NOTE

1. The present contribution is the sixth in a series on the morphology of monocotyledons from this laboratory. The first one dealt with the Scitamineae (Tilak, 1967). The second was on Iridaceae (Tukshetty, 1969), while the third was concerned with the Amaryllidaceae (Kulkarni, 1973). Studies of Vaikos (1974) and Markandeya (1978) pertained to certain tribes of the Liliaceae (sensu Hutchinson).

2. The terms trace, bundle, strand and cord have been used without any morphological implication.

3. Repetition of some statements as also of other author's observations in different sections of the contribution have been unavoidable to render the text coherent.

4. The top side of the plate is the posterior side. The illustrations have been so arranged. Explanation of plates is dropped to render the thesis concise.

5. The drawings are generally made from a single series of transections. Sometimes, they are from more than one series. Some of the illustrations of longisections are reconstructions.
6. The abbreviations used are on a separate card to facilitate easy reference in reading of the thesis.

7. For the present effort, 30 species were studied of which an account of only 25 is included.