

***BENTHAM AND HOOKER'S  
SYSTEM OF ANGIOSPERM  
CLASSIFICATION***

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# INTRODUCTION

- **Classification denotes the arrangement of a single plant or group of plants in a distinct category following a system of nomenclature, and in accordance with a particular and well established plan.**
- **Some of the earlier systems of classification of angiosperms were artificial systems, since they used only certain superficial characteristics as the basis.**
- **With more and more detailed study on the morphological, physiological and reproductive aspects of angiosperms, the artificial systems of classifications were replaced by the natural systems of classification.**

- George Bentham and Joseph Dalton Hooker - Two English taxonomists who were closely associated with the Royal Botanical Garden at Kew, England have given a detailed classification of plant kingdom, particularly the angiosperms.
- They gave an outstanding system of classification of phanerogams in their [Genera Plantarum](#) which was published in three volumes between the years 1862 to 1883. It is a natural system of classification.
- They described 97,205 species of flowering plants grouped into 202 orders (now recognised as families).
- The system has the advantage of being the first great natural system of classification, which is very easy to follow.



George Bentham  
1800-1884



# GENERA PLANTARUM

AD EXEMPLARIA IMPRIMIS IN HERBARIIS KEWENSIBUS SERVATA

DEFINITA;

AUCTORIBUS

G. BENTHAM ET J. D. HOOKER.

VOLUMEN PRIMUM,

SISTENS DICOTYLEDONUM POLYPETALARUM ORDINES LXXXIII

RANUNCULACEAS—CORNACEAS.

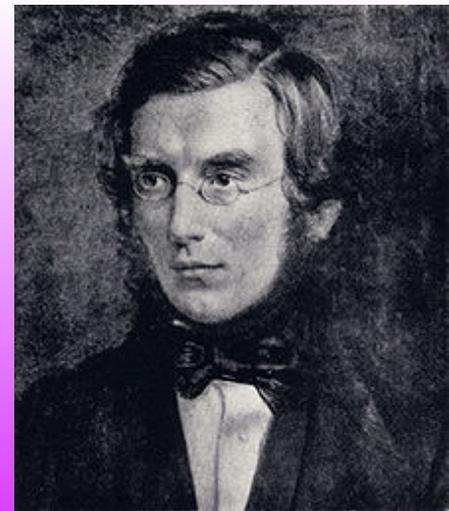


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Joseph Dalton Hooker  
1817-1911

# PLANT KINGDOM



**CRYPTOGAMIA**  
(Non-flowering plants)

**PHANEROGAMIA**

**CLASSES**

**DICOTYLEDONAE**

**GYMNOSPERMAE**

**MONOCOTYLEDONAE**

(Two cotyledons in the seed)

(Seed not enclosed in fruit)

(One Cotyledon in the Seed)

**SUB-CLASSES**

**POLYPETALAE**

**GAMOPETALAE**

**MONOCHLAMYDAE**

**SERIES**

- \* MICROSPERMAE  
3 Families
- \* EDIGYNAE  
7 Families
- \* CORONARIAE  
8 Families
- \* CALYCINAE  
5 Families
- \* NUDIFLORAE  
5 Families
- \* APOCARRAE  
3 Families
- \* GLUMACEAE  
5 Families

**SERIES**

- \* THALAMIFLORAE  
6 Orders  
34 Families
- \* DISCIFLORAE  
4 Orders  
22 Families
- \* CALYCIFLORAE  
5 Orders  
27 Families

**SERIES**

- \* INFERAE  
3 Orders  
9 Families
- \* HETEROMERAE  
3 Orders  
12 Families
- \* BICARPELLATAE  
4 Orders  
23 Families

**SERIES**

- \* CURVEMBRYAE  
6 Families
- \* MULTIOVULATE  
AQUATICAE  
1 Family
- \* MULTIOVULATE  
TERRESTRIS  
3 Families
- \* MICROEMBRYAE  
4 Families

- \* DAPHNIALES  
5 Families
- \* ACHLAMYDO-  
SPORAE  
3 Families
- \* UNISEXUALES  
9 Families
- \* ORDINA  
ANAMOLI  
9 Families

***SUB-CLASS - POLYPETALAE***  
*petals separate*

*Series*

**THALAMIFLORA**

**E**

Orders

Ranales

Parietales

Polygalineae

Caryophyllineae

ae

Guttiferales

Malvales

**DISCIFLORAE**

Orders

Geraniales

Olacales

Celastrales

Sapindales

**CALYCIFLORA**

**E**

Orders

Rosales

Myrtales

Passiflorales

Ficoidales

Umbellales



# THALAMIFLORAE

Many stamens in the androecium.

Flower is hypogynous

*Orders*

## Ranales

*Families*

Ranunculaceae

Dilleniaceae

Calycanthaceae

Magnoliaceae

Annonaceae

Menispermaceae

Berberidaceae

Nymphaeaceae

## Parietales

*Families*

Sarraceniaceae

Papaveraceae

Cruciferae

Capparaceae

Resedaceae

Cistaceae

Violaceae

Canellaceae

Bixaceae.

