

# Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants - Online edition

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## Family Profile

### Urticaceae

## Family Description

A family of about 52 genera and 1900 species; 11 genera occur naturally in Australia.

## Genera

**Boehmeria** - A genus of about 50-100 species, pantropic; two species occur naturally in Australia. Chew (1989).

**Cecropia** - A genus of about 25 species native to tropical America. One species introduced to Australia. Queensland Govt (2008)

**Dendrocnide** - A genus of about 37 species in Asia, Malesia and the Pacific islands; about six species occur naturally in Australia. Chew (1969b, 1989); Jackes & Hurley (1997).

**Elatostema** - A genus of 200 species from the Old World tropics; 2 species occur naturally in Australia.

**Laportea** - A genus of about 22 species mainly in Africa and Madagascar with a few pantropic species; one species occurs naturally in Australia. Chew (1989).

**Nothocnide** - A genus of about five species in Malesia and some of the islands of the south west Pacific; one species occurs naturally in Australia. Chew (1969a, 1989).

**Pipturus** - A genus of 40 species in the Mascarenes, Asia, Malesia, Australia and the Pacific islands; one species occurs naturally in Australia. Chew (1989).

**Pouzolzia** - A genus of about 70 species, pantropic; two species occur naturally in Australia. Chew (1989).

**Procris** - A genus of ca. 20 species from the warm-temperate and tropical regions of the Old World; 1 species occurs naturally in Australia.

**Urtica** - A genus of about 100 species, cosmopolitan; one species occurs naturally in Australia and one species has become naturalised. Chew (1989).

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