

The extinction of relict locations of *Pleurospermum austriacum* (L.) Hoffm. on the Małopolska Upland

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Abstract

Nine locations of *Pleurospermum austriacum* (L.) Hoffm. have been found to-date in the Małopolska Upland. The data concerning five of these have already been published, a further two locations are documented only through herbarium specimens, whilst the remaining two locations are new to the area studied. In the period 2004-2005, the preservation status and structure of the *P. austriacum* population in all known locations were studied. The studies proved beyond doubt that on the Małopolska Upland this species is nearing extinction.

Key words

Pleurospermum austriacum, distribution, population numbers, species extinction, plant communities, Małopolska Upland, Poland.