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Prof. Dr. Henri Pabot

University of Damascus  
Department of Botany

Damascus, Syria

26.1.1955

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Dear Professor Pabot,

I am a botanist from the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Ankara and I was assigned by F.A.O. as a forest botanist to Jordan for a period of one year about two months ago.

I am studying the ecologic and floristic conditions of different vegetation types in Jordan and collecting the plant specimens during my field trips as well. I have heard of your nice collection of Syrian Flora and I am sure that many elements of the Jordanian Flora would be well represented in your Herbarium. I would like to visit you with Mr. Y. Salti Director of Forests and my assistant during the last week of February 1955 and spend about three days in your herbarium to compare and identify some of my specimens. This way I also hope to meet you personally. I wonder if you be in your department during this period

Awaiting your news, I remain

Very sincerely yours

Dr. Baki Kasapligil  
Department of Forests  
Amman - Jordan.

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(BAKI KASAPLIGIL)

*Sent to Prof. Palst*  
31. III. 1955

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Bien cher collègue

Je m'excuse d'avoir attendu pour vous répondre. Je suis en effet  
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 excursions, le séchage et le classement de vos plantes, etc.

Je vous remercie pour les plantes que vous m'avez envoyées par Mr Long, je n'ai malheureusement pas vu voir ce dernier, car j'étais à Palmyre lorsqu'il est passé à Damas.

Je vous envoie ci-joint les déterminations de la plupart de vos plantes. Celles qui ne sont pas sur cette liste sont actuellement à Beyrouth chez le Père Mousterde, qui doit vérifier ou compléter mes déterminations (il a des documents que je n'ai pas). Je pense retourner ces plantes à la fin de cette semaine, si le Père Mousterde a eu le temps de les étudier, (il vient de passer une semaine dans le Jezzireh).

J'ai maintenant un contrat de 6 mois avec la FAO, mais je ne pourrai commencer officiellement mon travail que le 1er juillet, car la Faculté ne m'autorise pas à commencer avant la fin des examens. L'an prochain, c'est-à-dire à partir du 1er octobre 55 (fin de mon contrat avec l'Université syrienne) je ne reprendrai pas un nouveau contrat, afin de pouvoir travailler entièrement pour la FAO et le Ministère de l'Agriculture. Le Directeur de l'Agriculture estime qu'il aura besoin de mes services pendant deux ans... J'espère donc avoir un contrat pour l'année 56, mais un contrat "full time".

Maintenant que je connais à peu près toutes les plantes de Syrie, je vais pouvoir commencer des études géobotaniques et phytosociologiques. Je me suis mis en rapport avec Mr Zmberger (professeur à Montreuil) qui a passé 15 ans au Maroc, et pourra me donner des conseils très utiles. J'aimerais voir plus souvent Mr Long, et vous-mêmes, mais nous devons travailler dans des territoires différents. Pourtant il serait intéressant de travailler quelques jours ensemble pour comparer nos méthodes et au besoin pour les uniformiser. Je ne suis actuellement aller en Jordanie, mais j'espère bientôt changer ma voiture, et alors ce sera plus facile pour moi de faire des longs voyages.

Je serai toujours heureux de recevoir par vous des plantes de Jordanie. Si vous désiriez recevoir des plantes de Syrie, donnez-moi les noms de ces espèces, je verrai si je peux vous les procurer.

Recevez, ainsi que Mr Salti, l'assurance de mes plus cordiales amitiés.

H. Tabot

20.4.55

Je reviens de Beyrouth, et j'ai vu le Père Mousterde, je peux donc compléter les déterminations de vos plantes -

