

Plant Species

Accepted Name: *Acorus calamus* L.
Family: ARACEAE
Used in: Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Folk, Sowa Rigpa, Chinese, Modern
Habit: Herb
Threat: VU/R
Distribution: This species is globally distributed in the North temperate hemisphere and tropical Asia. Within India, it has been recorded throughout, in marshes, wild or cultivated, ascending to an altitude of 2200m in the Himalayas.



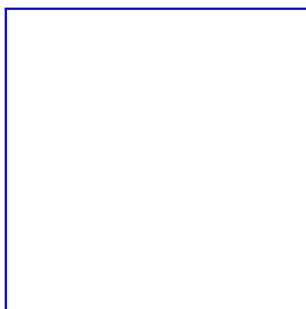
Common Uses

The rhizomes of Vaca is use in the form of powder, paste and decoction to treat diarrhoea, epilepsy, oedema, scrotal enlargement, skin diseases, headache, alopecia, wound, eye diseases, colic, piles, indigestion, acid gastritis, heart-diseases, rat-poisoning, diseases of mouth and as rejuvenative. Diarrhoea: One suffering from diarrhoea should take water boiled with vaca and prativisa (aconitum) (60-120 ml) (CS.Ci.19.22). Epilepsy: a) Old ghee processed with brahmi juice (Bacopa monnieri), vaca, kustha (sassurea lappa) and snakhapuspi (convolvulus microphyllus) alleviates insanity, and epilepsy (10-20 ml) (CS.Ci 10.25) c) By using vaca powder (10-15gms) with honey keeping on diet of milk and rice overcomes epilepsy, VM.21.9) Headache: In suryavartta and hemicrania pressed snuff of vaca and pippali (2-5 gms) and honey is useful (SS.U 26.33; also VM 62.38). Acid gastritis: One should take vaca (5-10 gms) mixed with honey and jaggery (GN 2.38.25).

Herbarium



Geographical Distribution Map



Conservation Concern Details

State	Threat States With Assessment year	Trade
Andhra Pradesh	EN ²⁰⁰¹	High
Chhatisgarh	EN ²⁰⁰³	High

Kerala	EN ¹⁹⁹⁹	High
Madhya Pradesh	EN ²⁰⁰³	High
Tamil Nadu	VU ¹⁹⁹⁸	High
Tripura	VU ²⁰¹⁶	High

Languages (No. of Names) :	Vernacular Names
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Arabic (4) :	bach, vaj, vajj or vaj, vash
English (7) :	calamus, flagroot, sweet cane, sweet flag, sweet grass, sweet rush, sweetroot
Hindi (13) :	bacc, bach, baj, bajai, barian, barin, beach, ghorbach, gora-bach, gorbacc, gorbach, safed bach, vasa
Kannada (7) :	athibaje, baje, baje gida, dagade, kavana, naaru baeru, vasa
Malayalam (6) :	vaembu, vashampa, vashanapa, vayambhu, vayambu, vayampu
Marathi (1) :	vekhand
Persian (4) :	agar, agre-turki, agreturki, agri-turki
Sanskrit (33) :	bacha, bhadra, bhutanashini, bodhaniya, galani, golomi, haimavati, haimdvati, ikshuparni, jalaja, jatila, kanga, kshudrapatri, mangalya, masha, rakshoghni, sadgrantha, schleshmaghni, shadagrantha, shadgrantha, shadgranthagolomi, shataparvika, smarani, tikshna, tikshnapatra, ugragandha, ugragandhaha, ugragranthi, vaca, vacha, vacha-ugra-gandhaha, vayambu, vijaya
Tamil (110) :	akaraveci, akkitam, arpakeci, arpakecu, ativacam, attakam, avatampati@, ayakam1, ayamavati, ayavaci, ayavari2, ayavariti2, cakatai, camanam, canakantakam, canakantam, canakappulitam, canattanam, cantankotan, cantatikam, capinakam, capinam#, capinam@, cataikantam, cataikkantam, cataikkentam1, catakantam, catakkotan, catakkotanam, catinam2, catiyattakam, cattukantam, cavukanti, cetilolam, cirakakkoni#, cirakakkoni@, cirakkoli#, cirakkoli@, cirakoni1, citakentam, civayoki, cukkulakantam, cutuvan, emavati, imavari, iraccollan, irusimulam, irutimulam, kankapasanam, kantam6, kantamaceti, kantamam, kapatakkatti, kapatamitti, kayamalaki, kayamalakikam, kayamavati, kayimavati, kayiravati, kiravanattukkati, kulomicai, matali, mattiri, mattirikam, mokai, motai, mukkikam, mukkil, napittari, narattam2, narram, nattam, nattuvacampu, percollamaruntu, percollan, petiyaikkattumuli, petiyaikkattumulikai, peyarcollan, peyarcollatatu, pillaimaruntu, pillaivalarppan, puccikolli, pullai-valathi, rusimulam, ukkirakantai, ukkirakantam#, ukkirakantam3, ukkirakantam@, ukkirakanti1, ukkirakentai2, ukkirakentam2, ukkiram2, ukkiri, umiyal, uraippan, uromakkilanku, vaca, vacai, vacampu, vacar, vacavaci, vasamboo, vasambu, vasampu, vashambu, vekuvacamutaiyayoki, vekuvacamutaiyoki, veni, verkkattai, vicamattiri
Telugu (3) :	vadaja, vasa, wasa
Tibetan (2) :	su dag, su-dag
Urdu (4) :	bach, bacha, bachh, waj-e-turki

Parts Used (No. of Names) :	Trade Name
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Not recorded (12) :	ATHI BAJE, BACH (VEKHAND), GORBUCH, GUDBACH, GUDBACH KAM BAL WALA, GUDVACH, GURBACH, VACH (VEKHAND), VACH
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(VELHAND), VAJ, VACHA, VEKHAND, VAYAMPU, VERAND(GHORA BACH)

RHIZOME (3) : BACH, GHOR BUCH, BAJE, VASAMBU

ROOT (2) : GHODAVACH, GUDBACH

ROOTS (2) : CALAMUS ROOTS, GURBACH



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