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## *Quercus coccifera*

**The Evergreen Kermes Oak** by Dr. Faik Yaltirik,  
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The Kermes oak grow extensively throughout Turkey, occurring within the habitats of the maquis from sea level up to an altitude of about 1,200 meters, in either full sun or as an undergrowth in forests of *Pinus brutia* (A Mediterranean Pine Species).

This peculiar picture (see Figure left) was taken by my student Miss Selcan Cesur, on the island Gokçeada (Imros) near Dardanelle (Ganakkade), Western part of Anatolia, in the Aegean Sea.

Location: Turkey, the Island of Gokçeada, 300 meters to the bay of Kalekoy.

Aspect-Slope: N.E., 10%.

Elevation: 40 meters.

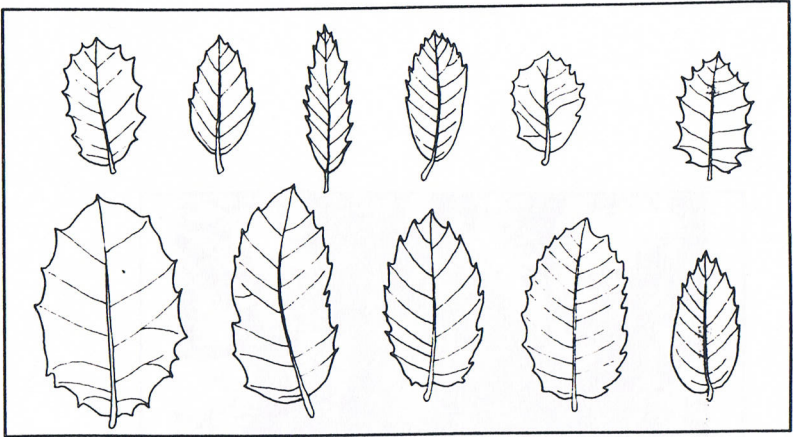
Land-Use: Degraded maquis, open land, sarcopoterium is abundant.

Erosion: Severe wind erosion.

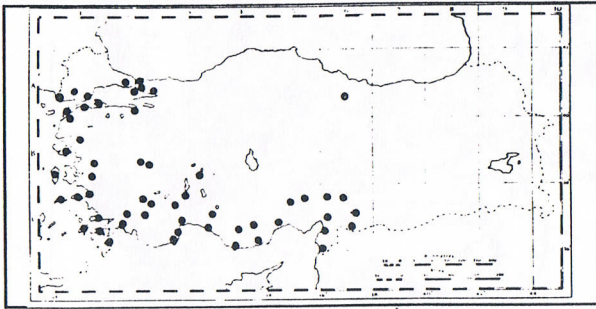
Parent Material: Limestone and sandstones.

Approximate Age: 60 years

**Editor's Note:** Dr. Faik Yaltirik sent me a few months ago his work on the oaks of Turkey. It is a wonderful journal, with good photographs and illustrations (the cover illustration is an excerpt). Unfortunately, it is in Turkish and at the moment my Turkish translation is very rusty. Is there anyone in our society who knows or has contacts to an inexpensive translation service, capable of transforming this work into the English language?.



Leaf exzmples of *Quercus coccifera* from Dr. Yaltrik's book *Turkiye Meseleri*.



A range map of Turkey showing the occurances of *Q. coccifera*.





Figure 1.