THE GENERA OF CONVOLVULACEAE IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES ¹

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CONVOLVULACEAE Jussieu (Morning-glory Family)

Annual or perennial herbs or woody plants, climbing or prostrate, rarely erect [or shrubby (more rarely trees)] without tendrils, the stem usually twining and with milky sap. Leaves alternate, simple, without stipules, rarely reduced to scales (Cuscuta). Flowers solitary or in cymes subtended by two opposite or subopposite bracts. Sepals 5 [rarely 4] free (rarely united at the base), imbricate. Corolla sympetalous, entire, 5lobed or 5-parted [rarely 4], induplicate-valvate or contorted in bud. Stamens 5 (rarely fewer), inserted on the corolla tube, alternate with the corolla lobes; pollen spherical and spinulose, or spherical and smooth, or ellipsoid with parallel folds. Gynoecium syncarpous, the style solitary and simple or forked, or styles 2 (rarely 3 or 4), the ovary superior, 2- or 1locular or at times subdivided by false partitions into 4 locules, rarely 3locular. Ovules erect, anatropous, sessile, 2 in each locule (rarely solitary). Fruit a capsule, 2- or 3-locular with 1 or 2 seeds in each locule, usually dehiscing by valves or circumscissile, irregularly dehiscent, or indehiscent. Embryo straight, cotyledons folded or spirally coiled, rarely small or absent.

A world-wide family, primarily of the tropics and subtropics, but extending also into the temperate regions, and best represented in Asia and the Americas. Characterized by the presence of milky sap, bicollateral vascular bundles, plaited corollas, axile placentation, basal erect ovules, and folded cotyledons, the family consists of about 50 genera and 2000 species and is represented in our area by 10 genera.

On the basis of the structure of the pollen grains Hallier divided the family into two groups, the Psiloconiae with smooth pollen and the Echinoconiae with spinulose pollen (rank not designated) and into nine

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tribes. Van Ooststroom has recently divided the family into two subfamilies (Cuscutoideae and Convolvuloideae), three tribes, and nine subtribes which are equivalent to Hallier's tribes.

Generic lines are difficult to draw in this family, and treatments vary with different authors depending upon the emphasis placed on the taxonomic characters used (e.g., pollen, bracts, corolla, style, stigmas, and fruit). Hallier's studies on the members of this family form the basis for the system of classification that is most generally followed. This system has found support in the studies of Van Ooststroom and of Meeuse, based on the Malaysian and the South African species respectively. Other studies (e.g., Roberty), discount the value of Hallier's conclusions but add little new information to our knowledge of the family. It is evident that the entire family is in need of intensive study, and that all characters must be thoroughly re-evaluated.

Both flowering and fruiting material is necessary for the correct determination of most of the genera of Convolvulaceae. It is in general not possible to determine species which are sterile. Collectors should therefore make every effort to collect material in both flowering and fruiting condition, to record the shape of the corolla and its color; and to press opened corollas carefully between waxed paper or facial or other similar tissue.

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KEY TO THE GENERA OF CONVOLVULACEAE

- A. Leaves scale-like or absent; plant without chlorophyll (parasitic); corolla bearing scales at base of stamens; embryo coiled, without cotyledons. 1. Cuscuta.
- A. Leaves well developed; plants green (autotrophic); corolla without scales; embryo straight or merely curved; cotyledons large, generally folded.
 - B. Styles 2, gynobasic, corolla deeply 5-lobed, ovary and capsule deeply 2-lobed, the carpels distinct or only slightly fused; creeping vines rooting at the nodes with minute flowers. 2. Dichondra.
 - B. Style 1 or 2, terminal; ovary and capsule not 2-lobed, the carpels united. C. Styles 2, free or fused near the base.
 - D. Styles free, each 2-cleft, stigmas 4, linear-filiform; leaves small, plants never twining. 3. Evolvulus.
 - D. Styles united near the base, stigmas 2, peltate. 4. Bonamia. C. Style solitary.

