

**ABOUT THE SPECIES INDEPENDENCE
OF *POTENTILLA DEPRESSA* (ROSACEAE)**

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Based on morphological characteristics revealed for the first time, the species independence of the Crimean endemic *Potentilla depressa* is confirmed. In contrast to the closely related *P. humifusa*, the nutlets of *P. depressa* are wrinkled because of small longitudinal grooves. A special outgrowth looking like a thickened light yellow ring is formed in the place of joint with the receptacle. This character was not previously indicated for *Potentilla* species. For the first time *P. depressa* was successfully introduced and cultivated in the conditions of the south of Western Siberia. Most of the morphological characters of *P. depressa*, except for the length of leaf petioles, are stable under conditions of introduction. The lectotype of *P. depressa* is designated. The type material is illustrated in the article, as well as the photographs of some morphological characters.

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