

## A NEW WEED FOR THE WEED FLORA OF IRAN

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

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گزارش *Heliotropium curassavicum* از جنوب غرب ایران

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گونه *Heliotropium curassavicum* برای اولین بار از ایران گزارش می‌شود. نمونه‌های گونه مذکور از ابتدای جاده اهواز به شوش جمع‌آوری گردیده است.

### **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**

Nasir, Y. J. 1989: *Heliotropium* in Flora of Pakistan no. 191. -Islamabad.



Fig. 1. *Heliotropium curassavicum* ( $\times 0.6$ ).