# KEY TO THE MALESIAN GENERA OF SAPINDACEAE (based on vegetative and fruit characteristics)

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#### **SUMMARY**

A key to the 40 Malesian genera of Sapindaceae is provided. This key is only meant for fruiting specimens. As a first quick check of the correctness of the identification, short indications of the geography of the genera and, when present, figures of the fruits are provided.

## INTRODUCTION

Identifying Sapindaceae has always been a rather hazardous job. Specimens of different genera sometimes look very similar, and consequently there are numerous misidentifications. The main cause of this trouble is the absence of a reliable key. The present key may overcome at least part of these problems, as the key is only meant for fruiting specimens. Besides some vegetative characters the key only uses fruit characters. Floral characters have been omitted as Sapindaceae usually only have either flowers or fruits (sterile ones are better thrown away; they are almost impossible to identify). Accordingly, a separate key for flowering material has to be constructed.

The present key can be used without any problem for mature fruits. Immature fruits will remain difficult to identify, but in order to enable the latter as much as possible, several characters, which are only well visible in mature fruits (e.g. shape of fruit, sarcotesta/arilloid characters), have not been fully employed. The unfortunate result of this approach is that several genera key out more than once. The latter is also a result of the presence of many genera with polythetic sets of characters, e.g. Nephelium always has spined or ribbed fruits, except for Nephlium maingayi; Arytera macrobotrys has very different fruits compared to the other Arytera species.

The genus Gongrospermum (from the Philippines) has been omitted from this key, because material and knowledge of this genus is very insufficient.

Several genera have only recently been recorded for Malesia, e.g. Diploglottis, Sarcotoechia and Synima. They are added to this key.

Arytera and Cupaniopsis will very probably be split into several distinct genera after their revision. The possible consequenses of these actions for this key only are

some changes of names in several leads, e.g. lead 39b: Cupaniopsis platycarpa, lead 52b: Arytera macrobotrys.

When a genus is keyed out the rough indication of its geography may serve as a first check. The figures, at least one of each genus if a plate was available, serve as another check.

When the key directly leads to a species or subgenus, the name of the species or subgenus is provided. This prevents unnecessary work and enables the identification of several species for which no modern keys exist.

## TERMINOLOGY

A good interpretation of fruiting characters is essential. Therefore it is advisable to boil dried fruits and to use a dissecting microscope, otherwise mistakes will happen.

The following terms are very crucial:

- Pseudostipules (fig. 12) occur in several genera of Sapindaceae, they are the transformed lower pair of leaflets. Of Malesian Sapindaceae only *Cardiospermum* bears true stipules.
- The sepals can be either dimorph (inner three larger than outer two) and rather large or all equal in size and small.
- Fruit lobed/not lobed: In a lobed fruit in transversal section the free part of the lobes is longer than the breadth of the axis and dissepiments together (figs. 13, 14, 18; N.B.: some lobes can be abortive); in not or slightly lobed fruits the axis and dissepiments are broader than the free part of the lobes (figs. 3, 15, 54).
- The stipe of the fruit is the narrowed basal part, as shown in figs. 1 and 33. Figs. 14, 19, and 32 show fruits without a stipe.
- Sarcotesta/arilloid: An arilloid is free from the seed (except around the hilum). A sarcotesta remains stuck to the seed, but the margin or upper part can be free. When a sarcotesta is removed, part of the upper layer of the testa remains attached to it. If only a small ring around the hilum is present, it is advised to regard this as a sarcotesta.
- Hilar spot: The place where the hilum is attached plus the surrounding tissue of the seedcoat if this is differently coloured then the rest of the coat. Usually this spot is whitish and can be very large (covering up to half of the seed).
- The term pseudofunicle needs some explanation. This is an appendix of the arilloid. In Sarcopteryx this pseudofunicle is attached near the hilum, is short and leads straight from the hilum to the base of the fruit. In Guioa (fig. 35) and Mischocarpus (fig. 41) an appendix of the arilloid is formed on the side of the fruit opposite to where the funicle is attached; this pseudofunicle is usually long and curled and is also attached to the basal corner of the fruit; when the fruit opens, the seeds tumble out and remain dangling on this pseudofunicle.

#### MALESIAN GENERA

The following list contains the genera which have been treated in this key. An asterisk in front of the generic name indicates that the genus has been revised for Flora Malesia ser. I; the manuscript is present at L. Recent revisions are cited, if no recent revision is recorded use Radlkofer in Engler, Pflanzenreich 98, 1931–34. Of monotypic genera and genera of which only one species occurs in Malesia the name of the species is provided.

