

# DISTRIBUTION OF EDRAIANTHUS AUSTRALIS (WETTST.) LAKUŠI AND E. HORVATII LAKUŠI IN ALBANIA

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## Abstract

The genus *Edraianthus* belongs to the Campanulaceae family with its center of distribution in the Balkan Peninsula. In the Albanian Floras book, the genus is represented by four herbaceous species: *E. graminifolius*, *E. serpyllifolius*, *E. tenuifolius* and *E. wettsteinii*. The last one is a stenoendemic species of Mt Rumie in Montenegro, so it is an erroneous report for Albania. In addition, three species *E. albanicus*, *E. australis* and *E. montenegrinus*, even though to report many years before from Degen et Kummurle, Baldacci or Lakuši, have not included in the Flora of Albania, whereas *E. horvatii* were described as a new species for the country. Two other new species: *E. caespitosus* and *E. pubescens*, described recently from F.K. Meyer, needs other morphological and molecular investigation for their confirmation. In this paper we have summarized the current knowledge about Albanian *Edraianthus* species, focused mainly in distribution of *E. australis* and *E. horvatii* as two poorly known species for the flora of our country.

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