



**FIGURE 11.30.** Domestication of *Zea mays* in Mexico and Central America. The various subspecies of *Z. mays* (teosinte) that are most closely related to maize grow in the southwest part of Mexico and parts of Guatemala. Of the three subspecies shown here, it is *Z. mays* ssp. *parviglumis* that seems to be most closely related to maize.

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