# STUDY OF WILD PLANT SPECIES OF *BRASSICACEAE* FAMILY IN BAYBURT REGION OF TURKEY

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#### Abstract

The *Brassicaceae* (*Cruciferae*) is one of the most important groups and it has 338 genera and 3709 species around the worldwide. Plant samples of the *Brassicaceae* family were collected and photographed during the vegetation period of 2017. The plant samples and the photos were taken from their natural habitat between 23 April and 11 August 2017. The locations were determined based on differences in geographical features with variable ecological conditions. 38 genera and 80 species and subspecies were identified from different locations of the study area. *Heldreichia bupleurifolia* Boiss. subsp. *rotundifolia, Aethionema caespitosum, Thlaspi lilacinum, Tchihatchewia isatidea, Bornmuellera cappadocica, Aurinia rupestris* subsp. *cyclocarpa, Alyssum stylare, Alyssum pseudomouradicum, Alyssum peltarioides* Boiss. subsp. *peltarioides* are endemic taxa for Bayburt.

Key words: Brassicaceae, Endemic species of Bayburt, Oil crops, Alternative energy.

### Introduction

The *Brassicaceae* (*Cruciferae*) is one of the most important groups having 338 genera and 3709 species worldwide in distribution (Al-Shehbaz *et al.*, 2006).

The *Brassicaceae* family includes many economically important edible and industrial oilseed, condiment, fodder crop species and vegetables. Canola or oilseed rape (*Brassica napus*) is the most important oil crop of the family (Alagoz & Toorchi, 2018). In addition, *Brassica oleracea* is one of the important vegetable crops. Additionally, *Brassicaceae* includes same biodiesel fuel or protein crops as *Camelina sativa*, *Eruca vesicaria*, *Crambe abyssinica*, *Brassica carinata* (Gugel and Falk, 2006; Warwick and Gugel, 2003; Warwick *et al.*, 2006, 2007).

Turkey is one of the richest countries in the world in terms of the number of the Brassicaceae species (Al-Shehbaz et al., 2007). It is also strategically important due to its location. Bayburt is located between 40 degrees 37 minutes north latitude 40 degrees 45 minutes east longitude, 39 degrees 52 minutes south latitude 39 degrees 37 minutes west longitude in the Black Sea Region of Turkey. The city is situated at the Coruh River and has an altitude of 1550 m from the sea with a surface area of 3741 km<sup>2</sup>. Erzurum neighbors the city to the east, Gümüşhane to the west, Trabzon and Rize to the north and Erzincan to the south. Bayburt has a climate showing the characteristics of both the eastern Black Sea climate and the eastern Anatolian climate with terrestrial features. Therefore, in Bayburt, summers are hot and arid, and the winters are cold and rainy (Anon., 2013).

The wild *Brassicaceae* species in natural habitats have provided information about useful genes for future breeding studies on important cultural crops such as *Brassica oleracea*, *Camelina sativa*, *Brassica napus* and have helped to find new crops for agricultural production as well as natural conservation. Although a number of researchers have determined wild species in natural habitats and have carried out taxonomic studies, there are still numerous wild species to be identified (Gıdık *et al.*, 2016).

Brassica juncea, Armoracia rusticana, Sinapis alba and Erysimum ssp. of Brassicaceae are used as spices. Brassica carinata, Camelina sativa, Crambe abyssinica and *Eruca vesicaria* have significant potential for edible oil, protein plants, biodiesel fuel plants and molecular agriculture (Gugel & Falk, 2006; Warwick *et al.*, 2007). Genus *Alyssum* is represented by 99 species of which 56 are endemic to Turkey. The genus *Aethionema* is represented with about 45 taxa in Turkey, including 20 endemic taxa (Güner *et al.*, 2012). Within the family *Brassicaceae, Draba*, with 350 species, is one of the largest genera (Appel & Al-Shehbaz, 2002; Koch & Al-Shehbaz, 2002).

Despite some wild species identified in natural habitats and taxonomic studies by some researchers, there are still some wild species yet to be identified. This study aims to determine the taxa and the endemic species of *Brassicaceae* family in Bayburt.

