

A close-up photograph of a purple flower, likely a rose, showing the intricate details of its petals and a dense cluster of yellow stamens in the center. The petals have a prominent vein pattern and a slightly ruffled texture. The stamens are numerous, with long, thin filaments and bright yellow anthers.

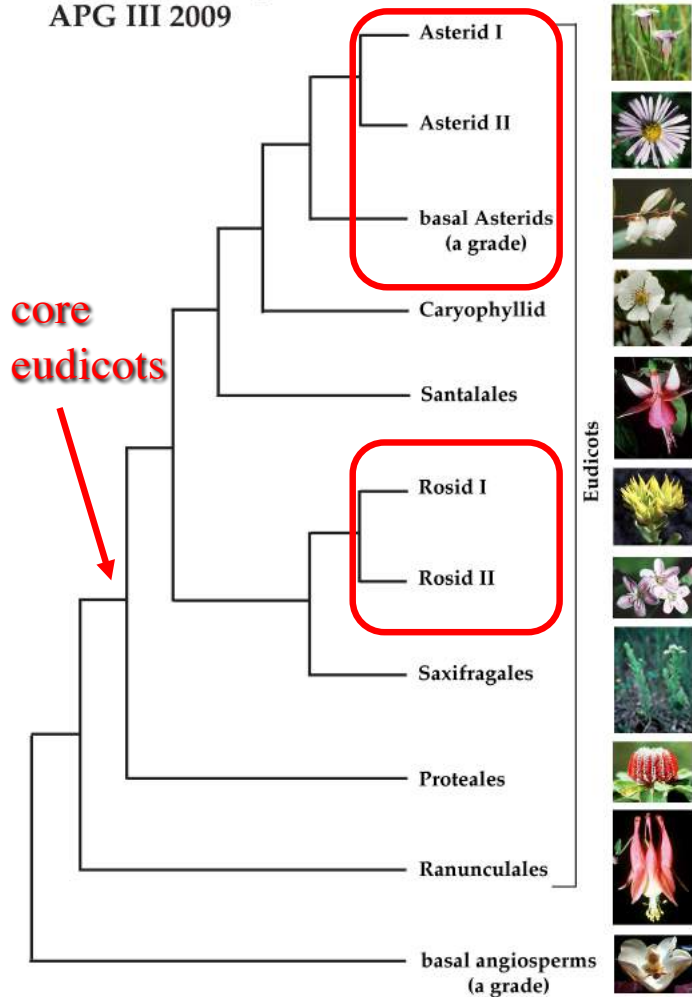
# Diversity and Evolution of Rosids

. . . roses, currants, peonies . . .

# Eudicots

- continue survey through the eudicots or tricolpates
- vast majority of eudicots are Rosids (polypetalous) and Asterids (sympetalous)

Eudicot Phylogeny  
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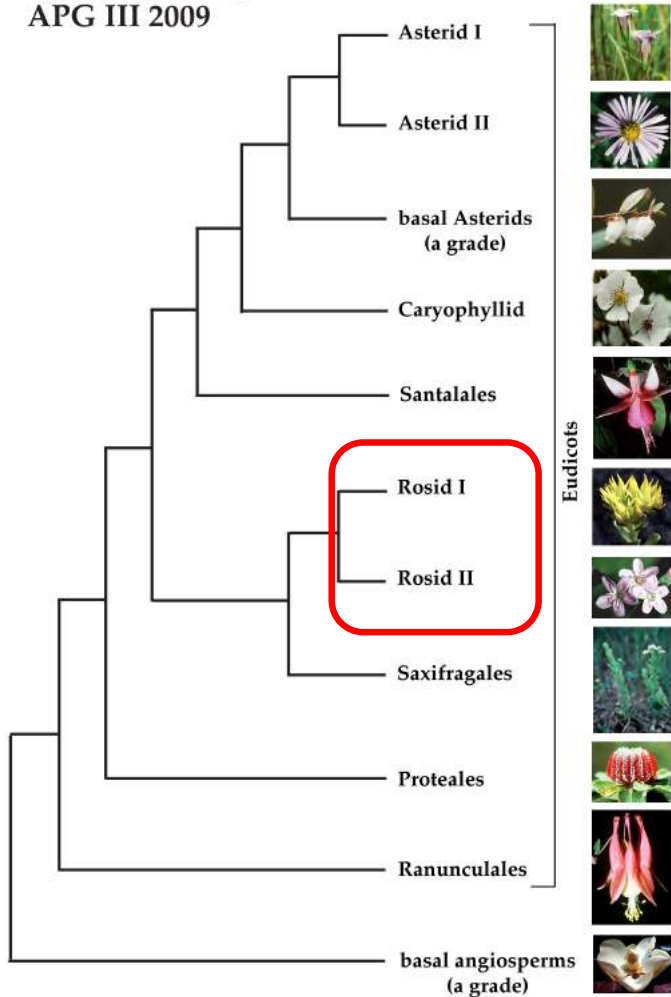




