

Chromosome numbers of some species of the Slovak Flora

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ABSTRACT: The chromosome numbers for 25 species of the Slovak flora are presented. Some of them are interesting from various reasons and only few are new for regional flora or for science. They are as follows: *Aira elegantissima* 2n=14; *Allium angulosum* 2n=16; *A. carinatum* 2n=16 (1 ref.), 24 (2 refs.); *A. oleraceum* 2n=32 (7 refs.); *A. paniculatum* 2n=16; *A. rotundum* 2n=48; *A. sphaerocephalon* 2n=16; *A. ursinum* 2n=14; *A. vineale* 2n=32 (3 refs.); *Allysum desertorum* 2n=32; *Bromus carinatus* 2n=56; *Cirsium brachycephalum* 2n=34; *Eragrostis pilosa* 2n=20; *Hesperis sylvestris* subsp. *sylvestris* 2n=12; *Linaria* × *kocianovichii* 2n=24; *Ornithogalum kochii* 2n=18; *Panicum capillare* 2n=18; *P. miliaceum* 2n=36 (2 refs.); *Plantago media* subsp. *stepposa* 2n=24; *P. tenuiflora* 2n=24; *Peplis portula* 2n=10; *Pilosella alpicola* 2n=18; *Ranunculus reptans* 2n=32; *Senecio jacobea* 2n=40 (12 refs.); 80 (4 refs.), *Tragus racemosus* 2n=40.

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Introduction

Although majority of the plant species of the Slovak flora has already been studied karyologically (cf. MAJOVSKÝ, MURIN & al. 1987), there are still some taxa with unknown chromosome numbers, or others which should be reexamined or which are interesting with regard to the new data given in Chromosome Number Indexes issued at some intervals by some authors (cf. part "References").

Material and methods

Living plant samples for karyological analyses were collected from natural habitats and individual localities are given along with the results in the text.

Permanent squash slides were made by means of cellophane technique (MURÍN 1960), and the temporary squashes were made in a drop of propionic orcein. Commonly the root tips were used for squashes after pretreatment with the saturated p-dichlorobenzene. Usually 10 well spread c-metaphases were evaluated. Data mentioned in the relevant literature have been compared with the results obtained using also data introduced by MÁJOVSKÝ, MURÍN & al. (1987) and completed with the references in later Chromosome Indexes.

Results

Aira elegantissima SCHUR

Present count

$2n=14$ MURÍN, loc.: Dubová – Budmerice, Biely vršok, leg. D. MAGIC

Previous data and comment

$2n=14$ (8 refs. in MÁJOVSKÝ, MURÍN & al. 1987),

This species seems to be well established as diploid also in Slovakia.

Allium angulosum L.

Present count

$2n=16$ MURÍN, loc.: Village of Devín, floodplain of the Morava river, leg. V. FERÁKOVÁ

Previous data and comment

$2n=16$ (19 refs.), 32 (3 refs.), cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURÍN & al. 1987, 6 FRIZEN & al. 1988, 32 NAUSCIAN & POLYAKOV 1989.

The repeating of our previous counts were made because of the presence of tetraploids ($2=32$) in Slovak flora. The new count indicates that the diploids are most common not only in Slovakia, but also in other parts of the world.



Fig. 1. Somatic chromosomes $2n=24$ in *Allium carinatum*.

Allium carinatum L.

Present counts

2n=16 MURÍN, loc.: Bukovské vrchy Mts., Smolník, leg. A. MURÍN & J. MÁJOVSKÝ

2n=24 MURÍN, loc.: Malé Karpaty Mts., Brezová pod Bradlom, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ,
(Fig. 1)

2n=24 MURÍN, loc.: Záhorská nížina Lowlands, Studienka pri Rudave, U
Holbičkov, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ

Previous data and comment

2n=16 (12 refs.), 24 (18 refs.) cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURÍN & al. 1987; 16, 24+0-1B
WETSCHNIG 1992, 24 SOLIMAN 1990 ut subsp. *carinatum*, 16 SOLIMAN 1990 ut
subsp. *pulchellum*.

Because two levels of ploidy for the taxon were already known (in Slovak flora as well) some more data were interesting. The results indicate both diploids and triploids in Slovakia. Clear karyogeography could not be still suggested. Only some characteristics for triploids, i. e. a higher number of bulbils in the inflorescences and a higher level of pollen abortion were observed. This might help to distinguish the two ploidy levels also in herbarium material and complete karyogeography, at least for few countries where both cytotypes occur. Also the karyotypes are interesting because three types of nucleolar chromosomes in some populations are observed e.g. in the triploid one near Brezová pod Bradlom.

