

Unique Plants In Turkey

Black Rose



Called the Turkish Halfeti Rose, they only grow in exceptionally small numbers in the village of Halfeti, Turkey. They won't flourish anywhere else in the entire world because it's the river Euphrates that provides the ideal soil and growing conditions for the rose.

Those perfect natural circumstances are due to the pH levels of groundwater in the local area. Adding to the undeniably cool effect of the rose, the black color is only visible during the summer months. In every other season the roses are an exceptionally deep crimson red tint.

Wavy Pea



"*Lathyrus undulatus*, also known as wavy pea, is a flowering plant in the genus *Lathyrus*, which is in the family Fabaceae. It is native to Turkey, specifically the northwest slopes of Trabzon, Rize, Bolu, Bursa, Sakarya; as well as Crimea, specifically the southern slopes of Nikita Yayla. Its Turkish name is Istanbul Nazendesisi.

Bear Rose



The bear rose, which blooms at the beginning of May and has a lifespan of about two weeks, grows very rarely in Sile, Istanbul. Due to the cold weather this year, those who plucked peonies that bloom late were fined 110 thousand TL. The peony flower, which has a lifespan of about two weeks and is known as the 'bear rose' among the people, grows in some high regions of Antalya, Konya and Mugla.

Unique Animals In Turkey

Van Cat



Van cats are relatively large, have a chalky white coat, sometimes with ruddy coloration on the head and hindquarters, and have blue or amber eyes or have heterochromia (one eye of each colour). The variety has been referred to as "the swimming cat", and has been observed to swim in Lake Van.

Danford's Lizard



Danford's lizard (*Anatololacerta danfordi*) is a species of lizard in the family Lacertidae. The species is native to Greece and Turkey.

They are diurnal. They have sexual reproduction. They rely on running to move around.

Kangal



The Kangal çoban köpeği (formerly Anatolian Shepherd Dog) is a breed of dog originally from Anatolia (central Turkey). As its name indicates, it is bred mainly as a guardian of flocks.