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Urban vascular flora and ecological characteristics of Kadıköy district, Istanbul, Turkey

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Abstract: Cities are usually considered unnatural places lacking ecological benefits. Many ecological studies have been done in suburban or rural areas and have excluded the city. However, urban ecology has become increasingly important. Today, it is well known that rapid and uncontrolled urbanisation accompanied by insufficient infrastructure has resulted in the degradation of many forests and grasslands in metropolitan areas. Land use changes due to urbanisation during the second half of the 20th century have caused widespread decline of biodiversity of many animal and plant taxa, especially in densely populated regions such as Kadıköy district, Istanbul, Turkey. In this study, different kinds of urban habitats within the boundaries of Kadıköy are described. Plant samples were collected, dried, labelled and identified according to standard herbarium procedures and all the greenery in the district was explored during vegetation seasons. A total of 561 vascular plant taxa were determined, wherein 412 (337 species, 44 subspecies and 31 varieties) were native and 149 (143 species and 6 varieties) were exotic and cultivated. The major native taxa were Asteraceae (46 species) while Rosaceae had the most exotics (22 species). Archaeophytes and neophytes, endemics, rare, endangered, medicinal, and poisonous species are also reported. In addition, the requirements of making ecological studies in other urban areas are mentioned.

Keywords: urban flora, urban habitats, urban ecology, Kadıköy, Istanbul

Introduction

Over the last 50 years, the world has witnessed a dramatic growth in urban populations and today approximately 50% of the world's people live in urban areas. A recent United Nation's report notes that the present world urban population of 3 billion is expected to reach 5 billion by 2030. Although the rate of urbanisation is declining in many regions of the world, most cities, metropolitan regions and urban areas continue to grow. Monitoring these developments and creating sustainable urban environments remain as crucial issues on the international development agenda [1].

Cities are the most important naturally and/or anthropogenically influenced ecosystems in which millions of people live [2-3]. Natural disturbances include storms, floods, drought, and diseases. Anthropogenic disturbances include ploughing, mowing, burning, grazing and soil compaction by livestock [2]. In addition, the construction and use of tracks, roads, canals, railways and airports have involved many direct and indirect changes on ecosystems [2, 4]. Because of these anthropogenic activities, plant and animal species are estimated to go extinct worldwide at a rate of 0.5% per year, mainly due to habitat loss and fragmentation [5-6]. Land use changes due to urbanisation and agricultural intensification have caused widespread decline of biodiversity for many organisms such as butterflies, birds and plants in populated regions of Western Europe during the second half of the 20th century [6-9].

The improvement of the natural environment is a challenge for cities with adverse natural conditions. Flora and vegetation are very important components of urban ecosystems. The urban flora consists of plants that naturally grow there [3, 10]. This also reflects different historical phases of urban development and land use. Species occur which are directly linked to the economic and cultural life of cities. In addition, the value of the flora and vegetation for nature conservation, urban recreation, and nature enjoyment in the city is enhanced [11].

Istanbul, which is located in the north-west part of Turkey, is one of the biggest metropolitan areas of the world. It has an area of around 5,750 km², a population of 11,008,790 (2007), and is Turkey's cultural and financial centre [12-14]. The city provides around 40 % of the country's tax revenue and is home to around 38% of the country's industrial companies and around 55% of the country's commercial companies [12]. The city has experienced more pressure from high increase in population, mostly from eastern Turkey, and rapid increase in urban areas with consequent decrease in green areas [15]. In Istanbul, 99% of the population live in the city centre or in suburban zones [14]. This rapid, uncontrolled and illegal urbanisation has caused degradation of forest and open land in the city, especially during the last two decades [15].

In this study, the urban flora and ecological characteristics of Kadıköy district, which is an old settlement on the Anatolian side of Istanbul, is presented. In addition, native, exotic, and cultivated plants are mentioned. Endemic, rare, and endangered plant species and their habitats are listed in the appendix. The negative effects of unplanned urbanisation and industrialisation which were made without ecological consideration are also pointed out.

General Information

Location: Kadıköy district is located on the Asian (Anatolia) side of Istanbul (N 40° 59' 08" , E 29° 01' 45") on the north coast of the Marmara Sea. The district covers 34 km² and has the typical physical characteristics of coastal cities in the region (Figure 1). Neighbouring districts are Üsküdar and Ümraniye to the north, Maltepe to the south-east, and Bostancı to the east. The coast extends through the Bosphorus Strait, which extends to Europe and Asia. Thus, Kadıköy has the most important ecological aspects compared to any other district in Istanbul [16].



Figure 1. Satellite view of Istanbul (upper left corner) and Kadıköy district. The study area is circled. (This picture was prepared by using The Google Earth Programme.)

History: The establishment date of Kadıköy (Chalcedon) is accepted as 675 BC and it was the first settlement which the Greeks from Megara established on the Bosphorus. Byzantium was later established on the other side of the strait in 667 BC (Figure 2). In its history, Chalcedon had changed hands many times as Persians, Bithynians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Crusaders and Turks passed through the area, and was finally under the Ottomans in 1353. In 1453, Istanbul was conquered by Fatih Sultan Mehmet and Kadıköy was given to Hıdır Bey, who was the first Otoman judge (Kadı) for the Sultan of Istanbul. The name Kadıköy, which means “village of the judges”, comes from Kadı Hıdır Bey. After that, Kadıköy became a popular market for many goods and in time, developed into a residential area for people commuting to the city [16].

