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The objectives of this second part of the Flora Monitoring workshop is to focus on practical work in plant identification and methods for flora monitoring.

The aim of this second phase is also to clarify all pending issues from the first meeting and to initiate the monitoring program. The flora monitoring team strongly feels the importance of capacity building of the management teams, if successful, this workshop would hopefully lead to continuity and reinforcement of the monitoring program objectives and management strategies. Therefore, your active participation and contribution in this workshop are highly appreciated.

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# ***I- PRELIMINARY STEPS TO TAXONOMIC IDENTIFICATION***

## **A-INTRODUCTION**

Taxonomy is the science of the classification of organisms according to their resemblance and differences. It includes delimiting, describing and grouping species and nomenclature or giving names to the described entities.

Plant taxonomy has two aims:

- to identify all kinds of plants
- to arrange the kinds of plants into a scheme of classification that will show their true relationship

One aspect of taxonomy is documentation, which includes the preservation of living fossil floras in a museum or herbarium, including type specimens and illustrations.

The importance of taxonomy is not only in identifying and relating organisms, but also in storing and retrieving information.

Biological classification used today is based on the work of the biologist Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778). In the linnaean system, each species is assigned two names; the name of the genus or generic name and the name of the species or specific epithet; e.g. the scientific name of the Lebanese Cedars is *Cedrus libani*.

## B- ANGIOSPERMS

Angiosperms (flowering plants) constitute the subdivision of seed plants. They are the most dominant, numerous and successful plants living today and include about a quarter of a million of species in about 300 families. They produce flowers, fruits and seeds.

### B.1 Criteria used in classification of angiosperms

- ↳ The presence or absence of petals
  - ↳ If present, whether united or separate
- ↳ The position of the ovary in relation to perianth (hypogenous, perigenous or epigynous flowers)
- ↳ The numbers of petals
- ↳ The union of parts
- ↳ The nature of the perianth (=calyx and corolla)
- ↳ The nature of the fruit (is related to the nature of the gynoecium)
- ↳ The morphology of the seed
- ↳ Vegetative characters (roots, stems and leaves)

### B.2 Classification

The angiosperms are divided into two classes:  
Dicotyledons (dicots) and monocotyledons (monocots).

- **Dicots**

**Embryo:** with 2 cotyledons

**Flowers:** in 4 or 5, or in multiple of 4 or 5.

**Leaves:** netted venation (petiole: +/-)

**Growth form:** herbaceous or woody

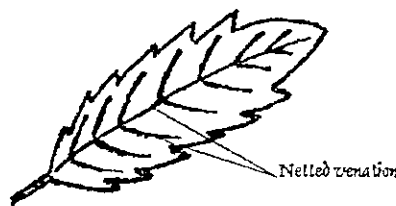
**Vascular system:** in a ring

**Roots:** taproot



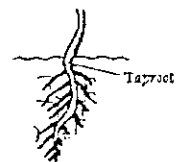
2 cotyledons

Embryo.



Netted venation

Leaf.

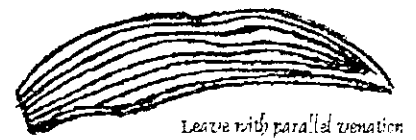
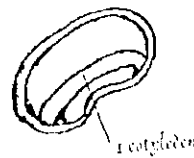


Taproot

Root.

- **Monocots**

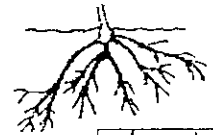
**Embryo:** with 1 cotyledon (embryonic seed leaf)



**Flowers:** in 3 or multiple of 3

**Leaves:** usually, parallel venation (petiole seldom develops)

**Growth form:** mostly herbaceous a few arborescent (palms)



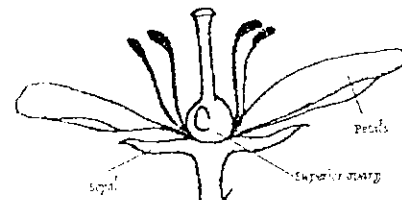
Absence of a principal root system, fibrous root

**Vascular system:** vascular bundles scattered

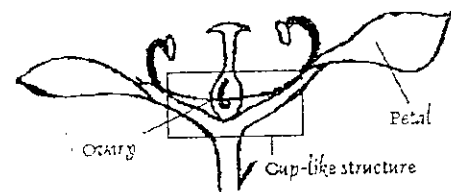
**Roots:** fibrous

### B.2.1 Type of flowers in terms of the disposition of the ovary

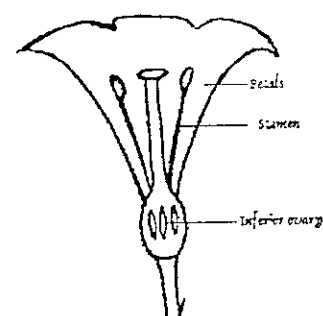
↳ **Flower parts situated below the ovary:** flowers with superior ovary (Hypogenous flowers). The sepals, petals and stamens are inserted at the base of the ovary and free from it.



↳ **Flower parts situated around the ovary:** flowers with half-inferior ovary (Perigenous flowers). The sepals, petals and stamens are inserted on the rim of a shallow or deep cup-like structure called hypanthium (floral tube or cup).



↳ **Flower parts situated above the ovary:** flowers with inferior ovary (Epigenous flowers). The sepals, petals and stamens appear to arise upon the ovary.



## B.3 DICOT

### B.3.1 *Brassicaceae* Family

– The Mustard Family –

**Growth form:** Annual or perennial herb with pungent watery acrid sap.

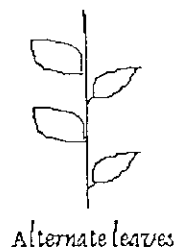
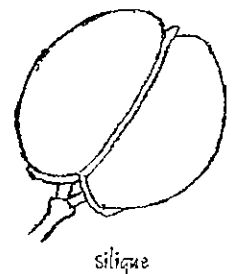
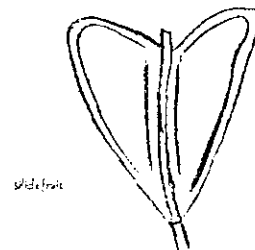
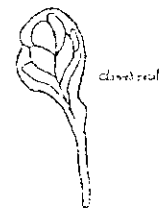
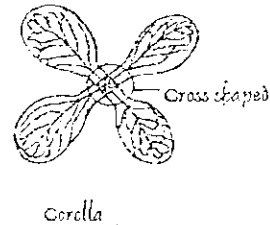
**Flowers:** regular 4-merous, perfect

- \* ovary is superior,
- \* Calyx: 4 separate sepals
- \* Corolla: 4 separate 'clawed' petals; arranged diagonally (cross-shaped),
- \* pistil one of two united carpels,
- \* Stamens: 6
- \* Inflorescence: flowers usually in racemes (sometimes, corymbose)

**Leaves:** alternate, simple (or pinnately lobbed).

**Fruit:** a two valved silique or silicle.

**Important members:** radish, turnip, cabbage, Cornflower, rapeseed oil, white mustard and stocks.



## B.3.2 *Apiaceae* Family (Umbelliferae)

– *The parsley family* –

**Growth form:** Annual, biennial or perennial herbs or shrubs. Aromatic

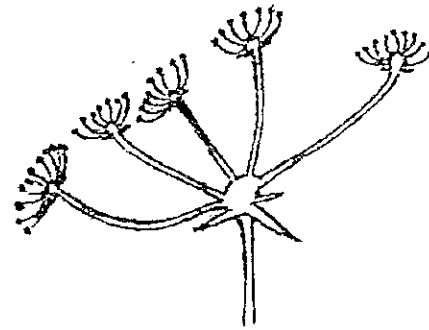
**Flowers:** regular 5-merous, perfect, small;

- \* ovary is inferior (no hypanthium) ;
- \* Calyx 0 or 5 sepals;
- \* corolla 5 separate;
- \* pistil 1 Of 2 united carpels (or 5) (style 2, 5 or absent)
- \* stamens: 5 ( alternate with petals)
- \* Inflorescence: often in umbels

**Leaves:** alternate (or basal); usually compound

**Fruit:** schizocarp, splitting into one seeded fruit (merocarps)  
(A schizocarp derived from a two to many-carpellate gynoecium that split into two or more one-seeded segments).

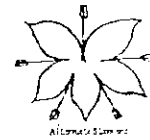
**Important members:** carrot, parsley, celery, caraway, fennel, coriander, anise, cumin and English ivy.



