

Clerodendrum infortunatum Linn.

Synonyms : *C. viscosum* Vent.

Family : Lamiaceae

Parts Used : Leaf

Vernacular Names

English : Clerodendrum

Malayalam : Peruvalam

Hindi : Bhant

Sanskrit : Bhantaka

Bengali : Kalibasuti

Tamil : Perugilai

Telugu : Gurrapukattiyaku



Distribution and habitat: Throughout India

Botany: A large gregarious tawny -villous shrub up to 0.9-2.4 m height with bluntly quadrangular branchless clothed with yellowish silky pubescence.

• **Leaves:** Large, ovate, acuminate, entire or denticulate, base cordate, hairy on both sides. Petioles 3.8-10 cm long, cylindric, hairy.

• **Flowers:** White, tinged with pink in terminal panicles. Calyx 1.3 cm long in flower, silky pubescent, much enlarged in fruit. Corolla pubescent outside, white tinged with pink, tube 2 cm long, slender, lobes exceeding 1cm in length, oblong, obtuse. Ovary and style glabrous.

• **Fruits:** Drupes, 8 mm diameter, black, nearly globose, seated on the enlarged pink calyx containing 1-4 pyrenes.

Properties: Anti-inflammatory, demulcent, vermifuge

Uses: Useful in tumours, leprosy and bronchitis

Propagation: Seed

