

# Electronic resources and patterns of the Russian flora

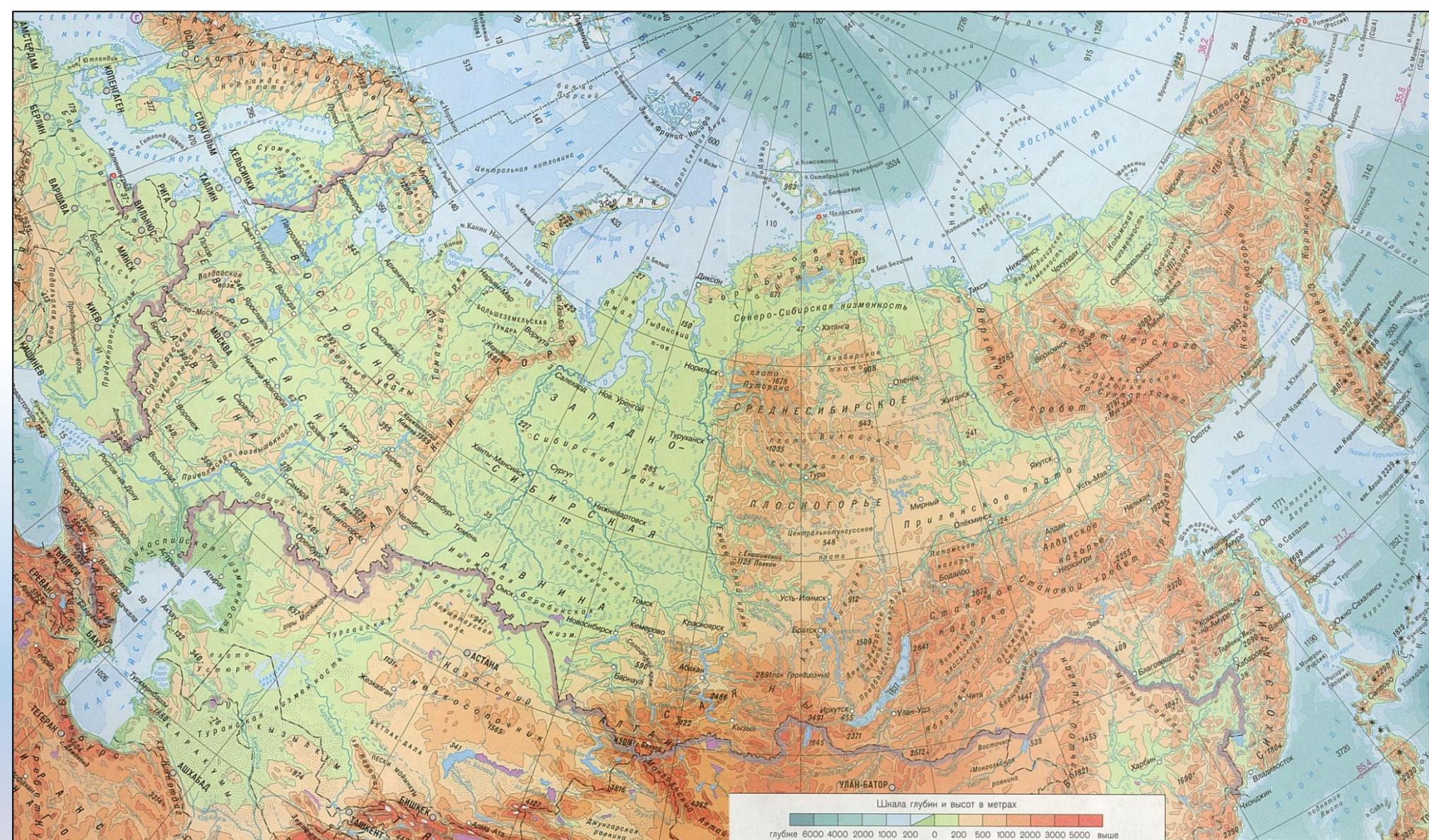
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# General Information about Russia

1. Geography
2. Biomes
3. Resources



**Area** 17,125,191 km<sup>2</sup> (1<sup>st</sup>), 23% in Europe and 76% in Asia

**Population** 146,748,590 people (9<sup>th</sup>)

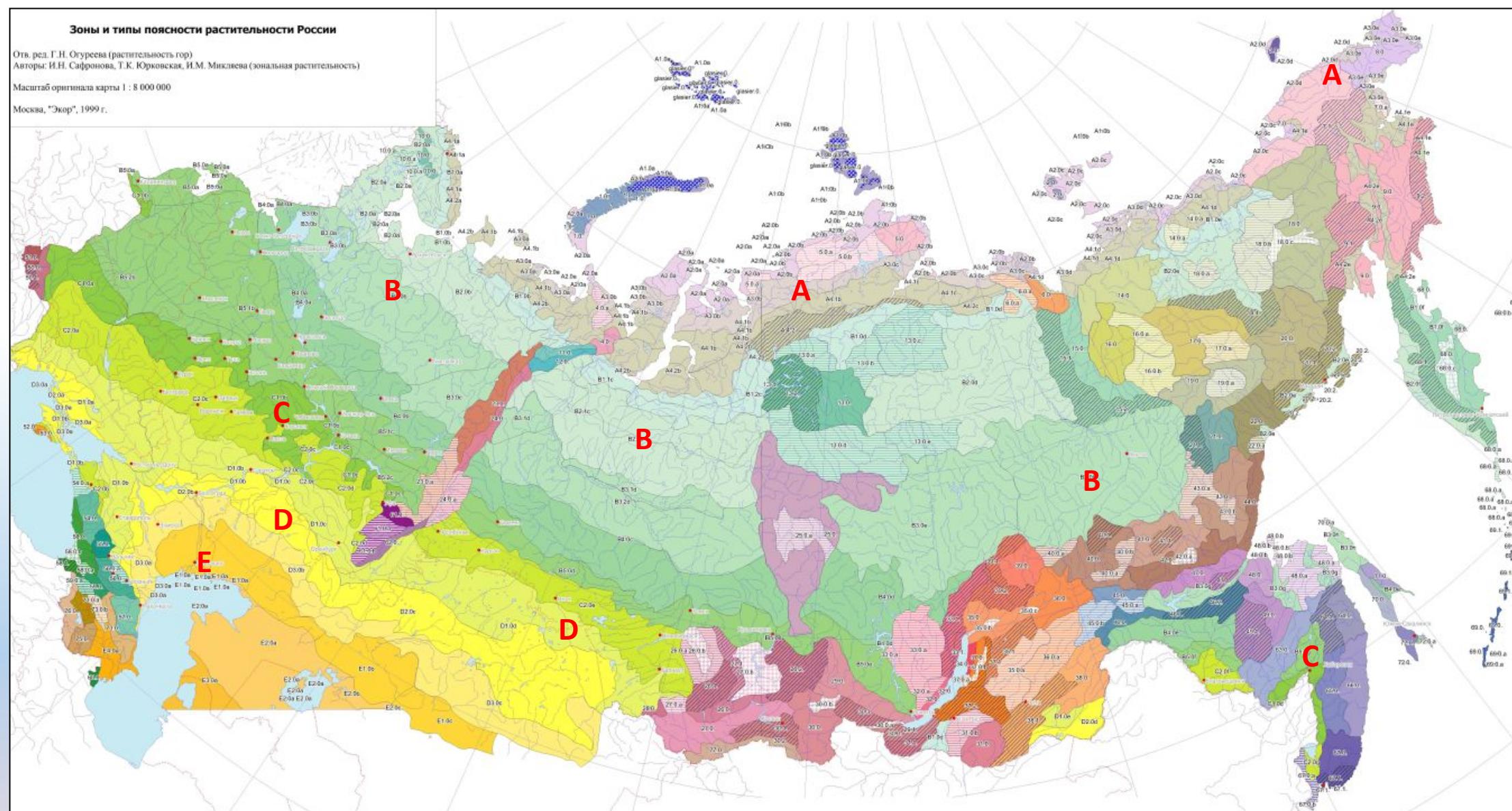
**Subdivisions** 85 first-level administrative units

**Зоны и типы поясности растительности России**

Отв. ред. Г.Н. Огуреева (растительность гор)  
Авторы: И.Н. Сафронова, Т.К. Юрковская, И.М. Михлева (зональная растительность)

Масштаб оригинала карты 1 : 8 000 000

Москва, "Экор", 1999 г.



- A – tundra
- B – taiga
- C – hardwoods
- D – steppe
- E – deserts

Main vegetation types of Russia (zonal biomes)

Source: Ogureeva et al. (1999)

# Herbaria of the world: 396M specimens



*Herbaria:*

- World: 3,426
- Russia: 124

*Specimens:*

- World: 396,204,891
- Russia: 16,175,934

# Herbarium collections: top countries

1. USA 78,462,700
2. France 24,046,688
3. UK 23,655,232
4. Germany 22,120,100
5. People's Republic of China 20,375,136
6. **Russia 16,175,934**
7. Japan 12,860,724
8. Sweden 12,033,000
9. Switzerland 12,027,534
10. Italy 11,596,611



Source: Thiers (2021)

[http://sweetgum.nybg.org/science/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/The\\_Worlds\\_Herbaria\\_2020.pdf](http://sweetgum.nybg.org/science/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/The_Worlds_Herbaria_2020.pdf)

# Top herbarium collections of Russia

	Institution	Code	Collections
1	Komarov Botanical Institute, RAS	LE	6,000,000
2	Moscow State University	MW	1,044,751
3	Central Siberian Botanical Garden, SB RAS	NS + NSK	800,000
4	Saint Petersburg University	LECB	800,000
5	Main Botanical Garden, RAS	MHA	610,000
6	Institute of Biology and Soil Science, FEB RAS	VLA	500,000
7	Tomsk State University	TK	500,000
8	Komi Scientific Centre, RAS	SYKO	407,000
9	Vavilov Institute of Plant Genetic Resources	WIR	376,825
10	Southern Federal University	RV	350,000

Source: Thiers (2021)

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# Standard Published Floras

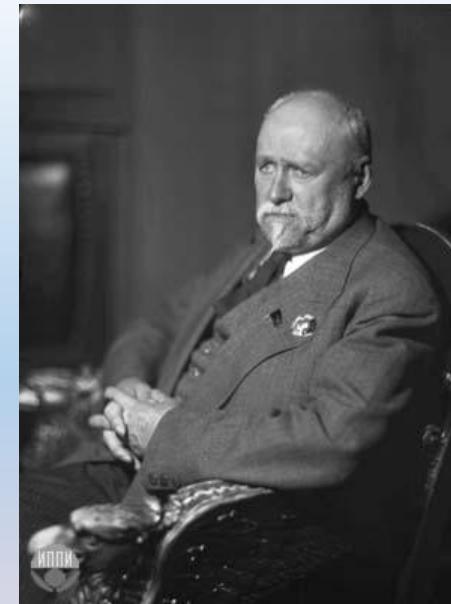
1. Complete floras
2. Checklists by Czerepanov
3. Basic regional floras

