A NEW WEED FOR THE WEED FLORA OF IRAN

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Heliotropium curassavicuim L. is a new report for the flora of Iran. It is a weed and it has been collected in a weedy habitat is SW. Iran, Khuzestan province.

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Introduction
In a programme for the collecting of plants and establishment of a herbarium in Khuzestan province, a *Heliotropium* species was collected which was later on named *H. curassavicum*. In this paper the species is reported for the first time from Iran.

*Heliotropium curassavicum* L.
Khuzestan: Ahvaz, beginning of the road Ahvaz to Shush, 20 m, 10. 07. 2001, Zohrabi 4906.
Perennial herb. glabrous, 30-50 cm tall. Leaves fleshy, 2-3 cm long, oblanceolate, sessile, Flowers dense in branched inflorescences, sessile. Calyx 5-lobed, persistent in fruit; lobes 2 mm long, ovate-lanceolate. Corolla 2 mm long, white, glabrous. Style indistinct; stigma conical.

*Heliotropium curassavicum* is distributed in N. & S. America but spread to the other parts of the world (Nasir 1989).

Reference
Fig. 1. Heliotropium curassavicum (× 0.6).