- E. Capsule valvate, irregularly dehiscent or the pericarp basally circumscissile.
 - F. Stigmas 2.
 - G. Stigmas elliptic or oblong, flattened. 5. Jacquemontia.
 - G. Stigmas filiform or subulate. 6. Convolvulus.
 - F. Stigmas 1, capitate or 2- or 3-lobed.
 - H. Pollen smooth; stigmas 2-lobed, globose; fruit a 4-valved capsule or the pericarp basally circumscissile.
 - H. Pollen spinulose; stigma 1, capitate or 2- or 3-lobed, globose; fruit a 4-6-valved capsule. . . . 8. *Ipomoea*.
- E. Capsule indehiscent, pericarp leathery or woody.
 - I. Ovary 2-locular, fruit woody, mostly 1-seeded; leaves glabrate. 9. Turbina.
 - I. Ovary 4-locular, fruit leathery, mostly 4-seeded; leaves densely sericeous on the lower surface. . . . 10. Argyreia.

1. Cuscuta Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 124. 1753; Gen. Pl. ed. 5. 60. 1754.

Parasitic yellowish, orange or reddish (rarely greenish) twining plants with filiform stems and alternate scale-like leaves; stems attached to the host by small haustoria. Flowers in cymose clusters, white. Calyx of 5 (rarely 4) united (rarely free) sepals. Corolla of 5 (rarely 4) petals, imbricate, with fimbriate scales at the base of the tube, as many as and below and opposite the stamens [or rarely lacking]. Pollen ellipsoid, smooth. Gynoecium of 2 (rarely 3) carpels; ovary 2(rarely 3)-locular, each locule with 2 basal, anatropous ovules; styles distinct or united. Fruit an indehiscent, irregularly dehiscent, or circumscissile capsule. Embryo spirally coiled, without cotyledons. Endosperm fleshy. Type species: C. europaea L. (Derivation of name uncertain, perhaps from Arabic.) — Dodder (also love vine, strangle weed, devil's gut, gold thread, pull down, hellbine, hairweed, devil's hair, hailweed).

A world-wide genus of over 150 species centered primarily in the Americas where they occur from southern Canada south to Chile and Argentina; about 32 native and 18 introduced species in the United States; represented in our area by at least 19 species in two of the three subgenera. None of the species seems to be limited to a single host although certain ones are serious agricultural pests, particularly of clover and alfalfa (C. Epithymum Murray, C. indecora Choisy, and C. Gronovii Willd.).

Subgenus Grammica (Loureiro) Engelm. (flowers with distinct styles and globose, peltate or convoluted stigmas) includes most of the native American species and about sixteen of our species. Subgenus Monogyna (Engelm.) Yuncker (flowers with united styles) is primarily Old World in its distribution and is represented in our area by one native (*C. exaltata* Engelm.) and one introduced species (*C. japonica* Choisy). The species of subg. Cuscuta (flowers with distinct styles and elongate cylindrical stig-

mas) are all native to the Old World, although several of them, including *C. Epithymum* and *C. Epilinum* Weihe, have been introduced into North America. *Cuscuta Epithymum* may perhaps occur in our area on leguminous crops.

Cuscuta is at times treated as a separate family Cuscutaceae, primarily on the basis of its parasitic habit and imbricate corolla with scales. Embryological details, such as the absence of parietal cells in the nucellus, the persistence of one of the synergids, and the spirally coiled embryo without cotyledons and without tissue differentiation, have been cited in support of this separation. Both floral structure and embryology seem to be very similar to those of the Convolvulaceae, however. Such differences as do exist support the separate tribe Cuscuteae Benth. & Hook. or perhaps even the subfamily Cuscutoideae Peter.

Since the generative cell divides before the pollen is shed, the mature pollen grain is three-celled. All species which have been studied have a monosporic embryo sac of the "Polygonum" type, with the exception of Cuscuta reflexa Roxb., which has a bisporic, "Allium" type embryo sac. The ovule has a single integument which is differentiated in the seed into an epidermis, two layers of palisade-like cells, and several layers of small, thin-walled, starch-filled cells. Keys have been prepared for the identification of the seeds of various species, but the seeds require a considerable amount of sectioning in order to show the layers of the seed-coat.

The seed can germinate as soon as it matures, or it may remain viable in the soil for five or more years. The seedling is leafless with a very small root which dries up as soon as the plant becomes established on a suitable host. In order to control and eradicate *Cuscuta* from agricultural fields it is recommended that it be prevented from seeding during its first season's appearance.

