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ABSTRACT

Karyotypic studies of 45 taxa belonging to 33 genera in 10 tribes of the family Asteraceae are reported from Nepal. Chromosome number in somatic cells are recorded to be $2n=20$ in *Ageratum conyzoides* and *Taraxacum officinale* ; $2n=18$ in *Ageratum houstonianum*, *Blumea lacera*, *Blumea laciniata*, *Dichrocephala integrifolia*, *Rhynchospermum verticillatum*, *Sonchus asper* and *Sonchus arvensis*; $2n=32$ in *Artemisia indica*, *Blumea lacera* var. *glandulosa* and *Xanthium strumarium* ; $2n=34$ in *Artemisia vulgaris*, *Cirsium arvense*, *Parthenium hysterophorus*; $2n=36$ in *Artemisia abrotanum*, *Aster ageratoides*, *Bidens pilosa* var. *minor*, *Chrysanthemum morifolium*, *Spilanthes acmella*, *Spilanthes calva*, and *Senecio laetus*; $2n=28$ in *Anaphalis triplinervis* var. *triplinervis*, *Calendula officinalis* and *Gnaphalium purpureum* ; $2n=16$ in *Crepis japonica*, *Erigeron annuus*, *Galinsoga parviflora* and *Ixeris Polycephala* ; $2n=14$ in *Gnaphalium affine*; $2n=22$ in *Blumea fistulosa*, *Blumea mollis*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Eclipta prostrata* and *Stevia rebaudiana*; $2n=40$ in *Aster barbellatus*, *Aster peduncularis* subsp. *nepalensis* and *Crassocephalum crepidioides*, $2n=26$ in *Coreopsis grandiflora* and *Tridax procumbens* ; $2n=24$ in *Tagetes patula*, *Centaurea cyanus* and *Zinnia elegans* ; $2n=50$ in *Eupatorium adenophorum* and $2n=30$ in *Wedelia wallichii*. Meiotic studies are done in floral buds of 20 species. Lowest haploid chromosome in *Crepis japonica* ($n=8$) and highest in *Crassocephalum crepidioides* ($n=20$) are found in present study. The highest pollen stainability was found in *Galinsoga parviflora* (98.9 %) and lowest in *Stevia rebaudiana* (61.3%). Chromosome number for the four taxa *Aster peduncularis* subsp. *nepalensis*, *Aster barbellatus* , *Artemisia indica* and *Senecio laetus* are reported for the first time in this study. For the eleven taxa viz. *Ageratum conyzoides*, *Ageratum houstonianum*, *Blumea fistulosa*, *Blumea lacera* var. *glandulosa*, *Cirsium arvense*, *Erigeron annuus*, *Eupatorium adenophorum*, *Spilanthes acmella*, *Spilanthes calva* and *Xanthium strumarium* new chromosome number have been added. The chromosome counts for 41 taxa in this study are new for the flora of Nepal.

LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATION

A-I	Anaphase I of meiotic division
A-II	Anaphase II of meiotic division
C. Nepal	Central Nepal
CE. Nepal	Central and Eastern Nepal
cm	Centimeter
<i>et al.</i>	Et alli (L., and others)
E. Nepal	Eastern Nepal
m	Meter
msl	Meters from sea level
M-I	Metaphase- I of meiotic division
M-II	Metaphase- II of meiotic division
PMC	Pollen mother cell
sp., sps.	Species
TF%	Total form percentage
T-I	Telophase I of meiotic division
T-II	Telophase II of meiotic division
V. N.	Voucher number
W. Nepal	Western Nepal
WC. Nepal	Western and Central Nepal
WCE. Nepal	Western, Central and Eastern Nepal
μ	Micron

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