

Chigonglei namthibi



Common Name

English :Cassie flower

Hindi :Vilayti kikar /Gandh-babul

Manipuri :Chigonglei namthibi

Scientific Name

Group :Angiosperm (Dicotyledon)

Family :Mimosaceae

Genus :Acacia

Species :farnesiana Willd.

Habit :Spiny profuse small tree

Parts Used :Bark, Flower, Leaf & Pod

Mode of Preparation :Tender pods crushed for decoction. Bark crushed with ginger for decoction. Tender leaves used in chutneys.

Mode of use :Decoction and Fresh

Ingredients :Pods contain tannin (23%). Seeds contain a fatty oil. Flower containing benzaldehyde, salicyclic acid, methyl salicylate and essential oil. The ripe pods contain gallic acid, ellagic acid, kaempferol and naringenin.

Ailment Treated:Bark is astringent and demulcent. Gum from stem is a good tonic and employed in confectionary. Flowers are the source of cassie perfume. Decoction of the bark together with ginger is an astringent wash for the teeth to cure bleeding gum. Tender leaves are bruised with a little

water and swallowed in gonorrhoea. Tender pod decoction paste is applied in ringworm. Seed oil is used in gout and muscular sprain.

Source: Wild and grown in the valley.