

SOME RARE AND UNCOMMON PLANTS FOUND IN RAWALPINDI AND ISLAMABAD DISTRICTS

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Abstract

A total of 56 families of 112 genera and 130 species are listed as uncommon or rare plants for the area. The maximum number of uncommon or rare plants are to be found in the *Poaceae* (27), followed by *Papilionaceae*(10) and *Orchidaceae*(8). Information including the locality, the vernacular name and flowering period, where ever possible, are given for each taxon.

Introduction

The Rawalpindi and Islamabad Districts have a flora which is richer than that found elsewhere in the Punjab Province. According to recent estimates (R.R. Stewart, 1982, p. 41), there are 1689 flowering plants and 53 Pteridophytes. The number is appreciably more, as from time to time new plant records are being added (in a recent unpublished paper, I have listed 35).

The hilly regions of these Districts lie to the North and North -East and form a part of the outer Himalayan range, of which the foot hill zone or the Sub Himalayan tract comprises scrub and chil forests which harbour quite many trees, shrubs and herbs which are uncommon or rare. This flora is tropical in origin and has come in from the East and many of the plants listed in this paper are at their Western most distribution limit.

Unfortunately, as elsewhere, due to cultivation, grazing and population pressure, forests are being fast depleted, thus endangering the natural habitat of a plant species, leading to its ultimate extinction. R.R. Stewart (1957-58) in his introduction to the Rawalpindi District flora mentions that over hundred years ago Katha (*Acacia catechu*), was common in the Tret area, but now is scant. Several rarities are found in both the Districts, such as *Holarrhena pubescens*, *Holboelia latifolia*, *Urginea indica*, *Eremurus sikesar*, *Rhododendron arboreum* etc., which are now on the endangered list of plant species. Something should be done to conserve the areas by protecting the natural habitat of these plants. R.R. Stewart (1982) has already voiced his opinion concerning the Panjar and Karot valleys in Rawalpindi District.

The present list includes plants which have been collected a very few times. Some of the species as *Curculigo orchoides*, *Lindernia ciliata* etc., may be locally abundant, but have been recorded from only a single area. Those specimens which are marked with an asterisk are very rare and some such as *Schefflera bengalensis*, *Impatiens scabrida*, *Bauhinia vahlii*, *Merrimia palmata*, *Utricularia cf. aurea* etc., seem to be no longer extant. The taxa enumerated below are alphabetically arranged.

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Acanthaceae

Hemigraphis latebrosa Nees var. *rupestris* Clarke in Hook.f., Fl. Brit. Ind. 4:424.1884
Collected from above Tret, by roadside, in pine forest, fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 675).

Fl. Per.: January-February.

Justicia diffusa Willd. Sp. Pl. 1:87.1797; Clarke, l.c.538.

Known only from Nurpur, at the base of Margalla hills (M.Y. Kiani 56). Fl.Per.: May-October.

Aceraceae

Acer oblongum Wall. ex DC., Prodr. 1593.1824
Manga Sangli area, S.E. of Tret (Y. Nasir and Nazir 9275). R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 462) records it only in cultivation.

Amaryllidaceae

Hypoxis aurea Lour. Fl. Cochin. 200. 1790.
Muree hills, fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 61). Fl. Per.: July-August.

Curculigo orchoides Gaertn. Fruct. & Semin. Pl. 1:63.1788.

Panjar (R.R. Stewart 28541). Vern.: 'kalimusli'. Fl. Per.: July—August.

Apocynaceae

**Holarrhena pubescens* (Buch-Ham.) Wall. ex G. Don. Gen. Syst. 4:78.1838
 (=*H. antidyserterica* (L.) Wall. ex DC., Prodr. 8:413.1844, p.p.).
 Collected only from Nurpur. Vern.: 'kewar'. Fl. Per.: May-June.

Trachelosperum lucidum (D. Don) Schum. in Engl. & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenf. 4(2):159.1895.

(=*T. fragrans* Hook.f., Fl. Brit. Ind. 3:667.1882; Parker, For, Fl. Punj. 334.1918).

Collected from Manga Sangli area, S.E. of Tret (Y. Nasir 9957). Fl. Per.: April-May.

Araceae

**Arisaema tortuosum* var. *curvatum* (Roxb.) Engler in Pflanzenr. 4.23 F:191.1920
Danoi, above Lehtrar (Y. Nasir and Nazir s.n.). Vern.: 'kiriki kukri'. Fl. Per.: June—July.