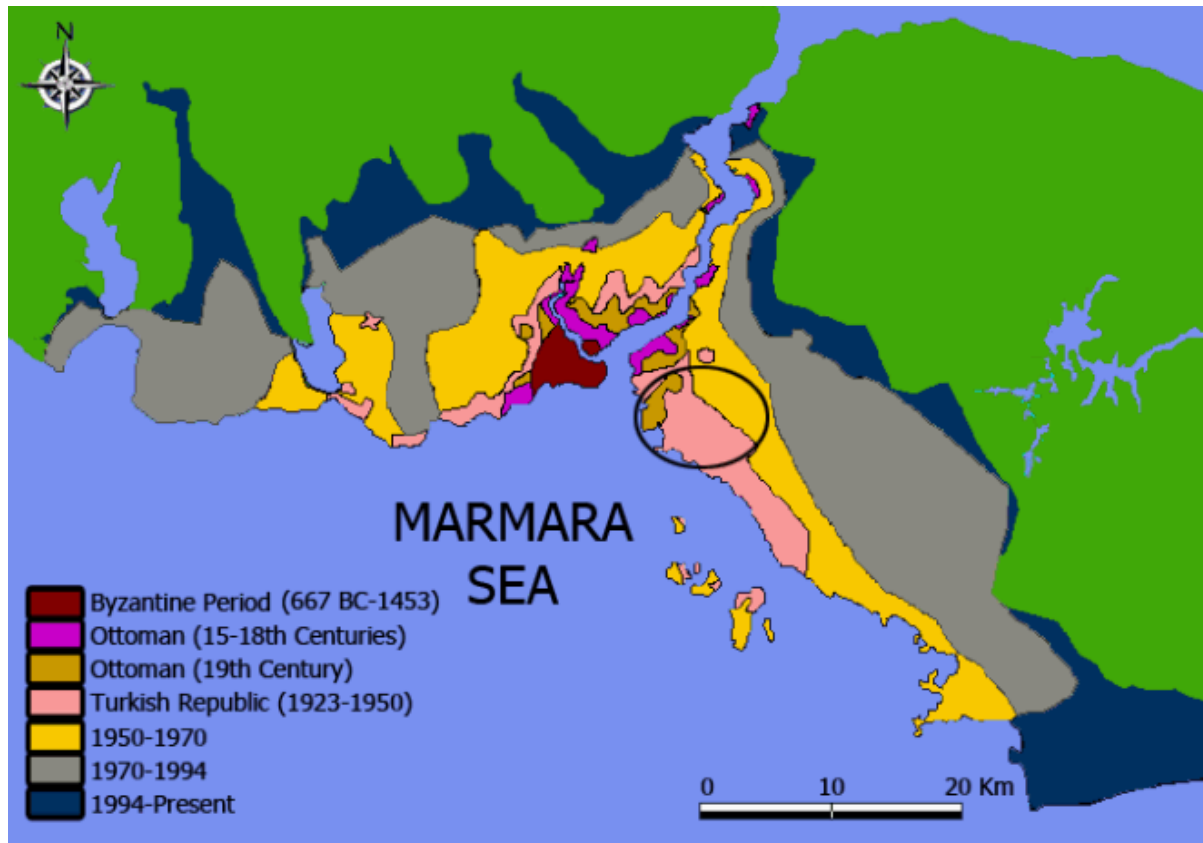


Figure 2. The historical growth of Istanbul (modified from Karakuyu [13]). The study area is circled.

Population: The population of Kadıköy has increased rapidly in the last 35 years. While the population was 57,901 in 1940, it reached 241,593 in 1970 and 744,670 in 2007 [14, 16].

Topography: The topography of Kadıköy is similar to those of many other coastal districts on the Anatolian side of Istanbul. It has an elevation range of 1-600 m above sea level. Kadıköy District, which has lower elevation on the shore of the Marmara Sea, is also the west end of the Kocaeli Plateau where it is bounded by the Bosphorus Strait [16-17]. There are also seven hills in Kadıköy, namely (from west to east) Kayışdağı (partially), Göztepe, Fikirtepe, Acıbadem, Altıyol, Cevizlik and Koşuyolu. The ground between these hills is slightly slanted. The coastal areas between Kadıköy and Bostancı are flat. Kurbağalidere is the only stream, which has its source in Kayışdağı and flows into the Marmara Sea [16].

Climate: Kadıköy has a slightly cooler Mediterranean climate, which is associated with the climate of the Black Sea [17-18]. January and February are the coldest months while July and August are the warmest. Annual precipitation is about 690.7 mm, most occurring in winter. In the summer, low precipitation and high temperatures prevail with an annual mean temperature of 14.5°C for the past two decades. Between May and September, the temperature is generally above 30°C and between November and April it is rarely below 0°C. In the growing period, the daily mean temperature is 8°C with about 280 days (between 15 March-20 December). The relative humidity is about 75% and this value decreases to 65% in summer despite of the effect of the sea. Information about the climate of the study area was derived from the meteorological station at Göztepe-Kadıköy [18-19].

Urban habitats: In the study area, vascular plants were found in parks, gardens, meadows, forests, refuges, civic squares, abandoned land and cemeteries.

Materials and Methods

Collection of the flora was conducted from March to July during 2002-2008. Each year the grasslands, rocky sites, shrub lands and forests were inventoried between March and July. The identification of plant specimens was made by using Davis [20]. The collected plant samples were deposited in MÜFE Herbarium (Faculty of Science and Arts Herbarium, Marmara University). The flora is listed in Appendix 1 (Native plant list) and Appendix 2 (Exotic and cultivated plant list). The family order is according to Davis. The genera and species are arranged alphabetically. Life forms [phanerophytes (Ph), chamaephytes (Ch), hemicryptophytes (H), therophytes (Th), geophytes (G), helophytes (He)] and phytogeographical origins [Euro-Siberian (Euro.-Sib), Irano-Turanian (Ir.-Tur.), Mediterranean (Medit.), East Mediterranean (E. Medit.)] are noted with the scientific names of collected species and they were determined according to Raunkier system [21].

Archaeophyte and neophyte plants are also emphasised. Exotic and cultivated plants were alphabetically listed by using Bailey [22] (Appendix 2). Endemic, rare, endangered, medicinal, and poisonous species are noted in the lists. The categories and criteria of rare and endangered species are according to Ekim et al.[23] and "Red Data List" of International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) [24]. Poisonous plants were noted according to Seçmen and Leblebici [25] and Baytop [26] while medicinal plants are according to Baytop [27] and Baytop and Kadioğlu [28].

