

A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF MOSS FLORA OF GOLESTAN PROVINCE AND COMPARISON WITH IRANIAN MOSSES

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In this study, moss flora in Golestan province has been compared with Iranian moss flora. Thirty nine locations in the province were used for the research and collection of the plants. Hundred and seventeen species were gathered constituting a high percentage (nearly one third) of the total number of moss species found throughout the country. The list of moss flora of Iran is presented in this paper. The species occurring in Golestan province are signed by an asterisk. Localities of the new collections are given.

مطالعه مقدماتی فلور خزه ای استان گلستان و مقایسه آن با فلور خزه ای ایران
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در تحقیق فلورستیک خزه های استان گلستان که جمع آوری نمونه های آن در ۳۹ ایستگاه در این استان صورت گرفت، ۱۱۷ گونه از مجموع نمونه های جمع آوری شده شناسائی گردید که در مقایسه با کل گونه های فلور خزه در ایران که دیگران جمع آوری کرده و یا در منابع موجود است یک سوم آن را تشکیل می دهد.

لیست حاضر، علاوه بر خزه های جمع آوری شده در این تحقیق شامل لیست کل خزه های ایران نیز می باشد.

Introduction

Iran is a vast country with a climate which has given rise to high diversity of plant species. There are nearly 8000 plant species identified in Iran. In addition to these lower plants are also widely distributed. Bearing in mind the growth of mosses in regions not characterised as humid, Iran with its wide dry areas can be of interest from the moss flora point of view.

Golestan province is situated in East of the Caspian sea and has an area of about 20,891 sq km. The province is surrounded from northwest by the Caspian sea, in east by Khorasan, in West by Mazandaran, in North by Turkamanistan, and in South by Semnan province respectively. Alborz mountain range's high elevations South of the Caspian sea catches the sea's moisture, thus creating a humid climate and dense forest in zone between the sea and the mountains. Golestan province is one of the most humid provinces of Iran. It has a Caspian-like temperate and humid climate caused by: Alborz mountain range, the geographic orientation of the mountain range, the elevation and the mountain proximity with the sea. Based on the mentioned conditions, three types of climates can be identified as follows:

1. Temperate plain land climate at the East of the province with annual rainfall 1200-1300 mm which decreases eastwards.

2. Mountainous climate at the high elevations and northern slopes of the Alborz mountains.

3. Semi-arid climate including parts of Gonbad and Gorgan steep slopes which extends from North of the Gorgan river to the borders of Turkamanistan.

In this investigation, nearly 400 specimens from various locations (39 localities) and different elevations, mostly from Golestan National Park, were gathered and deposited in Tehran University's Central Herbarium. All the specimens were collected by Farideh Attar & Kazem Mehdigholi.

Floristic analysis

The total number of Iranian moss species is 353 which are placed in 117 genera and 29 families. These numbers are based mainly on the following papers: Frey & Kürschner 1977; Frey & Kürschner 1983; Shirzadian, 1989; Sirzadian & Kumar, 1994; Kurschner, 1996; Shirzadian 1996; Kianmehr, Shirzadian & Sotoodehnia, 2000; Shirzadian, 2000 and Shirzadian & al., 2000; Kürschner & al. The largest moss families in Iran are *Pottiaceae* with 80, *Brachytheciaceae* with 39 and *Bryaceae* with 37 species respectively. Mosses can be divided into two basic categories: acrocarpous (mostly belonging to arid regions) and pleurocarpous (mostly belonging to the humid regions). There are 250 acrocarpous and 103 pleurocarpous species in Iran.

In this study, nearly 400 specimens were gathered in Golestan province which belong to 117 species, 57 genera and 23 families (Table 1). The largest families are *Pottiaceae* (79 species), *Brachytheciaceae* and *Bryaceae* (39 species), *Amblystegiaceae* (23 species) and *Grimmiaceae* (22 species) respectively. (Fig. 1).

Identification of the species are mainly based on: Bilewsky, 1965; Agnew & Vondracek, 1975; Smith, 1978; Watson, 1981; Noguchi, 1988, 1991; Zhu & So, 1996.

List of localities

10 km after Aliabad to Azad Shahr, Shirabad village, 139m (1)

Aliabad, Gorogh forest, mountains, 800m (2)

Aliabad, Kabudval, 500-1100m (3)

Bandar Gas, Banafsh Tappeh village, 200m (4)

Galikesh to Mazar, 526m (5)

Golestan National Park, Almeh road from Mirzabaylu, 1450-1650m (6)

Golestan National Park, Soleyman Koshteh, 1250m (7)

Golestan National Park, Adnasad valley, 600-700m(8)

Table 1. Moss genera and species in Iran and Golestan province (*G= species occurring in Golestan prov.; I.= species occurring in Iran; P= Pleurocarpous; A= Acrocarpous).

