



Neglected and Underutilized Plant Species in Horticultural and Ornamental Systems: Perspective for Biodiversity, Nutraceuticals and Agricultural Sustainability

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Message from the Collection Editors

Over the last few decades, the scientific community has dedicated more attention to this topic than in the past, as NUS represent a possible option to face the agricultural challenges of producing more foods and services within a framework of greater sustainability. NUS could promote agro-biodiversity, improve the resilience of the agro-ecosystems toward the environmental stressors, foster the utilization of nutraceuticals and the diversification of dietary patterns, address micronutrient deficiencies in targeted communities or population subgroups, and provide important local services (environmental, economic or socio-cultural) as ornamentals or in landscape management. This Collection aims to contribute to filling knowledge gaps about NUS in horticultural and ornamental systems, by encouraging the submission dealing with their relevance to the following:

- Biodiversity and conservation;
- Evolution, genetics and breeding;
- Characterization, propagation, and ecophysiology;
- Cultivation techniques and systems;
- Response to pathogens and pests;
- Landscape management, protection and restoration;
- Postharvest factors affecting the end-use quality.





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