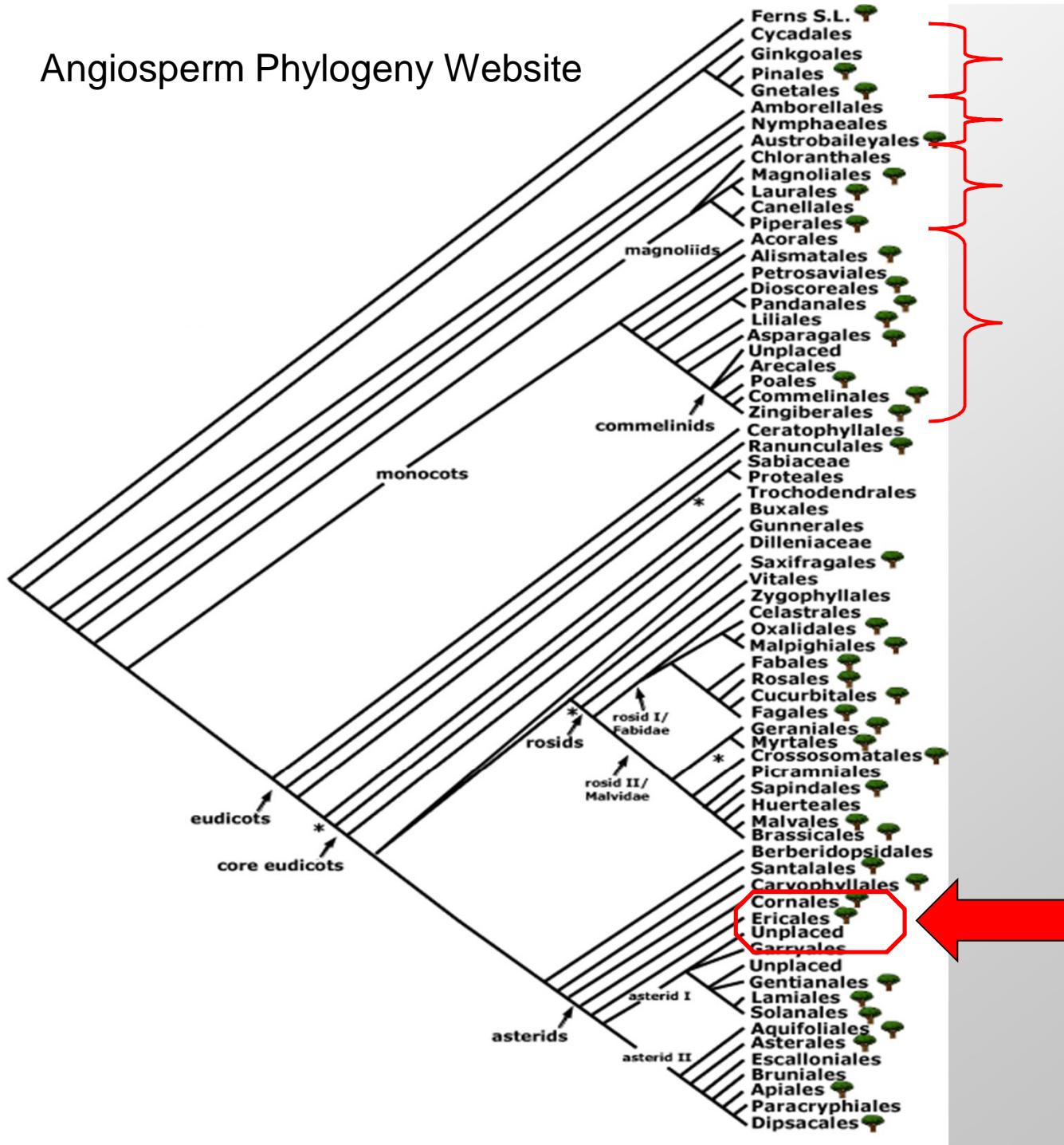
