

99 Tamil Flowers from Kuṛiñcippāṭṭu

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Dedications

This presentation is dedicated to

DR. KAMIL ZVELEBIL

whose book, *Smile of Murugan* spurred interest in me to read Tamil Sangam Literature.

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1. காந்தள் kāntaḷ

kāntaḷ can possibly be either Malabar glory lily or Indian Coral Tree or Scarlet Bauhinia



- Common name: Variety of glory lily
- Botanical name: *Gloriosa superba* L. (variety)

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Glory%20Lily.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloriosa_\(genus\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloriosa_(genus))

<http://karkanirka.org/>

1. காந்தள் kānta!



<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Indian%20Coral%20Tree.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

- Common name: Indian Coral Tree
- Botanical name: *Erythrina indica* Lam.

1. காந்தள் kānta!



- Common name:
Scarlet Bauhinia
- Botanical name:
Bauhinia phoenicea Heyne

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Scarlet%20Bauhinia.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

2. ஆம்பல் āmpal



- Common Name:
White Water Lily
- Botanical name:
Nymphaea lotus L. var.
pubescens

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/White%20Water%20Lily.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

3. அனிச்சம் aniccam

Flower supposed to be so delicate as to droop or even perish when smelt;
This flower is not satisfactorily identified yet. There is high possibility that the flower is extinct or imaginary.



- Mr. Kumarasamy, former professor in medicinal botany, (Govt Siddha Medical College Palayamkottai, Tamilnadu, India) identifies anicham as
- Common Name: Blue Pimpernel/Scarlet Pimpernel
- Botanical name: Anagallis arvensis Linn.
- This identification is not accepted by many scholars.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Blue%20Pimpernel.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

4.குவளை kuvalai



- Common Name: Fragrant water lily
- Botanical name: *Nymphaea odorata* Ait.

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/plantid2/descriptions/nymodo.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

5. குறிஞ்சி kurin̄ci



- Common Name: Kurunji, Neelakurinji
- Botanical name: *Strobilanthes kunthiana* (Nees) T. Anderson

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Kurinji.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

6. வெட்சி veṭci



- Common Name: Scarlet ixora
- Botanical name: *Ixora coccinea* L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Ixora%20red.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

7. செங்கொடுவேரி cen-kodu-vēri



- Common Name: Scarlet leadwort
- Botanical name: Plumbago rosea L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Ixora%20red.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plumbago_indica

<http://karkanirka.org/>



8.தேமா tē-mā (தேமாம்பூ)



- Common Name: Sweet mango
- Botanical name: *Mangifera indica* L.

http://toptropicals.com/catalog/uid/mangifera_indica.htm

<http://karkanirka.org/>

9. மணிச்சிகை mani-c-cikai



- Common Name:
Purple Heart Glory
- Botanical name:
Ipomoea sepiaria J.
Koenig ex Roxb

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Purple%20Heart%20Glory.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

10. உந்தூழ் untū



- Common Name:
Indian Thorny Bamboo
- Botanical name:
Bambusa arundinacea (Retz.) Willd.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Indian%20Thorny%20Bamboo.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

11. கூவிளம் kūviḷam

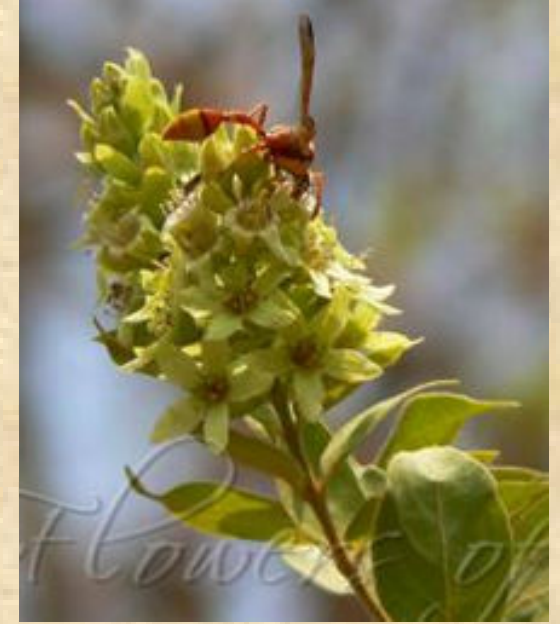


- Common Name:
Bael
- Botanical name:
Aegle Marmelos Corr.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Bel.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

12. எறுழ் erul



- Common Name: Paper flower climber
- Botanical name: Calycopteris floribunda Lam.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Paper%20Flower%20Climber.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

13. சுள்ளி culli



- Common Name: Porcupine flower
- Botanical name: Barleria prionitis L.

