FRITILLARIA MONTANA HOPPE (LILIACEAE JUSS.) IN UKRAINE: DISTRIBUTION, HABITATS AND SOME TAXONOMIC NOTES

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Data on distribution, taxonomy and ecological preferences *Fritillaria montana* Hoppe (*Liliaceae* Juss.) in Ukraine are given in the article. The results of their field studies, the data presented in the literature and of some herbaria materials from Ukraine, Europe and Russia are analyzed. Established that *F. montana* is a species of taxonomic rank, the its area which covers the southern and south-eastern Europe. A study of morphological variability *F. montana* such signs taxonomic species established: stem abundant covered with leaves in the upper part, the lower leaves are opposite, leaves on top spirally twisted; flowers solitary or in groups of 3-5, with a distinct checkerboard pattern; seed boxes wingless, the capsule in *F. montana* is wingless, three-lobed obovate, top blunt, narrowed at the base into short peduncles. With the spread of *F. montana* belongs to the Balkan geoelement, mountain subelement. It is south Balkan-European species, common in south-eastern Europe. In Ukraine *F. montana* is noted in 14 localities, 11 of which exist today, and 3 – the species not found. The majority of the studied populations of the species confined to forest communities Class Querco-Fagetea, except for one that grows in the composition of meadow community of class Molinio-Arrhenatheretea.

Key words: Fritillaria montana Hoppe, distribution, habitats, taxonomy

Genus *Fritillaria* L. (*Liliaceae*) includes about 140 species of perennial bulbous geophytes distributed in the Northern Hemisphere, from the North America to the Mediterranean region and temperate Asia (Bartolucci, Caparelli, Peruzzi, 2009; Peruzzi, Bartolucci, 2009). *Fritillaria* species are found in the Mediterranean and Irano-Turanian phytogeographical regions. The genus is represented worldwide by 165 taxa of which 40 have been recorded from Turkey, 25 from Greece, 24 from China, 20 from California, 18 from Iran (Rix, 2001).

In Europe the genus *Fritillaria* is represented by 24 species. Most of them are concentrated in the Mediterranean region, and they are characterized by limited ranges, confined to certain mountain systems in Europe, the Mediterranean Islands and Balkan regions. The largest ranges are specific to *F. meleagris*, *F. meleagroides* and *F. ruthenica*, which occupy very significant areas on the territory of Eurasia (Lozina-Lozinskaia, 1935; Bordzilovskyi, 1950).

F. montana Hoppe ex W.D.J. Koch is worthy of special attention. In the IUCN list this species is in the category of Data defined (Nearly Threatened (NT) according

to the IUCN criteria for Red List categories (uncertain, but are close to the category of extincting, according to IUCN criteria)). In addition, *F. montana* is listed in the Annex of the Bern Convention (Vinichenko, 2006).

Materials and methods

The present study of *F. montana* is based on field observations and plant material collected in most of the regions of Ukraine proper and Moldova. The herbarium specimens were determined and/or revised from the collections of the National Academy of Sciences of Russia V.L. Komarova Institute of Botany (*LE*), National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine M.G. Kholodny Institute of Botany (*KW*), Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (*LW*), State Museum of Natural History (Lviv) (*LWS*), Institute of Ecology of the Carpathians of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (*LWKS*), Institute of Botany of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow (*KRA*), Polish Academy of Sciences (*KRAM*), University of Vienna (*WU*), Naturhistorisches Museum Wien (*W*), The University of Bucharest (Universitatea din București) (*BUC*), Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași (*I, IAGB, IASI*), Natural History Museum in Iasi, Kherson Museum of Natural History (*KHEM*), and Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University (*CHER*) Herbariums. All relevant literature was also checked for additional information on the distribution patterns of *F. montana* species.

The distribution of *F. montana* in Ukraine is presented on UTM maps $(20 \times 20 \text{ km}^2 \text{ grid})$.

Results and discussions

The total area of *F. montana* covers the South-Eastern France, Austria (Tyrol), Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Bulgaria, Macedonian Republic, Albania, Greece, Hungary, Romania, Moldova and Ukraine (Zahariadi, 1966; Rix, 1980). Overall, it's a South-European-Balkan species with disjunctive range.