Answered  
 on the 15. VI. 1955

18/4/55

- 1658 - *Statice pruinosa* L.  
 1746 - *Micromeria Sherardi* P. (?) (communicated to P. Mouterde)  
 1841 - *Fanicum turgidum* Forsk.  
 2009 - *Alotrecurus anthoxanthoides* B.  
 2013 - *Trigonella coelestria* B.  
 2014 - *Lepidium Draba* L.  
 2017 - *Stipa capensis* Thunb.  
 2020 - *Bromus variabilis* Big. var. ?  
 2031 - *Callitriche Cucullaria* (L.) Stev.  
 2037 - *Bissierula Pelecinus* L.  
 2041 - *Bromus lanuginosus* Poir. (variable!)  
 2049 - *Euphorbia thamnoides* B. v. *dumulosa* P.  
 2053 - *Trifolium resupinatum* L. (difficult to distinguish from *T. Clusii*)  
 2055 - *Convolvulus althaeoides* L.  
 2059 - *Trachynia (Brachyrodium) distachya* (L.) Link  
 2060 - *Bromus fasciculatus* Presl.  
 2062 - *Fagonia grandiflora* B. v. *arvase-glandulosa* Brnm.  
 2069 - *Schismus arabicus* Nees  
 2074 - *Trigonella stellata* Pers. *angustica angustina* Del.  
 2081 - *Plantago coronopus* L. var. ?  
 2082 - *Lotus pusillus* Medik  
 2089 - *Fanicum turgidum* Fsk  
 2092 - *Polycarpon succulentum* (Del.) J. Gay  
 2105 - *Astragalus hamosus* L.  
 2108 - *Koeleria phleoides*, var. or sp. ? (communicated to P. Mout.)  
 or *K. hispidula* (Cavi) DC. ?  
 2110 - (com. to P. Mout.) *Catapodium tuberculatum* Moris.  
 2111 - *Bromus fasciculatus* Presl.  
 2113 - *Medicago*... (to P. Mout.) *M. faciniata* (L.) Mill.  
 2116 - (to P. Mout.) *Desmostachya bipinnata* (L.) Stapf (= *Eragrostis bipinnata* (L.) Munz.)  
 2117 - *Aegilops variabilis* Big. var. ? (multicristata?)  
 2118 - *Scirpus tuberosus* Desf. (but giant !)  
 2127 - *Festuca arundinacea* Schreb.  
 2128 - *Elymus Cerut-Medusae* L.  
 2133 - *Isatis alienica* Scop.  
 2136 - *Alotrecurus anthoxanthoides* B.  
 2146 - *Erodium ciconium* (L.) L'Her. var. ?  
 2151 - *Medicago*... (to P. Mout.) *M. agrestis* Ten. (var. ?)  
 2152 - *Phaleris minor* Retz var. Mouterdei  
 2156 - *Reseda decursiva* Forsk. (not always distinct from *R. alba*)  
 2157 - *Seneclia coronorifolia* Desf.  
 2158 - *Caylusea canescens* (L.) St. Hil.  
 2163 - *Calendula aegyptiaca* Desf. var. *suberostriata* B.  
 2170 - *Salvia Pinardi* B.  
 2173 - *Helianthemum vesicarium* B.  
 2175 - *Helianthemum Lipii* (L.) Dam. Cour. (?) ... or species nova ?  
 (communicated to P. Mouterde) probably *H. Sancti-Antonii* Schweinf.  
 ? - 2176 - *Koeleria phleoides*... var. ... (?) see No. 2108 (to P. Mout.)  
 2180 - *Reseda lutea*, var. ... (to P. Mout.)  
 2181 - *Astragalus spinosus* Forsk.  
 2193 - *Choripora syriaca* B.  
 2196 - *Astragalus trachoniticus* P. under our climate)  
 2197 - *Poa sinica* B. (*Poa bulbosa* typical seems to be only in moist place)  
 2212 - *Scleropoa memphica* (Spr.) Parl.  
 2233 - *Aristida adscensionis* L. ssp. *pumila* (Dane) Cass.  
 2237 - *Schismus barbatus* (L.) Thell.  
 2244 - *Forskohlea tansicissima* L.  
 2245 - *Aristida*... (to P. Mout.) *A. plumosa*  
 2259 - *Dorstenia Forskalei* (Vahl) Trin.  
 2264 - *Eremobium lineare* (Del.) Asch. et Schw.  
 2265 - *Eremobium aegyptiacum* (Spr.) Asch. et Schw.

- 2271 - Schismus barbatus (L.)Thell.  
 2289 - Polycarpha rerens (Krk)Asch.et Schw.  
 2294 - Denthoris forskahlei (Vahl)Trin.  
 2296 - Neureda procumbens L.  
 2299 - Aristida ... (to P.Mout.) - *Aristida plumosa*  
 2305 - Phalaris minor Retz, (var *monterdei* ?)

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