

BENTHAM AND HOOKER'S SYSTEM OF ANGIOSPERM CLASSIFICATION



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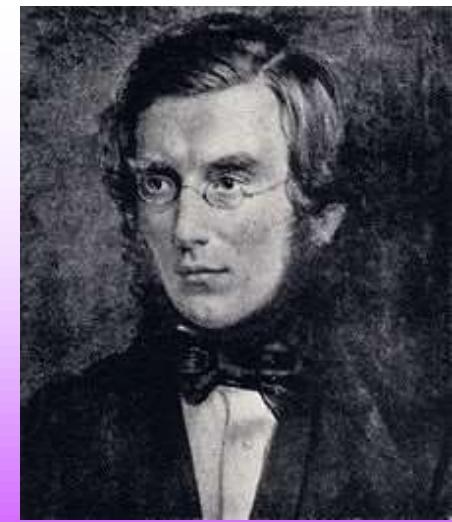
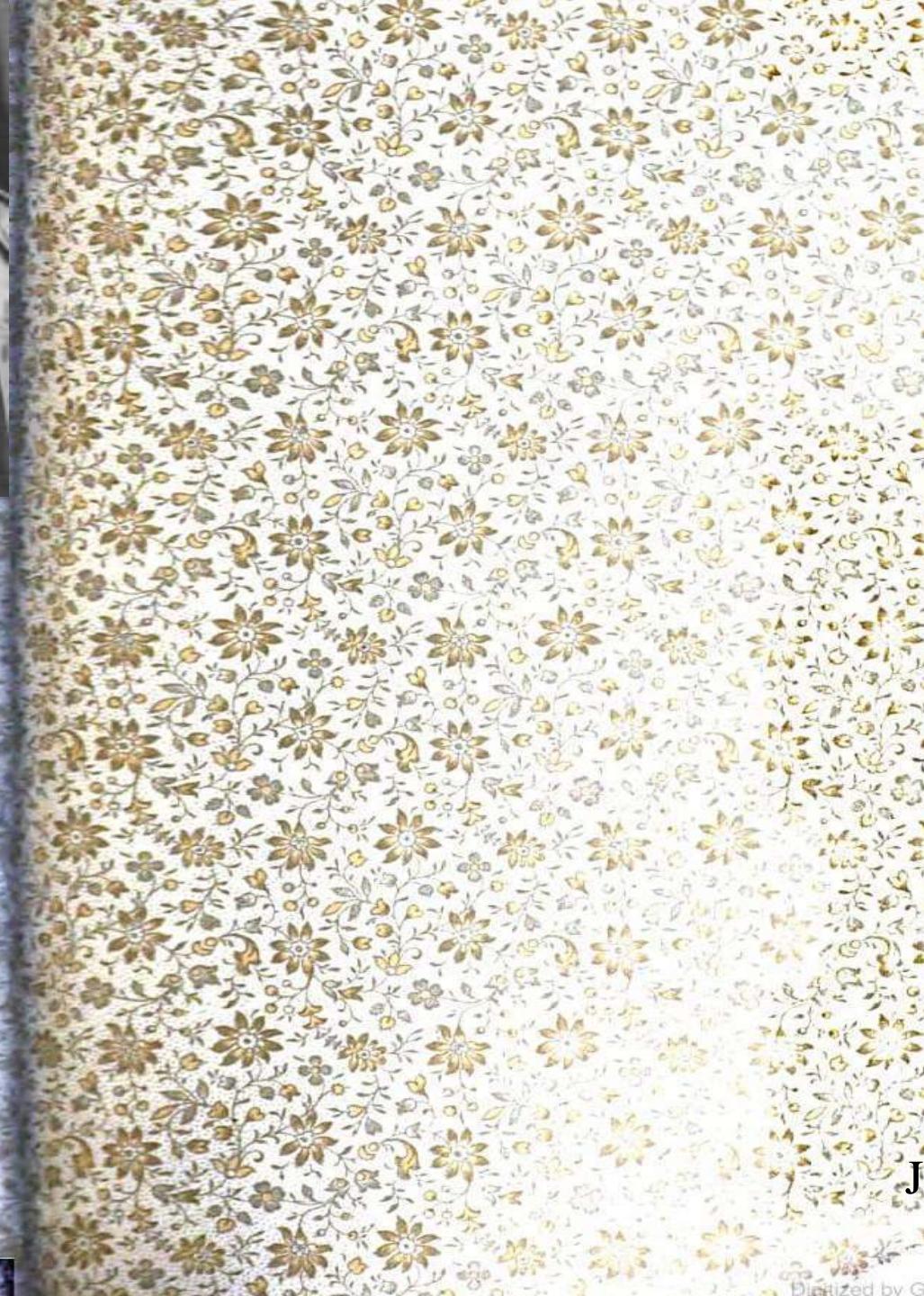
INTRODUCTION

