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Report Category : Report of a specimen or population of a rare species

Species : *Ornithogalum divergens* Boreau.

Date of Observation : 2nd April 2006

Location : Tal-Bosk, Dingli.

Remarks : 2 specimens of *Ornithogalum divergens* were found in a site which have never been reported from, hence a garigue known as tal-Bosk. This species was believed to be extinct for several decades [1] and was in the recent few years to be rediscovered at Buskett and Giganti [EL]. The site where I found the specimens is not in an open space easily reached by the public; however I am rather worried by the high vegetation of *Asphodelus aestivus*, *Galactites tomentosa*, and *Bituminaria bituminosa* which is gradually increasing in numbers and engulfing the space for the low-growing plants. Monitoring of the area is recommended.



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[1] Edwin Lanfranco - Flora section of the Red Data Book for the Maltese Islands, (Ministry of Education), 1989

[EL] Personal communication by Edwin Lanfranco – lecturer at the University of Malta