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A New Species of *Silene* L. (Caryophyllaceae) from South Anatolia, Turkey

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Abstract: *Silene duralii* Y. Bağcı sp. nov. from Ermenek-Kazancı (C4: Karaman province) is described and illustrated. It is closely related to *S. capillipes* Boiss. & Heldr., from which it differs mainly in its hairiness, leaves, and floral features. Diagnostic morphological characters are discussed and the diagnostic key for related *Silene* L. species, which are widespread in Turkey, is reorganized. The geographical distribution of the new species and other related species were mapped. Notes are also presented on its ecology, and biogeographical and conservation status. Chromosome count for *S. duralii* was $2n = 24$. In addition, the seed coat surface of *S. capillipes* and *S. duralii* were examined by SEM.



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