


## Jatrophas

Classification	
Kingdom	: <i>Plantae</i>
Clade	: <i>Angiosperms</i>
Order	: <i>Malpighiales</i>
Family	: <i>Euphorbiaceae</i>
Subfamily	: <i>Crotonoideae</i>
Tribe	: <i>Jatrophaeae</i>
Genus	: <i>Jatropha</i>



*Jatropha*

**Description:** Jatrophas are drought-resistant perennial and multipurpose shrubs or trees, similar to the cassava plant (Elbehri et al., 2013). **Jatropha** is a deciduous tree, shedding its leaves during the dry season. It can grow to a height of 3-5 m, and remains productive for 30 to 50 years.

### MEDICINAL USES:

**Jatropha curcas** L. (Euphorbiaceae) is a multiple **purpose plant** with potential for biodiesel production and **medicinal uses**. It has been **used** for treatment of a wide spectrum of ailments related to skin, cancer, digestive, respiratory and infectious diseases.