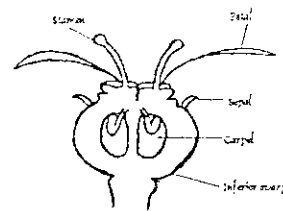
Compound umbel



Simple Umbel



Alternate stem



Compound leaf



### B.3.3 Fabaceae Family (Leguminosae)

– The Pea Family –

**Growth form:** Herb, shrub or trees.

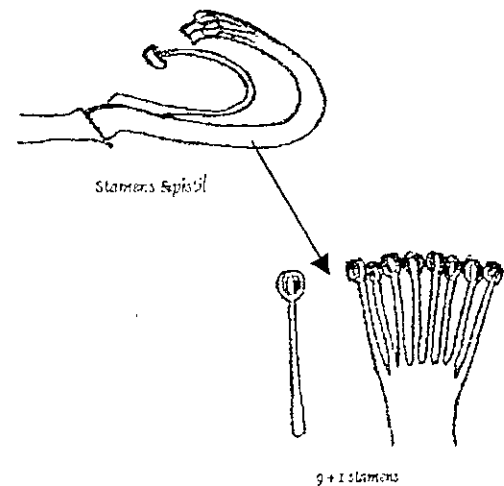
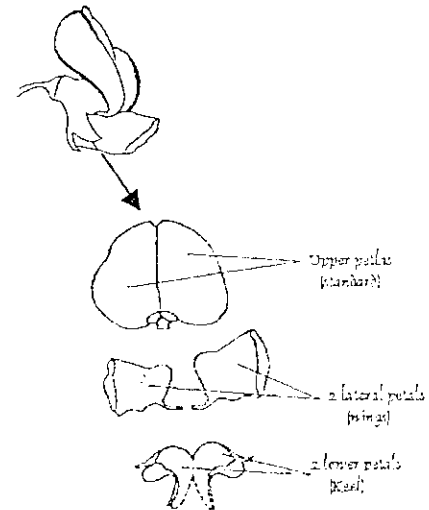
**Flowers:** regular to irregular 5-merous, usually perfect; tubular, bilabiate with 2-lobbed upper lip and 3-lobbed lower lip

- Ovary is superior, (hypanthium present or absent),
- Calyx synsepalous (united) with 5 lobes, tubular
- Corolla: 5, distinct or the lower 2 petals +/- united (papilionaceous flowers)
- 1 carpel: style 1, stigma 1.
- Stamens: often 10 filaments distinct, or united in a tube (monadelphous) or 9 united and one free

**Leaves:** usually alternate, pinnate (or bipinnate); sometimes palmately compound; sometimes with tendrils; stipulate.

**Fruit:** a legume (pod) that splits along two lines.

**Important members:** Pea, alfalfa, clover, common bean, faba bean, soybean, chickpea, lentil, peanut, acacia and mimosa.



### B.3.4 Asteraceae Family (Compositae)

– The Sunflower Family –

**Growth form:** Annual to perennial herbs or sometimes shrubs.

**Inflorescence:** in heads subtended by an involucre of bracts (phyllaries)

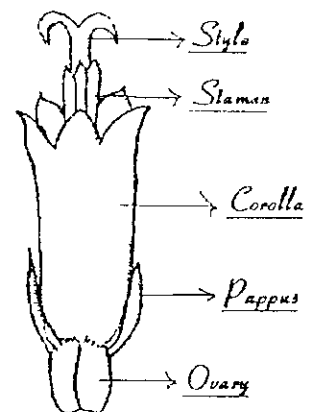
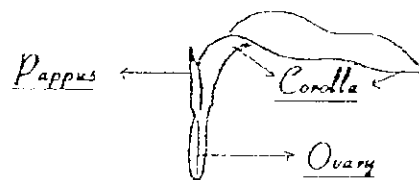
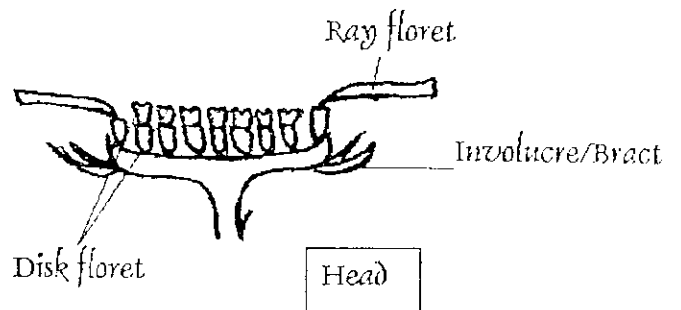
Flowers: regular or irregular, perfect or imperfect

- \* Ovary is inferior, 1-celled and contains one ovule (1 seed at maturity)
- \* Calyx: absent or modified into a pappus of scales, awns or bristles (never green)
- \* Corolla: 5 or 3 united sometimes bilabiate or with a single lip (1 pistil with two united carpels, style one with two branches)
- \* Stamens: 5 filaments distinct; anther united into a tube around the style

**Leaves:** alternate or sometimes opposite.

**Fruit:** an achene

**Important members:** Sunflower, safflower, artichoke, lettuce, chamomile, aster, zinnia, dahlia and chrysanthemum.



***Different types of flower heads:***

\* *Ligulate head:*

Only ligulate or ray florets e.g lettuce, dandelion

*Discoïd head:*

Only tubular or disk florets. E.g. *Cirsium* spp.

\* *Radiate head:*

Disk florets in the center, surrounded by ray florets at the margin.

E.g. Sunflower, dahlia

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For notes

### B.3.5 *Lamiaceae* Family

– *The mint family* –

**Growth form:** mostly aromatic herb or shrub

**Stems:** usually four-angled, square

**Flowers:** irregular 5-merous, perfect, tubular, bilabiate with 2-lobed upper lip and 3-lobed lower lip.

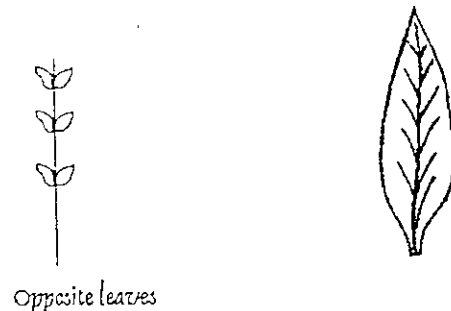
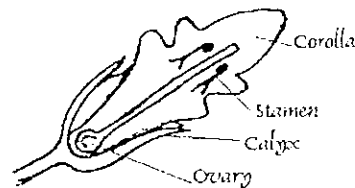
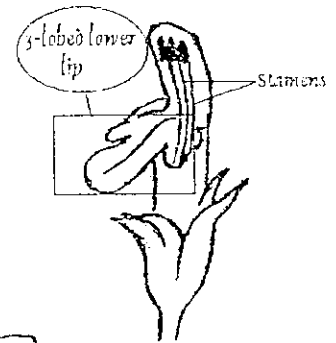
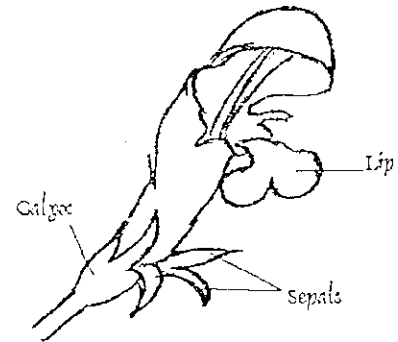
- \* Ovary is superior, 4-lobed (two carpels, but due to false partitions appear 4)
- \* Calyx: synsepalous, united with 5 lobes
- \* Corolla: sympetalous (united) with 5 lobes
- \* Stamens: 2 or 4 didynamous (=stamens in 2 pairs of unequal lengths); filaments attached at their base to corolla

**Leaves:** opposite simple, (deeply divided or pinnate), aromatic.

**Fruit:** a schizocarp splitting into 4 1-seeded nutlets

**Important members:**

peppermint, spearmint, thyme, sage, lavender, basil.