Allium oleraceum L.

Present counts

2n=32 MURÍN, loc.: Malá Fatra Mts., Párnica, leg. A. MURÍN

2n=32 MURÍN, loc.: Malé Karpaty Mts., Chlmec, leg. A. MURÍN

2n=32 MURÍN, loc.: Východoslovenská nížina Lowlands, Komárany, leg. A. MURÍN

2n=32 MURÍN, loc.: Chočské and Prosečianske vrchy Mts., Podbiel, Biela skala,
leg. A. MURÍN

2n=32 MURÍN, loc.: Devínska Kobyla Mt., leg. V. FERÁKOVÁ

2n=32 MURÍN, loc.: Brezovské kopce Hills, Bradlo, leg. V. FERÁKOVÁ

2n=32 MURÍN, loc.: Ipeľsko-rimavská brázda, Šurice, leg. A. MURÍN

Previous data and comment

2n=32 (11 refs.), 40 (7 refs.), cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURÍN & al. 1987, 32, 40 LAANE &
LIE 1985, 32 POGAN & al. 1986, JOACHIMIAK 1990, 32, 40, 48 WETSCHNIG 1992.

In the survey it is shown that prevailing chromosome number is 2n=32 which means the tetraploid one. However, surprising is rather high number of pentaploids with 2n=40. Therefore we were searching for such also in Slovak flora, but we did not found similar case.

Allium paniculatum L.

2n=16 MURÍN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Kurta hegy, leg. Z. SVOBODOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n= 16 (8 refs.), 16+B, 32 cf. BOLKHOVSKIKH & al. 1969, 16 SOPOVA 1972,
BARROS 1973, 16, 24 KOLLMANN 1973, 16 RUIS REJON 1976, 16 VOSA 1976,

1977, 16+2B CHESHMEDJIEV 1979, LOON 1980, 16 VAN LOON 1980, 16 VAN LOON & KIEFT 1980, 48 FERNANDEZ CASAS & GARCIA VILLARACO 1981, 32 TORNADORE 1981 ut subsp. *fuscum* (WALDST. & Kit.) ARCANG., 16 PASTOR 1982, 32 VAN LOON & VAN SETTEN 1982, 48 VAN LOON & OUDEMANS 1982 ut subsp. *fuscum*, 32 JOHNSON 1982 ut subsp. *fuscum*, 16, 16+3B, 32 VAKHTINA & KUDRYASHOVA 1985, 24 ÖZHATAY 1984 ut subsp. *fuscum*, 16 PANICOLAU 1984 ut subsp. *fuscum*, 16, 40 ÖZHATAY 1984 ut subsp. *paniculatum*, 16 ÖZHATAY 1984 ut subsp. *villosulum* (HALÁCSY) STEARN, 8+0-2B RUIZ REJÓN & al. 1986, 32 DALGAARD 1986, 16 ÖZHATAY 1986 ut subsp. *paniculatum*, 32 MONTMOLLIN & al. 1986, 16, 24, 32, 40 TZANAUKADIS & VOSA 1988, 16, 24 TZANAUKADIS & VOSA 1988, 16 GALLAND 1988 ut subsp. *breviscapum*, LIT. & MAIRE, 24 ÖZHATAY 1990 ut subsp. *fuscum*, 16 ÖZHATAY 1990 ut subsp. *villosulum*, 16, 32 KARAVOKYROU & TZANOUDAKIS 1991, 16 POGOSIAN 1991.

Although there are many counts e. g. $2n=16, 24, 32, 40$ and 48 in the literature, they might belong to other taxa. According to the karyotype of the plants coming from one site in Slovakia (MURIN unpubl.) we can expect that it might be subsp. *marginatum* (JANKA) SOÓ, (cf. SOÓ 1980) However, further studies of this taxon are needed.

Allium rotundum L.

Present count

$2n=48$ MURIN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Senec, Martinský les, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ

Previous data and comment

$2n=16$ (6 refs.), 32 (4 refs.), 38, 40, 48 (1 ref.), cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURIN & al. 1987; 16, 32 KUDRYASHOVA 1990, 16 POGOSIAN 1991, 32 ÖZHATAY & al. 1993

Allium sphaerocephalon L.

