Distribution and Ecology

An introduced species originally from West Africa but now naturalised in NEQ. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 800 m. Grows in rainforest and notophyll vine forest.

Family Profile

Costaceae

Family Description

The family consists of seven genera and over 150 species, native to tropical areas of Asia, Africa, Australia and the Americas. The largest genus is Costus. Other genera include Chamaecostus (six species), Cheilocostus (four species), Tapeinochilos (16 species).

Genera

**Costus** - A genus of about 70 species mainly in Africa and the New World; one species occurs naturally in Australia. One species has become naturalised.


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