Ovary (xsection)

## B.4 MONOCOTS

### B.4.1 Liliaceae family

– *The lily family* –

**Growth form:** Most are perennial herbs from bulbs, tubers or rhizomes

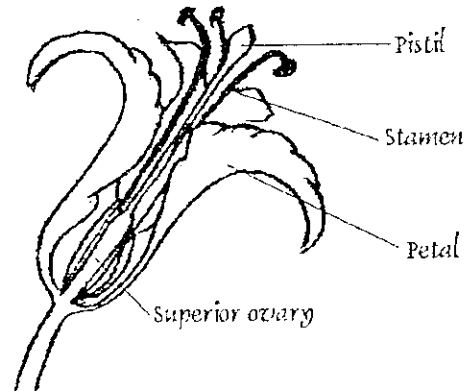
**Flowers:** perfect

- \* ovary superior ,
- \* stamens usually 6
- \* pistil 1 (1or 3 united carpel)
- \* Perianth:6-parted , 3 petals and 3 petaloids sepals

**Leaves:** with parallel-veined leaves.

**Fruit:** a 3-parted capsule

**Important members:** Lily of the valley, tulip, fritillarias, hyacinth, onion and garlic



### B.4.2 Iridaceae family

– *The iris family* –

**Growth form:** most are perennials herbs from bulb, corms or rhizomes

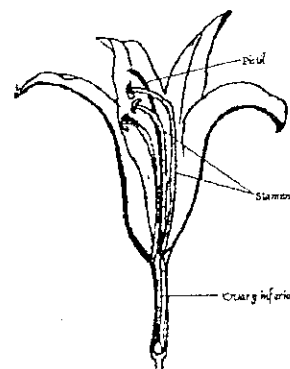
**Flowers:** Perfect

- \* ovary inferior,
- \* stamens 3,
- \* pistil 1 (3 carpels)
- \* Perianth: 3petals and 3 petaloid sepals

**Leaves:** with parallel veined leaves

**Fruit:** 3-parted capsule

**Important members:** Iris, gladiolus, crocus and freesia



### B.4.3 Poaceae Family (Gramineae)

– Grass family –

**Growth form:** Grasses and grass like plants

**Stems:** with hollow internode and jointed nodes; circular in cross section

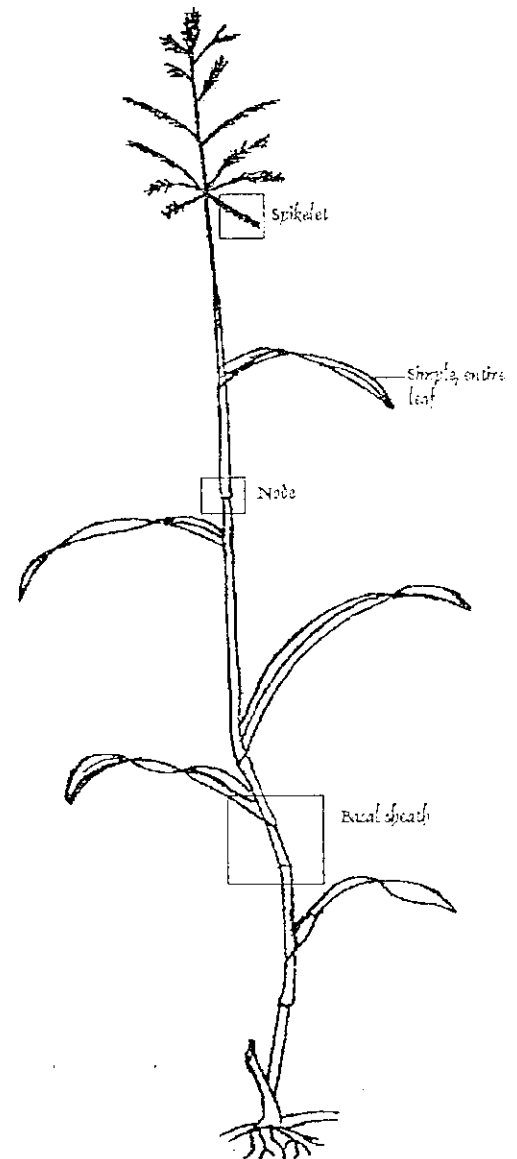
**Flowers:** small and inconspicuous, perfect or imperfect, irregular

- \* ovary is superior, one-celled and one-seeded
- \* Stamens: 6, 3 or fewer
- \* Perianth: 6-parted (3 petal and 3 petaloids sepals)
- \* Inflorescence: consists of spikelets

**Leaves:** simple entire, with parallel-veined, two-ranked with open basal sheath.

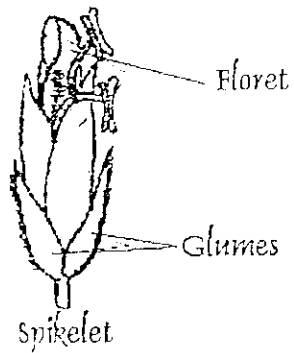
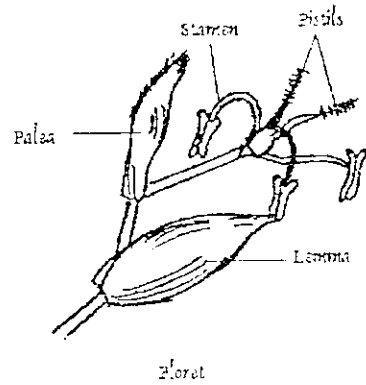
**Fruit:** grain (caryopsis)

**Important members:** Wheat, oat, rice, corn, barley, blue-grass and bamboo.



**Spikelet:** Each flower is subsessile between 2 bracts=lemma and palea, the whole forming a floret (false flower)

**Florets:** 1 to many, bearing at the base two empty bracts = glumes. The florets and the glumes form a spikelet. The spikelet can be arranged in racemes or panicles.



## ***II- MONITORING OF FLORA***

### **A-INTRODUCTION**

Monitoring is not simply the creation of inventories and lists of names. Monitoring involves **surveying, sorting, cataloguing, quantifying and mapping** of entities such as genes, individuals, populations, species, habitats, biotopes, ecosystems and landscapes or their components. Synthesis of this information provides a snapshot of the state of biodiversity and baseline information for the assessment of change. **Recording these changes is monitoring.**

Inventorying and surveying are considered as tools and not end products (Glowka & al., 1994; Article 7). They are **the basic tools** for implementing monitoring programs, which serve the objectives and aims of any management strategy and conservation policy.

#### **How can we define priority species in an ecosystem?**

A healthy ecosystem is defined as being 'stable and sustainable', maintaining its vigour, organization and autonomy over time and its resilience to stress. Studies indicate that in most situations there is not enough information and knowledge to select priority species (Simberloff, 1998).

Selection of priority species such as keystone species, indicator species and others, is a difficult challenge since ideally one should adopt a holistic approach in which ecosystem health is monitored, and that would include all organisms and components at once.

Therefore, perseverance, patience and assiduity are essential for a successful long term monitoring process.



## B. FLORA MONITORING IN THE *EHDEN* FOREST RESERVE

### B. 1 General description on *Ehden* forest reserve

The forest of *Ehden* is situated at the base of Mount Makmel, which is located on the north-western slopes of the Mount Lebanon Chain, it extends from 1250m to 1900m range of altitude. Its climate is typically Mediterranean, characterised by wet winter and hot, dry summers. The hot summer conditions are alleviated by the fog that bathes the forest Reserve and preserves the wetness of the superior layer of litter.

The forest reserve is located in the Oro-Mediterranean zone including a lower-Mediterranean zone and a montane zone where different plant communities ranging in the *Cedretea libani orientalia* alliances thrive (Zohary, 1973, Abi-Saleh & al., 1996, Sattout, 1999).

The forest reserve includes different sub-regions (Annex I) quite different in their vegetation composition and floristic richness. It comprises *Qornet es Snaoubar*, *Qornet el Aassi*, *Dahr Tnoub Aali*, *Wadiane Ghamiqa*, *Jouit*, *Arid el Moghr*, *Jouar el Jafik*, *Wadi el Baq* and *Wadi Qiamé*. The lack of formal boundaries for these sub-regions is compensated by the change in vegetation type, clearly observed when exploring the forest.

Tree species encountered in the different plant associations observed in the reserve are *Cedrus libani*, *Abies cilicica* Tchilh. (*Ehden* is reported as the southern most limit of this species), *Pinus brutia* Ten. (Extending from 1250m to 1450m), *Juniperus excelsa* M. B., *Juniperus oxycedrus* L., *Quercus calliprinos* Webb, *Q. infectoria* Oliv., *Cotoneaster nummularia* Fisch. & Mey., *Lonicera nummulariifolia* Javb. & Spach. These species are widespread throughout the subregions. In contrast, *Q. cerris* L., *Q. pinnatifida* C. Gmel., *Q. cedrorum* Ky., *Styrax officinalis* L. are found as sparse populations in the forest reserve, while *Cercis siliquastrum* is found in the low edges of the *Pinetum brutiae* association. Moreover, the fauna expands its richness in the forest including important pollinators such as numerous butterflies and bee species, birds, mammals, and rodents all observed during spring and summer explorations.

## B.2 Monitoring Priorities

The priorities suggested by the management team were:


- a. Determine if the *Juniperus oxycedrus* is expanding and dominating other plant species
- b. Determine the expansion trend of *Abies cilicica* (expanding South or retreating North)
- c. Effect of lichens on plant health
- d. Impact of visitors along the trails
- e. Status assessment of ten endemic plants
- f. Status assessment of threatened and rare plants
- g. Status assessment of wild relative crops
- h. Status assessment and monitoring of very important medicinal plants
  
- i. Based on our discussion with LNCRS research team member, it was suggested to monitor *Erodium acaule*, a plant well known to thrive in degraded forest areas (Mouterde, 1970)
- j. A recent study was conducted on *Origanum libanoticum* Boiss. In Ehdn. A follow up of this study would give a second year data about this species and would be useful as a model. In addition, *O. libanoticum* is a plant known to be endemic and a wild relative to Origanum species which is widely used in culinary and known to have medicinal uses.

