

Myxopyrum serratum A.W.Hill

Family : Oleaceae

Parts Used : Root , Leaf

Vernacular Names

English : Myxopyrum

Malayalam : Chaturamulla

Hindi : Pilacameli

Sanskrit : Hemamalati, Caturdharalata

Tamil : Caturamullai

Telugu : Caturdharalata



Distribution and habitat: Found throughout Kerala.

Botany: A large scandent shrub with 4 angled branches.

• **Leaves:** Simple, opposite, obovate, elliptic and serrulate.

• **Flowers:** Small, yellowish in axillary or terminal trichotomous panicles. Stamens 2, attached to the base of the corolla tube.

• **Fruits:** Obovoid berries with one or two seeds, seeds erect testa membranous.

Properties: The leaves are astringent, acrid, sweet, thermogenic, anodyne, febrifuge and tonic.

Uses: Scabies and prurigo in children, cough, asthma, rheumatism, nostalgia, consumption and neuropathy

Propagation: By cuttings

