

# *Ecbolium ligustrinum* (Vahl) Vollesen

**Synonyms** : *Ecbolium viride* (Forsk.)Merrill , *Justicia linneanum* Kurz, *Ecbolium linneanum* Kurz

**Family** : Acanthaceae

**Parts Used** : Root

## **Vernacular Names**

English : Blue fox tail, Nail dye

Malayalam : Odiyamadhantha

Hindi : Udajathi

Bengali : Dhkthadulsa

Kannada : Kappukarni

Tamil : Nilambari

Telugu : Chikathiguratappa.



**Distribution and habitat:** Distributed through Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil nadu, Andrapradesh, North East India, Srilanka and Malaya.

**Botany:** Small shrub, branches pubescent upwards

- **Leaves:** Alternate, simple long, lamina ovate or lanceolate, pubescent on veins, spike dense bracts softly hairy, bracteoles present

- **Flowers:** Greenish blue or purplish, tubular , tubes long, narrow

- **Fruit:** Capsules long stalked, ovoid, seeds pale.

**Chemical constituents:** Orientin, vitexin, and their isoflavones.

**Uses:** It affects in cardio vascular system. Used in Jaundice, menorrhagia and rheumatism.

Propagation: seeds