Present count

$2n=16$ MURIN, loc. Ipeľsko-rimavská brázda, Vyšná Pokoradz, leg. V. FERÁKOVÁ

Previous data and comment

$2n=16$ (27 refs.), 32 (1 ref.) cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURIN & al. 1987; 16 TZANOUDAKIS 1985 ut subsp. *arvense* (GUSS.) ARCANG., 24 LOIDL & JONES 1986; 16, 16+1B, 16+2B GUILLEN & REJÓN 1984, 16 TZANAUDAKIS ut subsp. *sphaerocephalon*, 16 ÖZHATAY 1990 ut subsp. *sphaerocephalon*, 16 KARAVOKYROU & TZANOUDAKIS 1991 ut var. *aegetum* HELDR. & HAL., 16 GALLAND 1988

Allium ursinum L.

Present count

$2n=14$ MURIN, loc. Malé Karpaty Mts., Bratislava, Železná Studienka, leg. A. MURIN

Previous data and comment

$2n=14$ (27 refs.) cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURIN & al. 1987; 14 LOIDL 1984, 14 TZANOUDAKIS & VOSA 1988, 14 LOIDL & al. 1989, 14 SEMERENKO 1990, 14 WETSCHNIG 1992, 14 MAGULAEV 1992

All the counts for this species are the same including our results. Moreover, the chromosomes appear to be metacentric or nearly so (Fig 2.), what indicates an older origin (cf. STEBBINS 1971), but the basic chromosome number $x=7$ is not in line with this statement. The known chromosome numbers in the genus *Allium* L. with $x=7$ counts only 58 whereas $x=8$ was found in 192 species i. e. prevailing number of karyologically studied taxa and indicating secondary origin of this group with $x=7$.

Allium vineale L.

Present count

$2n=32$ MURÍN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Krasňany, leg. A. MURÍN

$2n=32$ MURÍN, loc.: Malé Karpaty Mts., Rača, leg. A. MURÍN

$2n=32$ MURÍN, loc.: Malé Karpaty Mts., Pezinok, leg. A. MURÍN

Previous data and comment

$2n=32$ (17 refs.), cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURÍN & al. 1987; 32, 40 LAANE & LIE 1985, 32 TZANOUDAKIS 1985, 32 ÖZHATAY 1986, 32 ÖZHATAY 1990, 32 POGOSIAN 1991, 32 WETSCHNIG 1992, $32+0-2s$ HOLLINGSWORTH & al. 1992 ut subsp. *vineale*.

All the data indicate the same tetraploid chromosome number (including ours) except that with $2n=40$ i. e. pentaploid, found by LAANE & LIE 1985.

Allysum desertorum STAPP

Present count

$2n=32$ MURÍN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Marcelová, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ

Previous data and comment

$2n=16$ PODLECH & DIETERLE 1969, 32 MULLIGAN, ANCHEV in LÖVE 1975, STRID & FRANZÉN in LÖVE 1981.

Most of the counts including ours indicate the tetraploid status. As expected the diploid number found by PODLECH & DIETERLE might be evolutionary older one. The question remains, however, where else the diploids can occur.



Fig. 2. Somatic chromosomes $2n=14$ in *Allium ursinum* subsp. *ursinum*.

Bromus carinatus HOOK & ARN.

Present results

2n=56 MURÍN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Nitra, Nerudova street, leg. Z. SVOBODOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n=56 (9 refs.), cf. BOLKHOVSKIKH & al. 1969; 56 POHL & DAVIDSE 1971, 56 DAVIDSE & POHL 1972, 1974, 56 MIREK 1982.

As shown in this survey all data including the present one indicate the same chromosome number.

Cirsium brachycephalum JUR.

Present count

2n=34 MURÍN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Hroboňovo, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ

Previous data and comment

2n=34 MURÍN & MÁJOVSKÝ 1983, 68 PÓLYA, 34 MURÍN & SVOBODOVÁ 1992.

Our counts, both the previous and present ones indicate the diploid status of the taxon growing in Slovakia.

Eragrostis pilosa (L.) P. BEAUV.

Present count

2n=20 MURÍN, loc.: Štiavnické vrchy Mts., Čajkov, leg. Z. SVOBODOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n=40 (9 refs.), cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURÍN & al. 1987, 36 BIR & SAHNI 1983, 30 BIR & SINGH 1983, 20, 36, 40 BIR & SAHNI, 40 DEVESA 1990, 36, 72 BIR & CHAUHAN 1990.