# Two complete Russian floras in 200 years

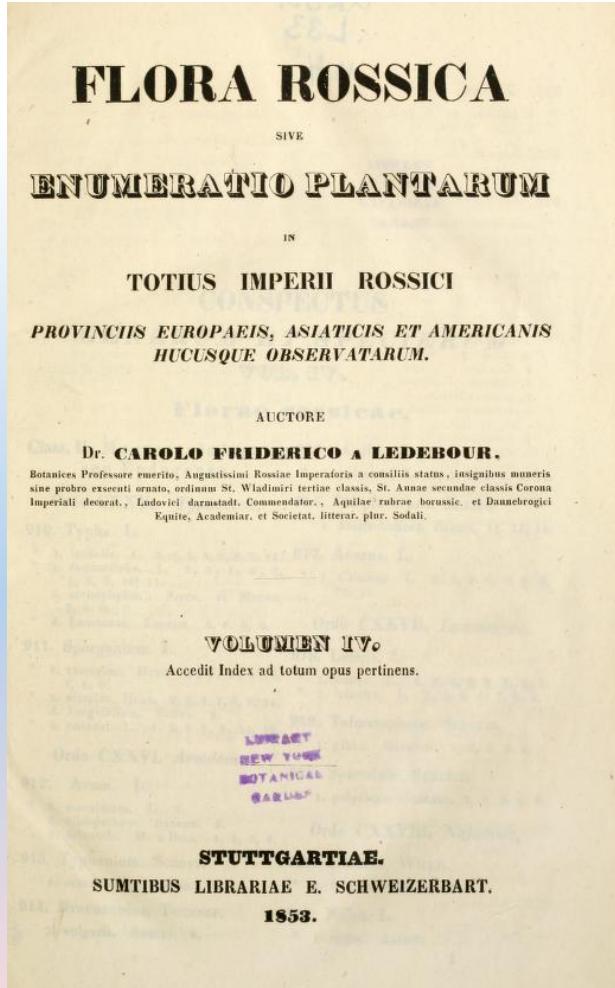
**“Flora Rossica” (1842–1853)**  
**written by Ledebour**



**“Flora URSS” (1934–1964)**  
**edited by Komarov**



# “Flora Rossica” (1842–1853) by Ledebour



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petropoli.) et Sitcha! (ESCHSCHOLTZ, MERTENS et BONGARD) unde abit usque in California, q.

Cel. HOEKER (*Fl. boreal-americ. II*, p. 191) hanc stirpem foliis adversis cum *J. ensifolio* foliis aversis coecavit. Multo magis accedit ad *J. castaneum*, cuius et habitum et perianthii formam refert, cuique adeo similis est, ut ei KUNTH (*I. c. p. 360* in nota) *J. falcata* specimen ex Unalaschka a *J. castaneo* haud differre videri judicaret. Sunt autem *J. castanei* folia stricte erecta, ea *J. falcata* fere semper plus minusve ad latus arcuata, unde nomen; perianthii foliis illius lanceolata, hujs ovata; stamina illius perianthio aequilonga, hujs dimidio breviora; capsula illius oblonga, dum perfecte matura, perianthio fere duplo longior, hujs pyriformis perianthium vix excedens; semina illius erecta longissime scobiformia; hujs horizontalia pyriformia, testa quidem paulo laxiore, minime tamen in processum vacuum utrinque relaxata.

17. *J. compressus* (JACQ. *Enum. rindob.* p. 60 et 235) caule compressiusculo, foliis canaliculatis; anthela composita, floribus remotiusculis, perianthi foliis ellipticis obtusis; exterioribus sublongioribus duobus dimidiis capsulam subglobosam vix superantibus, stylo abbreviato.

*J. compressus*. KOCH *Synops.* ed. 2, p. 588. — C. A. MEYER *Ind. conc.* p. 33. — HOHENACK *Enum. Elizabethepol.* p. 229. — FLEISCH. et LINDEM. *Fl. d. Ostseeprov.* p. 128. — C. A. MEYER *Beitr. s. Plantenk. d. Russ. R. V.* No. 57. — J. KOCH in *Linnæa. XI*, p. 629.

*J. bulbosus*. L. (pro parte). — KUNTH *I. c. p. 351.* — GORTER *Fl. ingr.* p. 51. — KALM *Fl. fennic.* No. 193. — GEORGI *It. I.* p. 207. — FERBER in *FISCH. LIVL. ZUS.* p. 155. — FALK *Beitr. II*, p. 163. — GILIB. *Exerc. phytol.* II, p. 506. — STEPHAN *Fl. mosq.* No. 233. — PALL. *Ind. Taur.* — GEORGI *Beschr. d. Russ. R. III.* 4, p. 914; *Nachtr.* p. 268. — M. a BIEB. *Fl. t. c. I.* p. 285. *III.* p. 75. — JUNDZ. *Fl. lithuan.* p. 109. — MART. *Fl. mosq.* p. 63. — BESCHTAW. *Enum.* p. 112. — LUCAS *Fl. osil.* p. 103. — HÖFETT *Cat. Kurssk.* p. 26. — LINDEM. *Fl. alt.* II, p. 48. — EICHW. *Skizze* p. 122. — *Ej. esp. conc.* p. 2. — WEINM. *Fl. petropol.* p. 38. — TURCZ. *Cat. Baikal.* No. 1167. — WIRGIN. *Casan.* No. 550. — KAREL. et KIRIL. *Enum. pl. Fl. alt.* No. 876. — EOR. *Enum. pl. des. soongoro-kirghisici* No. 836. — A. NYLAND. *Parceo. Poja.* No. 344 (excl. var.  $\beta$ ). —

*J. foliis mollioribus carinatis, paniculis multiplici et ramosa.* GMEL. *Fl. sib. I.* p. 67, No. 31, t. 17, f. 2.

Hab. in Rossia (ubique (FALK) septentrionali [Ostrobothnia (F. NYLANDER, in *Itt.*), Fennia (KALM, A. NYLANDER)], media [Petropoli (GORTER, WEINM.), ins. Osilia (LUCE), Livonia], Cucuia (FERBER, FLEISCH. et LINDEM.), Lithuania (GILIB., JUNDZ., EICHW., Volhynia (BESSEN), Kurss (HÖFETT), Mosqua (STEPHAN, MART.), Peush! (JACQUET pl. exs.), Kasan (WIRZEN), Wiätska (C. A. MEYER, PERN (WEINM.) et australi [Podolia (BESSEN), ad Taman (HENNING) et Wolgan pr. Astrachan! (EICHW.)], in Tauria (PALL., M. a BIEB.) et provinciis caucasicis (M. a BIEB.) (in promontor. septentr. inque m. Beschtaw, alt. 200—400 hexap! (C. A. MEYER), Iberia (C. KOCH), territor. Elisabethopol (HOHENACK), Sibiria uralensi (J. G. GMEL., FALK), allata! (J. G. GMEL., FALK, FL. ALT., KAREL. et KIRIL.) in des. soongoro-kirghisico ad fl. Lepsa (KAREL. et KIRIL.), pr. Krasnojarsk (TURCZ. in *Itt.*) et baikalensi! (GEORGI, REDOFFSKY pl. exs., TURCZ.) inque Davuria (TURCZ.). 2.

Quoniam haec stirps vix unquam, sequens semper in salis crescat, probabile est, plura et synonyma et loca natalia, quae huic adscripsum, ad illam pertinere.

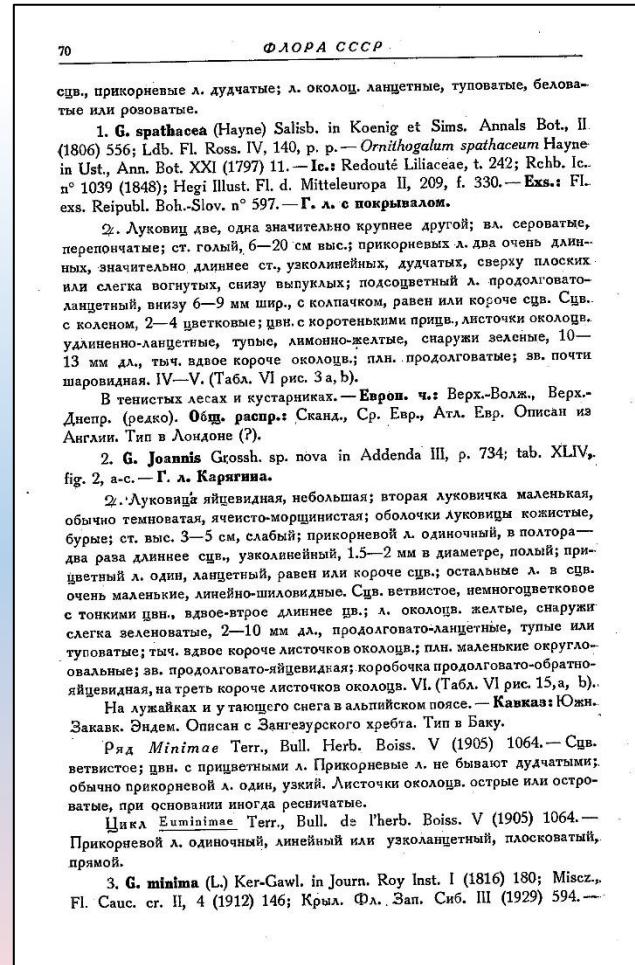
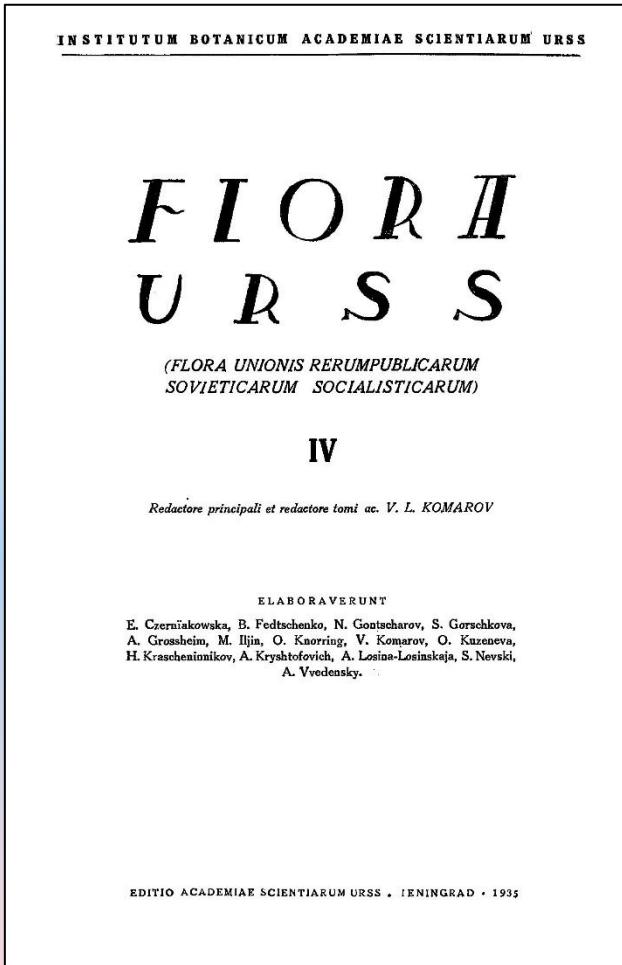
18. *J. Gerardi* (LOISEL *Notic.* p. 60) caule compressiusculo, foliis

- 6,522 species
- 1,139 genera
- 146 families
- 4 volumes
- In Latin



Written by Carl Friedrich von Ledebour,  
a German botanists employed by  
Russia.

