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**Section 1**

**ABOUT THE MODERN SOIL-VEGETATION COVER OF ALPINE-SUBALPINE LANDSCAPES OF EASTERN ZANGEZUR**

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Alpine-subalpine landscapes of Eastern Zangezur mainly cover the Kalbajar administrative region. The map, types and subtypes of soils distributed in the territory of the Kalbajar district and their main rating scale are given in the following picture and table.

Subalpine-alpine landscapes of the area can be conventionally divided into 3 groups according to soil types and hypsometric distribution of vegetation: 1800-2500 m altitudes; altitudes of 2500-3000 m and areas above 3000 m.

In the subalpine meadows at 1800 m in Kalbajar settlement and its surrounding areas (surrounding areas of the villages of Keshdak, Dalgılinjlı, Shaplar, Garachanli, etc.), mainly bare rocks and exposed clayey rocks, mountain meadow soddy, mountain forest brown typical and Mountain-forest brown leached soils are spread. Plants belonging to the *Asparagaceae (Asparagus officinalis), Asteraceae (Echinops sp.), Campanulaceae*, *İridaceae (Iris), Fabaceae (Onobrychis sp.), Geraniaceae (Erodium sp.), Lamiaceae (Salvia nemorosa, Stachys sp., Nepeta pannonica), Linaceae (Linum sp.), Papaveraceae (Papaver sp.), Ranunculaceae (Diedropetala freynii), Scrophulariaceae (Rhinanthus sp.), Orobanchaceae (Pedicularis sp.), Rosaceae (Cerasus incana, Agrimonia eupatoria)* families are found here.

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