There is very high possibility that culli is just small twigs- instead of a flower.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Porcupine%20Flower.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

14. கூவிரம் kūviram



- Common Name: Sacred garlic pear
- Botanical name:
Crateva religiosa G. Forst.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Garlic%20Pear%20Tree.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

15. வடவனம் vaṭa-vaṇam

Vaṇam in Tamil means Tulsi – So it may be considered as Northern Tulsi or variety of Tulsi



- Common Name: Shri Tulsi
- Botanical name: *Ocimum sanctum* L. Var. *hirsutum*

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Tulsi.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

15. வடவனம் vaṭa-vaṇam



- Common Name: Ram Tulsi
- Botanical name: *Ocimum gratissimum* L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Ram%20Tulsi.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocimum_gratissimum

<http://karkanirka.org/>

16. ചൊക്കൈ vākai



- Common Name:
Siris tree
Woman's tongue
- Botanical name:
Albizia lebeck
(L.) Benth.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Siris%20Tree.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

17. குடசம் kuṭacam



- Common Name: Indrajaio
- Botanical name: Holarrhena antidysenterica (G. Don) Wall. ex A. DC

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Indrajaio.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

18. எருவை eruvai



- Common Name: Small Bulrush
- Botanical name: *Typha angustata* L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Lesser%20Indian%20Reed%20Mace.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

19. செருவிளை ceru-vilai



- Common Name: Butterfly Pea
- Botanical name:
- *Clitoria ternatea* L. var. *albiflora* Voigt

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/4202351529/in/photostream/

<http://karkanirka.org/>

20. கருவிளம் karu-vilam



- Common Name: Butterfly Pea
- Botanical name: Clitoria ternatea L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Butterfly%20Pea.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

21. பயிணி payini



- Common Name: *Indian copal tree*
- Botanical name: *Vateria indica* L.

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/v/vateindi/vateindi_en.html

<http://karkanirka.org/>

22. வாணி vāṇi



- Common Name: Spindle Tree (variety)
- Botanical name: *Euonymus dichotomus* Heyne ex Roxb.

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/e/euondich/euondich_en.html

23. ೀரவம் kuravam



- Common Name: Asiatic Tarennia
- Botanical name: *Webera corymbosa* Willd.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Asiatic%20Tarennia.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

24. பசும்பிடி pacu-m-piṭi



- Common Name: Mysore gamboge
- Botanical name: *Garcinia xanthochymus* Hook. f. ex Anders.

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/g/garcxant/garcxant_en.html

25. வகுளம் vakuḷam



- Common Name: Spanish cherry
- Botanical name: Mimusops elengi L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Maulsari.html>

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/m/mimuelen/mimuelen_en.html

<http://karkanirka.org/>

26. कण्डू kāyā



- Common Name:
Ironwood tree
- Botanical name:
Memecylon edule Roxb.



<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Ironwood%20Tree.html>

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/m/memeumbe/memeumbe_en.html

<http://karkanirka.org/>

27. ஆவிரை āvirai

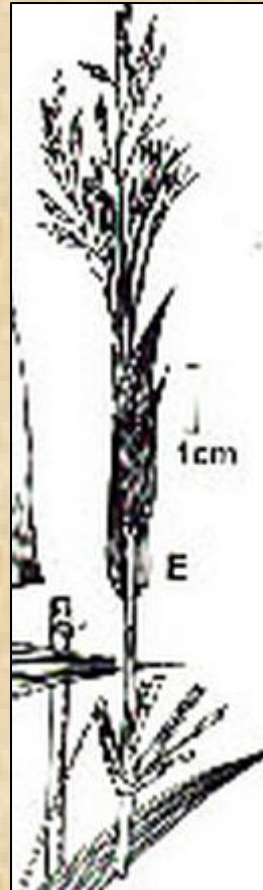
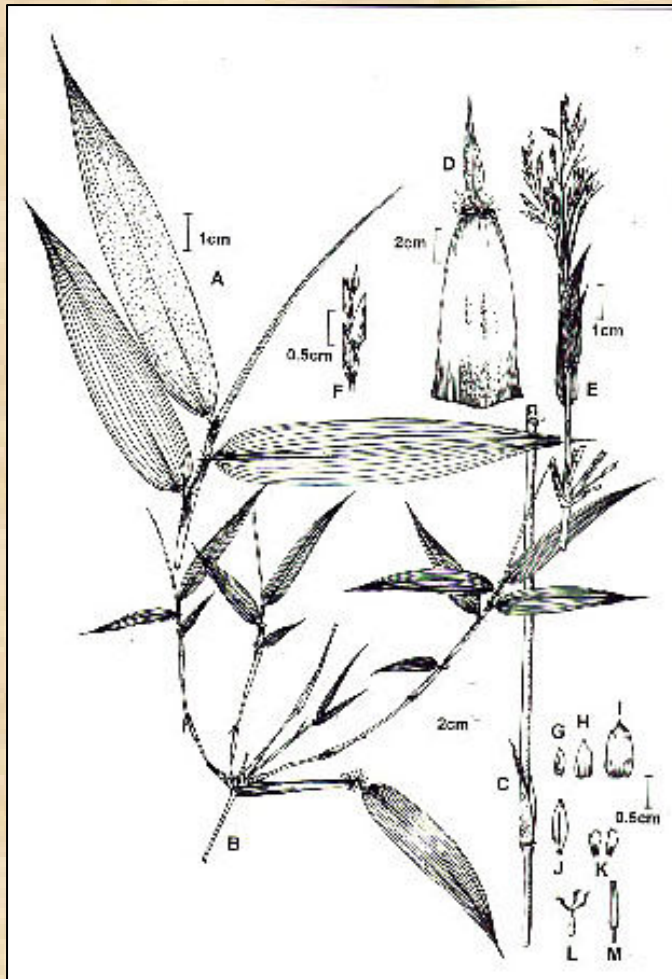


