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Marathi: Danti

Botanical name: Balliospermum montanum

Synonyms: Baliospermum axillare, Jatropha Montana, Baliospermum solanifolium

Family: Euphorbiaceae

Common name: Red Physic Nut, wild castor, wild croton, wild sultan seed

Description: Red Physic Nut is a stout undershrub, 10 cm to 8 m in height with herbaceous

branches from the roots. Leaves are simple, toothed with undulations. Upper leaves are small, lower ones large, sometimes palmately 3-5 lobed, 3-30 cm long, 1.5-15 cm broad. Male and female flowers are separated, seen in the same flowering branch, minute, about 3 mm across, greenish yellow, arranged in axillary and terminal racemes, spikes or fascicles. Capsules are distinctly 3-lobed, obovoid, stony, 8-13 mm across, minutely densely pubescent. Seeds are egg-shaped.

Attributes- Rasa-Katu, Veerya-Ushana, Veepaka-Katu, Guna-Sara, Tikshna.

Medicinal uses: Roots, seeds, leaves and seed oil are used to treat jaundice, constipation, piles, anemia, conjuctivitis. The roots are purgative, anthelmintic, carminative, rubefacient and anodyne. Used in abdominal pain, constipation, calculus, general anasarca, piles, helminthic infestation, scabies and skin disorders. Root paste is applied to painful swellings and piles. The leaves relieve asthma and seeds are used to cure snakebites