Below are detailed methods for priorities a, b, c, d, I and j. The remaining priorities will be addressed following scientific report of LNCRS with respect to which species are endemic threatened, rare, wild relatives and important medicinal plants.

## B.3 - MATERIALS & METHODS

### ⇒ **Equipment**

The equipment and materials needed for the fieldwork are cited in the previous manual.

 Check your materials and equipment and complete them before any exploration trip in the field. Don't forget your survey forms.

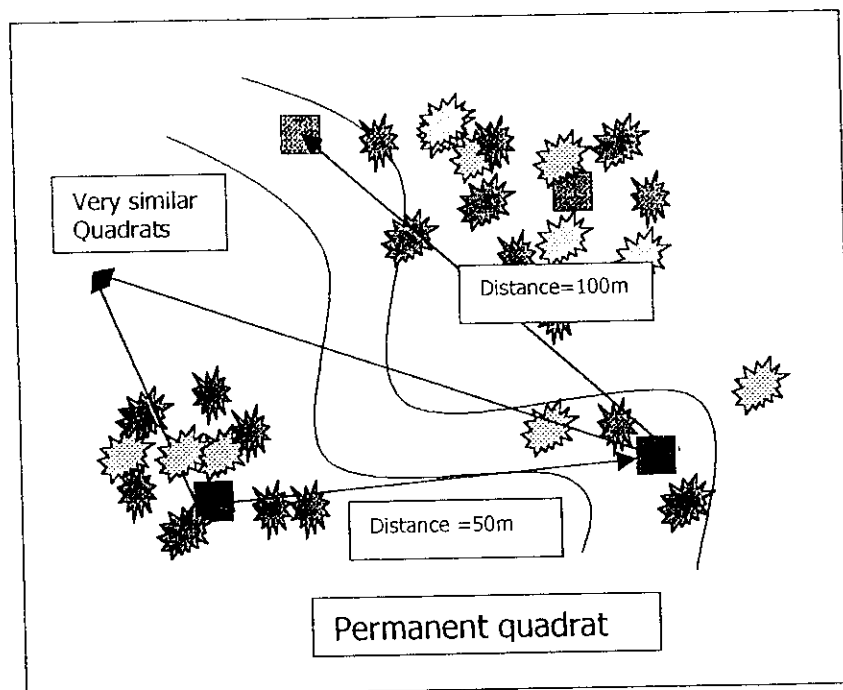
### B.3.1 Methodology for monitoring the impact of visitors on trails

These survey forms were designed to collect the most useful data for monitoring and GIS analysis. The regular and consistent completion of these forms over several years and subsequent analysis of the data is expected to show the changes occurring in the status of the selected plant species in terms of population density and distribution.

- **Permanent quadrat** method is the one adopted when assessing the impact of visitors along the trails. Permanent plots are essential for monitoring the changes in population dynamics and the growth of individual plant species.

They will be fixed at different altitudes along the trails, a duplicate of the quadrat containing the same or very similar plant association is selected within the habitat at 50 meters distance or 100 meters depending on the changes in vegetation type.

Different quadrat will be fixed in *Ain el Naassa* where dense population of different *Orchidaceae* plant species is observed during exploration, another one will be located in the valleys.



The survey form includes:

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- \* **Date and site description** including sampled site, longitude, latitude and altitude, slope exposure, and approximate degree of steepness
- \* **Ecological site characteristics**: describing whether the samples were taken from a forest (dense tree population), woodland (mix of sparsely spread trees and shrubs), shrubland (prevalence of shrubs), forest clearing or forest margins (borders of the reserve).
- \* **Land physiography** including hillsides, valley bottom, mountaintop,
- \* **Disturbance factors**: Evidence of any physical disturbance of the sampled site.
- \* **Density** of selected species is defined by recording the number of individual plant species.
- \* **Notes**: Finally, any specific observation can be noted.

### ☞ **Coding system**

The management team along with GL has developed a coding system to differentiate between the various regions in the Reserve and to facilitate computerization of the data and its analysis.

It was agreed that every sampling site would be labeled with the first two or three letters of the region name. As shown below:

Arid el Moghr and Dahr el Moghr: **AeM**

Qornet es Snaoubar: **QS**

Qornet el Aassi: **QeA**

Wadi Qiame: **WQ**

Wadi el Baq: **WBq**

Jouar el Jafie: **JeJ**

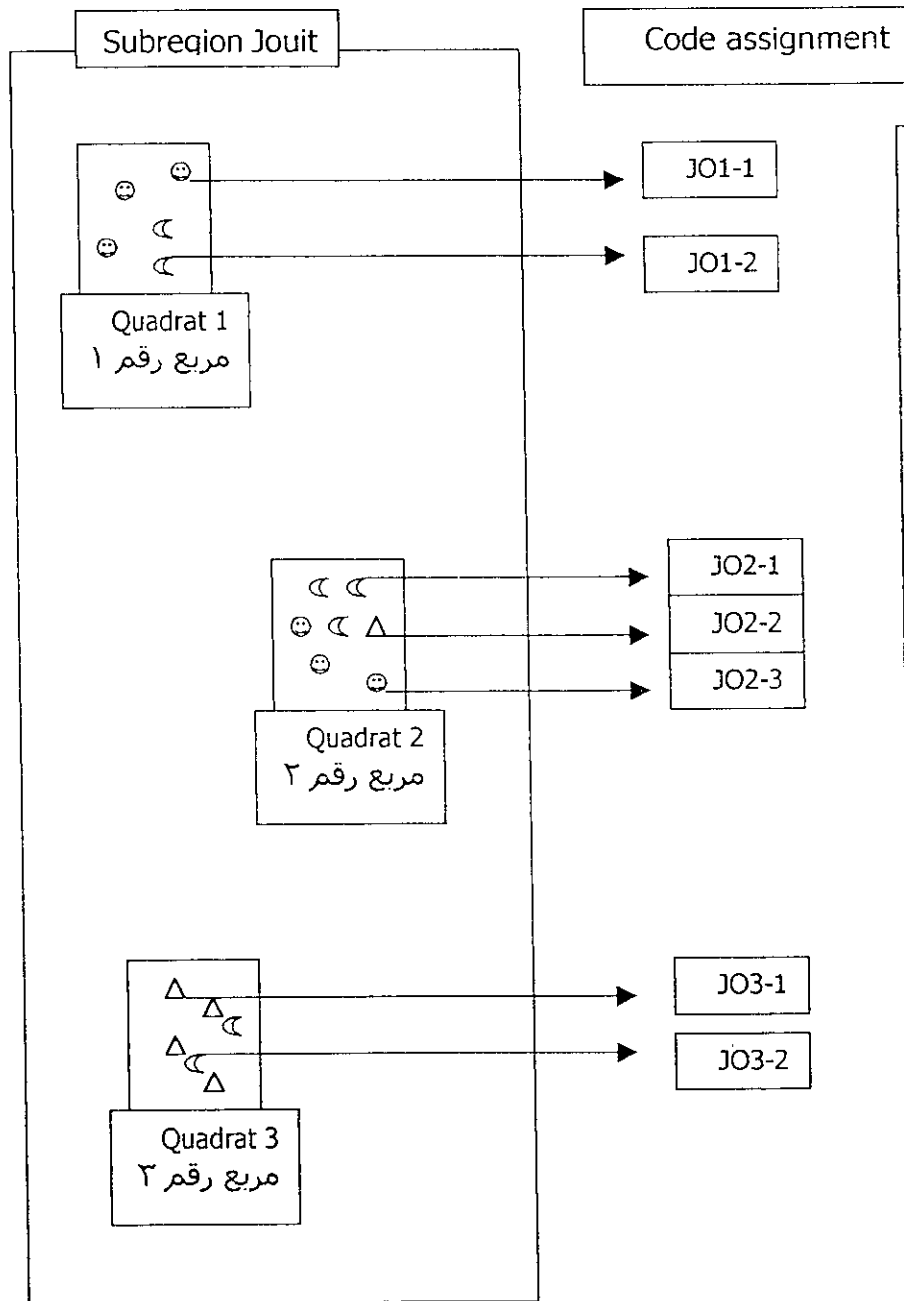
Dahr Tnoub Aali: **DTA**

Wadiane el Gamiqa: **WeG**

Jouit: **JO**

In addition, each sampling site within the same region would be assigned a number. For example, if you sample from 5 different sites in Jouit then the samples will all have the following label: JO1, JO2, JO3, JO4 and JO5.

Within each site every kind of plant (i.e. different plant species) would be assigned a number. For example, if you find 4 different looking plants in the quadrat then each plant will be labeled as follows: JO1-1, JO1-2, JO1-3, JO1-4. After counting the number of each kind of plants separately, take a small sample including flowers and leaves place each one separately in a small nylon bag with a label of the plant code that you have assigned.



