

1	Carpels in 1 whorl	(2)
+	Carpels in 2 or more whorls	<i>Malope</i>
2 (1)	Style branches and stigmas as many as carpels or style undivided	(3)
+	Style branches and stigmas twice the number of carpels, always 10	(16)
3 (2)	Fruit a capsule or berry; carpels not separating	(4)
+	Fruit schizocarpic; carpels (mericarps) usually separating	(10)
4 (3)	Style divided into 5 divergent branches. Seeds usually reniform	(5)
+	Style 1, undivided, clavate or divided into very short branches. Seeds usually angular or obovoid	(9)
5 (4)	Flowers bisexual	(6)
+	Flowers unisexual or both unisexual and bisexual flowers present on the same plant	<i>Kydia</i>
6 (5)	Epicalyx segments 5-many, linear to ovate, or absent	(7)
+	Epicalyx segments 3, large, cordate	<i>Senra</i>
7 (6)	Calyx 5 toothed or lobed, regular, persistent, not spathaceous	(8)
+	Calyx 2-3 lobed, irregular, caducous, spathaceous	<i>Abelmoschus</i>
8 (7)	Capsule winged	<i>Fioria</i>
+	Capsule not winged	<i>Hibiscus</i>
9 (4)	Epicalyx segments 3-8, linear-lanceolate, caducous or persistent. Calyx without oil glands	<i>Thespesia</i>
+	Epicalyx segments 3, large, cordate, leafy, persistent. Calyx with oil glands	<i>Gossypium</i>
10 (3)	Style branches filiform to narrowly clavate, acute, with decurrent stigmas	(11)
+	Style branches with capitate or discoid stigmas	(14)
11 (10)	Epicalyx segments at least connate at the base	(12)
+	Epicalyx segments free	<i>Malva</i>
12 (11)	Epicalyx segments 6-9. Central axis of fruit equal to or shorter than mericarps. Seeds radially ribbed	(13)
+	Epicalyx segments usually 3. Central axis of fruit longer than mericarps. Seeds smooth or transversely ribbed	<i>Lavatera</i>
13 (12)	Flowers 30-50 mm across, petals 3-6 cm long. Staminal tube 5-angled, anthers yellowish. Mericarp sub-bilocular	<i>Alcea</i>
+	Flowers 5-20 (-30) mm across, petals 0.8-1.6 cm long. Staminal tube cylindric, anthers purple or brownish-purple. Mericarp 1 loculed	<i>Althaea</i>
14 (10)	Epicalyx segments absent (in ours)	(15)
+	Epicalyx segments present	<i>Malvastrum</i>
15 (14)	Mericarp usually 2 or more seeded, follicular	<i>Abutilon</i>
+	Mericarp 1-seeded, not follicular	<i>Sida</i>
16 (2)	Flowers usually axillary, solitary. Epicalyx present	(17)
+	Flowers in heads, subtended by bracts. Epicalyx absent	<i>Malachra</i>
17 (16)	Herbs or undershrubs. Petals never auriculate. Mericarps muciculate, never fleshy	(18)
+	Shrubs. Petals auriculate. Schizocarp smooth and fleshy like a berry	<i>Malva viscus</i>
18 (17)	Leaves eglandular. Mericarps reticulately veined to armed but never with glochidiate spines	<i>Pavonia</i>
+	Leaves always glandular on the midrib beneath. Mericarps armed with glochidiate spines	<i>Urena</i>