

Lobelia nicotianifolia Roth ex Roem.& Schult.

Family : Campanulaceae

Parts Used : Aerial parts of plant

Vernacular Names

English : Wild tobacco

Malayalam : Kattupukayila

Hindi : Nala

Sanskrit : Devanala

Kannada : Kandeale

Tamil : Upperichedi



Distribution and Habitat: Throughout Deccan peninsula.

Botany A herbaceous plant with stout and hollow stem grows to a height upto 5 m.

• **Leaves:** Very large up to 45 cm long in lower part of the stem, main nerve of the leaf is whitish.

• **Flowers:** Appear in very large terminal branches, white in colour.

• **Fruits:** are up to 1 cm in diameter. Seeds are many and small, yellowish brown in colour.

Properties: Antiseptic

Chemical constituents: Lobeline, lobelanidine

Uses: It is used in scorpion bite, asthma and bronchitis

Propagation: By cuttings