Place each sample separately in separate nylon bags with its label for later identification of the plants and assigning them their final code

**Demonstration of the coding system**

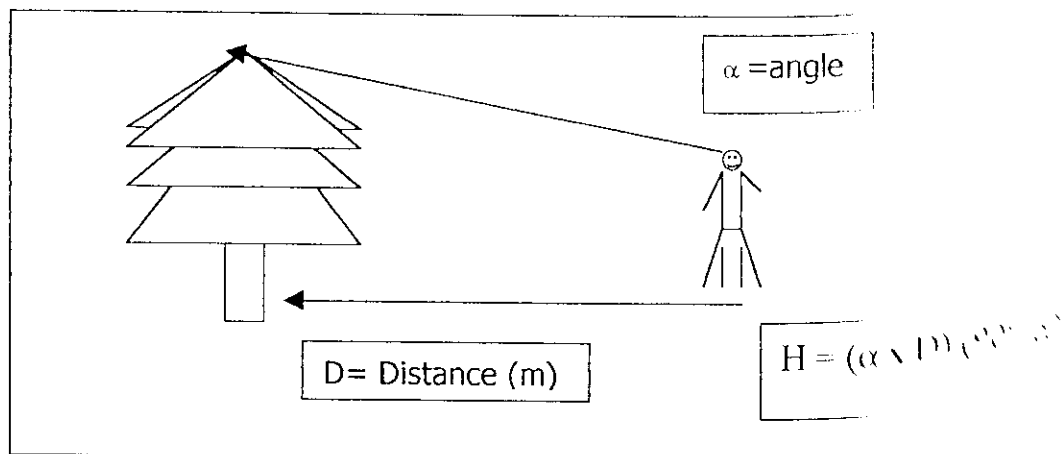
### B.3.2 Methodology Characterizations of the tree communities in the *Ehden* forest (Annex II).

#### ➤ *Survey forms*

It is the baseline data for defining the age structure and location of a tree species.

The survey form includes:

- The **location** of the tree species including the name of the site within the forest reserve (using site code previously devised) the site description including altitude, longitude, latitude and exposure.
- The **morphological characteristics** of the tree. Circumference at breast height (at 1.50 m.). In addition to the distance (measured as the distance between the point where the individual is standing and the second point defined by the tree and the angle measured from the same point where the individual has considered the distance this with a clinometer. The calculation of the tree height will be according to the equation shown below.



- The **age structure**: trees are grouped in four categories: namely established seedling (0.5 m), juvenile (defined as young non bearing tree), reproductive adult (cone/fruit bearing trees), aged (very old trees).
- Presence or absence of **lichens** on the tree trunks and branches.
- The type of **disturbance factors** if any (such as the animal species visitors, grazing and others).

The objective of this study is to monitor the regenerative process and their conservation scale.

### **B.3.3 Methodology for monitoring selected plant species (Annexe III)**

- ***Non Permanent Quadrats***

Randomly chosen plots will be sampled every 100 m while following the belt transect method.

This method is used to assess the distribution of *Erodium acaule* and *Origanum libanoticum*. ***Belt transect method*** will be defined relying on the difference in elevation ranges, vegetation types including habitats and microenvironment, slope exposure and difference in soil texture and structure. It will be used when monitoring selected plant species

This methodology (B.3.3) will rely on the survey forms presented above (B.3.1)

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Plant name	Bloom date	Plant name	Bloom date
<i>Centaurea cheiranthoides</i> *	V-VII	<i>Cotoneaster nummularia</i> *	V-VI
<i>Centaurea cyanoides</i>	III-VI	<i>Cousinia libanotica</i> **	VII-IX
<i>Centaurea eryngioides</i>	V-VII	<i>Crepis foetida</i>	IV-IX
<i>Centaurea iberica</i> *	V-VII	<i>Crepis reuteriana</i>	VIII-IX
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	IV-VI	<i>Crocus cancellatus</i>	X-XII
<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	IV-X	<i>Crocus ochroleucus</i>	V-VIII
<i>Centranthus longiflorus</i>	VI-X	<i>Crucianella macrostachya</i>	IV-VII
<i>Cephalorrhynchus tuberosus</i> *	V-VI	<i>Cruciata coronata</i>	IV-VI
<i>Cerastium brachypetalum</i>	IV-VI	<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	VI-VIII
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	II-V	<i>Cuscuta europaea</i> var. <i>indica</i>	II-IV
<i>Cerastium inflatum</i>	IV-V	<i>Cyclamen coum</i>	X-V
<i>Chardinia orientalis</i> *	IV-V	<i>Cyclamen persicum</i>	IV-IX
<i>Cirsium lappaceum</i>	VI-IX	<i>Daphne oleoides</i>	VI-VIII
<i>Cirsium libanoticum</i>	VI-X	<i>Digitalis ferruginea</i>	IV-VI
<i>Cirsium phyllocephalum</i>	VII-X	<i>Doronicum orientale</i> *	V-VIII
<i>Clematis flammula</i>	IV-VIII	<i>Echinops viscosus</i>	V-VIII
<i>Clypeola jonthlaspi</i>	I-V	<i>Echium glomeratum</i>	V-VIII
<i>Cnidium orientale</i> *	V-VIII	<i>Epilobium parviflorum</i>	VI-IX
<i>Colutea ciliata</i> *	IV-VI	<i>Epilobium tetragonum</i>	VI-IX
<i>Conium maculatum</i> *	IV-VI	<i>Eremostachys laciniata</i>	III-V
<i>Consolida hoheneckeri</i>	VII-VIII	<i>Eremurus libanoticus</i>	IV-VI
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	IV-VIII	<i>Erodium acaule</i>	II-IV
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i>	IV-X	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	12 Month
<i>Convolvulus scammonia</i>	IV-VII	<i>Eryngium glomeratum</i>	VI-VIII
<i>Convolvulus stachydifolius</i> *	IV-VI	<i>Erysimum goniocaulon</i>	II-VI
<i>Convolvulus stenophyllus</i>	V-VII	<i>Erysimum repandum</i>	III-V
<i>Coridothymus capitatus</i>		<i>Euphorbia aleppica</i>	VI-X
<i>Cornus australis</i> *	V-VI	<i>Euphorbia aulacosperma</i>	XII-VII
<i>Coronilla emeroides</i>	II-VI	<i>Euphorbia falcata</i>	III-VII
<i>Coronilla varia</i> ssp. <i>libanotica</i> *	V-IX	<i>Euphorbia macroclada</i>	IV-VIII
<i>Corydalis solida</i> *	III-V	<i>Euphorbia macrostegia</i> *	III-VI

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Plant name	Bloom date	Plant name	Bloom date
Acantholimon libanoticum	Summer	Asperula arvensis *	III-IV
Acer tauricolum *	Spring	Asperula stricta	V-VII
Achillea falcata	IV-VII	Asphodelus brevicaulis	spring
Achillea Kotschy	VI-VIII	Asphodelus liburnicus	spring
Achillea membranacea	V-VI	Asterolinon linum-stellatum	II-IV
Adonis flammea	III-VI	Astragalus coluteoides *	V-VIII
Aethionema coridifolium *	V-VII	Astragalus cruentiflorus *	VI-VIII
Agrimonia eupatoria	V-VIII	Astragalus echinus *	VII-VIII
Agrostemma githago	IV-V	Astragalus ehdenensis *	V-VI
Alcea acaulis	IV-V	Astragalus emarginatus	VI-VIII
Alcea apterocarpa	VI-IX	Astragalus gummifer	V-VII
Alcea setosa	V-VI	Astragalus pinetorum	III-IV
Alkanna prasinophylla	V-VI	Astragalus pinerosus	VI-VII
Allium cassium Boiss.	V-VII	Astragalus suberosus	VI-VII
Allium chloranthum Boiss.	VIII-IX	Astragalus trichopterus	VII-IX
Alyssum contemptum	II-IV	Asyneuma rigidum	Summer
Alyssum mouradicum	V-VI	Asyneuma virgatum *	V-IX
Alyssum murale	IV-X	Atriplex rosea	IV-VII
Alyssum repens	IV-VI	Aubrietia libanotica *	V-VI
Amaranthus hybridus	V-XII	Berberis libanotica	III-V
Amaranthus retroflexus	Summer-Autumn	Brunnera orientalis	IV-VI
Anagallis arvensis	12 month	Bulbillaria gageoides	IV-VIII
Anarrhinum orientale	V-VIII	Bunium elegans	VI-VIII
Anchusa hybrida	II-VI	Bunium pestalozzae *	V-VI
Andrachne telephoides	III-VIII	Bupleurum Gerardii	VII-VIII
Anemone blanda	III-V	Bupleurum linearifolium	V-IX
Anthemis cotula	IV-VI	Calamintha organifolia *	VI-VIII
Anthemis cretica *	VI-VII	Calamintha vulgaris	III-V
Anthemis hyalina	IV-VI	Callipeltis cucullaris	VI-IX
Anthriscus lamprocarpa	III-V	Campanula peregrina	VI-X
Arabis montbretiana	III-IV	Campanula stricta	VI-X
		Campanula trichopoda	V-IX

