

**A NEW SPECIES OF *ECHINOPS* (ASTERACEAE)
FROM MIDDLE VOLGA REGION**

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A new hybridogenic species of the genus *Echinops* (Asteraceae) from the forest-steppe zone of the Middle Volga region (European Russia) – *E. saksonovii* Vasjukov, derived from the hybridization of *E. ruthenicus* M. Bieb. and *E. sphaerocephalus* L. In this study descriptions, ecology, distribution and comparison of the new species with the closely related species are given.

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