Some common wild fodder weeds used by Gujjar tribe of district Rajouri (J&K)

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Abstract

The present study deals with some common wild fodder weeds used for rearing livestock by Gujjar tribe of district Rajouri (J&K). The study was conducted during Jan. 2010 to July 2011. During the course of field study the authors have selected 05 important blocks densely inhabited by Gujjar tribe in district Rajouri i.e. Nowshera, Kalakote, Thanamandi, Budhal, Darhaletc. Four sites were selected in each block for the collection of fodder weeds on the basis of extensive and intensive field surveys. During this period the authors have reported a total of 57 fodder weeds belonging to 3 monocot and 19 dicot families. Out of total 22 angiospermic families of fodder weeds reported from the study area, the predominance was shown by monocot family Poaceae containing 14 fodder weeds followed by family Fabaceae and Asteraceae each having 08 and 06 fodder weeds respectively.

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