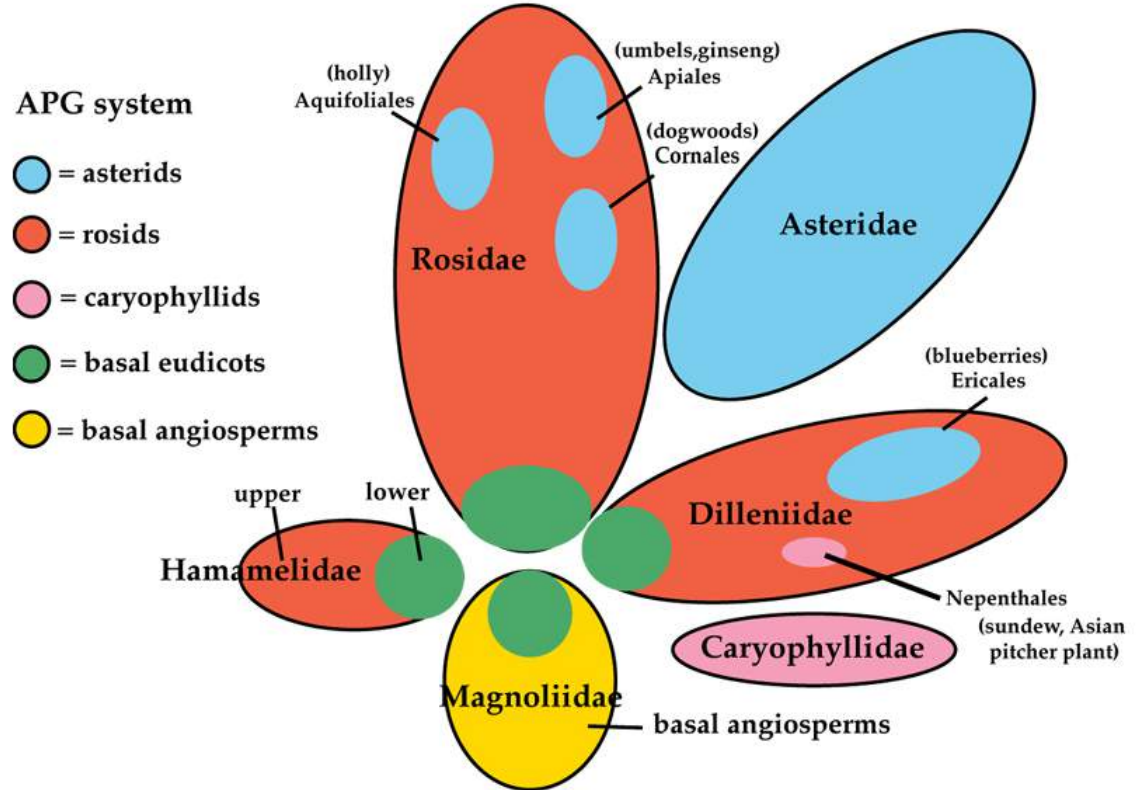
# Eudicots

- unlike Asterids, Rosids (in orange) now represent a diverse set of families

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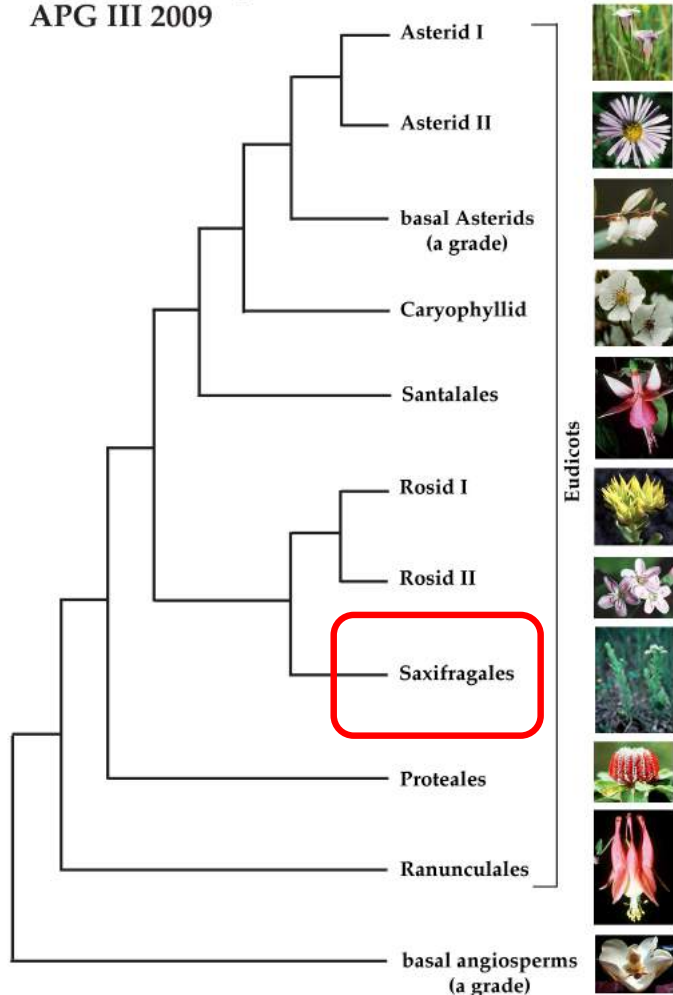
Cronquist's Dicot Subclasses vs. APG



# \*Saxifragales

- before examining the large Rosid group, look at a small but important order of flowering plants - **Saxifragales**

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*Paeonia*



*Sedum*

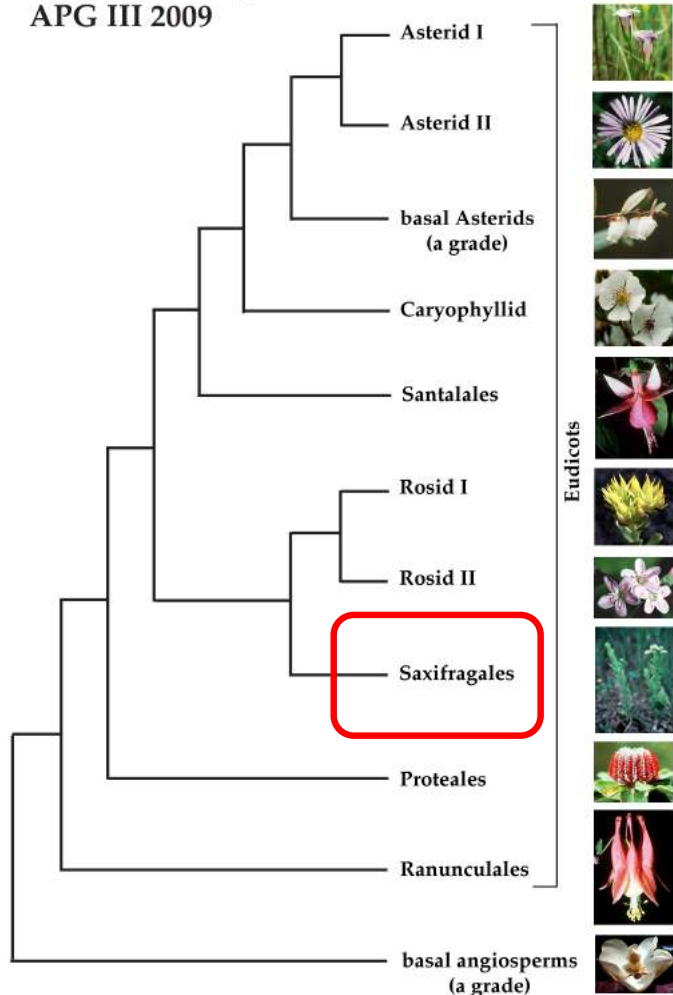




# \*Saxifragales

- small group of 16 families and about 2500 species sister to Rosids
- ancient lineage from 120 mya and underwent rapid radiation

Eudicot Phylogeny  
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*Paeonia*



*Sedum*



# \*Saxifragales

- part of this ancient radiation *may* involve this small family of **holo-parasites** - Cynomoriaceae

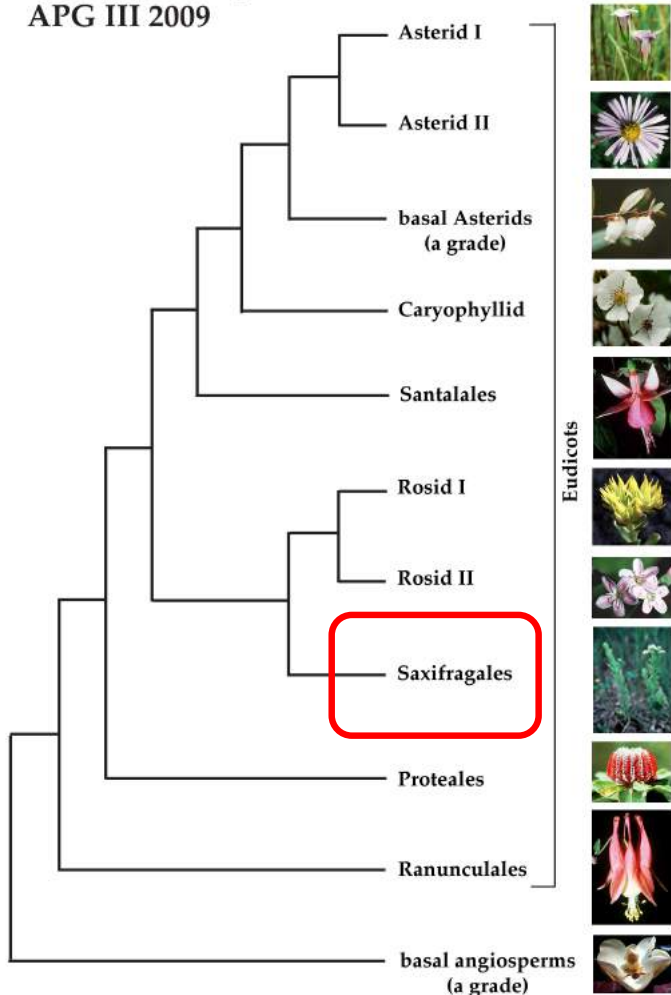




# \*Saxifragales

- they generally can be identified by their two or more separate or semi-fused carpels, but otherwise quite variable

