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## The perception and opinions of citizens regarding the application and maintenance of floral species on terraces and balconies of the city of Knin

### Abstract

The arrangement of terraces and balconies has always been a topic of great interest, but first and foremost, much regard was taken regarding the growth, care and maintenance of various species of flowers. The care of potted plants depends on the place where they are grown, the substrate and weather conditions which affect their growth and development. Plants cultivated on balconies and terraces most often are of Mediterranean, tropic or subtropic origin. The city of Knin enjoys a submediterranean climate, characterised by long winters with large amounts of rain and hot summers with very little precipitation. The aim of the paper was to investigate the perception of acquisition, usage, application and maintenance of floral species on the balconies and terraces of the city of Knin using the method of survey research. The research was undertaken during the month of June in 2016. Survey research conducted on the citizens of Knin and its surrounding areas revealed the citizens' views and opinions regarding the acquisition, usage and application of flowering potted plants on terraces and balconies. The citizens judged as 'very good' (grade 4,37) the importance of the decoration of balconies or terraces with flower pots in the effort to enhance the aesthetic image of the city. 47,5% of the citizens of Knin stated that they use a combination of perennial, annual and biennial floral species as well as bulbous plant species. Staying at balconies or terraces decorated with flowering pot plants as substitution for nature sojourns was judged by citizens with a grade of 4,12. The least preferred method of decoration was the use of flowering pot plants in hanging flower boxes (graded 3,42).

**Key words:** flowering pot plants, ecological and breeding measures, balconies and terraces, survey research, Knin.



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