

# Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants - Online edition

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## Family Profile

### Lauraceae

## Family Description

A family of about 50-55 genera and perhaps 3000 or more species, pantropic but found at higher latitudes particularly in the northern hemisphere; eight genera occur naturally in Australia.

## Genera

**Beilschmiedia** - A genus of more than 200 species, pantropic; 11 species occur naturally in Australia. Hyland (1989).

**Cassytha** - A genus of 23 species, one species (*C. filiformis*) being cosmopolitan while the other species are found in Africa, Asia, Malesia, Australia and New Zealand; 19 species occur naturally in Australia. Weber (1981; 2007).

**Cinnamomum** - A genus of about 250 species, pantropic; five species occur naturally in Australia and one species has become naturalised. Hyland (1989).

**Cryptocarya** - A genus of about 200-250 species, pantropic; 48 species occur naturally in Australia. Hyland (1989); Cooper (2013).

**Endiandra** - A genus of about 100 species in Asia, Malesia, Australia and the Pacific islands; 38 species occur naturally in Australia. Cooper & Cooper (2004); Harden et al. (2014); Hyland (1989); Le Cussan & Hyland (2007).

**Lindera** - A genus of about 100 species in Asia, Malesia, Australia and South, Central and North America; one species occurs naturally in Australia. Hyland (1989).

**Litsea** - A genus of about 400 species, pantropic but occurring at higher latitudes particularly in the northern hemisphere; 11 species occur naturally in Australia. Hyland (1989).

**Neolitsea** - A genus of about 80 species in Asia, Malesia and Australia; three species occur naturally in Australia. Hyland (1989).

**Persea** - A genus of about 150 species in Central and South America; one species has become naturalised in Australia. Kostermans (1957).

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