

Cinnamomum malabattrum (Burm. f.) Blume

Synonyms : *Cinnamomum iners* sensu Gamble

Family : Lauraceae

Parts Used : Seed, Oil

Vernacular Names

English : Cinnamon

Malayalam : Vayana

Hindi : Darchini

Bengali : Ranachadalchini, Randalchini

Tamil : Kattukkaruvappattai, Sembelappulippila

Telugu : Adavilavangapatta, Pachaku.



Distribution and habitat: Distributed through Tenasserim, Malay Peninsula - Sumatra, Java.

Botany: Tree, about 12 m tall, with a short thick stem and large bushy top; branchlets glabrous.

• **Leaves:** Coriaceous, when young white then red, finally deep green, elliptic or elliptic-oblong, variable, 12.5-18 cm long, 3.8-7.5 cm wide; nerves 3, nervules and reticulations almost or quite invisible; glabrous beneath; petioles 5 mm long.

• **Flower:** Panicles about 15 cm long, lax. Flowers and pedicels silky, yellow within, 2.5 mm long, foetid, tube very short; sepals ovate, sub acute.

• **Fruit:** Ellipsoids, black, pulpy, blunt, 1-1.5 cm long, cupule very short.

Properties: It is a mild astringent.

Chemical constituents: Volatile oil contains 1-2% cinnamic aldehyde and terpene aldehyde and esters.

Uses: It is used in dysentery and cough in children, fevers

Propagation: By seeds

