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## Family Profile

### Dioscoreaceae

## Family Description

A family of about six genera and 600-700 species, pantropic with only a few species extending into the temperate zones; one genus occurs naturally in Australia.

## Genera

**Dioscorea** - A genus of about 600 species, pantropic; five or more species occur naturally in Australia and one species has become naturalised. Burkill (1951); Telford (1986).

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