### **Materials and Methods**

Plant samples of the Brassicaceae family were collected and photographed during the vegetation period of 2017. The plant samples and the photos were taken from the natural habitat between 23 April and 11 August 2017. The locations were determined based on differences in geographical features with variable ecological conditions (Fig. 1). The altitudes of sampling locations varied from 1559 to 2978 m. Plant samples were collected, photographed and recorded at different periods from the beginning to the ending of the vegetation period. During the collection of plant specimens attention was paid to the proper preservation of different organs such as stem and leaf and the reproductive parts of the plant specimens. Plant samples were pressed and dried according to the herbarium technique and stored in the Herbarium of the Bayburt University. Flora of Turkey and the East Aegean Islands (Davis, 1965-1985; Davis et al., 1988; Güner et al., 2000) were used as the main source for the identification of these samples.

Other Floras such as Flora Iranica (Rechinger, 1965-1977), Flora Europaea (Tutin *et al.*, 1964-1981), Flora of Iraq (Towsend & Guest, 1966-1985), Flora Palaestina (Zohary, 1966-1986) and Flora of USSR (Komarov and Shishkin, 1933-1964) have also been utilized in cases when Turkey's Flora was inadequate.

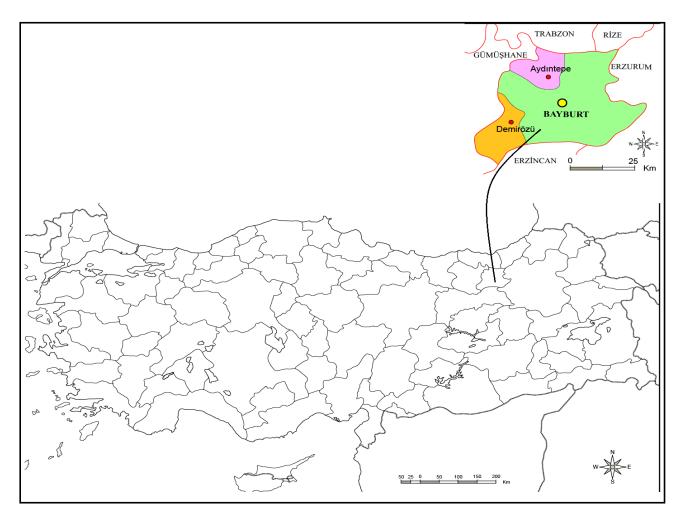


Fig. 1. The map of locations in Bayburt of Turkey.

# Results

In this study, 38 different genera were found. Aethionema, Alliaria, Alyssum, Arabis, Aurinia, Boreava, Bornmuellera, Brassica, Bunias, Camelina, Capsella, Cardamine, Chorispora, Clypeola, Conringia, Coluteocarpus, Crambe, Descurainia, Draba, Eruca, Erysimum, Euclidium, Fibigia, Heldreichia, Lepidium, Microthlaspi, Murbeckiella, Nasturtium, Neslia. Noccaea, Rapistrum, Sinapis, Sisymbrium, Sobolewskia, Sterigmostemum, Strigosella, Tchihatchewia, and Thlaspi were identified through taxonomic classification of plant samples. Information about the species are shown in Table 1.

While preparing the list, first the family name followed by the generic, species and sub specific name, if any. The author of each taxon was written after confirming from Author of Plant Names (Brummit & Powell, 1992).

In this study, 38 genera were found in different locations of Bayburt. *Aethionema*, *Alyssum*, *Draba* have more than 5 species. Genera and their species are shown in Fig. 2. Different species of *Aethionema* were found between 1645 and 2244 m altitudes. Species of *Alyssum* were found between 1611 and 2129 m and species of *Draba* were found between 1623 and 2098 m altitudes.

Heldreichia bupleurifolia Boiss. subsp. rotundifolia,

Aethionema caespitosum, Thlaspi lilacinum, Tchihatchewia isatidea, Bornmuellera cappadocica, Aurinia rupestris subsp. cyclocarpa, Alyssum stylare, Alyssum pseudomouradicum, Alyssum peltarioides Boiss. subsp. peltarioides are endemic for the region of Bayburt. All of the species that determined in Bayburt flora were photographed by Abdurrahman Sefalı. Some endemic species are shown in Fig. 3.

A total of 9 endemic taxa were found between 1674 and 2335 m altitude including a number of different genera.