- \* Alectryon (Leenhouts, Blumea 33, 1988: in press).
- \* Allophylus cobbe (L.) Raeusch (Leenhouts, Blumea 15, 1967: 301-358).
- \* Amesiodendron chinense (Merrill) Hu
  Arytera (van der Ham, Blumea 23, 1977: 289–300; notes only).
- \* Atalaya
- \* Cardiospermum
- \* Cubilia cubili (Blanco) Adelb. (Leenhouts, Blumea 24, 1978: 397, 398). Cupaniopsis (presently in revision by Adema at L). Dictyoneura (Van Dijk, Blumea 31, 1986: 437-449).
- \* Dimocarpus (Leenhouts, Blumea 19, 1971: 113-131).
- \* Diploglottis (Leenhouts, Blumea 33, 1988: 197).
- \* Dodonaea (Leenhouts, Blumea 28, 1983: 271–289). Elattostachys (presently in revision by Leenhouts at L).
- \* Euphorianthus euneurus (Miq.) Leenh. (Leenhouts, Blumea 33, 1988; 198).
- \* Ganophyllum falcatum Blume
- \* Glenniea (Leenhouts, Blumea 21, 1973: 91–103; Blumea 22, 1975: 411–414). Gloeocarpus

Guioa (presently in revision by Van Welzen at L).

- \* Harpullia (Leenhouts & Vente, Blumea 28, 1982: 1-51).
- \* Jagera

Koelreuteria

Lepiderema

Lepidopetalum

- \* Lepisanthes (Leenhouts, Blumea 17, 1969: 33-91; Blumea 18, 1970: 429, 430).
- \* Litchi chinensis Sonn. (Leenhouts, Blumea 31, 1986: 398-402). Mischocarpus (Van der Ham, Blumea 23, 1977: 251-288).
- \* Nephelium (Leenhouts, Blumea 31, 1986: 373–436).
- \* Paranephelium (Davids, Blumea 29, 1984: 425–441).
- \* Pometia (Jacobs, Reinwardtia 6, 1962: 109-144).
- Rhysotoechia
- \* Sapindus
  - Sarcopteryx (presently in revision by Leenhouts at L).
- \* Sarcotoechia (Leenhouts, Blumea 33, 1988: 198).
- \* Schleichera oleosa (Lour.) Oken
- \* Synima cordierorum (F. Muell.) Radlk.

- \* Toechima erythrocarpum (F. Muell.) Leenh. subsp. papuanum Leenh. (Leenhouts, Blumea 33, 1988: 204).
- \* Trigonachras (Leenhouts, Blumea 33, 1988: 204).
- \* Tristira triptera (Blanco) Radlk.
- \* Tristiropsis
- \* Xerospermum (Leenhouts, Blumea 28, 1983: 389-401).

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## SHORT KEY

The key has several groups of genera. The groups are defined by a few characters. The following short key provides a quick entry to the complete key. If used one is not obliged to go through the complete key. N.B.: stick to the sequence of this short key, not all Sapindaceae with pseudostipules are *Pometia*, other genera also possess them.

1.	Leaves:  - biternate
2.	Fruits:  - with wing, crest or sharp margin
3.	Seeds:  - naked; placenta not thickened
4.	Indumentum:  - stellate or bundle hairs besides simple ones couplet 32  - only simple hairs or glabrous
	Pseudostipules: - present

