

Abrus precatorius



Common Name: Crab's eye, rosary pea, precatory pea

Botanical name: Abrus precatorius

Family: Fabaceae

Order: Fabales

Origin / Native: India, Indonesia

Hindi: Ratti

Tamil: Kundumani

Sanskrit: Gunja

Type: Perennial

Abutilon indicum



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Common Name: Indian Mallow, Indian abutilon

Botanical name: Abutilon indicum

Family: Malvaceae

Order: Malvales

Origin / Native: India

Hindi: Kanghi

Tamil: Thuthi

Type: Ornamental Medicinal plant

Used in: Traditional Siddha medicine

Ageratum conyzoides



Common Name: Chick weed, Goatweed

Botanical name: Ageratum conyzoides

Family: Asteraceae

Order: Asterales

Origin / Native: Tropical America, Brazil

Flowering Season: Jul to Sep

Height: Up to 3.5 feet tall

Flowers: Tiny, Blue purple color, clustered

Type: Annual herb

Aerva javanica



Common Name: Kapok Bush, desert cotton

Botanical name: *Aerva javanica*

Family: Amaranthaceae

Order: Caryophyllales

Origin / Native: Africa, Asia, Madagascar

Tamil: Perumpoolai

Hindi: Buyi flower

Genus: *Aerva*

Acalypha indica



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Common Name: Indian nettle, Indian acalypha, three-seeded mercury

Botanical name: *Acalypha indica*

Family: Euphorbiaceae

Order: Malpighiales

Origin / Native: India, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Pakistan

Uses/ Roles: Tamil Siddha & Ayurveda medicine

Tamil: kuppaimeni

Hindi: Khokli

Type / Life cycle: Annual shrub, common herb

Height: Up to 75 cm [2.5 feet]

Acanthospermum hispidum



Common Name: Starbur, Goat's head, Hispid starburr, Bristly starbur

Botanical name: Acanthospermum hispidum

Family: Asteraceae

Order: Asterales

Origin / Native: America, Africa, India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand

Tamil: Kanthi mul, Kombumul, Mullu chedi

Used in: Medical industry

Type: Annual

Digera muricata



Common Name: False Amaranth, Achyranthes muricata

Botanical name: Digera muricata

Family: Amaranthaceae

Order: Caryophyllales

Origin / Native: Africa, Asia, India

Hindi: Lesua, Latmahuria

Tamil: Toya Keeri, kaatu Keerai

Height: up to 70 cm [2 feet 3 inches]

Type: Annual herb

Flowering Month / season: Aug to Sep

African Bonebract



- Common Name:** African Bonebract
Botanical name: *Sclerocarpus africanus*
Family: Asteraceae
Order: Asterales
Origin / Native: Africa, India, America, Asia
Genus: *Sclerocarpus*
Type: Annual
Flowers: Tiny, Yellow color, 7 thoothed petals

Alfalfa



Common Name: Alfalfa, lucerne, buffal herb

Botanical name: Medicago sativa

Family: Fabaceae

Order: Fabales

Origin / Native: Persia, south central Asia

Hindi: lusan ghas

Tamil: kuthirai masal

Flowers: Small, purple with white mixed, Clustered

Type: Perennial

Algaroba



Common Name: Algaroba, mesquite

Botanical name: *Prosopis humilis*

Family: Fabaceae

Order: Fabales

Origin / Native: Argentina, America, West Indies

Genus: *Prosopis*

Hindi: Vilayati shami

Fruits: Green and Yellow color

Flowers: Long, Clustered tiny bulbs, yellow blossom

Aloe arborescens



Common Name: Aloe vera, krantz aloe, candelabra aloe

Botanical name: Aloe arborescens

Family: Xanthorrhoeaceae

Order: Asparagales

Origin / Native: Zimbabwe, South Africa

Hindi: Gwarpatha plant, ghikanvar

Tamil: Sotru katrazhai

Height: 6.5-9 feet

Type: Succulent perennial plant

Alternanthera philoxeroides



- Common Name:** Alligator weed
Botanical name: Alternanthera philoxeroides
Family: Amaranthaceae
Order: Caryophyllales
Origin / Native: America
Found in: Fields, Grasslands
Flowers: Tiny, white, oval green leaves, Spreading
Genus: Alternanthera
Type: Perennial aquatic plant

