

FURTHER ADDITIONS TO THE CHECKLIST OF HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICINAL PLANTS OF INDIA

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The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, New Delhi had brought out a priced publication, "A Checklist of Homoeopathic Medicinal Plants of India", in the fall of 1987. Research in medicinal plants have taken enormous strides since the time of J.H. Clarke, T.F. Allen *et al.* with new medicines being introduced after proving in the Homoeopathic repertoire almost every year. An attempt is being made to keep abreast in this exciting and promising field and a perusal of current literature since the last publication showed a number of plants which have been included in the Homoeopathic System of Medicine. These have been listed under their respective families with the genera arranged alphabetically under the Bentham and Hooker's system of classification of plants. A short glossary of the newly listed medicinal plants are appended alongwith for easy reference to the (non-botanical) Homoeopathic practitioner.

MAGNOLIACEAE

Michelia champaca Linn. Sp. Pl. 536. 1753; Hook.f. Fl. Brit. India 1 : 42. 1872; Elias 208. 1989 (Repr. ed.).

Distribution: Native of S.E. Asia; commonly planted in India.

MENISPERMACEAE

Cyclea peltata (Lam.) Hook.f. & Thomson Pl. Ind. 201. 1855; Hook.f. Fl. Brit. India 1 : 104. 1872; Elias 206. 1989 (Repr. ed.).

Distribution: Found throughout India.

PAPAVERACEAE

Argemone ochroleuca Sweet, Br. Fl. Gard. 3 : t. 242. 1828 subsp. *ochroleuca* Ownb. Mem. Torrey Bot. Cl. 21 : 29-31. 1958; Julian 13. 1984 (Repr. ed.) "Agremone"; Babu, Herbaceous Flora of Dehra Dun 50. 1977.

Distribution: Native of Mexico, a new entrant in India.

MALVACEAE

Abelmoschus moschatus Medicus Malv. 46. 1787; Babu, Herbaceous Flora of Dehra Dun 82. 1977. *Hibiscus abelmoschus* Linn. Sp. Pl. 696. 1753; Julian 1. 1984 (Repr. ed.).

Distribution: Occurring in the warmer parts of India.

STERCULIACEAE

Theobroma cacao Linn. Sp. Pl. 782. 1753; Allen 2 : 320. 1984 (Repr. ed.); Dunn in Gamble, Fl. Pres. Madras 1 : 81. 1957 (Repr. ed.).

Distribution: Native of Central and South America. Cultivated in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and to a lesser extent elsewhere.

TILIACEAE

Corchorus capsularis Linn. Sp. Pl. 529. 1753; Hook.f. Fl. Brit. India 1 : 397. 1874; Sarkar in Homoeo Rays 13 (12) : 307-314. 1989.

Distribution: Found almost throughout warmer parts of India.

AVERRHOACEAE

Averrhoa carambola Linn. Sp. Pl. 428. 1753; Hook.f. Fl. Brit. India 1 : 439. 1874; Sarkar in Homoeo Rays 13 (12) : 307-314. 1989.

Distribution: Found cultivated almost throughout India.

VITACEAE

Cissus quadrangularis Linn. Mant. Pl. 39. 1767; Matthew, Fl. Tamil Nadu Carnatic 3 : 282. 1983; Elias 206. 1989 (Repr. ed.).

Distribution: Widespread in the arid regions of Afro-Asia including India.

MORINGACEAE

Moringa oleifera Lam. Encycl. 1 : 398. 1785; Gamble, Fl. Pres. Madras 1 : 269. 1918; Matthew, Fl. Tamil Nadu Carnatic 3 : 314. 1983; Sarkar in Homoeo Rays 13 (12) : 307-314. 1989; Elias 208. 1989 (Repr. ed.).

Distribution: Found almost throughout the warmer parts of India.

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MIMOSACEAE

Mimosa pudica Linn. Sp. Pl. 518. 1753; Matthew, Fl. Tamil Nadu Carnatic 3:545. 1983; Julian 212. 1984 (Repr. ed.); Elias 208. 1989 (Repr. ed.).
Distribution: Found throughout India.