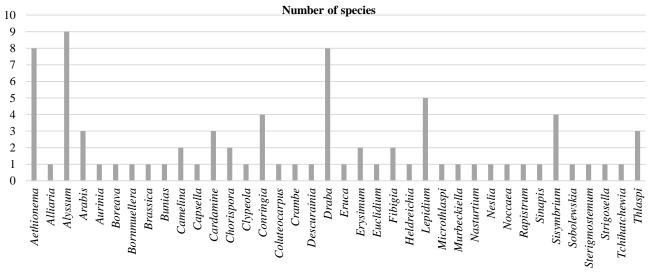
In this study when determining the hazard categories of endemic taxa at species and subspecies levels "Turkey Plant Red Data Book" (Ekim, 2000) was used (Tables 2 and 3). However, the hazard classes of these taxa have been rearranged according to the 2001 IUCN Categories (Anon., 2013).

Tarkan (1971) conducted researches in Bayburt in the 70s and stated that the region should be included in the Eastern Anatolia Region with its natural and socioeconomic characteristics. The Bayburt region is more similar to the Eastern Anatolia Region in terms of the plant species mentioned in this study rather than the Black Sea Coastal belt.

Considering the distribution of phytogeographic region; 1 Euro-Sib., 4 Euoxine, 15 Iran-Turan, 26 widespread, and the undeclared are shown in table 4.

