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SUBABBULA

Marathi:

Botanical name:

Synonyms:

Family:

Common name:

Description:

Subabhula

Leucaena leucocephala

Leucaena glauca

Fabaceae

Wild tamarind

Wild Tamarind is a low scrubby tree of tropical and subtropical North America having white flowers tinged with yellow resembling mimosa and long flattened pods. Leaves are like that of tamarind. It is a thornless shrubby bush or tree often only to 6-8ft but occasionally to 30-60ft. Grows very well in arid tropical climates and can become a pest species in such climates. Grows best under full sun, needs little water or care once established. Very fast grower. Grows in practically any soil type. The tree has a huge wealth of uses, and is an extremely fast-grower, but care should be taken in some regions to control growth as the seeds are easily dispersed by birds and grazing cattle and the tree has the potential to become a pest. It is grown for fodder, but unless severely grazed or controlled, it spreads rampantly throughout adjacent areas.

Attributes :

Rasa-, Virya-....., Veepaka-....., Guna-.....

Medicinal uses:

L. leucocephala has been reported to possess medicinal properties that control stomach diseases, facilitate abortion and provide contraception, and it is often used as an alternative, complementary treatment for diabetes. Leaf and seed extracts also have antidiabetic activity.