Results and Discussion

A total of 561 vascular plant taxa were found with 412 native (337 species, 44 subspecies and 31 varieties) belonging to 68 families and 239 genera, and 149 exotic and cultivated (143 species) belonging to 61 families and 112 genera (Appendices 1 and 2). While 268 native species (70.20%) were dicots, 62 native species (18.40 %) were monocots. Only one native species (0.30%) was a pteridophyte and 6 native species (1.78 %) were gymnosperms. There were 173 perennial, 152 annual and 12 biennial species in the native flora.

The following families have the most native species: Asteraceae (46 species, 13.65%), Poaceae (39 species, 11.57%), Fabaceae (33 species, 9.79%), Lamiaceae (16 species, 4.75%) and Liliaceae (14 species, 4.15%). Asteraceae, as it is known, has the most species in the whole flora of Turkey [20]. In fact, it is also a very large cosmopolitan family represented by 13 tribes, 84 genera and over 240 species distributed all over the world [2-4, 11, 29-33]. The most common genera were *Trifolium* (11 species, 3.26%), *Ranunculus* (5 species, 1.48%), *Quercus* (5 species, 1.48 %), *Rumex*, *Geranium*, *Medicago*, *Plantago* and *Veronica* (4 species, 1.19%).

For native plants, the largest groups of life forms were therophytes (44.81%) and hemicryptophytes (30.56%). The percentages of other life forms were as follows: phanerophytes (13.65%), geophytes (8.31%), chamaephytes (1.48%) and helophytes (1.19%). The significant therophytic and hemicryptophytic components of the flora correlate with the submediterranean climate

of Kadıköy district and demonstrate an intermediate position between Mediterranean and temperate ecosystems [33-34].

The most common phytogeographical elements found were Medit. El. (44 species, 13.06%), Euro-Sib. El. (31 species 9.20%) and E. Medit. El. (7 species, 2.08%) for native plants. This is because the research area is mostly affected by a Mediterranean climate. In addition, the northern side of Istanbul is partly affected by the oceanic climate and this situation can result in plants belonging to Euro-Sib. El. in Kadıköy district [17, 34].

In the research area, 8 taxa (2.37%) were cosmopolitan and 59 taxa (18.00%) were widespread. The most common native plants are *Sonchus asper* (L.) Hill ssp. *glaucescens* (Jordan) Ball (Asteraceae), *Rapistrum rugosum* (L.) All. (Brassicaceae), *Chenopodium album* L. (Chenopodiaceae), *Lolium perenne* L. (Poaceae), *Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers. var. *dactylon* (Poaceae), *Stellaria media* (L.) Vill. subsp. *media* (Caryophyllaceae), *Lamium purpureum* L. var. *purpureum* (Lamiaceae) and *Parietaria judaica* L. (Urticaceae)-especially on walls.

Because Kadıköy district has mostly completed its urbanisation process, perennial habitats have decreased. Present habitats are represented by annual taxa, e.g. *Stellaria media* (L.) Vill. ssp. *media* (Caryophyllaceae) and *Lamium purpureum* L. var. *purpureum* (Lamiaceae), *Euphorbia helioscopia* (Euphorbiaceae), *Capsella bursapastoris* L. (Brassicaceae), *Veronica persica* Poir. (Scrophulariaceae).

Archaeophyte (28 species) and neophyte (15 species) species were found (Table 1) [34-36]. In addition, 2 endemic (0.48 %) and 2 rare taxa (0.71 %) were collected. The endemics were *Ballota nigra* L. subsp. *anatolica* P. H. Davis (0.24 %) and *Cirsium polycephalum* DC. (0.24 %). The rare species were *Cymbalaria muralis* Gaertner and *Albizia julibrissin* (Willd.) Durazz. [23]. We also determined the poisonous (83 species) and medicinal (119 species) plants for both native and exotic plants.

Kadıköy still has a rich flora even with millennia of urbanisation. It reflects a Mediterranean ecosystem and shows increased floristic diversity with temperature, water availability, and topography. These relate to the richness of the area along with the human influence which has created a variety of habitat types through traditional land use practices [17-18, 34].

It is obvious that rapid urbanisation has created problems for the survival of some species [6, 37]. In urbanised areas, therophytes increased while rare species and wasteland plants decreased from the suburbs to the centre [11]. *Lemna minor* L. (Lemnaceae), *Iris sintenisii* Janka (Iridaceae), *Cephalanthera longifolia* (L.) Fritsch., *Neotinea masculata* (Desf.) Steam, *Orchis papilionacea* L., *Orchis laxiflora* Lam., *Orchis tridentate* Scop. subsp. *lactea* (Poir.) Rouy (Orchidaceae) were present in the 1960s. Unfortunately, they have now been extirpated [38]. In addition, populations of *Phragmites australis* (Cav.) Trin. ex Steudel (Poaceae), *Typha latifolia* L. (Typhaceae), *Juncus heldreichianus* Marsson ex Parl. and *J. conglomeratus* L. (Juncaceae) have been greatly reduced. Additionally, an increase of non-native plants, ruderals, cultivated species and annuals has occurred.

Table 1. List of archaeophyte and neophyte plants

Archaeophytes (before 1500 AD)	Neophytes (after 1500 AD)
<i>Lamium purpureum</i> L. (Lamiaceae)	<i>Conyza canadensis</i> (L.) Cronquist (Asteraceae)
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i> L.	<i>Datura stromanium</i> L. (Solanaceae)
<i>Ballota nigra</i> L.	<i>Veronica persica</i> Poiret (Scrophulariaceae)
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i> L. (Euphorbiaceae)	<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> Gaertner
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i> L.	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Miller) Swingle (Simaroubaceae)
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i> L. (Brassicaceae)	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> L. (Hippocastaneae)
<i>Capsella bursa pastoris</i> (L.) Medik.	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> L. (Oxalidaceae)
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i> (L.) Shop.	<i>Diploaxis tenuifolia</i> (L.) DC. (Brassicaceae)
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i> L. (Papaveraceae)	<i>Cardaria draba</i> (L.) Desv.
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i> L.	<i>Sisymbrium altissimum</i> L.
<i>Stellaria media</i> (L.) Vill. (Caryophyllaceae)	<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> L.
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i> Thuill	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> L. (Fabaceae)
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L. (Asteraceae)	<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> L. (Amaranthaceae)
<i>Bellis perennis</i> L.	<i>Syringia vulgaris</i> L. (Oleaceae)
<i>Solanum nigrum</i> L. (Solanaceae)	<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam. (Poaceae)
<i>Chenopodium album</i> L. (Chenopodiaceae)	
<i>Setaria viridis</i> (L.) P. Beauv. (Poaceae)	
<i>Bromus sterilis</i> L.	
<i>Echinochloa crus - galli</i> (L.) P. Beauv.	
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L. (Plantaginaceae)	
<i>Melilotus alba</i> Desr. (Fabaceae)	
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i> (L.) Desr.	
<i>Geranium pusillum</i> Burm. fil. (Geraniaceae)	
<i>Geranium dissectum</i> L.	
<i>Geranium molle</i> L.	
<i>Echium vulgare</i> L. (Boraginaceae)	
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> L. (Primulaceae)	
<i>Malva neglecta</i> Wallr. (Malvaceae)	