## Polygalineae

*Families*

Pittosporaceae

Tremandraceae

Polygalaceae

## Caryophyllineae

*Families*

Frankeniaceae

Caryophyllaceae

Portulacaceae

Tamaricaceae

## Guttiferales

*Families*

Elatinaceae

Hypericaceae

Guttiferae

Theaceae

Dipterocarpaceae

Sarcolaenaceae

## Malvales

*Families*

Malvaceae

Sterculiaceae

Tiliaceae



# DISCIFLORAE

Hypogynous flowers with a cushion-like disc around or below the ovary

↓ Orders

## Geraniales

*Families*

Linaceae

Humiriaceae

Malpighiaceae

Zygophyllaceae

Geraniaceae

Rutaceae

Simaroubaceae

Ochnaceae

Burseraceae

Meliaceae

Dichapetalaceae

e

## Olacales

*Families*

Olacaceae

Aquifoliaceae

e

## Celastrales

*Families*

Celastraceae

Stackhousiaceae

Rhamnaceae

Vitaceae

## Sapindales

*Families*

Sapindaceae

Meliosmaceae

Anacardiaceae

e

Coriariaceae

Moringaceae



# CALYCIFLORAE

Flowers epigynous or perigynous  
Thalamus is in the form of a cup

## Orders

### Rosales

#### *Families*

Connaraceae

Leguminosae

Rosaceae

Saxifragaceae

Crassulaceae

Droseraceae

Hamamelidaceae

Bruniaceae

Haloragaceae

### Myrtales

#### *Families*

Rhizophoraceae

Combretaceae

Myrtaceae

Melastomataceae

Lythraceae

Onagraceae

### Passiflorales

#### *Families*

Loasaceae

Turneraceae

Passifloraceae

Cucurbitaceae

Begoniaceae

Datisceae

### Ficoidales

#### *Families*

Cactaceae

Aizoaceae

### Umbellales

#### *Families*

Umbelliferae

Araliaceae

Cornaceae



***SUB-CLASS - GAMOPETALAE***  
*petals fused*

*Series*

**INFERRAE**

*Orders*

Rubiales

Asterales

Campanulales

**HETEROMERAE**

*Orders*

Ericales

Primulales

Ebenales

**BICARPELLATA  
E**

*Orders*

Gentianales

Polemoniales

Personiales

Lamiales



# INFERRAE

## Flowers with inferior ovary

Orders

Rubiales

*Families*

Caprifoliaceae

Rubiaceae

Asterales

*Families*

Valerianaceae

Dipsacaceae

Calyceraceae

Compositae

Campanulales

*Families*

Stylidaceae

Goodeniaceae

Campanulaceae



# HETEROMERAE

Flowers with superior ovary  
Number of carpels - more than two

Orders

## Ericales

*Families*

Ericaceae

Clethraceae

Epacridaceae

Diapensiaceae

Lennoceae

## Primulales

*Families*

Plumbaginaceae

Primulaceae

Myrsinaceae

## Ebenales

*Families*

Sapotaceae

Ebenaceae

Styracaceae



# BICARPELLATAE

Ovary superior, with 2 carpels

## Orders

### Gentianales

#### *Families*

Oleaceae

Salvadoraceae

Apocynaceae

Asclepiadaceae

Loganiaceae

