

Ichnocarpus frutescens (L.) W.T.Aiton

Family: Apocynaceae

Vernacular names: Palvalli, Parvalli, പാൽവള്ളി (Malayalam), Black creeper (English), Krishnasariva (Sanskrit), Kalidudhi (Hindi), Paravalli (Tamil)

Distribution: Indo-Malesia and Australia

Description: Climbers. Leaves ovate, apex obtusely acute, base rounded. Flowers white, terminal or axillary panicled cymes. Mericarps follicular, slender, rusty puberulus; seeds many, compressed, crowned with long silky coma.

Habit: Climbers/Lianas

Habitat: Moist deciduous forests, also in the plains

Flowering & Fruiting: August-March

Parts used: Root

Properties & Uses: The root is used to treat fever and skin diseases. The root powder administrated with milk is used in the treatment of diabetes, gall bladder stones and as a blood purifier.

Systems of Medicines: Ayurveda, Folk, Unani,

Traditional Uses:Leaves are boiled with coconut oil and applied on forehead to relieve headache and fever.

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