- Common Name:
Tanner's senna
- Botanical name:
Cassia auriculata L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Tanner's%20Cassia.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

28. வேரல் vēral



- Common Name: Nilgiri bamboo
- Botanical name: *Arundinaria wightiana* Nees

<http://www.inbar.int/publication/txt/tr17/Sinarundinaria/sin%20wig.htm>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

29. தூரல் cūral



- Common Name:
Wild Jujube
- Botanical name: :
Ziziphus oenoplia
(L.) Mill.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Jackal%20Jujube.html>

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/3969152797/

<http://karkanirka.org/>

30. சிறுபூளை ciru-pūlai



- Common Name:
Mountain Knot Grass
- Botanical name:
Aerva lanata (L.) Juss.
ex Schult

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Mountain%20Knot%20Grass.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

31. குறுநறுங்கண்ணி kuru-naru-n-kanni



32. குருகிலை kurukilai



- Common Name: White Fig
- Botanical name: *Ficus virens* Ait.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/White%20Fig.html>

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/f/ficuvire/ficuvire_en.html

<http://karkanirka.org/>

33.மருதம் marutam



- Common Name: Indian Laurel
- Botanical name: Terminalia elliptica Willd.
- Leaves are worn as dress by many tribes

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Asan.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

34.கோங்கம் kōṅkam



- Common Name:
Golden silk cotton tree
- Botanical name:
Cochlospermum gossypium (L.) DC.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Buttercup%20Tree.html>

35. போங்கம் pōṅkam



- Common Name : horse-eye beans
- Botanical name:
Ormosia travancorica Bedd.
- Seeds used as Beads



http://www.biotik.org/india/species/o/ormotrav/ormotrav_en.html

<http://karkanirka.org/>

36. திலகம் tilakam



- Common Name: Red Sandalwood
Botanical name: *Adenanthera pavonina* L.
- Seeds used as beads

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Red%20Sandalwood.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

37. பாதிரி pātiri



- Common Name:
Yellow -flowered fragrant trumpet-
flower tree
- Botanical name: Stereospermum
chelonoides (L. f.)DC.

http://species.wikimedia.org/wiki/Stereospermum_chelonoides

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/tags/stereospermumchelonoides/

<http://karkanirka.org/>

38. செருந்தி cerunti



- Common Name: Golden champak
- Botanical name: *Ochna squarrosa* L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Ramdhan%20Champa.html>

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/o/ochnobtu/ochnobtu_en.html

<http://karkanirka.org/>

39. அதிரல் atiral



- Common Name:
Hog Creeper
- Botanical name: :
Derris scandens (Roxb.) Benth.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/3624484044/in/photostream/

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Jewel%20Vine.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

40. சண்பகம் caṇpakam



- Common Name: Champak
- Botanical name: Michelia champaca L.

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/m/michcham/michcham_en.html

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Champa.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

41. கரந்தை karantai



- Common Name: East Indian Globe Thistle
- Botanical name: *Sphaeranthus indicus* L.
<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/East%20Indian%20Globe%20Thistle.html>
http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/3031231865/in/photostream/

<http://karkanirka.org/>

42. குளவி kuḷavi

Kuḷavi can be either of the two flowers Millingtonia hortensis L.f. / Pogostemon heyneanus Benth.