# “Flora URSS” (1934–1964) by 92 authors



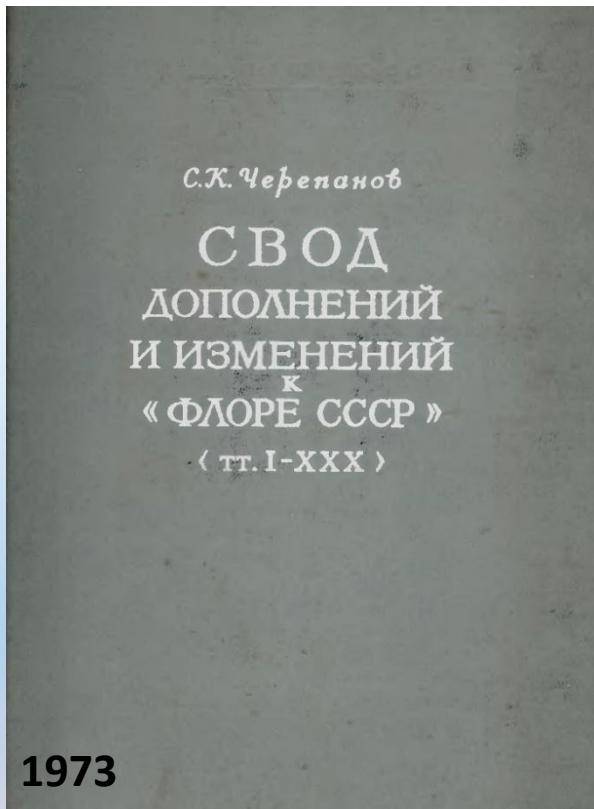
- 17,520 species
- 1,676 genera
- 160 families
- 30 volumes
- In Russian

(translated into English)

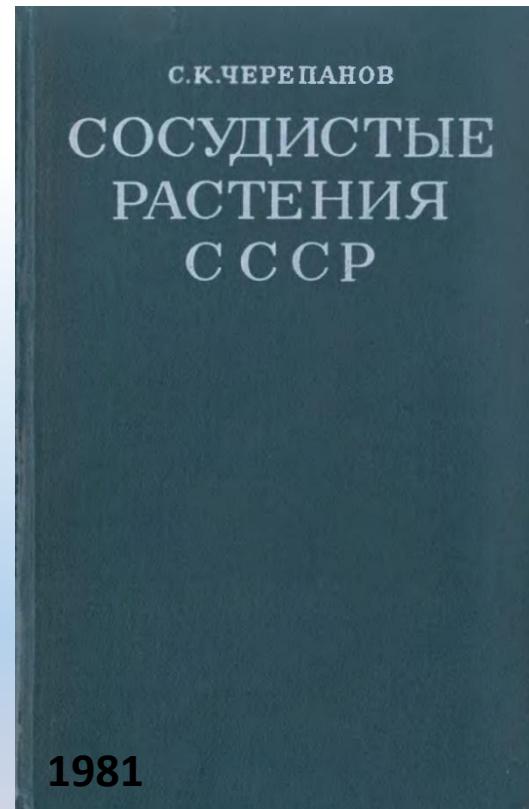
Written by Komarov Institute, RAS staff members under the leadership of V.L. Komarov (Leningrad, USSR)



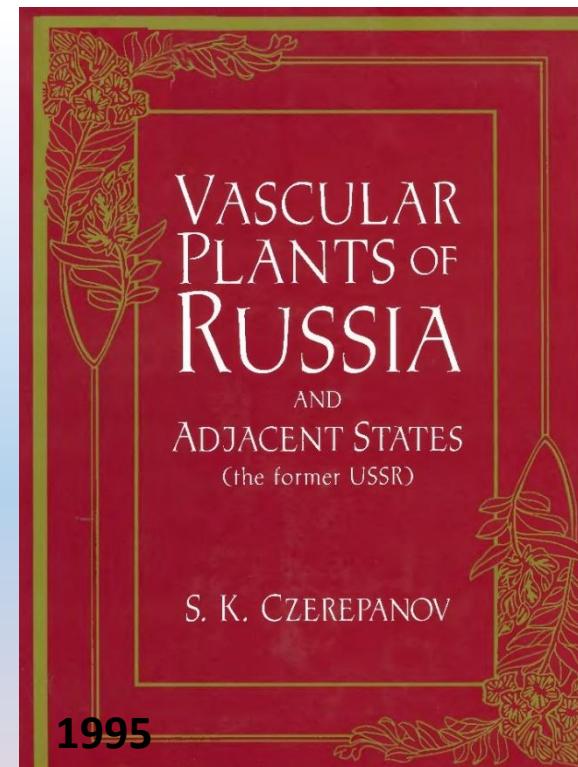
# Checklists by Sergei Czerepanov



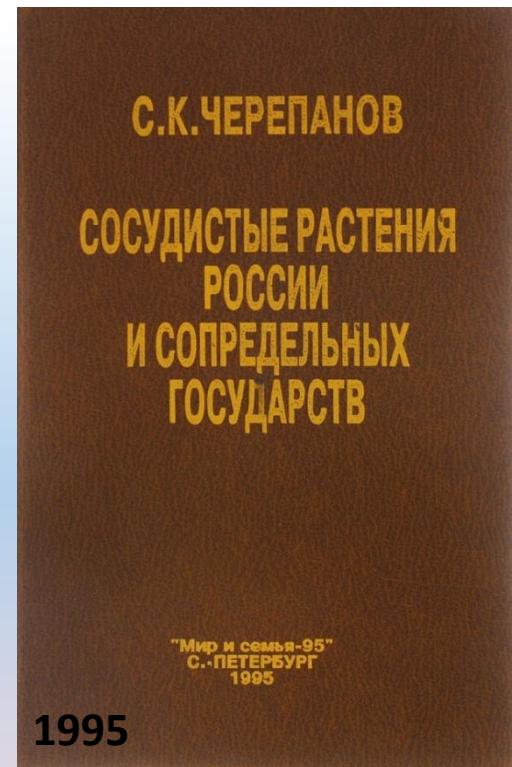
Additions to the “Flora URSS”:  
4,745 species and subspecies  
added



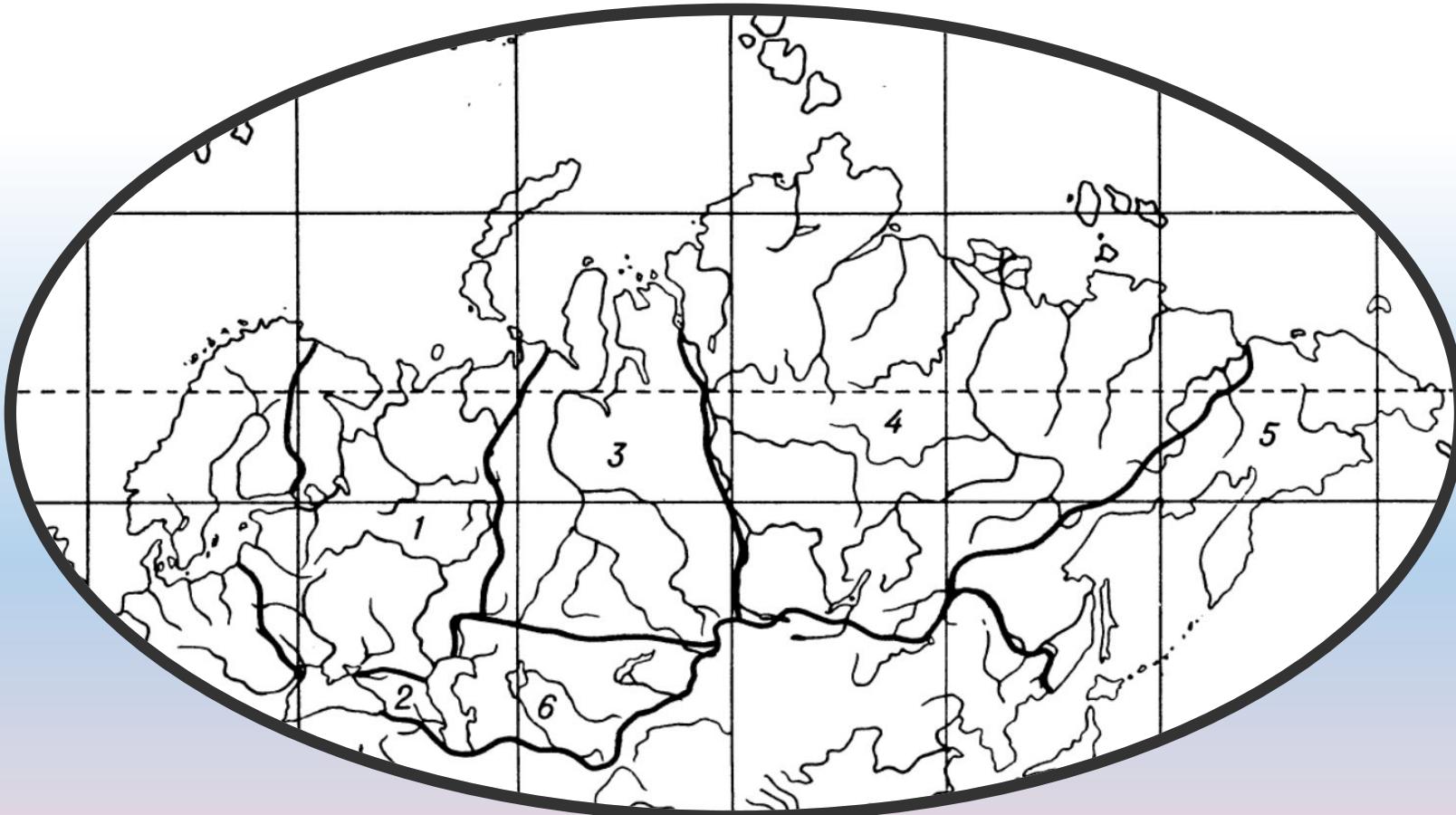
A checklist #1: **22,238 taxa**  
21,463 species  
330 subspecies  
445 hybrids



A checklist #2: **23,397 taxa** (international and Russian editions)  
21,770 species, 500 subspecies, 594 hybrids,  
533 most widely cultivated species



# Czerepanov (1995): a distribution map



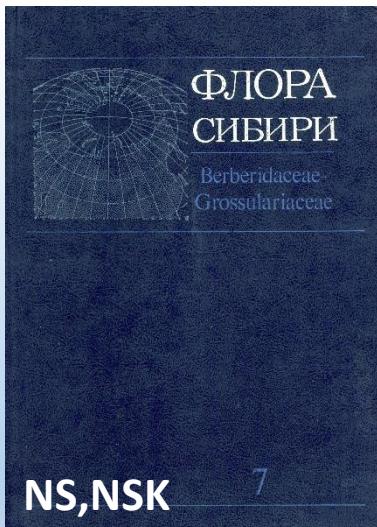
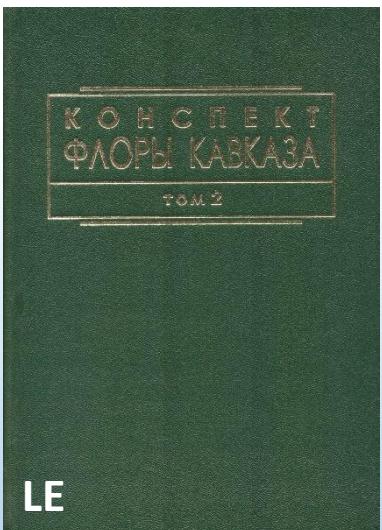
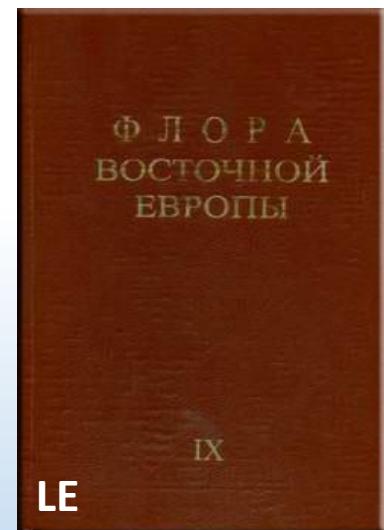
1. Eastern Europe
2. Caucasus
3. Western Siberia
4. Eastern Siberia
5. Far East
6. Middle Asia