The changes in environmental conditions in human-altered sites provide specific niches, which are often colonised by aliens rather than by native species. Higher temperatures and limited soil moisture are characteristic factors in rural to urban gradients. Many alien species in temperate zones originating from warmer areas easily adapt to disturbed urban conditions [39]. These species, which are imported to an area due to anthropogenic activities, sometimes cover the area more frequently than native plants [40-41]. Some of those invasive alien species are: *Hyacinthus orientalis* L. and *Tulipa species* L. (Liliaceae), *Acer negundo* L. (Aceraceae), *Robinia pseudoacacia* L. (Fabaceae), *Ailanthus altissima* (Miller) Swingle (Simaroubaceae), *Celtis australis* L. (Ulmaceae), *Platanus orientalis* L. (Platanaceae), and *Viola x wittrockiana* Gams. (Violaceae). *Robinia pseudoacacia* L. and *Acer negundo* L. are the most successful non-native tree species which also appear spontaneously in different habitats in Berlin, Germany [34, 40-41].

The effects of urbanisation are more intense in the inner city and this can support specialised urban plant communities. This study has demonstrated the decrease in indigenous species, the immigration of alien species, and the establishment of new ecotypes in an old urban area.

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Appendix 1: Native plants of Kadıköy district

Abbreviations and symbols: * poisonous plant, ** medicinal plant, LR: lower risk, CR: critically endangered, VU: vulnerable, DD: data deficient. (The LR, CR, VU and DD values are according to IUCN standards) [23- 28].

PTERIDOPHYTA

HYPOLEPIDACEAE

Pteridium aquilinum (L.) Kuhn (*), G

SPERMATOPHYTA

GYMNOSPERMAE

PINACEAE

Cedrus libani A Rich. Ph

Pinus brutia Ten. Ph, E. Medit. El.

P. pinea L. (**), Ph

P. sylvestris L. Ph, Euro-Sib. El.

CUPRESSACEAE

Cupressus sempervirens L. (**), Ph

Juniperus oxycedrus L. subsp. *oxycedrus* (**), Ph, widespread

ANGIOSPERMAE

DICOTYLEDONEAE

RANUNCULACEAE

Anemone coronaria L. (*), G, Medit. El.

Consolida ambigua (L.) P. Bass. & Heyw. Th

Ranunculus constantinopolitanus (DC.) d'Urv. (*), H, widespread

R. ficaria L. subsp. *calthifolius* (Reichb.) Arc. (*), (**), G

R. marginatus d'Urv. var. *trachycarpus* (Fisch. & Mey.) Azn. (*), Th

R. marginatus d'Urv. var. *marginatus* (*), Th

R. muricatus L. (*), Th

PAPAVERACEAE

Fumaria officinalis L. (*), (**), Th

Glaucium flavum Crantz H, widespread

Papaver dubium L. Th

P. rhoeas L. (**), Th, widespread

BRASSICACEAE

Calepina irregularis (Asso) Thellung Th

Capsella bursa-pastoris (L.) Medik. Th, cosmopolitan

Cardaria draba (L.) Desv. subsp. *draba* H, widespread

Diplotaxis tenuifolia (L.) DC. (*), H.

Erophila verna (L.) Chevall. Th

Lepidium graminifolium L. H

Neslia apiculata Fisch. Th, widespread

Raphanus raphanistrum L. (**), Th

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Rapistrum rugosum (L.) All. Th
Sinapis arvensis L. Th, widespread
S. alba L. Th
Sisymbrium altissimum L. Th, widespread
S. officinale (L.) Shop. (*), Th, widespread
Thlaspi perfoliatum L. Th, widespread

RESEDACEAE

Reseda lutea L. var. *lutea* Th, widespread

CISTACEAE

Cistus creticus L. (**), Ph, Medit. El.
C. salviifolius L. Ph

VIOLACEAE

Viola sieheana Becker Th

POLYGALACEAE

Polygala vulgaris L. (**), H, Euro-Sib. El.

PORTULACACEAE

Portulaca oleracea L. Th

ILLECEBRACEAE

Scleranthus perennis L. H

CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Cerastium glomeratum Thuill Th, cosmopolitan
Dianthus leptopetalus Willd. H
Moenchia mantica (L.) Bartl. subsp. *mantica* Th
Petrorhagia prolifera (L.) Ball. & Heywood Th
Sagina maritima Don Th
Silene vulgaris (Moench) Garcke var. *vulgaris* (**), H
S. nocturna L. Th, Medit. El.
S. dichotoma Ehrh. Th
Spergularia bocconii (Scheele) Aschers. & Graebn. Th, Medit. El.
Stellaria media (L.) Vill. subsp. *media* (**), Th
S. media (L.) Vill. subsp. *pallida* (Dumort.) Aschers. & Graebn. (**), Th
Telephium imperati L. subsp. *orientale* (Boiss.) Nyman H

POLYGONACEAE

Polygonum arenastrum Bor. Th
P. aviculare L. Th, cosmopolitan
P. lapathifolium L. Th
Rumex acetosella L. (**), H, cosmopolitan
R. conglomeratus Murray H
R. crispus L. (**), H
R. pulcher L. H

CHENOPODIACEAE

Atriplex hastate L. Th
Chenopodium album L. subsp. *album* var. *album* Th
Salsola ruthenica L. Th

AMARANTHACEAE

Amaranthus blitoides S. Wats. Th
A. deflexus L. H
A. retroflexus L. Th

HYPERICACEAE

- Hypericum calycinum* L. (*), Ch
H. cerastoides (Spach) Robson (*), Ch
H. perforatum L. (*), (**), H

MALVACEAE

- Alcea pallida* Waldst. & Kit. H
Lavatera punctata All. Th
Malva neglecta Wallr. Th
M. nicaeensis All. Th
M. sylvestris L. (**), H

TILIACEAE

- Tilia argentea* Desf. ex DC. (**), Ph

LINACEAE

- Linum bienne* Miller (*), Th, Medit. El.
L. trigynum L. (*), Th, Medit. El.

