

Species

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IT is great to see a real discussion once again appearing on Daffnet. It has left me a little confused. I first exhibited daffodils about 65 years ago and got really involved through the seventies. I believed that the wild forms had been well researched and that all individual species had been described and accepted. In more recent times those that were the same had been reclassified back to their original species. Now I am reading of species that I had never heard of. It seems that Rafa is saying that new species are still mutating and stabilizing in exponential numbers. In some ways that may make sense as nature does not stop changing

I once asked John Blanchard how come so many new species were being found and described. John's reply was simple - " Well David you have to do something to get your PhD." I wonder how many of these new species will later be found to be variations of an existing species as in the case of *N cordubensis*? Bring on the DNA.