Araliaceae

**Schefflera bengalensis* Gamble, Kew Bull. 229.1919
 (=*S. elliptica* sensu R.R. Stewart, Annot. Cat. Vasc. Pl. W. Pak. & Kashm. 509.1972).
 Once found on a huge boulder in Tret, fide R.R. Stewart, l.c. usually found from the Ravi eastward. Fl. Per.: February-March.

Asclepiadaceae

**Ceropogia macrantha* Wight, Contrib. 31.1834

Manga, S.E. of Tret (Y. Nasir and Nazir 9268). Fl. Per.: September

Balsaminaceae

**Impatiens scabrida* DC., Prodr. 1:687.1824

Murree (R.R. Stewart 12420). Usually found from Kumaon eastward. Fl. Per.: July-August.

Begonaceae

**Begonia tenella* D.Don, Prodr. Fl. Nep. 223.1825

Panjar fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 496). Fl. Per.: August-September

Bignoniaceae

**Stereospermum colais* (Buch-Ham. ex Dillon) Mabberly

(=*S. suaveolens* DC. Prodr. 9:211.1845).

Reported by Parker (For. Fl. Punj. 377.1918) from the 'Sub Himalayan tract, Rawalpindi District eastward'. Fl. Per.: May-June.

Brassicaceae

Sisymbrium brassiciforme C.A.Mey. in Ledeb. Fl. Alt. 3:129.1831

Murree-Kohala rd. (R.R. Stewart 12). Fl. Per.: July—August

Caesalpiniaceae

**Bauhinia vahlii* Wight & Arn. Prodr. Fl. Pen. Ind. Or. 297.1834

Tret fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p.374). Vern.: 'taur'. Fl. Per.: April-June

Cassia absus L.Sp. Pl. 376.1753

Panjar vy., fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 375). Vern.: 'chaksu'. Fl. Per.: September

C. pumila Lamk. Encyl. Meth. 1:651.1785

Barakao, Murree rd. (R.R. Stewart 7707; E. & Y. Nasir 8591). Fl. Per.: August-September

Capparidaceae

Capparis himalayensis Jafri in Pak. J. For. 6:197,t.l,f.l b.1956

(=*C. spinosa* var. *himalayensis* (Jafri) Jacobs in Blumea 12(1):419.1965

Rawalpindi (R.R. Stewart & E. Nasir 27912). Fl. Per.: April-May

Caryophyllaceae

Silene colorata Poir. Voy. Barb. 2:163.1789

Rawalpindi, Aitchison 109 fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 251).

S. indica ssp. *nutans* (Benth.) Ghazanfar in mss.

(=*Lychnis nutans* Benth. in Royle Illustr. 80.1835).

Murree, Duthie fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p.247). Fl. Per.: July-August

Spergula fallax (Lowe) E.H.L. Krause in Strum. Fl. Deutschl. ed. 2,5:19.1901

Ratter (at Edinburgh) identifies Zuberi coll. no. 1 from Rawalpindi, as this species.

Fl. Per.: February-March.

Combretaceae

Terminalia belerica (Gaertn.) Roxb. Pl. Ciorom. 2:54. t. 198.1805

Occasionally wild, from the Rawalpindi District eastward. Vern.: 'bahera'. Fl. Per.: April-June.

Commelinaceae

**Cyanotis cristata* (L.) Schultes f. Syst. 7:1150.1830

Panjar vy. (Y. Nasir and F. Bhatti 10151). Fl. Per.: July-September

Murdania nudiflorum (L.) Brenan in Kew Bull. 189.1952

Panjar vy. (R.R. Stewart 28722). Vern.: 'kanshura'. Fl. Per.: August-September

Compositae

Ainsliaea latifolia (D. Don) Schultz, Bip. in Pollichia 18, 19:190.1861

Charehan, Murree (R.R. Stewart 5203). Fl. Per.: May-June

Blumea bifoliata (L.) DC. in Wight Contrib. Bot. Ind. 14.1834

Burhan and Charehan, Murree, Coventry fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 725).

B. membranacea DC., Prodr. 5:440.1836

Rawalpindi (R.R. Stewart 13755). Common in Lahore.

