

*Ruta graveolens*

**Scientific classification**

Kingdom : Plantae  
(unranked) : Angiosperms  
Order : Sapindales  
Family : Rutaceae  
Genus : *Ruta*  
Species : *R. graveolens*



**DESCRIPTION:**

Commonly known as **rue**, **common rue** or **herb-of-grace**, is a species of *Ruta* grown as an ornamental plant and herb. It is native to the Balkan Peninsula. It is now grown throughout the world in gardens, especially for its bluish leaves, and sometimes for its tolerance of hot and dry soil conditions. It is also cultivated as a medicinal herb, as a condiment, and to a lesser extent as an insect repellent

**MEDICINAL USES:**

Stimulating, antispasmodic, stomachic, irritant, abortifacient; used as an emmenagogue and for the treatment of cough, colic and flatulence. Leaf: Used in amenorrhea, menorrhoea, and colic; used externally for sciatica, headache, muscular chest pain, bronchitis, arthritis.