NEW LOCALITIES OF *TARAXACUM* SPECIES FROM S POLAND (WITH NINE NEW SPECIES TO POLISH FLORA)

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ABSTRACT

A study of the very complex, from the taxonomic point of view, *Taraxacum* genus was undertaken in the area between the towns of Cieszyn and Bielsko-Biała (S Poland). *Taraxacum* species belonging to three sections: sect. *Hamata* H. Ollg. (three species), sect. *Polantria* (H. Lindb.) Dahlst. (one unidentified taxon), and sect. *Ruderalia* Kirschner, H. Ollg. et Štěpánek (61 species) were recorded. Nine species new to Poland were found: *T. acutifrons* Markl., *T. ancistratum* H. Ollg., *T. bellum* H. Ollg., *T. chrysophaeum* Railons., *T. deltoidifrons* H. Ollg., *T. horridifrons* Railons., *T. pronilobum* H. Ollg., *T. rhamphodes* Hgl., *T. violaceifrons* Trávníček. Presence of three other species, whose localities hitherto have not been exactly given, was confirmed: *T. aberrans* Hagendijk, van Soest et Zevenbergen, *T. fasciatum* Dahlst. and *T. gilberinum* Markl. (all they belong to the section *Ruderalia*). For most species, the details of their occurrence in Poland were also reported. The species new in Poland are briefly described and illustrated with photographs of herbarium specimens.

KEY WORDS: *Taraxacum*, Asteraceae, distribution, S Poland.

INTRODUCTION

Modern taxonomic studies of the genus *Taraxacum* in Poland, based on the concept of apomictic microspecies (agamospecies), resulted in a synthetic monograph in Flora of Poland (Tacik 1980). However, this work included mainly the material collected near Cracow, while distribution of most species (found in Poland) outside this region remained unknown. Commencing in the late 1990s, the studies of Polish dandelions have been carried out by a group of taraxacologists directed by professor Z. Glowacki, in cooperation with an expert in taraxacology, H. Ollgaard (Viborg, Denmark). The results of taraxacological studies done in various regions of Poland have been periodically published (see Glowacki et al. 1998; Białasz and Glowacki 1999; Glowacki and Ollgaard 1999; Glowacki and Czarna 2003; Ollgaard et al. 2000, 2002a-c; Glowacki et al. 2004; Gruźewska 2004; Glowacki et al. 2005). In these publications, the sites of dandelion occurrence are usually indicated with the information on their situation in the ATPOL grid square system (Zając 1978). The collected data concerning the presence of dandelions in Poland are, in case of most species, incomplete, and insufficient for construction of distribution maps. Nevertheless, the level of the taraxacological knowledge in Poland is improving step by step. These studies also result in successive publication of species new in the Polish flora.

In spring 2005 we carried out a field study, the aim of which was evaluation of species diversity of *Taraxacum* in the region between the towns of Cieszyn and Bielsko-Biała, in Southern Poland. According to B. Trávníček, co-author of the present study, species diversity of *Taraxacum* in the adjacent region of the Czech Republic, particularly of section *Ruderalia*, is very high. Thus, we assumed that a similarly high diversity may occur in the adjacent area of Poland, where taraxacological studies were never performed, and where species new for Polish dandelion flora might be found. The results of our study confirmed this assumption. Doing the three-day survey at eight localities we found 64 identified species of dandelions, including nine species quite new to Poland: *T. acutifrons*, *T. ancistratum*, *T. bellum*, *T. chrysophaeum*, *T. deltoidifrons*, *T. horridifrons*, *T. pronilobum*, *T. rhamphodes*, *T. violaceifrons*. In the case of other three species (*T. aberrans*, *T. fasciatum*, *T. gilberinum*), known from very brief reports (see Tacik 1980; Mirek et al. 2002), and doubtful localities, we gave
their brief description, and first positive and precise indication of their location in Poland.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

On May 6–8, 2005 we chose eight localities in the region between the towns of Cieszyn and Bielsko-Biała. The localities showed studied biotopes appropriate for dandelions: mesophilous and moderately humid hay meadows, and urban lawns. In each of these localities we recorded all the dandelion species we were able to determine – usually we identified the species (or tentative) name for about 70-80% of the plants discovered. However, we limited the herbarium documentation to the most significant objects, such as the species new to Poland, and species having only tentative names (about 15 species), that could not be classified as any of the known taxa. These “work-named” species are known from numerous localities located not only in our study area but also in various regions of the Czech Republic. Further studies are necessary for their taxonomic classification and description, probably as new species. Besides the above mentioned plants, we also collected numerous unidentified specimens belonging to species we had not detected before. These specimens will be used for further comparative taxonomic studies. The voucher herbarium specimens were deposited in herbarium of the Department of Botany, Palacký University Olomouc, Faculty of Science (OL), in herbarium of the Department of Botany, University of Podlasie in Siedlce (WSRP), and in the private herbarium owned by V. Žila (herb. Žila).

