

ZYGOPHYLLACEAE – CALTROP OR CREOSOTE-BUSH FAMILY

Plant: herbs, shrubs or trees

Stem: sometimes swollen at nodes

Root:

Leaves: basal and/or stem leaves, bifoliate or more commonly pinnately or bipinnately compound; stipules

Flowers: perfect, regular (actinomorphic); 4-5 sepals, 4-5 petals or none; stamens 2-3X no. of petals; ovary superior, 4-5 carpels

Fruit: capsule or schizocarp

Other: Dicotyledons Group

Genera: 22+ genera; 250+ species

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Zygophyllaceae (Caltrop or Creosote-
Bush Family)

Close Memorial Park, Springfield, Greene County,
Missouri

Notes: vine, mat forming; 5-petaled flower, yellow,
calyx green with abundant spreading hairs; leaves
compound, 10-16 elliptical leaflets per leaf, densely
hairy; stem with abundant spreading hairs; spiny
fruits can be hurtful; waste or disturbed ground;
summer

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