

Genus Datasheet

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(Family.Genus)

DBT- Network Programme

1. Genus: *Barleria* L.

2. Systematic Position:

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- Kingdom: Plantae
- Clade: Angiosperms
- Clade: Eudicot
- Clade: Asterids
- Order: Lamiales
- Family: Acanthaceae Juss.
- Genus: *Barleria* L.

Bentham and Hooker (1862)

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Phanerogamia
Class: Dicotyledons
Subclass: Gamopetalae
Series: Bicarpellatae
Cohors: Personales
Ordo: Acanthaceae Juss.
Genus: *Barleria* L.

3. Species:

Global: 253

India: 28

4. Taxonomic riddles:

5. Distribution:

Global: China, India, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Nepal and Pakistan, Madagascar, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Antigua, Dominica, Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Trinidad, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Burma, Indo-China, Bangladesh, Egypt, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti.

India: Peninsular India, North-East India, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir

6. Habit and Habitat: Herbs or shrubs. Grows in rocky localities and dry hill-slopes. Some species are members of evergreen forests while others are found in scrub forests and deciduous forests.

7. Economic Importance: Ornamental, Medicinal.

8. DNA content range:

Methodology:

2C

4C

9. Basic chromosome number(s): $x=20^4$,

10. Zygotic chromosome number (s): $2n=24^6$, $2n=32^{20}$, $2n=40^{2, 4, 5, 16}$, $2n=42^{14}$, $2n=44^{10}$, $2n=$

11. Gametic chromosome number (s): $n=20^{4, 5, 22}$, $n=22^{10}$, $n=16^{20}$

12. Specialized chromosomes (B chromosomes/Sex chromosomes/Polytenechromosomes/ Neoc chromosomes):

13. Ploidy level: Diploid^{4, 5, 10}

14. Nature of polyploidy (auto, segmental, allo, autoallo):

15. Aberrant chromosome number(s) (aneuploidy, aneusomy, polysomy):

16. Karyograms: Meiosis: 20II. Normal^{4, 5, 10}

17. Banding pattern(s):

18. Physical mapping of chromosomes: GISH:

19. Phylogenetic relationship at Chromosomal; DNA level: Chromosomal level^{4, 10}

DNA level²¹

20. Cytogenetic mechanism (s) underlying evolution: Cytological supports the separation of sized chromosomes) from Bentham and Hooker's Justiciaeae as done by Lindau and Bremek and Krishnappa, 1990). The diploid chromosome number ranges from $2n=24$ in *Barleria nc* in *Barleria grandiflora*, but most of the species exhibit $2n=40$ somatic chromosome number associations have been observed in *Barleria courtallica* and it is suggested to be an autopolyploid (Mathew 1991). The use of fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) would be useful to prove karyotype evolution in *Barleria* as the majority of the species have similar karyotype chromosomes, symmetrical karyotypes).

22. Any other information: Pollen fertility was reported in some species of *Barleria* ranges from 1% in *Barleria courtallica* (a species showing multivalent association) to 86% in *Barleria* (Mathew 1991). The presence of a pair of heteromorphic chromosomes in *B. involucreata* var. *elata* and showing longest chromosomes compared to other species studied (Ranganath and Krishnappa, 1990).