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Linum punctatum C. Presl subsp. *punctatum* - Italy, Sicily, Madonie: Mount Quacella

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Linum punctatum C. Presl subsp. *punctatum* (Linaceae malpighiales) is a Sicilian endemic, perennial plant, typical of the screes and calcareous and calcareous-dolomitic slopes of the Madonie Mountains. It grows at altitudes above 1,300 m, in the beech area. It is a rare plant, mainly located on the Quacella, Monte Mufara and Rocca di Mele where it is quite common locally. The Madonie are located in the central-northern area of Sicily and concentrate the greatest plant diversity on the island, both for the particular geological characteristics of these mountains and for the great variety of natural environments that include, from marine coasts to mountain environments (Pizzo Carbonara, 1979 m asl, is the highest peak), rocky slopes, screes, marshes, rivers, ravines, garrigues, pastures and peat bogs. On the Madonie there are around 1500 taxa, or around 50% of the flora of the entire island, of which around 170 entities are endemic, or exclusive to the island.

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