- Common Name: Indian cork.
- Botanical name: Millingtonia hortensis L.f.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/1814771100/

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Indian%20Cork%20Tree.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

42. குளவி kuḷavi



- Common Name: Patchouli
- Botanical name: Pogostemon cablin Benth.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patchouli>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

43. மடா (புளிமடா) mā (puḷimā)



- Common Name: Wild Mango
- Botanical name: : *Mangifera pinnata* L.f.

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/s/sponpinn/sponpinn_en.html

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Wild%20Mango.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

44. தில்லை tillai



- Common Name: Blinding tree
- Botanical name: :
Excoecaria agallocha L.

<http://floraofsingapore.wordpress.com/2010/07/11/excoecaria-agallocha/>

<http://www.natureloveyou.sg/Excoecaria%20agallocha/Main.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

45. പാക്കല പാലൈ

- Paalai could mean many variety of flowers – Please see disambiguation slides



- Common Name: Pala indigo plant
- Botanical name: *Wrightia tinctoria* (Roxb.) R.Br. .

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Sweet%20Indrajao.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wrightia_tinctoria

<http://karkanirka.org/>

45. പാലൈ pālai



- Common Name: Wongai Plum
- Botanical name: *Mimusops kauki* L.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manilkara_kauki

<http://www.sybout.com/trees.htm>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

46. முல்லை mullai

- Mullai could mean *Jasminum sambac* (L.) Aiton / *Jasminum trichotomum* Heyne ex Roth / *Jasminum auriculatum* Vahl



Single Mogra
Jasminum sambac var.
'Belle of India'



Double Mogra
Jasminum sambac var.
'Grand Duke Of
Tuscany'



Sampaguita
Jasminum sambac var.
'Maid of Orleans'

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/research/research.php?query=Jasminum+sambac&stpos=0&stype=AND>

- Common Name: Arabian jasmine
- Botanical name: *Jasminum sambac*

<http://karkanirka.org/>

46. முல்லை mullai



- Botanical name: *Jasminum trichotomum* Heyne ex Roth

<http://opendata.keystone-foundation.org/jasminum-trichotomum-heyne-ex-roth/jasminum-trichotomum>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

46. முல்லை mullai



- Common Name: Juhi
- Botanical name: *Jasminum auriculatum* Vahl

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jasminum_auriculatum

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Juhi.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

47. கஞ்சங்குல்லை kañcaṅ-kullai



- Common Name: Indian Hemp, Marijuana
- Botanical name: Cannabis sativa L.
- Fiber prescribed for stringing beads



<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Marijuana.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_sativa

<http://karkanirka.org/>

48. பிடவம் piṭavam



- Common Name: Bedaly emetic-nut
- Botanical name: *Randia malabarica* Lam.

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/b/benkmala/benkmala_en.html

http://species.wikimedia.org/wiki/Benkara_malabarica

<http://karkanirka.org/>

49. செங்கருங்காலி ceñ-karuñkāli



- Common Name:
Red catechu
- Botanical name:
Acacia sundra
(Roxb.) DC.

<http://opendata.keystone-foundation.org/acacia-chundra-rottler-willd-2>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acacia_chundra

<http://karkanirka.org/>

50. வாழை vālai



- Common Name: Plantain
- Botanical name: Musa paradisiaca

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Banana.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

51. வள்ளி valli



- Common Name: Yam
- Botanical name: *Dioscorea* Sp.

In this slide

- Common Name: Five Leaf Yam
- Botanical name: *Dioscorea pentaphylla*

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Five%20Leaf%20Yam.html>

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/2902389478/in/photostream/

<http://karkanirka.org/>



52. நெய்தல் neytal



- Common Name: Red and blue water lily
- Botanical name: *Nymphaea stellata* Willd.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nymphaea_nouchali

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Blue%20Water%20Lily.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>