GERANIACEAE

- Erodium cicutarium* (L.) L'Hérit subsp. *cutarium* Th
E. malacoides (L.) L'Herit. Th, Medit. El.
Geranium dissectum L. Th
G. molle L. subsp. *molle* Th
G. purpureum Vill. Th
G. pusillum Burm. fil. Th

OXALIDACEAE

- Oxalis corniculata* L. Th, cosmopolitan

ZYGOPHYLLACEAE

- Tribulus terrestris* L. (*), (**), Th

SIMAROUBACEAE

- Ailanthus altissima* (Miller) Swingle (*), H

RHAMNACEAE

- Paliurus spina-christi* Miller (**), Ph

ANACARDIACEAE

- Pistacia terebinthus* L. subsp. *terebinthus* (**), Ph

FABACEAE

- Cercis siliquastrum* L. var. *siliquastrum* Ph
Gleditsia triacanthos L. Ph
Dorycnium pentaphyllum Scop. subsp. *herbaceum* (Vill.) Rouy H
Hippocrepis unisiliquosa L. Th
Lathyrus digitatus (Bieb.) Fiori H, E. Medit. El.
Lotus corniculatus L. var. *corniculatus* (*), H, widespread
Medicago lupulina L. Th, Widespread
M. orbicularis (L.) Bart. Th
M. polymorpha L. var. *vulgaris* (Benth.) Shinnars Th, widespread
M. sativa L. H
Melilotus alba Desr. (*), Th, Widespread
M. officinalis (L.) Desr. (*), Th, Widespread
Onobrychis caput-galli (L.) Lam. Th, Widespread, Medit. El.
O. oxydonta Boiss. H, Widespread
Ononis spinosa L. subsp. *leiosperma* (Boiss.) Sirj. H, widespread
Robinia pseudacacia L. (*), (**), Ph

Psoralea bituminosa L. H, Medit. El.
Scorpiurus muricatus L. Th
Spartium junceum L. (*), (**), Ph, Medit. El.
Trifolium angustifolium L. var. *angustifolium* Th
T. campestre Schreb. Th, widespread
T. constantinopolitanum Ser. Th, widespread
T. nigrescens Viv. subsp. *petrisavii* (Clem.) Holmboe Th, widespread
T. pratense L. H
T. repens L. var. *repens* H
T. resupinatum L. var. *resupinatum* Th
T. scabrum L. Th, widespread
T. stellatum L. var. *stellatum* Th
T. subterraneum L. Th
T. tomentosum L. Th
Vicia cracca L. subsp. *cracca* H, Euro-Sib. El.
V. hybrida L. Th, Widespread
V. sativa L. subsp. *nigra* (L.) Ehrh. var. *segetalis* (Thuill) Ser Th

ROSACEAE

Crataegus monogyna Jacq. subsp. *monogyna* (**), Ph
Mespilus germanica L. (**), Ph
Potentilla reptans L. H, widespread
Rosa canina L. (**), Ph
Rubus canescens DC. var. *canescens* Ph, widespread
Sanguisorba minor Scop. H
Sarcopoterium spinosum (L.) Spach (**), Ph, E. Medit. El.

CUCURBITACEAE

Ecballium elaterium (L.) A. Rich. (*), (**), H, Medit. El.

CRASSULACEAE

Sedum hispanicum L. Ch

APIACEAE

Ammi visnaga (L.) Lam. (**), Th
Berula erecta (Huds.) Coville H
Conium maculatum L. (*), Th
Daucus guttatus Sm. Th
Eryngium campestre L. var. *virens* Link (**), H, widespread
Ferulago confusa Velen. H, Euro-Sib. El.
Foeniculum vulgare Miller (**), H
Scandix pecten-veneris L. Th, widespread
Tordylium apulum L. Th, Medit. El.
Torilis nodosa (L.) Gaertner Th

ARALIACEAE

Hedera helix L. (*), (**), Ph

CORNACEAE

Cornus mas L. (**), Ph

CAPRIFOLIACEAE

Sambucus ebulus L. (**), H, Euro-Sib. El.

VALERIANACEAE

Centranthus ruber (L.) DC. (**), G

DIPSACACEAE

Knautia orientalis L. Th, E. Medit. El.
Scabiosa columbaria L. subsp. *columbaria* var. *columbaria* H

