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**СОСНА ГОРНАЯ (СТЛАНИКОВАЯ, ЕВРОПЕЙСКАЯ)**

**PINUS MUGO (MONTANA)**

**В БАЛКАНСКОМ ЛИНГВИСТИЧЕСКОМ КОНТЕКСТЕ**

**MOUNTAIN (EUROPEAN CREEPING)**

**PINE PINUS MUGO (MONTANA)**

**WITHIN THE BALKAN LINGUISTIC CONTEXT**

**Abstract**: The paper “Mountain (European creeping) pine Pinus mugo (montana) within the Balkan linguistic context” deals with the popular plant names of this pine in 8 Balkan languages (including Rumanian) and their dialects. The article is based on onomasiological and etymological analysis. The detailed classification of phytonomastical patterns is given. Some cases of structural isomorphism (“pattern replication”) based on real distinctive features of the plant have been found: ‘curved, bent’, ‘knotty, cranked’, ‘creeping’, ‘thorny, spiny’, ‘mountain’ etc. Balkan folk plant taxonomies can be observed in the comparison and likening of Pinus mugo with other coniferous plants: genus Pinus (pine), genus Picea (spruce), genus Juniperus (juniper) etc. All the borrowings are analyzed, including both quite clear slavisms in Albanian, Arumanian, Rumanian and Greek and quite opaque substrate element \**molika / \*munika.*

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