This species, *F. montana*, also is interesting, because there has been a long-standing confusion in botanical literature concerning the nomenclature of this taxon. For a long time European botanists often identified it with other types of taxa of the genus *Fritillaria*, such as *Fritillaria orientalis* Adams (Rix 1980) or *Fritillaria tenella* M. Bieb. (Kamari, 1991), *F. degeniana* H. Wagner (Wagner, 1906), *F. intermedia* N. Terracc., *F. liburnica* B. Lengyel, *F. pollinensis* N. Terracc. These species are widely distributed in the South-Eastern Europe, in particular from the South-Eastern France to Romania (Bartolucci, Caparelli, Peruzzi, 2009).

Classifications of the genus *Fritillaria* have been developed by different authors, which in a different manner interpreted the systematic structure of the genus. *F. montana* as an independent taxon was allocated in the various sections.

In this regard, we consider it is necessary to highlight the history of taxonomic research of *F. montana*.

In 1753 C. Linnaeus in his work "Species Plantarum" first described the genus *Fritillaria* with the selection of the distinctive morphological features, and also gave a description of the three species of the genus: *F. persica*, *F. pyreneica*, *F. meleagris* (Linnaeus, 1753).

In 1805 J.F. Adams in his work "Beitrage zur Naturkunde" in the section devoted to the study of plants of the Caucasus "Decades plantarum novarum specierum quinque et Caucasi Iberiae, quas in itinere comitis Mussin-Puschkin observavit et defini-tionibus D. descriptionibus atque illustravit Jo. Frid. Adam" first brought the description of *F. orientalis*. The author notes that this is a new species of the genus *Fritillaria* from the territory of the Caucasus (Adams, 1805).

After three years F.A. Bieberstein in the work "Flora Taurico-Caucasica" described from the Caucasus *F. tenella* and as a synonym suggested the name of *F. orientalis* Adams, referring to the collection of A.A. Musin-Pushkin, who, also with Adams journeyed to the Caucasus (Bieberstein, 1808).

F. montana was first described from Italy, in the vicinity of Trieste by David Heinrich Hoppe in "Flora XV" in 1832. David Hoppe in the description of *F. montana* noted the morphological characters that distinguish the recent from *F. tenella*, comparison with which was done based on the study of herbarium of A. A. Musin-Pushkin (Koch, Hoppe, 1832).

However, this species was not immediately recognized by European botanists.

In 1866 J.F. Schur in "Enumeratio plantarum Transsilvaniae" describes *F. tenella* from Transylvania. Among its synonyms he mentioned the following: *F. montana*, *F. pyrenaica* Host, *F. orientalis* Adam, *F. racemosa* a. *minor* Schult, *F. involucrate* Heuff. (Schur, 1866).

Eventually, other authors (Nyman, 1881; Boisser, 1882; Bentham, Hooker, 1883; Kerner, 1884 et al.) began to cite the name of *F. montana* as synonymous to the name *F. tenella* when describing this species from different areas of Europe.

An information about the distribution of *F. tenella*, which is considered as a synonym of *F. montana* and *F. orientalis* on the territory of Ukraine, in particular of former Kherson province, the North of Bessarabia, first appeared in the period between 1897-1935 years. At that time, Bessarabia was the County of the Russian Empire, the region between the Black sea and the Danube, Prut, Dniester rivers. Bessarabia was divided into the North and the South. The North included – Sokyriany, Kelmentsi and part of Khotyn (Khotyn upland) areas of modern Chernivtsi region and the territory of Moldova, while the South – covered the territory of modern Odessa region.

In 1897 I. Schmalhausen in the "Flora of Middle and southern Russia, Crimea and the North Caucasus" for the first time recalls about the distribution of *F. tenella* in Ukraine. The author indicates that the species is distributed in some regions of Ukraine, in particular in the South-Western part of Podolia (Algenol at Rashkova and Balt. in Ribnica) and Bessarabia (Bălţi, Bendery). The information about the total area, which covers the Caucasus, Istria, Dalmatia, southern Hungary, Transylvania, Serbia, Dobrudja, Bulgaria was given. I. Schmalhausen combines the Caucasian

plants with the southern European (Schmalhausen, 1897).