| Genus         | Species   | Species Species Date Latitude Longitude | Date       | Latitude                | Longitude               | Altitude (m) |
|---------------|---|---|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|               | Aethionema arabicum (L.) Andrz. ex DC.                            | Araptaşçantası                          | 21.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'40'' | 40 <sup>0</sup> 09'54"  | 1645         |
|               | Aethionema cordatum (Desf.) Boiss.                                | Kalpçantası                             | 26.05.2017 | $40^{0}06'15''$         | $40^{0}14'35''$         | 2003         |
|               | Aethionema speciosum Boiss. & A. Huet subsp. speciosum            | Somkayagülü                             | 03.06.2017 | $40^{0}03'27''$         | $40^{0}09'42''$         | 2056         |
| . 17 1        | Aethionema trinervium (DC.) Boiss.                                |   | 28.05.2017 | $40^{0}06'15''$         | $40^{0}14'35''$         | 2003         |
| Aetnionema    | Aethionema iberideum (Boiss.) Boiss.                              | Akkayagülü                              | 20.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 15'19"  | $40^{0}14'40''$         | 1857         |
|               | Aethionema caespitosum (Boiss.) Boiss.                            | Demetkayagülü                           | 28.06.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 13'38'' | $40^{0}14'11''$         | 1773         |
|               | Aethionema membranaceum (Desv.) DC.                               | Eteklikayagülü                          | 05.07.2017 | $40^{0}17'20''$         | $40^{0}33'26''$         | 2244         |
|               | Aethionema armenum Boiss.   | Taşçantası                              | 21.06.2017 | $40^{0}25'31''$         | $40^{0}28'57''$         | 1738         |
| Alliaria      | Alliaria petiolata (M. Bieb.) Cavara & Grande                     | Sarmısak hardalı                        | 05.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 15'03'' | 40 <sup>0</sup> 13'58'' | 1559         |
|               | Alyssum linifolium Stephan ex. Willd. var linifolium              | Çıplak kuduzotu                         | 28.04.2017 | $40^{0}17'27''$         | $40^{0}08'49''$         | 1611         |
|               | Alyssum stylare (Boiss. & Balansa) Boiss.                         | Dallı kuduzotu                          | 14.05.2017 | $40^{0}15'36''$         | $40^{0}13'10''$         | 1674         |
|               | Alyssum desertorum Stapf.   | Dumanotu                                | 28.04.2017 | $40^{0}14'24''$         | $40^{0}04'24''$         | 1728         |
|               | Alyssum strictum Willd.   | Dik kuduzotu                            | 28.05.2017 | 40°23'47"               | $40^{0}05'35''$         | 1623         |
| Alyssum       | Alyssum simplex Rudolph   |   | 06.05.2017 | $40^{0}14'01''$         | $40^{0}04'34''$         | 1673         |
|               | Alyssum pseudomouradicum Hausskn. & Bornm. ex Baumg.              | Yoluk kuduzotu                          | 17.06.2017 | $40^{0}02'13"$          | $40^{0}28'04''$         | 2129         |
|               | Alyssum pateri Nyár.  | Kanatlıkevke                            | 21.06.2017 | 40°25'30"               | $40^{0}30'00''$         | 1811         |
|               | Alyssum murale Waldst. & Kit.                                     | Seki kuduzotu                           | 14.07.2017 | $40^{0}02'13''$         | $40^{0}02'04''$         | 2129         |
|               | Alyssum peltarioides Boiss. subsp. Peltarioides                   | Köse kuduzotu                           | 14.07.2017 | $40^{0}02'13''$         | $40^{0}02'04''$         | 2129         |
|               | Arabis brachycarpa Rupr.  | Gölkazteresi                            | 28.06.2017 | $40^{0}31'25''$         | $40^{0}27,07$           | 2978         |
| Arabis        | Arabis alpina L.  | Kazteresi                               | 03.06.2017 | 40°29'05"               | $40^{0}33'32''$         | 2062         |
|               | Arabis nova Vill.   | Tıfılkazteresi                          | 20.05.2017 | 40°25'54"               | 40 <sup>0</sup> 28'14'' | 1758         |
| Aurinia       | Aurinia rupestris subsp. cyclocarpa (Boiss.) Cullen & T.R. Dudley | Kayaincisi                              | 26.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 15'19"  | $40^{0}14'40''$         | 1857         |
| Boreava       | Boreava orientalis Jaub. & Spach                                  | Sariot                                  | 04.07.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'59"  | $40^{0}11'11''$         | 1675         |
| Bornmuellera  | Bornmuellera cappadocica (Willd.) Cullen & T.R. Dudley            | Periseyyahotu                           | 28.05.2017 | 40°28'47"               | $40^{0}01'12''$         | 2052         |
| Brassica      | Brassica elongata Ehtth.  | Uzun şalgam                             | 10.06.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 05'43'' | 40 <sup>0</sup> 13'44'' | 1940         |
| Bunias        | Bunias orientalis L.  | Çırşalgamı                              | 15.07.2017 | $40^{0}15'03''$         | 40 <sup>0</sup> 13'58'' | 1559         |
| Camolina      | Camelina laxa C.A. Mey.   | Eğriketentere                           | 22.06.2017 | $40^{0}25'31''$         | $40^{0}28'18''$         | 1726         |
| Cametina      | Camelina rumelica Velen.  | Ketentere                               | 25.05.2017 | $40^{0}15'40''$         | $40^{0}13'43''$         | 1560         |
| Capsella      | Capsella bursa-pastoris (L.) Medik.                               | Çobançantası                            | 18.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'29'' | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'28'' | 1560         |
|               | Cardamine lazica Boiss. & Balansa exBoiss.                        | Kodimotu                                | 20.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 06'15"  | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'35'' | 2003         |
| Cardamine     | Cardamine uliginosa M. Bieb.                                      |   | 17.06.2017 | 40°30'59"               | 40'07'46''              | 2061         |
|               | Cardamine impatiens L.  | Sultankodimotu                          | 22.06.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 29'36"  | 40 <sup>0</sup> 33'48'' | 2046         |
| Charisnara    | Chorispora tenella (Pall.) DC.                                    | Kokar külünk                            | 23.04.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'29'' | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'28'' | 1560         |
| ninderinin    | Chorispora iberica (M.Bieb.) DC.                                  | Sarı külünk                             | 06.05.2017 | $40^{0}15'48''$         | $40^{0}12'21''$         | 1616         |
| Clypeola      | Clypeola jonthlaspi L.  | Akçeotu                                 | 28.05.2017 | 40°23'47"               | 40°05'35''              | 1623         |
|               | Conringia orientalis (L.) Dumort.                                 | Kocatelkari                             | 01.06.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'01'' | 40°04'34"               | 1673         |
| Continuia     | Conringia planisiliqua Fisch. & C.A. Mey.                         | Telkariotu                              | 29.07.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'29'' | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'28'' | 1560         |
| commisia      | Conringia persica Boiss.  | Acemtelkari                             | 03.06.2017 | $40^{0}14'01''$         | 40°04'34''              | 1673         |
|               | Conringia clavata Boiss.  | Topuztelkari                            | 30.05.2017 | $40^{0}14'40''$         | 40 <sup>0</sup> 09'54'' | 1645         |
| Coluteocarpus | Coluteocarpus vesicaria (L.) Holmboe subsp. vesicaria             | Patarıkotu                              | 12.05.2017 | 40°17'27"               | 40'08'49''              | 1611         |

