

Myrtaceae is a family of plants characterised by being woody with essential oils and flower parts in multiples of four or five with vivid and numerous stamens.

It is a large family with some 6000 species in 132 genera (sub families). The family has a wide distribution in tropical and warm temperate areas of the world. It includes many plants of significance for food and oils such as Guava, feijoa, Clove, Eucalyptus and Manuka. New Zealand's Pohutukawa is also a member of this family,