

A NEW SPECIES AND A STATUS IN THE GENUS *FAGONIA* FROM PAKISTAN

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Abstract

While revising the genus *Fagonia* from Pakistan, a new species: *Fagonia elliptica* Tabassum, Omer & Qaiser sp. nov., is recognized, whereas one new status is also proposed.

Fagonia elliptica Tabassum, Omer & Qaiser sp. nov. (Fig. 1)

Holotypus: Between Dargedab and Panjgur, 50 km from Panjgur on way to Prome, A. Ghafoor & S. Omer 1931A (KUH !)

Herba annua, c. 20 cm alta, glandulis sessilibus glutinosis obsita. Internodia teretia, striata, 2.3-3.2 cm longa. Folia unifoliata, elliptica ad lato oblanceolata, lamina 11-25 x 4-10 mm. Petiolus 2-5 mm longus. Spinus 4, patens vel recurvus, \pm aequales. Flores purpurescens, c. 10 mm diametro. Pedunculus 2-5 mm longus. Sepala 3x2 mm, lanceolata. Petala spatulata 5x2 mm, obtusa. Filamenta 3 mm longa. Fructus 4-15 x 3-4 mm. Pedunculus 4-9 mm longus capsulum aequales vel longior.

Annual herb, c. 20 cm high, covered with sessile sticky gland. Internodes terete, striate, 2.3-3.2 cm long. Leaves unifoliolate, elliptic to broadly oblanceolate, lamina 11-25 x 4-10, petiole 2-5 mm long, patent or recurved, all 4 more or less equal. Flowers purplish, pedicel 2-5 mm long, c 10 mm diameter. Sepals 3x2 mm, lanceolate. Petals spatulate, 5x2 mm, obtuse. Filament 3 mm long. Fruit 4-15 mm to 3-4 mm. Peduncle 4-9 mm long, equal to or longer than capsule

Specimen citation: Makran Dist: 40 km away from Panjgur on Panjgur-Turbat road, A. Ghafoor & S. Omer 1885 (KUH); between Daragedab and Panjgur, c. 50 km from Panjgur on way to Prome, A. Ghafoor & S. Omer 1913B (KUH); between Panjgur and Palantak near gorge, A. Ghafoor & S. Omer 1946 (KUH).

Distribution: Endemic to Panjgur.

Note: This species can be separated from the unifoliolate species (*F. indica* Burm., *F. ovalifolia* Hadidi) on the basis of leaflet shape, gland type, pedicel and peduncle length and spine posture.

Fagonia pakistanica (Ghafoor) Tabassum, Omer & Qaiser, stat. nov.

Syn. *Fagonia ovalifolia* Hadidi subsp. *pakistanica* Ghafoor, in Nasir, E. and S.I. Ali (Eds.), *Fl. W. Pak.*, 76: 16, 1974.

Holotype: G-2 Makran Dist: Awaran Rest House, A. Ghafoor & M. Qaiser 8 (KUH!).

