

Species Datasheet

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1. Taxon:

Species *Colocasia esculenta* (L.) Schott

Subspecies

Variety

Cultivar

Hybrid

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2. Synonyms: *Alocasia dussii* Dammer, *A. illustris* W. Bull, *Aron colocasium* (L.) St.-Lag., *Arum chinense* L., *A. C.L.*, *A. colocasioides* Desf., *A. esculentum* L., *A. lividum* Salisb., *A. nymphaeifolium* (Vent.) Roxb., *A. peltatum* Lam., *Caladium acre* R.Br., *C. C.(L.)* W.Wight, *C. colocasioides* (Desf.) Brongn., *C. esculentum* (L.) Vent., *C. glycyrrhizum* Fraser, *C. nymphaeifolium* Vent., *C. violaceum* Desf., *C. violaceum* Engl., *Calla gaby* Blanco, *C. virosa* Roxb., *Colocasia acris* (R.Br.) Schott, *C. aegyptiaca* Samp., *C. antiquorum* var. *acris* (R.Br.) Schott, *C. antiquorum* f. *acuatica* Makino, *C. antiquorum* var. *aquatilis* (Hassk.) Engl. & K. Krause, *C. antiquorum* f. *eguimo* Makino, *C. antiquorum* var. *esculenta* (L.) Schott, *C. antiquorum* var. *euchlora* (K.Koch & Linden) Schott, *C. antiquorum* var. *globulifera* Engl. & K.Krause, *C. antiquorum* var. *illustris* (W.Bull) Engl., *C. antiquorum* var. *multifolia* Makino, *C. antiquorum* var. *nymphaeifolia* (Vent.) Engl., *C. antiquorum* f. *oyasetage* Makino, *C. antiquorum* var. *patens* Makino, *C. antiquorum* f. *purpurea* Makino, *C. antiquorum* var. *rosea* Makino, *C. antiquorum* var. *rupicola* Haines, *C. antiquorum* var. *stolonifera* Haines, *C. antiquorum* f. *yamamotoi* Makino, *C.C. (L.)* Huth, *C. esculenta* var. *acris* (R.Br.) A.F.Hill, *C. esculenta* var. *aquatilis* Hassk., *C. esculenta* f. *ebiimo* Makino, *C. esculenta* var. *euchlora* (K.Koch & Linden) A.F.Hill, *C. esculenta* var. *globulifera* (Engl. & K.Krause) R.A.Young, *C. esculenta* var. *illustris* (W.Bull) A.F.Hill, *C. esculenta* var. *nymphaeifolia* (Kunth) A.F.Hill, *C. esculenta* f. *rotundifolia* Makino, *C. esculenta* var. *rupicola* (Haines) H.B.Naithani, *C. esculenta* var. *stolonifera* (Haines) H.B.Naithani, *C. euchlora* K.Koch & Linden, *C. formosana* Hayata, *C. gracilis* Engl., *C. himalensis* Royle, *C. konishii* Hayata, *C. neocaledonica* Van Houtte, *C. nymphaeifolia* (Vent.) Kunth, *C. peltata* (Lam.) Samp., *C. vera* Hassk., *C. violacea* (Desf.) auct., *C. virosa* (Roxb.) Kunth, *C. vulgaris* Raf., *Leucocasia esculenta* (L.) Nakai, *Steudnera virosa* (Roxb.) Prain, *Zantedeschia virosa* (Roxb.) K.Koch.

3. Systematic Position:

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- Kingdom: Plantae
- Clade: Angiosperm
- Clade: Monocots
- Order: Alismatales R. Br. ex Bercht. & J. Presl
- Family: Araceae Juss.
- Genus: *C.Schott*
- Species: *C. esculenta* (L.) Schott

Bentham and Hooker (1862)

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Phanerogamia
Class: Monocotyledones
Series: Nudiflorae
Ordo: Aroideae Arn.
Genus: *Colocasia* Schott
Species: *C. esculenta* (L.) Schott

4. Distribution:

Global: India to South China and Sumatera

India: Throughout India

5. Indigenous/Exotic/ Endemic; Cultivated/Wild:

6. Threat Status:

IUCN: Least Concern

BSI:

7. Habit and Habitat: Herb, occurs as colonies on river banks, in open swampy places, on slopes and on rocks and banks in the splash-zone of waterfalls. Very occasionally found in forest under storey

8. Life Form: Tuberous geophytes

9. Economic Importance: The rhizomes, petioles, and inflorescences are used as a vegetable. The rhizomes are used medicinally for treating swellings, abscesses, snake and insect bites, and swollen lymph nodes in the neck. Cultivated as vegetable crop.

10. Probable Progenitor of:

11. DNA

C- value

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Methodology

Flow cytometry ⁴

12. Basic chromosome number(s): $x=7$ ⁶, $x=14$ ^{14,23}

13. Zygotic chromosome number(s): $2n=21$ ²⁹

$2n=28$ ^{3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,54}

$2n=36$ ³²

$2n=42$ ^{4,5,10,11,12,13,14,18,21,23,29,30,31,33,34,55}

$2n=56$ ⁴

$2n=84$ ³¹

14. Gametic chromosome number(s): $n=14$ ^{9,10,35,36}

15. Specialized chromosomes (B chromosomes/Sex chromosomes/Polytene chromosomes/Neocentric chromosomes):

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16. Ploidy level: Diploid ^{4,6,8,9,10,11,12,14,18,19,20}

Triploid ^{4,10,11,12,14,18}

Tetraploid ⁴

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17. Agametoploidy

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

19. Genomic formula:

20. Aberrant chromosome number(s) (aneuploidy, aneusomaty, polysomaty):

21. Somatic chromosomes:

Karyotype: Majority metacentric chromosomes ^{4,16,19,20,23,24,25,33}, Majority submetacentric chromosomes ^{10,14,19,20}

Chromosome size: Very small to small ^{11,19,20,29}, Small ^{10,16,29}, Small to medium ^{24,25,29,33}

NOR chromosome(s): 2 NOR ^{16,33}, 6 NOR ^{24,25}

Degree of asymmetry: Symmetrical ^{11,19,26}, Asymmetrical ¹¹, Stebbin's 1A class ⁴, 1B class ⁴, 2A class ^{4,19}, 2B class ^{4,19}

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22. Banding pattern(s): CMA⁺ bands ²⁶

DAPI⁺ bands ²⁶

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23. Physical mapping of chromosomes:

In situ hybridization

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Fluorescent in situ hybridization r-DNA sites ²³

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24. Genomic in situ hybridization:

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25. Linkage map:

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26. Chromosome associations:

Female meiosis

Male meiosis 14II ^{9,10,36}, Univalents, bivalents, trivalents ¹⁰, Secondary chromosome association 6(1)+1(2)+2(3) ⁹

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27. Chromosome distribution at anaphase I: Bridge without fragment ⁹, laggards ¹⁰

28. Genetic diversity:

Chromosomal level

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DNA level 13,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50

29. Any other information (Apomixis; Inversion; Male sterility; Pollen grain mitosis; Pollen stainability; Translocations etc): Pollen stainability 95% ¹⁰

Heterozygous for pericentric rearrangement ¹⁴