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Cuphea hyssopifolia

Family:

Lythraceae

Common Names:

Mexican/ false heather

Interesting Facts:

The generic name is derived from the Greek word κυφος (kyphos), meaning "bent," "curved," or "humped." The Latin word hyssopifolia means "hyssop-leafed".

Native to Mexico and grows about 60cm height. It produces numerous small flowers and color ranges from purple, lavender to white.

The plant has gained Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit.









Angelonia salicariifolia

Family:

Plantaginaceae

Common Names:

Angel mist, Monkey face, Summer snapdragon, Willow leaf angelon.

Interesting Facts:

The name of the genus comes from the local one "angelon" used in Venezuela; the specific name is the combination of the Latin adjective "salicarius, a, um" = similar to the willow, and of the substantive "folium, ii" = leaf, with obvious reference. It is Native to Brazil and Venezuela. It is a perennial herb, covered with sticky hairs. The flowers are double lipped and variegated. They look like snapdragons. They attract butterflies, bees and humming birds. The shiny and glossy leaves look like willow leaves. They are aromatic and have a mild apple fragrance.









Botanical Name:Averrhoa carambola

Family:

Oxalidaceae

Common Names:

Carambola, Star fruit, Kamrakh.

Interesting Facts:

The Portuguese word "carambola," was first used in 1598, and was taken from Marathi "karambal", which was derived from Sanskrit "karmaphala."

It is Native to Southeast Asia (Indonesia). The green leaflets are sensitive to light and fold inward at night. It has small, pink colored flowers with a dark-red heart. The carambola plant will flower and fruit four times yearly. When sliced in cross section a perfect star is formed.









Cayaponia laciniosa

Family:

Cucurbitaceae

Common Names:

Shivlingi

Interesting fact:

Shivlangi name owes to the shape of seeds. The plant is considered to be a boon for those not having child. In Ayurveda herb used traditionally as an aphrodisiac and pro-fertility compound, touted to increase masculinity and enhance youthfulness during aging. It belongs to the category of Vrishya rasayana alongside Anacyclus Pyrethrum.









Botanical Name: Strobilanthes callosa

Family: Acanthaceae

Common Names: Karvy

Interesting Facts:

The name strobilanthes is derived from the latin words 'strobilos' meaning cone and 'anthos' meaning flower or shoot. Callosa name also derived from latin wards 'Callum' meaning Hard skin.

The plant was first discovered by Nees, a resident Britisher of Mumbai in the last century. Most of these species of Strobilanthes show an unusual flowering behavior, varying from annual to 16year blooming cycles. In summer it appear as a maze of bone-dry sticks which are collected by local communities to build walls - the sticks, being straight, are tied next to one another upon which a layer of mud and dung is plastered.









Caesalpinia bonduc

Family:

Caesalpiniaceae

Common Names:

Yellow Nicker, Kantkarej

Interesting Facts:

It is a tropical tree with large prickly pods of seeds that resemble beans and are used for jewelry and rosaries. The branches are armed with hooks and straight hard yellow prickles. Plant is also known as "Kankachiyo" wherein the seed look like egg of crow in the nest.









Ludwigia octovalvis

Family:

Onagraceae

Common Names:

Willow Primrose, false primrose

Interesting Facts:

Ludwigia is a genus of perennial herbs chiefly of tropical or warm regions that have 4-parted flowers and a short capsular fruit. The species epithet octovalvis derives from the Latin "oct(o)(i)" meaning "eight" and "valv" meaning "a folding door, a valve" referring to the eight valves of the fruit.

The plant is known for its anti-ageing properties. The roots float on the water covered with cottony mass, when submerged it even shows heliotropic movement.









Verbascum chinense

Family:

Scrophulariaceae

Common Names:

Chinese Mullein, kalhar, Gidar tamaku

Interesting Facts:

The genus name is derived from the Latin word "barbascum", meaning "bearded plant", in a reference to the hairy surfaces of the leaves, stems and bracts.

Verbascum is considered a major anti-inflammatory herb to treat coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, headache and diarrhoea. According to herbalists, verbascum tea helps with digestive problems. This is an exception to the family of Scrophulariaceae wherein the flowers are not irregular but are regular.









Hemidesmus indicus

Family:

Apocynaceae

Common Names:

Anant-vel, Indian Sarsaparilla, Sariva, Upalasari

Interesting Facts:

Anantamool literally means, endless root. Sariva is an exclusive solution for the treatment of elephant foot.









Leea macrophylla

Family:

Vitaceae

Common Names:

Hathikana, Leea

Interesting Facts:

It is native to India and cultivated in E. Asia - southwest China, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.

Hathikana, literally meaning, is having elephant ears. The leaves are like elephants ears. Leaves are eaten as famine food.









Malpighia coccigera

Family:

Malpighiaceae

Common Names:

Miniature Holly, Singapore Holly.

Interesting Facts:

It is native to the West Indies. The name, Malpighia, is used to honor Marcello Malpighia (1628 1693) He was a distinguished naturalist at Bologna, Italy.









Thunbergia grandiflora

Family:

Acanthaceae

Common Names:

Bengal Clock Vine, Blue Trumpet Vine, Neel lata

Interesting Facts:

The Bengal Clock Vine has been called by some "the most beautiful vine in the world". The curious name clock vine comes from the fact that it twines around a support in a clockwise direction. It is a vigorous evergreen vine and native to northern India. The ropelike stems which can reach to the top of large structure or even cover a good sized tree.







