



# Botanical Survey of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
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Image Details of Economy Botany Herbarium

Barcode: CAL0000013787

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Family: [CUCURBITACEAE](#)

Scientific Name: [Citrullus colocynthis \(L.\) Schrad.](#)

Collector: [D. Hooper and M.S. Ramaswami](#)

Country: [India](#)

Uses: [Fruit pulp, colocynth, a drastic hydragogue cathartic, contains citrullin, which was believed to be a glycoside, but is now known to be a mixture of an alkaloid and citrullol. Roots purgative, used in ascites, jaundice, rheumatism, and urinary troubles.](#)