ASTERACEAE

- Anthemis* cf. *chia* L. Th
A. cretica L. subsp. *tenuiloba* H
A. tinctoria L. var. *tinctoria* H, widespread
Arctium minus (Hill.) Bernh. subsp. *minus* H
Artemisia absinthium L. (*), (**), H
Bellis perennis L. H, Euro-Sib. El.
Calendula arvensis L. Th
Carduus nutans L. H
Carlina corymbosa L. H, Medit. El.
Carthamus lanatus L. (**), Th, widespread
Centaurea diffusa Lam. Th, widespread, Medit. El.
C. iberica Trev. ex Sprengel Th, widespread
C. solstitialis L. subsp. *solstitialis* Th, widespread
Chondrilla juncea L. var. *juncea* (**), H, widespread
Chrysanthemum segetum L. Th
Cichorium intybus L. (**), H, widespread
Cirsium creticum (Lam.) d'Urv. subsp. *creticum* H, E. Medit. El.
C. polycephalum DC. Endemic (CR), H
Conyza canadensis (L.) Cronquist Th
Crepis foetida L. Th
C. sancta (L.) Babcock Th, widespread
C. zacintha (L.) Babcock Th, Medit. El.
Echinops microcephalus Sm. H, Medit. El.
Erigeron acer L. H
Filago vulgaris Lam. Th
Helminthotheca echioides (L.) Holub Th
Hypochoeris glabra L. Th
Inula oculus-christi L. (*), G
I. viscosa (L.) Aiton (*), (**), H, Medit. El.
Lactuca saligna L. (*), Th
Lapsana communis L. Th
Matricaria chamomilla L. (**), Th
Pallenis spinosa (L.) Cass. Th
Picnomon acarna (L.) Cass. Th, widespread, Medit. El.
Picris hieracioides L. Th, Euro-Sib. El.
Scariola viminea (L.) F. W. Schmiat H, widespread
Scolymus hispanicus L. (**), H, Medit. El.
Sonchus asper (L.) Hill subsp. *glaucescens* (Jordan) Ball Th, widespread
Senecio vulgaris L. (*), (**), Th
Silybum marianum (L.) Gaertner (**), H, Medit. El.
Taraxacum officinale Weber (**), Ch
Tragopogon longirostris Bisch. ex Schultz H
Tussilago farfara L. (**), G, widespread, Euro-Sib. El.
Urospermum picroides (L.) F.W. Schmidt Th, Medit. El.
Xanthium spinosum L. (**), Th
X. strumarium L. subsp. *cavanillesii* (Scouw) D. Löve & P. Dansereau (**), Th

ERICACEAE

- Arbutus unedo* L. (**), Ph
Erica arborea L. Ph
E. manipuliflora Salisb. Ph

PRIMULACEAE

- Anagallis arvensis* L. var. *arvensis* (*), Th
A. arvensis L. var. *caerulea* (L.) Gouan (*), Th
Primula vulgaris Huds. subsp. *sibthorpi* (Hoffmanns.) W. W. Sm. & Forrest (*), H, Euro-Sib. El.

OLEACEAE

Jasminum fruticans L. (**), Ph, Medit.El.
Ligustrum vulgare L. (*), Ph, Euro-Sib. El.
Olea europaea L. var. *europaea* (**), Ph
Phillyrea latifolia L. Ph, Medit. El.

APOCYNACEAE

Nerium oleander L. (*), (**), Ph, Medit. El.

ASCLEPIADACEAE

Cionura erecta (L.) Griseb. (*), Th, widespread, E. Medit. El.

CONVOLVULACEAE

Calystegia sepium (L.) R. Br. G
Convolvulus arvensis L. (**), H
C. cantabrica L. H

BORAGINACEAE

Anchusa azurea Miller H
Borago officinalis L. (**), Th
Echium italicum L. (*), H
E. plantagineum L. (*), Th
E. vulgare L. (*), H
Heliotropium europaeum L. (*), Th
Myosotis ramosissima Rochel ex Schultes Th
Trachystemon orientalis (L.) G. Don (**), G, Euxine El.

SOLANACEAE

Datura stramonium L. (*), (**), Th, cosmopolitan
Solanum dulcamara L. (*), (**), H, widespread, Euro-Sib. El.
S. nigrum L. subsp. *nigrum* (*), (**), Th, cosmopolitan

GENTIANACEAE

Blackstonia perfoliata (L.) Hudson Th
Centaurium erythraea Rafn. H

SCROPHULARIACEAE

Antirrhinum majus L. subsp. *majus* H
Bellardia trixago (L.) All. Th
Cymbalaria muralis Gaertner Rare (VU), Th
Kickxia spuria (L.) Dumort subsp. *integrifolia* Th
Linaria genistifolia (L.) Miller H
Parentucellia latifolia (L.) Caruel subsp. *latifolia* Th
Verbascum sp. H
Veronica chamaedrys L. H, Euro-Sib. El.
V. cymbalaria Bodard Th, Medit. El.
V. hederifolia L. Th, widespread
V. persica Poiret Th

OROBANCHACEAE

Orobanche minor L. (*), G

LAMIACEAE

Ballota nigra L. subsp. *anatolica* P. H. Davis Endemic (LR), H, Ir.-Tur. El.
Calamintha nepeta (L.) Savi subsp. *glandulosa* (Req.) P.W. H
Lamium amplexicaule L. Th, widespread, Euro-Sib. El.
L. purpureum L. Th, Euro-Sib. El.
Lavandula stoechas L. subsp. *stoechas* (**), Ph, Medit. El.
Melissa officinalis L. (**), H

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Mentha longifolia (L.) Hudson subsp. *typhoides* (Brig.) Harley var. *typhoides* H, widespread
M. pulegium L. (**), H
Origanum vulgare L. (**), H
Prunella vulgaris L. H, widespread, Euro-Sib. El.
Rosmarinus officinalis L. Ph, Medit. El.
Salvia verbenaca L. Ch
Scutellaria albida L. subsp. *albida* H, Medit. El.
Sideritis montana L. subsp. *montana* Th, widespread, Medit. El.
Stachys byzantina C. Koch H, Euro-Sib. El.
Teucrium chamaedrys L. (**), G
Thymus longicaulis C. Presl subsp. *longicaulis* var. *longicaulis* (**), Ch

PLANTAGINACEAE

Plantago coronopus L. Th, Euro-Sib. El.
P. lagopus L. Th, Medit. El.
P. lanceolata L. (**), H
P. major L. subsp. *intermedia* (Gilib.) Lange (**), H, widespread

THYMELAEACEAE

Daphne pontica L. (*), (**), Ph, Euxine El.

ELAEAGNACEAE

Elaeagnus angustifolia L. (**), Ph, widespread

LAURACEAE

Laurus nobilis L. (**), Ph, Medit. El.

SANTALACEAE

Osyris alba L. H, Medit. El.

EUPHORBIACEAE

Euphorbia helioscopia L. (*), (**), Th
E. peplus L. var. *peplus* (*), Th
E. peplus L. var. *minima* DC. (*), Th
E. segueriana Necker subsp. *niciciana* (Borbas ex Novak) Rech. fil. (*), H
Mercurialis annua L. (*), Th

URTICACEAE

Parietaria judaica L. (**), H, widespread
Urtica dioica L. (**), H
U. pilulifera L. (*), Th, Medit. El.