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*Paeonia*



*Sedum*





# Paeoniaceae

1 genus / 33 species



- like many of these families, *Paeonia* exhibits an Arcto-Tertiary distribution



# Paeoniaceae

1 genus / 33 species



- small shrubs with primitive features of perianth and stamens
- hypogynous with 5-8 separate carpels developing into follicles



# Cercidiphyllaceae

1 genus / 2 species



- small trees (kadsura-tree) restricted to eastern China and Japan . . .
- . . . but fossils in North America and Europe from Tertiary





# Cercidiphyllaceae

1 genus / 2 species

- unisexual, wind-pollinated but do produce follicles





# Hamamelidaceae

27 genera and 80 species - witch hazels



- family of trees and shrubs in subtropical and temperate areas but only 1 species in Wisconsin - witch hazel found in rich deciduous woods



*Hamamelis virginiana* - witch hazel



*Hamamelis mollis*

# Hamamelidaceae

CA 4-5 CO 4-5 A 4-5 G (2)

- 4-5 merous and insect pollinated in the fall (images from Sept)
- petals are ribbon-like



*Hamamelis virginiana* - witch hazel



# Hamamelidaceae

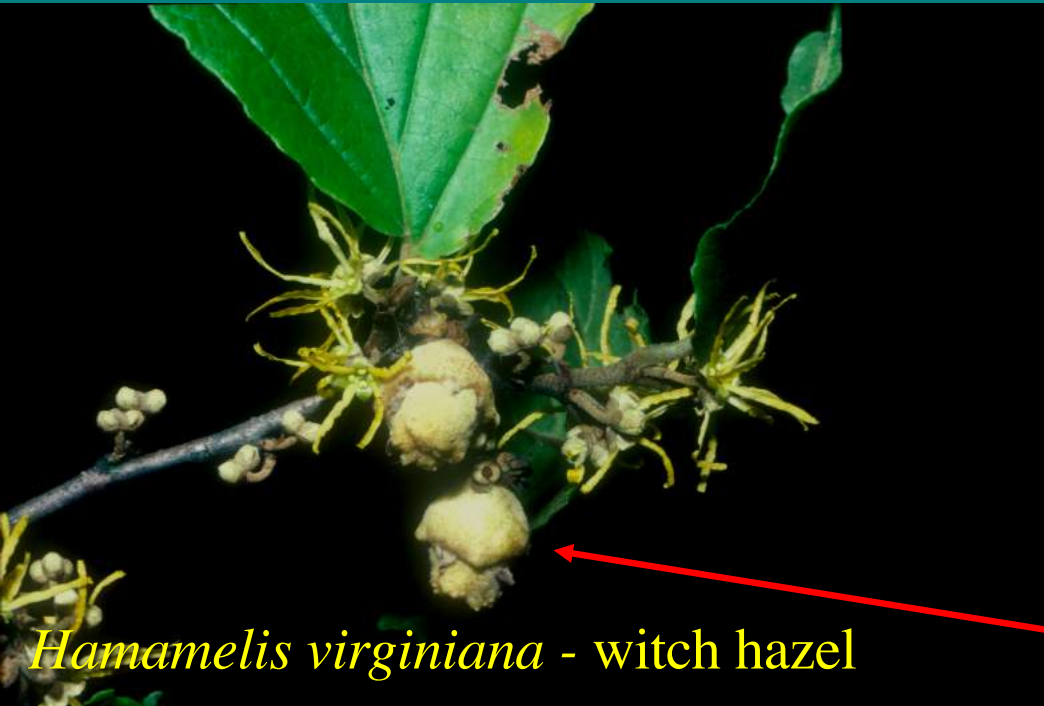
CA 4-5 CO 4-5 A 4-5 G (2)

- ovary is generally inferior or half-inferior with the tops somewhat separated



- fruit woody, dehiscent at top

Previous year's fruit



*Hamamelis virginiana* - witch hazel

# Altingiaceae

1 genus and 27 species - sweet gums



- small family of trees - sweet gum is familiar in North America; Arcto-Tertiary distribution
- clusters of small follicles



*Liquidambar styraciflua*





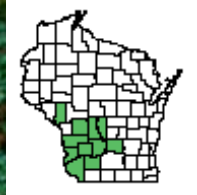
# \*Saxifragaceae

30 genera and 700 species

- family of herbs, Northern Hemisphere in distribution
- basal leaves common - **scapose**



*Sullivantia* - cool wort



- prefer wet woods, swampy conditions, or drippy cliffs as in the driftless region of SW WI



*Micranthes* - saxifrage



# \*Saxifragaceae

CA 5 CO 5 A 5or10 G (2)

- 5 merous flowers
- Superior pistil is made of 2 carpels, separated, at least from the middle up; **perigynous hypanthium** often present

2 styles



*Micranthes pensylvanica* - swamp saxifrage

# \*Saxifragaceae



*Mitella* -  
Bishop' s-cap



Note cup-like  
hypanthium



*Heuchera richardsonii*  
prairie alumroot



# \*Saxifragaceae

*Tiarella cordifolia*  
Foamflower  
Endangered boreal sp.