3,4,5 – in Russia

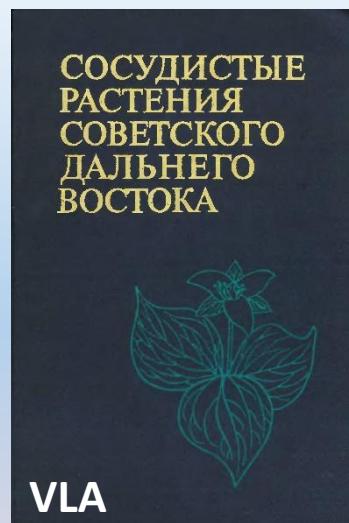
1,2 – partly in Russia

6 – outside Russia

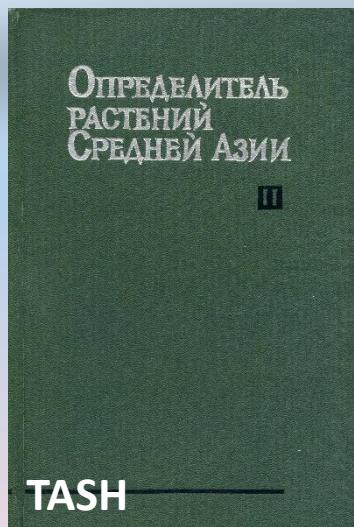
# Five standard floras



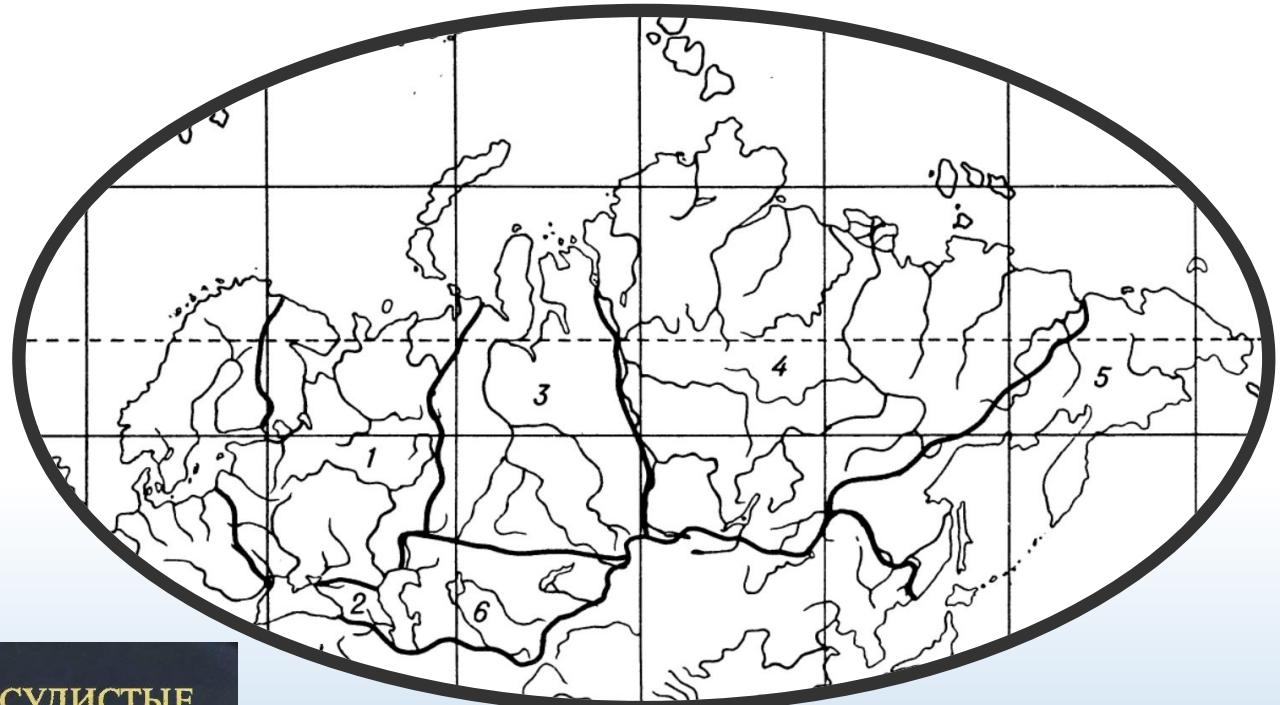
Areas 3,4  
1988-2003



Area 5  
1985-2006



Area 6  
1968-1993



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# No reliable data on the number of species in the flora of Russia



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- An estimate by Kamelin (2007) is 12,500 species
- An estimate 10,197

# Electronic resources

1. Digitized literature
2. Databased literature records
3. Digitized herbarium collections
4. Observations with photos

# Biblioteka “Flora i Fauna”



- A library of the Russian-language scanned monographs and serials on biodiversity
- 14,321 volumes
- Initiated by Alexey Shipunov (currently in US)
- Available at <http://herba.msu.ru/shipunov/school/sch-ru.htm>
- Russian language only

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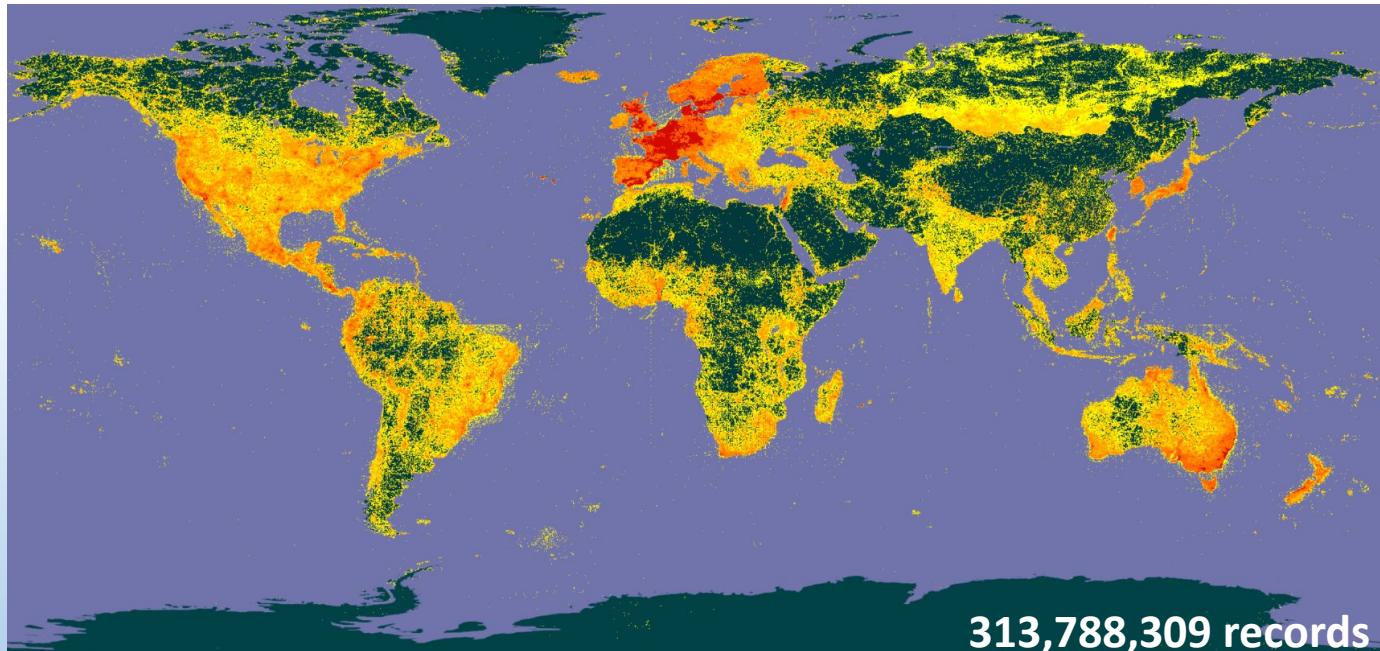
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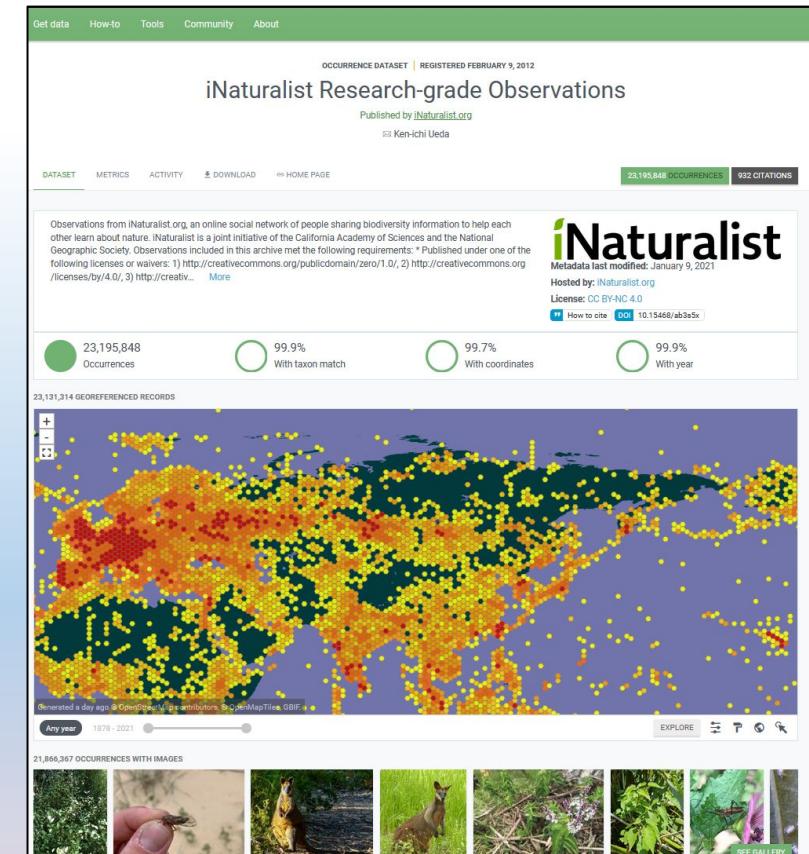
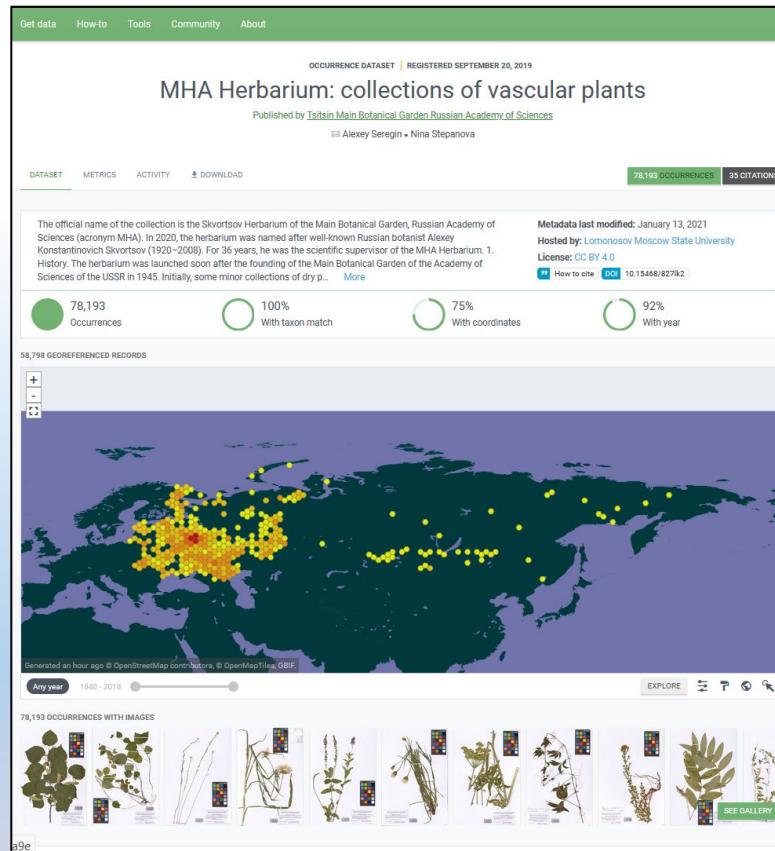
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Лишайники	Определитель	2019	Флора Беларуси. Лишайники. Т. 1. Candelariaceae - Verrucariaceae. Минск, 2019, <a href="#">DjVu+</a>
Животные	Справочник	2009	Колтунов Е.В. Флора и фауна природного парка "Самаровский Чугас". Энтомофауна. Екатеринбург, 2009, <a href="#">DjVu+</a>
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# Russia in GBIF: vascular plants