The study localities were numbered, and the situation of each locality was indicated in the map of ATPOL grid square system, with accuracy of square of 1x1 km (Fig. 1), and their geographic coordinates were directly determined in the field using GPS. The observed species were classified to sections, and within the section listed in alphabetic order. The name of each species is accompanied by numbers and names of localities in which it was found, along with a note concerning herbarium documentation. For each species, earlier literature data on its occurrence in Poland are also shown, including indication of ATPOL squares, in which the species was previously determined. For the most significant findings, short comments are also included. Geographic names used in some of these comments are presented in accordance with Kondracki 2002.

INVESTIGATED LOCALITIES

1. Cieszyn town, lawns and street roadsides 1.1 km S (-SSW) of the main railway station, ca 320 m a.s.l., 49°44’27”N, 18°38’04”E, ATPOL: DG0023, 6. V. 2005.

2. Dziegiełów village near Cieszyn town, small meadow between brook and the road towards Puńców village, in W part of the village, ca 310 m a.s.l., 49°43’15”N, 18°41’32”E, ATPOL: DG0047, 7. V. 2005.

3. Lipowiec village near Ustroń town, small meadows at the road towards Brenna village, near E margin of the village, ca 400 m a.s.l., 49°44’58”N, 18°50’03”E, ATPOL: DG0118, 7. V. 2005.

4. Grodziec village near Skoczów town, meadow at the brook N of the main road on the S margin of the village, ca 325 m a.s.l., 49°48’00”N, 18°51’51”E, ATPOL: DF9250, 7. V. 2005.

5. Bystrza village near Bielsko-Biała town, meadow at brook between the village and Mikusowice Śląskie village, ca 440 m a.s.l., 49°46’47”N, 19°01’32”E, ATPOL: DF9371, 7. V. 2005.


8. Skoczów town, meadow at the main road Cieszyn-Biel- sko-Biała 1.1 km SE of the railway station in the town center, ca 310 m a.s.l., 49°47’06”N, 18°47’42”E, ATPOL: DF9175, 8. V. 2005.

LIST OF SPECIES

*Taraxacum* sect. *Hamata* H. Ø llgaard

*Taraxacum hamataforme* Dahlstedt in Lindman Svensk Fanerogamfl. 568, 583, 1918.


![Fig. 1. Location of investigated localities in the area studied in relation to the ATPOL grid square system.](image-url)


So far this species has been known from a few localities in NW Poland (South Baltic coast), and from one locality situated east from Cracow. In the neighbouring countries, **T. hamatum** has rarely been found in the Czech Republic (Kirschner and Štepánek 1995), including the region adjacent to our study area (Trávníček unpubl.), and in E Germany (Uhlenmann 2003).


Former records: DE93, EF70 (Cracow-Prokocim, “verisim.”), FC13 – Tacik 1980; Ōlggaard et al. 2002a, b.

This species has been found only at three localities in Poland, one of which was reported as uncertain (Cracow-Prokocim). Another locality is situated in NE Poland (the valley of lower Narew River), and the third – NW of Cracow (region Garb Herbski). The occurrence of this species in our study area continues to its distribution in the adjacent region of the Czech Republic (Trávníček unpubl.). The species was found also in E Germany (Uhlenmann 2003).

**Taraxacum sp.**


**Taraxacum sect. Palustria (H. Lindberg) Dahlebeck**

**Taraxacum sp.**


In our study area, only several specimens of one unknown species belonging to the section *Palustria* were found in only one locality.

