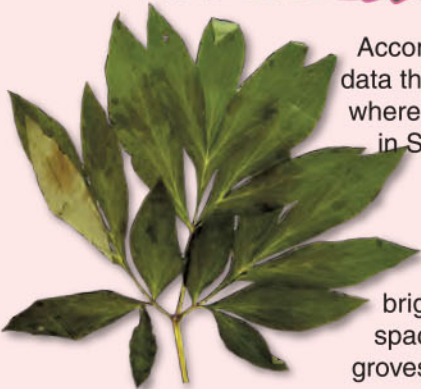


European peony

(Paeonia officinalis subsp. officinalis)



According to the literature data there are several sites where wild peonies grow in Serbia, including Tara mountain, Golina in east Serbia and in Kosovo. Their habitats are bright oak forests, open spaces in beech forests, groves and rocky hillsides.

Banatica peony

(Paeonia officinalis subsp. banatica)



Critically endangered and its only known habitat is within the Protected area Deliblato sand.



In case you find or already know where some of the wild peonies grow, please notify the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia of that, without plucking and destroying the peonies.

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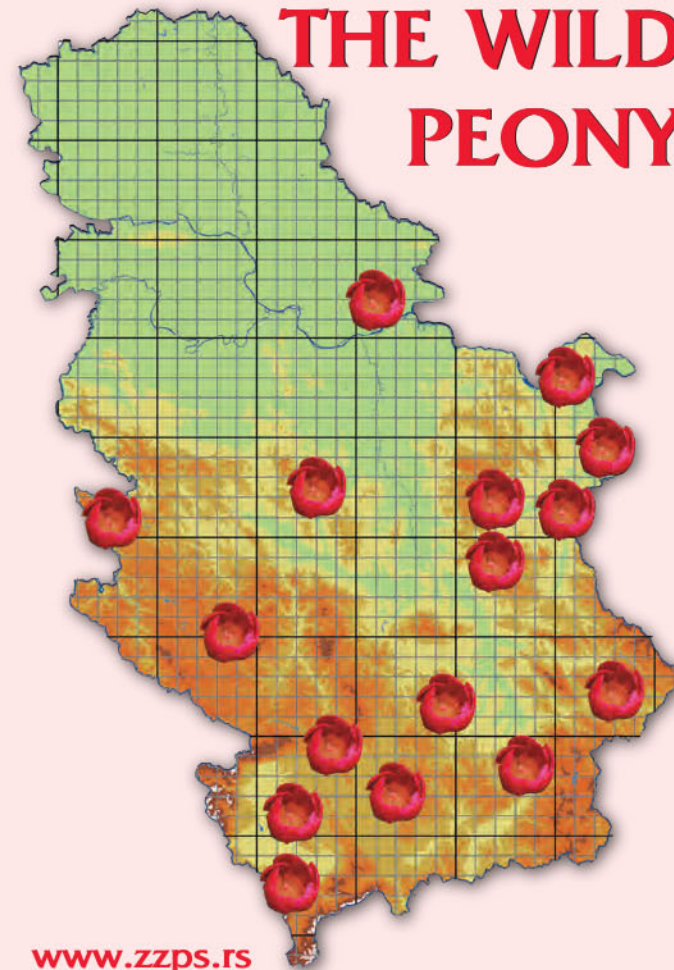
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Narrow-leaved peony

(*Paeonia tenuifolia*)



It is present in Deliblato sand, as well as up in the hills from village Odorovci at the south of Serbia and in the vicinity of Skrobnica at the east of country.

Typical habitats are dry, sandy, grass-steppe landscapes, limestone open habitats and sinkholes.



Male peony

(*Paeonia corallina*)



It was found in Ozren mountain and in Skrobnica at the east, , in Tupižnica, Grošnica in central Serbia and , in Vujan and Radan mountains and in Kosovo (sites Grmija and Paštrik).

Its habitats are sunny shrubby slopes and sunny spots in the forests.



Kosovian peony

(*Paeonia decora*)



The most distributed of all peony species in Serbia. It is found in eastern Serbia (Ozren, Leskovik, Aleksinac, Piro, Dimitrovgrad, Zaječar, Svrliški Timok) and in Kosovo (Grmija, Gazimestan, the surrounding area of Priština).

Its habitats are forest slopes, bright sunny oak forests and clearings.



The peony genus (*Paeonia*) is the only of the family *Paeoniaceae* which includes 33 species distributed in the northern Earth hemisphere. Peonies are perennial herbaceous or semi-woody plants with underground thickened stem tubers. Leaves are two-, triply - or multiply-sectioned and are alternately arranged. Flowers are large, terminal, single, vivid red-pink colored, and half-symmetrical. They flower in spring from March till May and belong to the plants of the largest flowers in Serbian flora. The fruit is a follicle with numerous large seeds.

Five species of wild peony grow in Serbia and all are strictly protected. Due to negligent collecting, peonies have now become a rarity. In order to prevent its further declining, it is strictly forbidden to destroy wild peonies and to disturb their habitat.