1. France 58,273,994
2. Germany 27,264,091
3. Netherlands 20,562,419
4. Australia 19,328,323
5. United Kingdom 18,616,825
6. Spain 17,600,567
7. United States of America 17,352,134
8. Sweden 16,266,611
- ...
16. Russian Federation 2,852,102



# Three main sources of e-occurrences in GBIF



## 1. Digitized herbarium specimens

**821,390 (29%)**

## 2. Dots from published floras

**169,854 (6%)**

## 3. Records with photographic evidences

**1,718,185 (65%)**

Source: GBIF (2021)  
15 Jan 2021

# How many specimens are imaged in Russia?

Russia:

- 16,176,000 physical specimens
- 1,309,000 imaged
- **7,8% imaged**



World:

- 396,205,000 physical specimens
- ca. 62,000,000 imaged
- **15,6% imaged**



Sources: Thiers (2021), Index Herbariorum, other sources  
Original counts and estimates

# Top digital herbaria of Russia

	Institution	Herbarium Code	Images	Proportion of imaged specimens	Web-portal
1	Lomonosov Moscow State University (Moscow)	MW	1,029K	94%	<a href="https://plant.depo.msu.ru/">https://plant.depo.msu.ru/</a> <a href="https://www.gbif.org/">https://www.gbif.org/</a>
2	Main Botanical Garden, RAS (Moscow)	MHA	78K	13%	<a href="https://plant.depo.msu.ru/">https://plant.depo.msu.ru/</a> <a href="https://www.gbif.org/">https://www.gbif.org/</a>
3	Central Siberian Botanical Garden, RAS (Novosibirsk)	NS+ NSK	52K	7%	<a href="http://84.237.85.99:8081/">http://84.237.85.99:8081/</a> <a href="https://www.gbif.org/">https://www.gbif.org/</a>
4	Komarov Botanical Institute, RAS (Saint Petersburg)	LE	44K	<1%	<a href="http://herbariumle.ru/">http://herbariumle.ru/</a>
5	Botanical Garden-Institute, RAS (Vladivostok)	VBGI	42K	53%	<a href="http://botsad.ru/herbarium/">http://botsad.ru/herbarium/</a>
6	Institute of Plant and Animal Ecology, RAS (Yekaterinburg)	SVER	18K	14%	<a href="https://herbarium.ipae.uran.ru/">https://herbarium.ipae.uran.ru/</a>
7	Altai State University (Barnaul)	ALTB	17K	6%	<a href="http://old.ssbg.asu.ru/">http://old.ssbg.asu.ru/</a>
8	Tula State Pedagogical University (Tula)	TUL	9K	86%	<a href="https://plant.depo.msu.ru/">https://plant.depo.msu.ru/</a> <a href="https://www.gbif.org/">https://www.gbif.org/</a>

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# “Flora of Russia” on iNaturalist: photo observations from the community

The screenshot shows the iNaturalist project page for "Flora of Russia". The top navigation bar includes "探索" (Search), "社区" (Community), and "更多" (More). The main header features a map of Russia with various regional flags overlaid. A red sidebar on the right contains the text: "'Флора России': портал для автоматического анализа данных по региональным проектам, посвященным сосудистым растениям России." Below the sidebar, there are four summary statistics: 901,003 次观察 (observations), 7,194 种物种 (species), 4,317 个鉴定者 (verifiers), and 11,037 观察者 (observers). A "统计" (Statistics) button is also present. The bottom section displays a "排行榜" (Ranking) chart showing the number of observations for different regions: Moscow Oblast Flora (86,868), Flora of Moscow (76,839), and Bryansk Oblast Flora (39,877).

901,003 verified observations

7,194 species

11,037 observers

2,013 subscribers (members of the community)

The screenshot shows the iNaturalist project page for "Flora of Russia" with a different set of statistics. The top navigation bar and map are identical. The sidebar text reads: "Бэклог нуждающихся в определении наблюдений проекта 'Флора России' | Flora of Russia" (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/flora-of-russia>). Each observation reaching the 'Investigator level' automatically moves from this backlog to the 'Flora of Russia' portal. The statistics shown are: 117,264 次观察 (observations), 4,798 种物种 (species), 1,487 个鉴定者 (verifiers), and 6,936 观察者 (observers). Below the statistics, there is a "最近观察" (Recent Observations) section displaying four thumbnail images of plants: Carex divisa, Rubus chamaemorus, Taraxacum, and Rhodiola rosea.

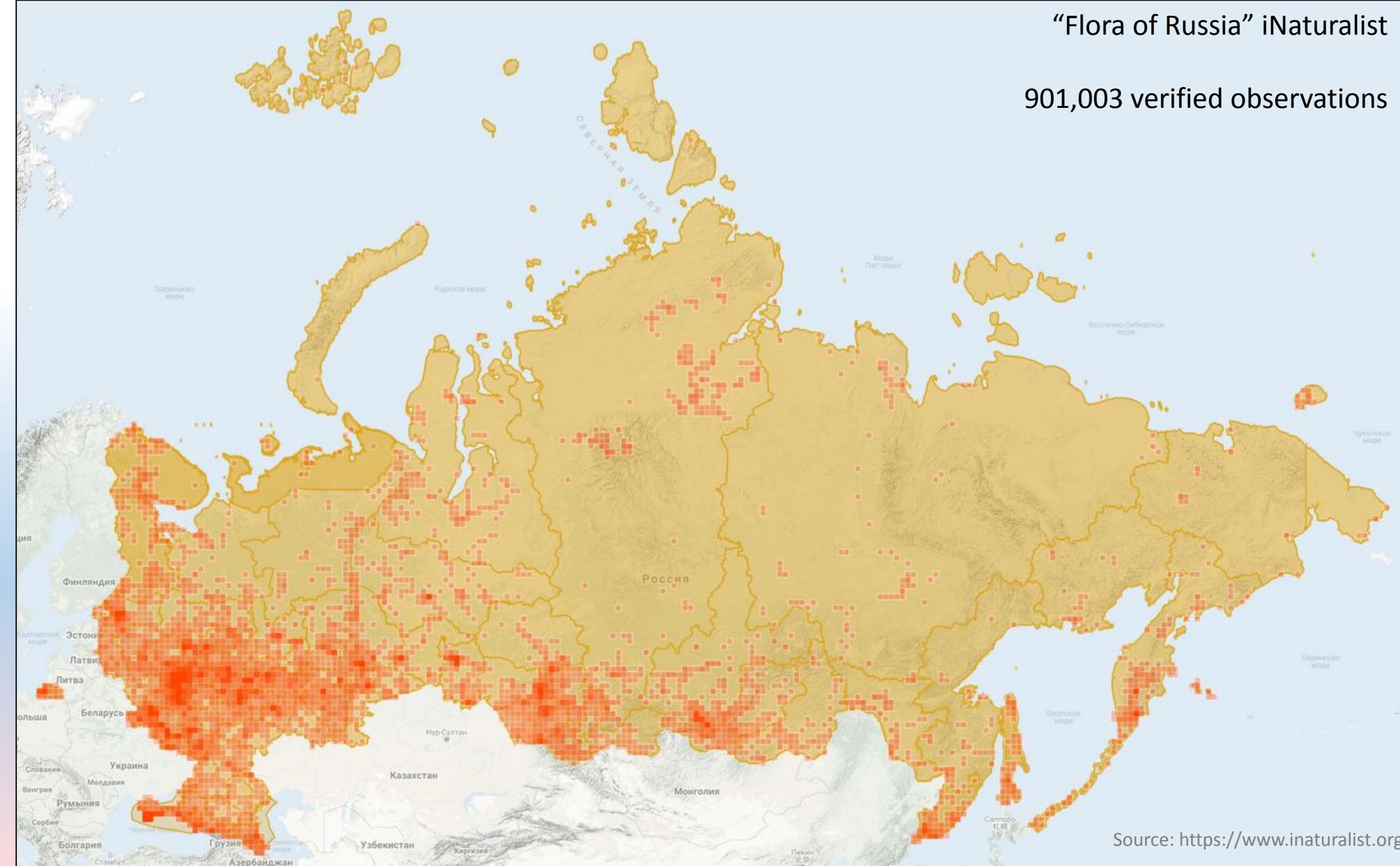
117,264 unverified observations

Source: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/flora-of-russia>

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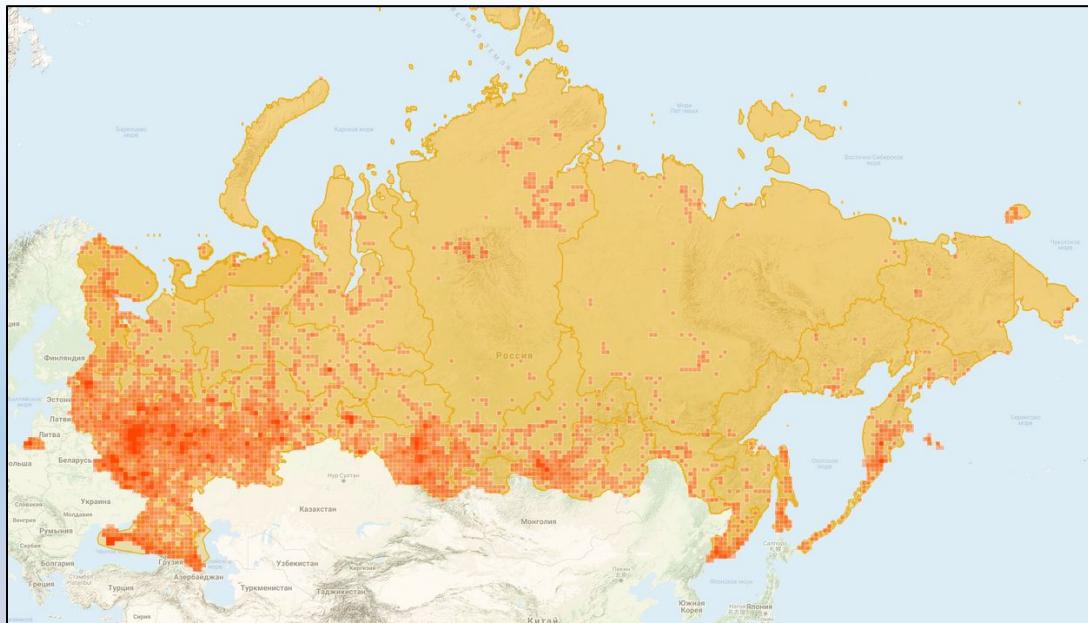
901,003 verified observations



