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## SHWETKHADIRA

**Marathi:**

**Botanical name:**

**Synonyms:**

**Family:**

**Common name:**

**Description:**

Khair, kaira

Senegalia catechu

Acacia catechu, Mimosa catechu, Acacia wallichiana

Mimosaceae (Touch-me-not family)

Black Cutch Tree, black catechu, Cutch tree, cashoo, catechu, wadalee gum

Black Cutch tree is a small tree, growing 3-15 m high. The stem is dark brown to black, with rough bark which peels off in long strips in mature trees; young trees have corky bark. The fern-like leaves are 100-200 mm long and contain between 8 and 30 pairs of small leaves made up of numerous, oblong pairs of secondary leaflets 2-6 mm long. Glands occur on the stem below the first pair of leaves, and between the uppermost six pairs of leaves. Pairs of stout thorns up to 10 mm long are found at the base of each leaf. The flowers are white or pale yellow, about 3 mm long and bunched tightly together to form a cylindrical flower spike, 35-75 mm long, resembling a lamb's tail. The brown, beaked seed pods are 50-125 mm long on a short stalk and contain between four and seven seeds, which are dark brown, flat and 5-8 mm in diameter. The taproot branches to 2 m depth.

**Attributes :**

Ras – Tikta, Kashay Vipak – Katu Virya - Sheet

Guna – Laghu, Ruksha

**Medicinal uses:**

Khadira is an effective herb that promotes blood clotting and control bleeding disorders such as bleeding gums, piles, and other skin injuries. Taking this herb orally aids to control bleeding due to its potent astringent and cold properties.