

## On the Characteristics of the Leading Dendro Flora Families Western Tanirtau (Tien Shan)

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**Abstract:** In terms of its plant richness, the Tien Shan occupies a special place among the mountain systems of Central Asia. According to many scientists, the Tien Shan is conditionally divided into three parts - western, central (inner) and northern. In the geographical nomenclature, onomastics and toponomics of modern sovereign Kazakhstan, the original name Tanirtau is used instead of the term Tien-Shan. Western Tanirtau is the most floristically rich mountain ecosystem in Kazakhstan, where the bioclimatic zones from deserts to glaciers are represented in all their diversity. The generic coefficient of the flora of Western Tanirtau is the highest in Kazakhstan and reaches 4.12, which indicates a high degree of autonomy and originality of the flora of Western Tanirtau. In terms of its plant richness, the Tien Shan occupies a special place among the mountain systems of Central Asia. According to many scientists, the Tien Shan is conditionally divided into three parts - western, central (inner) and northern. In the geographical nomenclature, onomastics and toponomics of modern sovereign Kazakhstan, the original name Tanirtau is used instead of the term Tien-Shan. Western Tanirtau is the most floristically rich mountain ecosystem in Kazakhstan, where the bioclimatic zones from deserts to glaciers are represented in all their diversity. The generic coefficient of the flora of Western Tanirtau is the highest in Kazakhstan and reaches 4.12, which indicates a high degree of autonomy and originality of the flora of Western Tanirtau.

Special report on dendroglaciological currently missing. The essence of the floristic analysis given in this paper is to identify the leading families of the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau.

The species composition of tree and shrub plants collected and recorded in all natural, anthropogenic and urbanized ecosystems of Western Tanirtau were the objects of study.

Research objectives: inventory of the species composition of the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau; compilation of the floral spectrum of the dendroflora; identification of the leading families of the region.

**Keywords:** dendroflora, Western Tanirtau (Tien-Shan), flora, Kazakhstan, family, genus, species.

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### INTRODUCTION

The study of the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau was conducted from 2008 to 2020. The study was conducted in the region of the Kazakh part of Western Tanirtau in the south of Kazakhstan. The collection and processing of materials was carried out according to the method of A. K. Skvortsov. All types of tree and shrub plants observed on all high-altitude mountain belts, including ridges, gorges, and anthropogenic-urbanized ecosystems, were recorded.

The analysis of the flora is based on a program of floristic research of various

degrees of activity [1].

Completely new data were added to the data on the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau due to the study and analysis of the urban flora of Shymkent [2].

Nevertheless, these studies have not been deeply studied dendroflora Western Temirtau in Kazakhstan. This served as the basis for determining the current state of the natural ecosystem and the taxonomic structure of the dendroflora.

### 1 STUDY AREA

The object of study is the species composition of woody and shrubby plants

aflatoun-Karasu; VIII - Kurama; IX - Genocidally.

The Kazakh part of the Western Tanirtau is represented within the Aksu-Zhabagli, Talas-Uzunakhmat (partially) and Badam-Keles districts. Therefore, in the floristic analysis of the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau, we conducted a study only in these 3 districts (Figure 1).