Source: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/flora-of-russia>

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# Density of citizen science data vs. population density



Sources: <https://www.fresher.ru/2019/12/03/karty-plotnosti-naseleniya-rossii-evropy-ssha-i-avstralii/>  
<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/flora-of-russia/>

# Top observers of “Flora of Russia” on iNaturalist



Alexey Seregin,  
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Central Chernozem Reserve



Nikolay Panasenko,  
Bryansk State University



Sergey Appolonov,  
Independent Res., Shumerlya



Ekaterina Kashirina,  
Moscow State University



Marina Gorbunova,  
Independent Res., Korolyov



Vladimir Teploukhov,  
Omsk Forest Department



Igor Pospelov,  
Severtsov Institute, RAS

# Top experts of “Flora of Russia” on iNaturalist



Dmitry Bochkov,  
Moscow State University



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Moscow State University



Julia Shner,  
Moscow State University



Alexey Seregin,  
Moscow State University



Igor Kuzmin,  
Tyumen State University



Alexander Khimin,  
Pavlovsk School #2



Ruslan Nurkhanov,  
Almaty, Kazakhstan



Sergey Lednev,  
Moscow State University

800000

# FLORA OF RUSSIA ON iNATURALIST: DATA GROWTH

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600000

500000

400000

300000

200000

100000

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2019

SUMMER  
2020

Verified  
records

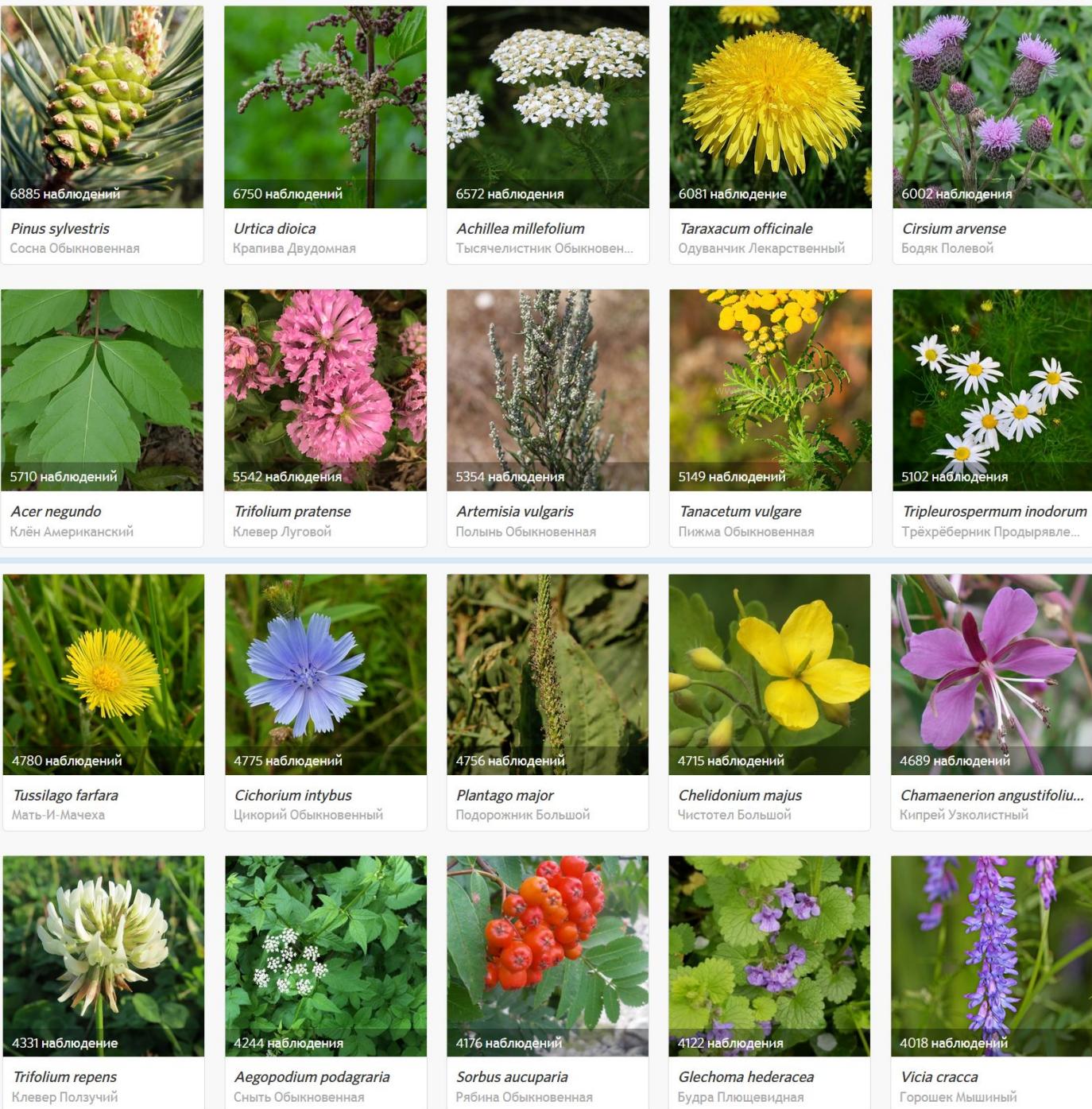
Unverified  
records



Source: Seregin et al. (2020)

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# Top 20 most recorded species of the Russian flora on iNaturalist



# *Ambrosia artemisiifolia* L. in Russia

All GBIF data:

653 records, incl.

2019–2020:

376 records, incl.

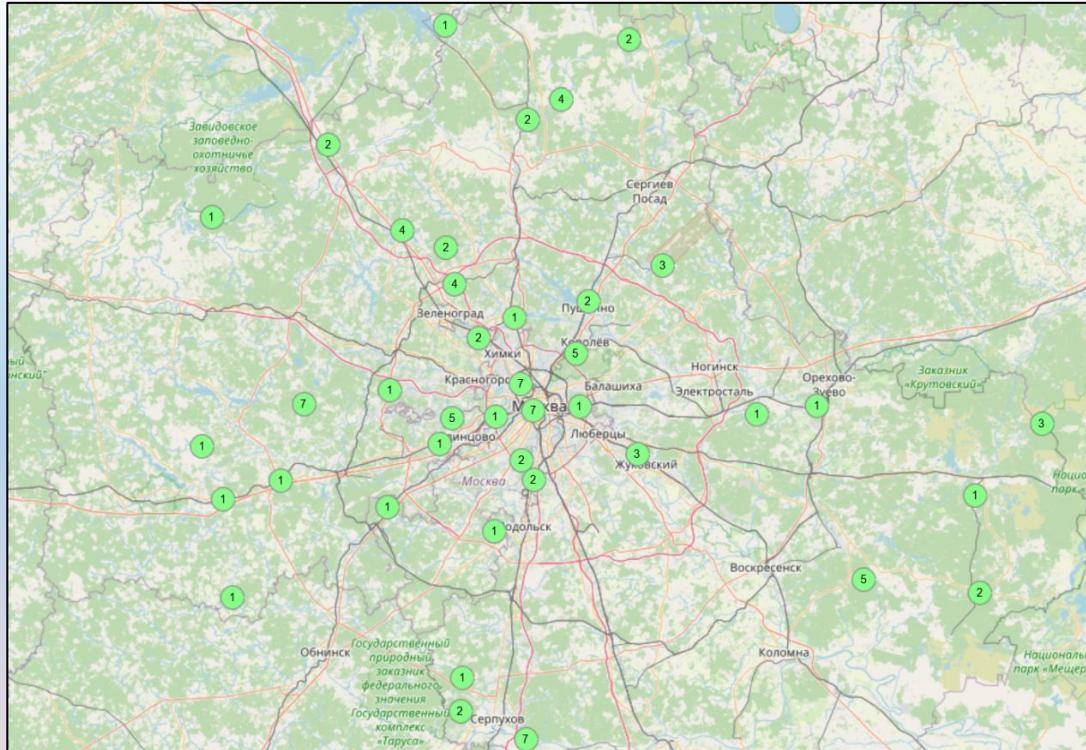
351 records (54%) from iNaturalist

324 records (86%) from iNaturalist

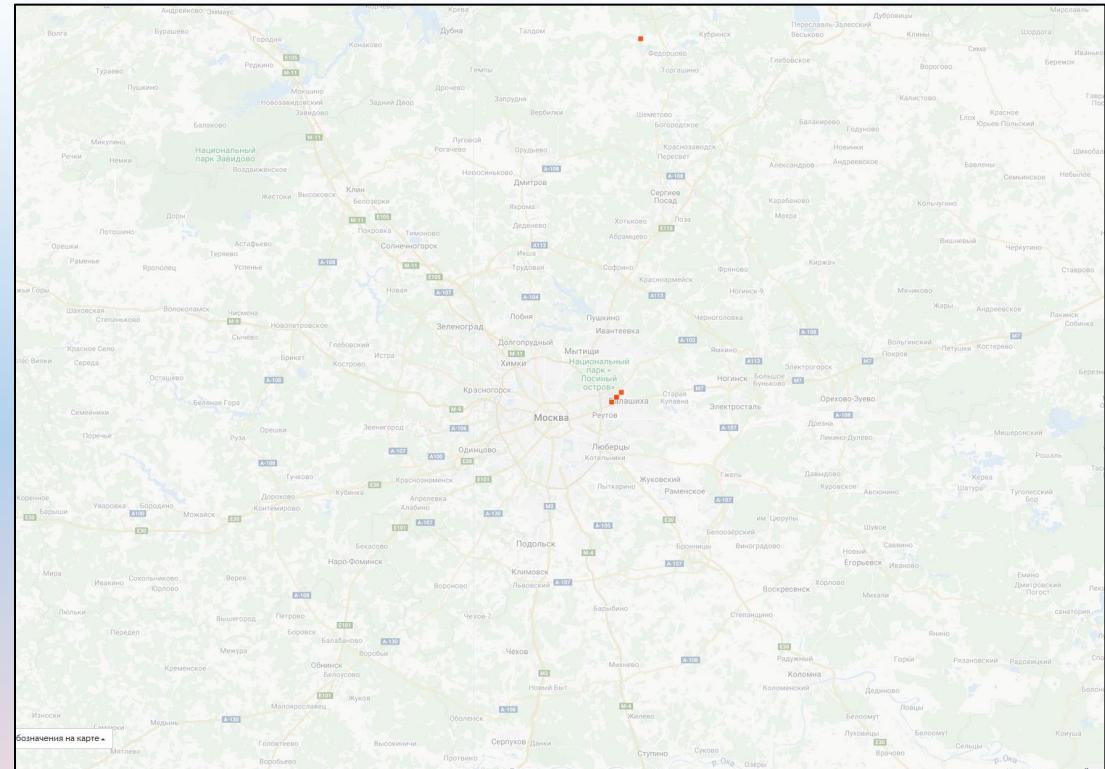


# *Pedicularis palustris* L. in Moscow Region

Herbarium data: 122 records



iNaturalist data: 7 records (4 localities)