Diploid chromosome numbers of 14, 28, 32, 42, 56, and 60 have been found. Both self-fertile and self-sterile species are known. It is possible, however, that the self-sterility of C. suaveolens Ser. and C. subinclusa Durand & Hilgard is a result of abnormal meiosis, such as has been demonstrated in C. reflexa Roxb. (2n = 28, 32, 42), rather than of self-incompatibility.

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2. Dichondra J. R. & G. Forster, Char. Gen. Pl. 39. pl. 20. 1776.

Creeping, perennial, pubescent herbs with reniform to orbicular alternate leaves, the stems rooting at the nodes. Flowers small, inconspicuous, solitary in the axils of the leaves, the peduncle subtended by a minute bract. Calyx of 5 sepals, free or united only at the base. Corolla 5-parted, broadly campanulate to rotate. Styles 2, gynobasic, the stigmas capitate; ovary deeply 2-lobed, each lobe with 2 basal, anatropous ovules. Fruit a 2-lobed, indehiscent or irregularly dehiscent capsule, each lobe 1(rarely 2)-seeded. Type species: *D. repens* Forst. (Name from Greek, *di*, two, and *chondros*, a grain, in reference to the fruit.)

A genus of perhaps five species, primarily of the Americas, but with one pantropical species (*Dichondra repens* Forst.) which is very variable, especially in the length and shape of the petals, the shape of the leaves, and in the pubescence. In our area the genus is represented by *D. repens* var. carolinensis (Michx.) Choisy which occurs on roadsides, in pinelands, hammocks, and as a weed in lawns from Florida to Virginia, west to Texas and Arkansas. *Dichondra repens* is also grown as a ground cover, often as a lawn plant. Although the genus is small and the species are relatively common, the group has not been well collected and is poorly understood. A thorough study is needed to determine the nature and variation of the species and to evaluate the present classification. The differences evident in the size of both plants and leaves of var. carolinensis may be in response to the habitat or the difference may be more fundamental.

There seem to be no characters other than the gynobasic style and the two nearly separate carpels of *Dichondra* to support the segregate family Dichondraceae, and the genus otherwise agrees well with the genera of the Convolvulaceae. However, additional studies, both morphological and cytological, should provide evidence with respect to the relationships of this genus. *Dichondra* is most nearly related to *Falkia* L. f., a small genus of about four species of Africa, which is characterized by a 4-lobed ovary and a gamosepalous calyx.

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3. Evolvulus Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. ed. 2. 1: 391. 1762.

Diffuse herbs or suffrutescent plants with prostrate or ascending branches, never twining, bearing entire leaves. Flowers sessile or pediceled, solitary in the axils of the leaves [or in terminal cymes]. Calyx of 5 free sepals. Corolla white, blue or purple, funnelform to rotate, the limb 5-angled or distinctly 5-lobed. Stamens 5, inserted on the corolla tube, exserted or included. Pollen globular, smooth. Styles 2, free or united at the base, each 2-cleft, the stigmas linear-filiform; ovary 2-locular, each locule with 2 ovules. Fruit a 1–4-seeded capsule. Seeds smooth or minutely verrucose. Type species: *E. nummularius* L. (Name from Latin *evolvere*, to unroll, in reference to the nontwining habit.)

A primarily tropical genus of perhaps 100 species, all of the Americas, from southern United States south to Argentina, but with two (*E. alsinoides* L. and *E. nummularius* L.) extending into tropical areas in the Old World. The genus, characterized by its distinct, 2-cleft styles, has been divided into eight sections, primarily on the basis of the inflorescence, the length of the peduncles, and the habit of the plant. Five species occur in our area, all members of sect. Alsinoides Meissn.

Evolvulus alsinoides L. is distributed throughout the tropical regions of the world and occurs in waste places and in hammocks in the Florida Keys. It is a polymorphic species in which 15 varieties have been described, although none seems to be very clear-cut; var. Grisebachianus Meissn. is reported from our area. Our other species are E. glaber Spreng., E. sericeus Sw., E. Grisebachii Peter (E. Wrightii House), E. Nuttallianus Roemer & Schultes (E. argenteus Pursh, E. pilosus Nutt.). Evolvulus macilentus Small, described from the lower Florida Keys, may represent a glabrous form of E. sericeus.

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4. Bonamia DuPetit-Thouars, Hist. Vég. Isl. France Réunion, Madagascar 1: 33. pl. 8. 1804, nom. cons.