Tragopogon gracile D. Don in Mem. Wern. Soc. 3:414.1820

Margalla (Y. Nasir & Khan 9934). Fl. Per.: April

Convolvulaceae

**Merrimia* vel. aff. *palmata* H. Hall., Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 18:112.1893

Margalla (Y. Nasir & Qaiser 8967). Fl. Per.: September-October

Cucurbitaceae

Diplocyclos palmatus (L.) C. Jeffrey, Kew Bull. 15:32.1962

Collected from Kahuta, Rawalpindi (E. Nasir & M. A. Siddiqi s.n.). Fl. Per.: August-September

Cyperaceae

Cyperus arenarius Retz Obs. 4:9.1786

Gujranwal, Aitchison fide Sabnis (1941, p. 574).

C. brevifolius (Rottb.) Hassk. Cat. Hort. Boger 24.1844

Near Sohan bridge, Rawalpindi, Aitchison 240 fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 87).

Dioscoreaceae

Dioscorea melanophyma Prain ex Burk ill in J. As. Soc. Beng. 4:452.1908

Margalla top (Y. Nasir 9283). Fl. Per.: August-September.

Ericaceae

Lyonia ovalifolia (Wall.) Drude in Pflanzenr. 4, 1:44.1889

Ghora Gali (R.R. Stewart s.n.). Fl. Per.: April-May

**Rhododendron arboreum* Smith Exot. Bot. t. 6, 1804-1805

Near Lawrence College, Ghora Gali (R.R. Stewart 1536). Fl. Per.: March-April

Euphorbiaceae

Acalypha ciliata Forssk., Fl. Aegypt-Arab. 162.1775

Rawalpindi District, Aitchison fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 444). Fl. Per.: August-September

Bridelia verrucosa Haines J. Bot. 59:193.1921

Manga-Sangli nala (Y. Nasir and Nazir 9249). Fl. Per.: September

Croton sparsiflorus Morong in Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci. 9:221.1893

Panjar (R.R. Stewart 29022). Fl. Per.: January-February

Euphorbia geniculata (Kl. & Garske) Ortega, Hort. Matr. Decad. 18.1797

Collected from a field below Murree at 1524 m (R.R. Stewart s.n.). Fl. Per.: July-August

Phyllanthus urinaria L. Sp. Pl. 982.1753

Panjar, R.R. Stewart 28527. Fl. Per.: August-September

Fagaceae

**Quercus glauca* Thunb. Fl. Jap. 175.1784

Company Bagh, Murree (M.A. Siddiqi & Y. Nasir 7225). Vern.: 'Banni, Barin'. Fl. Per.: March-April

Frankeniaceae

**Frankenia pulverulenta* L. Sp. Pl. 332.1753

Collected once from near the Pindi Medical College (M.A. Siddiqi 6043). Fl. Per.: March-April

Haloragidaceae

**Myriophyllum verticellatum* L. Sp. Pl. 992.1753

Misriot Dam, Rawalpindi (Rashid Ali, s.n.). Fl. Per.: July-August

Iridaceae

Iris aitchisoni var. *chrysantha* Baker in Hook.f. Fl. Brit. Ind. 6:272.1892

Sparingly collected from Topi Park and Margalla (R.R. Stewart 12822). Fl. Per.: March-April

Juglandaceae

Engelhardtia colebrookia Lindl. in Wall. Pl. As. Rar. 3:4, t.208.1832

Local in Panjar valley (R.R. Stewart 287). Vern.: 'samma'. Fl. Per.: March-April

Labiatae

Ajuga macrosperma Wall. ex Benth. in Wall. Pl. As. Rar. 1:59.1830

Panjar (R.R. Stewart 28558). Fl. Per.: September-October

Lardizabalaceae

**Holboelia latifolia* Wall. Tent. Fl. Nepal 24, t.16.1824

Jhicca Gali-Murree bazaar (R.R. Stewart 23519), and Panjar fide R.R. Stewart (1982, p. 136). Fl. Per.: April-May

Lentibulariaceae

**Utricularia cf. aurea* Lour. Fl. Cochin.26.1790

Once noticed in a pond in Topi park fide R.R. Stewart (1957-58, p. 95). April-May

Liliaceae

**Eremurus sikesarus* Fedtsch., Mem.Acad.Sc. St. Petersb. Ser. 8, 23, 8:132.1909

Bani, below Murree, Parker fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 51), and Lehtrar (Y. Nasir s.n.). Fl. Per.: March-April