53. தாயைழ tālai



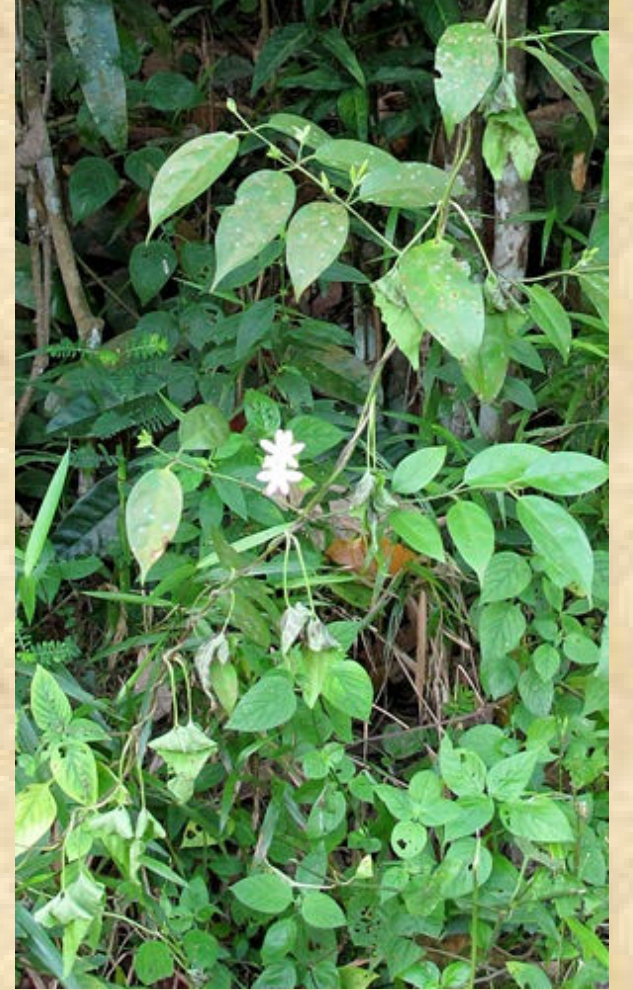
- Common Name: Coconut
- Botanical name: Cocos nucifera L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Coconut.html>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coconut>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

54. துளவம் talavam



- Common Name: Red Kunda
- Botanical name: *Jasminum elongatum* (P. J. Bergius) Willd.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Red%20Kunda.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

54. துளவம் talavam



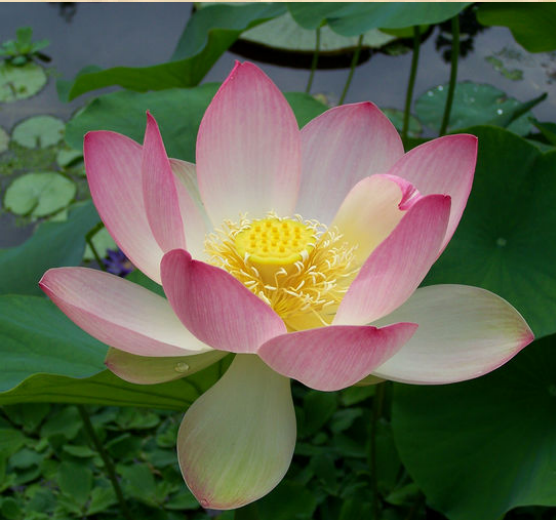
- Common Name: Pink Jasmine
- Botanical name: *Jasminum polyanthum* Franch.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Pink%20Jasmine.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jasminum_polyanthum

<http://karkanirka.org/>

55.தாமரை tamarai



- Common Name:
Lotus
- Botanical name: *Nelumbo nucifera* (Gaertn.)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nelumbo_nucifera

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Lotus.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

56. ஞாழல் ñāḷal



- Botanical name: *Caesalpinia cucullata* Roxb.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Ragi.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

57. ெ௢ளவல் mauval



- Common Name: Poet's jasmine
- Botanical name: Jasminum officinale L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Common%20Jasmine.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

58. கொகுடி kokudi



- Common Name: Indian Jasmine
- Botanical name: *Jasminum pubescens* (Retz.) Willd.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jasminum_multiflorum

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Kunda.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

59. சேடல் cēṭal



- Common Name: Coral Jasmine
- Botanical name: *Nyctanthes arbor-tristis* L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Har%20Singar.html#>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nyctanthes_arbor-tristis

<http://karkanirka.org/>

60. செம்மல் cemmal



- Common Name: Spanish jasmine
- Botanical name: *Jasminum grandiflorum* L.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jasminum_grandiflorum

<http://karkanirka.org/>

61. சிறுசெங்குரலி ciru-ceñ-kurali



- Common Name: Water Chest nut
- Botanical name: *Trapa bispinosa* Roxb.

http://species.wikimedia.org/wiki/Trapa_natans

<http://karkanirka.org/>

62.கோடல் kōṭal



- Common Name:
Yellow Malabar glory lily
- Botanical name: *Gloriosa superba* L.

<http://www.marlothiiconservancy.org.za/?p=365>

63. கைதை kaitai



- Common Name:
Fragrant screw-pine
- Botanical name:
Pandanus odoratissimus L. f.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Kewda.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>



64. வலை valai



http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/3359816745/in/photostream/

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Surangi.html>

<http://www.biotik.org/india/species/m/mamms>

[uri/mammsuri_en.html](http://www.biotik.org/india/species/m/mammsuri_en.html)

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- Common Name: Surangi
- Botanical name: Ochrocarpus longifolius (Wt.) Benth. ex T. Anders

65. காஞ்சி kāñci



- Common Name: False White Teak
- Botanical name: *Trewia nudiflora* L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/False%20White%20Teak.html>

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/3113053378/in/photostream/

<http://karkanirka.org/>

66. மணிக் குலை- Mani-k-kulai



- Common Name: Red Water Lily
- Botanical name: *Nymphaea rubra* Roxb. ex Andrews

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Red%20Water%20Lily.html>

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67. பாங்கர் pāṅkar



Salvadora persica L.



