

Genetic studies on some ornamental plants

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This investigation aimed to study the genetic behavior of some characters of parents and their F1 and F2 generations in four *Viola* species crosses are made between the four *Viola* species : *Viola lutea*, *Viola pedata*, *Viola riviniana* and *Viola tricolor*. The data were recorded at probate time in the following character : Plant height , Time for first flower, No. of fruits / plant , No. of seeds/ fruit , No. of seeds / plant and weight of 1000 seed were studied in this study. Results could be summarized as follows:

A- Inheritance of quantitative characters:

- 1-Parents, F1 s and F2 s differed significantly for most characters studied, showing high genetic variability among the studied materials.
- 2-The additive gene effect was observed to be more effective than the dominance gene effect for all characters.
- 3-There were a partial of dominance for all characters.
- 4-The calculated dominance was equal to the predictive dominance.
- 5-The heritability was significant in all characters in F1 and highly significant in F2.
- 6-Negative and positive alleles are unequal distributed among the studied parents , since (H^2/D^2) values were less than 0.25.

B- Seed protein electrophoresis : The results proved presence of the differentiation between the parents and F1 s in bands pattern .

- 1-The results showed that band number 1 observed in the cross (*Viola pedata* x *Viola tricolor*) that mean that this trait is transmitted to it from the parent *Viola pedata* and not from the other parent , also the cross (*Viola riviniana* x *Viola pedata*) has this pattern from the two parents.
- 4- Band number 4 is observed in the parent *Viola lutea* but it didn't transmitted to any of its offspring.
- 3-It was noted that band number 6 didn't transmitted from the parent *Viola lutea* except in the cross (*Viola lutea* x *Viola tricolor*) and it could transmitted from the another parent.
- 4-Analysis of seed protein electrophoresis indicated that band number 7 transmitted from the parent *Viola tricolor* to the cross (*Viola lutea* x *Viola lutea*).
- 5-Band number 8 didn't transmitted from the parent although the both have this trait in the cross (*Viola lutea* x *Viola pedata*) also in the cross (*Viola lutea* x *Viola tricolor*).
- 6-It was noted that the band number 9 is present in all cross except the crosses (*Viola pedata* x *Viola tricolor*) and (*Viola pedata* x *Viola lutea*) it may be present the parent *Viola pedata*.
- 7-It was noted that band number 10 didn't transmitted to the cross (*Viola tricolor* x *Viola riviniana*) although the two parents have this trait.

C - Cytological studies:

- 1-The total length of the chromosomes as an average of 3 cells in *Viola lutea* ranged from 47.95 to 49.9 μ m , in *Viola pedata* from 56.6 to 57.45 μ m , *Viola riviniana* from 59.6 to 60.05 μ m , and *Viola tricolor* from 35.7 to 45.19 μ m.
- 2-The average length of chromosomes in *Viola lutea* ranged from 7 to 1.74 μ m , in *Viola pedata* ranged from 6.05 to 2.7 μ m , *Viola riviniana* ranged from 7.63 to 1.83 μ m . and *Viola tricolor* ranged from 4.28 to 0.78 μ m.
- 3-The chromosome type according to centromere position was in *Viola lutea* for the chromosomes 1,2,3 and 6 metacentric and the rest of chromosomes were sub metacentric .
- 4-In *Viola pedata* all chromosomes were metacentric except, chromosomes number 6 and 7 were sub metacentric.
- 5-In *Viola riviniana* all the chromosomes were metacentric' except, the last chromosome.
- 6-In *Viola tricolor* all the chromosomes were metacentric except, the last two chromosomes.