ULMACEAE

Celtis australis L. (**), Ph, Medit. El.

PLATANACEAE

Platanus orientalis L. (**), Ph, widespread

FAGACEAE

Quercus coccifera L. (*), (**), Ph, Medit. El.
Q. frainetto Ten. Ph, Euro-Sib. El.
Q. infectoria Olivier Ph
Q. ilex L. Ph, Medit. El.
Q. pubescens Willd. (*), Ph

SALICACEAE

Populus alba L. Ph, Euro-Sib. El.
P. tremula L. (**), Ph, widespread, Euro-Sib. El.
Salix alba L. (**), Ph, widespread, Euro-Sib. El.
S. babylonica L. Ph

RUBIACEAE

- Cruciata taurica* (Palas ex Willd.) Ehrend H, widespread
Galium aparine L. Th
Rubia tinctorum L. (**), H, widespread, Ir.-Tur. El.
Sherardia arvensis L. Th

MONOCOTYLEDONEAE**LILIACEAE**

- Asparagus acutifolius* L. (**), H, Medit. El.
Allium neapolitanum Cyr. G, Medit. El.
A. paniculatum L. subsp. *paniculatum* G, Medit. El.
A. scorodoprasum L. subsp. *rotundum* (L.) Stearn G, widespread, Medit. El.
Asphodelus aestivus Brot. (**), G, Medit. El.
A. fistulosus L. G, Medit. El.
Gagea bohemica (Zauschn) Schultes & Schultes fil. G
Muscari comosum (L.) Miller G, widespread
M. neglectum Guss. G, widespread
Ruscus aculeatus L. var. *angustifolius* Boiss. (*), (**), H
Ornithogalum sigmoideum Freyn & Sint. (*), G, Euro-Sib. El.
O. umbellatum L. (**), G
Scilla autumnalis L. G, Medit. El.
Smilax excelsa L. (**), H

IRIDACEAE

- Iris germanica* L. G
I. sintenisii Janka G, Euro-Sib. El.
I. suaveolens Boiss. & Reuter G, E. Medit. El.

DIOSCOREACEAE

- Tamus communis* L. (*), (**), H

TYPHACEAE

- Typha latifolia* L. He

JUNCACEAE

- Juncus conglomeratus* L. He
J. heldreichianus Marsson ex Parl. He
Luzula multiflora (Ehrh. ex Retz.) Lej. H, widespread, Euro-Sib. El.

CYPERACEAE

- Carex flacca* Schreber G

POACEAE

- Aegilops geniculata* Roth. Th, Medit. El.
Agrostis capillaris L. var. *capillaris* H
A. stolonifera L. H, widespread, Euro-Sib. El.
Aira caryophyllea L. Th, Euro-Sib. El.
Alopecurus myosuroides Hudson Th
Anthoxanthum odoratum L. H
Avena barbata Pott ex Link Th
A. sterilis L. subsp. *sterilis* Th
A. wiestii Steudel Th
Brachypodium sylvaticum (Hudson) P. Beauv. H, widespread, Euro-Sib. El.
Briza maxima L. Th
Bromus hordeaceus L. Th
B. japonicus Thunb. subsp. *japonicus*
B. sterilis L. Th, widespread

Catabrosa aquatica (L.) P. Beauv. G, widespread
Catapodium rigidum (L.) C. E. Hubbard ex Dony Th
Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers var. *dactylon* (**), H
Cynosurus cristatus L. H, Euro-Sib. El.
C. echinatus L. Th, Medit. El.
Dactylis glomerata L. subsp. *hispanica* (Roth) Nyman H
Dasyphyrum villosum (L.) Cand. Th, Medit. El.
Digitaria sanguinalis (L.) Scop. Th
Echinochloa crus-galli (L.) P. Beauv. Th
Holcus lanatus L. H, Euro-Sib. El.
Hordeum bulbosum L. G, widespread
H. marinum Hudson. Th
H. murinum L. subsp. *leporinum* (Link) Arc. var. *leporinum* Th
Lolium multiflorum Lam. Th
Lolium perenne L. H, Euro-Sib. El.
Melica ciliata L. subsp. *ciliata* G, widespread
Paspalum paspalodes (Michx.) Scribner G
Phalaris aquatica L. H
Phragmites australis (Cav.) Trin. ex Steudel (**), He, widespread, Euro-Sib. El.
Poa annua L. Th, cosmopolitan
P. bulbosa L. G
Rostraria cristata (L.) Tzvelev Th
Setaria verticillata (L.) P. Beauv. Th
S. viridis (L.) P. Beauv. Th, widespread
Sorghum halepense (L.) Pers. var. *halepense* H

Appendix 2: Exotic and cultivated plants of Kadıköy district

Abbreviations and symbols: * poisonous plant, ** medicinal plant, LR: lower risk, CR: critically endangered, VU: vulnerable, DD: data deficient. (The LR, CR, VU and DD values are according to IUCN standards) [23- 28].

GINKGOACEAE

Ginkgo biloba L.

TAXACEAE

Taxus baccata L. (*)

PINACEAE

Cedrus libani A. Richard

C. deodora (Roxb.) Loud.

C. atlantica (Endl) Manetti ex Carrière “Glaucua”

Picea orientalis (L.) Link

P. punges Endelm

Pinus pinaster Ait.

P. pinea L. (**)

P. sylvestris L.

P. mugo Turra

P. strobus L.

CUPRESSACEAE

Chamaecyparis lawsoniana (Murr.) Parl.

Cupressus arizonica Grene

C. macrocarpa Hartw. ex Gord.

Juniperus horizontalis Moench

Thuja occidentalis L. “Globosa”

T. orientalis L.

ARECACEAE

Chamaerops excelsa Thunb.

Phoenix canariensis Chabaud.

LILIACEAE

Allium orientale Boiss.

Fritillaria persica L.

Hemerocallis fulva L.

Hyacinthus orientalis L. (*)

Lilium candidum L.

Ornithogalum nutans L. (*)

Tulipa species L.