| Genus          | Species  | <b>Turkish name</b> | Date       | Latitude                | Longitude               | Altitude (m) |
|----------------|--|---------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Crambe         | Crambe orientalis L. subsp. orientalis var. orientalis   | Akyumak             | 06.08.2017 | $40^{0}14^{2}9^{3}$     | $40^{0}14^{2}8^{3}$     | 1560         |
| Descurainia    | Descurainia sophia (L.) Webb ex Prantl   | Sadırotu            | 05.07.2017 | $40^{0}14'13''$         | $40^{0}14'33''$         | 1560         |
|                | Draba rigida Willd.  | Diri dolama         | 03.06.2017 | $40^{0}06'42''$         | $40^{0}14'12''$         | 1828         |
|                | Draba polytricha Ledeb.  | Rize dolaması       | 15.05.2017 | $40^{0}28'47''$         | $40^{0}01'12''$         | 2052         |
|                | Draba hispida Willd.   | Kıllı dolama        | 17.06.2017 | $40^{0}32'24''$         | $40^{0}08'23''$         | 1935         |
|                | Draba siliquosa M. Bieb.   | Yıldız dolama       | 28.06.2017 | $40^{0}28'47''$         | $40^{0}01'12''$         | 2052         |
| Draba          | Draba muda (Bélanger) Al-Shehbaz & M. Koch   | Cıbıl dolama        | 01.05.2017 | $40^{0}25'31''$         | $40^{0}28'57''$         | 1738         |
|                | Draba nemorosa L.  | Orman dolaması      | 05.05.2017 | $40^{0}23'47''$         | $40^{0}05'35''$         | 1623         |
|                | Draba huetii Boiss.  | Çayır dolaması      | 03.06.2017 | $40^{0}05'42''$         | $40^{0}03'38''$         | 2098         |
|                | Draba verna L.   | Çırçırotu           | 14.05.2017 | 40°23'47''              | $40^{0}05'35''$         | 1623         |
| Eruca          | Eruca vesicaria (L.) Cav.  | Roka                | 06.08.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'29'' | $40^{0}14^{2}8^{3}$     | 1560         |
| L'micimum      | Erysimum cuspidatum (M.Bieb.) DC.  | Kuyruklu zarife     | 21.06.2017 | $40^{0}05'20''$         | $40^{0}14'11''$         | 1965         |
| Erystmum       | Erysimum repandum L.   | Çatal zarife        | 18.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'29'' | $40^{0}14'28''$         | 1560         |
| Euclidium      | Euclidium syriacum (L.) Aiton  | Findik hardalı      | 18.05.2017 | $40^{0}14^{2}9^{3}$     | $40^{0}14'28''$         | 1560         |
| Dikinia        | Fibigia clypeata (L.) Medik.   | Sikkeotu            | 26.05.2017 | $40^{0}06'15''$         | $40^{0}14'35''$         | 2003         |
| ringia         | Fibigia macrocarpa (Boiss.) Boiss.   | Kocasikkeotu        | 25.06.2017 | $40^{0}29'05''$         | $40^{0}33'32''$         | 2062         |
| Heldreichia    | Heldreichia bupleurifolia Boiss. subsp. rotundifolia (Boiss.) Parolly, Nordt & Mumm. var. rotundifolia | Topaç hardalı       | 20.07.2017 | $40^{0}02'36''$         | 40 <sup>0</sup> 28'55'' | 2335         |
|                | Lepidium campestre (L.) Aiton  | Horozcuk            | 25.05.2017 | $40^{0}14^{2}9^{3}$     | $40^{0}14'28''$         | 1560         |
|                | Lepidium perfoliatum L.  | Gübreotu            | 06.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 15'45"  | 40 <sup>0</sup> 13'51"  | 1605         |
| Lepidium       | Lepidium latifolium L.   | Nujdar              | 15.06.2017 | $40^{0}15'14''$         | 40 <sup>0</sup> 13'13"  | 1590         |
|                | Lepidium draba L.  | Diğnik              | 18.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'29'' | $40^{0}14'28''$         | 1560         |
|                | Lepidium ruderale L.   | Tuzık               | 30.07.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 15'36"  | 40 <sup>0</sup> 13'35'' | 1556         |
| Microthlaspi   | Microthlaspi perfoliatum (L.) F.K. Mey.  | Giyle               | 18.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'01'' | 40°04'34"               | 1673         |
| Murbeckiella   | Murbeckiella huetii (Boiss.) Rothm.  | Ovitkodimi          | 17.06.2017 | $40^{0}31'40''$         | 40 <sup>0</sup> 13'54"  | 2315         |
| Nasturtium     | Nasturtium officinale R.Br.  | Suteresi            | 11.08.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 16'38'' | 39°58'35"               | 1622         |
| Neslia         | Neslia paniculata (L.) Desv.   | Tophardal           | 25.05.2017 | $40^{0}14'01''$         | $40^{0}04'34''$         | 1673         |
| Noccaea        | Noccaea tatianae Bordz.  | Karsdağarcıkotu     | 03.06.2017 | $40^{0}03'27''$         | $40^{0}09'42''$         | 2056         |
| Rapistrum      | Rapistrum rugosum (L.) All.  | Kedi turpu          | 06.08.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'29'' | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'29'' | 1560         |
| Sinapis        | Sinapis arvensis L.  | Hardal              | 06.08.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 15'53"  | 40 <sup>0</sup> 12'30"  | 1599         |
|                | Sisymbrium altissimum L.   | Ergelenotu          | 11.06.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 15'59'' | 40 <sup>0</sup> 12'41'' | 1596         |
| Cicumbrium     | Sisymbrium orientale L.  | Tarlabülbülotu      | 18.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'29"  | 40 <sup>0</sup> 14'28"  | 1560         |
| munumkere      | Sisymbrium irio L.   | Çalgıcıotu          | 05.07.2017 | $40^{0}15'40''$         | $40^{0}13'43''$         | 1560         |
|                | Sisymbrium loeselii L.   | Bülbülotu           | 25.05.2017 | $40^{0}15'40''$         | $40^{0}13'43''$         | 1560         |
| Sobolewskia    | Sobolewskia clavata (Boiss.) Fenzl   | Akyelotu            | 14.05.2017 | 40 <sup>0</sup> 12'13"  | $40^{0}19'24''$         | 1701         |
| Sterigmostemum | Sterigmostemum incanum M. Bieb.  | Boz süsün           | 21.05.2017 | $40^{0}14'40''$         | $40^{0}09.54$ "         | 1645         |
| Strigosella    | Strigosella africana (L.) Botsch.  | Keçe teresi         | 18.05.2017 | $40^{0}14^{2}9^{3}$     | $40^{0}14'28''$         | 1560         |
| Tchihatchewia  | Tchihatchewia isatidea Boiss.  | Allıgelin           | 14.05.2017 | $40^{0}06'32''$         | 40°25'35"               | 1820         |
|                | Thlaspi arvense L.   | Ekin dağarcığı      | 18.05.2017 | $40^{0}14'29''$         | $40^{0}14'28''$         | 1560         |
| Thlaspi        | Thlaspi lilacinum Boiss. & Huet  | Mor dağarcık        | 20.05.2017 | $40^{0}06'15''$         | $40^{0}14'35''$         | 2003         |
|                | Thlaspi ceratocarpon Murray  | Yetim dağarcık      | 19.07.2017 | $40^{0}15'39''$         | 39°57'42''              | 1625         |