Lilium polyphyllum D. Don in Royle, Ill.Bot. Himal.388.1840

Murree hills (R.R. Stewart 7121). Fl. Per.: March-April

**Urginea indica* Kunth, Enum.4:333.1843

Near Jhewra, Kahuta-Karot rd. (Y. Nasir & Khan, s.n.). Fl. Per.: April

Loranthaceae

Loranthus pulverulentus Wall. in Roxb. Fl. Ind (Car. ed.) 2:221.1824

Lehtrar-Jandali rd. (M. Irfanul Haq s.n.). Parasitic on the stem of *Mallotus philippinensis*. Fl. Per.: December

Lythraceae

**Ammania verticellata* Ard. Lam. Encyc. 1:131.1783

Collected from near Rawal Dam, in rice field, in October 1979. Honey Bee Project (PARC), collection. Fl. Per.: August-September

Malvaceae

Abelmoschus ficulneas Wight & Arn. Prodr. 1:53.1834

Islamabad (E. & Y. Nasir 8453). Fl. Per.: August-September

**Abutilon theophrasti* Medic. Malv. Fam. 28.1787

Collected from Rawalpindi only once (R.R. Stewart 16551). Fl. Per.: August-September

Fioria vitifolia (L.) Mattei, Bol. R. Orto Bot.Palermo 2:71.1916

Panjar in September, at edge of field (R.R. Stewart 28532). Fl. Per.: July-August

Moraceae

**Ficus cunia* Ham. in Roxb. Fl. Ind. (Car. ed.) 2:3:561.1832

Panjar vy. (R.R. Stewart s.n.). Fl. Per.: April

**E. nerifolia* J.E. Smith var. *nemoralis* (Wall. ex Miq.) Corner ex R.R. Stewart, Annot. Cat. Vasc. Pl. W. Pak. & Kashm. 193.1972

(=*F. nemoralis* Wall. ex Miq., London J. Bot. 7:453.1848).

Murree hills (R.R. Stewart s.n.). Fl. Per.: April

Myrsinaceae

Embelia robusta Roxb. Fl. Ind. 1:587.1820

Panjar and Karot vy. (Y. Nasir & Khan 9477). Vern. 'babring, ambat'. Fl. Per.: July-August

Orchidaceae

**Cymbidium macrorhizum* Lindl. Gen. & Sp. Orch. 162.1840

Ghora Gali (Coventry; Y. Nasir s.n.).

**Eulophia dubia* (D. Don) Hoch in Bull. New York Bot. Gard. 6:270.1910

Known from only one gathering near Rawal Lake (E. & Y. Nasir). 10077). Fl. Per.: April-May

**E. graminea* Lindl. Gen. & Sp. Orch. 183.1833

Panjar vy. (Y. Nasir s.n.). Fl. Per.: March-April

**Gastrodia orobanchoides* (Falc.) Benth. in Gen. Pl. 3:617.1883

Murree hills (R.R. Stewart 25367). Fl. Per.: August

**Habenaria digitata* Lindl. Gen. & Sp. Orch. 307.1835

Collected from Samli (Coventry), and Panjar (R.R. Stewart). Fl. Per.: August-September

**H. furcifera* Lindl., l.c. 319

Panjar vy. (R.R. Stewart). Fl. Per.: August-September

**H. marginata* Colebr. in Hook. Exot. Flora 2, t. 136. 1824

Mirpur and Panjar vy. (R.R. Stewart in 10.9.1959). Fl. Per. August-September

**H. pectinata* D. Don, Prodr. Nepal, 24.1825

Samli (Coventry) and Panjar vy. (E. Nasir 1057). Fl. Per.: August-September

**H. susannae* (L.) R. Br., Prodr. 312.1810

Bani, below Murree (Coventry), and Panjar (E. Nasir 1057). Fl. Per.: August-September

Orobanchaceae

**Aeginetia pedunculata* (Roxb.) Wall. Pl. As. Rar. 3:13, Pl. 219.1832

Panjar vy. (R.R. Stewart and E. Nasir 28956). Fl. Per.: August

**Orobanche caesia* Reichb. Ic. Fl. Germ. 7:48, tab. 936.1829

(=*O. borealis* Turcz. in Bull. Soc. Nat. Mosc. 420.1842).