- 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



Joseph Dalton Hooker
1817-1911

PLANT KINGDOM



CRYPTOGAMIA
(Non-flowering plants)

PHANEROGAMIA

CLASSES

DICOTYLEDONAE

(Two cotyledons in the seed)

GYMNOSPERMAE

(Seed not enclosed in fruit)

MONOCOTYLEDONAE

(One Cotyledon in the Seed)

SUB-CLASSES

POLYPETALAE

GAMOPETALAE

MONOCHLAMYDAE

SERIES

- **MICROSPERMÆ**
3 Families
- **EDIGYNÆ**
7 Families
- **CORONARIAE**
8 Families
- **CALYCINÆ**
5 Families
- **NUDIFLORÆ**
5 Families
- **APOCARRAE**
3 Families
- **GLUMACEAE**
5 Families

SERIES

- **THALAMIFLORÆ**
6 Orders
34 Families
- **DISCIFLORÆ**
4 Orders
22 Families
- **CALYCIFLORÆ**
5 Orders
27 Families

SERIES

- **INFERAЕ**
3 Orders
9 Families
- **HETEROMERAЕ**
3 Orders
12 Families
- **BICARPELLATAE**
4 Orders
23 Families

SERIES

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

SERIES

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

SUB-CLASS - POLYPETALAE

petals separate



Series

THALAMIFLORAE

Orders

Ranales

Parietales

Polygalineae

Caryophyllineae

Guttiferales

Malvales

DISCIFLORAE

Orders

Geraniales

Olacales

Celastrales

Sapindales

CALYCIFLORAE

Orders

Rosales

Myrales

Passiflorales

Ficoidales

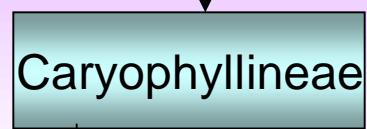
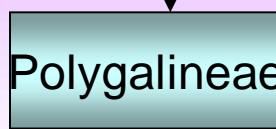
Umbellales



THALAMIFLORAE

Many stamens in the androecium.
Flower is hypogynous

Orders



Families

Ranunculaceae

Dilleniaceae

Calycanthaceae

Magnoliaceae

Annonaceae

Menispermaceae

Berberidaceae

Nymphaceae

Families

Sarraceniaceae

Papaveraceae

Cruciferae

Capparaceae

Resedaceae

Cistaceae

Violaceae

Canellaceae

Bixaceae.

