

Piper peepuloides Roxb.

Synonyms : *Chavica sphaerostachya* , *Piper brachystachyum* Wall. ex Hook. F

Family : Piperaceae

Vernacular Names

English : Wild pepper

Malayalam : Kattukurumulaku

Hindi : Cab

Sanskrit : Cavyah, Cavika

Kannada : Cavya

Tamil : Kattumilagu

Telugu : Caikama , Sevasu



Distribution and habitat: Found in Western Ghats, Nilgiris, Annamalai's, and hills of Southern Kerala

Botany: A much branched woody climber trailing up the branches of trees and over rocks rooting like ivy.

• **Leaves:** Elliptic-ovate or lanceolate, obtusely caudate- acuminate, acute at base, 3-5 ribbed with another pair a little higher up and shortly petioled.

• **Fruits** : Fruiting spikes globose, male spike very slender 5-7.5 cm long.

• **Seeds** : Small ovoid or globose, 1-seeded berries with globose seeds.

Uses: Useful against bronchitis, anorexia, dyspepsia, asthma