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SALIX LINDLEYANA WALL. EX ANDERSS. VAR. *MICROPHYLLA* ANDERSS. A NEW RECORD FOR INDIA

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While working out the flora of Gori Valley, the authors came across an interesting specimen of the genus *Salix* L. (Salicaceae) kept as *S. lindleyana* Wall. ex Anderss. On critical study of the specimen and scrutiny of literature it is identified as *S. lindleyana* Wall. ex Anderss. var. *microphylla* Anderss. This variety is different from the var. *lindleyana* in certain leaf characters : leaves 8 mm long and 3 mm broad, oblong or oblong-lanceolate, entire, margins revolute, whereas in var. *lindleyana*, the leaves are serrulate or crenulate, glaucous on lower surface.

Hitherto this taxon is known to occur from Nepal. With the present report its distribution extends to India. A detailed description and a line diagram is provided below for its further collection and easy identification.

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Salix lindleyana Wall. ex Anderss. in *Kunal. Svensk. Vet. Akad. Handl.* 1850 : 499. 1851. var. **microphylla** Anderss. *l. c.* : 500 ; in DC. *Prodr.* 16 (2) : 296. 1868 ; Kimura in *Fl. E. Himalaya* 3 : 16. 1975.

Small shrubs. Stems prostrate, creeping, rooting, bark rough, brownish, young shoots glabrous, leaves 8 mm long and 3 mm broad, alternate, oblong or oblong-lanceolate, entire, revolute, glabrous on both surfaces, petiolate, petioles 1.5 mm long. Flowers arranged in catkins, male catkins 1.2 cm long, rachis glabrous, bracts 3 mm long, oblong-elliptic, acute, glabrous, stipes stout. Fruiting catkins 1.5 cm long, capsules 5 mm long, glabrous.

Commonly growing on alpine meadows, Martoli bugyals, 4500-6000 m, June, 1958, BSD 6894.

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Distribution : INDIA (Kumaon) and NEPAL.