**Taraxacum sect. Ruderalia Kirschner, H. Ōlggaard et Štepánek**

**Taraxacum aberrans** Hagendijk, van Soest et Zevenbergen Acta Bot. Neerl. 23: 439, 1974 (Fig. 2)

Main diagnostic features of the species: usually robust plant; leaves almost glabrous, lateral lobes 3–5, regular, most often undivided, patent to slightly recurved; interlobes frequently with plicate margin, the uppermost often rather long; terminal lobe usually large, triangular to helmet-shaped; petioles narrowly winged below but often broadly winged in their upper part, light pink to almost (outside) whitish green; outer bracts recurved to reflexed, often crowded, with transverse wrinkle (s), paler green and whitish pruinos in upper surface, almost unbordered.


**Taraxacum aberrans** was present at all the localities, and is abundant in the area under study. It is also abundant in the adjacent area of the Czech Republic (Trávníček unpubl.). Our finding confirms the presence of this species in Poland. In this country, the species has been found near Żywiec (unpublished locality, det. Ōlggaard; see footnotes in

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**Fig. 2. Taraxacum aberrans**, habitus, herbarium specimen, deposited in herbarium OL (locality no. 2); scale bar = 5 cm.
Mirek et al. (2002). Tacik (1980) reported its “probable” presence in Cracow: “specimens very similar (and maybe belonging?) to T. aberrans were collected in Cracow; however, their taxonomic identity is not quite sure”. This species was also found in E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).


This species has been reported only at one locality in NW Poland (Koszalin Coast). In our study area, it was frequent, similarly as in the adjacent region of the Czech Republic (Trávníček unpubl.). It was found also in Slovakia (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1998) and E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).

*Taraxacum acutifrons* Marklund Acta Bot. Fenn. 26: 135, 1940 (Fig. 3)

Main diagnostic features of the species: leaves rather firm, light green, midrib green to slightly coloured; lateral lobes 4-6, regular, upwards gradually verged into interlobes; terminal lobe ± narrowly triangular to almost hastate, acute at apex, in inner leaves often large; interlobes with slightly undulate margin; peltioles narrowly winged, whitish green to faintly pink; scapes usually markedly purple coloured in upper part; outer bracts ± horizontally spreading, deep purple violet on upper surface, bordered; pollen always present (*T. acutifrons* somewhat resembles *T. exertiforme* but *T. exertiforme* is an apolline species).


*T. acutifrons* is a new species for Poland. In our study area only a few specimens were found, at two localities. Distribution in Poland continues to occurrence of *T. acutifrons* in the adjacent region of the Czech Republic where it is dispersed (Trávníček unpubl.). It was found also in E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).


Recorded locality: 2. Dźięgiełów.

Former records (*T. aequilobum*): BE25, DF68 (Cracow-Bielany), EG33 (Stolarzówka), FC13 (Lomža, near School No 9), GD00 – Tacik 1980; Glowacki and Ollgaard 1999, Ollgaard et al. 2002b, Grużewska 2004.

This species was found at one locality only, and it was very similar to the typical *T. aequilobum*, but also shows some small differences. This type is probably identical with the taxon recorded (and illustrated) in E Germany (Uhlemann 2003: 57, “Type A”). It is also known from the Czech Republic (Trávníček et al. 2007). Its relation with *T. aequilobum* s. str. requires further taxonomic studies.


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Fig. 3. *Taraxacum acutifrons*, habitus, herbarium specimen, deposited in herbarium Žíla (locality no. 4); scale bar = 5 cm.

Former records: DF57 (Krzeszowice), EG33 (Stolarzówka, Gródek), FC81, FD25, FD35 – Tacik 1980; Glowacki and Ollgaard 1999; Ollgaard et al. 2000.

In Poland, \textit{T. altissimum} has been known from NE part of the country (South Podlasie and Central Mazovia Lowlands), and from Cracow area in S Poland. It was also found in the Czech Republic (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1995), Slovakia (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1998), and in E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).


Former records: BB04, BE13 (“verissime”), BE26, CA38, CA39, CD40, CD41, DA51, DD33, DF56 (Dulowa), DF79 (Cracow-Lagiewniki), EC95, EC96, ED14, ED21, ED26, ED29, EE83, EF13, EF72, FB76, FB86, FC13 (the Narew River valley: Lomża, Kalinowo), FC14 (the Narew River valley: Drozdowo), FC64, FD04, FD09, FD16, FD24, FD25, FD26, FD27, FD33, FD35, FE00, GD00, GD23, GE01 (Lejno), GE01 (Lipniak), GE53 – Tacik 1980; Białasz and Glowacki 1999; Glowacki and Ollgaard 1999; Ollgaard et al. 2000, 2002a, b; Glowacki and Czarna 2003; Grużewska 2004; Glowacki et al. 2005.

