTRAŽIVANJA KROMOSOMSKOG BROJA NEKIH CVJETNJAČA IZ JUGOSLAVIJE

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Autori su istraživali broj kromosoma u 67 vrsta cvjetnjača iz Jugoslavije. Većina biljaka sakupljena je u Makedoniji i Crnoj Gori, a manji dio u Srbiji, Hrvatskoj i Sloveniji. Navedeni brojevi kromosoma u većini slučajeva (40 vrsta) odgovaraju već prije publiciranim rezultatima drugih autora. Međutim u mnogih vrsta kromosomski brojevi su prije bili utvrđeni na osnovi samo jednog brojenja na biljkama, sa nalazišta većinom izvan Jugoslavije.

Prvi put je utvrđen broj kromosoma za vrste Scabiosa argentea L. (2n = 16), Viola gracilis Sibth. et Sm. (2n = 20), Silene paradoxa L. (2n = 24) i Hieracium murorum L. (2n = 36). U 10 vrsta utvrđeno je postojanje interspecijske poliploidije, a za tri vrste dobiveni su brojevi kromosoma koji ne potvrđuju rezultate prijašnjih autora. Također su u ovom radu izloženi biosistematski podaci za neke vrste roda Hieracium.

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