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Baki Kasapligil (1918-1992)



Baki Kasapligil was born in 1918 in Çankiri (Turkey). He completed his studies in 1941 at the Forestry Faculty of Istanbul University.

From 1941 to 1948 he worked at the Institute of Botany at Ankara University. From 1948 to 1951 he completed his doctoral thesis "Morphological and ontogenetic studies of *Umbellularia californica* Nutt. and *Laurus nobilis* L." at the California University. He participated in the International Botanical Congresses in Paris (1954), in Leningrad (1975) and Sidney (1981) and in the Optima Meeting in Istanbul (1986). From 1956 to 1992 Baki Kasapligil was professor at the Biology Department, Mills College, Oakland, California. Professor Kasapligil was a specialist in the systematics of higher plants. He was interested in genera like *Pinus*, *Quercus* (past and present oaks of Turkey), *Corylus* and *Pistacia*, in the Tethyan phytogeography of Turkey and in foliar xeromorphy of certain geophytic Monocotyledons, publishing 4 books and 60 scientific papers. He died 22 April 1992 in Berkeley (California), after a long illness.

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