

Research on *Orobanche crenata* Management in Sicily from the 19th to the Early 20th Century

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In order to offer hints for new research, the agronomic techniques used to manage *Orobanche crenata* in Sicily in the late 19th and early 20th Century are examined; the publications in which they were originally described can be obtained only with difficulty. Hand pulling, resistant cultivars and late sowing are the techniques used nowadays. Screening for resistance to broomrape of the traditional cultivars of broad bean, and for the influence of sowing density on broomrape infestations, is still to be done.

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