Barbary fig



Common Name: Barbary fig, Indian fig opuntia, *Opuntia ficus indica* flower

Botanical name: *Opuntia ficus indica*

Family: Cactaceae

Order: Caryophyllales

Origin / Native: Mexico

Height: Up to 15 feet

Tamil: Chapathi kalli

Flowers: Large, Yellow, Showy, Fruits are red, Edible

Type: Perennial, cactus, crop plant

Bara gokhru



Common Name: Large Caltrops

Botanical name: Pedalium murex

Family: Pedaliaceae

Order: Lamiales

Origin / Native: India, Africa, Sri Lanka

Hindi: Bara gokhru, Bada gokhru

Tamil: Yanai nerunji, Anai nerunji, yanai nerunci, Yanai nerunjil

Life Cycle: Annual herb

Type: Traditional medicinal Plant

Argyreia hookeri



Common Name: Morning Glory, Hooker's Woodrose, hawaiian baby woodrose

Botanical name: *Argyreia hookeri*

Family: Convolvulaceae

Order: Solanales

Origin / Native: Africa, India, Hawaii

Genus: *Argyreia*

Tamil: kakkattan flower

Hindi: kaladana flower

Type: Perennial

Amaranthus viridis



Common Name: Slender Amaranth, Green Amaranth

Botanical name: Amaranthus viridis

Family: Amaranthaceae

Order: Caryophyllales

Origin / Native: Asia

Type: Annual

Tamil: kuppai keerai

Sanskrit: Tanduliya

Genus: Amaranthus

Flowering season: Jul to September

Barleria prionitis



Common Name: Porcupine flower, Barleria

Botanical name: Barleria prionitis

Family: Acanthaceae

Order: Lamiales

Origin / Native: India, Sri Lanka

Hindi: Vajradanti

Tamil: Sulli Malar, Mancat cemmulli, cem-mulli

Used in: Sidda, ayurvedic & Herbal Medicine medicine

Type: Prickly shrub

Flowering Colors: Yellow, orange, blue, purple, white, beige

Barnyard grass



Common Name: Barnyard grass, barnyard millets, common barnyard grass, Cockspur grass

Botanical name: Echinochloa

Family: Poaceae

Order: Poales

Origin / Native: Europe, Asia

Flowering Season: June-Oct

Height: Up to 5 feet tall

Type: Summer annual grass

Bidens pilosa



Common Name: Spanish needle, cobbler's pegs, farmer's friend, burr marigold

Botanical name: Bidens pilosa

Family: Asteraceae

Order: Asterales

Origin / Native: America

Found In: Grasslands, Savannas

Flowers: Small, white with yellow centric, appears in end of stem

Height: Up to 1.5 m high

Type: Annual herb

Bermuda grass



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Common Name: Bermuda grass, scutch grass, Indian doab

Botanical name: *Cynodon dactylon*

Family: Poaceae

Order: Poales

Origin / Native: Asia, Europe, Australia, Africa

Grows in: Parks, fields, lawns

Tamil: Arugampul

Light Requirement: Full Sun

Type: Perennial

Boerhavia



Common Name: Punarnava, tarvine, Hogweeds, spiderlings, Boerhavia

Botanical name: Boerhavia diffusa

Family: Nyctaginaceae

Order: Caryophyllales

Origin / Native: Asia, India, Africa, Mexico, United States

Hindi: Snathikari

Tamil: Mukaratee Kirei, Mukurattai

Used in: Medicinal Industry & herbal medicine

Type: Annual or perennial

Flowers: Tiny, Pink, Clustered, Branched, Height up to 20 inches tall, Found in parks, Lawns

Blainvillea acmella



Common Name: Para Cress, Para Cress Flower

Botanical name: Blainvillea acmella

Family: Asteraceae

Order: Asterales

Origin / Native: Africa, South America, Asia, Australia

Height: Up to 36 inches

Flowers: Tiny, White, Clustered, Covered with green bracts

Stems, leaf Type: Bristly hairy, Green foliage

Type: Annual Herb

Blue Snakeweed



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Common Name: Blue Snakeweed, false verbena

Botanical name: *Stachytarpheta cayennensis*

Family: Verbenaceae

Order: Lamiales

Origin / Native: Mexico, America

Flowers: Tiny, Upright clustered, Purple color with white throat, Dark green foliage

Found In: Wild savannas, Parks, Field borders

Height: Up to 3 feet tall

Type: Perennial herb

Attracts: Butterflies

Bindweed



Common Name: Bindweed, Morning glory

Botanical name: Convolvulus arvensis

Family: Convolvulaceae

Order: Solanales

Origin / Native: Asia, Europe

Found In: Forest borders, Hedges

Tamil: Bhoomi Chakra Poondu

Flowers: Large, white with purple throat, funnel-shaped, Climbing vine, Green foliage with hairy stem

Type: Perennial

Height: Climbing up to 15 feet

Butterfly pea



Common Name: Butterfly pea, Clitoria ternatea vine

Botanical name: Clitoria ternatea

Family: Fabaceae

Order: Fabales

Origin / Native: Asia

Flowers: Small, pea shaped, blue white shade with yellow throat, vine or creeper

Seeds Per Pod: Up to 10

Used in: Traditional Ayurvedic medicine

Type: Perennial ornamental plant

Tamil: Kannikkodi, sangu Kannikkodi, karuvilam **Hindi:** Aparajita

Buffel grass



Common Name: Buffel grass, foxtail buffalo grass, blue buffalo grass

Botanical name: *Cenchrus ciliaris*

Family: Poaceae

Order: Poales

Origin / Native: Asia, Africa, Iran

Height: Up to 4 feet tall

Type: Perennial summer grass

Boerhavia erecta



Common Name: Erect boerhavia, erect spiderling

Botanical name: Boerhavia erecta

Family: Nyctaginaceae

Order: Caryophyllales

Origin / Native: Mexico, India, America, Africa

Height: Up to 28 inches

Flowers: Tiny, White, Clustered, Green foliage, flower bulbs are pink color

Flowering Colors: White, Pink, Magenta

Type: Perennial herb