

# *Ixora coccinea* Linn.

**Family** : Rubiaceae

**Parts Used** : Root , Leaf, Flower

**Vernacular Names**

English : Flame of the woods

Malayalam : Chethi, Tech

Hindi : Rangam

Sanskrit : Paranti

Kannada : Kiskara

Tamil : Cetti

Telugu : Manmadibanum.



**Distribution and Habitat:** Throughout the West Coast, in forest lands and road cuttings, also cultivated as ornamental plants.

**Botany:** A large glabrous shrub with few branches

• **Leave:** Simple, opposite, deccusate, elliptic, ovate or obovate, sessile or nearly so, main nerves 8-12 pairs, coriaceous, olive green when dry.

• **Flowers:** Scarlet, in dense sessile or short peduncled corymbiform cymes;

• **Fruits:** Globose, fleshy, smooth, crowned with the persistent calyx, purple when ripe, seeds concave on the ventral surface.

**Properties:** Antileucoderma, antidiarrhoeal, sedative

**Chemical constituents:** Lencocyanimin glycoside

**Uses:** It is used in hiccough, fever, anorexia, cephalalgia, chronic ulcers, and skin diseases, diarrhea, catarrhal bronchitis, ophthalmopathy, leucorrhoea

**Formulations:** Ceparatyadi tailam, Parantyadi tailam

**Propagation:** By stem cuttings and seeds