In 1914 I.K. Paczoskyi in the work "Flora of Kherson" ("Khersonska flora"). Vol. 1. Higher cryptogams, gymnosperms, monocots" (1914) cited *F. tenella* as one of the most rare plant species occurring in the Kherson province (Paczoski, 1914).

In 1924 Tr. Săvulescu, T. Rays in "Materiale pentru Flora Basarabiei" provides details on the distribution of *F. tenella* in the North Bessarabia, particularly in the vicinity of Vertiujeni and Corpaci (territory of modern Moldova) and the authors identify a variety of var. *latifolia* Uechtz., indicating its location in the surroundings of Vertiujeni in Soroca (Rev. Prof. Dr. A. Borza) – territory of modern Moldova (Săvulescu, Rayss, 1924; Borza, Lupșa, 1962).

The first mention of the distribution of *F. montana* on the territory of modern Chernivtsi region appears in the work of E. Țopa "Floristice Fragmente din Basarabia și Bucovina de Nord" in 1936 (Țopa, 1936). The author notes the presence of the species in the area of Sokyriany, Sokyriany district, Chernivtsi region (the vicinity of Rozkopyntsi (to the Sokyriany city), 29.04.1935, E. Ţopa (*CHER*)).

The first attempt to differentiate *F. montana* and *F. orientalis* was done in the "Flora of the USSR", including indications of differential characters between these two taxa (Lozina-Lozinskaja, 1935). The two species are geographically separated in the USSR, i.e.: *F. montana* grows in the European part (Central Dnieper region, i.e. Podolie), while *F. orientalis* is limited to the Caucasus, including the slopes of the mountain massif in Armenia and Georgia. Subsequently, more differential characters were added in the process (Zahariadi, 1966). Finally, Kamari (1991) differentiated *F. montana* from *F. orientalis*, considering that *F. montana* is distributed in S and SW Europe (including Greece), while *F. orientalis* is restricted to the Caucasus region.

It is important to note that the possible reason for the discussion of the species status of *F. montana* is that all three (four) taxa, *F. montana*, *F. orientalis= F. tenella* and *F. degeniana* have been described from the "adjacent places" of *F. montana* distribution. Thus, we should expect a great variation of morphological characteristics of these border populations of the species. Therefore, we have made a comparative table on the basis of the descriptions of these species made by the authors in their respective floras.

Table. Differential characters between F. orientalis, F. montana and F. meleagroides according to literature data

The features	Species			
	F. montana	F. orientalis	F. meleagroides	
Leaves				
Location	The leaves are mostly opposite; the top and bottom ones are almost always close in 2,	Always alternate placement of the leaves; the upper leaves collected in whorls of 3-4	Immediate, their numbers – 3-7, in the basis – twisted	

the upper sometimes in 3, intermediate — alternate, bract — whorl, between the stem and the bract on the stalk there is a leafless interval Flowers Quantity Flowers 1-6 (and often 3 or 4 flowers in bunches), significantly smaller, pedicels almost erect Flowers	Flowers solitary, drooping at the apex, without longitudinal stripes on the petals of the perianth			
The perianth				
Color, shape Less campanulate perianth, elliptical lobe with a bluish spathe and less clear-cut checkerboard pattern Widely campanulate, the petals are brownish – purple with a clear checkerboard pattern	Bell-shaped, dark brownish-purple with obscure checkerboard pattern or mottled, from the inside – more lighter			
Honey hole Honey hole at the base of perianth lobes is ovate-oblong Honey hole at the base of the sepals is oblong-linear	Honey hole at the base of sepals linear			
Pistil, capsule				
Column pistil until almost the middle is tripartite; nectaries linear The shape and size of capsule Column pistil, cut into ¼ - ½ of its length, nectaries ovate-lanceolate, located at 5-10 mm above the base of the petals blunt hex Column pistil, cut into ¼ - ½ of its length, nectaries ovate-lanceolate, located at 5-10 mm above the base of the petals	Column pistil to half or rarely up to one-third is tripartite, shorter than the ovary, equal or slightly longer, the nectaries in the form of grooves Oblong-obovate, bluntly triangular, pointed			
into a short peduncles				
Geographical characteristics				
The element The Central- The Eastern Pontic The Black sea –				
of flora Southern European Submediterranean (Western Pontic) element of flora The Eastern Fontic element locally distributed in the Caucasus	Kazakhstan flora element			
The number of chromosomes				
The	2n = 24			
number of chromosomes $2n = 18$ $2n = 24$	211 24			
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Distribution in Ukraine. On the basis of generalization of literature data, herbarium data and inventory of field studies, we observed increase of F. montana area and found 14 localities on the territory of Ukraine, of which 11 were existing and three localities we were unable to confirm (in the vicinity of Isaieve and Biliaiivka cities, Odessa region and Cybulskyi forest, Khmelnytsk region). Most of sites were found within the Chernivtsi region (between Prut and Dniester rivers).