\textit{Taraxacum ancirotatum} H. Ollgaard Preslia 75: 140, 2003 (Fig. 4)

The species considerably resembles \textit{T. ancirotolbsum}, which has the same hamate leaf lobes, pale green petioles and similar outer bracts. From this latter species it differs by its fresh green leaves (not dark, greyish green as in \textit{T. ancirotolbsum}), endlobes of inner leaves with more incu-
unpubl.). *T. atrox* was found also in E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).


In the study area, the species is fairly frequent, similarly as in the adjacent region of the Czech Republic. In this country, however, it is generally a rare species, the most abundantly occurring near town of Český Těšín (Trávníček unpub.). It was found also in E Germany (Uhlemann 2003). In Poland, it has been reported from Cracow area. Presumably, this very distinct taxon rarely overlooked in taxonomic studies belongs to the species the presence of which is in Poland limited to some specific areas.

**Taraxacum bellum** H. Ollgaard Bot. Notiser 131: 502, 1978 (Fig. 5)

*T. bellum* belongs to species group of sect. *Ruderalia* with remarkable dissected leaves with narrow lobes and many teeth and narrowly winged pink-violet petioles. By Ollgaard (1978), *T. bellum* resembles *T. altissimum*, but has light-coloured leaves, the lateral lobes of which are often club-shaped and more obtuse than those of *T. altissimum* and with more and longer teeth on the lower margins of the lobes. The outer bracts of *T. bellum* have broader margins than those of *T. altissimum* and the ligules are not red-tipped as in the latter species.


*T. bellum* is a new species for Polish flora, several specimens were found at a single locality only. In adjacent countries, the species was found in the Czech Republic (see Kirschner and Štěpánek 1995), where its occurrence is scattered (also in region adjacent to our study area) and in Germany (Sackwitz et al. 1998).

**Taraxacum brachylepis** Marklund ex Puolanne Mem. Soc. Fauna Fl. Fenn. 8: 145, 1933.

Recorded locality: 5. Bystra (OL, leg. Trávníček; herb. Žila, leg. Žila).

Former record: DF69 (Cracow-Bonarka) – Tacik 1980.

In Poland, *T. brachylepis* has been found at a single locality near Cracow. This, quite distinct, taxon is probably present only in some areas in Poland. In neighbouring countries, this species was found in the Czech Republic (Trávníček et al. 2000).

Fig. 5. *Taraxacum bellum*, habitus, herbarium specimen, deposited in herbarium OL (locality no. 3); scale bar = 5 cm.

**Taraxacum chrysophaenum** Railonsala Archiv. Soc. Varnamo 11: 151, 1957 (Fig. 6)

The species belongs to relatives of *T. piceatum*. Main diagnostic features to its recognition: leaves usually erect, regularly divided, mid-green, not obviously blotched, with green to slightly coloured midrib; lateral lobes 5-8, regular, rather short, patent to slightly recurved, most often with convex distal margin; interlobes short and rather broad; terminal lobe usually not large, triangular to helmet-shaped; petioles more or less winged, whitish green (very rare slightly pink coloured); outer bracts patent to recurved, pale green and ± pruinose on upper surface, later often slightly purple coloured, almost unbordered.


The species is new for Polish flora. General distribution area of *T. chrysophaenum* is poorly known. In the Czech Republic, known occurrence of *T. chrysophaenum* is restricted mainly to the region adjacent to our study area (Trávníček unpub.). It is also known from Germany (Sackwitz et al. 1998).

**T. crassum** is a recently described species, known in Poland at two localities: in SE Poland (Nida River valley – Garb Pińczowski), and in NE Poland (Central Mazovia Lowland – middle Vistula River valley). In neighbouring countries, it was found in the Czech Republic, where it is frequent in almost all the country, in Slovakia, and in Germany (see Öllgaard 2003; Uhlemann 2003). Abundance of this species in our study area is similar to that found in the adjacent region of Silesian part of Moravia (in the Czech Republic).


*Taraxacum deltoidifrons* H. Öllgaard Preslia 75: 149, 2003 (Fig. 7).

