

A CHROMOSOME COUNT FOR EREMURUS OLGAE (LILIACEAE)

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Living specimens of various species, mainly bulbous monocotyledons, were collected during the 1971 University of Leicester expedition to Iran and were grown in Leicester Botanical Garden. Two rootstocks of *Eremurus olgae* Regel were obtained from a valley 5 km NW of Almehr, in the easternmost part of Gorgan province*. In due course root tip fixations were made, and squash preparations yielded two metaphase figures which gave chromosome counts of $2n = 14$. This count confirms the observations of Prozina (*Biol. Zhurn.* 6:487-512, 1937) for this species. The genus is karyologically uniform, all counts having been $2n = 14$.

* Collection data: IRAN, prov. Gorgan: moist valley bottom at edge of *Quercus* scrub, 5 km NW of Almehr, c. 90 km E of Gonbad-e Qabus, alt. 1750 m, 26 vii 1971, Edmondson 773 (E).

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