# Flora of Seed Plants in Longquan Mountain, Wuhan

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**Abstract:** In recent years, in order to provide theoretical and scientific basis for the protection and rational utilization of plant resources in Lon longquan mountain gquan Mountain, the seed plants in Longquan Mountain were taken as the research object, and the field investigation was carried out by using the method of line plus typical sample plot, so as to further study the characteristics of investigated area were further studied. The results show: There are 231 species of 191 genus in 90 families, including 5 families, 9 genus and 11 species of gymnosperms, and 82 species of 182 genus and 85 species of angiosperms. The 14 distribution types of seed plants belong to the statistics: North temperate distribution There are 72 genus, accounting for 37.7% of the total genus of the area, reflecting the obvious north temperate nature of the flora. In addition, there are many ancient taxa and Cretaceous and Tertiary relict plants. There are 163 genus of single genus and genus genus, accounting for 85.3% of the total genus of the region, indicating that the plant origin is relatively old, there are 7 genus in China, which indicates that the unique phenomenon exists, but it is not obvious.

# **1 Preface**

Floristic geography takes flora as the research object, aiming to explore the origin, evolution, spatial and temporal distribution of flora species and their relationship with the changes of Earth's historical environment. The geographical composition of flora is the basis of vegetation restoration. The analysis of the geographical components of plant flora in a specific region can reflect the regional characteristics of biodiversity, which has an indispensable basic data value for protecting and improving the local ecological environment and formulating biodiversity planning. It plays an important role in clarifying the object and focus of urban biodiversity protection and promoting urban-rural integration in urban landscaping. Investigation and analysis of plant species in urban biodiversity conservation should be strengthened to provide basic technical support for formulating more scientific, targeted and operable urban biodiversity conservation planning[1].

# 2 Resarch area and method

### 2.1 Overview of the research area

Wuhan is a subtropical monsoon climate with abundant rainfall and sufficient sunshine. The annual average temperature is 15.8°C-17.5°C, the annual precipitation is 1100mm, the annual frost-free period is 240d, and the total annual sunshine duration is 2000h [2]. Longquan Mountain Scenic Area is located in Longquan Township, Jiangxia District, Wuhan City, Geographical coordinates  $114^{\circ}30'05.66" \sim 114^{\circ}31'25.15", 30^{\circ}25'03.00" \sim 30^{\circ}24'17.69", altitude 232.5m.$ 

## 2.2 Research content

In this study, Longquan Mountain in Wuhan City as the research object, the use of line survey and sample survey methods to investigate the species of seed plants in the region, and record the species of plants. According to the "Flora of China", the characteristics of plants in the survey area were analyzed and their lists were determined. According to the "Vegetation in China", the life forms of plants were divided as the standard. According to the ecological principles, the seed plants in Longquan Mountain were divided and their floristic characteristics were analyzed.

## 2.3 Investigation method

In the early stage, the vegetation of Longquan Mountain was investigated to determine the survey line and select the typical community to set up the survey sample plot. At the same time, the environmental factors such as longitude, latitude, altitude, slope and aspect of the sample plot were recorded. According to the minimum performance area method, which determine the sample area. Each survey sample area was 30m×20m, and 20 samples was investigated and recorded the species composition.

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# 3 Results and analysis

#### 3.1 Species composition analysis

The statistics of seed plants in Longquan Mountain was shown in Table 1. There are 231 species of seed plants belonging to 191 genus and 90 families, including 11 species of gymnosperms belonging to 9 genus and 5 families, and 220 species of angiosperms belonging to 182 genus and 85 families. Among them, 200 species of dicotyledons belonging to 160 genus and 77 families, and 20 species of monocotyledons belonging to 22 genus and 8 families.