Taxa (I.)	G.	Habit	Locality and herbarium number, substratum.
Amblystegiaceae			
<i>Amblystegiella subtilis</i> (Hedw.) Loeske	P		
<i>Amblystegium juratzkianum</i> Schimp.	P		
<i>Amblystegium riparium</i> (Hedw.) Bruch & Schimp. in B.S.G.	*	P	
<i>Amblystegium serpens</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	*	P	(23)1362-TUH, on soil; (32)1360-TUH, on soil; (28) 1046-TUH, on soil; (30) 1361-TUH, on soil; (35) 1200-TUH, on soil; (4) 1082-TUH, on soil; (32) 1236-TUH, on soil
<i>Amblystegium tenax</i> (Hedw.) C. Jens.	*	P	
<i>Amblystegium varium</i> (Hedw.) Lindb.	*	P	(28) 1198-TUH, on soil
<i>Calliergon sarmentosum</i> (Wahlenb.) Kindb.		P	
<i>Calliergonella cuspidata</i> (Hedw.) Loeske		P	
<i>Campilium calcareum</i> Crundw. & Nyh.		P	
<i>Campilium sommerfeltii</i> (Myr.) J. Lange	*	P	
<i>Cratoneuron commutatum</i> (Hedw.) G. Roth var. <i>commutatum</i>	*	P	(30) 1095-TUH, on rock; (17)1111-TUH, on rock
var. <i>salcatum</i> (Brid.) Monk.	*	P	(17) 1114- TUH, on rock; (16) 1206- TUH, on rock
var. <i>fluctuans</i> (B.S.G.) Wijk & Marg.	*	P	
<i>Cratoneuron decipiens</i> (De Not.) Loeske	P		
<i>Cratoneuron decipiens</i> (De Not.) Loeske var. <i>nudaeiforme</i> (Schiffn.) Schiffn.	P		
<i>Cratoneuron filicinum</i> (Hedw.) Spruce	*	P	(10)1261-THU, on rock
<i>Cratoneuron filicinum</i> (Hedw.) Spruce var. <i>fallax</i>	P		
(Brid.) Roth	*	P	
<i>Drepanocladus aduncus</i> (Hedw.) Warnst.	*	P	
<i>Drepanocladus exannulatus</i> (B.S.G.) Warnst.	P		
<i>Hygroamblystegium fluviatile</i> (Hedw.) Loesk	P		
<i>Hygroamblystegium tenax</i> (Hedw.) Jenn.	P		
<i>Hygrohypnum luridum</i> (Hedw.) Jenn.	*	P	(26)1115-THU, on rock, with thin layer of soil; (4)1091-TUH, on rock
<i>Lepidozia kochii</i> (B.S.G.) Warnst.	P		
Bartramiaceae			
<i>Bartramia halleriana</i> Hedw.	A		

<i>Philonotis caespitosa</i> Jur.		A
<i>Philonotis calcarea</i> (B.S.G.) Schimp. var. <i>seriatifolia</i> Schiffn.		A
<i>Philonotis capillaris</i> Lindb. in Hartm.		A
<i>Philonotis fontana</i> (Hedw.) Brid.		A
<i>Philonotis hastata</i> (Dub.) Wijk & Marg.		A
<i>Philonotis laxitexta</i> Froehl.		A
<i>Philonotis marchica</i> (Hedw.) Brid.		A
<i>Philonotis rigida</i> Brid.		A
<i>Philonotis uncinata</i> (Schwägr.) Brid.		A
<i>Philonotis seriata</i> Mitt.		A
<i>Philonotis seriata</i> Mitt. var. <i>persica</i> Schiffn.		A
<i>Philonotis tomentella</i> Mol. in Lor.	*	A
<i>Plagiotropus oederi</i> (Brid.) Limpr.		(9)1288-TUH, on rock
Brachytheciaceae		
<i>Brachythecium acuminatum</i> (Hedw.) Aust.		P
<i>Brachythecium albicans</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	*	P (15)1069-TUH, floor of forest
<i>Brachythecium fendleri</i> (Sull.) Jaeg.	*	P (18)1070-TUH, on tree trunk; (26)1177-TUH, on tree trunk
<i>Brachythecium geheebii</i> Milde.	*	P
<i>Brachythecium olympticum</i> Jur. in Ung. & Kotschy	*	P (23)1059-TUH, on rock; (32)1050-TUH, on soil; (34)1206-TUH, on soil
<i>Brachythecium populeum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.		P (10)1285-TUH, on soil; (37)1001-TUH, on tree trunk
<i>Brachythecium rivulare</i> B.S.G.	*	P (32)1001-TUH, on soil; (37)1204-TUH, on soil
<i>Brachythecium rutabulum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G. var. <i>meridional</i> Schiffn.		P
<i>Brachythecium salicorum</i> (Web. & Mohr) B.S.G.	*	P (37)1048-TUH, on soil
<i>Brachythecium umbilicatum</i> Jur. & Milde	*	P (38)1083-TUH, on soil; (32)1220-TUH, on soil; (4)1077-TUH, on soil
<i>Brachythecium velutinum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	*	P (10)1259-TUH, on soil
<i>Bryhnia novae-angliae</i> (Sull. & Lesq.)	*	P (11)1260-TUH, on soil
<i>Cirriphyllum crassinerium</i> (Tayl.) Loeske & Fleisch.	*	P
<i>Cirriphyllum piliferum</i> (Hedw.) Grout	*	P
<i>Cirriphyllum reichenbachianum</i> (Hub.) Wijk & Marg.	*	P

<i>Eurhynchium hians</i> (Hedw.) Sande Lac. (Boul.) Cortes	*	P	(11)1269-TUH, on soil; (26)1167-TUH, on soil; (27)1161-TUH, on soil; (28)1195-TUH, on rock; (3)1197-TUH, on soil; (32)1356-TUH, on humus; (39)1194-TUH, on soil
<i>Eurhynchium praetelonsum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	*	P	(11)1270-TUH, on soil
<i>Eurhynchium praelongum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G. var. <i>stokesii</i> (Turn.) Dix.	P		
<i>Eurhynchium pulchellum</i> (Hedw.) Jenn.	*	P	(1)1045-TUH, on rock; (18)1140-TUH, on soil; (23)1181-TUH, on soil; (3)1160-TUH, on soil; (30)1159-TUH, on soil; (32)1233-TUH, on rock; (34)1207-TUH, on soil and rock; (39)1169-TUH, on soil; (4)1080-TUH, on rock; (8)1112-TUH, on soil; (9)1171-TUH, on soil
<i>Eurhynchium pulchellum</i> (Hedw.) Jenn. var. <i>praecox</i> (Hedw.) Dix.	P		
<i>Eurhynchium schleicheri</i> (Hedw.f.) Jur. in Rom.	*	P	(27)1178-TUH, on soil; (32)1221-TUH, on rock; (37)1013-TUH, on soil;
<i>Eurhynchium speciosum</i> (Brid.) Jur.	*	P	(19)1180-TUH, on soil; (26)1163-TUH, on soil; (4)1076-TUH, on soil
<i>Errhynchium speciosum</i> (Brid.) Jur. var. <i>angustifolium</i> Stomer	.	P	
<i>Homalothecium lutescens</i> (Hedw.) Schimp.	*	P	(15)1141-TUH, on soil; (17)1154-TUH, on soil
<i>Homalothecium megalitum</i> (Sull.) Robins.	*	P	(13)1150-TUH, on rock
<i>Homalothecium nigrihercules</i> (mont.) Robins.		P	
<i>Homalothecium nitens</i> (Hedw.) Robins.	*	P	(31)1298-TUH, on rock; (32)1224-TUH, on rock
<i>Homalothecium philipeanum</i> (Spruce) B.S.G.	*	P	(17)1162-TUH, on rock; (9)1151-TUH, on rock
<i>Homalothecium sericeum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	P		(16)1134-TUH, on rock
<i>Isothecium alopecuroides</i> (Dub.) Isov.	P		
<i>Palmocladium euchloron</i> (C. Muell.) Wijk & Marg.	*	P	(1)1031-TUH, on rock; (1)1031-TUH, on rock; (4)1092-TUH, on rock; (17)1176-TUH, on rock; (17) 1114-TUH, on tree trunk; (26)1196-TUH, on rock; (30)1179-TUH, on rock; (32)1234-TUH, on rock; (34)1237-TUH, on rock
<i>Rhynostegiella jacquinii</i> (Gatov.) Limpf.	P		
<i>Rhynostegiella menadensis</i> (Lac.) Batt.	P		
<i>Rhynostegiella tenella</i> (Dicks.) Limpf.	P		
<i>Rhynostegium megapolitanum</i> (Web. & Mohr) B.S.G.	*	P	(3)1124-TUH, on soil; (1)1124 -TUH, on tree trunk; (17)1119-TUH, on soil; (32)1223-TUH, on rock; (39)1118-TUH on rock

