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***Pyrus farsistanica* Browicz — a new species of pear from southern Iran**

*Pyrus farsistanica* Browicz sp. nov. — Arbor humilis 4–5 metralis, forsitan inermis, habitu *Pistaciae atlanticae* similis. Ramuli juveniles glabri vel subglabri, spadicei, vetustiores cinerei, lenticellis pallidis. Folia usque ad  $4.5 \times 4$  cm, late obovata, basi cuneata, in dimidio superiore rotundata vel inconspicue emarginata, apice abrupte et breviter acuta, initio margine pilosa, ad tertiam partem vel ad dimidium laminae minute serrata vel crenato-serrata, utrinque glabra, subtus magis pallida et reticulato-nervosa, exiccata non nigrescens. Petioli 18–28 mm longi, glabri vel pilis singularis obsiti. Corymbi 6–12-flori, glabri. Flores albi 2.5–



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Fig. 1. A herbarium specimen of *Pyrus farsistanica* (Holotypus — Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh)

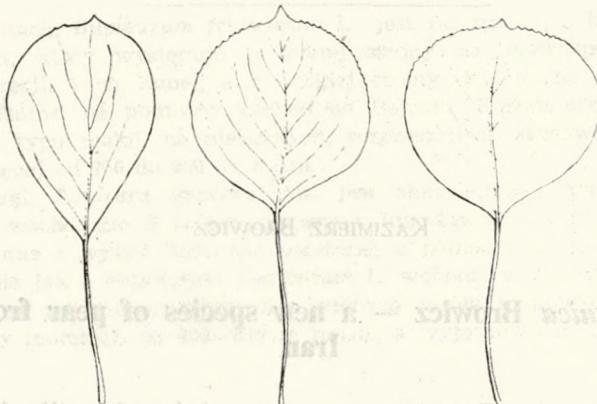


Fig. 2. Leaves of *Pyrus farsistanica* — natural size.

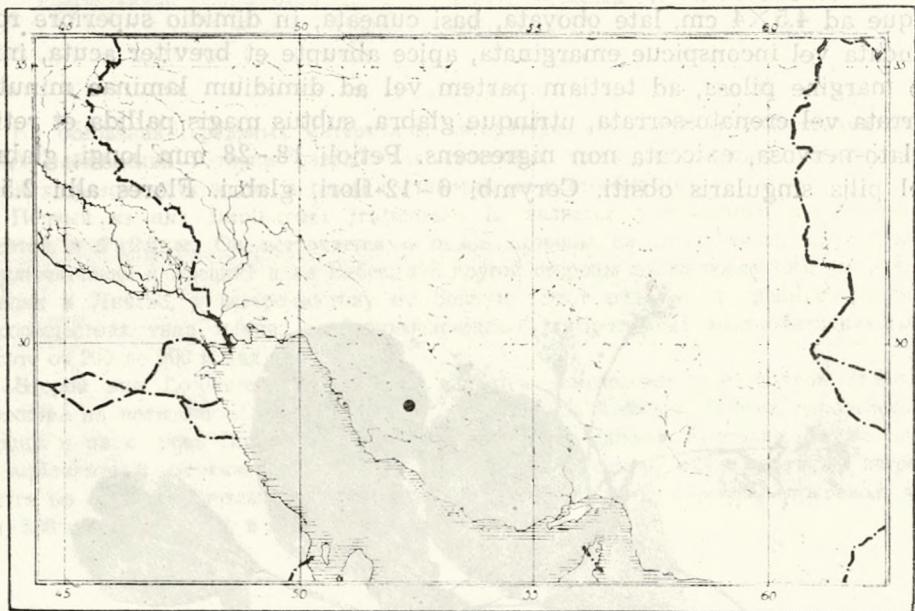


Fig. 3. Distribution of *Pyrus farsistanica* in southern Iran.

— 3.5 cm diametro; pedicelli 4–5 cm longi. Petala suborbiculata, ca 15 mm longa, glabra, breviter unguiculata. Hypanthium glabrum. Calycis laciniae triangulares, plus minusve acuminatae, intus albolanatae. Styli glabri. Antherae atrofuscae. Fructus ignotus.

**Type:** Iran, 25–27 km from Firuzabad to Farashband, sheltered N slope of valley, above Khergheh village, 1500 m, 3.4.1974, Davis and Bokhari (D.56355) — holotype E.

**Affinitas:** A *Pyrus turcomanica* Maleev et *Pyrus tadzhikistanica* Zapr. praesertim foliorum forma ac longitudo pedicelli differt. (Fig. 1). *Pyrus farsistanica* differs clearly from all other species of the genus

*Pyrus* occurring in southwestern Asia (Grossheim 1952, Schönbeck-Temesy 1969, Browicz 1972a, Zapryagaeva 1975). Differences concern primarily the shape of leaves (Fig. 2) which are obovate, cuneate at the base, shortly and suddenly acute at the apex, and 4 - 5 cm long petioles. Absence of fruits does not permit an absolutely certain positioning of the pear in the genus, however, several characters of leaves and flowers indicate that we are dealing here with a representative of section *Pyrus*, subsection *Pyrus* (according to Tuz's classification of 1972). Within this subsection it appears that *P. farsistanica* is most closely related to *P. turcomanica* Maleev and *P. tadzhikistanica* Zapryagaeva.

The range of *P. farsistanica* (Fig. 3) is most probably restricted to a very small region. Davis and Bokhari have found it in southern Iran in province Fars, 25 - 27 km from Firuzabad in the direction of Farashband. It grows there, as can be judged from the herbarium label, on a sheltered N slope of valley above Khergheh village, at an elevation of 1500 m. It occurs besides species from the genus *Pistacia* (most probably *P. atlantica* Desf. subsp. *kurdica* (Zohary) Rech.f. and *P. khinjuk* Stocks), genus *Quercus* (most probably *Q. brantii* Lindl.) and *Amygdalus scoparia* Spach, on rocky limestone slopes. As Dr. P. H. Davis has informed me this stand most definitely has a natural character. *P. farsistanica* is the most southerly species of pear in this part of Asia (Browicz, 1972b).

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*Pyrus farsistanica* Browicz — nowy gatunek gruszy z południowego Iranu

#### Streszczenie

Autor opisuje nowy gatunek gruszy znaleziony w południowym Iranie w prowincji Fars, między Firuzabad i Farashband. Rośnie on tam na wysokości 1500 m,

na skalistych, wapiennych zboczach razem z gatunkami z rodzaju *Pistacia* i *Quercus* oraz z *Amygdalus scoparia* Spach. Opierając się na cechach liści i kwiatów (brak owoców) autor uważa, że gatunek ten można zaliczyć do sekcji *Pyrus*, podsekcji *Pyrus* i że jest on blisko spokrewniony z *Pyrus turcomanica* Maleev i *P. tadschikistanica* Zapr.

## КАЗИМЕЖ · БРОВИЧ

*Pinus farsistanica* Browicz — новый вид груши с южного Ирана

## Резюме

Автор описывает новый вид груши найденный в южном Иране в провинции Фарс, между Фирузабад и Фарашабанд. Он растет там на высоте 1500 м, на скальных, известняковых склонах вместе с видами с рода *Pistacia* и *Quercus* а также *Amygdalus scoparia* Spach. Опираясь на особенностях листьев и цветков (плоды отсутствовали) автор считает, что этот вид можно причислить к секции *Pyrus*, подсекции *Pyrus* и что он ближе всего к видам *P. turcomanica* Maleev и *P. tadzhikistanica* Zapr.