Table1. Statistics of Seed Plants in Longquan Mountain

Item	gymnosperm	Ang	T-4-1	
		Dicotyledon	Nonocotyledon	Total
Families	5	77	8	90
Genus	9	160	22	191
Species	11	200	20	231

## 3.2 Lifestyle analysis

The life form of plants is a kind of plant type reflected in the appearance of plants for long-term adaptation to comprehensive habitat conditions, which is a manifestation of long-term adaptation of plants to a certain living environment[3]. According to the standard, the seed plants in Longquan Mountain were divided into arbors, shrubs, sub-shrubs, vines, annual and biennial herbs and perennial herbs according to ecological principles[4].

There are 59 perennial herbaceous plants and 29 annual or biennial herbaceous plants, accounting for 25.5% and 12.6% of the total species, respectively, accounting for 38.1%. Woody plants include 63 species of trees, 64 species of shrubs and 1 species of subshrubs, accounting for 27.3%, 27.7% and 0.4 % of the total species, respectively, accounting for 55.4%. There are 15 species of vines, accounting for 6.5% of the total.

This data roughly reflects the diversity of life forms of seed plants in Longquan Mountain, in which woody plants are dominant.

## 3.3 Divisional analysis of the Section

#### 3.3.1 Composition analysis of the Section

The composition of families, genus and species of seed plants in Longquan Mountain is shown in Table 2. There are 2 families with more than 15 species, 2 families with 10-14 larger species, and 3 families with 6-9 smaller species, accounting for 2.2 %, 2.2 % and 3.3 % of the total families in Longquan Mountain, respectively. There were 19 small families with 3–5 species, and 64 families with 1–2 relatively single species, accounting for 21.1 % and 71.1 % of the total families in Longquan Mountain, respectively.

Serial number	Numbers of species	Family	
1	$\geq$ 15 species (4 families)	Rosaceae, Leguminosae.	
2	10~14 species (2 families)	Compositae, Gramineae.	
3	6~9 species (3 families)	Caryophyllaceae, Polygonaceae and Fagaceae.	
4	3~5 species	Rutaceae, Lonicerae,	
	(19 families)	Pineaceae,Ranunculaceae, Camphoraceae, Luteaceae, Ulmaceae, Aristolochaceae, Lilyaceae,etc.	
5	1~2 species	Moraceae,	
	(64 families)	Verbenaceae,	
		Rhododendronaceae,	
		Lacqueraceae, Grapeaceae,	
		Taxaceae, etc.	

 
 Table2.
 Families, genus and species composition of seed plants in Longquan Mountain

It is indicated that the minor section and the comparative single section play an important role in the survey area and are an important part of the composition of the survey area. There are 19 small families of  $3 \sim 5$  species and 64 single families of  $1\sim 2$  species in Longquan Mountain, accounting for 92.2% of the total families. The above characteristics reflect the diversity of floristic elements in the survey area.

#### 3.3.2 Statistical Analysis of the Advantage Section

Among the 90 families of plant flora in the investigated area, there are 7 families with more than 6 species, constituting the dominant families, accounting for only 7.8 % of the total families in the region, but the number of genus and species is 55 and 77, accounting for 28.8 % and 33.3 % of the total genus and species, respectively. It is indicated that the seed plant composition of Longquan Mountain is concentrated in these dominant families, which constitute the main species composition of the investigated flora.

#### 3.3.3 Floristic analysis of areal~types of family

The 90 families of seed plants in Longquan Mountain are divided into 13 types, 42 families in the north temperate zone and 21 families in the pantropical zone, accounting for 46.7% and 23.3% of the families in the survey area, respectively. World distribution of 15 families, tropical Asia distribution of 13 families, East Asia and North America intermittent distribution of 9 families, East Asia distribution of 8 families, tropical Asia and tropical Oceania distribution of 5 families, accounting for 16.7%, 14.4%, 10.0%, 8.9%, 5.6% of the number of families in this area. The tropical distribution in the old world, tropical Asia to tropical Africa, the Mediterranean region and Central Asia to West Asia are 3 families, accounting for 3.3% of the total number of families in the region, there are 7 families endemic to China, accounting for 7.8%.