Murree fide J.D. Hooker (Fl. Brit. Ind. 4:325.1884). Fl. Per.: June-August

Papilionaceae

**Crotalaria spectabilis* Roth, Nov. Pl. Sp. 341.1821

- (=*C. sericea* Retz. Obs. 5:26.1789, non Burm.f.1768).
 Rawalpindi, Aitchison 576, fide Sabnis (1941, p. 343). Fl. Per.: October-December
Desmodium laxiflorum DC., in Ann. sci. Nat. Paris ser. 1,4:100. Jan.1825
 Panjar (E. Nasir & M. A. Sodiqi s.n.). Fl. Per.: August-October
Flemingia bracteata (Roxb.) Wight, Ic. Ind. Or. t. 268. 1840
 Panjar (R.R. Stewart & McVean s.n.). Fl. Per.: October
 **F. congesta* Roxb. ex Aiton, Hort. Kew ed. 2(4): 349. 1812
 (=*F. prostrata* Roxb., Fl. Ind. 3:338.1832).
 Panjar (R.R. Stewart 28536). Fl. Per.: September
 **F. semi-alata* Roxb. ex Aiton, Hort. Kew ed. 2(4): 349.1812
 Panjar (R.R. Stewart 28535). Fl. Per.: August-September
Lespedeza floribunda Bunge, Pl. Monog. Chin. 13.1833
 Murree hills, Fleming fide R.R. Stewart (1957-58, p. 38).. Fl. Per.: July-August
 **Medicago falcata* L. Sp. Pl. 779.1753
 Rawalpindi, Aitchison 364 fide Sabnis (1941, p. 344). Vern.: 'yellow lucerne'. Fl. Per.: March-August.
 **Shuteria involucrata* (Wall.) Wight & Arn. Prodr. 1:207.1834
 Panjar (R.R. Stewart 28655). Fl. Per.: November-December
Uraria picta (Jacquin) Desv. ex DC., Prodr. 2:324.1824
 Panjar (R.R. Stewart 29030), and Kahuta-Karot rd. (Y. Nasir 9183). Fl. Per.: July-September
Vigna dalzelliana (O. Kuntze) Verdc. in Kew Bull. 24:558.1970
 Panjar (R.R. Stewart 28529; Y. Nasir 10159). Fl. Per.: August-September

Palmae

- Nannorrhops rithcieana* H. Wendl. in Bot. Zeit. 37:148.1879
 Margalla (R.R. Stewart s.n.) Fl. Per.: August-November

Poaceae

- Agropogon lutosus* (Poir.) P. Fourn. in Le Monde des Plantes 36 (no. 213): 20.1935
 Murree at 7000', Trotter fide Cope (1982, p. 471). Fl. Per.: May-July
Agrostis gigantea Roth, Tent. Fl. Germ. 1:31.1788
 Upper Topa, A.R. Beg in 7.7.1949, fide Cope (1982, p. 481). Fl. Per.: July-August
A. vinealis Schreb., Spicil. Fl. Lips. 47.1771
 Murree at 7500', Trotter fide Cope (1982, p. 478). Fl. Per.: July-August
 **Brachiaria deflexa* (Schumach.) C.E. Hubbard ex Robyns in Bull. Jard. Bot. Etat Brux. 9:181.1932
 Tret, R.R. Stewart 7507, fide Cope (1982p. 206). Fl. & Fr. Per.: July-October
 **Bromus tectorum* L. Sp. Pl. 1:77. 1753
 Rawalpindi, Wingate fide Sabnis (1941, p. 586). Fl. Per.: April
Chionachne koenigii (Spreng.) Thw., Enum. Pl. Zeyl. 357. 1864
 Tret area (A.R. Khan in 20.8.1952) and (R.R. Stewart s.n.).
Cymbopogon commutatus (Steud.) Stapf. in Kew. Bull. 1907:211.1907
 (=*C.parkeri* Stapf in Kew Bull. 1929:10.1929).
 Rawalpindi, R.R. Stewart 13796 fide Cope (1982, p. 331). Vern.: 'sargarah, hawai'. Fl. &

Fr. Pr.: April-October

C. pospischili (K. Schum.) C.E. Hubbard in Kew Bull. 4:175.1949

Murree rd., Gentry 14022 fide Cope (1982, p. 331). Fl. & Fr. Per.: April

Cynodon arcuatus Presl, Rel. Haenk. 1:290.1930

Topi park, R.R. Stewart 23432 fide Cope (1982, p. 118).