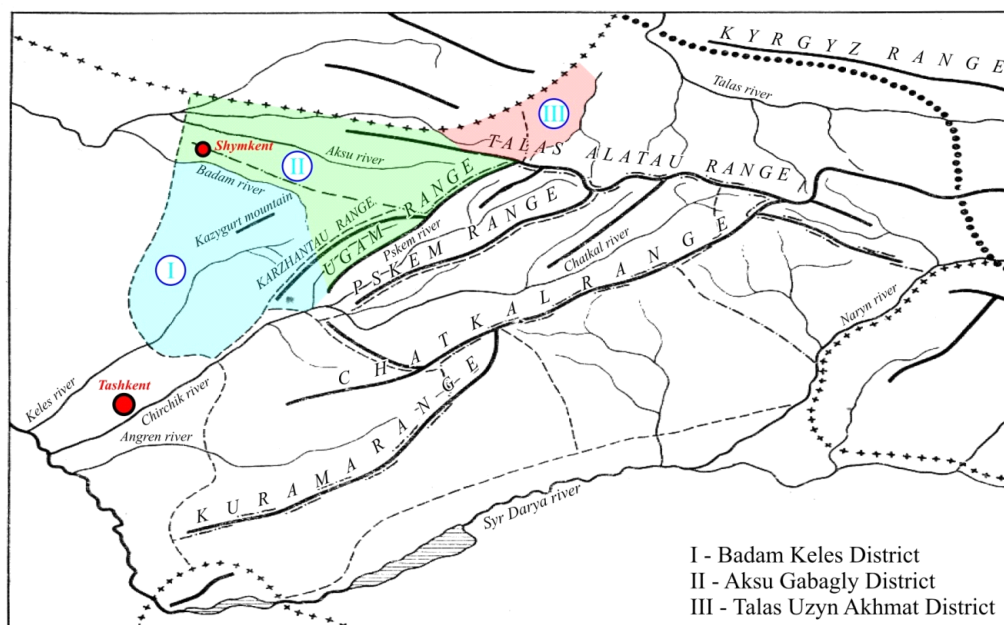


Figure 1-Map-scheme of Western Tanirtau

w., 42° w. d.), where the flora extends over a vast area, about 13200-13800 km<sup>2</sup>(highlighted areas I, II and III in Figure 1).

The floristic analysis of dendroflora was carried out on the basis of the ecological-system approach, the theoretical aspects of which in Kazakhstan over the past 20-30 years are widely reflected in the works [6-9]. When defining the material collected during the expedition on the territory of the Western Tanirtau, and view previously collected data was stored in the Herbarium of Institute of botany and Phytointroduction of MES RK, Institute of gene pool of flora and fauna of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan identified 396 taxa dendroflora.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

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"The systematic composition of the flora, that is, the formation of certain plant species that are representatives of certain genera and families, is the main characteristic of the flora. The different combination of them in different floras allows, along with the characteristics of each of them separately, to form an idea of the similarity and difference of different floras [10]. When analyzing the composition, endemic, subendemic, and other differential taxa are singled out and considered [1]. The essence of this analysis is to identify the taxonomic structure of the flora at the level of superfamily groups, families and genera

(floral, familial and generic spectra). The identification of these parameters is necessary to assess the identity of the flora and to develop a scheme of floral zoning" [11].

The average level of species richness of the dendroflora families of Western Tanirtau is 8.33, or on average, there are slightly more than 8 species per family. The average level of ancestral wealth is 3.25, that is, on average, there are 3 genera per family. Only in a few families of flora, the level of species richness is higher than this indicator, and an even smaller number of families approach this indicator (Table 1).

Table 1.  
The leading family dendroflora Western Tanirtau

o/n	Family	Number of genus	number of species	% of the total number of species
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1	<i>Rosaceae</i>	21	106	26,76
2	<i>Fabaceae</i>	17	31	7,82
3	<i>Salicaceae</i>	2	23	5,80
4	<i>Lamiaceae</i>	7	21	5,55
5	<i>Caprifoliaceae</i>	2	18	4,54
6	<i>Oleaceae</i>	5	15	3,78
7	<i>Aceraceae</i>	1	12	3,03
8	<i>Asteraceae</i>	5	11	2,77
9	<i>Polygonaceae</i>	2	9	2,27
10-11	<i>Betulaceae</i>	3	8	2,02
10-11	<i>Ulmaceae</i>	2	8	2,02
12-15	<i>Berberidaceae</i>	1	7	1,76
12-15	<i>Fagaceae</i>	2	7	1,76
12-15	<i>Grossulariaceae</i>	2	7	1,76
12-15	<i>Tamaricaceae</i>	2	7	1,76
16	<i>Juglandaceae</i>	3	6	1,51
<b>Total:</b>		<b>77(59,68%)</b>	<b>297(75,0%)</b>	<b>75,41</b>

Of the 16 leading families, 5-*Rosaceae*, *Fabaceae*, *Caprifoliaceae*, *Aceraceae* and *Grossulariaceae* represent the subclass Rosidae-Rosaceae. They contain 174 species or 43.93% of the species composition of the dendroflora of the region. The hyperpolymorphic family of the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau is *Rosaceae*, whose species richness exceeds the average level by 13.5 times. A very polymorphic family is *Fabaceae*, whose species richness exceeds the average level 4 times.