Both morphological and karyological analyses are needed for explanation of the presence of diploids in Slovak flora.

Hesperis sylvestris CRANTZ subsp. *sylvestris*

Present count

2n=12 MURÍN, loc. Burda, Bajtava, leg. Z. SVOBODOVÁ

Previous data and comment

It seems to be the first count from the territory of Slovakia.

Linaria x kocianovichii ASCH.

Present count

2n=24 MURÍN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Belianske kopce, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ

Previous data and comment

It seems to be the first tetraploid count for plants from Slovakia designed as *Linaria belanensis* MÁJOVSKÝ prov. No chromosome data could be found in the literature as yet.

Ornithogalum kochii PARL.

Present count

2n=18 MURIN, loc.: Malé Karpaty Mts., Svätý Jur, Pustý kostolík, leg. A. MURIN

Previous data and comment

2n=14 (1 ref.), 15 (1 ref.), 16 (2 refs.), 18 (7 refs.), cf. LÖVE & LÖVE 1974; 2 n=18 (3 refs.). cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURIN & al. 1987, 18 MORET & GALLAND 1992.

We have repeated the counting once again from above mentioned locality in order to find some variability as shown in the survey in literature. But till now we could not find any.

Panicum capillare L.

Present count

2n=18 MURIN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Nové Zámky, leg. Z. SVOBODOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n=18 (8 refs.), cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURIN & al. 1987, 18 VAHIDY & al. 1987, 18 KIEHN & al. 1991, 18 MURIN 1993.

All the mentioned data are the same and indicate the diploid status of this taxon.

Panicum miliaceum L.

P. miliaceum subsp. *agricolum* H. SCHOLZ & MIKOLÁŠ

Present counts

2n=36 MURIN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Šurany, leg. Z. SVOBODOVÁ

P. miliaceum subsp. *ruderales* (KITAG.) TZVELEV

2n=36 MURIN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Veľké Zálužie, leg. Z. SVOBODOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n=36 (13 refs.), cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURIN & al. 1987, 36 SINHA & al. 1990.

There are some problems with determination of the species s. l., as the subsp. *ruderales* (KITAG.) TZVELEV was found to be diploid with 2n=18. Therefore some more counts were made from Slovak regional flora.

Plantago media L. subsp. *stepposa* (KUPRIANOVA) SOÓ

Present count

2n=24 MURIN, loc.: Tríbeč Mts., Zobor Mt., Dražovce, leg. Z. SVOBODOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n=12 BORHIDI 1968 ut *P. stepposa* KUPRIANOVA, 12 BASSET 1969 ut *P. stepposa*, 12 LÖVE A. & KJELQUIST 1974, 24 ZEMSKOVA 1977, 24 MAGULAEV 1982, 12 LÖVE & LÖVE 1982, 24 MALAKHOVA 1990; 24 HOLLINGSWORTH & al. 1992, 24 UHRÍKOVÁ in LETZ & al. 1999

Another tetraploid report from Slovakia.

Plantago tenuiflora WALDST. & KIT.

Present count

2n=24 MURÍN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Tvrdošovce, leg. Z. SVOBODOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n=24 (5 refs.). cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURÍN & al. 1987.

Peplis portula L.

Present count

2n=10 MURÍN, loc.: Západné Beskydy Mts., Oravská Priehrada, Slanický kostol,

leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ & A. MURÍN

Previous data and comment

2n=10 (6 refs.), cf. LOVE & LÖVE 1974, 2n=10 DMITRIEVA 1986, 10 HOLLINGSWORTH & al. 1992.

All the given data indicate the diploid status of the species.

Pilosella alpicola (SCHLEICH. ex GAUDIN) F. W. SCHULTZ & SCH. BIP., subsp.

ullepitschii (BŁOCKI) ZAHN

Present count

2n=18 MURÍN, loc.: Vysoké Tatry Mts., Mengušovská dolina Valley, ca. 2150 a. s.

l., leg. L. PACLOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n=? It seems to be first count for this taxon.

Ranunculus reptans L.

