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Family Profile

Araliaceae

Family Description

A family of 43 genera and 1450 species, pantropic with a few species in temperate regions; twelve genera occur naturally in Australia.

Genera

Cephalalaria - A monotypic genus endemic to Australia. Stanley & Ross (1986).

Hydrocotyle - A genus of 75 to over 130 species with a worldwide distribution but well represented in the southern hemisphere. About 30 species occur naturally in Australia. Bean & Henwood (2003).

Motherwellia - A monotypic genus endemic to Australia. Mueller (1870).

Polyscias - A genus of about 159 species in Africa, Asia, Malesia, Australia and the Pacific islands; twelve species occur naturally in Australia. Bean (2015); Lowry & Plunkett (2010); Philipson (1977, 1978, 1979); White (1936).

Schefflera - A genus of about 200 species, pantropic; three or four species occur naturally in Australia. Frodin (1975).

Trachymene - A genus of about 45 species, mainly in Australia but also in Malesia and the Pacific Islands; about 35 species occur naturally in Australia. Holland (1989).

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