


# Morinda

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<i>Morinda citrifolia</i>	
Scientific classification	
Kingdom:	Plantae
(unranked):	Angiosperms
(unranked):	Eudicots
(unranked):	Asterids
Order:	Gentianales
Family:	Rubiaceae
Subfamily:	Rubioideae
Tribe:	Morindeae
Genus:	<i><b>Morinda</b></i> L.
Species	
See text.	
Synonyms	
<i>Belicia</i> Lundell <i>Bellynkxia</i> Müll.Arg. <i>Gutenbergia</i> Walp., orth. var. <i>Guttenbergia</i> Zoll. & Moritzi <i>Imantina</i> Hook.f. <i>Pogonanthus</i> Montrouz. <i>Rojoc</i> Adans. <i>Sphaerophora</i> Blume <i>Stigmanthus</i> Lour. <i>Stigmatanthus</i> Roem. & Schult.	

*Morinda* is a genus of flowering plants in the madder family, Rubiaceae. The generic name is derived from the Latin words *morus* "mulberry", from the appearance of the fruits, and *indica*, meaning "of India".

## Description

It comprises approximately 80 species, distributed in all tropical regions of the world. These species may be trees, shrubs or vines; some, like *Morinda citrifolia*, are trees that very much resemble vines. All *Morinda* species bear aggregate or multiple fruits that can be fleshy (like with *Morinda citrifolia*) or dry.

Most species of this genus originate in the area of Borneo, New Guinea, Northern Australia, and New Caledonia.

Morinda is used as a herb in Traditional Japanese, Korean and Chinese Medicine. In Chinese medicine, the root of morinda is known as 巴戟天 or simply 巴戟.

## Selected species

- *Morinda angustifolia*
- *Morinda asperula* Standl.
- *Morinda asteroscepa* K.Schum. (Malawi, Tanzania)
- *Morinda citrifolia* L. – Great Morinda, Noni, Aal (Southeast Asia)
  - *Morinda citrifolia* var. *bracteata* (Roxb.) Hook.f.
  - *Morinda citrifolia* var. *citrifolia* L.
- *Morinda fasciculata* Benth. (Ecuador)
- *Morinda jasminoides* A.Cunn. – Sweet Morinda (Eastern Australia)
- *Morinda longiflora*
- *Morinda lucida* Benth.
- *Morinda morindoides* (Baker) Milne-Redh.
- *Morinda nana*
- *Morinda officinalis* F.C.How (China)
- *Morinda panamensis* Seem.
- *Morinda parvifolia*
- *Morinda pubescens*
- *Morinda royoc* L.
- *Morinda tinctoria* Roxb.
- *Morinda trimera* Hillebr. – Noni kuahiwi (Hawaii)
- *Morinda umbellata* L.
- *Morinda yucatanensis* Greenm.

## Formerly placed here

- *Psychotria muscosa* (Jacq.) Steyerem. (as *Morinda muscosa* Jacq.)

## References

## External links

- World Checklist of Rubiaceae (<http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/rubiaceae/>)
- Complete species list (<http://www.ppp-index.de/L1BQUF9TSE9XUEFHRT9QQUdFPTMmTUIEPTI3NTY.html?UID=07A8EAA7A2C63911158AF2AF2FED408C6E65ED40A2BE>)

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