Perennial, herbaceous [or woody], prostrate or twining vines [rarely erect undershrubs] with alternate, herbaceous or subcoriaceous entire leaves. Flowers axillary, solitary, or in cymes. Sepals 5, equal or subequal. Corolla 5-lobed, blue or white, campanulate or funnelform. Stamens 5, inserted on the corolla tube, included or slightly exserted; pollen smooth. Style deeply 2-cleft (or styles free, 2, rarely 1), stigmas peltate, ovary 2-locular, each locule with 2 ovules. Fruit a 2-, 4- or 8-valved capsule. (Including *Breweria R. Br., Stylisma Raf.*; not *Bonamya Neck.*, nom. rejic.) Type species: *B. madagascariensis Poir.* (Named in honor of François Bonami, 1710–1786, French physician and botanist.)

A genus of 40 or more species widely distributed in the tropics of the world, represented in our area by seven species. The genus includes species of very different habit but it may be distinguished by the bifid style and the capitate stigmas. Various attempts have been made to split the genus, and, as a result, our species, with the exception of *Bonamia grandiflora* (Gray) Hallier, have been placed in *Stylisma* Raf., primarily on the basis of their more slender stems and more herbaceous habit. This group does not seem to be clearly separable from *Bonamia*, although it may represent a natural group within the genus. The problem of the generic limits of *Bonamia* is further complicated by *Seddera* Hochst, of the Old World, and a detailed study of all these species with a view of clarifying the genera would be highly desirable.

All of our species, except *Bonamia Pickeringii* (Torrey in M. A. Curtis) Gray, occur in Florida in sandy soil or in dry pinelands. Of these *B. humistrata* (Walt.) Gray extends into eastern Texas and north into southeastern Virginia, *B. aquatica* (Walt.) Gray (*Stylisma trichosanthes* of Small) north to Alabama and North Carolina, *B. Michauxii* ² (*Stylisma aquatica* of Small) west to Texas and north to North Carolina. *Bonamia villosa* ³ and *B. angustifolia* ⁴ are both limited to Florida. *Bonamia Pickeringii* is represented in the sandhills of Georgia and from Wilmington, North Carolina, by plants which have been interpreted as two different varieties. Additional variants of this species occur in the pine barrens of New Jersey, and from Texas north to Iowa and Illinois.

³ Bonamia villosa (Nash) K. A. Wilson, comb. nov. Breweria villosa Nash, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 22: 154. 1895.

² Bonamia Michauxii (Fern. & Schubert) K. A. Wilson, comb. nov. Breweria Michauxii Fern. & Schub., Rhodora 51: 37. 1949.

⁴ Bonamia angustifolia (Nash) K. A. Wilson, comb. nov. Breweria angustifolia Nash, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 22: 155. 1895.

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Herbaceous or woody, prostrate or twining vines [rarely erect undershrubs] with entire or lobed leaves. Flowers axillary in cymes or dense terminal clusters [rarely solitary], with or without an involucre. Sepals 5, equal or unequal. Corolla entire, 5-toothed or 5-lobed, funnelform or campanulate. Stamens 5, inserted on the corolla tube, included; pollen smooth. Style simple, included; stigmas 2, elliptic or oblong, flattened; ovary 2-locular, each locule with 2 ovules. Fruit a 4- or 8-valved capsule. (Including *Thyella* Raf.) Type species: *J. ferruginea* (Steud.) Choisy. (Name in honor of Victor Jacquement, 1801–1832, French botanical explorer.)

About 120 species in 4 sections, primarily of the American tropics and subtropics, but also with a few species in the Old World; represented in our area by five species in two sections. Sections Anomalae Meissn. (flowers 1–3, or in loose, many-flowered inflorescences) and Capituli-florae Ooststr. (flowers in the axils of the upper leaves, aggregated into dense globose or ovoid terminal spikes) are apparently limited to the American tropics in their distribution; neither occurs in our area.

