

Cissampelos pareira Linn.

Synonyms : *Cissampelos acuminata* Benth.

Family : Menispermaceae

Parts Used : Root , Leaf, Seed, Bark

Vernacular Names

English : Velvet leaf

Malayalam : Malathangi

Hindi : Akanadi

Sanskrit : Ambastha

Kannada : Padavalli

Tamil : Appatta kodi



Distribution and Habitat: Indigenous to the Amazon rain forest. Found widely in Ceylon, tropical and subtropical India.

Botany: A climbing shrub.

• **Leaves:** Orbicular or reniform, cordate or truncate, pubescent on both surfaces when young, margins ciliate, petioles long, pubescent.

• **Flower:** Male flowers pedicelled in nearly axillary cymes. Female flowers in elongate, solitary or twin, axillary racemes. Flowers minute, yellowish.

• **Fruit:** Drupe sub globose, compressed, hairy, red.

Properties: Antispasmodic, diuretic, aphrodisiac

Chemical constituents: oxo-aporphines, palmatine, berberine and isoquinone alkaloids.

Uses: It is used for jaundice, rheumatism, dropsy, kidney inflammation and fever.

Propagation: Layering

