

## **CHRYSANTHEMUM MORIFOLIUM RAMAT. - A UNIQUE GENETIC MATERIAL FOR BREEDING**

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*Chrysanthemum morifolium* Ramat. is one of the most interesting ornamental group of plant in the world. All the present day colourful varieties have been developed through complex interspecific crosses among elemental species, open pollination, indiscriminate intervarietal hybridization, spontaneous and induced mutation, selection and management of chimera. The paper highlights how the genetic heterozygosity is being utilized for developing new and novel varieties using classical and modern techniques.

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