

GRISILINACEAE FAMILY

Until recently the *Grisilinia* species has been assigned to the *Cornaceae* which has included many contested species in its group. The *grisilinia* species has been determined as being distinct enough from the *Cornaceae* group and others to warrant its own family which has been named *Grisilinaceae*. There are only seven species in the family occurring in only New Zealand and Chile. In this respect, *Grisilinia* shows its coherence as a genus rather than say *Coprosma* which easily interbreeds giving rise to a wide variety of variations and species.