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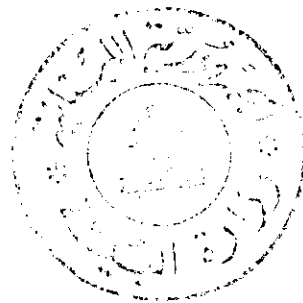
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Plant name	Bloom date	Plant name	Bloom date
<i>Ferula cassii</i> *	V-VIII	<i>Hypericum imberbe</i>	II-V
<i>Ferulago frigida</i>	VI-VII	<i>Hypericum lydium</i> *	IV-VII
<i>Fibigia eriocarpa</i>	II-IV	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	V-VII
<i>Ficaria ficaroides</i> *	IV-VI	<i>Hypericum scabrum</i> *	V-VII
<i>Filago eriocephala</i>	III-V	<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i> *	VI-X
<i>Fritillaria acmopetala</i> *	III-V	<i>Inula salicina</i>	VI-VIII
<i>Fumana arabica</i> *	II-IV	<i>Ixiolirion tataricum</i>	IV-V
<i>Fumaria kralikii</i>	I-V	<i>Lactuca saligna</i>	VI-XII
<i>Galium canum</i>	V-VII	<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	VI-IX
<i>Galium jungermannioides</i>	V-VIII	<i>Lamium truncatum</i>	II-V
<i>Galium libanoticum</i>	VI-VII	<i>Lapsana communis</i>	VI-IX
<i>Galium prusense</i>	IV-VII	<i>Lathyrus digitalis</i> var. <i>ovalifolius</i> *	III-VI
<i>Galium verticillatum</i>	IV-VI	<i>Lathyrus inermis</i> *	IV-VI
<i>Galium verum</i>	VI-VII	<i>Lathyrus libani</i> *	V-VI
<i>Garhadiolus hedynois</i> *	III-V	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	III-IV
<i>Genista libanotica</i>	V-VII	<i>Lecoquia cretica</i>	III-IV
<i>Geranium crenophilum</i>	IV-VIII	<i>Legousia pentagonia</i>	IV-V
<i>Geranium libani</i> *	III-VI	<i>Leontodon asperimus</i>	V-VII
<i>Geranium tuberosum</i>	II-VI	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	IV-VI
<i>Geum urbanum</i> *	V-VIII	<i>Lepidium spinescens</i>	IV-V
<i>Gladiolus segetum</i>	III-V	<i>Linaria aucheri</i> *	V-VII
<i>Hedera helix</i> *	Autumn-Winter	<i>Linum carnosulum</i> **	VI-VII
<i>Heldreichia bupleurifolia</i>	VI-VIII	<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	IV-VI
<i>Helichrysum sanguineum</i>	III-VI	<i>Lonicera nummulariifolia</i>	VI-VII
<i>Heliotropium lasiocarpum</i>	V-IX	<i>Lotus gebelia</i> var. <i>libanoticus</i>	IV-VII
<i>Herniaria glabra</i> ssp. <i>microcarpus</i>	III-VII	<i>Lygia aucheri</i>	VI-XII
<i>Herniaria incana</i>	V-VII	<i>Lythrum junceum</i>	IV-VI
<i>Hesperis kotschyana</i> *	V-VI	<i>Malabaila secacul</i> *	IV-VI
<i>Hieracium bauhini</i>	V-VIII	<i>Malus trilobata</i> *	V-VI
<i>Hymenocarpus circinatus</i>	IV-V	<i>Malvella sherardiana</i>	III-VI

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Plant name	Bloom date	Plant name	Bloom date
Marrubium radiatum	IV-VIII	Orlaya platycarpus	IV-V
Matricaria aurea	Spring	Ornithogalum circinatum L.	IV-V
Medicago falcata	V-VII	Ornithogalum divergens	III-IV
Medicago lupulina	III-VI	Ornithogalum libanoticum	III-V
Medicago minima	II-IV	Ornithogalum narbonense	III-V
Melandrium album **	V-VIII	Orobanche ramosa	12 month
Mentha longifolia	VI-X	Orobanche schultzei	III-VI
Mentha microphylla	VI-XII	Pallenis spinosa	III-VI
Mercurialis annua	V-VIII	Papaver rhoeas	Spring
Michauxia campanuloides	Summer	Peltaria angustifolia *	V-VIII
Micromeria amana	Summer-Autumn	Peucedanum depauperatum	VI-IX
Micromeria barbata *	V-IX	Phagnalon kotshyi *	III-IV
Micromeria graeca	III-V	Phagnalon rupestre **	V-VIII
Minuartia meyeri	III-VI	Phlomis brevilabris **	V-VIII
Muscari comosum	III-V	Phlomis chrysophylla	V-VII
Muscari pinardi	III-V	Picris echioides	VI-VII
Myosotis reflacta	IV-VI	Pimpinella anthriscoides *	II-IV
Nasturtium officinale	II-VII	Pistacia palaestina	III-IX
Nepeta cilicica	VI-IX	Plantago lanceolata	II-III
Nepeta italica	V-IX	Platanus orientalis *	III-VI
Nepeta nuda	Summer	Polygala supina *	Summer
Nepeta ciliaris	IV-V	Potentilla geranioides	VI-VIII
Nigella oxypetala	V-VI	Potentilla libanotica *	IV-V
Noaea mucronata	VII-VIII	Poterium polygamum	IV-V
Nonea obtusifolia	II-IV	Poterium verrucosum	V-VI
Onobrychis cornuta *	V-VII	Prangos asperulla	III-IV
Onosma aucherana *	IV-V	Primula vulgaris	VI-VIII
Onosma sericea	V-VI	Prunella vulgaris	IV-VI
Organum libanoticum * **	Spring-Summer	Prunus mahaleb *	IV-V
Organum libanoticum x Organum syriacum*	Spring-Summer	Prunus prostrata *	IV-V
Organum syriacum	VI-XII	Prunus ursina	III-V

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Plant name	Bloom date	Plant name	Bloom date
<i>Puschkinia scilloides</i> var. <i>libanotica</i>	IV-V	<i>Scorzonera mollis</i>	III-VIII
<i>Putoria calabrica</i>	V-VI	<i>Scrophularia peyronii</i>	IV-VII
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	II-V	<i>Scutellaria brevibracteata</i>	V-IX
<i>Ranunculus cuneatus</i>	IV-V	<i>Scutellaria utriculata</i>	Summer
<i>Ranunculus demissus</i>	V-VIII	<i>Sedum album</i>	VI-VIII
<i>Ranunculus hierosolymitanus</i>	III-V	<i>Sedum hispanicum</i> *	III-VI
<i>Rapistrum rugosum</i>	IV-VI	<i>Sedum pallidum</i> *	IV-VII
<i>Reichardia glauca</i>	V-VIII	<i>Senecio vernalis</i>	XI-V
<i>Rhagadiolus edulis</i> *	III-VI	<i>Serralata cerinthifolia</i>	V-VIII
<i>Rhagadiolus stellatus</i>	III-IV	<i>Sideritis libanotica</i> var. <i>incana</i>	VII-VIII
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> *	Spring	<i>Sideritis perfoliata</i>	V-IX
<i>Rhamnus libanotica</i> *	V-VI	<i>Silene conoidea</i>	III-V
<i>Ribes orientale</i> *	V-VI	<i>Silene grisea</i>	VI-VII
<i>Rochelia disperma</i>	IV-V	<i>Silene italica</i>	IV-VI
<i>Rosa canina</i> *	Spring	<i>Silene makmeiana</i>	V-VIII
<i>Rosa dumetorum</i> *	Spring	<i>Siler trilobum</i>	VI-VII
<i>Rosa orientalis</i> *	Spring	<i>Smyrniopsis syriaca</i> *	IV-VI
<i>Rosularia libanotica</i>	V-VII	<i>Solenanthus stamineus</i>	V-VI
<i>Rubia aucheri</i> *	IV-VI	<i>Sorbus flabellifolia</i> *	V-VI
<i>Rubus hedycarpus</i> *	Spring-Summer	<i>Sorbus torminalis</i> *	IV-V
<i>Salvia microstegia</i>	VI-IX	<i>Spartium junceum</i>	IV-VI
<i>Salvia multicaulis</i>	III-V	<i>Stachys distans</i>	III-X
<i>Salvia sclarea</i>	V-VII	<i>Stachys ehrenbergii</i>	VI-VII
<i>Salvia tomentosa</i>	VI-IX	<i>Stachys viticina</i>	VI-IX
<i>Salvia viscosa</i>	V-VII	<i>Stellaria media</i> ssp. <i>media</i>	I-V
<i>Samolus varterandi</i>	V-VII	<i>Steptorhamphus tuberosus</i>	VIII-IX
<i>Satureia cuneifolia</i>	VI-VII	<i>Sterbergia pulchella</i> Boiss. & Bl. *	End of autumn
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	II-III	<i>Taraxacum microcephalum</i>	Summer
<i>Scariola orientalis</i>	VIII-IX	<i>Taraxacum serotinum</i>	Summer-Autumn