The species richness of *Salicaceae*, *Lamiaceae*, *Caprifoliaceae*, and *Oleaceae* exceeds the average by 2 to 3 times.

Let us consider these families in more detail according to M. S. Baitenov [12].

#### **Family Rosaceae Juss. - Rosaceae**

It covers about 100 genera and 3000 species, widely distributed around the

globe.

There are 34 genera and 212 species in Kazakhstan [12]. Thus, only the dendroflora of the Western Tanirtau is the largest center for contemporary diversity family. *Rosaceae* in Kazakhstan, since 106 species of dendroflora in the region are half of the species richness of all rosaceae in Kazakhstan [12].

In the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau, 51 species out of 106 (48.11%) are represented by cultural species from the anthropophyton.

#### **Family Fabaceae Lindl. – Legumes**

A huge family with about 700 genera and almost 17,000 species distributed around the globe.

There are 45 genera and 671 species in Kazakhstan [12:118].

In the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau, 14 species out of 31 (45.16%)

are represented by cultural species from the anthropophyton.

#### **Family Salicaceae Mirbel-Willow Trees**

The family includes 3 genera of about 400 species, the vast majority found in temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

There are 2 genera and 68 species in Kazakhstan [12:57].

In dendroglaciological 7 species belonging to 23 (30,43%) are types of cultivated ecosystems, that is, from anthropophilia.

#### **The Lamiaceae Lindl family. - Clear-cut**

A fairly large family, numbering more than 200 genera and about 3,500 species, with an almost cosmopolitan distribution, but especially numerous – in the countries of the Mediterranean, Western and Central Asia.

There are 49 genera and 247 species in Kazakhstan [12:176].

Made up of dendrites in the Western Tanirtau, all 21 species observed in natural ecosystems.

#### **The Capriforliaceae Juss family. - Honeysuckle**

There are about 15 genera in the family, with more than 250 species, distributed mainly in the temperate and subtropical zones of the Northern Hemisphere.

There are 4 genera and 25 species in Kazakhstan [12: 192],

In the dendroflora of the Western Tanirtau, 9 species out of 18 (55.55%) are represented by species from cultivated ecosystems, that is, anthropophyton.

#### **The Oleaceae Hoffm family. - Olives**

The family includes up to 25 genera and about 600 species, found in tropical, subtropical and partly temperate regions of both hemispheres.

There are 2 genera and 3 species in Kazakhstan [12: 164 ].

In the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau, 14 species out of 15 (93.33%) are represented by species from the

anthropophyton.

#### **Family Aceraceae Juss – - Maple trees**

The family consists of 2 genera and more than 120 species, distributed mainly in the northern hemisphere, and only a few species are found in the tropics.

Kazakhstan has 1 genus with 7 species [12: 133].

In the Dendroflora of the West of Kazakhstan, 10 out of 12 species (83.33%) are representatives of the anthropophyton.

#### **Family Asteraceae Dumort. - Aster trees**

One of the largest families of the plant world of the Earth. It has more than 1,500 genera and more than 20,000 species, widely distributed around the globe.

In Kazakhstan, the family is represented by 146 genera and 883 species [12: 199].

In the Dendroflora of the West of the city of Aktau, all 11 species are represented from natural ecosystems.

#### **Family Polygonaceae Juss – - Buckwheat**

The family includes about 45 genera and 800 species, distributed almost all over the globe, but especially numerous in the Northern Temperate zone.

There are 11 genera and 141 species in Kazakhstan [12: 64].

In the Dendroflora of the West of the city of Aktau, all 9 species are representatives of natural ecosystems.

#### **Family Betulaceae S. F. Gray-Birch**

The family includes 6 genera and about 150 species, distributed mainly in all temperate, extratropical regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

There are 2 genera and 16 species in Kazakhstan [12:59].