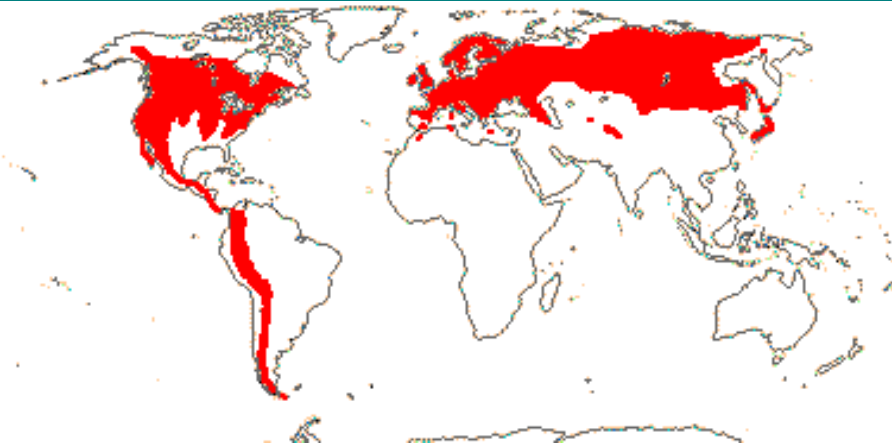
*Chrysosplenium* -  
golden saxifrage





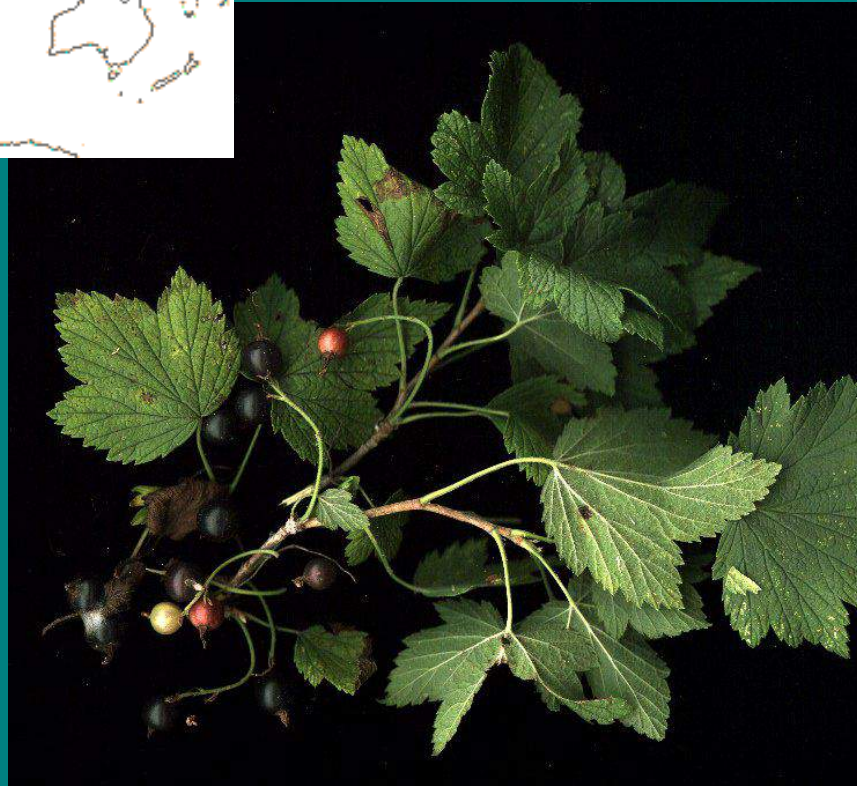
# Grossulariaceae

1 genus and 150 species - temperate regions



- characterized by lobed leaves, raceme inflorescences, and fleshy fruits (currants and gooseberries)

*Ribes americanum* -  
American black currant

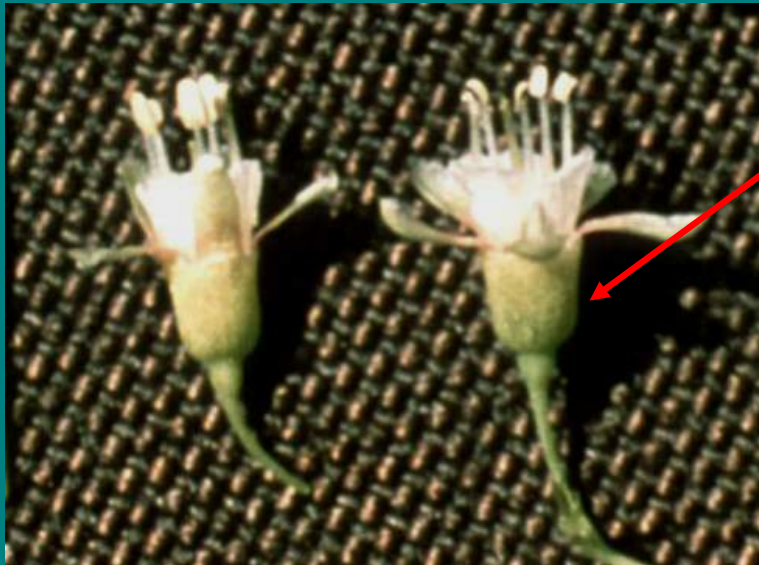


# Grossulariaceae

CA 5 CO 5 A 5 G (2)

- flowers 5 merous with sepals large and petals smaller
- gynoecium inferior of 2 fused carpels

well developed **hypanthium**





# Grossulariaceae

- Currants identified by long racemes of many flowers



*Ribes americanum*  
American black currant



*Ribes triste* -  
swamp currant

# Grossulariaceae

- Gooseberries identified by paired flowers; stems often spiny



*Ribes missouriense*  
Missouri gooseberry



*Ribes cynosbati* - prickly  
gooseberry, dogberry





# \*Crassulaceae

34 genera and 1370 species - temperate or warm temperate regions of the world



*Sedum acre* - Gold-moss  
stonecrop, Yellow sedum

- succulent herbs or small shrubs - jade plants
- CAM (crassulacean acid metabolism) type of photosynthesis
- Wisconsin species are introduced, although yellow sedum is spreading in sandy soils

# \*Crassulaceae

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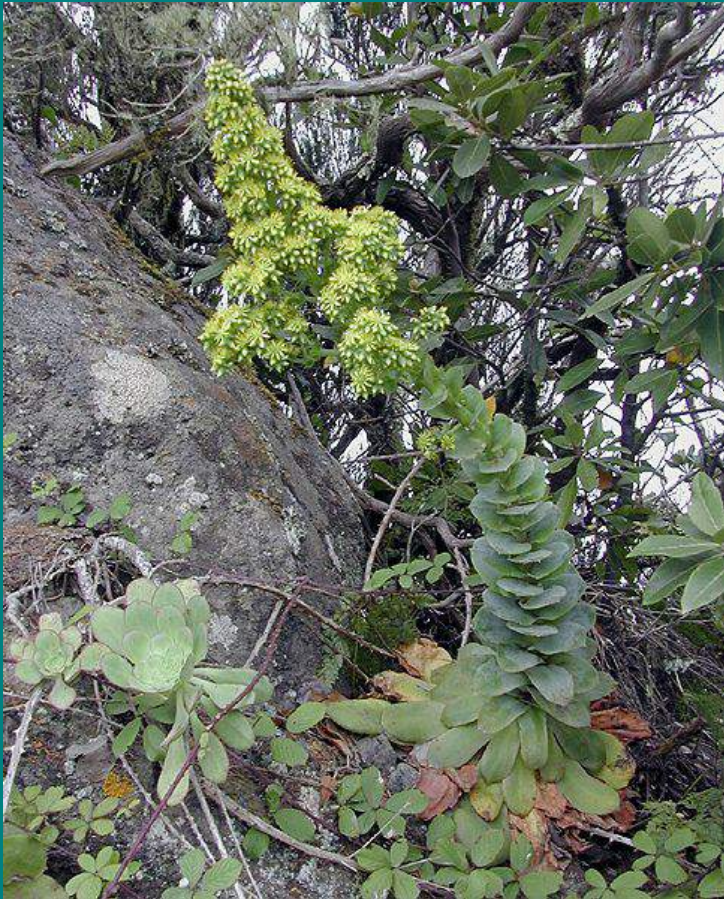
*Sedum acre* - Gold-moss  
stonecrop, Yellow sedum

- 5 merous with stamens 2X number of sepals (3,4, or 6 merous species occur)
- carpels separate and produce follicles when mature
- nectary scales usually evident at base of each carpel



# \*Crassulaceae

- major radiation of genera in Mediterranean climates (e.g., Canary Islands)