<i>Rhynchostegium ripariooides</i> (Hedw.) Card.	P	(15)1137-TUH, on soil; (16)1126-TUH, on soil; (32)1213-TUH, on soil
<i>Scieropodium purum</i> (Hedw.) Limpr.	P	
<i>Scorpiurium circinatum</i> (Brid.) Fleisch. & Loeske var. <i>tenue</i> (Briz.) Latz.	*	P (1) 1030-TUH, on rock
Bryaceae		
<i>Anomobryum auratum</i> (Mitt.) Jaeg.	*	
<i>Brachythemnum exile</i> (Doz. & Molk.) Bosch. & Lac.	A	
<i>Brachythemnum nepalense</i> Hook. ex Schwaegr.	A	
<i>Bryum argenteum</i> Hedw.	*	
<i>Bryum argenteum</i> Hedw. var. <i>lanatum</i> (B. Beauv.) Hampe	A	(11) 1352-TUH, on stony wall; (1) 1035-TUH, on soil; (26) 1358-TUH, on rock; (28) 1086-TUH, on soil; (30) 1190-TUH, on soil; (34) 1028-TUH, on soil;
<i>Bryum atrorivans</i> Vill. ex Brid.	A	
<i>Bryum badium</i> (Bridd.) Schimp.	A	
<i>Bryum bicolor</i> Dicks	A	
<i>Bryum caespiticium</i> Hedw.	*	
<i>Bryum capillare</i> Hedw. var. <i>meridional</i> Schimp.	*	
<i>Bryum comense</i> Schimp.	A	(6) 1353-TUH, on rock; (18) 1355-TUH, on soil
<i>Bryum ewendicum</i> Fehln.	A	(9) 1201-TUH, on tree trunk; (13) 1351-TUH, on rock; (28) 1034-TUH, on soil; (3) 1102-TUH, on soil; (33) 074-TUH, on soil; (37) 1216-TUH, on soil; (4) 1085-TUH, on soil
<i>Bryum flaccidum</i> Brid.	*	A (16) 1189-TUH, on rock; (23) 1188-TUH, on soil
<i>Bryum funckii</i> Schwaegr.	A	
<i>Bryum inclinatum</i> (Brid.) Bland.	A	
<i>Bryum muehlenbeckii</i> B.S.G.	A	
<i>Bryum neodamense</i> Itzigs. ex C. Muell.	A	
<i>Bryum pallens</i> Sw.	A	
<i>Bryum pallescens</i> Schleich. ex Schwaegr.	*	A (6) 1253-TUH, on soil
<i>Bryum pallescens</i> Schleich. ex Schwaegr. var. <i>contextum</i> (Hoppe & Hornsch.) Furnr.	A	
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i> (Hedw.) Gaertn. Meyer et Scherb.	A	
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i> (Hedw.) Gaertn., Meyer et Scherb. var. <i>bormannii</i> Schiffn.	A	
<i>Bryum schleicheri</i> Lam. & DC.	A	

<i>Bryum schleicheri</i> Lam. & DC. var. <i>latifolium</i> (Schwaegr.) Schimp.	A
<i>Bryum syriacum</i> L.O.R.	A
<i>Bryum torquescens</i> Bruch ex De Not.	A
<i>Bryum turbinatum</i> (Hedw.) Turn.	A
<i>Bryum uliginosum</i> (Brid.) Bruch & Schimp. in B.S.G.	*
<i>Bryum weigelii</i> Spreng.	A
<i>Leptobryum pyriforme</i> (Hedw.) Wils.	*
<i>Mielichhoferia compacta</i> (Lindb.) Kindb. var. <i>papillosa</i> Froehl.	A
<i>Pohlia annotina</i> (Hedw.) Lindb.	A
<i>Pohlia cruda</i> (Hedw.) Lindb.	A
<i>Pohlia flexuosa</i> Hook.	A
<i>Pohlia hudivigii</i> (Spreng. ex Schwaegr.) Bruth.	A
<i>Pohlia nutans</i> (Hedw.) Lindb.	A
<i>Pohlia pentasticha</i> Schiffn.	A
<i>Pohlia wahlenbergii</i> (Web. & Mohr) Andr. var. <i>calcarea</i> (Wamst.) Werb.	*
<i>Rhodobryum roseum</i> (Hedw.) Limpr.	A
Dicranaceae	
<i>Dicranella howei</i> Ren. & Card.	A
<i>Dicranella varia</i> (Hedw.) Schimp.	*
<i>Dicranum muehlenbeckii</i> B.S.G.	A
<i>Dicranum scoparium</i> Hedw.	A
<i>Oreas mariana</i> (Hopp. & Hornsch.) Brid.	A
<i>Paraleucobryum enerve</i> (Theel.) Loeske	A
Ditrichaceae	
<i>Ceratodon purpureus</i> (Hedw.) Brid.	A
<i>Cheilothela chloropus</i> (Brid.) Broth.	A
<i>Distichium capillaceum</i> (Hedw.) B. S.G.	A
<i>Distichium inclinatum</i> (Hedw.) B. S.G.	*
<i>Ditrichum flexicaule</i> (Schwaegr.) Hampe	*
<i>Ditrichum pallidum</i> (Hedw.) Hampe	A
<i>Garckea comosa</i> (Doz. & Molk.) Wijk & Marg.	A
Encalyptaceae	
<i>Encalypta ciliata</i> Hedw.	A
<i>Encalypta intermedia</i> Jur.	A
<i>Encalypta rhaftocarpa</i> Schwaegr.	A

