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Family Profile

Phyllanthaceae

Family Description

A family of 59 genera and 1745 species, pantropical but especially in Malesia.

Genera

Actephila - A genus of about 20 species in Asia, Malesia and Australia; about ten species occur naturally in Australia. Airy Shaw (1980a, 1980b); Webster (1994b); Forster (2005).

Antidesma - A genus of about 170 species in Africa, Madagascar, Asia, Malesia, Australia and the Pacific islands; five species occur naturally in Australia. Airy Shaw (1980a); Henkin & Gillis (1977).

Bischofia - A genus of two species in Asia, Malesia, Australia and the Pacific islands; one species occurs naturally in Australia. Airy Shaw (1967).

Breynia - A genus of about 25 species in Asia, Malesia, Australia and New Caledonia; seven species occur naturally in Australia. Backer & Bakhuizen van den Brink (1963); McPherson (1991); Webster (1994b).

Bridelia - A genus of about 37 species in Africa, Asia, Malesia and Australia; four species occur naturally in Australia. Airy Shaw (1976); Dressler (1996); Forster (1999a); Webster (1994b).

Cleistanthus - A genus of about 140 species in Africa, Madagascar, Asia, Malesia, Australia, Micronesia, New Caledonia and Fiji; nine species occur naturally in Australia. Airy Shaw (1976, 1980b); Webster (1994b).

Flueggea - A genus of about 16 species, pantropic but also in temperate eastern Asia; two species occur naturally in Australia. Webster (1984, 1994b).

Glochidion - A genus of about 200 species, mainly in Asia, Malesia, Australia and the Pacific islands; about 15 species occur naturally in Australia. Airy Shaw (1976, 1980a, 1980b); Cooper & Cooper (2004); Harden et al. (2014); Webster (1994b, 2014).

Margaritaria - A genus of about 14 species; pantropic; two species occur naturally in Australia. (Webster 1979, 1994b).

Phyllanthus - A genus of about 750-800 species, pantropic; about 40 species occur naturally in Australia and one species has become naturalised. Airy Shaw (1980a); Harden et al. (2014); Webster & Airy Shaw (1971); Webster (1994b).

Poranthera - A genus of 14 species of annuals or herbaceous perennials found in all Australian states and New Zealand. Thirteen species endemic in Australia. Halford & Henderson (2005)

Synostemon - A genus of over about 42 species in Asia, Malesia and Australia; about 20-25 species occur naturally in Australia. Airy Shaw (1980a); Webster (1994b); Welzen, P.C. van et al (2014).

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