In the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau, 6 out of 8 species (75%) are represented by species from the anthropophyton.

#### **Family Ulmaceae Mirbel - Elm**

The family includes 8 genera and about 50 species, distributed from temperate regions to the tropics of the

Northern Hemisphere.

Kazakhstan has 1 genus with 5 species [12: 61].

Made up of dendrites in the Western Tanirtau 8 kinds of 7 (87,50%) represented antropologica.

**Family Berberidaceae Juss - - Barberry**

The family includes about 15 genera and 650 species, distributed mainly in the temperate and subtropical regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

There are 4 genera and 13 species in Kazakhstan [12: 90]

In the Dendroflora of the West of Kazakhstan, 3 out of 7 species (42.85%) are representatives of the anthropophyton.

**Family Fagaceae Dumort. - Beech trees**

The family includes 9 genera and more than 900 species distributed in temperate, subtropical and tropical regions of both hemispheres.

There is 1 genus with one species in Kazakhstan [12: 60].

In dendroglaciological all 7 types (100%) represented anthropophilia.

**Family Grossulariaceae DC. - Gooseberries**

The family includes 23 genera and more than 150 species distributed in the temperate and subtropical regions of the Northern Hemisphere, a number of species found in the mountainous regions of Central and South America.

There are 2 genera and 12 species in Kazakhstan [12:111]

In the Dendroflora of the West of Kazakhstan, 4 out of 7 species (57.14%) are represented by species of cultivated ecosystems of the anthropophoton.

**Family Tamaricaceae Link. - Grebenshchikov**

The family includes 4 genera and about 90 species, distributed on the coast of salty reservoirs in subtropical and moderately warm regions of both hemispheres.

There are 4 genera and 21 species in Kazakhstan [12:138].

In the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau, 4 out of 7 species (57.14%) were recorded in cultivated landscapes of the anthropophyton

**The family Juglandaceae Rich. - Nutty**

The family includes 7 genera and about 60 species distributed in temperate and subtropical regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

Kazakhstan has 1 genus with 2 species [12:58]

Made up of dendrites in the Western Tanirtau 6-5 (83,33%) represented anthropophilia.

In the above-mentioned 16 families, three-quarters (75.41%) of the total species composition of the dendroflora of the studied region is concentrated. Therefore, we can assume that the most general characteristics and trends can be drawn from the analysis of the family spectrum of the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau (Table 1; 2).

According to Table 2, of the 16 leading dendroflora families in the region, the centers of species richness of 8 families can be said to be "southern": that is, they are located in areas of warm-temperate and subtropical, some even tropical zones. Among them, only the Lamiaceae family is fully represented by natural species.

Table 2.

Some characteristics of the family spectrum of the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau



	Families	Saturation of genera and species in the arboretum. West. Tanirtau (number of genus/number of types)	% the proportion of types of anthropo-the fiton Tanirtau (in %)	Content. genera and species in the nature of Kazakhstan (according to M. Baitenov[4] (number of genera/number of species)	General geography of families (according to M. Baitenov [4])
	2	3	4	5	6
	<i>Rosaceae</i>	21/106	48,11	34/212	Cosmopolitan
	<i>Fabaceae</i>	17/31	45,16	45/617	Cosmopolitan
	<i>Salicaceae</i>	2/23	30,43	2/68	Temperate regions of the north. hemispheres
	<i>Lamiaceae</i>	7/21	-	49/247	Moderate-hot subtropical regions.
	<i>Caprifoliaceae</i>	2/18	55,55	4/25	Tempered glass. and subtropical region of the northern hemisphere
	<i>Oleaceae</i>	5/15	93,33	2/3	Tempered glass. warm, subtropical, and tropical regions
	<i>Aceraceae</i>	1/12	83,33	1/7	Temperate regions of the north. hemispheres
	<i>Asteraceae</i>	5/11	-	146/883	Cosmopolitan
	<i>Polygonaceae</i>	2/9	-	4/11	Temperate regions of the north. hemispheres
	<i>Betulaceae</i>	3/8	75,0	2/16	Temperate regions of the north. hemispheres
	<i>Ulmaceae</i>	2/8	87,50	1/15	Tempered glass. and subtropical region.
	<i>Berberidaceae</i>	1/7	42,85	4/17	Tempered glass. and the sub-region of the north. hemispheres
	<i>Fagaceae</i>	2/7	100	1/1	Tempered glass. warm and subtropical regions.
	<i>Grossulariaceae</i>	2/7	57,14	2/12	Tempered glass. and subtropical region.

