

## CALOTROPIS

*Asclepiadaceae*

Vessels medium-sized to small; often with extremely small, tracheid-like groups associated with the larger vessels; with numerous multiples of 4 or more cells. Perforations simple. Intervascular pitting alternate and rather large; vestured, pits to ray cells similar. Mean member length 0.2-0.26 mm.

Parenchyma usually sparse and associated with the vessels; vasicentric and diffuse in Calotropis. Strands mostly of 2-4 cells.

Rays typically narrow, less than 4 cells wide; less than 1 mm high; about 15-20 per mm; heterogeneous with 5-10 marginal rows of upright cells; sometimes composed entirely of upright cells.

Fibres with thin walls; mean length 0.3-0.75 mm.