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Abrus precatorius

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Plantae
Order: Fabales
Family: Fabaceae
Genus: Abrus

Species : precatorius



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PLANT DESCRIPTION:

Commonly known as "Rosary Pea" is an ornamental, twining, woody vine which grows to a height of 10–20 ft when supported by other plants. Leaves are alternate, compound, and feather-like, with small oblong leaflets while the flowers are numerous and appear in the leaf axils along the stems. The flowers are also small and occur in clusters 1–3 inches long, usually red to purple, or occasionally white. The fruit is a legume about 3 cm long containing hard ovoid seeds about 1 cm long.

MEDICINAL USES:

A. **precatorius** is traditionally used to treat tetanus, and to prevent rabies. The plant is used in some traditional **medicine** to treat scratches and sores and wounds caused by dogs, cats and mice, and are also used with other ingredients to treat leucoderma.