Main diagnostic features of the species: a medium sized squat plant; leaves spreading, most often greyish green, usually hairy, midrib green to faintly reddish; lateral lobes patent do somewhat declining, ± undivided, in outer leaves often with a club-shaped outer part, distal margin very often with conspicuous tooth; interlobes ± flat; terminal lobe usually small, most often triangular; petioles winged, with more or less expressive purplish-red coloration; outer bracts rather narrow and long, usually reflexed, greyish green to dark reddish, unbordered; outer ligules flat, with reddish apical teeth.

Recorded locality: 8. Skoczów (OL, leg. Trávníček).

**T. deltoidifrons** is a recently described species, now found as a new species for Poland. It is known from Denmark, Germany and the Czech Republic (Öllgaard 2003), in the latter its occurrence is scattered. Finding more localities in S Poland seems to be very probable.


Former records: BE13, FB76, FC13 (Łomża, Kalinowo), FC14 (Drozdowo), FC40, FC44, FC52, TC47, FC99, FID25


Former records: AB25, AB52, AB63, BC99, BD36, BD39, BE13, BE18, BE26, CA37, CA38, CA39, CD40, CD41, CF69, DA51, DC18, DE72, DE93, DF43, DF69 (Cracow), DG07, DG14, EC94, EC95, EC96, ED04, ED05, ED06, ED14, ED26 (“verissime”), ED29, ED39, EE09, EE76, EF13, EF72, EG20 (Lasek), FB76, FB77, FB86, FC13, FC14 (Drozdowo), FC52, FC55, FC64, FC72, FC73, FC74, FC81, FC94, FC95, FC99, FD07, FD09, FD16, FD20, FD23, FD24, FD25, FD27, FD33, FD35, FD45, FE01, GB83, GD00, GD23, GD24, GE01 (Stare Ząbcze), GE02, GE12 (Sęków) – Tacik 1980; BiaŁasz and Glowacki 1999; Glowacki and Øllgaard 1999; Øllgaard et al. 2000, 2002a, b; Grużewska 2004; Glowacki et al. 2004, 2005.


In Poland, this species has been recorded at a single locality in NW part of the country (Koszalin Coast). In our study area, it was abundantly present at all localities, similarly as in the adjacent region of the Czech Republic (Trávníček unpubl.). It was also found in E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).

**Tara**xacum fasciatum Dahlstedt Bot. Stud. Kjellman 172, 1906 (Fig. 8)

Main diagnostic features of the species: leaves mid to dark greyish green, hairy, obviously blotched (tar-coloured) on interlobes; lateral lobes (3-)4-5, regular, patent or recurved, acute at apex; interlobes sometimes with plicate margin;
terminal lobe triangular to helmet-shaped; petioles narrowly winged, pale rose to dull reddish; outer bracts most often recurved, pale green, with narrow dark margins on upper surface, later somewhat suffused with light purple.


In Poland, the species has been found near Żywiec (unpublished locality; see footnotes in Mirek et al. 2002), and at a single uncertain locality in S part of the country – Tacik 1980: ATPOL: EF72 (“Cikowice near Bochnia, leg. Tacik; identification uncertain but very probable”). The rare occurrence in Poland is quite surprising since in the Czech Republic this species is common, and was found also in Slovakia (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1998) and in E Germany (Uhlmann 2003).

**Taraxacum gibbonum** Marklund Acta Soc. Fauna Fl. Fenn. 55 (5): 3, 1926 (Fig. 9)

Main diagnostic features of the species: a medium sized, rather slender plant; leaves pale to mid-green, only slightly hairy, with little to markedly divided lobes, sometimes forming acute lobules, midrib often suffused with red; lateral lobes 5-8, rather short, with convex to sigmoid distal margin; interlobes short; terminal lobe sometimes elongated; petioles narrowly winged to almost without wings, whitish green to slightly dull reddish; outer bracts rather narrow, somewhat irregular, mainly patent, unbordered, pale green, later frequently suffused with purple.


*T. gibbonum* is a morphologically distinct species, found rarely, at only two localities. The ascertained distribution in our study area continues to the adjacent area of the Czech Republic (it is limited almost exclusively to this single region in this country – Trávníček unpubl.). In Poland, this species has been found at one (uncertain) locality near Cra- cow (Tacik 1980: DF69, Cracow-Bronowice, “possible *T. gibbonum*”). This species was found also in Germany (Sackwitz et al. 1998), but Uhlmann (2003) did not observe it in the E part of this country.