_	Wall of fruit inside: - pilose, sometimes margin of valves only couplet 35 - glabrous				
	KEY				
	Tree, shrub, or occasionally a woody climber. Leaves simple, 1- foliolate, digitate or (bi)pinnate. Inflorescence without tendrils				
2a. b.	Leaves bipinnate (observe absence of axillary buds on secundary rhachises) . 3 Leaves simple, 1-foliolate, digitate or pinnate				
	Fruits about globose, coriaceous (fig. 61). W. border: Philippines to Borneo to Lesser Sunda Is.; E. border: New Guinea; fig. 61				
	Leaves all simple, digitate, or imparipinnate				
5a. b.	Fruit not winged. Leaves digitate or imparipinnate 6 Fruit winged. Leaves simple. Malesia; fig. 8 Dodonaea				
	Leaves 1-foliolate or imparipinnate. Fruit either (slightly) lobed and coriaceous, or about globose and very woody; larger than 1 by 1.5 cm; if about 1 by 1.5 cm then rhachis winged				
7a.	Pseudostipules (fig. 12) present or not; rhachis winged or not. Fruit (slightly) lobed, smooth, coriaceous; wall inside glabrous. Malesia; figs. 12–16  Lepisanthes subgenus Otophora				
b.	Pseudostipules absent; rhachis not winged. Fruits about globose, spiny to warty, woody; wall inside pilose. Malaya to Philippines (Mindanao) and Borneo; figs. 47–50				
	Fruits winged (figs. 8, 52), or with a crest on top of locules (fig. 1), or with a narrow sharp margin (fig. 55) along the locules 9  Fruits without wings, crest, or sharp margins, margins blunt				
9a.	Fruits winged (figs. 8, 55) or with a sharp margin along the locules. Seeds naked, or with an arilloid, or with a smooth sarcotesta				

b.	Fruits with crest on top of locules (fig. 1). Seeds with a longitudinal strip of usually highly papillate sarcotesta (fig. 2). W. border: Philippines to Borneo to Java; E. border: New Guinea; fig. 1, 2 Alectryon subgenus Alectryon
	Wings of fruit higher than broad (fig. 8)
	Wings less than 2 mm broad. Seed (partly) covered by either an arilloid or a sarcotesta. Moluccas, New Guinea
	Fruit wall inside glabrous. Seed mainly to completely covered by an arilloid
13a.	Leaflets crenate. Sepals dimorph. Pseudofunicle long. New Guinea Guioa pteropoda
b.	Leaflets entire. Sepals equal. Pseudofunicle very short. Moluccas, New Guinea; figs. 55, 56
14a.	Leaflets without domatia. Fruit 3-locular, outside very sparsely puberulous  Synima cordierorum
b.	Leaflets (usually) with hair tufts as domatia. Fruit 2-locular, outside glabrous  Lepidopetalum
	Fruits warty to densely spiny or densely scaled (figs. 18–20, 44, 48). N.B.: subbasally the remnant of the stigma of <i>Nephelium maingayi</i> (fig. 21) may look like a spine
	Fruit wall inside glabrous. Seed with sarcotesta or arilloid 17 Fruit wall inside hairy. Seed naked. Malaya, Sumatra, Philippines (Mindanao) and Borneo; figs. 47–50 Paranephelium
	Fruit completely set with scales to simple spines
	Seed with sarcotesta
19a.	Leaflets 1-5(-18)-jugate, papillate below (dull), often minutely sericeous; without glandular scales. Sepals free to more than halfway up connate. Spines and scales on fruit usually higher than broad. Malaya to Moluccas; figs. 18-21  Nephelium

b.	Leaflets 1–2(–3)-jugate, smooth below (more or less shiny), glabrous or at most hairy on midrib and nerves, not sericeous; often with scattered glandular scales. Sepals free or only basally connate. Spines on fruit lower than broad. Malaya, Sumatra, Java, Borneo; figs. 58–60 Xerospermum
	Arilloid covering seed completely. Fruit indehiscent. Indumentum of tufted, 2-branched or simple hairs
	Indumentum often partly or mainly consisting of dense tufts of hairs. Glands present on lower side of leaflets near axils of veins (seldomly absent in all leaflets). Seed about as high as broad. Malesia; figs. 24, 25 Dimocarpus Indumentum consisting of solitary, simple or 2-branched hairs. Glands absent. Seed higher than broad. Malesia (often only cult.); fig. 27 . Litchi chinensis
	Fruit glabrous or velutinous with short (up to 1 mm) non-stinging hairs . 23 Fruit covered with long (more than 1 mm) stinging hairs (remaining stuck to fingers). Moluccas, New Guinea; fig. 30
	Fruit not inflated (seed with, if present, arilloid and/or sarcotesta, seed tightly fitting in fruit); wall fleshy to coriaceous to woody. (If fruit seemingly inflated than fruit obcordate.)
	Seed naked. Placenta not thickened and cup-shaped below seed 25 Seed with sarcotesta (can be narrow basal ring around hilum) and/or arilloid, or with thickened, cup-shaped placenta below seed
	Leaves and twigs without glandular scales, at most hairs only 26 Leaves and twigs, besides with hairs, covered with glandular scales (microscope!). Malesia; fig. 32
	Wall of fruit inside hairy, sometimes only around placenta
27a. b.	Wall of fruit inside completely hairy
28a.	Fruit sessile, about ellipsoid (to shortly obovoid) to subglobular, not dehiscing to dehiscing into 3 or 4 usually unequal valves or tearing apart at random; 2- or 3-locular. Either wall thick and hilar spot covering up to lower 3/4 of seed or wall thin and hilar spot covering less than lower 1/3 of seed

