

# *Solanum torvum* Swartz.

**Family** : Solanaceae

**Parts Used** : Fruit

## **Vernacular Names**

English : West Indian Turkey berry

Malayalam : Kattuchunda/malamchunda

Hindi : Tit-baigan

Assamese : Hathibhekuri

Bengali : Tit-baigan

Tamil : Sundai-kai

Telugu : Kundavuste



**Distribution and habitat:** Throughout India.

**Botany:** A tomentose shrub 1.5-3 m high, in many respects very similar to *S. violaceum*, but usually taller and more erect with fewer more erect branches.

• **Leaves** : Without prickles or with one only beneath near the base of midrib. Cymes often bifurcate and denser .

• **Flowers** : Always white. Calyx never armed.

• **Fruits**: 1.3 cm seated on the calyx which is 9-10 mm diameter with lanceolate lobes.

**Chemical constituents:** Fruits and leaves contain solasonine, solasodine, jurubine, jurubidine, torvonin, torvogenin, chlorogenin, paniculogenin, sisalogenone, neosolaspigenin and solaspigenin.

**Uses:** Fruits are said to be good for enlargement of the spleen

**Propagation:** Seeds.