For seven years we have studied the species of F. montana on the territory of Ukraine (Kazemirska, 2011, 2013). The data concerning inventory of F. montana distribution in Ukraine is given below:

Odessa region:

- 1) the outskirts of Isaevo village on Tyligul (Tiligul, Ananievskiy district Hersonskaya province), (the modern Odessa region territory) (Paczoski, 1914):
- 2) near urban village Bilyaeka, on the Kuchurgan river's slope (Sobko, 1992).

Khmelnytskiy region:

Kamyanets-Podilskiy district:

- 3) Tsibulivskiy forest, outskirts of Kamyanets-Podilskiy city (M.M. Krutskevich, 1937); within NNP "Podilsky Tovtry";
- 4) the left bank of the Dnister river, near the Pedagogical institute cottages, behind the Ustia village, woody lowland, 24.04.1999, L.G. Lyubinska (KW), (Lyubinska, 2000); Kamyanets-Podilskiy district, near the Ustya village, downstream of the Dniester river from the village, oak forest behind the cottages, leg. 17.04.2001, A.A. Kagalo, det. 06.02.2002, N.V. Skibitska (*LWKS*);
- 5) the left bank of the Dnister river, outskirts Sokil village, forest Sokolivske forestry, quarter 22, 01.05.2012, I.I. Chorney, V.V. Budzhak, A.I. Tokaryuk, A.A. Kagalo, M.A. Kazemirska (CHER).

Chernivtsi region.

Khotyn district:

- 6) near the Krutenky village, Khotyn State Forestry, Novoselytske forestry, quarter 2, area 12, ash with linden forest, 17.07.2007, I.I. Chorney, V.V. Budzhak, A.I. Tokaryuk, O.D. Volutsa (CHER); 24.04.2010, M.A. Kazemirska, (CHER).
- 7) outskirts of the Kaplivka village, Khotyn State Forestry, Novoselytske forestry, quarter 39, area 6, cherry-oak forest, 18.04.2008, I.I. Chorney, V.V. Budzhak, A.I. Tokaryuk, O.D. Volutsa (CHER); 20.04.2010, M.A. Kazemirska, (CHER).

Kelmentsi district:

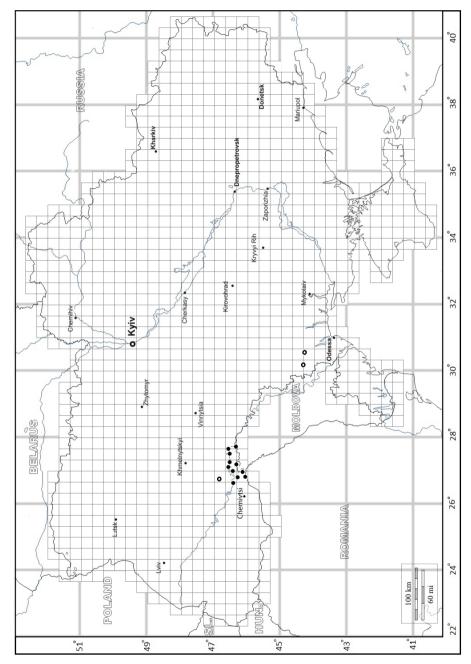
- 8) outskirts of the Zelena village, 15.06.1930, U. Jireada; outskirts of the Zelena village, Kelmentsi forestry, quarter 48, area 16, forest plantation, 25.04.2008, I.I. Chorney, V.V. Budzhak, A.I. Tokaryuk, O.D. Volutsa (CHER); 17.04.2010, M.A. Kazemirska, (*CHER*);
- 9) outskirts of the Mikhailovka village, Khotyn State Forestry, Novoselytske forestry, guarter 1, area 10, maple and ash forest (24.04.1998, I.I. Chorney, V.V. Budzhak (CHER; KW); 18.04.2008, I.I. Chorney, V.V. Budzhak, A.I. Tokaryuk, O.D. Volutsa (CHER); 27.04.2010, M.A. Kazemirska, A.I. Tokaryk, (CHER);

