

The Morelloid Clade, also known as the black nightshades or “Maurella” (Morella), is one of 10 major clades within the mega-diverse genus *Solanum* L. The clade is most species rich in the central to southern Andes, but species occur around the tropics and subtropics, some extending well into the temperate zone. Plants of the group are herbaceous or short-lived perennials, with small white or purplish white flowers, and small juicy berries.

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