<i>Encalypta streptocarpa</i> Hedw.	*	A	(22)1147-TUH, on rock
<i>Encalypta vulgaris</i> Hedw.	*	A	(22)1192-TUH, on soil; (7)1193-TUH, on rock
<i>Entodontaceae</i>			
<i>Entodon concinna</i> (De Not.) Par.	A		
<i>Entodon schleicheri</i> (Schimp.) Demet.	*	A	(9)1267-TUH, on soil
<i>Fabroniaceae</i>			
<i>Fabronia ciliaris</i> (Brid.) Brid.	*	A	(14)1271-TUH, on rock
<i>Fissidentaceae</i>			
<i>Fissidens algarvicus</i> Solms	A		
<i>Fissidens bambergeri</i> Schimp. in Milde	A		
<i>Fissidens bryoides</i> Hedw. subsp. <i>bryoides</i> Bertsch	*	A	(34)1011-TUH, on soil; (8)1272-TUH, on soil
<i>Fissidens bryoides</i> Hedw. subsp. <i>Incurvus</i> (Starke)	A		
Bertsch			
<i>Fissidens crassipes</i> Wils. ex B.S.G.	A		
<i>Fissidens cristatus</i> Wils. ex Mitt.	A		
<i>Fissidens exiguum</i> Sull.	A		
<i>Fissidens exitiosus</i> Hedw.	A		
<i>Fissidens mildeanus</i> Schimp.	*	A	(10)1273-TUH, on soil
<i>Fissidens osmundoides</i> Hedw.	*	A	(1)1005-TUH, on soil; (28)1029-TUH, on soil
<i>Fissidens persicus</i> Ruthe in Jur. & Milde	A		
<i>Fissidens pusillus</i> (Wils.) Milde	A		
<i>Fissidens rivularis</i> (Spruce) B.S.G.	*	A	(32)1212-TUH, on soil
<i>Fissidens rivularis</i> (Spruce) B.S.G.	*	A	(32)1214-TUH, on soil
<i>Fissidens taxifolius</i> Hedw. Subsp. <i>Pallidicaulis</i> (Mitt.) P. Värde	A		
<i>Fissidens viridulus</i> (Sw.) Wahlenb.	*	A	(19)1149-TUH, on soil; (34)1241-TUH, on soil; (4)1090-TUH, on soil
<i>Fontinalaceae</i>			
<i>Fontinalis antipyretica</i> Hedw.	A		
<i>Fontinalis hypnoidea</i> Hartm var. <i>duriæi</i> (Schimp.) Husn.	A		
<i>Funariaceae</i>			
<i>Entosthodon attenuatus</i> (Dicks.) Bryhn	A		
<i>Entosthodon pallaceens</i> Jur. in Ung. & Kotschy	A		
<i>Funaria anomala</i> Jur. in Ung. & Kotschy	A		
<i>Funaria handelii</i> Schüffn.	A		
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i> Hedw.	*	A	(3)1199-TUH, on soil; (33)1075-TUH, on soil; (1)1002-TUH, on soil

<i>Funaria muhlenbergii</i> Hedw. f. ex Lam. & Cand.	A
<i>Physcomitrium sphaericum</i> (Ludw.) Brid.	A
Grimmiaceae	
<i>Cosciniodon cibrosus</i> (Hedw.) Spruce	A
<i>Grimmia alpestris</i> (Web. & Mohr) Schleich	A
<i>Grimmia anomodon</i> B.S.G.	*
<i>Grimmia caespitica</i> (Brid.) Jur. Var. <i>bormmuellerorum</i> Schiffn.	A
<i>Grimmia crassifolia</i> Lind. ex Broth var. <i>cucullata</i> Baumg.	A
<i>Grimmia crinita</i> Brid.	*
<i>Grimmia laevigata</i> (Brid.) Brid.	A
<i>Grimmia olneyi</i> Sull.	A
<i>Grimmia orbicularis</i> Bruch ex Wils.	A
<i>Grimmia orbicularis</i> Bruch ex Wils. var. <i>persica</i> Schiffn.	*
<i>Grimmia ovalis</i> (Hedw.) Lindb.	*
<i>Grimmia pulvinata</i> (Hedw.) Sm.	*
<i>Grimmia tricophylla</i> Grev.	*
<i>Racomitrium elongatum</i> Ehrh. ex Frisvold	A
<i>Schistidium apicula</i> (Hedw.) Limpr.	*
<i>Schistidium apocarpum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	*
<i>Schistidium apocarpum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G. subsp. <i>gracile</i> (Rohl.) Meyl.	A
<i>Schistidium brunneescens</i> Limpr.	A
<i>Schistidium confertum</i> (Funck) B.S.G.	A
<i>Schistidium crassipilum</i> Blom.	A
<i>Schistidium flaccidum</i> (De Not.) Ochyra	A
<i>Schistidium rivulare</i> (Brid.) Podp.	A
Hedwigiaeae	
<i>Hedwigia ciliata</i> (Hedw.) P. Beauv.	*
	A
	(35)1012 -TUH, on rock
	(22)1145-TUH, on rock; (7)1144-TUH, on rock; (9)1148-TUH, on rock
	(34)1024-TUH, on rock
	(7)1274-TUH, on rock
	(34)1016-TUH, on rock
	(7)1142-TUH, on rock
	(28)1040-TUH, on soil; (5)1036-TUH, on rock
	(13)1131-TUH, on rock with thin layer of soil; (22)1146-TUH, or rock; (34)1007-TUH, on rock; (31)1300-TUH, on rock with thin layer of soil
	(35)1017-TUH, on rock; (16)1127-TUH, on rock; (23)1123-TUH, on soil

