

Plant		Sesame		439	Primary essential character	
No	Characters	No. of samples	Methods	Rank or measurement unit		Remarks
1	Branching habit	Block	Observation	0:Much branching 1:Top branching 2:Mid-high branching 3:Basal branching 4:No branching		
2	Stem pubescence	Block	Observation	0:Absent 3:Lobed or sparse 5:Moderately hairy 7:Very hairy		Stem hair density
3	Leaf shape	Block	Observation	1:Entire 4:Parted 7:Ternate		Leaf shape around 10th leaf
4	Phyllotaxis	Block	Observation	3:Alternate 5:Opposite 7:Spiral		Alternate is 1/2 opening, opposite is decussate, spiral is 2/5
5	Corolla color	Block	Observation	2:White 3:Pinkish white 4:Pink 5:Pale purple 6:Purple 7:Deep purple 8:Very deep purple		
6	Number of flowers per leaf axil	Block	Observation	1:1 2:1-2 3:2 4:2-3 5:3 6:>= 4		Four or five flowers type is mixed with three-flowers type
7	Number of nodes to the first flower	10 plants	Measurement	(round to the 1st decimal place)		Number of nodes including cotyledon node on main stem
8	Internode length	Block	Observation	3:Short 5:Intermediate 7:Long		Internode length of middle portion on main stem
9	Number of carpels per capsule	Block	Observation	2:Two carpels 3:Two or three carpels, mixed 4:Three carpels 5:Three or four carpels, mixed 6:Four carpels		When different carpel numbers are seen in a single plant, rank number is 3 or 5
10	Seed coat color	Block	Observation	1:White 2:Yellowish brown 3:Yellow 4:Reddish brown 5:Blackish gray 6:Violet 7:Black		Color of matured seed coat
11	Flowering date	Block	Observation	date		Date of flowering has occurred in about 40-50% of plants
12	Maturation period	Block	Observation	date		Date when color of dehiscent leaves or capsules of lower position turn yellow
13	Height of the first capsule grown	5 plants	Measurement	cm (integer)		Observe at the maturing time

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1	Cotyledon color	Block	Observation	1:Green 8:Light green		Observe one week after germination
2	Cotyledon shape	Block	Observation	1:Flat 8:Cup shape		Observe one week after germination
3	Leaf color	Block	Observation	1:Light green 3:Green 5:Dark green 7:Violet green		Observe at the beginning time of flowering
4	Color of stem basal position petiole and vein	Block	Observation	0:Absent 9:Present		Presence or absence of anthocyan pigmentation
5	Stem shape in cross section	Block	Observation	3:Square 5:Hexagon 7:Round		Shape of the first or the second node
6	Shape of corolla	Block	Observation	1:Complete shape 9:Incomplete shape		Complete shape; right part is symmetrical with left to central axis
7	Color of corolla edge	Block	Observation	1:White 3:Yellowish green 5:Pink		Observe at flowering time
8	Lower lip color	Block	Observation	0:Absent 9:Present		Observe at flowering time
9	Basal color of lower lip	Block	Observation	1:Yellow 3:Yellowish pink 5:Pink		Observe at flowering time
10	Corolla hairiness	Block	Observation	0:Glabrous 9:Hairy		Observe at flowering time
11	Capsule shape	Block	Observation	1:Tapered 3:Narrow oblong 5:Round oblong 7:Square		
12	Density of capsule hair	Block	Observation	0:None 3:Thin 5:Dense		The density at the time of capsule growing
13	Length of capsule hair	Block	Observation	1:Short 8:Long		The length at the time of capsule growing
14	Color of dry capsule	Block	Observation	3:Straw 5:Brown 7:Purple		The color after harvest
15	Number of seeds per capsule	10 capsules	Measurement	(integer)		Before dehiscence and shattering, keep capsule then count number of seeds

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16	Number of capsules per plant	5 plants	Measurement	(integer)		At maturing time
17	Plant height	5 plants	Measurement	cm (integer)		Measured height at maturing time
18	Number of branches per plant	5 plants	Measurement	(round to the 1st decimal place)		Number of primary branches
19	1000 seed weight	Block	Measurement	g (round to the 1st decimal place)		Measure the weight of 100 mature seeds five times, then calculate its average

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1	Lodging resistance	Block	Observation	1:Very low 3:Low 4:Slightly low 5:Intermediate 6:Slightly high 7:High 9:Very high		The degree of lodging at maturity
2	Phoma wilt resistance	Block	Obs.&Measr.	1:Very low 3:Low 4:Slightly low 5:Intermediate 6:Slightly high 7:High 9:Very high		The degree of resistance to Phoma sesami Sawada in field and in injection tests
3	Bacterial leaf spot resistance	Block	Obs.&Measr.	1:Very low 3:Low 4:Slightly low 5:Intermediate 6:Slightly high 7:High 9:Very high		The degree of resistance to Alternaria sesamicola Kawamura in field or injection tests
4	Mosaic virus resistance	Block	Obs.&Measr.	1:Very low 3:Low 4:Slightly low 5:Intermediate 6:Slightly high 7:High 9:Very high		The degree of resistance to TUMV and UMV in field or injection tests
5	Wilt disease resistance	Block	Obs.&Measr.	1:Very low 3:Low 4:Slightly low 5:Intermediate 6:Slightly high 7:High 9:Very high		The degree of resistance to Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. sesami in field or in injection tests

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1	Low temperature germinability	100 seeds	Measurement	3:Low 4:Slightly low 5:Intermediate 6:Slightly high 7:High	Test germinability under low temperature
2	Photoperiodicity	5 plants	Measurement	3:Short 5:Intermediate 7:Long	Measure its critical day length
3	Leaf shedding	Block	Observation	3:Easy 4:Slightly easy 5:Intermediate 6:Slightly hard 7:Hard	Degree of leaf shedding at maturity
4	Hullability	Block	Observation	3:Easy 4:Slightly easy 5:Intermediate 6:Slightly hard 7:Hard	Hullability of seeds at maturity

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1	Seed yield	Block	Measurement	kg/a (round to the 1st decimal place)		Each experimental plot is about 4 square meters in area
2	Oil content		Measurement	% (round to the 1st decimal place)		Measured by Soxhlet method
3	Oleic acid content		Measurement	% (round to the 1st decimal place)		Measured by Gas chromatography
4	Linoleic acid content		Measurement	% (round to the 1st decimal place)		Measured by Gas chromatography
5	Sesamolin content		Measurement	% (round to the 1st decimal place)		Measured by High Performance Liquid Chromatograph

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1	Total dry weight	Block	Measurement	kg/a (round to the 1st decimal place)		The fruit + stem + capsule + weight; calculate assuming 15% water content
2	Protein content		Measurement	% (round to the 1st decimal place)		
3	Calcium content		Measurement	mg/g (round to the 1st decimal place)		
4	Sesamin content		Measurement	mg/g (round to the 1st decimal place)		
5	Flavor strength		Measurement	3:Weak 4:Slightly weak 5:Intermediate 6:Slightly strong 7:Strong		Evaluated roasted seeds' flavor