PYROLA SECUNDA (PYROLACEAE), NEW TO IRAN
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*Pyrola secunda* L., collected in the central Alborz at an altitude of 2400 m, is reported as new to the flora of Iran.

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Pyrola secunda L.
Syn. Ramischia secunda (L.) Garcke, Orthilia secunda (L.) House


The locality is situated in the region of summer pastures in open Quercus macranthera scrub, on a steep slope facing NNW. The soil was rather wet because of oozing ground water. The coverage of the herbaceous vegetation was about 60%.

The species, as well as the genus, is new to the flora of Iran (cf. Kříša 1972). Assadi and Wendelbo (1977) report simultaneously Pyrola rotundifolia L. also from the Alborz mountains. These two boreal species may be rather widespread in the mountains, especially at the upper border of the Caspian mountain forest. This zone is still botanically poorly known. It is likely that more species of Pyrola will be found in this region.

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