Hypnaceae			
<i>Ctenidium molluscum</i> (Hedw.) Mitt.	*	P	(9)1262-TUH, on soil
<i>Ectropothectum cyperoides</i> (Hook.) Jaeg.	*	P	
<i>Herzogiella seligeri</i> (Brid.) Iwatsuki	*	P	(28)1026-TUH, on soil
<i>Homomallium incurvatum</i> (Brid.) Loeske	*	P	(17)1132-TUH, on trunk; (21)1133-TUH, on trunk
<i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> Hedw.	*	P	(5)1003-TUH, on rock; (1)1039-TUH, on rock; (22)119-TUH, on soil
<i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> subsp. <i>imponens</i> (Hedw.) Boul.	P		
<i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> Hedw. var. <i>uncinulatum</i> B.S.G.	P		
<i>Hypnum jutlandicum</i> Holm. & Warnecke	P		
<i>Hypnum pallescens</i> (Hedw.) P. Beauv. var. <i>reptile</i> (Michx.) Husn.	P		
<i>Hypnum macrogyrum</i> Besch.	P		
<i>Hypnum revolutum</i> (Mitt.) Lindb.	P		
<i>Hypnum vaucheri</i> Lesq.	P		
<i>Platygrium repens</i> (Brid.) B.S.G.	P		
<i>Pylasia polyantha</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	P		
Leskeaceae			
<i>Leskeea patens</i> (Lindb.) H. Arn. & C. Jen.	*	P	(30)1151-TUH, on tree trunk
<i>Leskeia persicaria</i> Dik.	*	P	
<i>Leskeia polycarpa</i> Hedw.	*	P	(16)1278-TUH, on tree trunk
<i>Leskeella nervosa</i> (Brid.) Loeske	*	P	(26)1279-TUH, on tree trunk; (13)1174-TUH, on tree trunk; (26)1173-TUH, on trunk (9)1277-TUH, on tree trunk
<i>Pseudoleskea incurvata</i> (Hedw.) Loeske	*	P	
<i>Pseudoleskea catenulata</i> (Schrad.) Kindb.	P		
<i>Pseudoleskea laxiramea</i> (Schiffn.) Broth.	P		(1)1004-TUH, on tree trunk; (30)1184-TUH, on rock; (32)1229-TUH, on soil; (34)1008-TUH, on rock
<i>Pseudoleskeella tectorum</i> (Brid.) Kindb.	P		
<i>Ptychodium plicatum</i> (Web. & Mohr) Schimp.	P		
Leucodontaceae			
<i>Anritrichia</i> sp.	A		
<i>Leucodon immersus</i> Lindb.	*	A	(19)1156-TUH, on rock; (3)1158-TUH, on rock; (32)1227-TUH, on tree trunk
<i>Leucodon sciuroides</i> (Hedw.) Schwaegr.	A		
Meesiaceae			
<i>Amblyodon dealbatus</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	A		

Mniaceae		
<i>Mnium marginatum</i> (With.) Brid. ex P. Beauv.	A	
<i>Mnium spinosum</i> (Voit) Schwaege.	*	A
<i>Mnium stellare</i> Hedw.	*	A
<i>Mnium thomsonii</i> Schimp.	*	A
<i>Plagiomnium affine</i> (Funck) T. Kop.	A	
<i>Plagiomnium cuspidatum</i> (Hedw.) T. Kop.	*	A
<i>Plagiomnium elatum</i> (B.S.G.) T. Kop.	*	A
<i>Plagiomnium ellipticum</i> (Brid.) T. Kop.	*	A
<i>Plagiomnium rostratum</i> (Schrad.) T. Kop.	*	A
<i>Plagiomnium undulatum</i> (Hedw.) T. Kop.	*	A
<i>Rhizomnium punctatum</i> (Hedw.) T. Kop.	*	A
<i>Trachycystis ussuriensis</i> (Mack & Regel) T. Kop.	A	
Neckeraceae		
<i>Homalothecium besseri</i> Lob. in Haidinger	*	P
<i>Neckera complanata</i> (Hedw.) Hub.	*	P
<i>Neckera crispa</i> Hedw.	*	P
<i>Neckera pennata</i> Hedw.	P	
Orthotrichaceae		
<i>Orthotrichum alpestre</i> Hornsch. in B.S.G.	A	
<i>Orthotrichum anomalum</i> Hedw.	*	A
<i>Orthotrichum anomalum</i> Hedw. subsp. <i>Saxatile</i> (Mild.)	A	
Boul.		
<i>Orthotrichum capillatum</i> Brid.	*	A
<i>Orthotrichum microcarpum</i> De Not.	A	
<i>Orthotrichum obtusifolium</i> Brid.	A	
<i>Orthotrichum pallens</i> Bruch ex Brid.	A	
<i>Orthotrichum pumilum</i> Sw.	*	A
<i>Orthotrichum pumilum</i> Sw. subsp. <i>fallax</i> (Bruch)	A	
Bertsch		
<i>Orthotrichum rupestre</i> Schleicher. ex Schwaege.	A	

