

NITRARIA RETUSA (FORSSK.) ASCHERS., A NEW RECORD FOR THE FLORA OF IRAN

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Nitraria retusa (Zygophyllaceae) has been collected from S. Iran at the margin of Persian Gulf, is reported as a new record for the flora of Iran.

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گونه *N. retusa* از ماهشهر، خور دورق جمع‌آوری گردیده و به عنوان گونه‌ای جدید برای فلور ایران گزارش می‌گردد.

Introduction

In a collecting programme for the establishment of the herbarium of Khuzistan Province, the authors came across to a *Nitraria* species. It was identified *N. retusa* and is reported as a new record for the flora of Iran.

***Nitraria retusa* (Forssk.) Aschers.**

Khuzestan: Mahshahr, Khure Doragh, 5 m, Howeizeh and Dinarvand, 4050.

Shrub, 50-150 cm high, woody with spinescent branchlets; new shoots pubescent. Leaves alternate or fasciculate, glaucous, fleshy, petiolate, spatulate, entire or retuse, up to 2 cm long and 4-13 mm wide. Stipules triangular. Inflorescence cyme. Flowers white. Calyx pubescent, persistent, 1-2 mm long. Corolla of 5 petals, pubescent. Stamens 15; filaments free. Stigmas 3. Fruit trigonous, berry, 6-9 mm long, red.



Fig. 1. *Nitraria retusa* (x0.74); flower (x7); leaf (x2.96).