

Key to the Ericaceae of Argentina

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This is a key to the "tropical" (not temperate) species of Ericaceae in Argentina, and in effect covers only the Ericaceae of the northern provinces of Jujuy and Salta (north of the Tropic of Capricorn), where tropical montane forests occur.

1. Ovary superior.
 2. Fruit and calyx dry.
 3. Petiole slender, flexuous, elongate, (3.5-)5-17 mm long; leaves \pm flat, the base cuneate to rounded and often slightly asymmetric, the apex acuminate *Agarista boliviensis*
 3. Petiole stout, not flexuous, short, 2.5-6 mm long; leaves plane to very slightly revolute especially near base, the base itself rounded to cordate, the apex acute- to rounded-mucronate or slightly acuminate *Agarista paraguayensis*
 2. Fruit fleshy (berry), or fruit dry (capsule) but with calyx fleshy.
 4. Fruit a true berry *Pernettya prostrata*
 4. Fruit a capsule, surrounded by the fleshy calyx.
 5. Plants with multicellular hairs which are eglandular ...
..... *Gaultheria bracteata*
 5. Plants with multicellular hairs which are usually conspicuously gland-tipped *Gaultheria erecta*
1. Ovary inferior.
 6. Ovary with a single ovule in each of the 10 locules; fruit a drupe with 10 pyrenes *Gaylussacia cardenasii*
 6. Ovary with few to numerous ovules in each of the 5 locules; fruit a many-seeded berry *Vaccinium floribundum*