Sect. Capitatae Meissn. (inflorescence many-flowered, flowers in dense terminal clusters usually surrounded by bracts) is represented in the southeastern United States by Jacquemontia tamnifolia (L.) Griseb. (Thyella tamnifolia (L.) Raf.) which occurs in fields and thickets, often as a weed in cultivated areas, from Florida north to southeastern Virginia and west to Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas. Our other species are in sect. Cymosae Meissn. (inflorescence 5-many-flowered loose dichasia), and in our area are found only in southern Florida. Jacquemontia jamaicensis (Jacq.) Hallier and J. pentantha (Jacq.) G. Don are known also in the West Indies, while J. Curtissii Peter ex Hallier and J. reclinata House are found only in southern peninsular Florida.

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6. Convolvulus Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 153. 1753; Gen. Pl. ed. 5. 76. 1754.

Herbaceous or more or less woody, perennial [or annual], prostrate, twining or erect plants with ovate to oblong leaves, cordate, sagittate or hastate at the base. Flowers axillary, solitary or in peduncled cymes. Calyx of 5 subequal sepals, the bracts minute, linear, and remote from the calyx, or persistent and enveloping the calyx. Corolla campanulate to funnelform, white or pink. Stamens 5, included, unequal in length; pollen smooth, ellipsoid and tricolpate or globular and polyforate. Ovary 1-locular, 2-locular or imperfectly 2-locular; stigmas 2, ovoid to ellipsoid, linear or filiform. Fruit a 4-valved capsule with 4 or fewer seeds. (Including Strophocaulos Small, Calystegia R. Br.) Type species: C. arvensis L. (The name from the Latin convolvere, to entwine.) — BINDWEED.

A genus of about 250 species in the temperate and tropical regions of both hemispheres, represented in our area by four or perhaps more species. The genus is interpreted here in the broad sense to include species frequently segregated as *Calystegia* R. Br., here maintained as a section.

Section Convolvulus (*Strophocaulos* Small) is represented in our area by the single weedy species C. arvensis, field bindweed (2n = 50), native to Eurasia but now widespread in the temperate areas throughout the world and often becoming a serious pest. The species occurs in our area in fields, roadsides, and waste places from northern Florida, north and west throughout our area and beyond it. It is very variable in the shape of its leaves, and at least three of the forms have been named.

Section Calystegia (R. Br.) Gray, which includes about 25 species of both hemispheres, is represented in our area by three or perhaps more species. Members of this section are distinguished by the two large bracts which subtend the calyx and envelop it, the generally larger flowers, the 1-locular or incompletely 2-locular ovary, the ovoid or ellipsoid stigmas, and the globose, polyforate pollen. Convolvulus sepium L. (2n = 22, 24), a very variable species distributed throughout most of the temperate areas of the world, is represented in the Southeast by at least three named varieties based primarily on the shape of the leaves. Convolvulus sepium var. sepium (including C. americanus (Sims) Greene), with broadly ovate leaves with angulate, truncate or rounded basal lobes and a U- or V-shaped leaf sinus, is the European form and is now distributed in eastern North America as far west as Missouri and Illinois, and also in New Mexico and Oregon. Varietas fraterniflorus Mack. & Bush (leaves with quadrangular sinuses) is reported from Pennsylvania to North Dakota, south to Virginia, Kentucky, and Arkansas, growing on roadsides and in fields and wasteplaces. Varietas repens (L.) Gray (leaves lance-ovate to lanceolate, mostly longer than broad) occurs on shores, beaches, and dunes along the coast from Florida north to New Brunswick, west to Texas, and also north to Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin. Convolvulus sericatus House, closely allied to Convolvulus sepium, was described from the mountains of Georgia and has also been reported from the mountains of North Carolina.

Convolvulus spithamaeus L. (2n = 22) (including C. Purshianus Wherry) occurs on sandy or rocky soil, shale barrens, road cuts, rocky woods and dunes from southeastern Canada south to Georgia and Alabama and west to Minnesota and Iowa. The variation of this species is complex and needs careful study on a population basis. Two to four varieties or subspecies have been recognized.

Convolvulus pellitus Ledeb. forma anestius Fern. (Convolvulus japonicus Thunb. of Small), with double flowers and sterile, has been introduced as a cultivated plant and is now naturalized from Maine to Michigan, south to Virginia, Tennessee, and Missouri.