Genuses

Fig. 2. The number of species beloging to the genuses that found in flora of Bayburt.



Fig. 3. Taxa of *Brassicaceae* that endemic for Bayburt (a). *Heldreichia bupleurifolia* Boiss. subsp. rotundifolia (b). Aethionema caespitosum (c). Tchihatchewia isatidea (d). Thlaspi lilacinum.

| Table 2. Endemic taxa of <i>Brassicaceae</i> for Bayburt. |  |
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| Species  | Altitude |
|--|----------|
|  | (m)      |
| Heldreichia bupleurifolia Boiss. subsp. Rotundifolia | 2335     |
| Aethionema caespitosum                               | 1773     |
| Thlaspi lilacinum                                    | 2003     |
| Tchihatchewia isatidea                               | 1820     |
| Bornmuellera cappadocica,                            | 2052     |
| Aurinia rupestris subsp. cyclocar                    | 1857     |
| Alyssum stylare                                      | 1674     |
| Alyssum pseudomouradicum                             | 2129     |
| Alyssum peltarioides Boiss. subsp. peltarioi         | 2129     |

Draba is the largest genus in the Brassicaceae with over 370 species (Al-Shehbaz et al., 2006). In this study, eight taxa were found belonging to Draba genus, including Draba rigida, Draba polytricha, Draba hispida, Draba siliquosa, Draba nuda, Draba nemorosa, Draba huetii, Draba verna. These taxa were found between 1623 m and 2098 m ASL.