Families

Pittosporaceae

Tremandraceae

Polygalaceae

Families

Frankeniacaceae

Caryophyllaceae

Portulacaceae

Tamaricaceae

Families

Elatinaceae

Hypericaceae

Guttiferae

Theaceae

Dipterocarpaceae

Sarcolaenaceae

Families

Malvaceae

Sterculiaceae

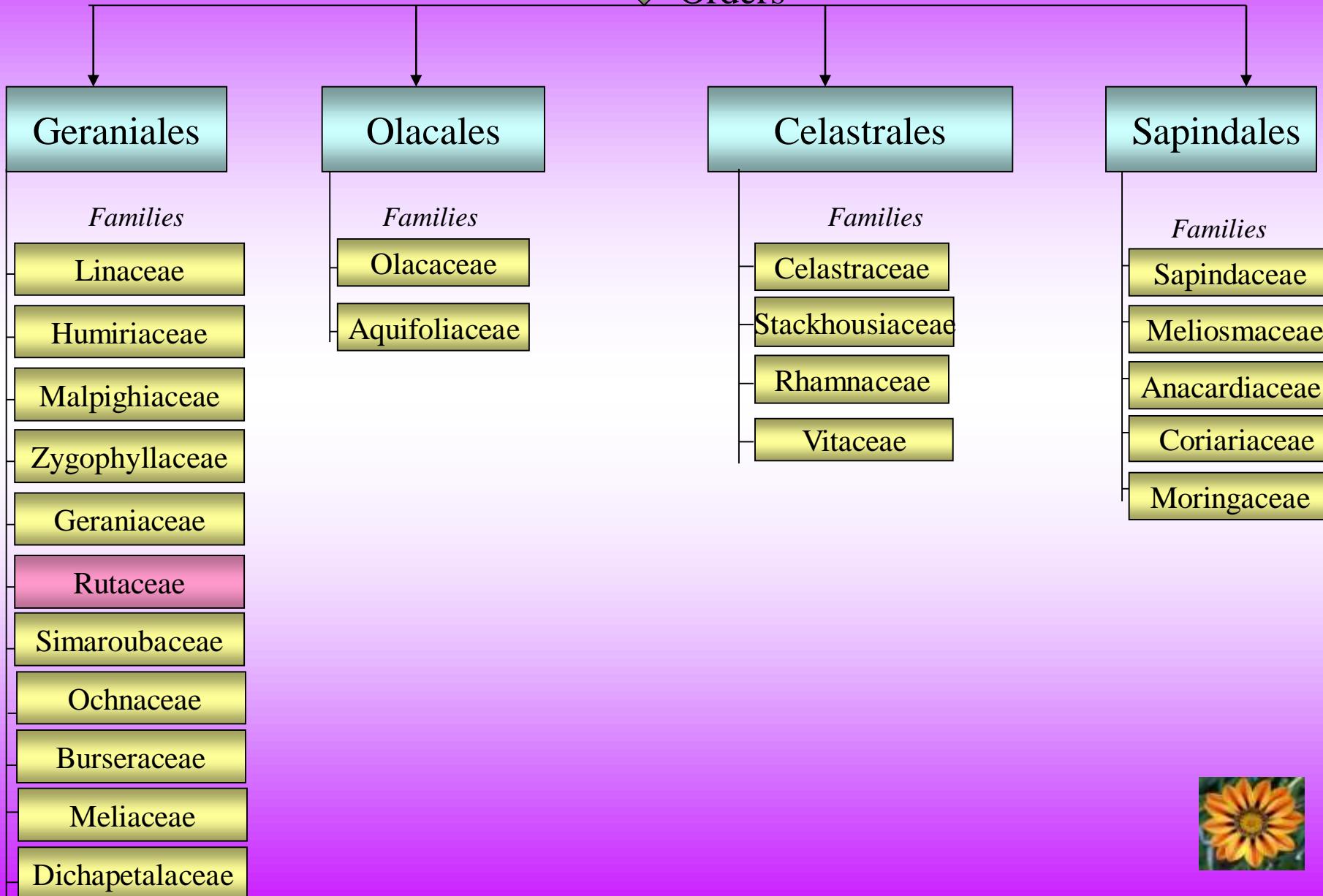
Tiliaceae



DISCIFLORAEE