*Aeonium*



*Rhodiola*



# \*Crassulaceae



*Echeveria*



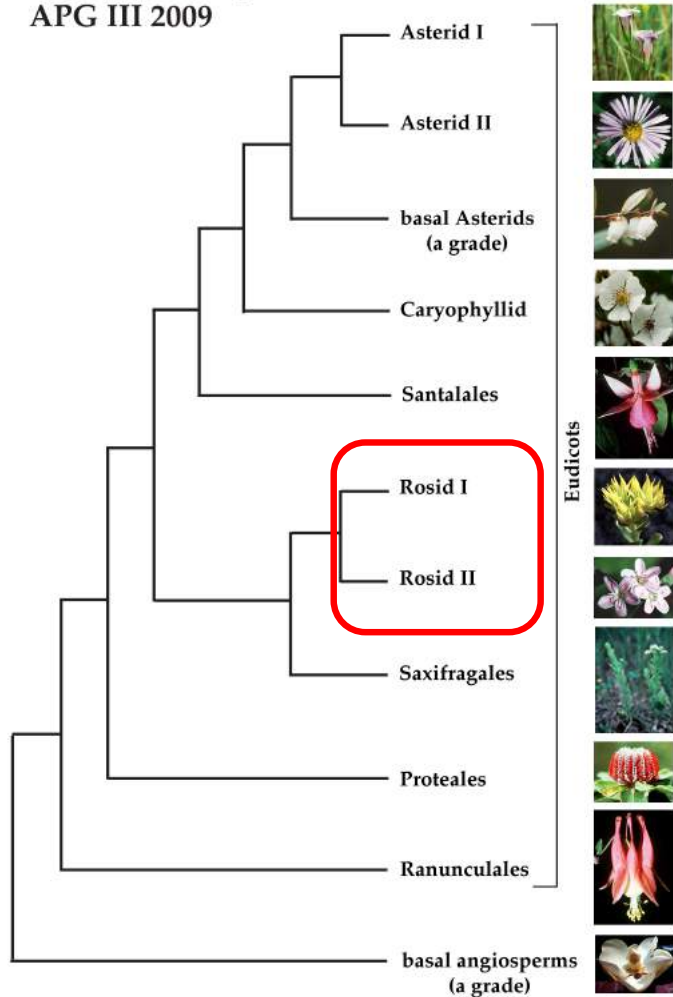
*Kalanchoe*



# Rosids

Rosids are one of two large groups of dicots; the other group are the Asterids

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Rosids:

separate petals



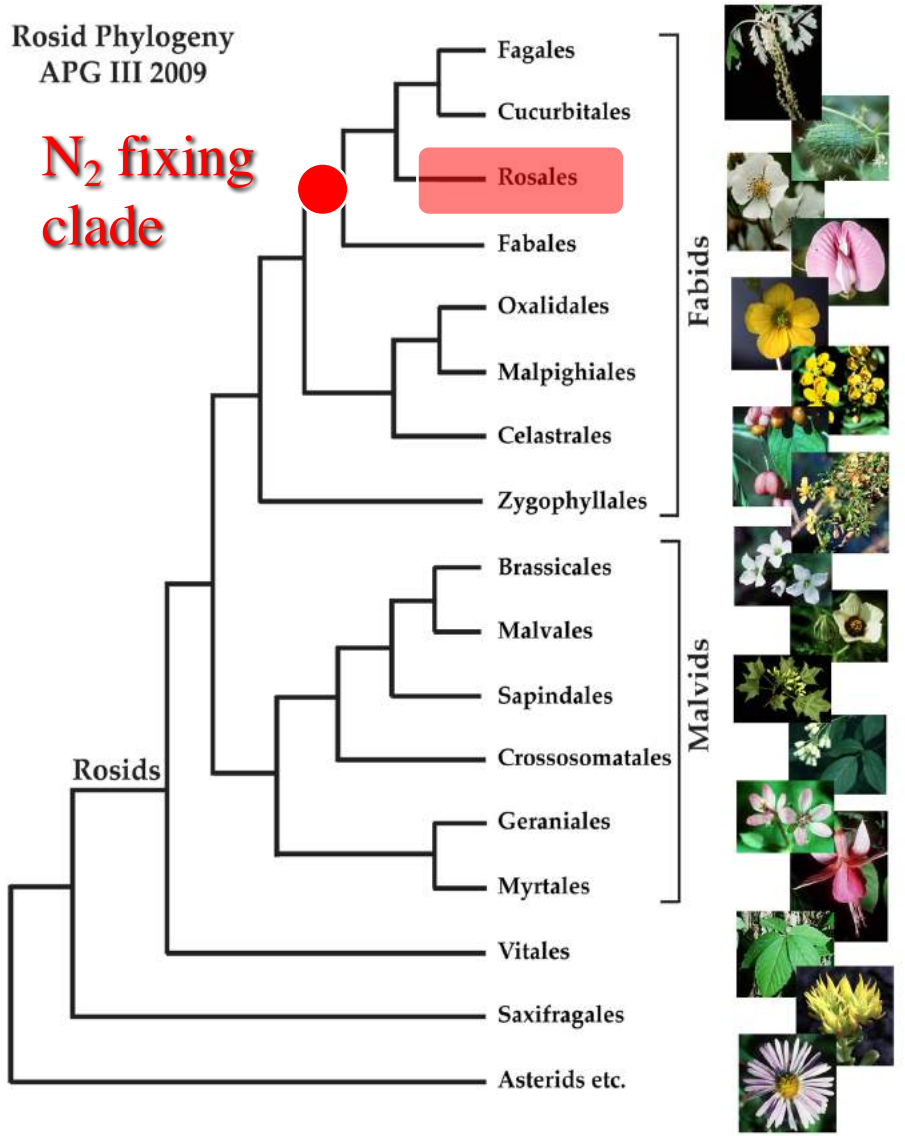
Asterids:

fused petals

# \*Rosales

Rosid Phylogeny  
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**N<sub>2</sub> fixing  
clade**



- two major groups within Rosids - we will start with **Fabids**
  - include all **N<sub>2</sub> fixing** plants
  - the order **Rosales**: not well defined morphologically (roses, elms, marijuana, nettles, figs)
1. **N<sub>2</sub> fixing** via actinomycetes (*Frankia*)
  2. **loss of corolla** in order; petals in Rosaceae = stamens!
  3. **serrated leaves** (glandular +/-)



# \*Rosaceae

100 genera and almost 3000 species distributed worldwide but most common in the north temperate regions - **commercial fruits**

- Comprise herbs, shrubs, or trees and with **alternate** simple or pinnately or palmately compound leaves



**Stipules** well developed in compound leaves

# \*Rosaceae

CA 5 CO 5 A  $\infty$  G [variable!]

- 5 merous, with numerous stamens
- gynoecium is variable and used to define subfamilies

*Rosa*





# \*Rosaceae

CA 5 CO 5 A  $\infty$  G [variable!]