	<i>Tamari-</i> <i>caceae</i>	2/7	57,14	4/21	Tempered glass. warm and subtropical regions.
	<i>Juglan-</i> <i>daceae</i>	3/6	83,33	1/2	Tempered glass. warm and subtropical regions.

In general, according to the general geographical characteristics, the leading dendroflora families of Western Tanirtau can be divided into three conditional groups:

- I. Widespread (cosmopolitan)
- II. "North"
- III. "South"

Group I consists of the families *Rosaceae*, *Fabaceae*, *Asteraceae*, which includes 43 genera and 148 species. This is 33.33% of the generic composition and 37.37 % of the species composition of the entire dendroflora of Western Tanirtau.

The peculiarity of this group is that it contains hyperpolymorphic *Rosaceae* and very polymorphic *Fabaceae*. The proportion of types of anthropophyton in this group ranges 45,16 – 48,11 %. Only *Asteraceae* is fully represented by natural species. These percentages indicate that in Western Tanirtau there is a noticeable enrichment of the plant gene pool by representatives of the *Rosaceae* and *Fabaceae* families [13-16].

Group II consists of the families *Salicaceae*, *Aceraceae*, *Polygonaceae* and *Betulaceae*, which includes 8 genera and 52 species. This is 6.20 % of the generic composition and 13.13% of the species composition of the studied dendroflora. In this group, only *Polygonaceae* does not have anthropophyton species in its composition. And in the other families, the proportion of anthropophyton species ranges from 30.43 % (*Salicaceae*) to 83.33 % (*Aceraceae*). Of course, the degree of enrichment of the gene pool of the flora of the region in this group is significantly higher than in the previous "cosmopolitan group" [17-20].

Group III is represented by the families *Lamiaceae*, *Caprifoliaceae*,

*Oleaceae*, *Berberidaceae*, *Ulmaceae*, *Grossulariaceae*, *Fagaceae*, *Tamaricaceae*, *Juglandaceae* and combines 20.15% of the generic composition and 24.49% of the species composition of the entire dendroflora of Western Tanirtau. In this group, only one family, *Lamiaceae*, is fully represented by natural species. And in the other families, the proportion of anthropophyton species ranges from 42.85 % (*Berberidaceae*) to 100 % (*Fagaceae*) [21,22,23].

The high representativeness of both families and genera and the very high percentage of anthropophyton species indicate that the enrichment of the plant gene pool mainly comes from the south. This once again indicates that the expansion of southern, subtropical elements is confirmed [24].

## CONCLUSIONS

During the analysis of materials collected on the territory of Western Tanirtau and viewing previously collected materials, 396 dendroflora taxa belonging to 130 genera and 50 families were identified. The proposed material is an actual reflection of the current state of the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau within Kazakhstan and for the first time the leading families of woody and shrubby plants are identified at the current level of taxonomy and nomenclature. For the first time, the most complete list of dendroflora of the West of the city of Aktau is given, which includes 396 species of woody and shrubby plants.

The proposed material is an actual reflection of the current state of the dendroflora of Western Tanirtau within Kazakhstan.

The data presented in the article are



recommended for use in the preparation of the Kazakhstan National Strategy for the Conservation and Balanced Use of Biological Diversity, and are considered for inclusion in the "Plant Determinant of the Republic of Kazakhstan". The complete list of species is recommended for use in the compilation of the Plant Identification Index of the surroundings of the city of Shymkent, as well as in the theoretical analysis of the flora of Western Taniirtau. In addition, we offer the results of the study for use in the development of resource and environmental measures in the region.

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