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

Orders



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

Myrales

Families

Rhizophoraceae

Combretaceae

Myrtaceae

Melastomataceae

Lythraceae

Onagraceae

Passiflorales

Families

Loasaceae

Turneraceae

Passifloraceae

Cucurbitaceae

Begoniaceae

Datiscaceae

Ficoidales

Families

Cactaceae

Aizoaceae

Umbellales

Families

Umbelliferae

Araliaceae

Cornaceae



SUB-CLASS - GAMOPETALAE

petals fused



Series

INFERAEE

Orders

Rubiales

Asterales

Campanulales

HETEROMERAE

Orders

Ericales

Primulales

Ebenales

BICARPELLATAE

Orders

Gentianales

Polemoniales

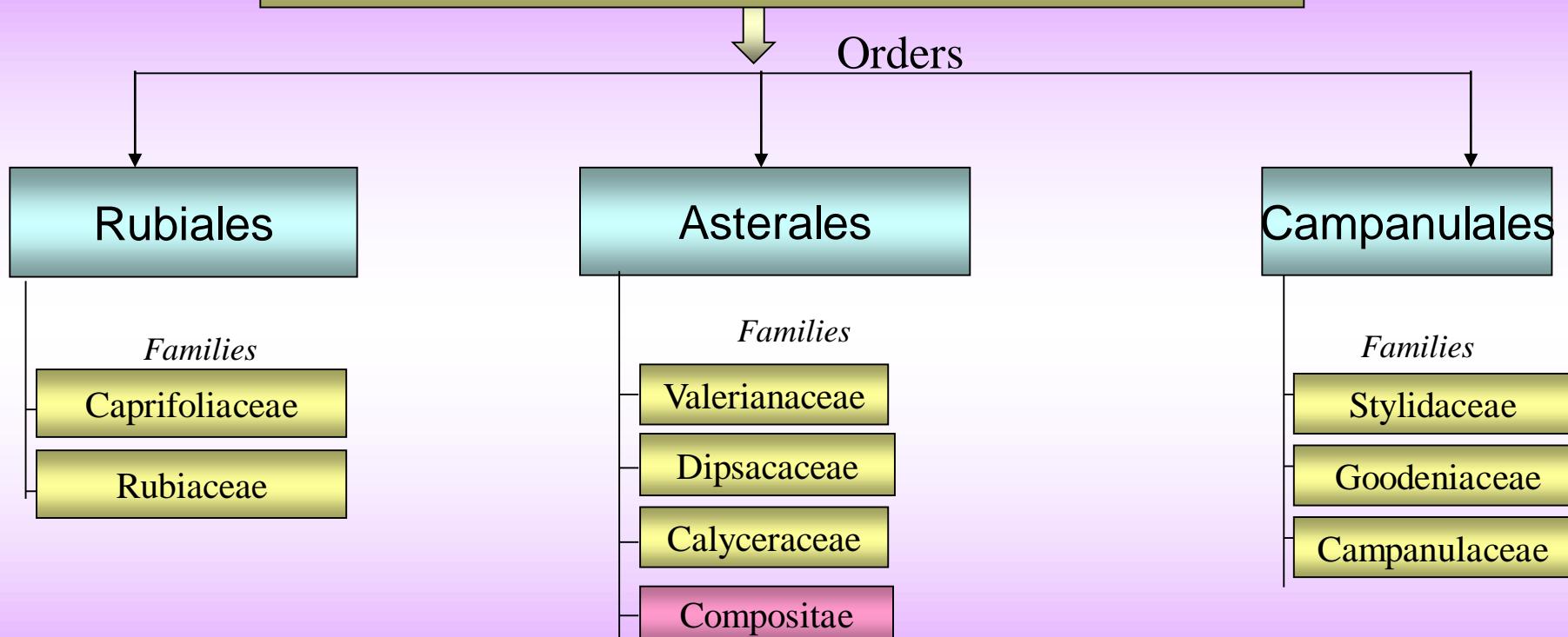
Personiales

Lamiales



INFERAЕ

Flowers with inferior ovary



