

## *Symplocos acuminata* (Blume) Miq.

**Synonyms** : *Symplocos cochinchinensis* (Lour.) Moore subsp. *laurina* (Retz.) Nootb

**Family** : Symplocaceae

**Group** : Uterine tonic, Anti hypertensive, Anti-arthritic/anti-rheumatic/anti-inflammatory

**Parts Used** : Bark

### **Vernacular Names**

English : Symplocos

Malayalam : Pachhotti

Hindi : Bholiya, Sodh

Sanskrit : Lodhrah

Kannada : Lodha

Tamil : Kambli-vetti

Telugu : Lodduga



**Distribution and habitat:** Found throughout India.

**Botany:** A small evergreen tree up to 7 m in height with thin, smooth, light grey bark and white wood.

• **Leaves:** Simple, alternate, very thick, lanceolate, elliptic or oblong shortly acuminate at the apex, irregularly crenate or serrate.

• **Flowers** : Yellowish white, fragrant, in close clusters, in axillary spikes.

• **Fruits** : Globose, purple, ribbed drupes; seeds 1-3, testa thin.

• **Bark** : Greyish green to slight grey with patches of crustose lichens. The outer bark is thin and the inner greenish or light brown, the cut surface of the thick bark of a mature tree is reddish brown on drying; when broken, short fibre tips are seen.

**Uses:** Neurotonic, hypotensive, anti-inflammatory, treatment of arthritis, tumors, bronchitis, leucorrhoea, gonorrhea, ophthalmic, bleeding of gums and menorrhagia.

**Propagation:** Seed

