A NEW VARIETY OF THE GENUS TRAGOPOGON L. FROM IRAN

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Tragopogon bornmuelleri M. Ownbey & Rech. f. var. latifolius Safavi is described here as a new variety from Iran. The difference with related variety is also discussed.

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Introduction
In a revision of the genus Tragopogon L. in Iran the specimens of several Iranian herberia have been studied. Among the herbarium specimens a new variety to Iran was found in Kordestan Province Herbarium. This variety was seen between Tragopogon L. collection of Research Institute of Forests and Rangelands Herbarium (TARI) too. The two specimens are preserved in TARI.

Tragopogon bornmuelleri M. Ownbey & Rech. f. var. latifolius Safavi & Maroofi var. nov. (fig.1). Folia basalia late lanceolata vel oblonga, 10-50 mm lata, suprema saepe abbreviata et dilatata 5-8 mm lata. Typus. Kordestan: Saghez, Sonateh to Souteh, near Hajimohamad village, 1800–1950 m, Maroofi 1935 (holotypus TARI); Kordestsn: 32 km on the road from Marivan to Paveh (Tangeh Dezli), 1700 m, Runemark & Mozaffarian 29375 (paratypus TARI).

Discussion
The new variety together with the type variety grow in “Dwarf scrub grassland” with an altitude of 1700 to 2600 m.

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References
Fig. 1. *Tragopogon bornmuelleri* var. *latifolius* (×0.63); flower and achene (×2.5).