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PISTACIA VERA, Linn.; Boiss. Fl. Or. ii. p. 5.

Badghis: 390, May 3, 4, 14, 21, 1885; Khorasan: 665, June 17, 1885. Native name *Pista*. A small indigenous tree, forming forests, at an altitude of from 3000 feet and upwards, usually on sandstone formation. The country where the forests abound is called *Pistalik*, and these forests are greatly valued for their yield of nuts (*Pista*), as well as for the galls on their leaves (*Boz-ganj*), both of which are articles of commerce, especially the former, which are largely exported to India. It yields a gum-resin (*Shilm-i-pista*), employed in household medicine; and the wood is considered the best fuel that the country produces. The tree is cultivated in orchards in Persia, but apparently not in Afghanistan, at least not in the parts visited by me.

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Barcode: CAL0000003373

Family: [ANACARDIACEAE](#)

Scientific Name: [Pistacia vera L.](#)

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Country: [Afghanistan](#)

Uses: [The kernel is used as a cardiac and brain tonic. Flowers are included in prescriptions for leucorrhoea. Husk is used against dysentery and as astringent in stomatitis and tonsillitis.](#)