- Common Name: Tooth-brush tree
- Botanical name: *Salvadora persica*

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salvadora_persica

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Toothbrush%20Tree.html>

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68. மராஅம் marāam



- Common Name: Lac tree, Jalari
- Botanical name: Shorea talura Roxb.
- Known for its fragrance

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shorea_roxburghii

<http://www.hindu.com/2011/03/08/stories/2011030852410200.htm>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

69. துணைக்கம் taṇakkam



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gyrocarpus_americanus

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Helicopter%20Tree.html>



- Common Name: Helicopter Tree
- Botanical name: *Gyrocarpus americanus* Jacq.

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70. ஈங்கை Tinkai



- Common Name: Twisted Acacia
- Botanical name: *Acacia caesia* (L.) Willd.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Twisted%20Acacia.html#>

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71. இலவம் ilavam



- Common Name: Red-flowered silk-cotton tree
- Botanical name: *Bombax malabaricum*

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Silk%20Cotton%20Tree.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombax_ceiba

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72. கொன்றை konrai



- Common Name:
Indian laburnum
- Botanical name:
Cassia fistula L.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cassia_fistula

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Amaltas.html>

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73. அடும்பு aṭumpu



- Common Name: Goat's foot vine
- Botanical name: *Ipomoea pes-caprae* (L.) R. Br.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ipomoea_pes-caprae

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Goat%20Foot%20Vine.html>

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74. ஆத்தி ātti



Ātti can either be *Bauhinia racemosa* or *Bauhinia tomentosa*

- Common Name: Maloo Creeper
- Botanical name: *Bauhinia racemosa* Lam.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bauhinia_vahljii

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Maloo%20Creeper.html>

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74. ஆத்தி ātti

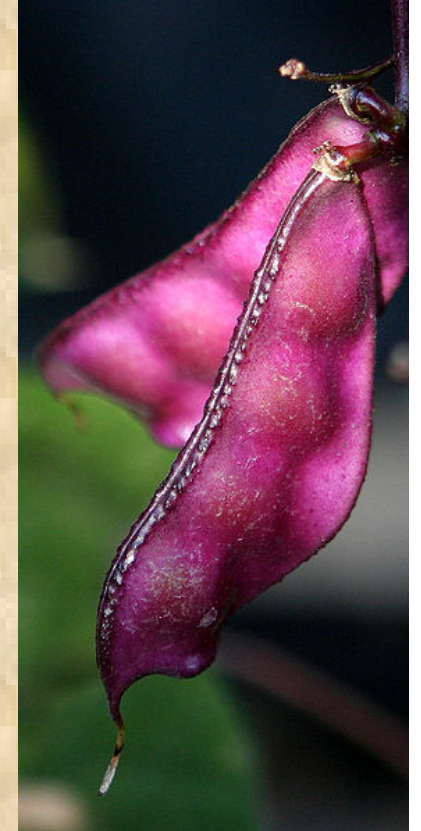


- Common Name: Yellow Orchid Tree
- Botanical name: Bauhinia tomentosa L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Yellow%20Orchid%20Tree.html>

http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Bauhinia_tomentosa

75. அவரை avarai



- Common Name: Lablab Bean
- Botanical name: Dolichos lablab L.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lablab_purpureus

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Lablab%20Bean.html>

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76. பகன்றை pakānrai



- Common Name: Indian jalap
- Botanical name: *Operculina turpethum* (L.) Silva Manso

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Transparent%20Wood%20Rose.html>

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/1963436279/in/photostream/

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77. பல்பாசுல் palācam



- Common Name: Flame of the Forest
- Botanical name: *Butea frondosa* Roxb. ex Willd.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Flame%20of%20the%20Forest.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Butea_monosperma

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/444871065/in/photostream/

<http://karkanirka.org/>

78. பிண்டி piṇṭi



- Common Name: Aśōka tree
- Botanical name: *Saraca indica* L.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saraca_asoca

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Sita%20Ashok.html>

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79. வஞ்சி vañci



- Common Name: Rattan Palm
- Botanical name: Calamus rotang L.
- Ornaments/dress can be made using the fiber