- hypanthium present in all species



Bracts on calyx (epicalyx)  
often present

# \*Rosaceae

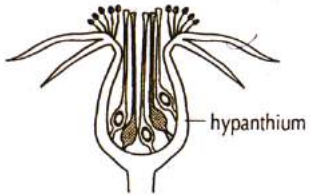
## Subfamily Spiraeoideae



### *Spiraea*

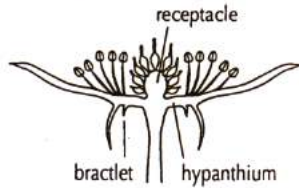
gynoecium = apocarpic  
fruit = follicles

## Subfamily Rosoideae



### *Rosa* (rose)

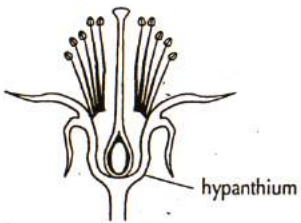
gynoecium = apocarpic  
fruit = achenes



### *Fragaria* (strawberry)

gynoecium = apocarpic  
fruit = aggregate of achenes

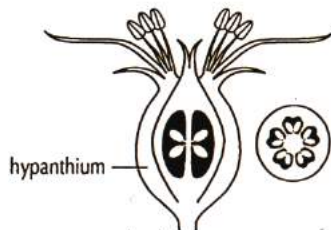
## Subfamily Prunoideae



### *Prunus* (cherry)

gynoecium = monocarpic  
fruit = drupe

## Subfamily Maloideae



### *Pyrus* [*Malus*] (apple)

gynoecium = syncarpic  
fruit = pome

The gynoecium is variable – four basic types

1. Spiraea group
2. Rose group
3. Cherry group
4. Apple group

Gynoecium variability encompasses size of receptacle, position of ovary, size of hypanthium, and the resulting fruit types:



# \*Rosaceae

## Subfamily Spiraeoideae



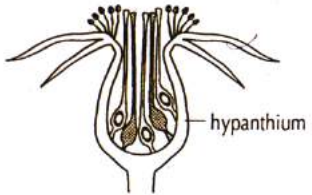
### *Spiraea*

gynoecium = apocarpic  
fruit = follicles

follicles



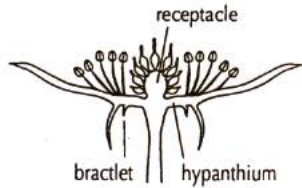
## Subfamily Rosoideae



### *Rosa* (rose)

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fruit = achenes

achenes



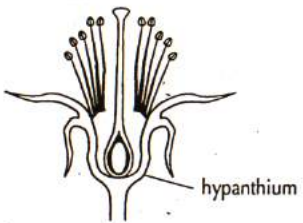
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aggregate of achenes



## Subfamily Prunoideae



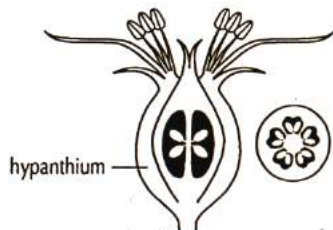
### *Prunus* (cherry)

gynoecium = monocarpic  
fruit = drupe

drupes



## Subfamily Maloideae



### *Pyrus* [*Malus*] (apple)

gynoecium = syncarpic  
fruit = pome

pomes





# \*Rosaceae – spiraea group

*Physocarpus opulifolius* - ninebark

CA 5 CO 5 A  $\infty$  G 2-8

apocarpic, superior pistils  
short hypanthium - **perigynous**  
**follicle** fruits



Subfamily Spiraeoideae



***Spiraea***

gynoecium = apocarpic  
fruit = follicles



# \*Rosaceae – spiraea group



*Spiraea alba* - meadow-sweet



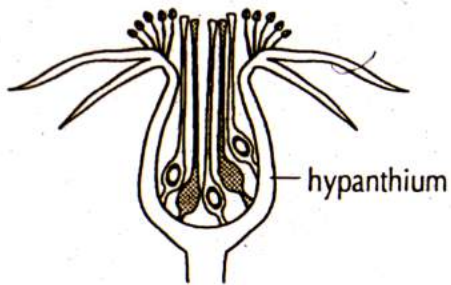
*Spiraea tomentosa* - hardhack

# \*Rosaceae – rose group

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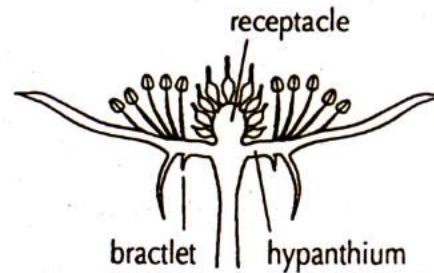
Herbs with compound leaves

Plants with **stolons** (running stems above ground) or running rhizomes



**Rosa**  
(rose)

gynoecium = apocarpic  
fruit = achenes



**Fragaria**  
(strawberry)

gynoecium = apocarpic  
fruit = aggregate of achenes

Flowers apocarpic with many carpels

**Hypanthium** well-developed or **receptacle elongated - perigynous**

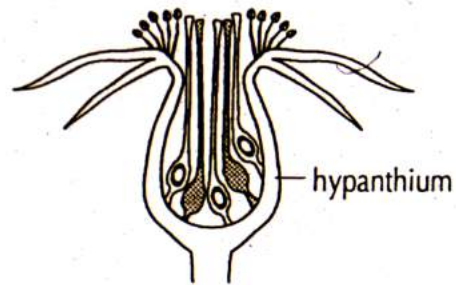
One-seeded **achenes**





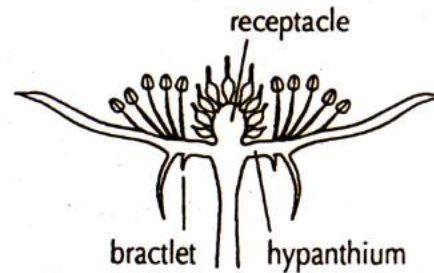
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**Fragaria**  
(strawberry)

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Achenes often modified into **aggregate** of achenes (from one flower) as in the strawberry or fleshy **drupelets** as in raspberry, dewberry



*Rubus idaeus* - American raspberry



*Fragaria* sp. - strawberry



# \*Rosaceae – rose group

*Fragaria virginiana* - wild strawberry



*Geum triflorum* - prairie smoke





# \*Rosaceae – rose group



*Agrimonia gryposepala* - common agrimony, harvest lice

2 achenes, but hypanthium disperses as a unit with “velcro”-like barbs from top of hypanthium



# \*Rosaceae – rose group



*Potentilla argentea*  
silverweed

*Potentilla simplex*  
Common cinquefoil



# \*Rosaceae – rose group



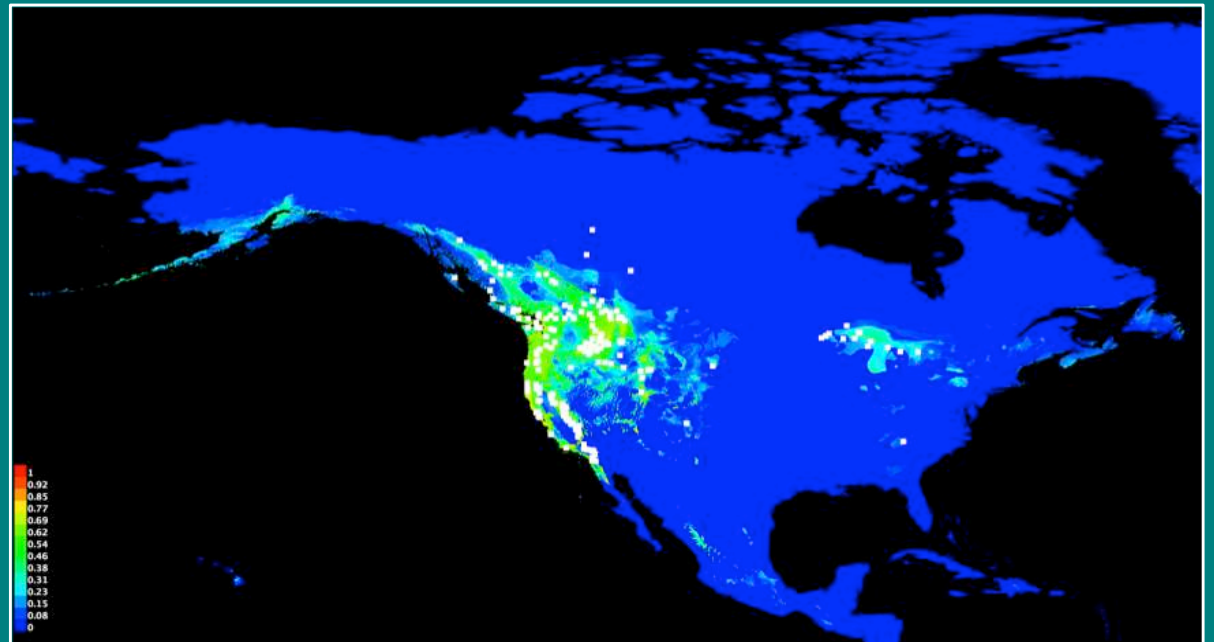
*Potentilla breweri* complex  
Western cinquefoils



