

Botanical Survey of India

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Image Details of Economy Botany Herbarium

Family: EUPHORBIACEAE

Scientific Name: Jatropha curcas L.

Collector: V.T. Antony

Country: India

Uses: Curcas oil obtained from seeds, it is used as a powerful purgative, sciatica, dropsy, paralysis and as ointment for skin troubles and rheumatism. Curcas oil is also employed as an abortifacent and Juice of the plant useful in scabies, eczema, and ringworm. The leaves of the plants have rubefacient and lactagogue properties.