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PRAJAKTA

Marathi:

Botanical name:

Synonyms:

Family:

Common name:

Description:

Parijat

Nyctanthes arbor-tristis

Oleaceae

Harsingar, Coral Jasmine, Tree of Sorrow, Queen of Night

Harsingar should not be confused with the West Indian shrub *Cestrum nocturnum*, also called queen of the night. *Nyctanthes arbor-tristis* literally means, night-blooming sad tree. Grows as large shrub or small tree depending on how it is trained. The large attractive leaves are rough and hairy. The sweet scented flowers are small, attractive with white petals and an orange-red tube in center and bloom profusely, opening at night and drop off in the morning, thus making a carpet of flowers in the morning. Used for worship. Needs warmth during winter months. Use well drained soil and fertilize once a month.

Attributes :

Ras – Tikta Virya - Ushna Vipak – Katu

Guna – Laghu, Ruksha

Medicinal Uses:

The paste of seeds is applied over the area affected with alopecia.

· The fresh juice of the leaf of *nyctanthes arbor-tristis* is given in a dose of 5-10 ml to treat sciatica.

· The fresh juice of the plant is given in the cases of constipation, intestinal worms, hepatomegaly and piles in a dose of 10-15 ml.

· In cases of asthma and cough, the powder of dry leaf or bark of this plant is given with the betel leaf juice in dose of 2-3 gm.

· The paste of bark or leaf is applied over the area affected with eczema and ringworm.