HETEROMERAE

Flowers with superior ovary
Number of carpels - more than two

Orders

Ericales

Families

Ericaceae

Clethraceae

Epacridaceae

Diapensiaceae

Lynneceae

Primulales

Families

Plumbaginaceae

Primulaceae

Myrsinaceae

Ebenales

Families

Sapotaceae

Ebenaceae

Styracaceae

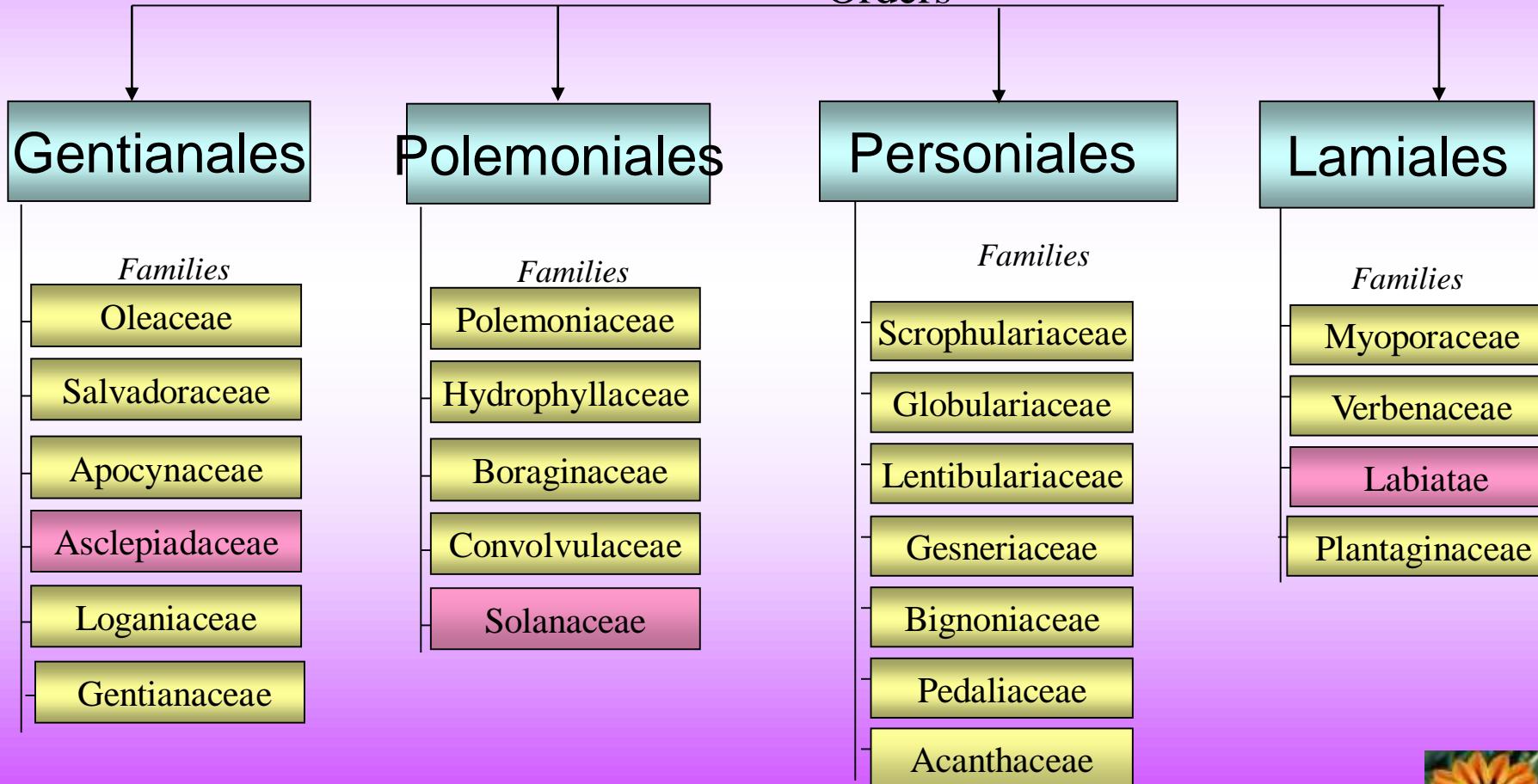


BICARPELLATAE