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calamus_rotang

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80. பித்திகம் pittikam



- Common Name: Wild Jasmine
- Botanical name: *Jasminum angustifolium* (L.) Willd.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Wild%20Jasmine.html>

http://www.floracafe.com/Search_PhotoDetails.aspx?Photo=Top&Id=1459

<http://karkanirka.org/>

81. சிந்துவாரம் cintuvāram



<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Chaste%20Tree.html>

- Common Name: Five-leaved Chaste tree
- Botanical name: Vitex negundo L.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vitex_negundo

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82. தும்பை tumpai



- Common Name: Bitter toombay
- Botanical name:
Leucas aspera (Willd.) Link

http://species.wikimedia.org/wiki/Leucas_aspera

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/517437888/

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Common%20Leucas.html>

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83. துழாய் tulāy



- Common Name: Krishna Tulsi
- Botanical name: Ocimum sanctum L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Tulsi.html>

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84. தோன்றி tōnri



- Common Name:
Malabar glory Lily
- Botanical name:
Gloriosa superba L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Glory%20Lily.html>

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85. நந்தி nanti



- Common Name:
Crape jasmine
- Botanical name:
Tabernaemontana coronaria

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Crape%20Jasmine.html>

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86. நறவம் naravam



- Common Name: Indian lavanga
- Botanical name: Luvunga scandens (Roxb.) Wight

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Lavang%20Lata.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

87. புன்னாகம் punnākam



- Common Name: Poon
- Botanical name: *Calophyllum elatum* Bedd.

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/c/calopoly/calopoly_en.html

<http://karkanirka.org/>

88. பாரம் pāram



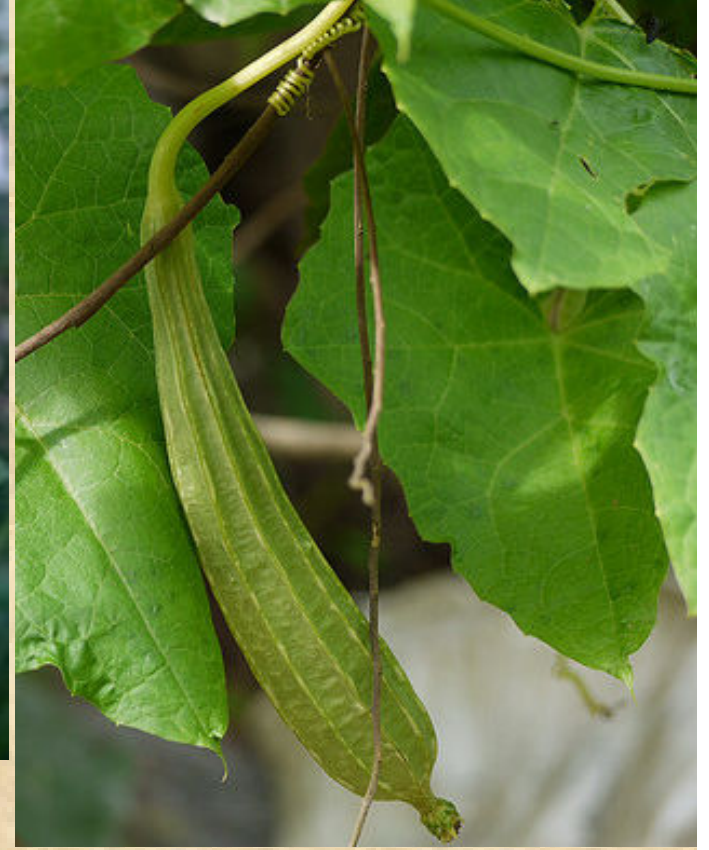
- Common Name:
Indian cotton-plant
- Botanical name:
Gossypium herbaceum L.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gossypium_herbaceum

<http://karkanirka.org/>



89. பீரம் pīram



- Common Names: Sponge gourd, strainer vine
- Botanical name: *Luffa acutangula* (L.) Roxb.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/3911957321/in/photostream/
<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Ribbed%20Sponge%20Gourd.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

90. குருக்கத்தி kurukkatti



- Common Name: Helicopter Flower
- Botanical name: Hiptage madablota Gaertn.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Madhavi%20Lata.html>

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91. ஆரம் āram



- Common Name: Sandalwood
- Botanical name:
Santalum album L.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santalum_album

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Sandalwood.html>

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92. காழ்வை kāl̥vai



- Common Name: Eagle-wood
- Botanical name: *Aquilaria agallocha* Roxb.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aquilaria_malaccensis

93. புன்னை punnai



- Common Name: Mast-wood
- Botanical name: *Calophyllum inophyllum* L.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calophyllum_inophyllum

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Sultan%20Champa.html>

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94. நரந்தம் narantam



- Common Name: Malabar Lemon Grass
- Botanical name: *Cymbopogon flexuosus* (Nees ex Steud.) J.F. Watson

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cymbopogon_flexuosus

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95. நாகப்பூ nāka-p-pū



- Common Name: Ceylon Ironwood
- Botanical name: *Mesua ferrea* L.