*T. guttigestans* has been found only in SE part of Poland (South Podlasie Lowland – the Podlasie Bug Gorge, Siedlce Plateau). The new localities reflect distribution of this species in the adjacent region of the Czech Republic (Trávníček unpubl.), it is known also from Slovakia (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1998) and E Germany (Uhlmann 2003).

**Taraxacum hemicyclum** Haglund in Holmgren Bleking. Fl. 334, 1942.


Former records: AD05, BC99, BD18, BD37, BE18, CA37, CA38, CA39, CB09, CD32, CD40, DA51, DD33, DF58 (Zabierzów), EC95, EC96, ED04, ED05, ED14, ED15, ED26 (“verissime”), ED29, ED31, ED39, EE09, EE76, EF13, FB76, FB77, FB86, FC13 (Lomza), FC14 (Niewodowo), FC55, FC71, FC74, FC99, FD07, FD09, FD16, FD20, FD23, FD25, FD26, FD27, FD36, FD75, FE00, FG81, GD00, GD31, GD64, GE01 (Stare Żałucze, Lipniak, Lejno), GE02 (Wiązowiec) – Tacik 1980; Białasz and Glowacki 1999; Glowacki and Ollgaard 1999; Ollgaard et al. 2000, 2002a, b; Glowacki and Czarna 2003; Grużewska 2004; Glowacki et al. 2005.


Former records: BB04, BE13, CD40, CF86, DA51, DE93, DG64, ED04, ED11, EE09, FB86, FC13 (Łomza, Marianowo, Kalinowo), FC52, FC55, FC81, FC99, FD09, FD25, FD33, FE01, FE19, GD23 – Glowacki and Ollgaard 1999;
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Former record: DA51 – Ollgaard et al. 2002c.

*T. infuscatum* is a recently described species, earlier observed at a single locality in NW Poland (Gdańsk and Kaszuby Coast). The locality found in Cieszyń town is therefore very distant from the formerly observed. It is noteworthy that this species has not been observed either in the adjacent (eastern) part of the Czech Republic, or in Slovakia.


The species has been known in Poland from three localities only, situated in various regions of the country. Besides an uncertain locality in Cracow, it was observed in NE Poland (Central Mazovia Lowland – Warsaw Plain), and in SW part of the country (Rościsławice Plain). In adjacent countries, this species was found in the Czech Republic (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1995), Slovakia (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1998), and E Germany (Uhlmann 2003).


Former record: EF13 – Ollgaard et al. 2002c.

*T. jugiferum* is a recently described species, in Poland formerly found at a single locality, in SE part of the country (Nida Basin – the Nida River Valley). The species was also observed in Denmark, Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic (Ollgaard 2003), in the latter it has scattered occurrence.


In Poland, the species has been reported from three localities only: one locality is situated in W part of country, but two localities in central part of S Poland, i.e. the regions situated near our study area. *T. lacerifolium* is a very distinct species, looking over of which is little probable. Thus, this it is supposed that its occurrence in Poland is limited to some specific regions only. The three ascertained localities in our study area continue to rather abundant occurrence in the adjacent region of the Czech Republic (Trávníček unpubl.) – it is noteworthy that *T. lacerifolium* is the most numerous mainly in this part of the Czech Republic. It was observed also in E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).


In Poland, the species has been found in a few localities in E part of the country. In adjacent countries, it was observed also in the Czech Republic (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1995), Slovakia (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1998) and E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).


*T. macranthoides* has been known from two localities in Poland only: near Cracow (uncertain locality), and Koszalin Coast region in NW part of the country. Fairly high frequency of this species in our study area reflects similar abundance in the Czech Republic (see Kirschner and Štěpánek 1995). It was observed also in E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).


In Poland, the species has been observed in two regions: southern (Cracow Gate, JaworzNieckie Hills, Zywiec Basin) and north-eastern (South Podlasie Lowland – Podlasie Bug River Gorge) parts of the country. This species was found also in the Czech Republic (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1995), Slovakia (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1998), and E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).


**Taraxacum obtusifrons** Marklund Acta Bot. Fenn. 26: 150, 1940.


Former record: DF69 (Cracow, Al. 3 Maja) – Tacik 1980.