- 10) outskirts of the Podviriyivka village, the Bortosh tract, meadow and steppe slopes, 25.04.2006, Volutsa (*CHER*); outskirts of the Podviriyivka village, the Bortosh tract, reduced humidified area on the meadow and steppe slopes, 25.04.2008, I.I. Chorney, V.V. Budzhak, A.I. Tokaryuk, O.D. Volutsa (*CHER*); 17.04.2010, M.A. Kazemirska (*CHER*);
- 11) outskirts of the Lenkivtsi village, Kelmenetsky district (Svyrydyuk, Shcherbakova, 2010); outskirts of the Lenkivtsi village, Kelmenetsky district, 20.04.2011, I.I. Chorney, V.V. Budzhak, A.I. Tokaryuk, M.A. Kazemirska (*CHER*). Sokvryany district:
- 12) outskirts of the Shebutyntsi village, Shebutynskyi ravine site, 08.05.1999, I.I. Chorney, V.V. Budzhak (*CHER*); 23.04.2010, oak and hornbeam forest, V.V. Budzhak, A.I. Tokaryuk, M.A. Kazemirska (*CHER*);
- 13) outskirts of the Mikhalkovo village, oak and hornbeam forest on the northwestern slopes at 15-20 ° to the district of the Dnister river, 18.04.2010, M.A. Kazemirska, A.I. Tokaryuk (*CHER*) (Kazemirska, Chorney, 2010);
- 14) outskirts of the Rozkopyntsi village (to the Sokyriany city), 29.04.1935, E. Ţopa (*CHER*); Khotyn State Forestry, Sokyryany forestry, quarter 24, area 30, site "Izvor", on the slopes of the Sokyriany river, maple, oak and hornbeam forest, 23.04.2004, O.D. Volutsa, A.I. Tokaryuk (*CHER*); 25.04.2010, oak and hornbeam forest, M.A. Kazemirska, A.I. Tokaryuk (*CHER*).

Habitats and ecology. The vast majority of populations of *F. montana*, which have been investigated are classified as isolated, which were formed as a result of the gap once-relatively continuous range and now separated by geographic, environmental or mechanical insulation barriers. That is, it is fragmented, isolated populations confined to localities remaining species as habitats, because the place where *F. montana* grows, are secondary, partially or completely synanthropic.

Within its range it grows in forests and bushes, on edges and meadows. Its habitats are located in the altitude range from 80 to 1800 m a. s. l. (Chorney, Kagalo, Lyubinskaya, 2009). Species is represented in regions with a Submediterranean climate, demanding to heat, moisture and light. It grows on different soil types – sand, silica, limestone and serpentinicola, ophiolite soils in the rocky ground. It is characterized by wide amplitude range of light habitats from open Sunny areas, shrubs, bright and partially shaded forests.

F. montana – Balkan geoelement, mountain subelement. F. montana is ephemeroid, polycarpic geophyte. In Ukraine F. montana belongs to the ecological group of mesophytes, heliostsiophytes, mesotermophytes, marhinants, stenophytes. The populations of F. montana grow in forests and meadows. Most of populations belong to the class Querco-Fagetea, also there are populations of this species, which are included to the meadow communities of the class Molinio-Arrhenatheretea.



white center – lost location of F. montana; black circle-black center – available location of F. montana. Fig. The distribution of Fritillaria montana Hoppe in Ukraine. Indication of localities: black circle-

Conclusions

1. Thus, *F. montana* is a separate taxon of species rank, which area covers the southern and the South-Western Europe. The Italians L. Peruzzi and F. Bartolucci after studying the selected lectotype and live plants with Monte Spaccato bei Trieste (April, 2007) concluded that the typical material clearly represents the South-East European species, for which the name of *F. montana* is used now. According to this, *F. montana* actually is the oldest valid (valid, suitable) name for this species.