Gentianaceae

### Polemoniales

#### *Families*

Polemoniaceae

Hydrophyllaceae

Boraginaceae

Convolvulaceae

Solanaceae

### Personiales

#### *Families*

Scrophulariaceae

Globulariaceae

Lentibulariaceae

Gesneriaceae

Bignoniaceae

Pedaliaceae

Acanthaceae

### Lamiales

#### *Families*

Myoporaceae

Verbenaceae

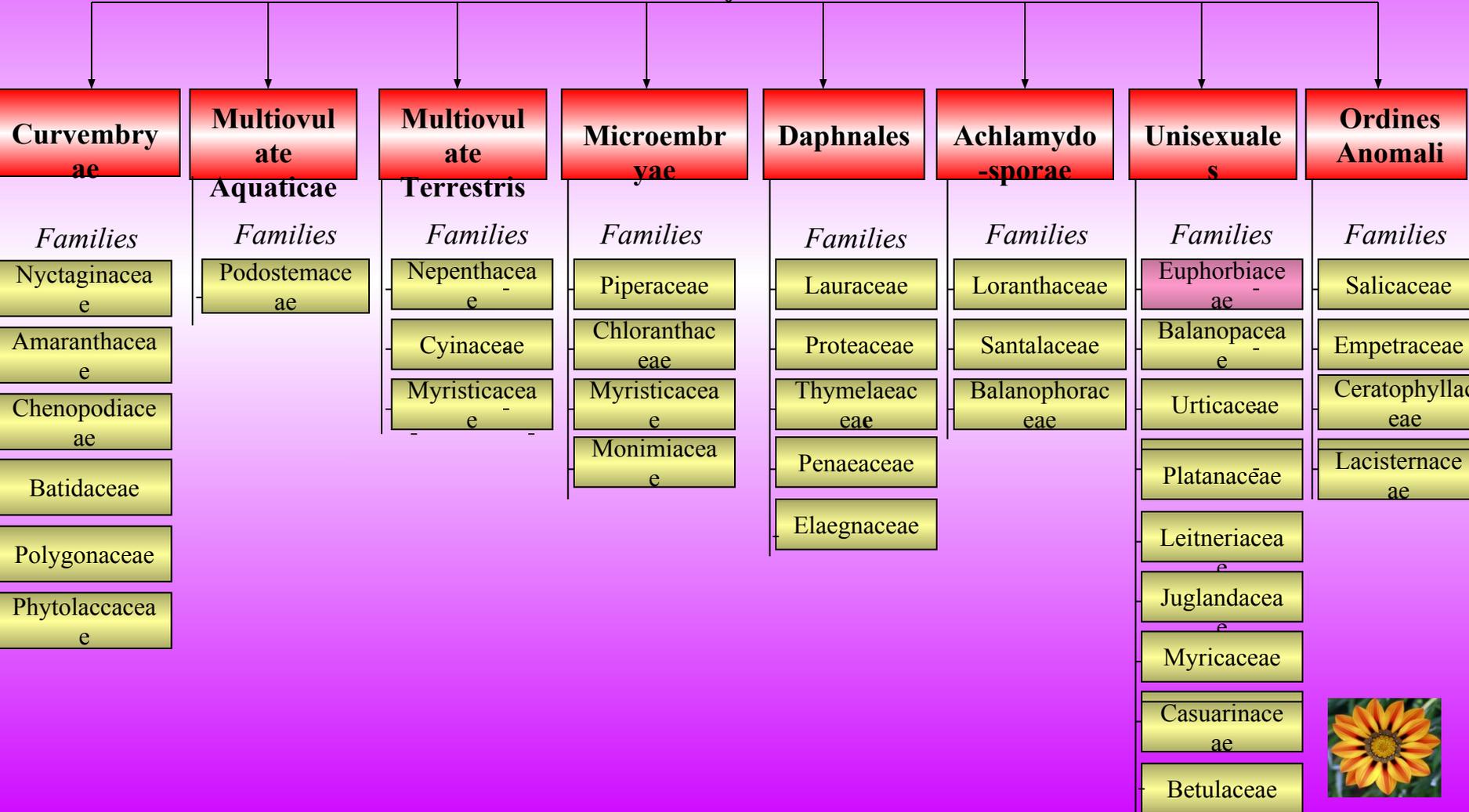
Labiatae

Plantaginaceae



# ***MONOCHLAMYDEAE*** *only 1 kind of perianth*

*Series*



# CLASS-MONOCOTYLEDONAE

1 cotyledon, flowers trimerous

*Series*

## Microspermae

*Families*

Hydrocharitaceae

Burmanniaceae

Orchidaceae

## Epigynae

*Families*

Scitamineae

Bromeliaceae

Haemodoraceae

Iridaceae

Amaryllidaceae

Taccaceae

Dioscoreaceae

## Coronarieae

*Families*

Roxburghiaceae

Liliaceae

Pontederiaceae

Philydraceae

Xyridaceae

Mayacaceae

Commelinaceae

Rapateaceae

## Calycinae

*Families*

Flagellariaceae

Juncaceae

Palmae

## Nudiflorae

*Families*

Pandanaceae

Cyclanthaceae

Typhaceae

Araceae

Lemnaceae

## Apocarpae

*Families*

Triuridaceae

Alismataceae

Najadaceae

## Glumaceae

*Families*

Eriocaulaceae

Centrolepidaceae

Restionaceae

Cyperaceae

Gramineae





*Delphinium amplibracteatum*



***RANUNCULACEAE***



*Ranunculus laetus*





*Argemone mexicana*



***PAPAVERA***  
***CEAE***



David E. Lemke





*Citrus  
aurantifolia*



*Citrus limon*

***RUTACEAE***



*Murraya koenigii*



*Murraya paniculata*



***LEGUMIN  
OSAE***



*Pisum sativum*



*Lathyrus odoratus*



***ROSACEAE***



***UMBELLIF  
ERAE***



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*Coriandrum sativum* -



*COMPOSIT*  
*AE*



*ASCLEPIAD  
ACEAE*



*Asclepias quinquedentata*



*Calotropis*

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*Nicotiana  
glauca*

***SOLANACEA***  
***E***



*Solanum nigrum*



*LAMIALES*



*Ocimum*



*Euphorbia pulcherrima*



***EUPHORBIA***  
***CEAE***



*Euphorbia hirta*





***GLUMACEA***  
***E***



*Triticum aestivum*



*Oryza sativa*

# DRAWBACKS

- Gymnosperms were placed between Dicots and Monocots.
- Many important floral characters were neglected.
- It is not a phylogenetic scheme.
- Some of the closely related families have been separated and placed under different cohorts and a number of unrelated families put together.
- Some advanced families like *Orchidaceae* have been regarded as primitive by placing in the beginning.



*THANK YOU*