# \*Rosaceae – rose group



*Rubus parviflorus*  
thimbleberry





# \*Rosaceae – rose group



*Rubus parviflorus*  
thimbleberry



*Rubus hispidus*  
swamp dewberry



*Rubus allegheniensis*  
blackberry



# \*Rosaceae – rose group



*Rosa rugosa*  
Beach rose



*Rosa palustris*  
Swamp rose

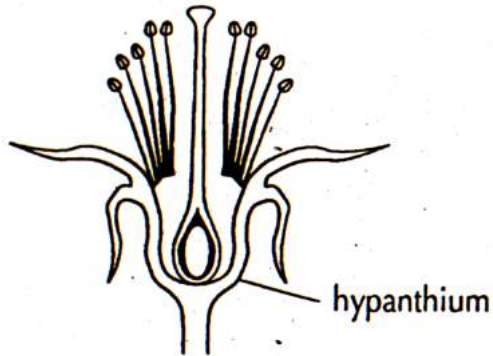


*Rosa multiflora*  
Multiflora rose  
Invasive weed



# \*Rosaceae – cherry group

Subfamily Prunoideae



***Prunus***  
(cherry)  
gynoecium = monocarpic  
fruit = drupe

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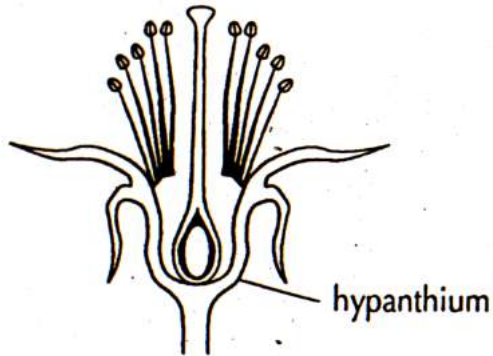
Shrubs and trees with simple leaves, often with glands along petiole (cherries, plums, peaches, almonds)



*Prunus serotina* - black cherry

# \*Rosaceae – cherry group

Subfamily Prunoideae



***Prunus***  
(cherry)  
gynoecium = monocarpic  
fruit = drupe

CA 5 CO 5 A  $\infty$  G 1

Gynoecium superior with **one carpel** =  
**monocarpic - perigynous**

Fruit a **drupe** = fleshy, with one bony seed

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# \*Rosaceae – cherry group



*Prunus serotina*  
wild black cherry

*Prunus virginiana*  
choke cherry





# \*Rosaceae – cherry group



*Prunus pumila* - sand cherry



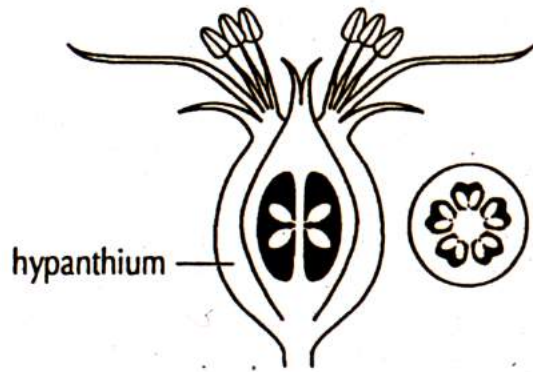
# \*Rosaceae – cherry group



*Prunus americana*  
Wild plum

# \*Rosaceae – apple group

CA 5 CO 5 A  $\infty$   $\bar{G}$  (3-5)



***Pyrus* [Malus]**  
(apple)  
gynoecium = syncarpic  
fruit = pome

Shrubs or trees with showy 5 merous flowers

Gynoecium **inferior** of 3 to 5 fused carpels

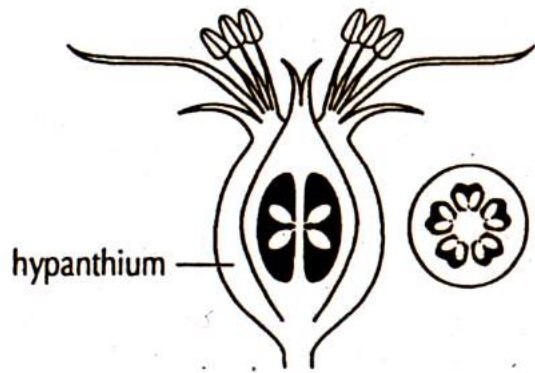


***Malus pumila* - apple**



# \*Rosaceae – apple group

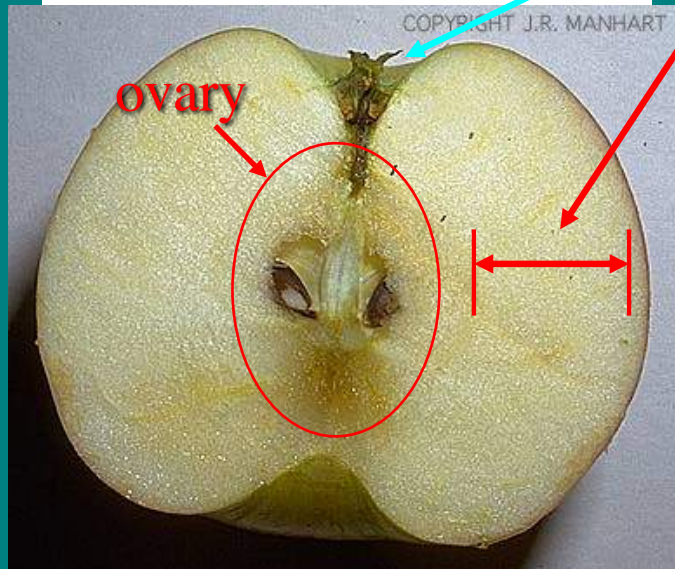
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*Pyrus* [*Malus*]  
(apple)  
gynoecium = syncarpic  
fruit = pome

Hypanthium thickens in fruit to form pome fruit

Calyx (& CO + A) inserted at top of ovary = epigynous flower



# \*Rosaceae – apple group



*Pyrus communis*  
Pear (introduced)