IRIDACEAE

Crocus sativus L. (*)

Iris germanica L.

AGAVACEAE

Agave americana L.

A. americana L. “Marginata”

Yucca filamentosa L.

Y. gloriosa L.

AMARYLLIDACEAE

Narcissus pseudonarcissus L. “Dutch Master” (*)

MORACEAE

- Ficus carica* L. (**)
Maclura pomifera (Rafin.) Schneider (*)
Morus alba L. 'Pendula'
M. nigra L.

BERBERIDACEAE

- Berberis thunbergii* (Koch) DC. var. *atropurpurea* Chenault

MAGNOLIACEAE

- Liriodendron tulipifera* L.
Magnolia grandiflora L.

SAXIFRAGACEAE

- Hydrangea macrophylla* (Thunb.) Ser. (*)
Philadelphus coronarius L.

ROSACEAE

- Chaenomeles japonica* (Thunb.) Lindl. ex Spach
Cotoneaster franchetii Boiss.
Cydonia oblonga Miller (**)
C. japonica Pers.
Eriobotrya japonica (Thunb.) Lindl. (**)
Fragaria vesca L. (**)
Kerria japonica (L.) DC. "Pleniflora"
Laurocerasus officinalis Roemer (*),(**)
Malus floribunda Sieb. ex Van Houtte
M. sylvestris Miller (**)
Persica vulgaris Miller (*),(**)
Prunus avium L. (*)
P. cerasus L. (*),(**)
P. domestica L. (*),(**)
P. mahaleb L. (**)
P. serrulata Lindl.
Pyracantha coccinea Roemer (**)
Pyrus communis L. (**)
Rosa damascena Miller (**)
R. gallica L.
R. multiflora Thunb.
Spiraea x vanhouttei (Briot) Zab.

FABACEAE

- Acacia cyanophylla* Lindl.
A. dealbata Link
Albizia julibrissin (Willd.) Durazz. Rare (VU)
Caesalpinia gilliesii (Wall. ex Hook.) Wall. ex D. (*)
Cassia acutifolia Del.
Robinia pseudoacacia L. "Umbraculifera"
Sophora japonica L. var. *pendula* Loud. (*)
Wisteria sinensis (Sim.) DC. (*)

GERANIACEAE

- Pelargonium zonale* (L.) L'Herit. ex Ait.

OXALIDACEAE

- Oxalis floribunda* Linn.

BUXACEAE

- Buxus sempervirens* L. (*)

CELASTRACEAE*Euonymus japonicus* L. "Aureo-variegatus"**ACERACEAE***Acer campestre* L.*A. negundo* L.*A. palmatum* Thunb.*A. platanoides* L.*A. pseudoplatanus* L.**HIPPOCASTANACEAE***Aesculus x carnea* Briottii*A. hippocastaneum* L. (*), (**)**TILIACEAE***Tilia tomentosa* (DC.) Moench**MALVACEAE***Hibiscus syriacus* L.**TAMARICACEAE***Tamarix tetrandra* Pallas ex Bieb.**VIOLACEAE***Viola x wittrockiana* Gams.**LYTHRACEAE***Lagerstroemia indica* L.**PUNICACEAE***Punica granatum* L. (**)**MYRTACEAE***Eucalyptus camaldulensis* Dehnh.*Callistemon citrinus* (Curtis) Skeels**ARALIACEAE***Fatsia japonica* (Thunb.) Decne. & Planch.**PRIMULACEAE***Primula vulgaris* Huds.**OLEACEAE***Forsythia x intermedia* Zabel*Fraxinus excelsior* L. (**)*Jasminum fruticans* L.*Syringa vulgaris* L.**APOCYNACEAE***Vinca major* L. (*)**VERBENACEAE***Clerodendron trichotomum* Thunb.*Lantana camara* L. "Aulanche" (*)*Vitex agnus-castus* L. (**)**BIGNONIACEAE***Catalpa bignonioides* Walt.*Campsis radicans* (L.) Seem.

CAPRIFOLIACEAE

Lonicera japonica Thunb.
Viburnum opulus L. "Sterile"
V. tinus L.

ASTERACEAE

Bellis perennis L. "Pompenette Red"
Calendula officinalis L.
Chrysanthemum maximum Ramond
Cosmos bipinnatus Cav.
Santolina chamaecyparissus L.
Senecio cineraria DC.
Tagetes erecta L.

MELIACEAE

Melia azaderach L. (*)

NYCTAGINACEAE

Bougainvillea spectabilis Willd
Mirabilis jalapa L. (*)

AIZOACEAE

Carpobrotus acinaciformis Folia

CACTACEAE

Opuntia ficus-indica (L.) Mill.

PASSIFLORACEAE

Passiflora coerulea L.

SAPINDACEAE

Koelreuteria paniculata Laxm.

VITACEAE

Parthenocissus quinquefolia (L.) Planch. (*)
Vitis vinifera L. (**)

EBENACEAE

Diospyros kaki L.
D. lotus L. (**)

BUDDLEIACEAE

Buddleia davidii Franch.

PITTOSPORACEAE

Pittosporum tobira Ait.

BRASSICACEAE

Brassica oleracea L. var. *acephala* DC.

CONVOLVULACEAE

Ipomea tricolor Cav.

JUGLANDACEAE

Juglans regia L. (**)

RANUNCULACEAE

Eranthis hyemalis (L.) Salisb.

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PLATANACEAE

Platanus acerifolia (Ait.) Willd.

THEACEAE

Camelia japonica L.

POLYGONACEAE

Polygonum bistorta L.

ARALIACEAE

Hedera colchica (C. Koch) C. Koch “Sulphur Heart” (*)

H. helix L. “Aureovariegata” (**)

RUTACEAE

Citrus sinensis (L.) Osbeck

ARACEAE

Anthurium andreanum Lenny

CANNACEAE

Canna x generalis Hortus

AMARANTHACEAE

Amaranthus caudatus L.

ONAGRACEAE

Oenothera biennis L.

AQUIFOLIACEAE

Ilex aquifolium L. (*)

CORYLACEAE

Corylus avellana L. var. *avellana* (**)
