

Project Update: October 2014

One more fruitful field season is coming to its end. Rich herbarium material was collected and about 20% of it is already processed. According to the preliminary data new locations for a few rare species of Armenian flora are found. At least one of them is new for the floristic region.

These and other findings will be mentioned in a publication later on. An interesting finding was new sites for one of our threatened habitat types - aspen forests. Currently I am writing a paper on aspen forests of Armenia with use of all the new data obtained this summer.

Another paper - IPAs of Armenia project report is already submitted for publication. As well as botanical studies we also did some local capacity assessment towards our awareness raising/trainings planned for the next year. The botanical calendar 2016 will be published this winter (the materials are almost prepared) in order to have it available for distribution during the field season of 2015. The coming autumn and winter months will be used to process the collected data and the rest of the herbarium and to work with literature.

I attached a few photos, one of them shows me 'lost in megaforbs' - so-called "high herbaceous vegetation".



Scabiosa caucasica



Anna lost in megaforbs



Grossheimia macrocephala



Sedum sempervivoides