

# Genus Datasheet

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Programme

(Family.Genus)

1. Genus: *Borassus* L.

## 2. Systematic Position:

### APG IV (2016)

- Kingdom: Plantae
- Clade: Angiosperm
- Clade: Monocot
- Clade: Commelinids
- Order: Arecales Bromhead
- Family: Arecaceae Bercht. & J. Presl
- Subfamily: Coryphoideae Burnett
- Genus: *Borassus* L.

### Bentham and Hooker (1862)

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Spermatophyta  
Class: Monocotyledon  
Series: Calycinae  
Ordo: Palmae Juss.  
Genus: *Borassus* L.

## 3. Species:

**Global:** 6

**India:** 1

## 4. Taxonomic riddles:

## 5. Distribution:

**Global:** Africa, Australia, Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, New Guinea, Pakistan, Papuaia, Philippines, Socotra, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam,

**India:** Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal

**6. Habit and Habitat:** Tall palms; grow in some mountains, also found on banks of rivers. Species grow on low sandy plains near sea level where exposed to sun and winds.

**7. Economic Importance:** Leaves have been used for writing; wood is valuable for building; inflorescences are tapped and the syrup, sugar, or alcohol may be a staple.

## 8. DNA content range:

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## Methodology:

Feulgen microdensitometry<sup>1</sup>

**9. Basic chromosome number(s):** x= 18<sup>14</sup>

**10. Zygotic chromosome number (s):**  $2n = 36^{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}$

**11. Gametic chromosome number (s):**  $n = 18^6$

**12. Specialized chromosomes (B chromosomes/Sex chromosomes/Polytene chromosomes/ N chromosomes):** Presences of one pair heteromorphic sex chromosomes in somatic cells of male pair of heteromorphic bivalent during meiosis<sup>7</sup>

**13. Ploidy level:** Ployploid<sup>7</sup>

**14. Nature of polyploidy (auto, segmental, allo, autoallo):** Allopolyploid<sup>7</sup>

**15. Aberrant chromosome number(s) (aneuploidy, aneusomaty, polysomaty):** Somatic cells chromosomes number  $2n = 8^6$ ,  $2n = 16^6$ ,  $2n = 20^6$ ,  $2n = 21^6$ ,  $2n = 34^6$ ; Endosperm showing 72, 108, chromosomes in addition to  $3n = 54^{10}$

**16. Karyograms:**<sup>6</sup>

**Meiosis:**

**17. Banding pattern(s):**

**18. Physical mapping of chromosomes:**

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**19. Phylogenetic relationship at Chromosomal; DNA level:**

**21. Linkage map:**

**22. Any other information:**