ADDITIONS TO ASTERACEAE OF MAHARASHTRA STATE

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ABSTRACT: Two Asteraceae taxa viz. Bidens pilosa L. var. minor (Bl.) Sherff and Spilanthes radicans Jacq. collected from Satara and Pune districts respectively are reported as new records to Maharashtra state. Bidens pilosa L. var. minor (Bl.) Sherff differs from Bidens biternata (Lour.) Merr. & Sherff by narrowly spathulate outer involucral bracts, white ray floret and setae on the ribs near the apex of achene. Similarly, Spilanthes radicans Jacq. differs from Spilanthes paniculata by white heads and obcordate shape of achene with winged margins and pappus of two subequal bristles.

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