Sources: <https://www.inaturalist.org/>; <https://plant.depo.msu.ru/>

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# Basic patterns of the Russian flora

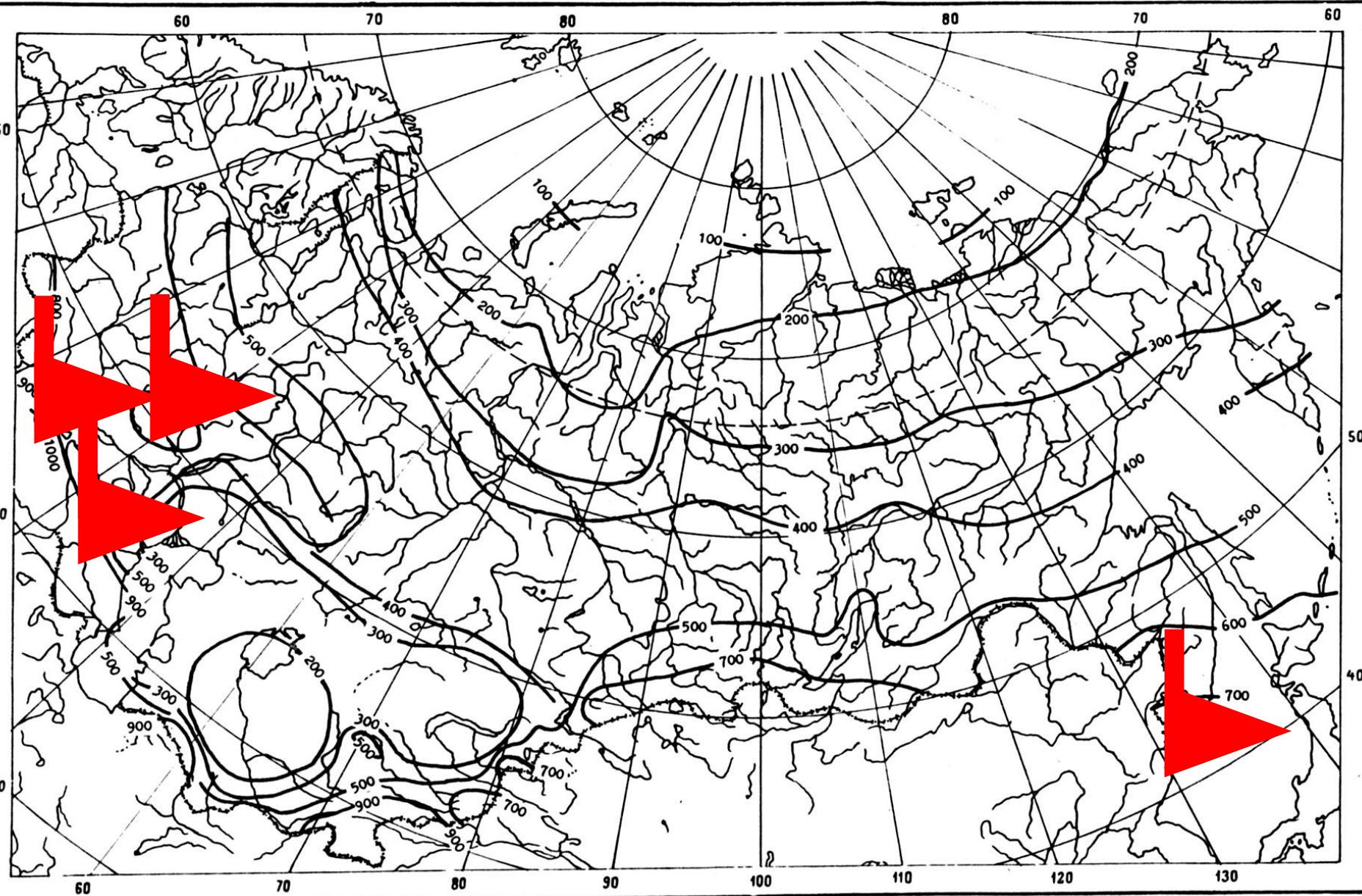
1. Floristic divisions
2. Species diversity: standard areas
3. Species diversity: administrative units



Four major floristic regions of Russia (Takhtajan, 1978)

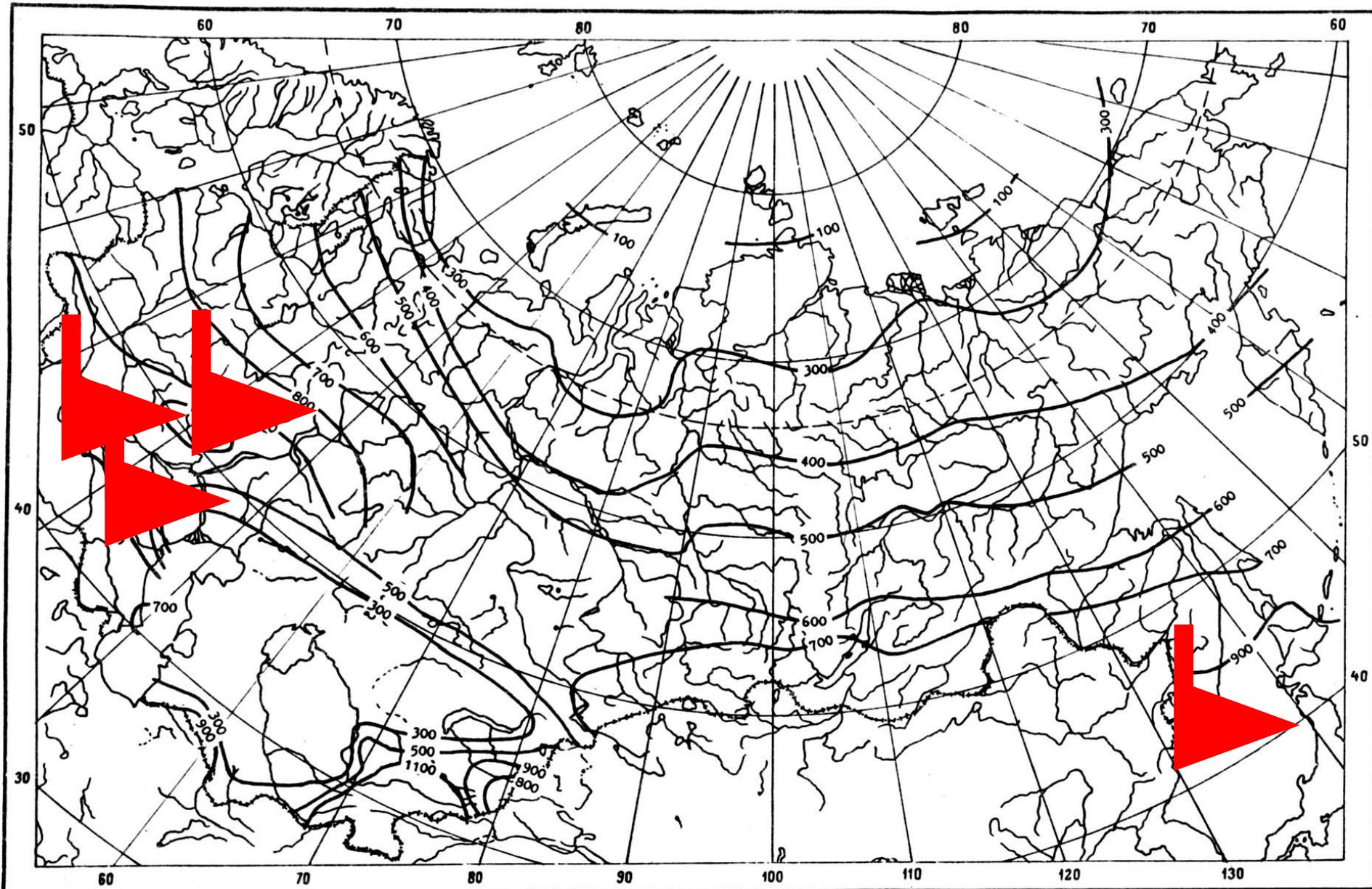
Boreal subkingdom	Area	Species diversity
1. Circumboreal Region (12 provinces)	<b>98%</b>	?
2. Eastern Asian Region (2 provinces)	<b>1,5%</b>	<b>24%</b>

Ancient Mediterranean subkingdom	Area	Species diversity
3. Mediterranean Region (1 province)	<b>0,01%</b>	<b>16%</b>
4. Irano-Turanian Region (1 province)	<b>0,5%</b>	<b>10%</b>

