

## NEW LOCALITIES FOR *COLCHICUM ATTICUM* (COLCHICACEAE) FROM NE GREECE

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*Colchicaceae*

*Colchicum atticum* Spruner, 1840

Thraki: Nomos Xanthis: just outside the town of Xanthi (41°08'23,8"N, 24°51'46,6"E), dry places, alt. 40m, 8 Jan 14, coll. *Nerantzis*, Toxotes (41°07'04.46"N, 24°45'06.92"E), meadows, alt. c. 900m, 15 Dec 13, coll. *Koudros*.

*Colchicum atticum* (syn. *Merendera attica* (Spruner) Boiss. & Spruner, *M. rhodopea* Velen.) occurs in the S Balkan Peninsula, North and East Aegean islands and W Turkey. In Greece it has been recorded from Attiki, Evvoia (Psachna), E Macedonia (Drama), Lesvos and Kalimnos (Zervou *et al.* 2009). The species occurs also at the N Aegean island of Thasos (Spyros Tsiftsis, pers. comm.). Our collections, made by the first two authors (X.N and V.K.), extent the distribution to Thraki. At Nomos Xanthis the species seems to have a localized distribution at the east bank of Nestos river, at dry places and meadows, at altitudes from near sea-level to c. 900m.



Fig. 1. Geographical distribution of *Colchicum atticum* in Greece (● literature records, ● new records)

## New localities for *Colchicum atticum*



Figs 2,3. Herbarium material of *Colchicum atticum* from Xanthi, Herb. Alexiou

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