

Bridelia stipularis (L.) Blume

Synonyms : *Bridelia scandens* (Roxb.) Willd, *Cluytia scandens* Roxb.

Family : Phyllanthaceae

Parts Used : Seed, Extract of aerial parts

Vernacular Names

English : Bridelia

Malayalam : Cherupanichi

Hindi : Kangiabel

Kannada : Bisalballi



Distribution and habitat: In Western ghats, South Canara and Mysore to Travancore.

Botany: Large, more or less scandent, evergreen shrub; branches straight or flexuous, usually tomentose;

• **Leaves:** Alternate, petioles stout, tomentose, lamina elliptic, undulate or repand, glabrous or pendulous or puberulous above or subcoriaceous;

• **Flowers:** Monoecious, green, often in long paniced spikes, often subtended by long stipular bracts, male flowers sessile, female flowers pedicelled

• **Fruits:** Bluish black, smooth.

Properties: Hypotensive

Chemical constituents: Root-Taraxerone, :Bark- β -sitosterol, friedelin.

Uses: It is used in pleurisy, asthma, cough, fever, as gargle for sores in mouth, jaundice and anaemia due to pregnancy.