b.	Fruit on broad stipe, obovoid, dehiscing loculicidally into 3 equal valves; 3-locular; wall thick, fleshy. Hilar spot covering less than lower 1/3 of seed. Malesia
	Indumentum of short hairs at most. Leaflets entire to serrate. Fruit capsular; wall 2.5–12 mm thick. Hilar spot covering up to lower 3/4 of seed. Malaya to Philippines (Mindanao) and Borneo; figs. 47–50 Paranephelium Indumentum often consisting of more than 5 mm long hairs. Leaflets entire. Fruit drupaceous; wall less than 2 mm thick. Hilar spot covering less than lower 1/5 of seed. Malesia Lepisanthes tetraphylla
	Pseudostipules (fig. 12) present or not; rhachis winged or not; jugae 1 to more than 40. Outer (1 or) 2 sepals smaller. Fruit 2-, 3- (or 4)-locular, glabrous or pilose, less than 5 cm high; wall usually thin, sometimes thick, fleshy. Malesia; figs. 12–16
31a. b.	Indumentum of stellate hair tufts besides solitary hairs
	Fruit lobed, loculicidally dehiscent into valves. Hilar region small, covering less than 1/6 of seed. Malesia; figs. 37–39
	Pseudostipules (fig. 12) absent. Fruit lobed or not; carpels usually thin, to thick, coriaceous to woody, rarely mesocarp fleshy when fresh ( <i>Toechima</i> ) 34 Pseudostipules present, also in inflorescence (sometimes reduced or early caducous: look for scar). Fruit lobed, but simple by abortion; exocarp thin, hard mesocarp thick, juicy when fresh. Malesia; fig. 43 Pometia
	Fruit wall inside completely hairy or only along suture
	Fruit wall inside (nearly) completely hairy (sometimes only along suture, but then stigma lobed (figs. 29, 40) and fruit not to hardly lobed, obovate) 36 Fruit wall inside only hairy along suture; fruit lobed, obcordate; pistil not lobed. Malesia; figs. 22, 23
36a. b.	Fruit inside without an extra fleshy layer