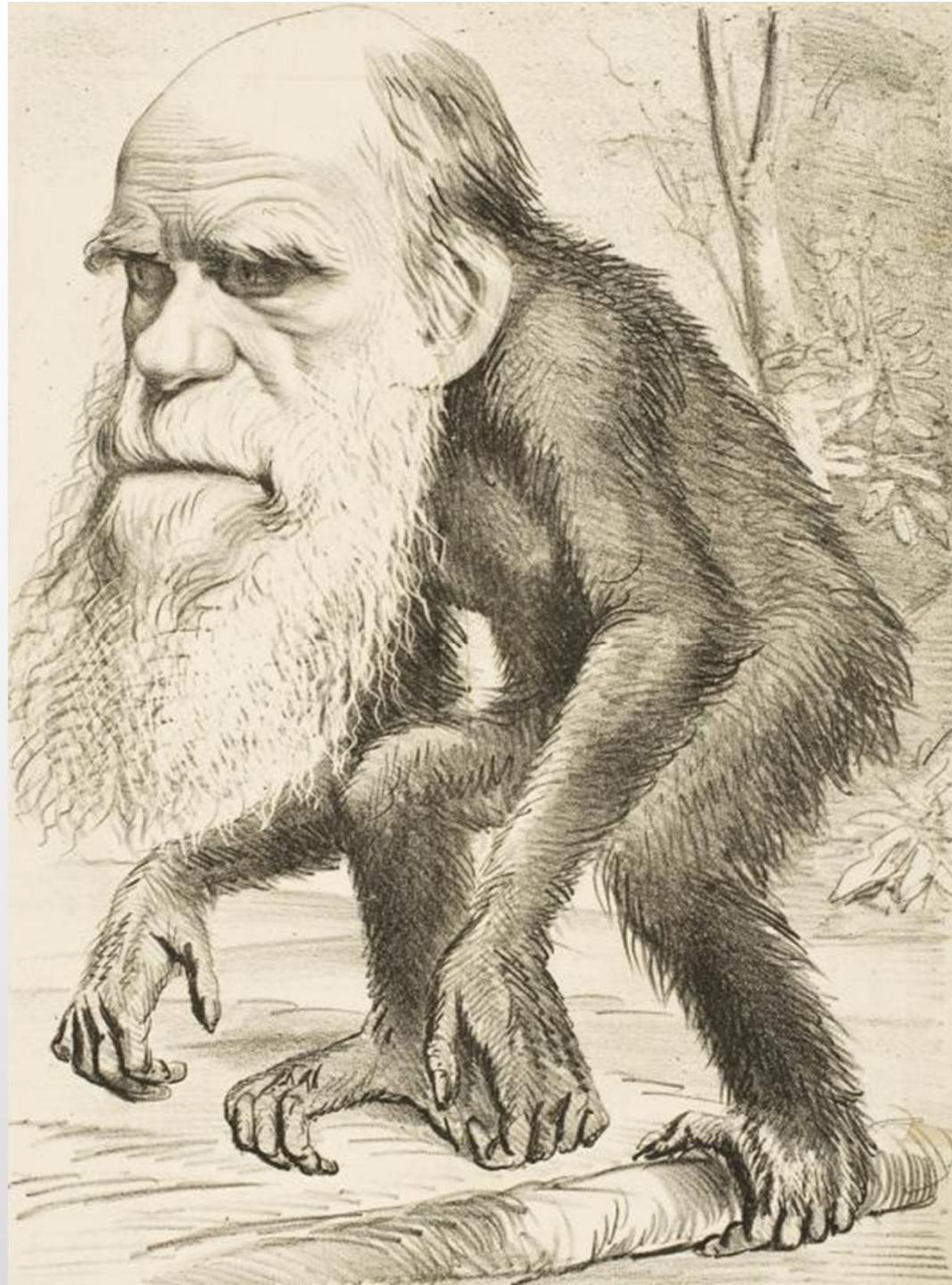