In our study area, this distinct and easily identifiable species was observed at most localities, similarly abundant as in adjacent areas in the Czech Republic (Trávníček, unpubl.). It was found also in Slovakia (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1998), and in E Germany (Uhlemann 2003). Lack of records from most of Polish regions indicates that the occurrence of the species may be restricted to some specific (southern) areas only.


This species has been observed at two localities in NW Poland (Kaszuby Coast), and at three localities in NE part of the country (Wysoka Mazowiecka Upland, Zelechów Upland, lower Narew River valley); older observations were made in Cracow area. This species is also known in the Czech Republic (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1995), Slovakia (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1998), and E Germany (Uhlemann 2003).


Former records: BB04, CA39, DE93, DF45, DF57 (Krzeszowiec), DF69 (Bronowiec Małe, Mydlinki, Cracow-Bońnarka), EF70 (Rząka), EG20 (Lasek), FB76, FC64, FC99, FD16, FD23, FD33, FD72 – Tacic 1980; Ollgaard et al. 2000, 2002a, b; Grużewska 2004.


Former records: BB04, BE13, CA39, DA51, DE93, DF36, DF69 (Bronowiec Małe), DF79 (Sidzina), ED29, FB76, FC14 (Niewodowo), FD56 (Dulowa) – Tacic 1980; Ollgaard et al. 2000, 2002a, b; Grużewska 2004.

**Taraxacum proliatum** H. Ollgaard Bot. Notiser 131: 513, 1978 (Fig. 11)

Main diagnostic features of the species: usually rather slender plant; leaves erect, slightly hairy to almost glabrous; lateral lobes 3-5, recurved, most often with conspicuously convex distal margin, not infrequently alternate; interlobes narrow, unblotted, only inconspicuously dentate; terminal lobe often asymmetrical; petioles long, narrow, pallid, usually only slightly pink coloured; outer bracts ± patent, rather sigmoid, dark green, almost unbordered.


*T. proliatum* is a new species for Polish flora. The localities found in our study area reflect the scattered occurrence of this species in the adjacent regions of the Czech Republic (Trávníček unpubl.). It is also reported from Denmark where it was described.


species is known in Slovakia (Kirschner and Štiepánek 1998), in entire territory of the Czech Republic (Kirschner and Štiepánek 1998), and also in E Germany (Uhlmann 2003). Thus, it is likely to be found an occurrence of *T. pulchrisfolium* also in western part of Poland. In our study area the species was frequent and observed at all the localities.

*Taraxacum rhamphodes* Haglund Bot. Notiser 1935: 120, 1935 (Fig. 12)

Main diagnostic features of the species: usually robust plant; leaves mid-green, rather broad, most often with ± undivided regular lobes; lateral lobes 4-5(-6), usually patent, sometimes alternate, with distal margin ± convex, lowermost lobes often with apex bent upwards; interlobes usually without remarkable teeth; terminal lobe variable, often formed rounded basal lobules; petioles more or less winged, light pink-violet; outer bracts mostly recurved, grey-green, pruinose on upper surface, with a pink tip, bordered.


*T. rhamphodes* is a new species in Polish flora. In our study area, it was very rarely found at two localities only. It is also rare in the Czech Republic, where it is restricted to the NE part of the country, i.e. the region adjacent to our area. It was also observed in E Germany (Uhlmann 2003). Distribution of *T. rhamphodes* in Poland is probably restricted to some specific areas only.


Recorded locality: 8. Skoczów (herb. Žila, leg. Žila).

Former records: AB42, AB63, BD49, CA37, CA39, CB09, CD40, CD41, CD60, DA51, DF68 (Kryspinów), EF33 (Swoszowice), EF60 (Leg), FE01 – Tacik 1980; Ölgaard


Former records: BE13, DF12, DF43, EE76 – Öllgaard et al. 2002c.

All the earlier found localities in Poland are located in the southern part of the country. Thus, it is likely to occur frequently in entire southern Poland, similarly as in entire territory of the Czech Republic (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1997). It is known also from E Germany (Uhlmann 2003).


Former records: AB53, AB63, BD18, BD36, CA37, DE93, DF12, DF58 (Zabierzów), DF69 (Cracow, Botanic Garden, Mydlinski), ED29, ED49, EE09, EF53 (Sosowszowice), FC13 (Stara Łomża, Łomża, Kalinowo), FC14 (Drozdowo), FC64, FC95, FC99, FD07, FD09, FD16 (“verissime”), FD33, FE10 – Tacik 1991; Glowacki and Öllgaard 1991; Öllgaard et al. 2000, 2002b; Grużewska 2004; Glowacki et al. 2005.