Fruit dehiscing loculicidally. Seed either (partly) covered by a smooth sarco testa or by an arilloid	
Seeds (partly) covered by a sarcotesta (N.B.: upper margin can be free from seed), arilloid absent	
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Fruit 3-locular, glabrous to hairy, not to slightly lobed	
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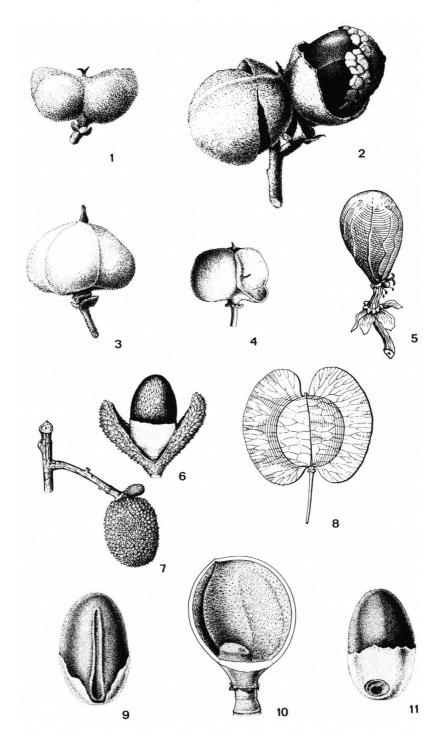
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Seed (partly) covered with a sarcotesta	
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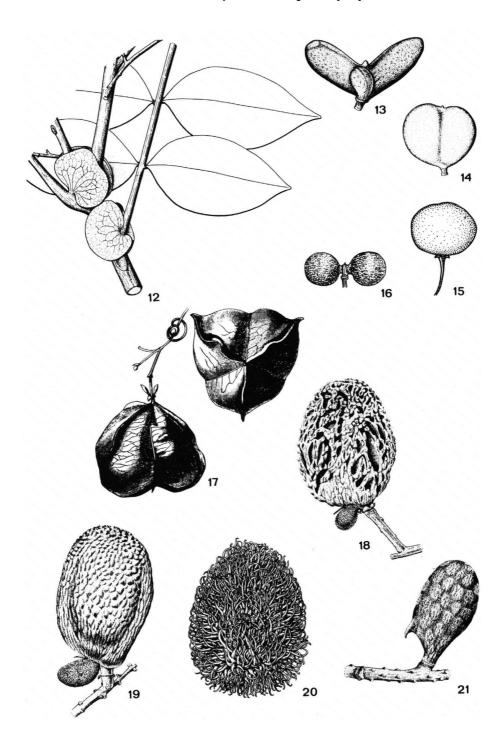
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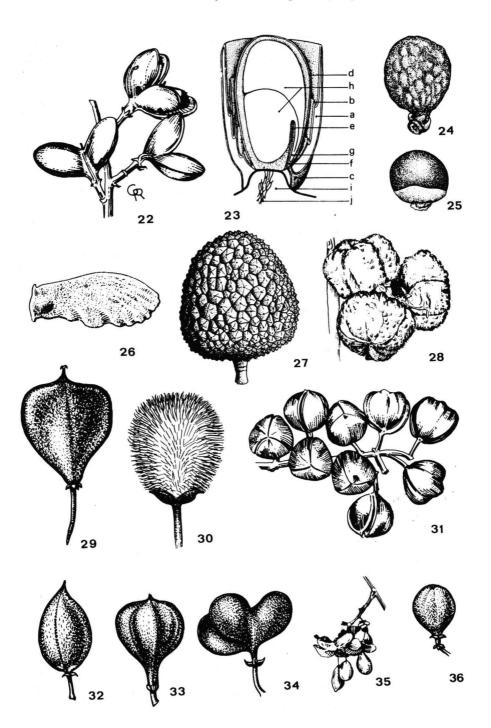
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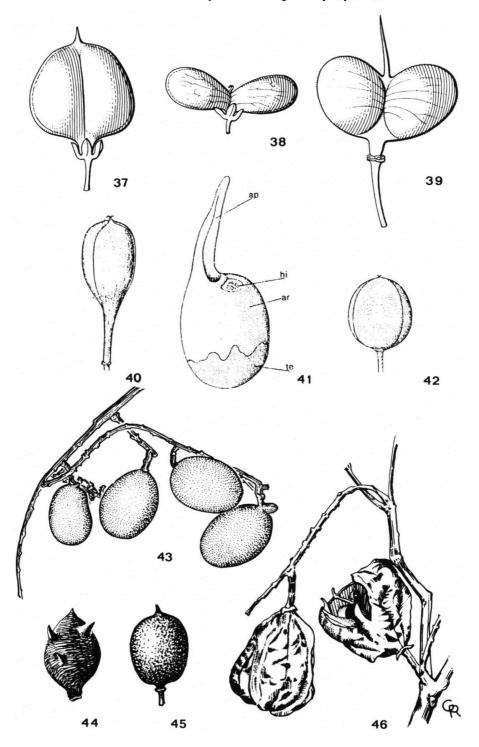
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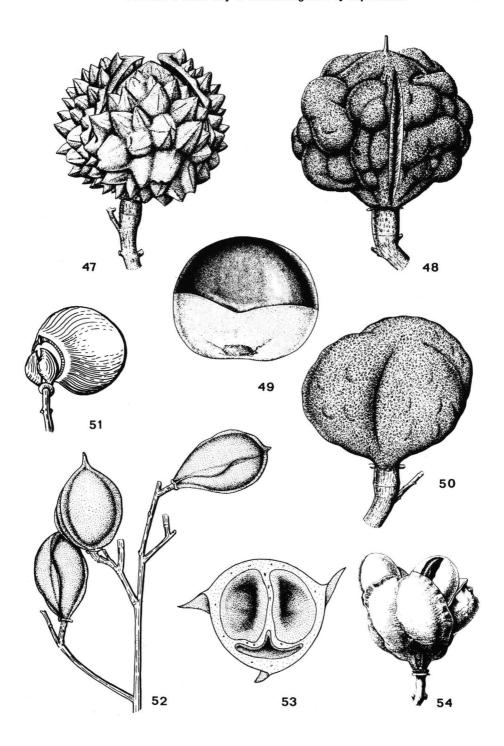
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