

## TARAXACUM VAGUM, A NEW SPECIES FROM IRAN

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### SUMMARY

*Taraxacum vagum* v. Soest is described; it belongs to the flora of Iran.

*Taraxacum vagum* v. Soest *spec. nov.*, *Fig. 1.*

Planta ca. 1 dm alta, sat grossa. *Folia* canoviridia, subdense araneosa, lobata, petiolis angustis roseolis; lobi laterales utrinque ca. 6, late falcati, retroversi, ad 20 mm longi, dorso convexo parce dentato, margine inferiore concavo integro; interlobia parce dentata, ca. 4 mm lata, brevia; lobus terminalis sagittatus, acuminatus, interdum parce dentatus, lobuli basales recurvi, acuti. *Scapi* dense araneosi, denique  $\pm$  glabrescentes, floriferi foliis subaequilongi. *Involucrum* rufoviride, 12 mm latum, 12 mm longum; squamae exteriores numerosae, imbricatae, late lanceolatae vel basi ovatae, superne ca. 2 mm latae, apice rufescentes, minute callosae, ciliolatae. *Calathium* paulo radians, ca. 2 cm diametro; ligulae estriatae. Antherae polliniferae; stylus et stigmata laete lutea. Achenium ignotum, pappus albus.

Persia: Kharsang Darreh-e Lar Damavand, 2500 m, Amin (Res. Inst. Forests and Rangelands, Tehran 5331).

Due to the lack of knowledge of the achenes, it is difficult to place this species into any section. Still, the numerous, imbricate outer involucreal bracts are leading to sect. *Spuria* DC., though it must be admitted, that some other trends point to sect. *Erythrocarpa* Hand.-Mazz. emend. Dahlst. emend. v.S.

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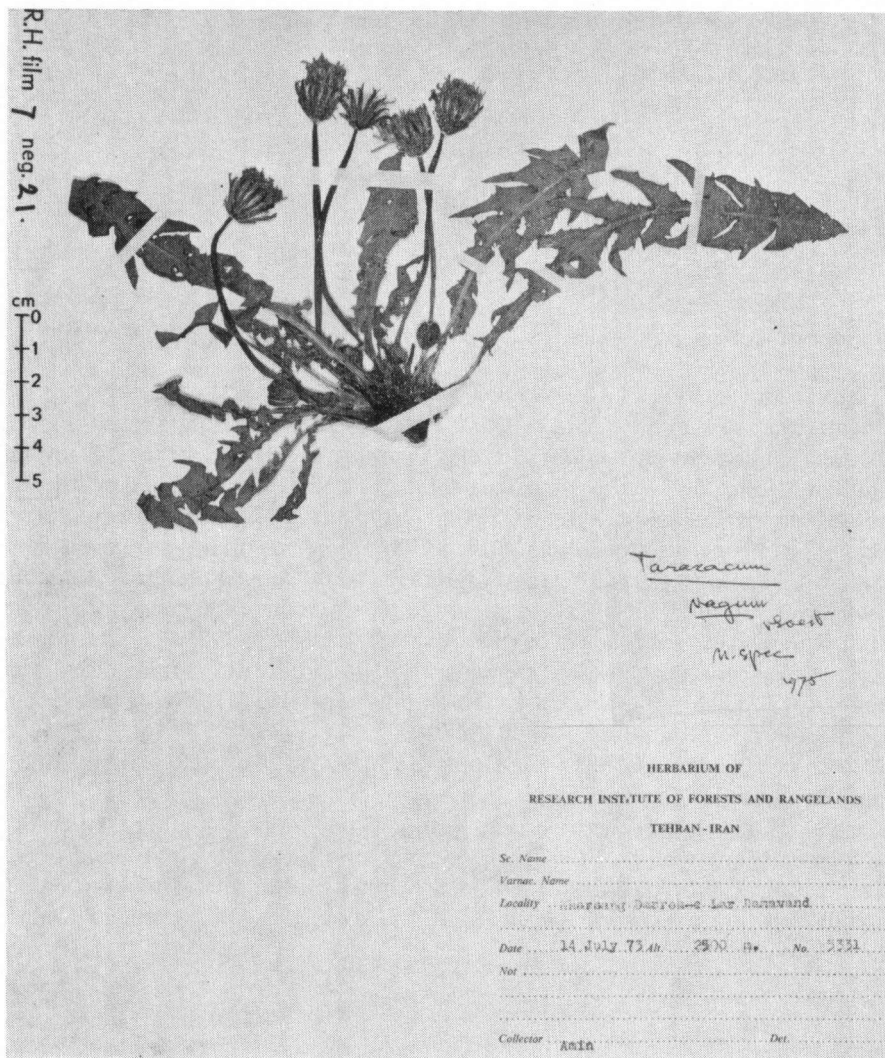


Fig. 1. *Taraxacum vagum*.