

Title	Cultivation and Determination of Landscape Usage Areas of <i>Ricotia</i> sp. Species
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Abstract:

The ornamental plant industry is becoming more important day by day in recent years in Turkey. Especially, with increasing of using ornamental plants and the importance of outdoor landscape design, imported species make the biggest proportion of ornamental plants, which are used in Turkey. Studies about potential use in the landscape and propagation possibilities of woody and herbaceous plant species are increasing day by day in Turkey. The information for the propagation methods of determined species is not enough by oneself for using in the landscape. Beside the information about producing of propagated species in nurseries, application method in the landscape designs needs to be known. Moreover, for determining application methods, the quality, which is one of the main purposes of landscape designs, must be provided. In this regard, determining application methods which provides the highest visual quality, generates the essential information which provide possibilities of using of species in the landscape design. To cultivate native species, using priority of especially endemic and endangered species in the landscape design within the scope of ex – situ conservation, should be provided. Within the scope of reduction of foreign-source dependency in the ornamental plant industry, enhancing diversities of species in the landscape design and conservation of endangered endemic species, the aim of this research is cultivation and determinaton of landscape usage areas of 5 endemic and 1 non endemic *Ricotia* sp. species.