<i>Orthotrichum shimpéri</i> Hammar		A	
Plagiotheciaceae			
<i>Plagiothecium denticulatum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	*	P	(37)1357-TUH, on rock
<i>Plagiothecium denticulatum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G. var. <i>obusifolium</i> (Turn.) Moore		P	
<i>Plagiothecium laetum</i> B.S.G.		P	
<i>Plagiothecium latibracteola</i> B.S.G.		P	
<i>Plagiothecium nemorale</i> (Mitt.) Jaeg.		P	
<i>Plagiothecium scutellatum</i> (Wils.) Lindb.		P	
<i>Plagiothecium platyphyllum</i> Monk.	*	P	(9)1289-TUH, on soil
<i>Plagiothecium undulatum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.		P	
<i>Stereophyllum wightii</i> (Mitt.) Jaeg.		P	
Polytrichaceae			
<i>Atrichum angustatum</i> (Brid.) B.S.G.	A	A	
<i>Atrichum undulatum</i> (Hedw.) P. Beauv.		A	
<i>Pogonatum aloides</i> (Hedw.) P. Beauv.		A	
<i>Pogonatum urnigerum</i> (Hedw.) P. Beauv.		A	
<i>Polytrichum commune</i> Hedw.		A	
Pottiaceae			
<i>Aloria ambigua</i> (B.S.G.) Limpr.	*	A	(2)1049-TUH, on soil; (39)1364 -TUH, on soil
<i>Anoectangium handelii</i> Schiffn.		A	
<i>Barbula convoluta</i> Hedw.		A	
<i>Barbula iomadophyla</i> Schimp. ex C. Muell.		A	
<i>Barbula spadicea</i> (Mitt.) Braithw.		A	
<i>Barbula tophacea</i> (Brid.) Mitt.	*	A	(24)1064-TUH, on wet rock; (28)1015-TUH, on very wet rock; (30)1063-TUH, on wet rock
<i>Barbula tophacea</i> (Brid.) Mitt. var. <i>excurrens</i> (Broth.) Pod.		A	
<i>Barbula tristis</i> (Hedw.) Mitt.		A	
<i>Barbula unguiculata</i> Hedw.	*	A	(19)1066-TUH, on soil; (28)1020-TUH, on soil; (30)1065-TUH, on rock; (31)1299-TUH, on rock with thin layer on soil; (32)1210-TUH, on soil; (37)1235-TUH, on soil
<i>Barbula vinealis</i> Brid.	*	A	(15)1067-TUH, on soil; (19)1068-TUH, on soil; (37)1359-TUH, on soil
<i>Bryoerythrophyllum recurvirostrum</i> (Hedw.) Chen	*	A	(37)1052-TUH, on soil
<i>Cinclidium fontinaloides</i> (Hedw.) P. Beauv.		A	
<i>Crossidium crassinerve</i> (De Not.) Jur. var. <i>crassinerve</i>		A	

<i>Crossidium squamiferum</i> (Viv.) Jur. var. <i>pottoidium</i> (De Not.) Monk.	A	
<i>Crossidium squamiferum</i> (Viv.) Jur. var. <i>squamiferum</i>	*	A (22)1208-TUH, on soil; (31)1302-TUH, on rock with thin layer of soil
<i>Desmatodon latifolius</i> (Hedw.) Brid.	A	
<i>Desmatodon syzygium</i> Schimp.	A	
<i>Diphymodon planatophaceus</i> Froehl. Fid. Froehl.	A	
<i>Eucladium verticillatum</i> (Brid.) B.S.G.	*	A (9)1268-TUH, on soil
<i>Gymnostomum aeruginosum</i> Sm.	*	A (28)1027-TUH, on soil
<i>Gymnostomum calcareum</i> Nees & Horsch.	*	A (9)1275-TUH, on rock
<i>Gymnostomum calcareum</i> Nees & Horsch. var. <i>muticum</i> Boul.	A	
<i>Gymnostomum mosis</i> (Lor.) Jur. & Milde	A	
<i>Hydrogonium ehrenbergii</i> (Lor.) Jaeg.	A	
<i>Hymenostylium recurvirostrum</i> (Hedw.) Dix.	*	A (32)1073-TUH, on rock
<i>Hymenostylium recurvirostrum</i> (Hedw.) Dix. var. <i>latifolium</i> (Zett.) Wijk & Marg.	A	
<i>Oxytelegus cyathricus</i> (Brid.) Hilp.	A	
<i>Oxystegus temnorostris</i> (Hook & Taxl.) A.J.E. Smith	A	
<i>Phascium cuspidatum</i> Hedw.	A	
<i>Pterurochaete squarrosa</i> (Brid.) Lindb.	*	A (34)1243-TUH, on soil
<i>Potia commutata</i> Limpr.	A	
<i>Potia crinita</i> Wils. ex B.S.G.	A	
<i>Potia davalliana</i> (Sm.) C. Jens.	A	
<i>Potia lanceolata</i> (hedw.) C.Muel.	A	
<i>Pseudocerosidium revolutum</i> (Brid.) Zander	A	
<i>Pterogoneurum medium</i> (Salm.) Broth.	A	
<i>Pterogoneurum ovatum</i> (Hedw.) Dix.	A	
<i>Siegonia latifolia</i> (Schwaeg.) Velt. ex Broth.	A	
<i>Syntrichia caninervis</i> Mitt.	*	A (7)1290-TUH, on rock
<i>Syntrichia inensis</i> (Brid.) Bruch	*	A (20)1291-TUH, on rock
<i>Syntrichia pseudohandelii</i> (Froehl.) Agnew & Vondr.	*	A (22)1293-TUH, on rock; (35)1014-TUH, on rock
<i>Syntrichia ruraliformis</i> (Besch.) Card.	A	
<i>Syntrichia ruralis</i> (Hedw.) Web. & Mohr	*	A (20)1094-TUH, on soil; (25)1096-TUH, on soil; (6)109-TUH, on rock; (9)1097-TUH, on soil
<i>Syntrichia ruralis</i> (Hedw.) Web. & Mohr subsp. <i>hirsuta</i> (Vent.) Podp.	A	