Ovary superior, with 2 carpels



Orders

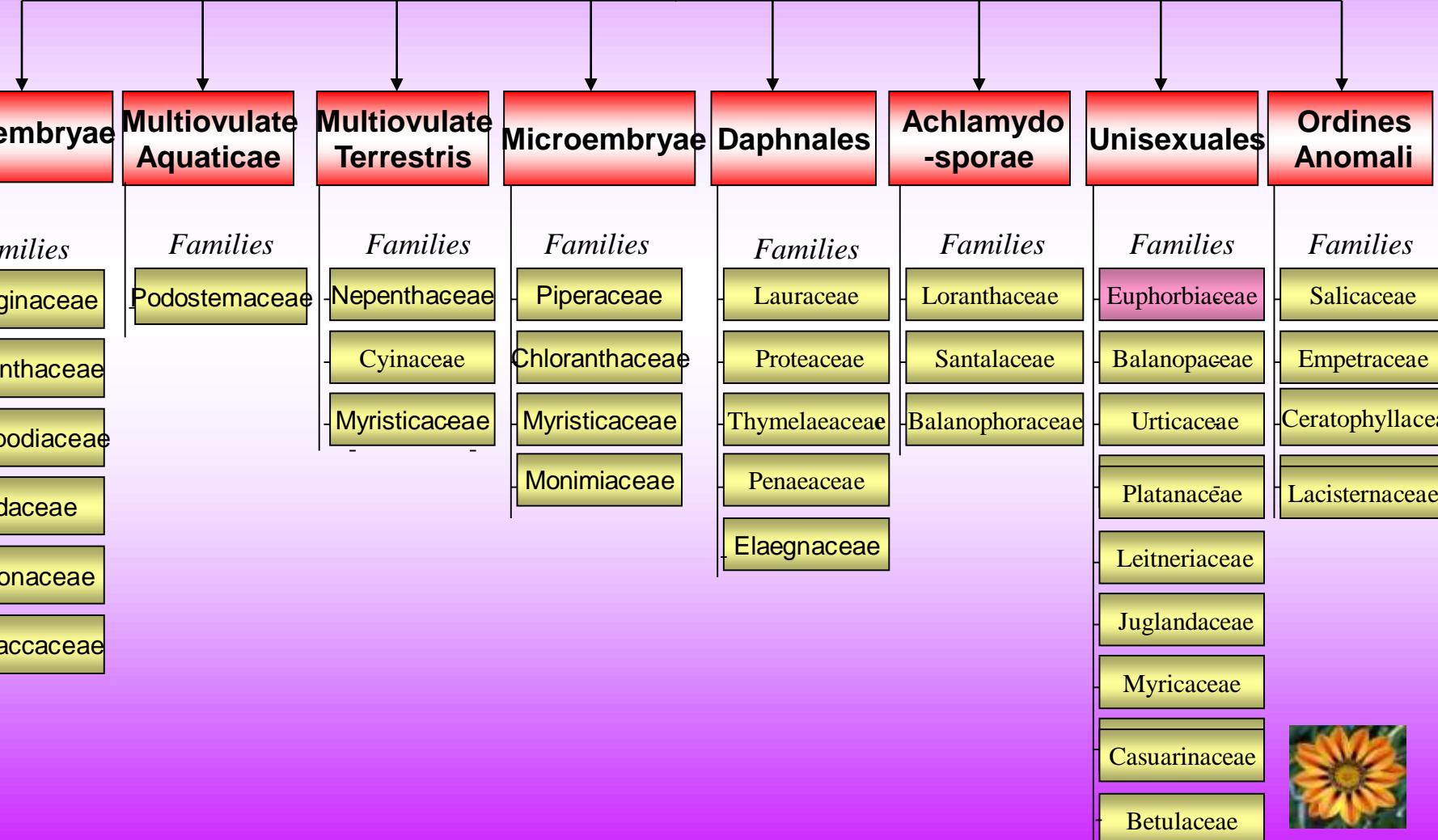


MONOCHLAMYDEAE

only 1 kind of perianth

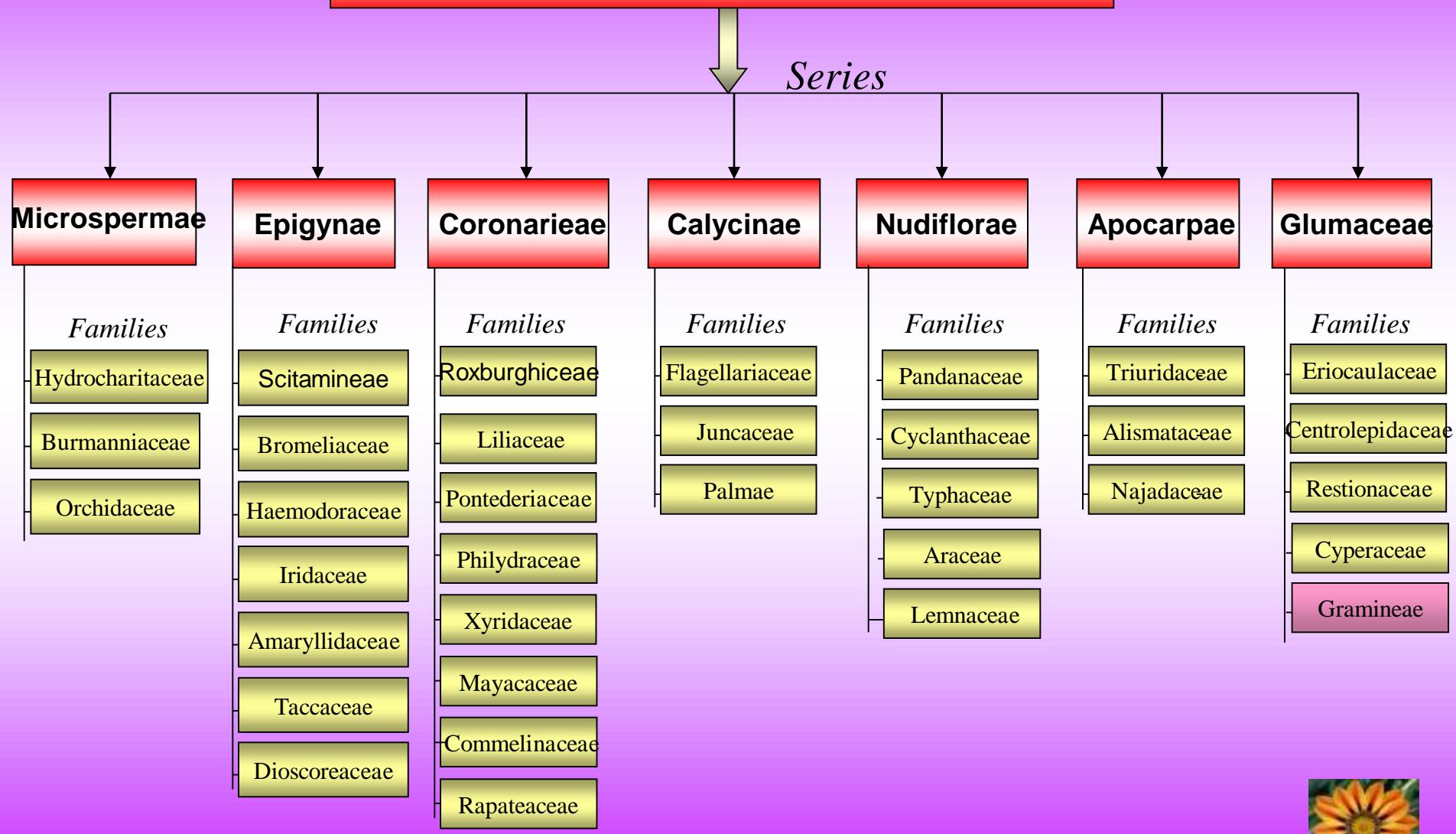


Series



CLASS-MONOCOTYLEDONAE

1 cotyledon, flowers trimerous



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.



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