*Camelina* genus is economically important in that it is used for producing bio-fuel. Several authors report that the biofuel, produced from Camelina oil, can cut greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by up to 75% compared to that of petroleum-based jet fuel (Agusdinata *et al.*, 2010; Shonnard *et al.*, 2011). *Camelina laxa* and *Camelina rumelica* were found growing between 1560 m and 1726 altitudes in this study.

### **Conclusions and Discussion**

The results of this research show that the Bayburt region of Turkey possesses number of species of the *Brassicaceae* family belonging to different genera indicating that Bayburt has a suitible climate and eco-geographic conditions for *Brassicaceae*.

Furthermore, species which are important in terms of their economic values such as *Sinapis arvensis*, *Camelina laxa* and *Camelina rumelica* can grow there and some endemic species such as *Heldreichia bupleurifolia* Boiss. subsp. rotundifolia, Aethionema caespitosum, Thlaspi lilacinum, Tchihatchewia isatidea, Bornmuellera cappadocica, Aurinia rupestris subsp. cyclocarpa, Alyssum stylare, Alyssum pseudomouradicum, Alyssum peltarioides Boiss. subsp. peltarioides are found in Bayburt.

| Species   | PR             | Species   | PR         |
|---|----------------|---|------------|
| Brassica elongata Ehth.   | т              | Euclidium syriacum (L.) Aiton                                     | Widespread |
| Sinapis arvensis L.   | Widespread     | Neslia paniculata (L.) Desv.                                      | 1          |
| Eruca vesicaria (L.) Cav.   | Widespread     | Bunias orientalis L.  | I          |
| Crambe orientalis L. subsp. orientalis var. orientalis  | IrTur.         | Tchihatchewia isatidea Boiss.                                     | IrTur.     |
| Rapistrum rugosum (L.) All.   |                | Fibigia clypeata (L.) Medik.                                      | T          |
| Conringia orientalis (L.) Dumort.   | т              | Fibigia macrocarpa (Boiss.) Boiss.                                | ı          |
| Conringia planisiliqua Fisch. & C.A.Mey.  | IrTur.         | Bornmuellera cappadocica (Willd.) Cullen & T.R. Dudley            | lrTur.     |
| Conringia persica Boiss.  | т              | Aurinia rupestris subsp. cyclocarpa (Boiss.) Cullen & T.R. Dudley | ı          |
| Conringia clavata Boiss.  | ı              | Alyssum linifolium Stephan ex. Willd. var linifolium              | Widespread |
| Lepidium campestre (L.) Aiton   | ı              | Alyssum stylare (Boiss. & Balansa) Boiss.                         | IrTur.     |
| Lepidium perfoliatum L.   | 1              | Alyssum desertorum Stapf  | Widespread |
| Lepidium latifolium L.  | Widespread     | Alyssum strictum Willd.   | lrTur.     |
| Lepidium draba L.   | Widespread     | Alyssum simplex Rudolph   | Widespread |
| Lepidium ruderale L.  | ı              | Alyssum pseudomouradicum Hausskn. & Bornm. ex Baumg.              | ı          |
| Coluteocarpus vesicaria (L.) Holmboe subsp. vesicaria   | IrTur.         | Alyssum pateri Nyár.  | Widespread |
| Heldreichia bupleurifolia Boiss. subsp. rotundifolia (Boiss) Parolly, Nordt & Mumm. var. rotundifolia | IrTur.         | Alyssum murale Waldst. & Kit.                                     | Widespread |
| Aethionema arabicum (L.) Andrz. ex DC.  | Widespread     | Alyssum peltarioides Boiss. subsp. peltarioides                   | IrTur.     |
| Aethionema cordatum (Desf.) Boiss.  | lrTur.         | Clypeola jonthlaspi L.  | Widespread |
| Aethionema speciosum Boiss. & A. Huetsubsp. speciosum   | IrTur.         | Draba rigida Willd.   | ,          |
| Aethionema trinervium (DC.) Boiss.  | ı              | Draba polytricha Ledeb.   | ı          |
| Aethionema iberideum (Boiss.) Boiss.  | Widespread     | Draba hispida Willd.  | Euxine     |
| Aethionema caespitosum (Boiss.) Boiss.  | ,              | Draba siliquosa M.Bieb.   | ı          |
| Aethionema membranaceum (Desv.) DC.   | ı              | Draba nuda (Bélanger) Al-Shehbaz&M.Koch                           | IrTur.     |
| Aethionema armenum Boiss.   | lrTur.         | Draba nemorosa L.   | Widespread |
| Microthlaspi perfoliatum (L.) F.K.Mey.  | Widespread     | Draba huetii Boiss.   | ı          |
| Thlaspi arvense L.  |                | Draba verna L.  | Widespread |
| Thlaspi lilacinum Boiss. & Huet   | Euxine- lrTur. | Arabis brachycarpa Rupr.  | Euxine     |
| Thlaspi ceratocarpon Murray   | r              | Arabis alpina L.  | Widespread |
| Noccaea tatianae Bordz.   |                | Arabis nova Vill.   | ı          |
| Capsella bursa-pastoris (L.) Medik.   | Widespread     | Nasturtium officinale R.Br.                                       | Widespread |
| Boreava orientalis Jaub. & Spach  | Widespread     | Cardamine lazica Boiss. & Balansa ex Boiss.                       | Euxine     |
| Chorispora tenella (Pall.) DC.  |                | Erysimum cuspidatum (M.Bieb.) DC.                                 | Widespread |
| Chorispora iberica (M.Bieb.) DC.  | ı              | Erysimum repandum L.  | Widespread |
| Strigosella africana (L.) Botsch.   | г              | Alliaria petiolata (M.Bieb.) Cavara & Grande                      | ı          |
| Sterigmostemum incanum M.Bieb.  | lrTur.         | Sobolewskia clavata (Boiss.) Fenzl                                | IrTur.     |
| Sisymbrium altissimum L.  | Widespread     | Descurainia sophia (L.) Webbex Prantl                             | Widespread |
| Sisymbrium orientale L.   |                | Murbeckiella huetii (Boiss.) Rothm.                               | ı          |
| Sisymbrium irio L.  | ·              | Camelina laxa C.A.Mey.  | 1          |
| Sisymbrium loeselii L.  | Widespread     | Camelina rumelica Velen.  |            |

