

Fritillaria shehbazii and F. selenica (Liliaceae), two new species from Iran

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Abstract

Two new species from Iran was described in this study. *Fritillaria shehbazii* from Western Azerbaijan province in northwest Iran and *F. selenica* from Kurdistan province in western Iran. *F. shehbazii* is similar to *F. chlororhabdota*, *F. pinardii*, *F. kordestanica* and *F. assyriaca* in the *F. caucasica* group in general facies but differs mainly by the color and size of its lowest leaves, shape and colour of perianth segments. *F. selenica* is similar to *F. avromanica* and *F. assyriaca* in general facies but differs mainly by narrower leaves and color of perianth segments. Detailed taxonomic descriptions, diagnostic characteristics, illustrations, original photographs, geographical distributions, habitat, phenology and ecology, etymology, conservation status, and identification key of the new and the related species are presented in this study.

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