Trees or shrubs. Leaves exstipulate, alternate, compound, paripinnate; leaflets usually entire. Flowers small, regular, in terminal or axillary panicles or racemes. Sepals 4-5, connate at the base, sometimes unequal, imbricate. Petals 4-5, free, lanceolate-ovate, clawed, with or without scales Disc annular, fleshy. Stamens 8-10, attached within the disc; filaments free, usually hairy. Ovary entire or lobed, 2-4 locular, 1 ovule in each locule. Fruit fleshy or coriaceous of 1-3 indehiscent cocci; seeds globose, black.