# Systematics of hardy Theaceae and genus *Stewartia*

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# Systematics Theaceae

- Family name
- Theaceae s.s. (versus repository)
- 7-10 genera; 195 – 460 species
- (sub-)tropics; esp. forests of SE Asia
- economically important (tea, oil, ornamentals)
- each genus restricted to single major geographic area; except *Stewartia*!

# How to recognize Theaceae

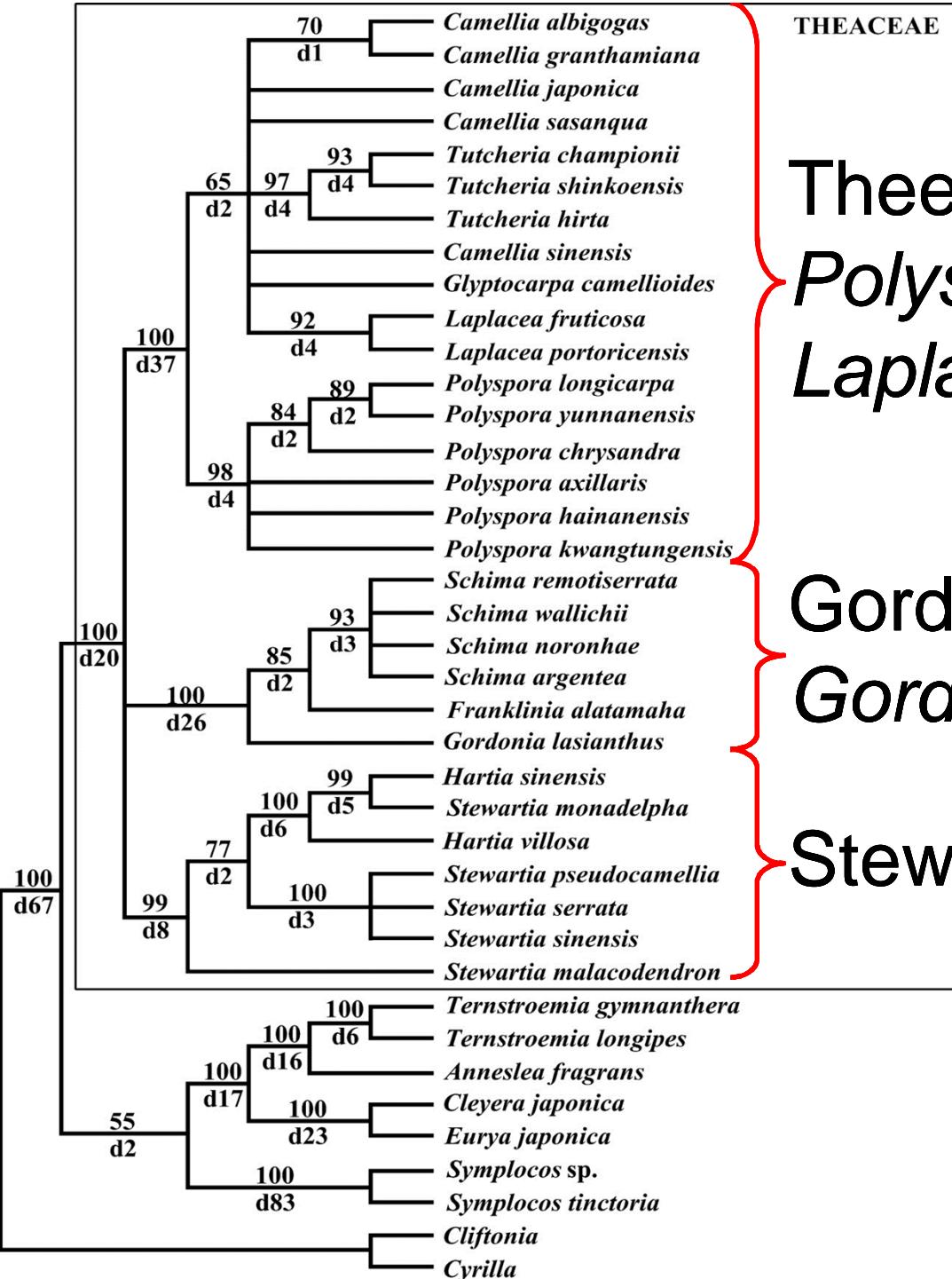
- lvs simple, toothed, leathery, oft. withering red; stipules absent
- solitary, showy, 5-merous flowers; often white, sl. wrinkled petals
- several series of numerous stamens; bundles or ring; adnate to petals
- woody loculicidal capsule with persistent central column
- bracteoles that often grade into sepals
- pseudopollen



# Theaceae classification

(Prince 2007)

Melchior	Airy-Shaw	Sealy	Keng	Ye	Takhtajan	Tsou	Prince&Parks
1925	1936	1958	1962	1990	1997	1998	2001
CAMELLIEAE	CAMELLIEAE	GORDONIEAE	CAMELLIEAE	THEEAE	THEEAE	CAMELLIEAE	THEEAE
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<i>Tutcheria</i>	<i>Stereocarpus</i>	<i>Tutcheria</i>	<i>Yunnanea</i>	<i>Parapyrenaria</i>	<i>Gordonia</i>	[ <i>Laplacea?</i> ]	<i>Apterosperma</i>
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			<i>Stewartia</i>				



# Theaceae distribution (APG)



Theeae (*Camellia*,  
*Polyspora*, *Pyrenaria*,  
*Laplacea*, *Apterosperma*)



Gordonieae (*Franklinia*,  
*Gordonia*, *Schima*)



Stewartieae (*Stewartia*)

# Theaceae genera (“hardy” in Belgium)

- *Camellia*
- *Gordonia*
- *Schima*
- *Franklinia*
- *Stewartia*
- (x *Schimlinia*)
- (x *Gordlinia*)



**Camellia x williamsii 'Les Jury'**

# Camellia

- 230-290 spp. (majority in China)  
(controversial number)
- evergreen trees or shrubs
- flowers solitary or 2-3
- inflorescence bracts (2-more) -> sepals (5 if distinct) -> petals (5-12) (connate)
- stamens many, often connate and basally adnate to the petals
- columella, seeds wingless
- monophyletic



