

Kushumlei



Common Name

English :Safflower

Hindi :Kushum phul

Manipuri :Kushumlei

Scientific Name

Group :Angiosperm (Dicotyledon)

Family :Asteraceae

Genus :Carthamus

Species :tinctorius Linn.

Habit :Spiny undershrub

Parts Used :Fruit and Flower

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Mode of use :Decoction and Local Application

Ingredients :Fruits contain useful oil which is drying. Luteolin and its 7- θ -glucoside, β -sitosterol and its glucoside isolated from flowers. New indole alkaloids erotobenine-isolated from seed.

Ailment Treated:Fruit oil is applied to sores and rheumatic swellings. Capitula are laxative and diaphoretic, used in

jaundice. Hot tea is useful for cold and cough.