<i>Synthrichia virescens</i> (De Not) De Not Ochyra	*	A	(16)1098-TUH, on rock; (7)1136-TUH, on rock; (9)1099-TUH, on rock
<i>Timmella anomala</i> (B.S.G.) Limpr.	A		
<i>Timmella barbuloides</i> (Brid.) Monk.	A		
<i>Timmella grosseserrata</i> Schiffn.	A		
<i>Tortella fragilis</i> (Drumm.) Limpr.	*	A	(28)1019-TUH, on soil; (9)1128-TUH, on soil
<i>Tortella humilis</i> (Hedw.) Jenk.	A		
<i>Tortella inclinata</i> (Hedw.f.) Limpr.	A		
<i>Tortella inflexa</i> (Bruch) Broth.	A		(11)1294 -TUH, on soil
<i>Tortella nitida</i> (Lindb.) Broth.	*	A	(3)1121-TUH, on soil
<i>Tortella tortuosa</i> (Hedw.) Limpr.	*	A	(16)1120-TUH, on soil; (19)1165-TUH, on soil; (31)1301-TUH, on rock with thin layer of soil; (34)1242-TUH, on soil
<i>Tortula astoma</i> Schiffn.	A		
<i>Tortula arovrensis</i> (Sm.) Lindb.	A		
<i>Tortula calcicola</i> W. Kramer	A		
<i>Tortula demarensis</i> Schiffn.	A		
<i>Tortula fragilis</i> Tayl.	A		
<i>Tortula handelii</i> Schiffn. var. <i>handelii</i>	A		
<i>Tortula intermedia</i> (Brid.) De Not. var. <i>intermedia</i>	A		
<i>Tortula mucronifolia</i> Schwaegegr.	*	A	(7)1295-TUH, on rock
<i>Tortula muralis</i> Hedw.	*	A	(11)1105-TUH, on stony wall; (31)1303-TUH, on rock with thin layer of soil; (32)1215-TUH, on soil; (36)1245-TUH, on soil; (4)1087-TUH, on soil; (5)1037-TUH, on soil; (7)1103-TUH, on rock
<i>Tortula muralis</i> Hedw. var. <i>aestiva</i> Brid. ex Hedw.	*	A	(22)1106-TUH, on soil; (34)1240-TUH, on soil; (9)1107-TUH, on soil
<i>Tortula obtusifolia</i> (Schwaeg.) Math.	A		
<i>Tortula princeps</i> De Not. subsp. <i>parnassica</i> (Schiffn.) W. Kramer	A		
<i>Tortula princeps</i> De Not. subsp. <i>princeps</i>	A		
<i>Tortula revoluta</i> (Schimp.) G. Roth var. <i>obtusa</i> Reim.	A		
<i>Tortula ruraliformis</i> (Besch) Ingh. var. <i>ruraliformis</i>	A		
<i>Tortula subulata</i> Hedw.	*	A	(35)1010-TUH, on soil
<i>Tortula virescens</i> (De Not.) De Not. subsp. <i>bizotii</i> (Laz.) W. Kramer	A		

<i>Tortula virescens</i> (De Not.) De Not subsp. <i>virescens</i> var. <i>iranica</i> W. Kramer.	A
<i>Tortula virescens</i> (De Not.) De Not. subsp. <i>virescens</i> var. <i>virescens</i>	A
<i>Trichostomopsis haussknechtii</i> (Jur. & Milde) Agnew & Townsend	A
<i>Trichostomum brachydontium</i> Bruch	A
<i>Trichostomum crisipulum</i> Bruch	A
<i>Trichostomum mildeanum</i> Jur.	A
<i>Trichostomum persicum</i> Jur. & Milde	A
<i>Weissia condensa</i> (Voit) Lindb.	A
<i>Weissia controversa</i> Hedw.	A
<i>Weissia triquetra</i> (De Not.) Hill	A
Rhytiddiaceae	
<i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> (Brid.) Mitt.	A
<i>Rhytididium triguetrum</i> (Hedw.) Wanst.	A
<i>Rhizidium rugosum</i> (Hedw.) Kindb.	A
Sematophyllaceae	
<i>Brotherella harveyana</i> (Mitt.) Dix	P
<i>Clastobryum capillaceum</i> (Griff.) Broth.	P
Thamniaceae	
<i>Thamnium alopecurum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G. subsp. <i>caucasicum</i> Kindb.	P
<i>Thamnobryum alopecurum</i> (Hedw.) Nieuwl.	*
	P
	(23)1117-TUH, on rock; (30)1116-TUH, on rock; (32)1125-TUH, on rock; (3)1130-TUH, on soil
Thuidiaceae	
<i>Abietinella abietina</i> (Hedw.) Fleisch.	*
	P
	(28)1025-TUH, on soil; (1)1018-TUH, on soil; (34)1365-TUH, on soil
<i>Anomodon acutifolius</i> Mitt.	*
	P
	(1)1023-TUH, on rock with thin layer of soil; (21)1054-TUH, on rock; (28)1006-TUH, on soil; (32)1232-TUH, on tree trunk; (4)1081-TUH, on soil
<i>Anomodon longifolius</i> (Brid.) Hartm.	P
	*
	P
	(28)1034-TUH, on soil
<i>Anomodon rostratus</i> (Hedw.) Schimp.	*
	P
<i>Anomodon rougelii</i> (C. Muell.) Keissl.	P

<i>Anomodon viticulosus</i> (Hedw.) Hook. & Tayl.	*	P	(5)1043-TUH, on rock; (12)1056-TUH, on tree trunk; (13)1055-TUH, on tree trunk; (15)1060-TUH; on tree trunk; (17)1062-TUH, on tree trunk; (19)1061-TUH, on tree trunk; (26)1057-TUH, on tree trunk; (30)1058-TUH, on rock with thin layer of soil; (32)1226-TUH, on tree trunk; (34)1246-TUH, on rock
<i>Thuidium delicatulum</i> (Hedw.) Mitt.		P	
<i>Thuidium philibertii</i> Limpr.		P	
<i>Thuidium recognitum</i> (Hedw.) Lindb.		P	
Timmiaceae			
<i>Timmia bavarica</i> Hessl.	A		
<i>Timmia norvegia</i> Zett.	A		

