

SAURURACEAE – LIZARD’S TAIL FAMILY

Plant: herbs, aromatic (oils), often aquatic

Stem: often with rhizomes

Root:

Leaves: stem and/or basal, simple, entire, alternate, mostly with cordate base; with stipules

Flowers: perfect, regular (actinomorphic), small, usually in spikes or racemes; sepals and petals absent, flower subtended by a bract; 3-6-8 stamens; ovary superior or inferior, 1 pistil, 2 to many ovules

Fruit: capsules or schizocarps; 1 to many seeds

Other: Dicotyledons Group

Genera: 5+ genera; locally *Saururus* (lizard’s tail)

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Lizard's Tail; *Saururus cernuus* L.

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Saururaceae (Lizard's Tail Family)

Lake Charles State Park, Lawrence County, Arkansas

Notes: flower with sepals and petals absent, a bract surrounds flower, 6-8 stamens (usually white), flowers on long spikes often with nodding tips; leaves alternate, ovate, with cordate base; stem much branching, with rhizomes; usually in shallow water; spring and summer

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