*Aronia melanocarpa*  
black chokeberry





# \*Rosaceae – apple group

*Amelanchier laevis*  
Serviceberry, Juneberry





# \*Rosaceae – apple group



*Crataegus crus-galli* - cockspur hawthorn

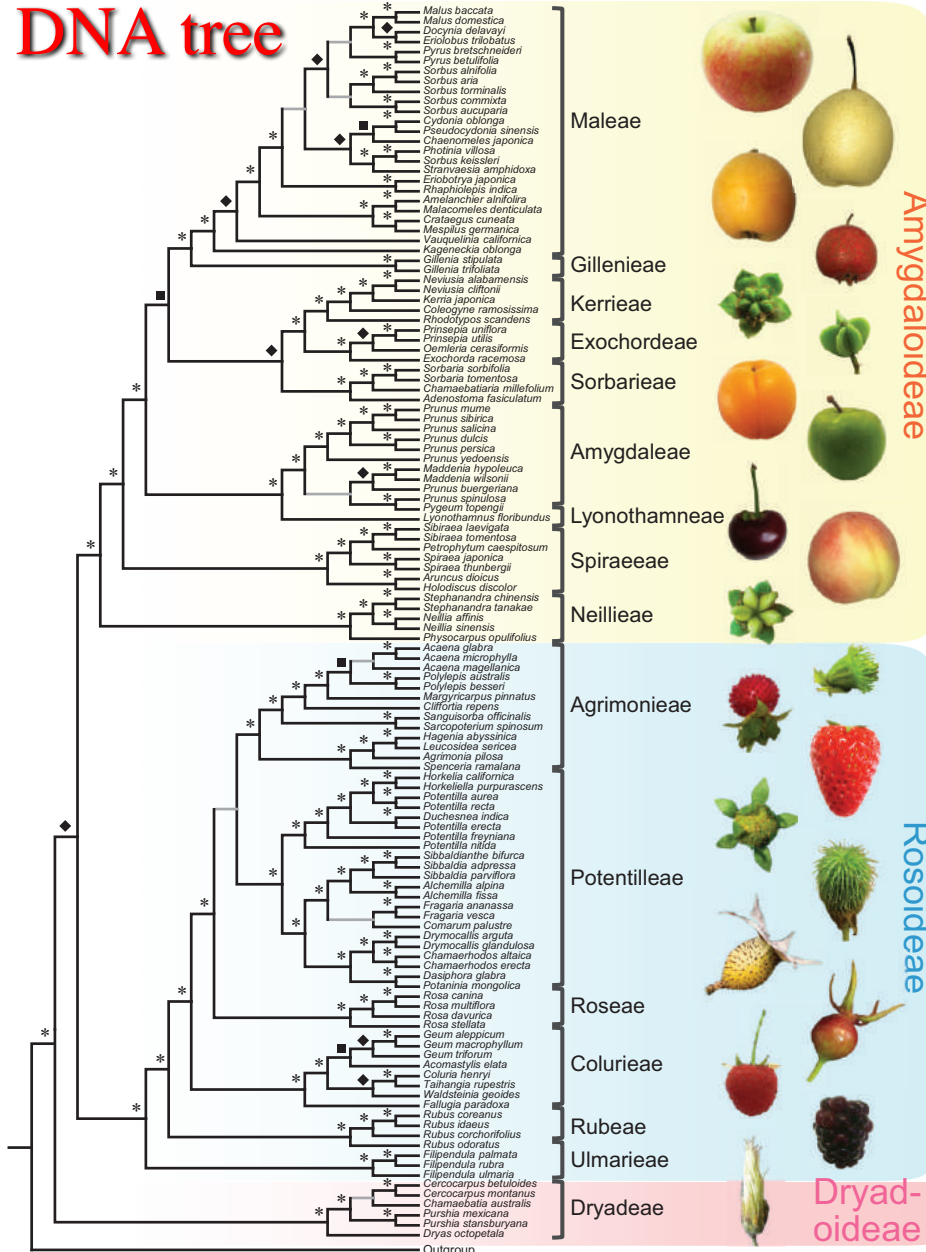


*Crataegus mollis* - downy hawthorn



# \*Rosaceae

## DNA tree



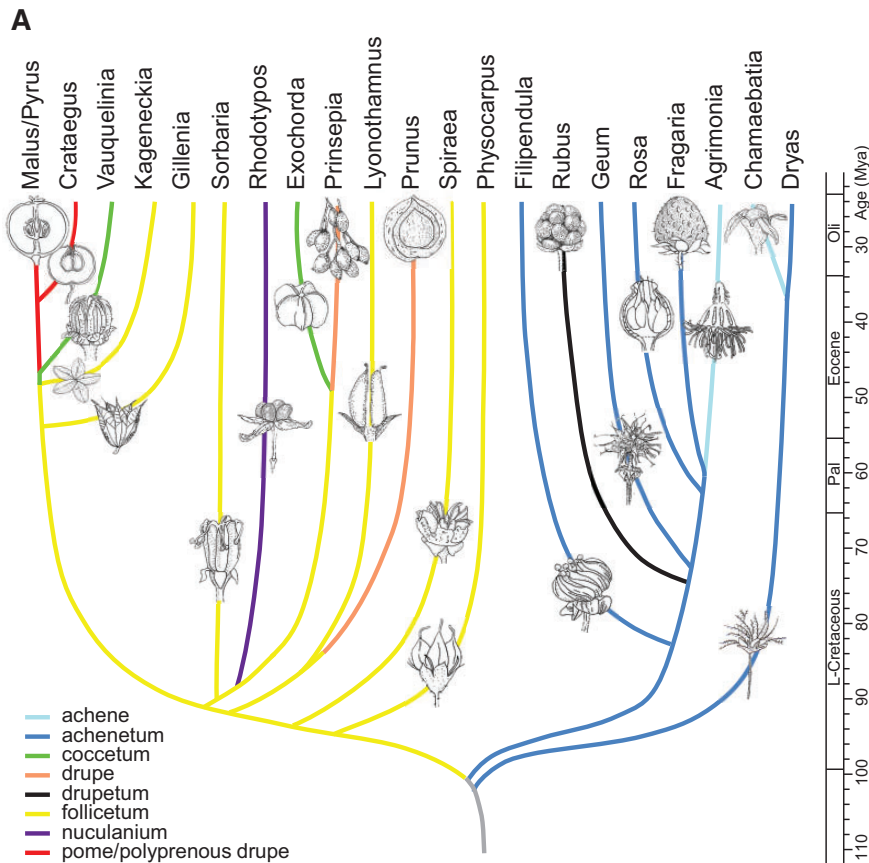
- spiraea group is polyphyletic
- not first diverging group

- rose core group is monophyletic, but others are scattered around

- cherry group and apple group form a monophyletic clade

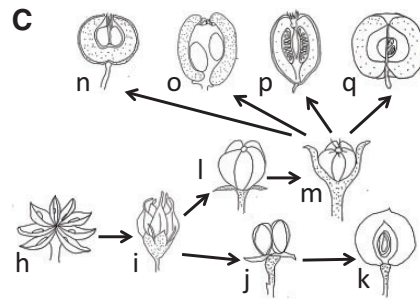
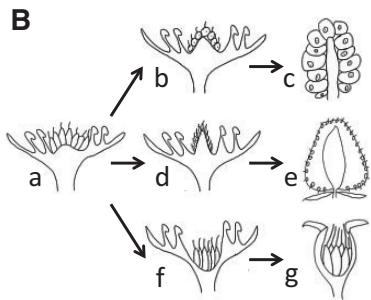
Xiang et al. 2017

# \*Rosaceae



What does this tell us about fruit evolution?

- **achenes** are ancestral
- **pomes** and **drupes** evolved once or twice
- **follicles** evolved many times



*Xiang et al. 2017*