

A STUDY ON ONTOGENETIC AND DIURNAL VARIABILITY OF LAUREL (*Laurus nobilis L.*) LEAVES

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ABSTRACT

In the study conducted on laurel leaves harvested from Laurel tree present in Çakırlar Grove of Samsun province during May-October 2001, at morning, noon and evening, ontogenetic and diurnal variability was determined. Essential oil content of leaves was found to be the highest in July-August and was higher at noon relatively.

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