



Systematics of flowering plants according to Cronquist → APG III

here in the order of the „families“ in Sankaran’s system

(different tables: [alphabetical here](#), according to [Cronquist here](#) or according to [APG III here](#)).

Regarding the general problems of the systematics of flowering plants in homoeopathic use please see [Intro to Plants on provings.info](#).

On this page we are following the „families“ (actually different kinds of taxonomic groups) as Rajan Sankaran uses them in his systematic approach that is laid down in his “Insight into Plants”. There Sankaran is mainly following the systematic order of the first edition of my book “The Natural System of Remedies” from 1997, so an older taxonomy, that has been completely revised and is neither identical with Cronquist nor with APG as both only became prominent later. Therefore these “families” have always to be treated separately. Nevertheless the changes towards a genetically based systematic are mainly relevant for the work with the sensation method as the Hamamelidae, the Violales, the Geraniales und the Theales are concerned, which have all been scattered into completely different taxons.

Legend

an **x** in column A means: minor change from Cronquist towards APG III.

an **xx** in column A means: important change from Cronquist towards APG III.

an **xx** in column B means: a change that is essential for the systematic use within Sankaran’s family system.

= Adoxaceae /Dipsacales means: this family according to Cronquist is allocated as Adoxaceae in the order Dipsacales within the APG III, and so is not an independent family anymore there.

Those families that are [highlighted in blue](#) can be clicked on to go directly into the system of our website provings.info for further search.

„Family“ in Sankaran’s System	B	Familia	Ordo Cronquist	Subclassis Cronquist	A	Ordo APG III	next Taxon APG
Anacardiaceae		Anacardiaceae	Sapindales	Rosidae		Sapindales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
Apocynaceae		Apocynaceae	Gentianales	Asteridae		Gentianales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
Araceae		Araceae	Arales	Arecidae	x	Alismatales	Monokotyledonae
Asclepiadaceae	xx	Asclepiadaceae	Gentianales	Asteridae		= Apocynaceae /Gentianales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
Berberidaceae		Berberidaceae	Ranunculales	Magnoliidae		Ranunculales	Eudicotinae - Basal Eudicots
Cactaceae		Cactaceae	Caryophyllales	Caryophyllidae		Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
Compositae		Asteraceae/ Compositae	Asterales	Asteridae		Asterales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
Cruciferae		Cruciferae/ Brassicaceae	Capparales	Dilleniidae		Brassicales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
Dioscoreaceae		Dioscoreaceae	Liliales	Liliidae	x	Dioscoreales	Monokotyledonae
Ericaceae		Ericaceae	Ericales	Dilleniidae		Ericales	Asterids
Euphorbiaceae		Euphorbiaceae	Euphorbiales	Rosidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids

Geraniales	Balsaminaceae	Geraniales	Rosidae	xx	Ericales	Asterids
Geraniales	Geraniaceae	Geraniales	Rosidae		Geraniales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
Geraniales	xx Oxalidaceae	Geraniales	Rosidae	xx	Oxalidales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Geraniales	Tropaeolaceae	Geraniales	Rosidae	xx	Brassicales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
Geraniales	xx Erythroxylaceae	Linales	Rosidae	xx	= Rhizophoraceae/ Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Geraniales	xx Malpighiaceae	Polygalales	Rosidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Geraniales	xx Zygophyllaceae	Sapindales	Rosidae	xx	Zygophyllales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Gramineae/ Poaceae	Gramineae/ Poaceae	Poales	Commelinidae		Poales	Commelinids
Hamamelidae	Betulaceae	Fagales	Hamamelidae		Fagales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Hamamelidae	Corylaceae	Fagales	Hamamelidae		Fagales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Hamamelidae	Fagaceae	Fagales	Hamamelidae		Fagales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Hamamelidae	xx Hamamelidae	Hamamelidales	Hamamelidae	xx	Saxifragales	Core-Eudicots
Hamamelidae	Platanaceae	Hamamelidales	Hamamelidae	xx	Proteales	Eudicotinae - Basal Eudicots
Hamamelidae	Juglandaceae	Juglandales	Hamamelidae	x	Fagales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Hamamelidae	Myricaceae	Myricales	Hamamelidae	x	Fagales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Hamamelidae	xx Cannabaceae	Urticales	Hamamelidae	xx	Rosales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Hamamelidae	xx Moraceae	Urticales	Hamamelidae	xx	Rosales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Hamamelidae	xx Ulmaceae	Urticales	Hamamelidae	xx	Rosales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Hamamelidae	xx Urticaceae	Urticales	Hamamelidae	xx	Rosales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Labiatae	Labiatae/ Lamiaceae	Lamiales	Asteridae		Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
Leguminosae	Leguminosae/ Fabaceae/ Papilionaceae	Fabales	Rosidae		Fabales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Liliiflorae	Agavaceae	Liliales	Liliidae	x	= Asparagaceae / Asparagales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Alliaceae	= Liliaceae / Liliales	Liliidae	x	= Amaryllidaceae / Asparagales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Aloeaceae	Liliales	Liliidae	x	= Xanthorrhoeaceae / Liliales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Amaryllidaceae	= Liliaceae / Liliales	Liliidae	x	Asparagales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Asparagaceae	= Liliaceae / Liliales	Liliidae	x	Asparagales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Hyacinthaceae	= Liliaceae / Liliales	Liliidae	x	= Asparagaceae / Asparagales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Hypoxidaceae	= Liliaceae / Liliales	Liliidae	x	Asparagales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Iridaceae	Liliales	Liliidae		Asparagales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Orchidaceae	Orchidales	Liliidae	xx	Asparagales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Ruscaceae	= Liliaceae / Liliales	Liliidae	x	= Asparagaceae / Asparagales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Xanthorrhoeaceae	Liliales	Liliidae		Asparagales	Monokotyledonae
Liliiflorae	Liliaceae	Liliales	Liliidae		Liliales	Monokotyledonae