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Herbaceous or woody twining vines [or plants prostrate, rarely erect] with entire, dentate, or palmately lobed or compound leaves. Flowers axillary, solitary or in few- to many-flowered cymose [or variously branched] inflorescences. Calyx of 5 subequal sepals, coriaceous to herbaceous, accrescent in several species. Corolla campanulate or funnelform, white or yellow to orange, slightly 5-lobed. Stamens 5, included, unequal in length, the anthers often contorted; pollen smooth. Ovary 2-or 4-locular, stigma 2-lobed, globose. Fruit a 1–4-seeded, 4-valved capsule or an irregularly dehiscent capsule with the pericarp circumscissile at the base. (Operculina of Small.) Type species: M. hederacea (Burm. f.) Hallier. (Named in honor of Blasius Merrem, 1761–1824, professor at Marburg.)

About 80 species in five sections widely distributed in the tropics of both hemispheres. Characterized by its bilobed, globose stigmas and its 4-valved or irregularly dehiscent capsule, the genus is represented in our area by four species in two sections. Section Xanthips (flower bud obtuse or subacute; midpetaline bands indistinctly defined, never with dark lines) is known in our area by only Merremia umbellata (L.) Hallier (Ipomoea polyanthes Roem. & Schult.), a very variable species of the tropics of the world represented in the Americas by the yellow-flowered var. umbellata. Section Streptandra (flower buds mostly acute; midpetaline bands in the dried state often with 5 dark lines) is represented in our flora by three species. Merremia tuberosa (L.) Rendle (Operculina tuberosa (L.) Meissn.), 2n = 30, a glabrous vine with yellow flowers and entiremargined leaf segments, is reported from pinelands, hammocks, and waste places in Florida and Texas (fide Small) and is known also from the West Indies, tropical America, tropical Africa, India, and Ceylon. This species has been placed in the genus Operculina S. Manso because the pericarp of the irregularly dehiscent capsule separates from the receptacle, thereby forming an operculum. Van Ooststroom, however, has pointed out that this manner of dehiscence is clearly different from that of Operculina in which the pericarp is two layered and only the outer layer, not the entire pericarp, is circumscissile, while the inner layer remains attached. $Merremia\ dissecta\ (Jacq.)$ Hallier $(Operculina\ dissecta\ (Jacq.)$ House), 2n=30, a pubescent vine with white flowers and coarsely toothed leaf segments which occurs on roadsides and in hammocks and waste grounds from Florida to Georgia and Texas, ranges from the southeastern United States south to Argentina. It is also cultivated in other tropical areas where it occasionally escapes. The capsule of $M.\ dissecta$ is 4-valved and the pericarp does not loosen from the receptacle as it does in $M.\ tuberosa$. $Merremia\ tridentata$ (L.) Hallier ssp. $angustifolia\ (Jacq.)$ Ooststr. $(Ipomoea\ angustifolia\ Jacq.)$, a common African species, now occurs in waste places on the Coastal Plain and in other scattered localities.

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8. Ipomoea Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 159. 1753; Gen. Pl. ed. 5. 76. 1754.

Herbaceous or shrubby, annual or perennial, twining, prostrate or erect plants with entire, lobed or divided leaves. Flowers axillary, solitary or in few- to many-flowered cymes. Bracts variable. Calyx of 5 sepals, herbaceous or subcoriaceous. Corolla campanulate or funnelform, rarely salverform, with distinct midpetaline bands. Stamens 5, alternate with the corolla lobes, inserted on the corolla tube, included or rarely exserted; pollen globular, spinulose. Ovary 2- or 4-locular, rarely 3-locular, with 2 anatropous ovules in each locule. Style solitary, the stigma entire, 2 (or 3)-lobed, globular, included or exserted. Fruit a 4-6-valved capsule with 4-6 or fewer seeds. (Including Batatas Choisy, Quamoclit Moench, Pharbitis Choisy, Exogonium Choisy, Calonyction Choisy.) Type species: I. Pestigridis L. (Name from Greek ips, a worm, and homoios, resembling, in reference to the twining habit.) — Morning-Glory.

A large genus of the tropics and subtropics with about 500 species and perhaps 30 or fewer in our area. The limits of the genus and its subdivision have been matters of considerable disagreement. Following Van Ooststroom, who adopted the system of Hallier with but little modification, the genus

is divided into eight sections on the basis of the habit, inflorescence, flower, and seed characters, and includes a number of groups sometimes recognized as separate genera. Several other subdivisions of the genus have been proposed (cf. Choisy, Bentham, Peter, House) but the system most widely accepted is that of Hallier, although often with some minor modifications. A truly satisfactory generic treatment, however, must await a thorough monographic revision.