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Plant name	Bloom date	Plant name	Bloom date
Teucrium orientale	VI-VIII	Verbascum gaillardotii	V-VIII
Thlapsi brevicaulis	IV-VII	Verbascum leptostachyum	IV-VIII
Thlapsi microstylum *	IV-VI	Veronica anagallis-aquatic	III-IX
Thymbra spicata	IV-V	Veronica anagalloides	V-VI
Torilis chrysocharpa	Spring	Veronica orientalis	III-VII
Torilis leptophylla	III-VI	Veronica polifolia	V-VII
Tragopon longirostris	IV-VII	Veronica polita	XI-V
Trifolium arvense	IV-VII	Veronica syriaca	I-V
Trifolium clusii	III-IV	Vicia palaestina	III-V
Trifolium echinatum	IV-VI	Vicia peregrina	II-IV
Trifolium lagrangei	IV-VI	Vicia tenuifolia *	V-VII
Trifolium modestum	VI-IX	Viola ebracteolata	II-V
Trifolium plebeium *	IV-VII	Xeranthemum cylindraceum	V-VI
Trifolium repens	12 Month	Xeranthemum inapertum *	V-VII
Trifolium stellatum	III-V		
Trigonella hierosolymitana	III-V		
Trigonella spicata	IV-VI		
Tulipa aleppensis*	III-V		
Tulipa montana	III-V		
Tulipa oculis-solis	III-V		
Turgenia latifolia	IV-V		
Turgeniopsis foeniculacea	IV-V		
Tussilago farfara *	I-VI		
Umbilicus erectus *	V-VI		
Umbilicus intermedius	III-V		
Valeriana dioscoridis *	I-IV		
Valerianella coronata	III-V		
Valerianella muricata	II-IV		
Valerianella vesicaria	III-IV		
Verbascum cedreti	V-VIII		

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**Appendix II. Characterization of the tree communities (Samples).**

Forest Reserve		Date	
Subregions			
Sample code			
Tree Species			
Site Description			
Altitude			
Longitude			
Latitude			
Tree Height			
Distance (m)			
Angle (degrees)			
Trunc circumference at 1.5m			
Age Structure in (10x10m) quadrat			
Established seedling			
Non bearing			
Reproductive adult			
Senescent			
Disturbance Factors			
Key animal species			
Visitors			
Grazed areas			
Lichens	Yes	No	Yes
		No	Yes
		No	No
Notes			



### Annexe III. Survey form for monitoring selected species (Sample).

Name of the reserve	Ehden	Al-shouf	Palm Island	Date
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Subregion				
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Monitoring site code				
Altitude				
Longitude				
Latitude				

Slope	Steep	Steep	Steep	Steep
	Flat	Flat	Flat	Flat
	Inclined	Inclined	Inclined	Inclined

Exposure	N	E	N	E	N	E
	S	W	S	W	S	W

Habitat	mainly trees	mainly trees	mainly trees	mainly trees
	mainly shrubs	mainly shrubs	mainly shrubs	mainly shrubs
	mainly herbs	mainly herbs	mainly herbs	mainly herbs

Site physiography	Mountaintop	Mountaintop	Mountaintop	Mountaintop
	Mountain bottom	Mountain bottom	Mountain bottom	Mountain bottom
	Mountain side	Mountain side	Mountain side	Mountain side

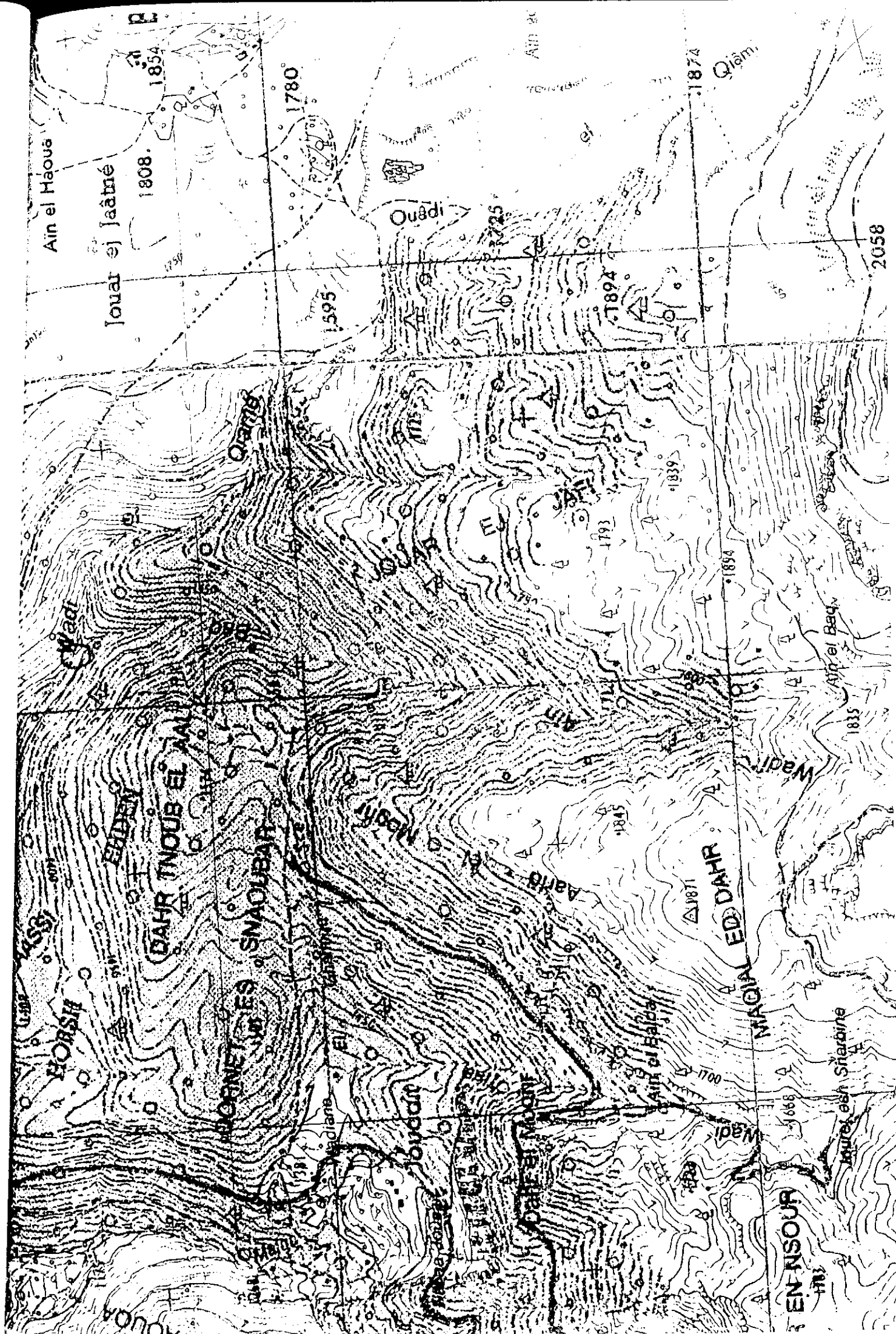
Sun	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial
	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded

Soil stoniness	High	High	High	High
	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
	Low	Low	Low	Low

Disturbance	Animal	Animal	Animal	Animal
	Soil erosion	Soil erosion	Soil erosion	Soil erosion
	Desertification	Desertification	Desertification	Desertification

**Annexe III. Survey form for monitoring selected species (Sample) [Cont'd].**

Soil sample	Yes	No	Code	Yes	No	Code	Yes	No	Code
Selected plant species for monitoring									
Plant name									
Number									
Notes									



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## مراقبة التنوع البيولوجي

الفلورة في محمية اهدن الطبيعية

مشروع المحميات الطبيعية

وزارة البيئة  
بيروت، لبنان

الجزء الثاني  
(٨ أيار، ١٩٩٩)

ستوت الساء، سلمى نشابة تلحوق و خزامى كنيعو.  
أخط الأخضر  
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## ب-كاسات البذور أو وعائيات البذور

وعائيات البذور (الزهريات) هي شعبة تتضمن أقسام النبات ذات البذور في ثمرة. انهم الأكثر انتشارا وسيطرة ونجاحا في عالم النباتات في أيامنا هذه. وبالإضافة إلى ذلك تتضمن الشعبة هذه ما يوازي ربع مليون نوع موزعة على ٣٠٠ فصيلة. تكمن خصائصهم بانهم يزدهرون، يعطون بذور وبتحرون.

