

Epipremnum pinnatum

Scientific classification

Kingdom : Plantae
Clade : Angiosperms
Clade : Monocots
Order : Alismatales
Family : Araceae
Genus : *Epipremnum*
Species : *E. pinnatum*



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DESCRIPTION

Epipremnum pinnatum is a species of flowering plant in the family Araceae. It has many common names, including **centipede tongavine** and **dragon-tail plant**. In the Philippines, it is known in Tagalog as *tibatib*. *Epipremnum pinnatum* is a climbing plant, sometimes epiphytic. A vigorous plant, capable of producing stems 30 - 50 metres long, it can grow high into the canopy of trees with a stem 2 - 4cm in diameter that can attach itself by means of aerial roots. The plant is often harvested from the wild for local medicinal use and is also sometimes cultivated for this purpose. The leaves are regularly sold in local markets, especially in Singapore, for medicinal use. The plant is often grown as an ornamental, valued especially for its attractive pinnatifid adult leaves.

Medicinal Uses

- The leaves are antirheumatic, tonic. The leaves is taken as an effective treatment of rheumatism, as a general tonic and anticancer agent
- A decoction of the leaves is taken as a treatment for malaria, chest pain and diabetes, and to alleviate toothache. The sap is used in the treatment of snake bites.
- A juice obtained from the crushed inner part of the stem is mixed with water and drunk as a treatment for joint problems, dislocation and broken bones.