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Nag%20Kesar.html>

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/2209461274/in/photostream/

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/m/mesuferr/mesuferr_en.html

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesua_ferrea

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96. நள்ளிருணாறி naḷḷiruṇāri



- Common Name: Iruvatchi Jasmine
- Botanical name: *Jasminum sambac* var. *virupakshi* (or Iruvatchi)

http://agritech.tnau.ac.in/horticulture/horti_flower%20crops_malligai.html

97. குருந்தம் kuruntam



- Common Name: Indian Atalantia
- Botanical name: Atlantia monophylla Linn.
<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Indian%20Atalantia.html>

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98. வேங்கை vēṅkai



- Common Name: Indian Kino Tree
- Botanical name: *Pterocarpus marsupium* Roxb.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pterocarpus_marsupium

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99. புழுஞ் pulaku



- Common Name: Crown Flower
- Botanical name: *Calotropis gigantea* (L.) W.T. Aiton

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Crown%20Flower.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calotropis_gigantea

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പാലൈ- pālai Disambiguation

- 13 different varieties of flowers can be addressed as pālai according to University of Madras – Tamil Lexicon.
- Flowers which were not presented earlier are presented here.

முள் மகிழ் - mul-makil



- Common Name:
Woolly ironwood.
- Botanical name: :
Xantolis tomentosa

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/4174255672/

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Hairy%20Xantolis.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

காட்டிருப்பை k ttiruppai



- Common Name : Indian guttapercha
- Botanical name : *Palaquium ellipticum* (Dalz.) Baill.

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/p/palaelli/palaelli_en.html

<http://karkanirka.org/>

உலக் கைப்பாலை ulakkai-p-pālai



- Common Name:
Wedge-leaved ape-
flower.
- Botanical name:
Mimusops hexandra

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Ceylon%20Iron%20Wood.html>

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/3297004463/in/photostream/

ஏழிலைப்பாலை ēl-ilai-p-pālai



- Common Name:
Seven-leaved milk-plant.
- Botanical name: *Alstonia scholaris* (L.) R.Br.

http://www.biotik.org/laos/species/a/alssc/alssc_en.html

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Devil%20Tree.html>

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காட்டலரி kãttalari



- Common Name: Mango-like cerbera.
- Botanical name: : Tabernaemontana dichotoma

<http://garden-frenzy.blogspot.com/2010/10/tabernaemontana-dichotoma.html>

<http://karkanirka.org/>

வெட்பாலை



- Common Name:
Woolly dyeing rosebay.
- Botanical name:
Wrightia tomentosa

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/2639522636/in/photostream/

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Woolly%20Dyeing%20Rosebay.html>

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கருடப்பாலை karuṭa-p-pālai



- Common Name:
India-rubber vine.
- Botanical name: :
Cryptostegia grandiflora

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Rubber%20Vine.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptostegia_grandiflora

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Brazilian nutmeg

Photos not available
in internet.

- Common Name:
Brazilian nutmeg
- Botanical name:
Cryptocarya wightiana

http://www.biotik.org/india/species/c/crypwich/crypwich_en.html

கொடிப்பாலை koṭi-p-pālai



- Common Name:
Green wax flower.
- Botanical name:
Dregea volubilis

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Sneeze%20Wort.html>

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dinesh_valke/2617414125/

<http://karkanirka.org/>

Methodology

- The identifications are based on my Paper '**Kuṛiñcippāṭṭu and 99 flowers**'.
- Identifications of P.L.Sami were compared with identification of Tamil Lexicon, Institute of Asian Studies, Naccinarkiniyar commentary and Identification of other scholars.
- Based on the identification images were found primarily from Flowers of India, BIOTIK, Dinesh Valke photo stream and Wikipedia.
- Other images were obtained through google image search

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Story of Iruvatchi Jasmine

- Pictures of Iruvatchi Jasmine in these slides are the only available pics of these flowers in internet. It took us more than a month to find this flower. This flower has less commercial value, hence couldn't be found in any flower markets. But we got information from the flower sellers that this flower was used by hair weavers who weave for marriage sauvri. These flowers are used as decoration, these flowers have longer stem hence can be use to poke into the weaved hair. Those hair weavers wouldn't sell it and after persuasion the flowers were bought and photographed. Thanks to Mr.Mahendran Sa, Mr.Balakumaran Kamaraj and his mother, Gopalapuram Krishna temple florist Mr.Murugesan, my parents and Mr. Jagannathan Narayanan

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