Table3.	Distribution types of seed plant families in
	Longquan Mountain

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Comia1	Distribution areas and	Number	Proportion	
Serial	Distribution areas and			
number	subtypes	District	in the region	
		Sections	/ %0	
1	World distribution	15	16.7	
2	Pantropical	21	23.3	
	distribution			
3	in the old world	3	3.3	
	Tropical Asia and			
4	tropical Oceania	5	5.6	
	distribution			
_	Distribution of			
5	tropical Asia to	3	3.3	
	tropical Africa			
6	distribution	13	14.4	
_	North temperate		46.7	
7	distribution	42		
	Intermittent			
0	distribution of south	2	2.2	
0	and north temperate	2		
	zones			
	Intermittent			
9	distribution of East	9	10.0	
,	Asia and North			
	America Old world temperate			
10	distribution	4	4.4	
	Distribution of			
11	Mediterranean			
	Central and Western	3	3.3	
	Asia			
12	E. asia flora	8	8.9	
12	China - specific	7	7.0	
13	distribution	/	/.8	
Total		77	100	

Table3 shows that the largest number of families in the north temperate zone is 42 families, accounting for 46.7%, which fully shows the nature of the north temperate flora of Longquan Mountain. Pantropical distribution of 21 families, considerable proportion of 23.3%. There are also Chinese endemic families in the survey area, such as Sapinaceae, Ginkgoaceae, Leguminosae and Rutaceae, Eucommiaceae, indicating that the endemic phenomenon in the survey area is not obvious from the perspective of families.

#### 3.3.4 Analysis of genus flora

The flora of seed plants in Longquan Mountain contains 4 or more genus, including *Rosa*, *Lespedeza*, *Pinus* and *Quercus*. There are 3 species of medium genus, such as *Rubus*, *Polygonum*, *Photinia*. There are 21 genus of small genus including 2 species, such as *Pentaphyllum*, *Compositae*, *Chrysanthemum*, etc. There are 163 genus including one species, such as *Rancidum*, *Lycopersicon* and *Torilis*, the grouping list is shown in Table4.

 
 Table4.
 List of Genus of Seed Plants in Longquan Mountain

Serial number	Number of familes	Number of genus	Proportion of total species /%	Number of species	Proportion of total species /%
1	≥4	4	2.1	18	7.8
2	3	3	1.6	6	2.6
3	2	21	11.0	44	19.0
4	1	163	85.3	163	70.6
Total		191	100	231	100

The 4 species and more than 4 species, accounting for 2.1 % of the total number of genus, but the number of species accounted for 7.8 % of the total number of species, indicating that these 4 genus are the dominant genus in the flora. Among the four dominant genus, Rosa, Pine and Quercus were distributed in the north temperate zone, and Lespedeza was distributed intermittently in East Asia and North America, indicating that the park had obvious north temperate nature. Analysis of the origin of the flora shows that: 1 species of gymnosperms belonging to 9 genus and 5 families in this area, including *Pinus* and *Platycladus*, are ancient groups in seed plants, the angiosperms of Magnoliaceae, Ranunculaceae. Berberaceae, Fagaceae, Ulmaceae, Mulaceae, Aceraceae and other plants all appeared in Cretaceous or Tertiary, and the monospecies and oligospecies in this area were 163 genus, accounting for 85.3 % of the total genus. These species and structures reflect the relatively ancient origin of flora in the region.

The distribution type of genus can more specifically reflect the differentiation and geographical characteristics of the plant community in the process of evolution. The geographical distribution type of genus represents the geographical components of genus, which, to a certain extent, contains the historical development process of various floras contained in it, and is the basis and symbol the division of flora[6]. According to Professor Wu Zhengyi 's classification of seed plants in China, 191 genus of seed plants in Longquan Mountain were divided into 14 distribution types. Table 5 shows that the distribution genus of the North Temperate Zone accounted for the largest proportion, 72 genus, accounting for 37.7 % of the total genus in this area. the second is pantropical distribution, with 34 genus, accounting for 17.8 % of the total genus in the region. Again is the world distribution, there are 21 genus, accounting for 11.0 % of the total number of genus. There are 79 genus of seed plants in the temperate zone, accounting for 41.4 % of the total genus.