RUBIACEAE

Ixora coccinea Linn. Sp. Pl. 110. 1753; Hook.f. Fl. Brit. India 3: 145. 1880; Elias 207. 1989 (Repr. ed.).
Distribution: Widely cultivated in the tropical regions of India.

COMPOSITAE (ASTERACEAE)

Cynara scolymus Linn. Sp. Pl. 827. 1753; Wealth of India 2:419. 1950; Santapau & Henry, Dict. of Flowering Plants in India 49. 1983 (Repr. ed.); Julian 99. 1984 (Repr. ed.).
Distribution: Cultivated to a limited extent throughout India.

Eclipta prostrata (Linn.) Linn. Mant. 286. 1771; Matthew, Fl. Tamil Nadu Carnatic 3:783. 1983. *E. alba* (Linn.) Hassk. Pl. Jav. Rar. 528. 1848; Hook.f. Fl. Brit. India 3: 304. 1881; Elias 207. 1989 (Repr. ed.).
Distribution: Found throughout the tropical regions of India.

PLUMBAGINACEAE

Plumbago zeylanica Linn. Sp. Pl. 151. 1753; Hook.f. Fl. Brit. India 3:480. 1882; Henry et al. Fl. Tamil Nadu 2:59. 1987; Elias 208. 1989 (Repr. ed.).
Distribution: Found throughout tropical India.

SAPOTACEAE

Mimusops elengi Linn. Sp. Pl. 349. 1753; Hook.f. Fl. Brit. India 3: 548. 1882; Elias 208. 1989 (Repr. ed.).
Distribution: Found throughout India in the warmer regions.

CONVOLVULACEAE

Jacquemontia paniculata (Burm.f.) Hall.f. in Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 16:541. 1893; Henry et al. Fl. Tamil Nadu 2:109. 1987. *Ipomoea paniulata* Burm.f. Fl. Ind. 50. t. 21. f. 3. 1768; Elias 207. 1989 (Repr. ed.).
Distribution: Found in the tropical parts of India to 1,200 m.

LAURACEAE

Persea americana Mill. Gard. Dist. (ed. 8) 1768; Matthew in RBSI 20 (1):191. 1969; Henry et al. Fl. Tamil Nadu 2:212. 1987; Julian 244. 1984 (Repr. ed.).
Distribution: Native of tropical America, cultivated throughout India.

MORACEAE

Ficus racemosa Linn. Sp. Pl. 1060. 1753; Matthew, Fl. Tamil Nadu Carnatic 3: 1526. 1983. *F. glomerata* Roxb. Pl. Coromandel t. 123. 1799; Hook.f. Fl. Brit. India 5: 535. 1888; Elias 207. 1989 (Repr. ed.).
Distribution: Found throughout warmer parts of India.

GINKGOACEAE (GYMNOSPERMAE)

Ginkgo biloba Linn. Mant. Pl. 2: 313. 1771; Wealth of India 4:128. 1976; Santapau & Henry, Dict. Flowering Plants in India 72. 1983 (Repr. ed.); Julian 122. 1984 (Repr. ed.).
Distribution: Occasionally planted in gardens in India.

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Glossary

Abelmoschus moschatus
Argemone ochroleuca
Averrhoa carambola
Cissus quadrangularis
Corchorus capsularis
Cyclea peltata
Cynara scolymus
Eclipta alba
(see Eclipta prostrata)
Eclipta prostrata
Ficus glomerata
(see Ficus racemosa)
Ficus racemosa
Galinsoga parviflora
Ginkgo biloba
Hibiscus abelmoschus
(see Abelmoschus moschatus)
Ipomoea paniculata
(see Jacquemontia paniculata)
Ixora coccinea
Jacquemontia paniculata
Michelia champaca
Mimosa pudica
Mimusops elengi
Moringa oleifera
Persea americana
Plumbago zeylanica
Theobroma cacao

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