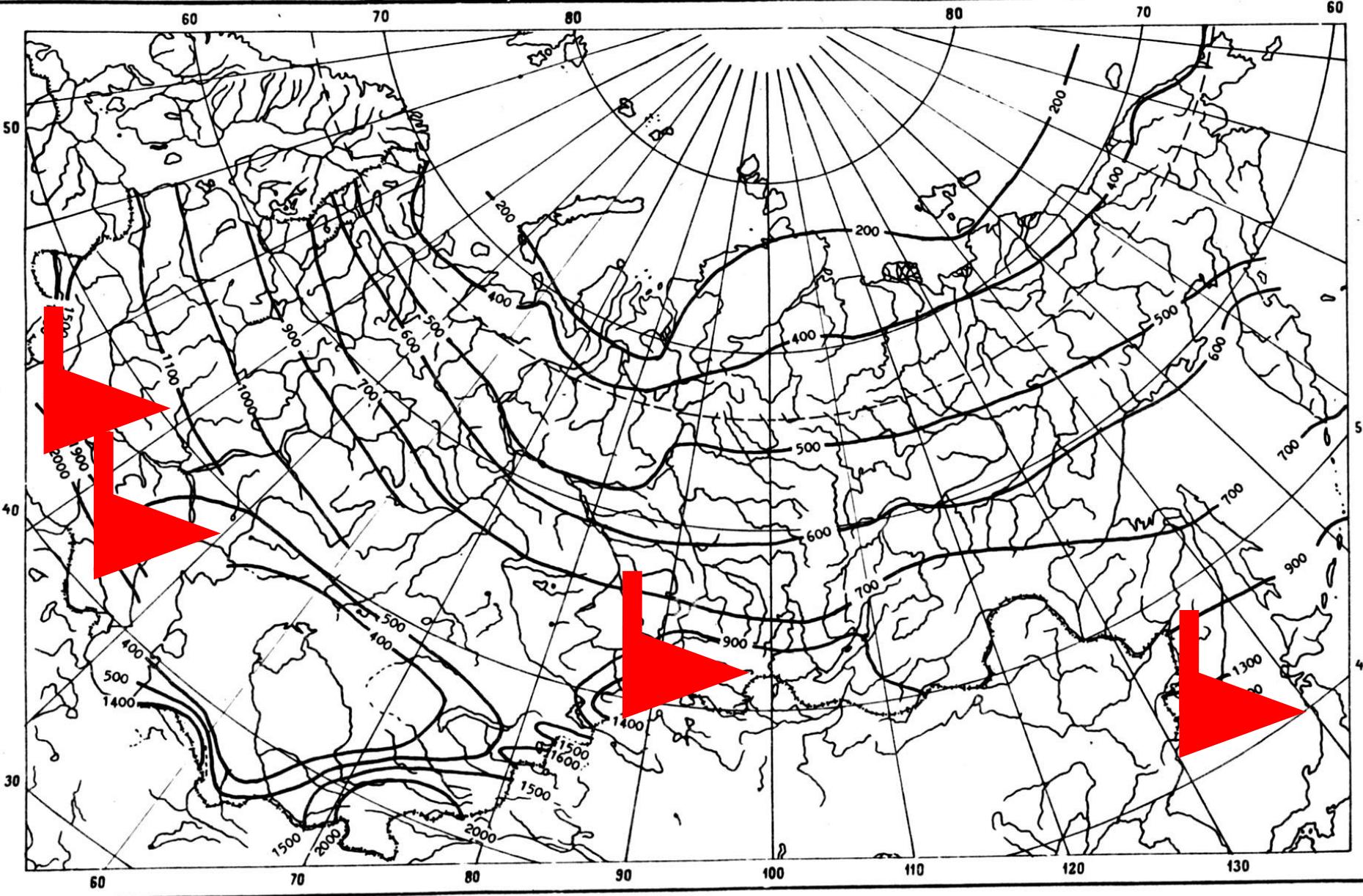


Number of vascular plant species per 100 km<sup>2</sup> (Malyshev 1992)

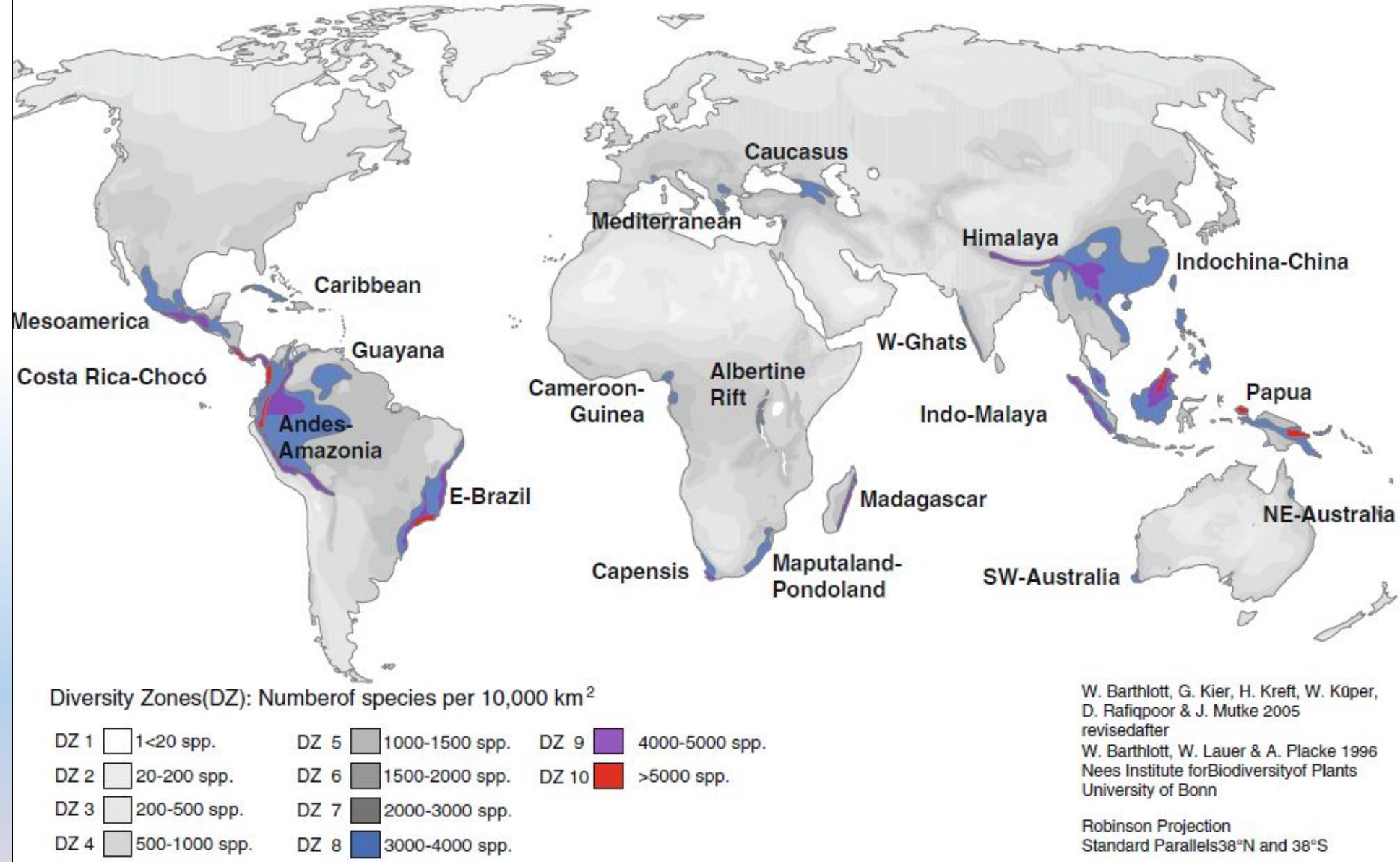
1. Crimean Mts.  
>1,000
2. Caucasus  
>900
3. Forest/steppe ecotone  
(Voronezh area)  
>800
4. Vladivostok area  
>800



1. Crimean Mts.  
>>1,500 (!)
2. Caucasus  
>1,300
3. Forest/steppe ecotone  
(Voronezh area)  
>1,100
4. Vladivostok area  
>1,100



Number of vascular plant species per 10,000 km<sup>2</sup> (Malyshev 1992)



20 центров максимального разнообразия сосудистых растений  
(Barthlott et al. 2005, 2011)

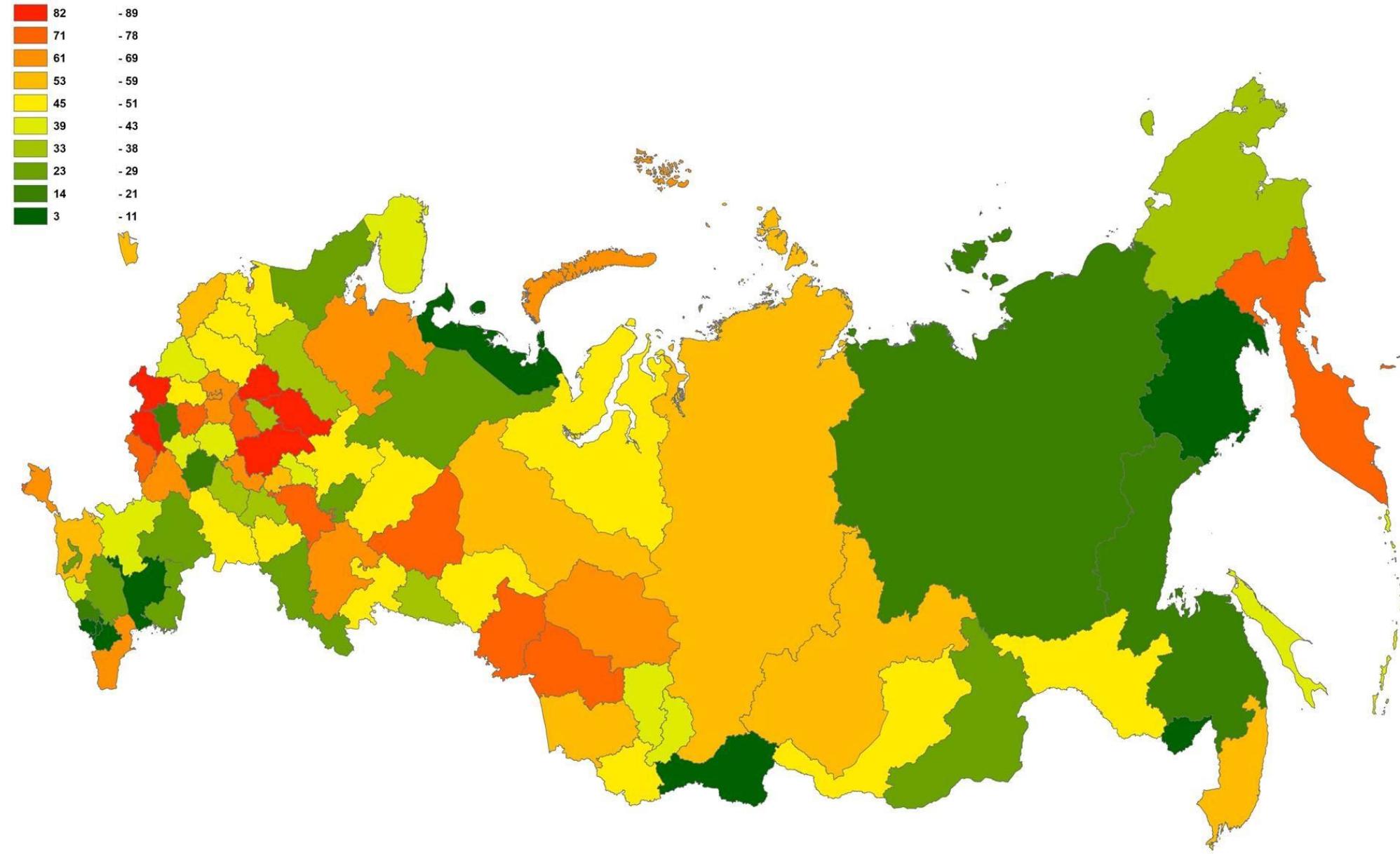
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Number of vascular plant species per administrative units (by Igor Pospelov based upon Seregin et al. (2020))



Efforts of *iNaturalist* community in documenting of species diversity (by Igor Pospelov based upon Seregin et al. (2020))

Source: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/flora-of-russia>

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# Citizen science data (left) vs. specimen data (right) for the Russian flora: top recorded species

7 740	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.
6 577	<i>Urtica dioica</i> L.
6 252	<i>Acer negundo</i> L.
6 076	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> L.
5 774	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i> L.
5 607	<i>Cirsium arvense</i> (L.) Scop.
5 423	<i>Chelidonium majus</i> L.
5 404	<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L.
5 190	<i>Trifolium pratense</i> L.
5 099	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> F.H.Wigg.

2 187	<i>Festuca rubra</i> L.
2 024	<i>Carex nigra</i> Reich.
1 931	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> (L.) P.Beauv.
1 861	<i>Poa pratensis</i> L.
1 842	<i>Equisetum arvense</i> L.
1 485	<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i> (L.) Bernh.
1 485	<i>Festuca ovina</i> L.
1 456	<i>Elymus repens</i> (L.) Gould
1 420	<i>Carex acuta</i> L.
1 392	<i>Calamagrostis purpurea</i> Trin.

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