There are 61 genus of tropical nature, accounting for 31.9 % of the total genus in this area. It shows that the flora of seed plants in Longquan Mountain shows obvious temperate characteristics. The floristic relationship between the genus of seed plants in Longquan Mountain and the genus of plants in other parts of the world : In the nature of the temperate zone, the distribution of the northern temperate zone is 37.7 %, the most closely related is the intermittent distribution of East Asia and North America 5.2 %, the distribution of the old world temperate 2.6 %, and the relationship with other distribution types is

poor. In the tropical nature, it is closely related to 17.8 % of pan-tropical distribution, followed by 7.3 % of tropical Asia distribution, and other distribution types are relatively poor. Analysis of the origin and endemic components of the flora : There are 7 genus and 7 species endemic to China in the flora of Longquan Mountain, which are Koelreuteria, Toona, Ginkgo, Horseshoe, Honeybean, Citrus, Eucommia, accounting for 3.7 % of the total number of genus in this area. The Chinese endemic genus in Longquan Mountain account for 22.6 % of the 31 Chinese endemic genus in Central China, and 2.7 % of the 260 Chinese endemic genus, indicating that the endemic phenomena in this area occupy a certain proportion but not obvious.

 
 Table5.
 The distribution type and species number of seed plants in Longquan Mountain

Serial number	Distribution type	Numbers of genus	Proportion of total genus /%
1	World distribution	21	11.0
2	Pantropical distribution	34	17.8
3	Tropical distribution in the old world	3	1.6
4	Tropical Asia and tropical Oceania distribution	2	1.0
5	Distribution of tropical Asia to tropical Africa	5	2.6
6	Tropical Asia distribution	3	1.6
7	tropical asia	14	7.3
8	North temperate distribution	72	37.7
9	Intermittent distribution of south and north temperate zones	2	1.0
10	Intermittent distribution of East Asia and North America	10	5.2
11	Old world temperate distribution	5	2.6
12	Mediterranean, Central and Western Asia	3	1.6
13	E. asia flora	10	5.2
14	China - specific distribution	7	3.7
Total		0	100

# 4 Conclusions and discussion

Geographical composition analysis of genus and species in the study of flora, the distribution type of genus can reflect the differentiation and geographical characteristics of the flora in the evolution process. In terms of floristic composition, the life forms of seed plants are diverse, woody plants are developed and rich in species, which have obvious characteristics of northern temperate vegetation. In terms of geographical components, the North Temperate Zone is the most widely distributed, with 72 genus, accounting for 37.7 % of the total number of genus in the region, and the most closely related are the intermittent distribution and East Asian distribution of East Asia and North America, which account for 5.2 % of the total number of genus in the region, reflecting the obvious nature of the North Temperate Zone. In terms of the origin characteristics and endemic phenomena, seed plants are relatively old in origin, and there are many ancient groups and relic plants of Cretaceous and Tertiary. For example, some species of gymnosperms, angiosperms, such as Magnoliaceae, Ranunculaceae, Berberaceae, Fagaceae and Ulmaceae in this area, and the proportion of monotypic and oligotypic genus in this area is large. There are 7 species of endemic genus in China, and endemic phenomena exist, but not obvious.

Plants with poor adaptability and high ornamental value should be introduced gradually, which can be first introduced to the nursery or botanical garden for domestication, and then widely applied. For some precious and rare ornamental plants, they should be preserved and expanded by modern technology, and then developed and utilized to avoid species extinction[6-7]. All in all, wild ornamental plants should be rationally utilized and developed to serve urban landscaping so as to maximize their value.

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