### ب.١- المقاييس المعتمدة في تصنيف النباتات

- حضور أو غياب تويجيات. في حال وجودها أهى أحادية أو ازدواجية.
- موضع المبيض: سفلي، محاط أو علوي الأسدية.
- عدد التويجيات.
- اتحاد الأقسام.
- طبيعة الكم (= كأس وتويج)
- طبيعة الثمرة (هى مرتبطة بطبيعة الوزيم)
- شكل البذرة
- الميزات الخضرية (الساق، الأوراق والساق)

### ب.٢- تصنيف وعائيات البذور

تقسم هذه الشعبة إلى صفتين:

- ذات الفلقتين
- الفوف: ذات فلقتين

الأزهار: عدد ٤ أو ٥ أو ٤\* أو ٥\*

الأوراق: تعرق شبكي (ذئب: +/-)

النمو: عشبي أو خشبي

النظام الوعائي: الأوعية فى حلقة

الجدل: جذر وتدي رئيسي

- ذات الفلقة الواحدة
- الفوف: فلقة الواحدة

الأزهار: عدد ٣ أو ٣\*

الأوراق: عادة تعرق متواز (ذئب نادر النمو)

النمو: الأكثرية عشبي والأقلية شجري

النظام الوعائي: الأوعية فيحزمة وعائية

الجدل: متفرع، ليفي

## ب. ٢,١- أنواع الأزهار

- **أجزاء الزهرة موجودة تحت المبيض:** أزهار سفلية المبيض هي أزهار ذات مبيض عالي، أي الكأسية، التويجية والسداة مدرجة على قائمة المبيض وغير مرتبطة به.
- **أجزاء الزهرة موجودة حول المبيض:** زهرة محيطية، الكأسية، التويجية والسداة قائمة على حافة بنية شبيهة بالفنجان المسطح أو العميق.
- **أجزاء الزهرة موجودة فوق المبيض:** زهرة علوية المبيض. قاعدة الكأسية، التويجية والسداة تقع فوق المبيض.

## ب. ٣- النباتات ذات الفلقتين

### • فصيلة الصليبيات

#### أو فصيلة الخردل

- نباتات سنوية أو معمرة تتميز برائحة نسغ لاذعة
- الزهرة:** منتظمة عدد ٤ كاملة
  - ✓ كأس: ٤ كأسية
  - ✓ التويج: ٤ متفرقة، تويجية مخلبية
  - ✓ زهرة سفلية المبيض، مدقة واحدة مؤلفة من خباءين
  - ✓ سداة: ٦
  - ✓ نظام الأزهار: عنقودي وفي بعض الأحيان عذقي
- الأوراق:** متعاقبة بسيطة
- الثمرة:** ذات صمامين خردلية أو خربلية
- أهم النباتات:** منشور، خردل، بزر اللفت، قرنبيط، ملفوف، لفت، فجل.

### • فصيلة الخيميات

#### أو فصيلة المقدونس

- نبات سنوي عطري، أو أعشاب أو جنبية معمرة
- الزهرة:** منتظمة، عدد ٥، كاملة، صغيرة
  - ✓ كأس: ١٠ أو ٥ كأسية
  - ✓ تويج: ٥ متفرقة
  - ✓ علوية الأسدية، مدقة واحدة مؤلفة من خباءين
  - ✓ سداة: ٥ متعاقبة مع تويجية
  - ✓ نظام الأزهار: حيمة
- الأوراق:** متعاقبة، عادة مركبة
- الثمرة:** مشققة الخباء
- أهم النباتات:** جزر، مقدونس، كرفس، شمار، كزبرة، أنيسون، كمون، لبلاب متسلق.

## • فصيلة القرنيات

- عشب، جنبية أو أشجار  
**الزهرة:** منتظمة إلى غير منتظمة، عدد ٥، كاملة أنبوبية،  
✓ ذات شفتين العليا مفصصة إلى اثنين أما السفلية إلى ٣.  
✓ متحدة الكاسيات، مفصصة إلى ٥، أنبوبية.  
✓ التويج: ٥، (فراشي الزهر)، سفلية المبيض  
✓ خباء ١، مدقة ١  
✓ سداة: عدد ١٠، منبر مفرق أو متحد في أنبوب (أحادية الاخوة) أو ٩ أحادية وواحد منفرد.  
**الأوراق:** متعاقبة، ريشية وفي بعض الأحيان كفي التركيبية، مزودة بالمحلق، أذنية.  
**الثمرة:** قرن  
**أهم النباتات:** لوبياء، فاصوليا، برسيم، بسلة، صوية، حمص، عدس، فول، سنط، ميموزا.

## • فصيلة المركبات

- أعشاب سنوية أو معمرة وفي بعض الأحيان جنبية  
**الأزهار:** منتظمة أو غير منتظمة، كاملة أو غير كاملة  
✓ نظام الازهار: رؤوس مرتكزة على قناب  
✓ كأس: غائب أو محول الى مظلة مؤلفة من شعيرات  
✓ تويج ٥ أو ٣ متحدة، ذات شفتين أو شفة واحدة  
✓ سفلية المبيض، خلية واحدة، المبيض يحمل بويضة واحدة. (مدقة مؤلفة من خباين)  
✓ سداة: ٥، شعيرات متفرقة متحدة في أنبوب حول المدقة.  
**الأوراق:** متعاقبة أو متقابلة

### الرأس:

- رأس ممثل بزهيرة:** زهيرة بسيطة أو زهيرة شعاعية مثال على ذلك  
خس، طرخشقون  
**رأس قرصي:** زهيرة أنبوبية أو على شكل قرص  
**رأس شعاعي:** زهيرة ذات قرص في الوسط، محاط بزهور شعاعية على الحافة.

## • فصيلة الشفويات

- أو فصيلة النعناع  
عشب أو جنبية عطرية  
**الساق:** ٤ زوايا، مربع  
**الازهار:** غير منتظمة، كاملة، عدد ٥  
✓ أنبوبية، ذات شفتين، الشفة العليا مفصصة الى اثنين اما السفلى الى ثلاث  
✓ كأس: متحدة الكاسيات  
✓ التويج: متحدة الوجيهات  
✓ سفلية المبيض، مجزأة الى أربعة، الشعيرات متصلة الي ركيزة التويجية  
**الأوراق:** متقابلة، بسيطة، عطرية  
**الثمرة:** مشقق الخباء.  
**أهم النباتات:** نعناع، نعنع بلدي، صعتر، قويسة، خزامى، حبق، اكليل الجبل، مردكوبش.

## ب.ع-النباتات ذات الفلقة الواحدة

- فصيلة الزنبقيات  
معظم النباتاتها معمرة، تنمو من بصلة، جزمور أو درنة (عسقول).  
**الزهرة: كاملة،**
  - ✓ علوية الأسدية، سدات عدد ٦،
  - ✓ مدقة ١ (١ أو ٣ مجموعة في خباء)
  - ✓ كم: ٦-أجزاء (٣ تويجيات، ٣ تويجية كأسية)**الأوراق: ذات تعرق متواز.**  
**الثمرة: جرو، مجزأة الى ٣.**  
**أهم النباتات: بوقية، زنبق الوادي، خزامى، ياقوت، بصل وثوم.**

- فصيلة السوسنيات  
نباتات معمرة، تنمو من بصلة، جعثين أو جذمور.  
**الزهرة: كاملة، كأسية**
  - ✓ كم: ٣ تويجيات و ٣ تويجية
  - ✓ سفلية المبيض،
  - ✓ ٣ سداة، مدقة ١ (خباء عدد ٣).**الأوراق: متوازية التعرق.**  
**الثمرة: خباء مجزأ ٣.**  
**أهم النباتات: سوسن، دلبوت أو سيف الغراب، زعفران.**

- فصيلة النجيليات  
معظم النباتاتها عشبية.  
**الساق: دائري** يتميز بأنبوبة جوفاء وعقد.  
**الزهرة: صغيرة جدا، كاملة أو غير كاملة، غير منتظمة**
  - ✓ سفلية المبيض، ١-خلية و ١-بذرة
  - ✓ سداة: ٦ أو ٣
  - ✓ كم: ٦ أجزاء (٣ تويجيات و ٣ تويجية كأسية)**نظام الزهرار: مؤلف من سنبلات.**  
**الأوراق: بسيطة، كاملة، متوازية التعرق، في صفين مع ورقة غمدية أساسية مفتوحة.**  
**الثمرة: بذرة (برة)**  
**أهم النباتات: قمح، شوفان، أرز، شعير، خيزران أو قصب، عشبة الكلاً المرجية.**  
**سنبللة: تتألف من زهرة لاطئة بين قنابة سفلية وحرشفة زهرية وكل ذلك يؤلف زهيرة.**  
**الزهيرات: ١ أو أكثر، مزودين في الأسفل بعصفة. الزهيرات والعصفة تؤلفان السنبللة (السنبللة تصف في عنقود أو عثكول).**