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Habitats of wild taxa of *Brassicaceae* and the other plant families are damaged by rapid urbanization. In addition, the widespread use of pesticides and other chemical applications has decreased the diversity of these taxa. Therefore, in order to preserve natural flora of Bayburt, the environment and the habitat of different species need to be protected and urban development needs to be planned. In the Bayburt region, there are several important taxa of the *Brassicaceae* family, of which nine are endemic. Some species in this family have the potential to be used as biofuels and alternative sources of energy. Condiering the ever-increasing need for energy, the value and importance of wild species in this family is increasing. For this reason, it is important to increase the work on wild species found in the *Brassicaceae* family.

Table 3. The hazard categories of endemic taxa that belong to Brassicaceae family

| Species  | The hazard categories |
|--|-----------------------|
| Heldreichia bupleurifolia (Boiss.) Parolly, Nordt & Mumm. Boiss. subsp. rotundifolia var. rotundifolia | LR (lc)               |
| Aethionema caespitosum (Boiss.) Boiss.   | LR (nt)               |
| Thlaspi lilacinum Boiss. & Huet  | LR (lc)               |
| Tchihatchewia isatidea Boiss.  | VU                    |
| Bornmuellera cappadocica (Willd.) Cullen & T.R.Dudley  | LR (lc)               |
| Aurinia rupestris (Sweet) Cullen & T.R. Dudley subsp. cyclocarpa (Boiss.) Cullen & T.R.Dudley          | LR (nt)               |
| Alyssum stylare (Boiss. & Balansa) Boiss.  | LR (lc)               |
| Alyssum peltarioides Boiss. subsp. peltarioides  | LR (lc)               |

LR: Lower risk, VU: Vulnerable, lc: Least Concern, nt: Near Threatened

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