Loganiaceae	x	Gelsemiaceae	= Loganiaceae / Gentianales	Asteridae		Gentianales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
Loganiaceae		Loganiaceae	Gentianales	Asteridae		Gentianales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
Magnolianaee		Aristolochiaceae	Aristolochiales	Magnoliidae	x	Piperales	Magnoliids
Magnolianaee		Lauraceae	Lurales	Magnoliidae		Lurales	Magnoliids
Magnolianaee		Monimiaceae	Lurales	Magnoliidae		Lurales	Magnoliids
Magnolianaee		Annonaceae	Magnoliales	Magnoliidae		Magnoliales	Magnoliids
Magnolianaee		Magnoliaceae	Magnoliales	Magnoliidae		Magnoliales	Magnoliids
Magnolianaee		Myristicaceae	Magnoliales	Magnoliidae		Magnoliales	Magnoliids
Malvales		Bixaceae	Malvales	Dilleniidae		Malvales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Malvales		Malvaceae	Malvales	Dilleniidae		Malvales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Malvales		Sterculiaceae	Malvales	Dilleniidae		= Malvaceae /Malvales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Malvales		Tiliaceae	Malvales	Dilleniidae		= Malvaceae /Malvales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Nepenthales		Droseraceae	Nepenthales / Sarraceniales	Dilleniidae	xx	Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
Nepenthales		Nepenthaceae	Nepenthales / Sarraceniales	Dilleniidae	xx	Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
Nepenthales	xx	Sarraceniaceae	Nepenthales / Sarraceniales	Dilleniidae	xx	Ericales	Asterids
Papaveraceae		Papaveraceae	Papaverales	Magnoliidae	x	Ranunculales	Eudicotinae - Basal Eudicots
Piperaceae		Piperaceae	Piperales	Magnoliidae		Piperales	Magnoliids
Primulaceae		Primulaceae	Primulales	Dilleniidae	xx	Ericales	Asterids
Ranunculaceae		Ranunculaceae	Ranunculales	Magnoliidae		Ranunculales	Eudicotinae - Basal Eudicots
Rosaceae		Rosaceae	Rosales	Rosidae		Rosales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Rubiaceae		Rubiaceae	Rubiales	Asteridae	x	Gentianales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
Rutaceae		Rutaceae	Sapindales	Rosidae		Sapindales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
Scrophulariaceae		Scrophulariaceae	Scrophulariales	Asteridae	x	Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
Solanaceae		Solanaceae	Solanales	Asteridae		Solanales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
Theales		Clusiaceae	Theales	Dilleniidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Theales	xx	Hypericaceae	Theales	Dilleniidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Theales	xx	Theaceae	Theales	Dilleniidae	xx	Ericales	Asterids
Umbelliferae		Umbelliferae/ Apiaceae	Apiales	Rosidae	x	Apiales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
Violales	xx	Cistaceae	Violales	Dilleniidae	xx	Malvales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
Violales	xx	Cucurbitaceae	Violales	Dilleniidae	xx	Cucurbitales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Violales	xx	Passifloraceae	Violales	Dilleniidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
Violales	xx	Violaceae	Violales	Dilleniidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
		Posidoniaceae	Najadales	Alismatidae		Alismatales	Monokotyledonae
		Lemnaceae	Arales	Arecidae	x	= Araceae / Alismatales	Monokotyledonae