Section IPOMOEA (§ *Pharbitis* (Choisy) Griseb.) (mostly high-twining plants, hispid or lanate; flowers mostly showy; sepals herbaceous, oblong, lanceolate or linear; seeds glabrous, puberulent or shortly arachnoid) is represented in our area by about five species including *Ipomoea purpurea* (L.) Roth (2n = 30), introduced from tropical America as an ornamental, and now a pernicious weed along roadsides, waste places and in cultivated grounds throughout our area and also northward and westward. *Ipomoea hederacea* (L.) Jacq. (2n = 30), introduced from tropical America, is equally weedy on roadsides and waste places, and *I. Nil* (L.) Roth (2n = 30), a native of Africa has spread from cultivation into hammocks and cultivated grounds in Florida and Louisiana. *Ipomoea barbigera* Sweet and *I. congesta* R. Br. (*Pharbitis cathartica* (Poir.) Choisy) also occur in our area.

Section Batatas (Choisy) Hallier (flowers mostly small, axillary in umbellate cymes; sepals mostly subcoriaceous, oblong or lanceolate; corolla funnelform; seeds glabrous) includes the widely cultivated I. Batatas (L.) Lam. (2n = 90), the sweet potato, with a large number of cultivars. The origin of the sweet potato has been the subject of considerable discussion and study. Present cytological evidence seems to indicate that it is an allopolyploid, resulting from the hybridization of a tetraploid and a diploid species. $Ipomoea\ trichocarpa\ Ell.\ (I.\ trifida\ (HBK.)\ G.\ Don),\ I.\ tiliacea\ (Willd.)\ Choisy,\ and\ I.\ triloba\ L.\ are\ members of this section,\ and\ I.\ pandurata\ (L.)\ G.\ F.\ W.\ Meyer\ (2n = 30)\ and\ I.\ lacunosa\ L.\ may\ belong\ here.$

Section Leiocalyx Hallier (plants mostly glabrous, flowers solitary or in subumbellate dichasia. sepals mostly oblong or lanceolate, seeds mostly glabrous) is represented by *Ipomoea Pes-caprae* (L.) R. Br. in Tuckey ssp. brasiliensis (L.) Ooststr. (2n = 30) and *I. stolonifera* (Cyr.) J. F. Gmel., both of which occur on sandy beaches and coastal sand dunes from Florida to Texas and in tropical and subtropical countries of both hemispheres. Also to this section belong *I. cairica* (L.) Sweet (2n = 30), *I. sagittata* Lam. (2n = 30), and *I. heptaphylla* (Rottl. & Willd.) Voigt.

Section Calonyction (Choisy) Griseb. (annual or perennial twiners, mostly glabrous; flowers axillary, solitary or in a cincinnus or a dichasial cyme, nocturnal; sepals herbaceous to membranaceous, glabrous, or sometimes hirsute; corolla salverform, the tube long; stamens and style often exserted; ovary 2-locular or rarely 4-locular; capsule 4-valved; seeds glabrous) is represented with us by *Ipomoea alba* L. (*Calonyction aculeatum* (L.) House) in southern Florida where it grows in hammocks, often

luxuriously following fire. A native of tropical America, it has been widely cultivated and has now escaped in the tropics of both hemispheres.

Section QUAMOCLIT (Moench.) Griseb. (annual or perennial twiners, mostly glabrous; flowers axillary in a cyme, rarely solitary; sepals herbaceous to membranaceous, glabrous; corolla salverform, often bright red, rarely yellow or white; stamens and style exserted; ovary 4-locular; capsule 4-valved, seeds glabrous rarely puberulent) includes about 15 species of the Americas, three in our area, Ipomoea Quamoclit L., with pinnately dissected leaves, a native of tropical America and widely grown as an ornamental, has spread from cultivation as far north as Virginia and Missouri. Ipomoea coccinea L., with cordate leaves, ranging from Georgia north to Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Illinois and west to Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, is limited to the United States in its distribution. This species has often been confused with I. hederifolia L., which ranges from Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, and Texas, south to northern Argentina (also in Malaysia and Africa), but may be distinguished by having the inner sepals up to 3 (rarely 4) mm. wide, the cordate leaves with the blade entire, dentate, or 3-5 lobed; fruiting pedicels always erect. (See O'Donell, 1959, pp. 45-51, for extensive synonymy.) Species of this section are adapted to pollination by hummingbirds.