**Camellia x williamsii 'Donation'**

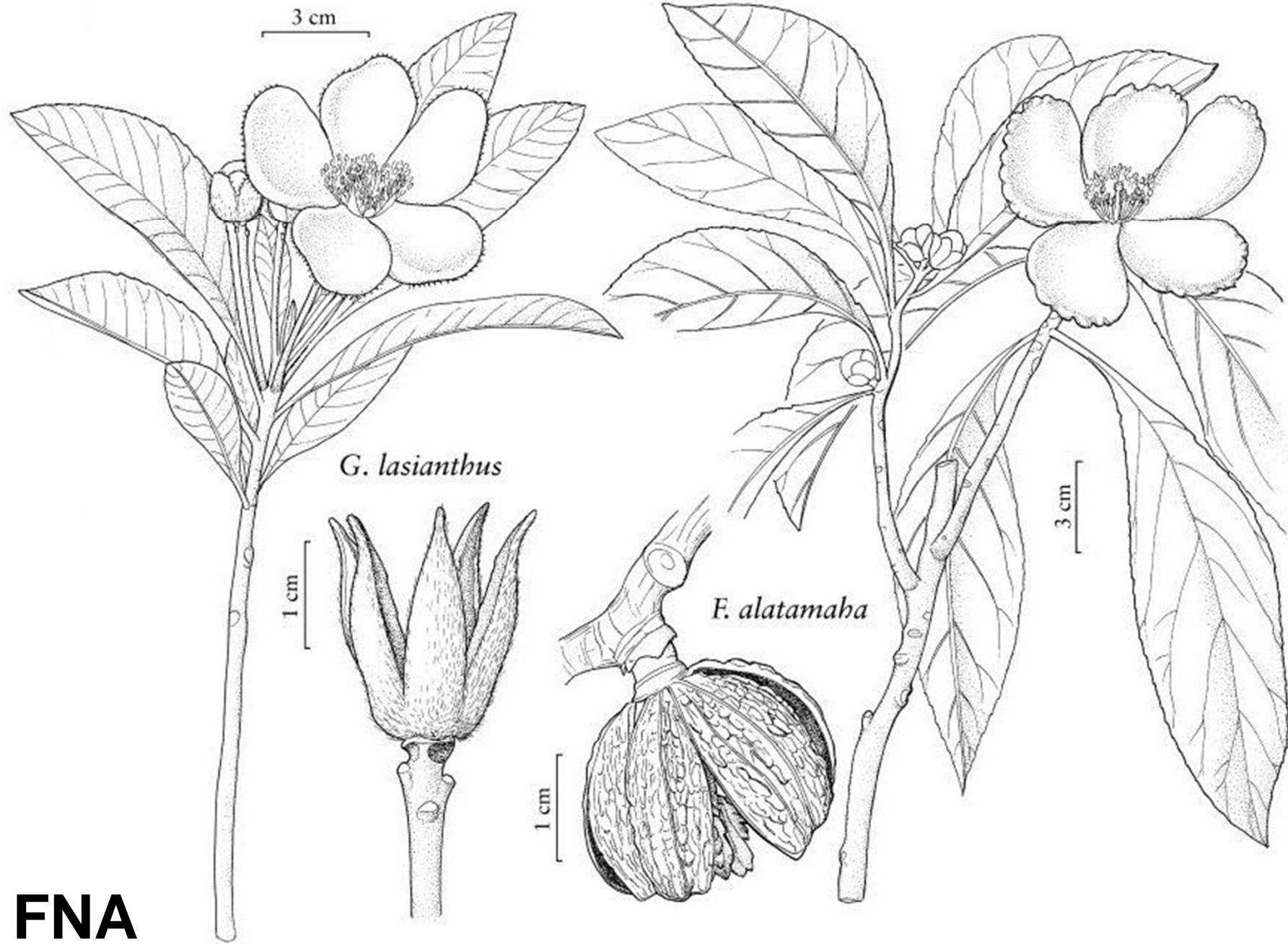




**Camellia japonica ‘Mme. Lourmand’**

# Gordonia

- 2 spp. (New World) ~ (20-65 spp. s.l.)
- columnar evergreen trees (to 30m)
- shiny, toothed leaves
- flowers on long pedicel (to 8 cm)
- 5 sepals and white petals
- seeds apically winged



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# Schima

- 1 complex-polymorphous sp. (~ 20 spp.)
- Asia
- evergreen tree
- 2 bracteoles
- fruit globose
- columella partially degenerated



**Schima wallichii  
(SCBG)**



**Schima superba** (Arunachal Pradesh)

# Franklinia

- *Franklinia alatamaha*, SE Georgia
- last seen in wild in 1803
- multi-stemmed deciduous shrub/small tree
- globose to subglobose capsule
- columella
- x *Gordlinia grandiflora*
- x *Schimlinia floribunda*





*x Gordlinia grandiflora*



# *Stewartia* (incl. *Hartia*)

- ca. 20 spp
- evergreen and deciduous
- petioles narrowly to broadly winged
- 2-4 narrowly winged or wingless seed per locule; no columella
- seeds flattened

**Li et al. 2002**  
**nrDNA ITS**  
**simplified**

