

Nerium indicum

Classification

Kingdom	– Plantae
Subkingdom	– Tracheobionta
Division	– Magnoliophyta
Class	– Magnoliopsida
Subclass	– Asteridae
Family	– Apocynaceae
Order	– Gentianales
Genus	– <i>Nerium</i>



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Description

Nerium indicum is evergreen shrub or small tree that grows up to 5 m. in height. The leaves are long, simple, whorled, linear-lance late, 9-14 cm in length with horizontal nerves. Leaves are in pairs of three or whorled, green, leathery, narrowly elliptic to linear entire.

The flowers grow in clusters at the end of each branch. The flowers have both male and female organs, soft sweet-scented, single or double cymes with attractive color that varies from white, pink or red, sweet smelled and 4-5 cm in diameter.

Medicinal Uses

Nerium indicum has many medicinal properties like bitter, acrid, astringent, anthelmintic, aphrodisiac, stomachic, febrifuge, diuretic, emetic, expectorant, cardio tonic, anticancer etc. Used in the treatment of cardiac asthma, renal and vesicle calculi, chronic stomach, skin related problems, snake bites joint pains, leprosy, cancer, ulcers etc.