

Phyllanthus acidus (L.) Skeels

Synonyms : *Cicca disticha* , *Cicca acida* (L.) Merr.

Family : Phyllanthaceae

Parts Used : Root , Fruit , Seed

Vernacular Names

English : Country gooseberry

Malayalam : Arinelli

Hindi : Harfarauri

Sanskrit : Lavaliphala

Bengali : Hariphal

Kannada : Aranelli

Tamil : Arinelli

Telugu : Rachayusirika, Ratsavusiriki, Ratsavusiriki



Distribution and habitat: Cultivated in India and Malay Peninsula

Botany: Tree, about 4.5-6 m tall, with erect branches at the top; branchlets slender.

- **Leaves**: Distichous thin, obliquely ovate acute, base rounded, tip acute, 5 cm long, 2.5 cm wide, light green. Petioles 2.5 mm long.
- **Flowers**: Very small in slender racemes 5 cm long from the thick branches. Sepals orbicular, pink at base. Disk of male of large glands; of females annular crenate.
- **Fruits**: Yellow green, 2.5 cm long, globose, fleshy, acid, obscurely 6-lobed, depressed at both ends.

Properties: Seed and root are cathartic. The fruits is acrid and astringent.

Uses: It is used in bronchitis, piles, appetite, biliousness.

Propagation: seed

