

The Origin of Maize: Evidence for *Tripsacum* Ancestry

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To find among wild plants, living or extinct, the prototype of a domesticated form is a peculiar problem, and it usually offers more difficulty than would be expected. The improvement of a wild plant through domestication is at best a slow process which involves so little of the spectacular that it is not likely to be recorded in detail; the human part of the process may, in fact, be done unconsciously, and its significance may be

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