

Alpine floristic element on the Kosova's Mountains

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The plants which belong to Alpine floristic element (alpigene species) are extended with the center in European Alps, but some of them are present in some other mountains massives (WALTER & STRAKA 1970) such as: in Apennine, Balkan and other mountain massives. The most of Alpine species on the high Kosova's mountains have arrived through Dinaric in the Albanian and Kosovar Alps, whereof they are spread out in Pashtrik, Koritnik, Sharr Mountain and Kopaonik. According to TURRILL (1929) the number of alpine species goes reducing from north to south of the Balkan. So, in Illyrian region there are present about 170 species, in Peloponnesus 17 species, whereas in the Crete just 1 species.

The research from MILLAKU (1999, 2005) and REXHEPI (1986, 2007) show that the Albanian Alps which are near Dinarics are more rich with alpine species compared to Sharr Mountain and other mountains massive present in Kosovo. Except for typical alpine species in the Kosova's flora there are present also species which belong to these subfloristic elements: Alpine-Balkan, Alpine-Subbalkan, Subalpine, Alpine-Carpathic, Alpine-Arctic, Alpine-Euroasiatic, Alpine-Illyric, Alpine-Nordic, Alpine-Mediterranean, Alpine-Dinaric, Alpine-mountain, Alpine-Circumpolar, Alpine-European and Alpine-Carpathic-Balkan. Some of alpine species are spread over a large area and make important associations in the alpine and subalpine zone. Some of them are very rare, confined in narrow areas and therefore should be protected from the extinction.

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