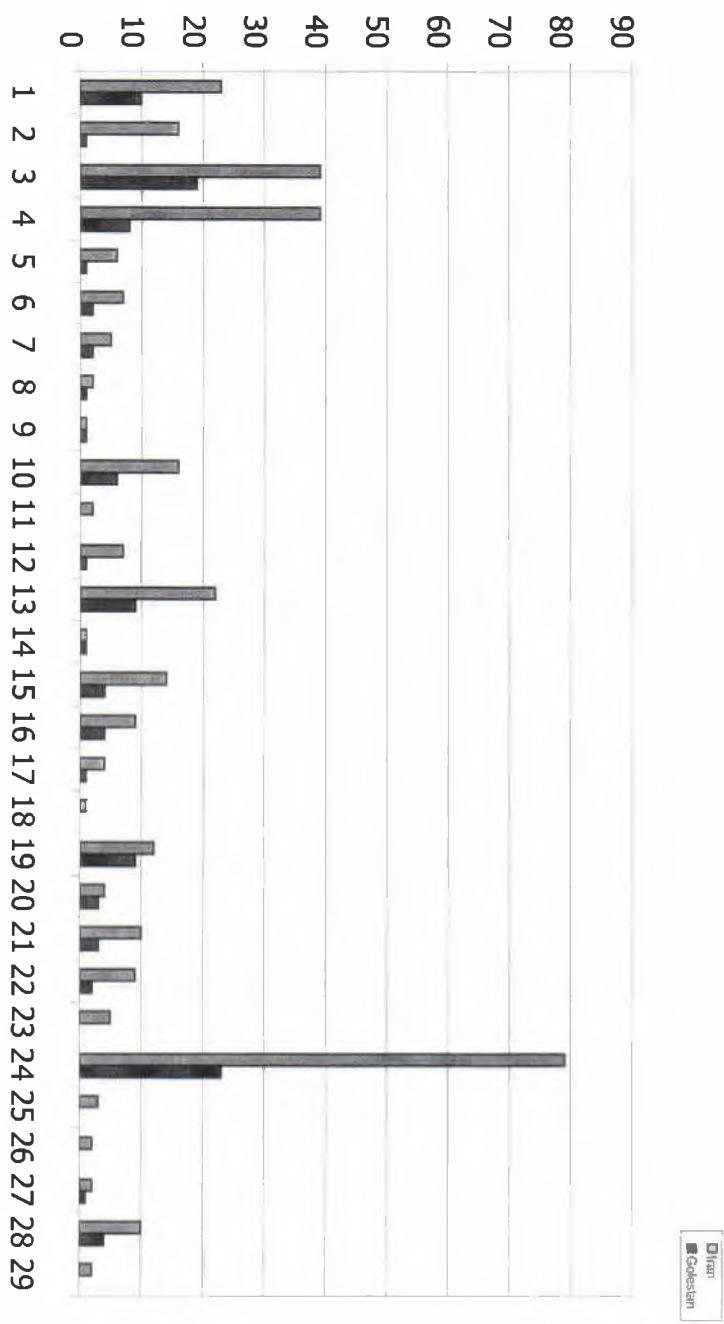


Fig. 1. Comparison between mosses of Iran and Golestan Province. 1. *Amblystegiaceae*, 2. *Bartramiales*, 3. *Brachytheciaceae*, 4. *Bryaceae*, 5. *Dicranaceae*, 6. *Ditrichaceae*, 7. *Encalyptaceae*, 8. *Entodontaceae*, 9. *Fabroniaceae*, 10. *Fissidentaceae*, 11. *Fontinalaceae*, 12. *Funariaceae*, 13. *Grimmiaceae*, 14. *Hedwigiaaceae*, 15. *Hypnaceae*, 16. *Leskeaceae*, 17. *Leucodontaceae*, 18. *Meesiaceae*, 19. *Mniaceae*, 20. *Neckriaceae*, 21. *Orthotrichaceae*, 22. *Plagiotrichiaceae*, 23. *Polytrichaceae*, 24. *Pottiaceae*, 25. *Rhytidaceae*, 26. *Sematophyllaceae*, 27. *Thamniaceae*, 28. *Tundiaceae*, 29. *Timmiaceae*.

Golestan National Park, Alubagh, 1600-1950 (9)
 Golestan National Park, around Tang-e Rah, 600m (10)
 Golestan National Park, between Tang-e Gol and Tang-e Rah, 550-1200m (11)
 Golestan National Park, Cheshmeh Mazarli, 430m (12)
 Golestan National Park, Gharankeh Jangal, 1320-1550m (13)
 Golestan National Park, Golestan park, between Golzar and Soleyman Koshteh, 1250m (14)
 Golestan National Park, Golshan, 450m (15)
 Golestan National Park, Golzar valley, 700-1800m (16)
 Golestan National Park, Incheh-su, 1200m (17)
 Golestan National Park, Karkoli slope, Khers valley, 1600m (18)
 Golestan National Park, Khandushan, 500m (19)
 Golestan National Park, Maassumzadeh valley, 1350m (20)
 Golestan National Park, Mazarli, 550-650m (21)
 Golestan National Park, Mirzabayllu, 1250m (22)
 Golestan National Park, Nazar-Dashbasan, 814-1050m (23)
 Golestan National Park, Tafarojgah-e Abshar (24)
 Golestan National Park, Tang-e Gol (25)
 Golestan National Park, Zav valley, 950-1300m (26)
 Gorgan, foothill of Ghorogh forest, 500-900m (27)
 Gorgan, Nahar Khoran, 550-1500m (28)
 Gorgan, Shast-Kola (29)
 Gorgan, Ziarat, 500-1454m (30)
 Khosh Yeylagh pass, 270-526m (31)
 Kordkuy to Abshar-Doab, 534-1840m (32)
 Kordkuy to Balaghuz, 187m (33)
 Kordkuy to Radkan, 2229 m (34)
 Kordkuy to Radkan, 1200m (35)

Kordkuy to Radkan, 219m (36)
 Kordkuy to Radkan, 620m (37)
 Kordkuy, Balaghuz village, 187m (38)
 Minudasht, Saidabad mountains, 500-1048m (39)

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