Medicago disciformis L.

+ RK: Ukraine, Crimea: Sevastopol, Kazachya harbour (44°34'35.4"N, 33°24'26.6"E), area of semiruderal herbaceous vegetation near the coast, 1 m, 8.5.2011, Yena (CSAU). – The species has not been reported previously from the Crimea. It was first found by the amateur botanist T. A. Karpenko in 2009 who identified it tentatively as M. disciformis using data from floristic Internet forums. Later I confirmed his identification. M. disciformis was found in the same localities and habitats as the recently reported Beta vulgaris subsp. maritima (L.) Arcang. (Yena & Evseenkov 2010) and Sagina maritima G. Don (Yena & al. 2011), all of coastal Atlantic-Mediterranean distribution. Hence I consider M. disciformis indigenous to the Crimea, or a long established archaeophyte. In the highly transformed urban area of Sevastopol, the coastal zone by the Kazachya harbour remains comparatively little modified.

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