Danthonia schneideri Pilger in Fedde Repert. 17:131.1921

Murree hills, R.R. Stewart 29165, fide Cope (1982, p. 35). Fl. & Fr. Per.: July-September

Dendrocalamus strictus (Roxb.) Nees in Linnaea 9:476.1834

Local in Chattar, Murree rd. (R.R. Stewart 25727). Fl. Per.: November-April, Vern.: 'bans'.

Dichanthium foveolatum (Del.) Roberty in Boissiera 9:170.1960

Margalla and Topi Park, R.R. Stewart nos. 23676; 21387; 25712 and 15110 A, fide Cope (1982, p. 280). Vern.: 'ghandel'. Fl. Per.: March-April

Digitaria sanguinalis (L.) Scop., Fl. Carn. ed. 2, 1:52.1772

Bhurban, R.R. Stewart 28615 fide Cope (1982, p. 232). Fl. & Fr. Per.: July-September

D. setigera Roth ex Roem. & Schult., Syst. Veg. 2:474.1817

Rawalpindi, R.R. Stewart nos. 23666; 21895, fide Cope (1982, p. 226). Fl. & Fr. Per.: September

Enneapogon schimparianus (Hochst. ex A. Rich) Renvoise in Kew Bull. 22:400.1968

(= *E. elegans* (Nees ex Steud.) Stapf in Kew Bull. 1907:224.1907).

Rawalpindi, R.R. Stewart in May 1926, fide Cope (1982, p. 58).

Eragrostis tremula Hochst ex Steud., Syn. Pl. Glum. 1:269.1854

'S. of Gujar Khan', MacVean in March 1960, fide Cope (1982, p. 99). Fl. & Fr. Per.: March-November

**Iseilema prostratum* (L.) Anders. in Nova Acta R. Soc. Scient. Upsal. Ser. 3,2:251.1856

Rawalpindi, fide Tuthie fide R.R. Stewart (1957-58, p. 154). Vern.: 'chat'.

Milium effusum L. Sp. Pl. 1:61.1753

Murree, Trotter 51 G, fide Cope (1982, p. 527). Fl. & Fr. Per. July-August

Neyraudia arundinacea L. Sp. Pl. 1:55.1753

Panjar, R.R. Stewart 28590 fide Cope (1982 p, 70)

**Panicum trypheron* Schult., Mant. 2:244.1824

Murree fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 121).

**Parapholis incurva* (L.) C.E. Hubbard in Blumea, Suppl. 3:14.1946

Topi park, R.R. Stewart 13749, fide Cope (1982, p. 558). Fl. & Fr. Per.: April-May

**Phalaris arundinacea* L. Sp. Pl. 1:55.1753

Murree, Trotter nos 63; 63 G, fide Cope (1982, p. 495). Fl. & Fr. Per.: May-July

Piptatherum hilariae Pazif in Bot. Mater. Gerb. Bot. Akad. Nauk Uzbeksh. SSSR.10:

(= *Oryzopsis wendelboi* Bor in Nytt Mag. Bot. 1:16.1952).

Murree at 7000¹, Trotter 29, fide Cope (1982, p. 554). Fl. & Fr. Per.: May-August

**Saccharum ravennae* (L.) Murra, Syst. Veg. 88. 1774

Rawalpindi, R.R. Stewart 10113, fide Cope (1982, p. 266). Vern.: 'dholu'. Fl. & Fr. Per.: August-September

**Sporobolus nervosus* Hochst. in Flora, Jena 38:202.1855

(*Sporobolus stockii* Bor in Kew Bull. 1948:45.1948).

Collected from near a pond, Rawalpindi (R.R. Stewart 10152).