	Arecaceae/ Palmae	Arecales	Arecidae	xx	Arecales	Commelinids
	Commelinaceae	Commelinidales	Commelinidae		Commelinidales	Commelinids
	Haemodoraceae	Commelinidales	Commelinidae		Commelinidales	Commelinids
	Pontederiaceae	Commelinidales	Commelinidae		Commelinidales	Commelinids
	Cyperaceae	Poales	Commelinidae		Poales	Commelinids
	Juncaceae	Poales	Commelinidae		Poales	Commelinids
	Typhaceae	Poales	Commelinidae		Poales	Commelinids
	Bromeliaceae	Bromeliales	Zingiberidae	x	Poales	Commelinids
	Cannaceae	Zingiberales	Zingiberidae		Zingiberales	Commelinids
	Marantaceae	Zingiberales	Zingiberidae		Zingiberales	Commelinids
	Musaceae	Zingiberales	Zingiberidae		Zingiberales	Commelinids
	Zingiberaceae	Zingiberales	Zingiberidae		Zingiberales	Commelinids
	Schisandraceae	Illiciales	Magnoliidae	x	Austrobaileyales	basal orders
	Nelumbaceae	Nymphaeales	Magnoliidae	xx	Proteales	Eudicotinae - Basal Eudicots
	Nymphaeaceae	Nymphaeales	Magnoliidae		Nymphaeales	basal orders
	Fumariaceae	Papaverales	Magnoliidae		= Papaveraceae / Ranunculales	Eudicotinae - Basal Eudicots
	Saururaceae	Piperales	Magnoliidae		Piperales	Magnoliids
	Coriariaceae	Ranunculales	Magnoliidae	xx	Cucurbitales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Menispermaceae	Ranunculales	Magnoliidae		Ranunculales	Eudicotinae - Basal Eudicots
	Aizoaceae	Caryophyllales	Caryophyllidae		Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
	Amaranthaceae	Caryophyllales	Caryophyllidae		Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
	Caryophyllaceae	Caryophyllales	Caryophyllidae		Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
	Chenopodiaceae	Caryophyllales	Caryophyllidae		=Amaranthaceae / Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
	Nyctaginaceae	Caryophyllales	Caryophyllidae		Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
	Phytolaccaceae	Caryophyllales	Caryophyllidae		Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
	Portulaccaceae	Caryophyllales	Caryophyllidae		Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
	Plumbaginaceae	Plumbaginales	Caryophyllidae	x	Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
	Polygonaceae	Polygonales	Caryophyllidae	x	Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
	Capparaceae	Capparales	Dilleniidae		Brassicales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Moringaceae	Capparales	Dilleniidae		Brassicales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Paeoniaceae	Dilleniales	Dilleniidae	xx	Saxifragales	Core-Eudicots
	Ebenaceae	Ebenales	Dilleniidae	x	Ericales	Asterids
	Actinidiaceae	Ericales	Dilleniidae		Ericales	Asterids
	Pyrolaceae	Ericales	Dilleniidae		= Ericaceae /Ericales	Asterids