Other names, such as *F. tenella* and *F. orientalis* were used incorrectly, as noted by G. Kamari (Kamari, 1991) and G. Tomović (Tomović et al., 2007), European botanists and actually relate to other species.

- 2. According to the results of studying the variability of individuals of *F. montana* on morphological level it was found that taxonomical significant signs of *F. montana* are follows:
 - *F. montana* has stem with many leaves in the upper half and the lower leaves are usually opposite, bract whorl of 2-4, between stem and bract leaves on the stem there is a leafless interval:
 - upper leaves of *F. montana* at the top are spirally twisted, the upper and lower leaves are usually closely spaced in 2 or 3;
 - *F. montana* flowers are solitary or in clusters (3-5), considerably smaller with less distinct checkerboard pattern;
 - the capsule in *F. montana* is wingless, three-lobed obovate, top blunt, narrowed at the base into short peduncles;
- 3. According to the distribution, *F. montana* belongs to the Balkan geoelement, mountain subelement. This is the South-Balkan-European species, distributed in the South-Eastern Europe. In Ukraine *F. montana* was noted in 14 localities, 11 of which are available today, and in three localities it could not be found.
- 4. Almost all investigated populations are confined to forest communities of the class *Querco-Fagetea*, except one (in the vicinity of Podviriyivka village), which belongs to the class of meadow communities *Molinio-Arrhenatheretea*.

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У статті наведено дані щодо поширення, таксономії й екологічних преференціях *Fritillaria montana* Норре (*Liliaceae* Juss.) в Україні. Проаналізовані результати власних польових досліджень, дані, наведені в літературі й матеріали низки гербаріїв України, Європи й Росії. Встановлено, що *F. montana* — це таксон видового рангу, ареал якого охоплює південну й південно-східну частину Європи. У результаті вивчення морфологічної мінливості *F. montana* встановлені такі таксономічні ознаки виду: стебло рясно облиствлене у верхній частини, нижні листки супротивні, листки на верхівці спірально скручені; квітки поодинокі або групами по 3-5, з чітко вираженим шаховим візерунком; насінні коробочки безкрилі, трилопатевообернено яйцевидні зверху тупі, знизу звужуються у коротку ніжку. За поширенням *F. montana* належить до балканського геоелементу, гірського піделементу. Це південно-балкансько-європейський вид, поширений у південно-східній Європі. В Україні *F. montana* відзначена в 14 локалітетах, 11 з яких існують на сьогодні, а в 3 — вид не знайдений. Переважна більшість досліджених популяцій виду приурочена до лісових угруповань класу *Querco-Fagetea*, за виключенням однієї, яка росте у складі лучних угруповань класу *Molinio-Arrhenatheretea*.

Ключові слова: Fritillaria montana Hoppe, поширення, оселища, таксономія

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В статье приведены данные о распространении, таксономии и экологических преференциях *Fritillaria montana* Hoppe (*Liliaceae* Juss.) в Украине. Проанализированы результаты оригинальных полевых исследований, литературные данные и материалы ряда гербариев Украины, Европы и России. Показано, что *F. montana* – это таксон видового ранга, ареал котрого охватывает южную и юго-восточную части Европы. В результате изучения морфологической изменчивости *F. montana* определены такие таксономические признаки вида: стебель густо облиствен в верхней части, нижние листья супротивные, листья на верхушке спирально закрученные; цветки единичные или по 3-5, с четко выраженным шахматным рисунком; семенные коробочки бескрылые, трилопастнообратнояйцевидные, на вершине тупые, снизу сужаются в короткую ножку. По

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особенностям распространения *F. montana* принадлежит к балканському геоелементу, монтанному поделементу. Это южно-балканско-европейский вид, распространенный в юго-восточной Европе. В Украине *F. montana* известна из 14 локалитетов, 11 из которых существуют ныне, а в 3 – вид не найден. Большинство изученных популяций вида приурочена к лесным сообществам класса *Querco-Fagetea*, за исключением одной, которая кастет в составе луговых сообществ класса *Molinio-Arrhenatheretea*.

Ключевые слова: Fritillaria montana Hoppe, распрстранение, местообитания, таксономия

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