New Aquatic Macrophytes for the Flora of Albania from the Lake Shkodra, Drini and Buna Basins

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Abstract: New records regarding the aquatic macrophytes of the lake Shkodra, Drini and Buna rivers basins based on last two years field trips are presented. Altogether 9 species of sedge family are reported and discussed, of which 2 species: Carex elata and Carex melanostachya are new for the flora of Albania, while 7 other species are less or not known. Carex elata, Cyperus michelianus and Fimbristylis dichotoma were found only on the shoreline of lake; Carex cuprina and Isolepis setacea were found on the riversides, while Carex vesicaria, Cyperus glaber, Eleocharis uniglumis and Carex melanostachya on shoreline of lake, riversides and marshes were found. The variability of certain taxonomic characters, synonyms, life form, preferred habitat, distribution and actual knowledge for each species is presented.

Key words: Aquatic macrophytes, sedges, Lake Shkodra, Drini River, Buna River.