Thysanolaena maxima (Roxb.) O. Ktze., Rev. gen. Pl. 2:794.1891

Panjar vy. (R.R. Stewart & E. Nasir 28956). Fl. & Fr. Per.: March-April

Polygalaceae

**Polygala tatarinowii* Regel in Bull. Soc. Mosc. 34(4):523.1861
Panjar (R.R. Stewart 28524). Fl. Per.: August-September

Polygonaceae

**Polygonum chinense* L. Sp. Pl. 363.1753
Near the CDA nursery, Islamabad, (Q. Fatima & W. Khan s.n.).

Ranunculaceae

Ranunculus diffusus DC., Prodr. 1:38.1824
Murree, (R.R. Stewart 3888). Fl. Per.: April-July

Rosaceae

Prunus cerasoides D. Don, Prodr. Fl. Nep. 1825
(=*P. puddum* Roxb. ex Wall. Pl. As. Rar. 2:37, t. 143.1831).
Margalla hills (Y. Nasir 10083), and Murree (Asghar Ali s.n.). Fl. Per.: August-September

Rubiaceae

Oldenlandia coccinea Royle, Ill. Bot. Himal. 241, t. 53.1835
Patriata, Murree hills, Coventry fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 688). Fl. Per.: August-September
O. nudicaulis Roth, Sp. Nov. 95. 1821
Panjar vy. (Y. Nasir & Fazal Bhatti, s.n.). Fl. Per.: August
**Pavetta tomentosa* Roxb. Sm. in Rees Cyclop. 26(2). 1819
Rawalpindi District eastward, fide Parker (For. Fl. Punj. 281, 1918). Fl. Per.: April-June
**Randia spinosa* (Thunb.) Poir. in Lamk. Encycl. Suppl. 2, 829. 1812
(=*R. dumetorum* (Gaertn.) Lamk. Tab. Encycl. 2:227.1793).
Karot vy. (M. A. Siddiqi & Y. Nasir s.n.). Fl. Per.: April-June
**Wendlandia puberula* DC., Prodr. 4:412.1830
Lehtrar and Manga Sangli, below Tret (Y. Nasir 9951). Fl. Per.: July-August

Sabiaceae

**Meliosma simplicifolia* (Roxb.) Walpers, Repert. 1:103.1842
(=*M. pungens* auct. non Wall. ex Walpers, Repert. L; 423.1842; Parker, For. Fl. Punj. 110. 1918 Margalla top (Y. Nasir 10094). Fl. Per.: May-June

Santalaceae

Thesium himalayense Royle ex Edgew. in Trans. Linn. Soc. 20:88,18
Margalla, Vicary fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 199, det. as *T. multicaule* Ledeb.). Fl. Per.: April

Scrophulariaceae

Lindernia ciliata (Colsm.) Pennel, J. Arn. Arb. 24:253.1943

Karot vy. (M. A. Siddiqi & Y. Nasir 6086). Fl. Per.: August—September

**Striga lutea* Lour. Fl. Cochin. 22.1990

Margalla top (Y. Nasir 9386). Fl. Per.: November—December

Tiliaceae

Grewia elastica Royle, Illustr. Bot. Himal. 1:104, t. 22.1834

Saidpur (R.R. Stewart 14728). Vern.: 'dhaman'.

**G. sapida* Roxb. ex DC., Prodr. 1:512.1824; Parker, For. Fl. Punj. 54.1918

Reported by Parker (l.c.) from the 'Rawalpindi pine forests'. Fl. Per.: April—May

Umbelliferae

**Bupleurum croceum* Fenzl Pugill. Pl. Nov. Syr. 16.1842

Collected only once from a Rawalpindi graveyard (Shaukat Ali and M.A. Siddiqi 26155). Fl. Per.: April—May

Heracleum canescens Lindl. in Royle, Ill. Bot. Himal. Mount. 232.1835

Murree hills fide R.R. Stewart (1972, p. 519). Fl. Per.: April

Seseli diffusum (Roxb. ex Sm.) Santapau and Wagh in Bull. Bot. Surv. Ind. 5:108.1963

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Urticaceae

Oreochnide frutescens (Blume) Miq. in Ann. Mus. Bot. Lugd. 3:131.1867

Karor (E. & Y. Nasir 8319). Fl. Per.: March—April

Urtica pilulifera L. Sp. Pl. 983.1753

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Valerianaceae

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Verbenaceae

**Premna barbata* Wall. ex Schauer in DC., Prodr. 11:636.1847; Parker For. Fl. Punj. 399.1918

Karot vy. (M. A. Siddiqi & Y. Nasir 7230). Vern.: 'ganhila'. Fl. Per.: April—May

Vitaceae

Vitis vel aff. *capreolata* D. Don Prodr. Fl. Nep. 188.1825; Parker, For. Fl. Punj. 99.1918

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