Present count

2n=32 MURÍN, loc.: Vysoké Tatry Mts., leg. L. PACLOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n=32 (7. refs.), cf. BOLKHOVSKIKH & al. 1969, 32 ZHUKOVA 1969, 32 KAPOOR & LÖVE A. 1970, 32 GOEPPERT 1974, 32 ZHUKOVA & PETROVSKY 1976, 32 KROGULEVICH 1976, 32 AGAPOVA 1980, 32 YURTZEV & ZHUKOVOVA 1982, LÖVE & LÖVE 1982, 32 ZHUKOVOVA 1982, 32, 48 LAVRENKO & SERDITOV 1985, 32 BIR & THAKUR 1986, 32 SOKOLOVSKAYA & al. 1989, 32 PARFENOV & DMITRIEVA 1988.

As shown above, all the previous counts as well as ours are in agreement and indicate the tetraploid status of the species studied, which is a very rare of Slovak flora found only in last time by Dr. PACLOVÁ (PACLOVÁ & ŠOLTÉSOVÁ 1993)

Senecio jacobea L.

Present counts

2n=40 MURÍN, loc.: Štiavnické vrchy Mts., Lehôtka pod Brehy, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ

2n=40 MURÍN, loc.: Považský Inovec Mts., Bezovec, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ & A. MURÍN

2n=40 MURÍN, loc.: Strážovské vrchy Mts., Ostrá Malenica, leg. A. MURÍN

2n=40 MURÍN, loc.: Strážovské vrchy Mts., Manín, Záskanie, leg. A. MURÍN

2n=40 MURÍN, loc.: Liptovská kotlina, Liptovská Mara, Havránok, leg. V. FERÁKOVÁ

2n=40 MURIN, loc. Ipel'sko-rimavská brázda, Lučenec. Halier, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ
 2n=40 MURIN, loc.: Strážovské vrchy Mts., Bojnice, leg. A. MURIN & J. MÁJOVSKÝ
 2n=40 MURIN, loc.: Šarišská vrchovina Mts., Fintice, leg. Ľ. DOSTÁL
 2n=40 MURIN, loc.: Čergov Mts., Kamenica, leg. Ľ. DOSTÁL
 2n=40 MURIN, loc.: Spišské vrchy Mts., Nižné Ružbachy, leg. Ľ. DOSTÁL
 2n=40 MURIN, loc.: Nízke Beskydy Mts., Topoľovka, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ & A. MURIN
 2n=40 MURIN, loc.: Bukovské vrchy Mts., Ulič, leg. A. MURIN & J. MÁJOVSKÝ
 2n=40 MURIN, loc.: Spišské kotliny, Primovce, leg. E. KRÁLIK & J. MÁJOVSKÝ
 2n=40 MURIN, loc.: Turčianska kotlina, Štiavnička, leg. D. BERNÁTOVÁ
 2n=40 MURIN, loc.: Východoslovenská nížina Lowlands, Obišovce, leg. L. MIHOKOVÁ
 2n=40 UHRIKOVÁ 1984: loc. Veľká Fatra Mts., Dedošovská dolina, leg. D. BERNÁTOVÁ
 2n=80 MURIN, loc.: Burda, leg. MURIN & MÁJOVSKÝ
 2n=80 MURIN, loc.: Tribeč Mts., Zobor Mt., leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ
 2n=80 MURIN, loc.: Záhorská nížina Lowlands, Skalica, Vintoperk, leg. J. ZÁBORSKÝ
 2n=80 MURIN, loc.: Slovenský kras Karst, Turňa, leg. J. MÁJOVSKÝ & J. ZÁBORSKÝ
 2n=80 MURIN, loc.: Východoslovenská nížina Lowlands, Košice, Hradová, leg. L. MIHOKOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n=40 (17 refs.), 2n=80 (2 refs.), cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURIN & al. 1987, 2n=20 KUZMANOV & al. 1979a, 40 STEPANOV 1992.

Although the chromosome number 2n=40 prevails, there are also some octoploids mentioned in this survey and what is even more interesting are the diploid plants reported by KUZMANOV & al. 1979a.

Tragus racemosus (L.) ALL.

Present count

2n=40 MURIN, loc.: Podunajská nížina Lowlands, Marcelová, sands, leg. Z. SVOBODOVÁ

Previous data and comment

2n=40 (8 refs.), cf. MÁJOVSKÝ, MURIN & al. 1987, 40 BALTISBERGER & LEUCHTEMANN 1991.

All the data are the same and confirm the tetraploid status of the species.

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