

SUMMARY

Stations of some protected plants within town and commune of Bochnia

In spite of its richness, the flora of the Bochnia town (Małopolska voievodship, southern Poland) and its nearest surroundings has not been satisfactorily examined yet. However, there has been observed a certain improvement in this subject, thanks to the floristical exploration made in 2001-2004. In the small area of hills extending to the west of Bochnia altogether 23 protected plant species have been found, rare and endangered among them. Such species as *Staphyllea pinnata*, *Epipactis purpurata*, *Orchis mascula* sbsp. *signifera*, *Cephalantera damasonium*, *Aquilegia vulgaris* and *Lilium martagon* should be mentioned.

The most of the protected species concentrate within 4 stations. The remnants of the former hornbeam forests are of the special importance.

Since the nature of the area in question is threatened, an urgent need arises to take some of the abovementioned stations under protection as sites of ecological interest or to protect them in any other effective way.