



VANGJELI J. 2017. Flora Albanica. Atlas. Volume I: Pteridophyta-Apiaceae. – Germany, Schmittens-Oberreifenberg: Koeltz Botanical Books. IX + 933 pp., ca. 1700 colour photographs, ca. 1700 dot maps; 28×21.5 cm, hard cover. ISBN 978-3-946583-08-0. In English. Price: 244 EUR.

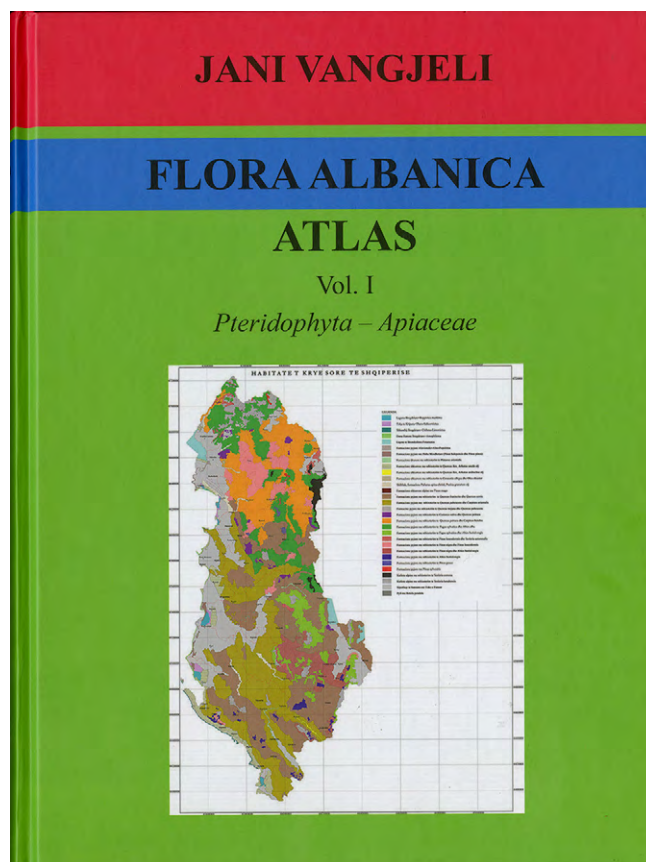
Albania, a country in Southeast Europe, is characterised by remarkable botanical diversity, which, however, has been poorly studied. Insight into the country's botanical richness is rarely offered to a wider botanical audience. Publications on the Albanian flora are scattered. The book *Flora Albanica, Atlas Vol. I* by Dr. J. Vangjeli is the first in a series that will cover the distribution of plants in Albania. It is the first book to offer the national and international botanical community distribution maps and photographs of the approximately 1700 species included in this initial volume. The data are drawn from the database of the National Herbarium, which counts over 120000 inputs, mainly ones not more than 80 years old, but still lacking some newer records.

This book represents a continuation of work on the Albanian flora and offers valuable new information complementing that contained in the already published *Flora of Albania*, *Dendroflora of Albania*, *Field Guide of Albanian Flora*, and *Excursion Flora of Albania*.

Apart from a photograph and a distribution map, the book gives for each species its scientific name, synonym(s), colloquial name(s) in Albanian, life forms, chorological types, habitats, and the IUCN threatened category to which it belongs. Also, the districts where the species is found are stated, along with the altitudinal range of records.

Volume I includes both native and cultivated plants from the following families (in order of appearance):

Lycopodiaceae, Isoetaceae, Selaginellaceae, Equisetaceae, Ophioglossaceae, Osmundaceae, Sinopteridaceae, Adiantaceae, Cryptogammaceae, Gymnogammaceae, Hypolepidiaceae, Thelypteridaceae, Aspleniaceae, Athyriaceae, Aspidiaceae, Polypodiaceae, Marsileaceae, Salviniaceae, Azollaceae, Ginkgoaceae, Pinaceae, Cupressaceae, Taxaceae, Ephedraceae, Salicaceae, Juglandaceae, Betulaceae, Corylaceae, Fagaceae,



Ulmaceae, Moraceae, Cannabaceae, Urticaceae, Santalaceae, Loranthaceae, Aristolochiaceae, Rafflesiaceae, Polygonaceae, Amaranthaceae, Chenopodiaceae, Nyctaginaceae, Phytolacaceae, Aizoaceae, Molluginaceae, Portulacaceae, Caryophyllaceae, Nymphaeaceae, Ceratophyllaceae, Ranunculaceae, Peoniaceae, Berberidaceae, Magnoliaceae, Lauraceae, Papaveraceae, Capparaceae, Brassicaceae, Resedaceae, Crassulaceae, Saxifragaceae, Parnassiaceae, Hydrangeaceae, Grossulariaceae, Pittosporaceae, Platanaceae, Rosaceae, Fabaceae, Oxalidaceae, Geraniaceae, Tropaeolaceae, Zygophyllaceae, Linaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Rutaceae, Simarubaceae, Meliaceae, Polygalaceae, Anacardiaceae, Aceraceae, Hippocastanaceae, Balsaminaceae, Aquifoliaceae,

Celastraceae, Staphylleaceae, Buxaceae, Rhamnaceae, Vitaceae, Tiliaceae, Malvaceae, Thymelaeaceae, Eleagnaceae, Hypericaceae, Violaceae, Passifloraceae, Cistaceae, Tamaricaceae, Frankeniaceae, Cucurbitaceae, Cactaceae, Lythraceae, Trapaceae, Myrtaceae, Punicaceae, Onagraceae, Haloragaceae, Theligonaceae, Cornaceae, Araliaceae, and Apiaceae.

It is not stated which nomenclature is followed. To judge from the maps, it is easy to conclude that a lot of geobotanical work in Albania still needs to be done.

There are two indices, one listing the Albanian names of plants mentioned in the book, the other their Latin names.

The book offers good images of each plant covered in this volume, so it can be used by students and young botanists as a handbook in learning about plants.

Printed on high-quality paper with images in full colour, the book can be recommended as a nice addition to the personal library of every botanist interested in the Albanian, Balkan, or Mediterranean floras. Serious botanical institutions and universities should also offer this valuable publication to their students and employees.

Orders for the book can be placed at www.koeltz.com

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