

## EMPETRACEAE – CROWBERRY FAMILY

**Plant:** shrubs

**Stem:**

**Root:**

**Leaves:** evergreen; simple, leathery, alternate or whorled; no stipules

**Flowers:** mostly dioecous or sometimes monoecious, rarely perfect; regular (actinomorphic); solitary or in racemes; calyx 2-3 parts; corolla 2-3 parts if present; stamens 2-3-4; ovary superior, pistil 2-9 celled, 2-9 carpels

**Fruit:** drupe - with seeds

**Other:** Dicotyledons Group

**Genera:** 3 genera. 10-20+ species

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Empetraceae (Crowberry Family)

Seagrove Beach, Walton County, Florida

Notes: evergreen dioecious shrub; flower small, yellow to brown in leaf axils; leaves 4-6 per node, simple, linear, entire, revolute, dark green and mostly glabrous; stem woody and peeling, ridged near base, branches erect; fruit greenish yellow drupe; coastal dunes and sand areas; spring to fall

[V Max Brown, 2012]

