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Family Profile

Commelinaceae

Family Description

A family of about 50 genera and 1000 species mainly in the tropics and subtropics of both hemispheres; seven genera occur naturally in Australia.

Genera

Aneilema - A genus of about 100 species from subtropical and tropical regions of the world, but mostly in the Old World; three species occur naturally in Australia.

Commelina - A cosmopolitan genus of about 170 species; 12 species occur naturally in Australia with 2 species that became naturalised.

Cyanotis - A genus of about 50 species from tropical and subtropical Africa and Asia to N Australia; one species occurs naturally in Australia.

Floscopa - A genus of about 20 species, pantropical; possibly two species grow naturally in Australia.

Pollia - A genus of about 26 species, pantropic; two species occur naturally in Australia.

Tradescantia - About 70 species: mainly in tropical America; at least two species naturalised in Australia.

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