**Taraxacum subalpicerum** Dahlstedt Arkiv Bot., Stockholm, 19 (18): 17, 1925.

Recorded locality: 1. Cieszy (herb. Žila, leg. Žila).


Recorded locality: 8. Skoczów (OL, leg. Trávníček).

Former records: CA38, FC54 – Öllgaard et al. 2000, 2002b.

In Poland, this species has been found only in two localities: one is located in NW part (Gdańsk and Kaszuby Coast) and another in NE part (North Podlasie Lowland – Bielisk Plain) of the country. Our ascertainned locality is therefore first observation of this species in southern Poland. *T. subxanthostigma* occurs also in the adjacent region of the Czech Republic (Trávníček unpubl.), and also in E Germany (Uhlmann 2003).


Information about the occurrence of *T. undulatiflorum* in Poland must be revised: it was found that this name was used for two species in the past: besides the *T. undulatiflorum* itself, described from Denmark, also for the species identified sometimes as *T. hastatum* Markl. 1926 (taxon described in Finland). For the latter taxon, however, the correct name is *T. homoschistum* H. Öllgaard 2006 since there is another, older homonym *T. hastatum* Brenner 1925, for another species (see Öllgaard 2006).


Former record: BE18 – Öllgaard et al. 2002b.

In Poland, only one record has been known of the presence of *T. undulatiflorum* – in SW part of the country (Milicz and Głogów Plain – Żnin Basin). The species is known also in the Czech Republic (Kirschner and Štěpánek 1995), where it has scattered occurrence, especially in region adjacent to our study area, and was found also in E Germany (Uhlmann 2003).


Former records: BE13, DF58 (Bolechowice, Zabierzów), DF78 (Podgórkí Tyniec), DF78 (Skawina – “+ T. undulatum”), DF79 (Sidzina), FC64, FC99, FD07, FD09, EE09 – Tacik 1980; Öllgaard et al. 2000, 2002b.

**Taraxacum urbicola** Kirschner, Štěpánek et Trávníček ined.


*T. urbicola* is a quite recently detected species, for its formal description see Trávníček et al. (2007). In our study
area it was dispersed, similarly as in the adjacent region of the Czech Republic (Trávníček and Štěpánek 2007). T. urbicola is known also from SE Germany and W Slovakia (Trávníček and Štěpánek 1. c.). In Poland, the species was formerly found at two localities: one in SW part (Silesian and Lusatian Lowland – Lubin Upland), and the other in SE part of the country (Nida Basin – Garb Pińczowski).


Recorded locality: 5. Bystra (WSRP, leg. Marciniuk).

Former records: AB53, DA51, DE32, DF69 (Cracow-Łagiewniki), DF89 (Brzezina Krzywaczańska), EC95, EC96, ED04, ED11, ED14, EE76, FB86, FC64, FC74, FD07, FD25, FD33, FE00 – Tacik 1980; Glowacki and Ollgaard 1999; Ollgaard et al. 2000, 2002a, b.

\textit{Taraxacum violaceifrons} Trávníček ined. (Fig. 13)

Main diagnostic features of the species: a medium-sized, rather slender plant; leaves greyish green, regularly divided, lobes and interlobes with inconspicuous teeth only; lateral lobes 4-6, ± triangular, usually short, very acute, patent to slightly recurved; interlobes ± flat, rather broad, with narrow tar coloured border; terminal lobe acute, sometimes mucronate; petioles narrow, markedly pink-violet; outer bracts recurved to reflexed, often suffused light lilac; achenes with markedly tuberculous, never smooth, lower half of the achenes body.


\textit{T. violaceifrons} is a new species in Poland. It is a quite recently detected taxon, for its formal description see Trávníček et al. 2007. In our study area, the species was observed at only two localities. In the adjacent region of the Czech Republic, \textit{T. violaceifrons} is also rare, while in the remaining areas of the eastern part of the country it is abundant (see Trávníček and Štěpánek 2007). Such a distribution is conditioned with relatively humid (oceanic) climate in the region of Cieszyn/Český Těšín (\textit{T. violaceifrons} prefers dry biotopes).

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