

TAXACEAE – YEW FAMILY

Plant: mostly trees, sometimes shrubs; mostly not resinous or aromatic

Stem: often very branching

Root:

Leaves: evergreen and simple needle-like, alternate or rarely opposite and spirally arranged, often twisted to appear as 2 rows, decurrent on stem

Flowers: monoecious or dioecious; both sexes as cones, seeds not winged

Fruit: single seeds, naked on short stalks, red and berry-like

Other:

Genera: 5+ genera; locally *Taxus* (yew)

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