Section Eriospermum Hallier (very variable perennial plants; sepals mostly obtuse; seeds with long-bearded edges, or rarely the whole surface villose) is known in our area by three species. *Ipomoea Tuba* (Schlecht.) G. Don (*Calonyction Tuba* (Schlecht.) Colla = C. grandiflorum (Jacq.) Choisy) grows along beaches and in saline situations in coastal hammocks in southern Florida and is distributed throughout tropical America, east tropical Africa, and Asia to Polynesia. *Ipomoea crassicaulis* (Benth.) B. L. Robinson (*I. fistulosa* Mart. ex Choisy) occurs from Florida and the West Indies, Mexico and Central America southward to Brazil and Paraguay, and is cultivated in other tropical countries where it occasionally escapes. *Ipomoea microdactyla* Griseb. (*Exogonium microdactylum* (Griseb.) House) a woody vine with bright red flowers, obtuse sepals, and seeds with long hairs on the edges, occurs in southern Florida and the West Indies.

A number of species of *Ipomoea* are popular in cultivation in the United States. Two of the best known are *I. Nil* Roth 'Scarlett O'Hara' and *I. tricolor* Cav. 'Heavenly Blue.'

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9. Turbina Rafinesque, Fl. Tellur. 4: 81. 1836 [1838].

Herbaceous or more or less woody, trailing or climbing, perennial vines with entire, ovate leaves, cordate at the base. Flowers in axillary peduncled cymes borne on the terminal portion of the branches. Calyx of 5 unequal, ovate or elliptic, obtuse sepals with thin margins. Corolla campanulate, white, with distinct midpetaline bands. Stamens 5, included, unequal in length; pollen spinulose. Ovary 2-locular, the stigma biglobular, the style included. Fruit a 1-locular, usually 1-seeded, indehiscent, ovoid-oblong capsule with a thin, woody pericarp. (Legendrea Webb & Berth.) Type species: T. corymbosa (L.) Raf. (Name from Latin, turbinatus, turbinate, in reference to the shape of the capsule.)

A genus of about ten or perhaps more species of the American tropics and Africa, represented in our area by a single species, *Turbina corymbosa* (*Rivea corymbosa* (L.) Hallier), which occurs throughout tropical South America, Central America, the West Indies, and Mexico, and is reported from southern peninsular Florida, the Florida Keys, and south Texas growing in hammocks and thickets. It has been introduced in various places in the Old World and in some areas has become naturalized. *T. corymbosa* was used by the Aztecs as a narcotic in divination, as a medicine, and as an ingredient in magical and analgesic ointments.

Turbina may be distinguished by the indehiscent, ovoid-oblong, mostly 1-seeded, woody capsules, and by the ovate to oblong, obtuse, spreading sepals which are not accrescent or only slightly so. Rivea Choisy has been shown to include species with linear-oblong stigmas and indehiscent, dry or nearly dry fruit and to be restricted to tropical Asia.

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10. Argyreia Loureiro, Fl. Cochinchin. 1: 134. 1790.

Perennial, woody, twining vines with ovate to orbicular leaves, cordate at the base and densely sericeous on the lower surface. Flowers in ped-uncled axillary cymes. Calyx of 5 equal or subequal, coriaceous sepals. Corolla funnelform, campanulate or tubular, rose-purple, with distinct midpetaline bands. Stamens 5, included, unequal in length; pollen spinulose. Ovary [2- or] 4-locular, the stigmas biglobular, the style included. Fruit thick-walled, leathery, 4-seeded or less, indehiscent. Type species: A. obtusifolia Lour. or A. acuta Lour. (Name from Greek argyreios, silvery, in reference to the pubescence on the lower surface of the leaves.) — Woolly Morning-Glory.

A genus of about 90 species in tropical Asia, Malaysia, and Queensland. A single species of sect. Ptyxanthus G. Don, A. nervosa (Burm. f.) Bojer (A. speciosa (L. f.) Sweet), a native of India which is cultivated in tropical areas as an ornamental and occasionally escapes, has been reported in Florida from hammocks along the Everglades (Small).

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