

# Medicinal Plants



*Gloriosa superba*





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- Distributed throughout tropical India, Sri Lanka, Africa.
- Perennial climber, climbing with the help of cirrhose apex of leaves, sessile, elliptic-lanceolate, alternate leaves, flowers leaf opposed, solitary, perianth and stamen deflexed
- Flowering and fruiting during august - September

# Ethnobotanical uses

- **Root:** analgesic, anthrax, boil, diarrhoea, dysentery, dogbite, easy delivery, expel placenta, injury, insect bite, leprosy, migraine, mumps, neurologic pain, rheumatism, wart, wound.
- **Root bark:** abdominal pain
- **Leaf:** asthma, gout, to kill lice and termite, leprosy, piles, pneumonia, poisonous insect bite, skin disease, wormicide

- **Seed:** Rheumatism
- **Tuber:** abortifacient, asthma, chicken pox, cholera, contraception, cough, dandruff, fever, gonorrhoea, headache, hydrocoele, jaundice, joint pain.

*Indigofera tinctoria*



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- It is distribution is tropical
- Extensively branched, up to 1.5 mtr, stem terete, pubescent, Leaves pinnately compound, opposite, oblong-ob lanceolate, pink flowers.
- Flower- fruiting: Aug-December

# Uses

- **Root:** Asthma, dropsy, fever, herps, jaundice, kidney stone, snake poison, vomiting
- **Leaf:** Asthma, blood purification, body pain, boil, dog bite, eye disease, headache, herps, jaundice, joint pain, liver disease, skin disease
- **Flower:** blackening the hair, burn
- Used to obtained Indigo dye

*Pongamia pinnata*



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- Middle sized tree, glabrous, imparipinnate leaves, oblong or obovate, opposite, acute, flowers in axillary racemes, white corolla tinged with pink,
- Flowering – Fruiting: May- July

# Ethnomedicinal Uses

- **Root:** Anemia, diabetes, gonorrhoea, herps, scabies
- **Bark:** Back pain, bodyache, chronic headache, fever, indigestion, piles, skin disease, toothache, ulcer
- **Leaf:** anemia, arthritis, cough, eczema, hair care, joint pain, arthritis, malaria

- Flower is consumed as vegetable and leaves are used as fodder.
- Stem twig is used as toothbrush
- Leaves are used as pesticides
- Roots and seeds are used as fish poison