

Exposure to plant identification to foresters at Chamba, Himachal Pradesh

A day of exposure visit was organized for ACF trainees from the Central Academy of State Forest Service (CSFOS) Dehra Dun in Khajjiar-Kalatop Wildlife Sanctuary on 30 May 2019. A team of 36 trainees were led by DFO Mrs. Sarita Kumari, guest faculty at CSFOS Dehra Dun. Vishal Ahuja, working as a researcher with Wildlife Information Liaison Development (WILD) Society on the Himalayan Langur Project was invited as a resource person to provide general information about the local flora and geography of wildlife sanctuaries located

in Chamba District. Mr. Raj Kumar and Mr. Himanshu, forest guards from Kalatop guided the group through the 5-km trek from Dinkund to Jot. The trek started with a brief introduction to the history and present status of the Himalayan Langur Project

run by WILD in and around the wildlife sanctuary. During the trek the trainees were able to identify 27 plants from 17 genera with Vishal's help. The team started at 11:30 morning from Lakkarmandi and reached Khajjiar at 4 in the evening. The one day



Plants recorded during one day exposure visit

	Species	Family	Habit
1	<i>Viburnum grandiflorum</i>	Adoxaceae	Shrub
2	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	Asteraceae	Herb
3	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Asteraceae	Herb
4	<i>Euphorbia wallichii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Herb
5	<i>Euphorbia wallichii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Herb
6	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	Fabaceae	Herb
7	<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Fabaceae	Herb
8	<i>Indigofera heterantha</i>	Fabaceae	Herb
9	<i>Indigofera heterantha</i>	Fabaceae	Herb
10	<i>Quercus semicarpifolia</i>	Fagaceae	Tree
11	<i>Gentiana argentic</i>	Gentianaceae	Herb
12	<i>Podophyllum hexandrum</i>	Berberidaceae	Herb
13	<i>Berberis lyceum</i>	Berberidaceae	Shrub
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15	<i>Berberis lyceum</i>	Berberidaceae	Shrub
16	<i>Thlaspi Montana</i>	Brassicaceae	Herb
17	<i>Micromeria biflora</i>	Lamiaceae	Herb
18	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Oxalidaceae	Herb
19	<i>Abies pindrow</i>	Pinaceae	Tree
20	<i>Picea smithiana</i>	Pinaceae	Tree
21	<i>Rumex nepalensis</i>	Polygonaceae	Herb
22	<i>primula denticulata</i>	Primulaceae	Herb
23	<i>Aquilegia pubiflora</i>	Ranunculaceae	Herb
24	<i>Fragaria nubicola</i>	Rosaceae	Herb
25	<i>Sorbaria tomentosa</i>	Rosaceae	Shrub
26	<i>Valeriana jatamansi</i>	Valerianaceae	Herb
27	<i>Viola indica</i>	Violaceae	Herb

exposure visit was ended after the guest lecture from DFO Chamba, Mr. Nishant Mandhotra (IFS).



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