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Family Profile

Zingiberaceae

Family Description

A family of over 56 genera and about 1300 species, pantropic, particularly well developed in Asia and Malesia; seven genera occur naturally in Australia.

Genera

Alpinia - A genus of over 250 species in Asia, Malesia, Australia and the Pacific islands; six species occur naturally in Australia. Smith (1987).

Amomum - A genus of about 64 species in Asia, Malesia and Australia; one species occurs naturally in Australia. Smith (1987); De Boer et al (2018).

Curcuma - A genus of ca. 80 species from India, China, Taiwan, SE Asia, Papua New Guinea and Australia; 1 species occurs naturally in Australia with another naturalised in the CYP.

Etlingera - A genus of about 60 species in Asia, Malesia and Australia; one species occurs naturally in Australia. Smith (1987).

Hedychium - A genus of about 45 species in Asia and Malesia; two species have become naturalised in Australia. Smith (1987).

Hornstedtia - A genus of about 24 species in Malesia, Australia and the Pacific islands; one species occurs naturally in Australia. Smith (1987).

Meistera - A genus of 42 species in Sri Lanka, India, South East Asia, Malesia and Australia; one species occurs naturally in Australia. De Boer et al (2018).

Pleuranthodium - A genus of about 22 species in New Guinea, the Bismark Archipelago and Australia; one species occurs naturally in Australia. Smith (1990, 1991).

Zingiber - A genus of about 100 species in tropical Asia; two species have become naturalised in Australia. Smith (1987).

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