	Styracaceae	Ericales	Dilleniidae		Ericales	Asterids
	Elaeocarpaceae	Malvales	Dilleniidae	xx	Oxalidales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Salicaceae	Salicales	Dilleniidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Achariaceae	Violales	Dilleniidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Caricaceae	Violales	Dilleniidae	xx	Brassicales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Datisceae	Violales	Dilleniidae	xx	Cucurbitales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Flacourtiaceae	Violales	Dilleniidae	xx	= Salicaceae/ Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Tamaricaceae	Violales	Dilleniidae	xx	Caryophyllales	Core Eudicots
	Turneraceae	Violales	Dilleniidae	xx	= Passifloraceae /Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Araliaceae	Apiales	Rosidae	x	Apiales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
	Aquifoliaceae	Celastrales	Rosidae	xx	Aquifoliales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
	Celastraceae	Celastrales	Rosidae		Celastrales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Corynocarpaceae	Celastrales	Rosidae		Celastrales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Dichapetalaceae	Celastrales	Rosidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Cornaceae	Cornales	Rosidae		Cornales	Asterids
	Hydrangeaceae	Cornales	Rosidae		Cornales	Asterids
	Buxaceae	Euphorbiales	Rosidae	xx	Buxales	Eudicotinae - Basal Eudicots
	Mimosaceae	Fabales	Rosidae		= Fabaceae/ Fabales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Limnanthaceae	Geraniales	Rosidae	xx	Brassicales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Linaceae	Linales	Rosidae	x	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Combretaceae	Myrtales	Rosidae		Myrtales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Lythraceae	Myrtales	Rosidae		Myrtales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Melastomataceae	Myrtales	Rosidae		Myrtales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Myrtaceae	Myrtales	Rosidae		Myrtales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Oenotheraceae/ Onagraceae	Myrtales	Rosidae		Myrtales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Punicaceae	Myrtales	Rosidae		Myrtales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Thymelaeaceae	Myrtales	Rosidae	x	Malvales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Krameriaceae	Polygalales	Rosidae	x	Zygophyllales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Polygalaceae	Polygalales	Rosidae	x	Fabales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Elaeagnaceae	Proteales	Rosidae	xx	Rosales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Proteaceae	Proteales	Rosidae	x	Proteales	Eudicotinae - Basal Eudicots
	Rafflesiaceae	Rafflesiales	Rosidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Rhamnaceae	Rhamnales	Rosidae	xx	Rosales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids

	Vitaceae	Rhamnales	Rosidae	xx	Saxifragales	Core-Eudicots
	Rhizophoraceae	Rhizophorales	Rosidae	xx	Malpighiales	Rosids: Eurosids I - Fabids
	Crassulaceae	Rosales	Rosidae	xx	Saxifragales	Core-Eudicots
	Grossulariaceae	Rosales	Rosidae	xx	Saxifragales	Core-Eudicots
	Pittosporaceae	Rosales	Rosidae	x	Apiales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
	Saxifragaceae	Rosales	Rosidae	xx	Saxifragales	Core-Eudicots
	Balanophoraceae	Santalales	Rosidae		Santalales	Core-Eudicots
	Loranthaceae	Santalales	Rosidae		Santalales	Core-Eudicots
	Olacaceae	Santalales	Rosidae		Santalales	Core-Eudicots
	Santalaceae	Santalales	Rosidae		Santalales	Core-Eudicots
	Viscaceae	Santalales	Rosidae		= Santalaceae /Santalales	Core-Eudicots
	Burseraceae	Sapindales	Rosidae		Sapindales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Hippocastanaceae	Sapindales	Rosidae		= Sapindaceae/ Sapindales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Meliaceae	Sapindales	Rosidae		Sapindales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Sapindaceae	Sapindales	Rosidae		Sapindales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Simaroubaceae	Sapindales	Rosidae		Sapindales	Rosids: Eurosids II - Malvids
	Campanulaceae	Campanulales	Asteridae		Asterales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
	Adoxaceae	Dipsacales	Asteridae		Dipsacales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
	Caprifoliaceae	Dipsacales	Asteridae		Dipsacales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
	Dipsacaceae	Dipsacales	Asteridae		= Caprifoliaceae /Dipsacales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
	Sambucaceae	Dipsacales	Asteridae		= Adoxaceae /Dipsacales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
	Valerianaceae	Dipsacales	Asteridae		= Caprifoliaceae /Dipsacales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
	Viburnaceae	Dipsacales	Asteridae		= Adoxaceae /Dipsacales	Asterids: Euasterids II - Campanulids
	Gentianaceae	Gentianales	Asteridae		Gentianales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Boraginaceae	Lamiales	Asteridae	x	not allocated / nicht zugeordnet	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Gesneriaceae	Lamiales	Asteridae		Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Lentibulariaceae	Lamiales	Asteridae		Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Phrymaceae	Lamiales	Asteridae		Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Verbenaceae	Lamiales	Asteridae		Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Plantaginaceae	Plantaginales	Asteridae	x	Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Acanthaceae	Scrophulariales	Asteridae	x	Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Bignoniaceae	Scrophulariales	Asteridae	x	Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Orobanchaceae	Scrophulariales	Asteridae	x	Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Pedaliaceae	Scrophulariales	Asteridae	x	Lamiales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids

	Convolvulaceae	Solanales	Asteridae		Solanales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Hydrophyllaceae	Solanales	Asteridae	xx	not allocated / nicht zugeordnet	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Menyanthaceae	Solanales	Asteridae	x	Asterales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Oleaceae	Solanales	Asteridae	x	Gentianales	Asterids: Euasterids I - Lamiids
	Polemoniaceae	Solanales	Asteridae	xx	Ericales	Asterids

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