

Oxalis corniculata

Scientific classification

Kingdom	: Plantae
Clade	: Angiosperms
Order	: Oxalidales
Family	: Oxalidaceae
Genus	: <i>Oxalis</i>
Species	: <i>O.corniculata</i>
Part used	: leaves, whole plant



Description

Oxalis corniculata, the creeping wood sorrel, also called procumbent yellow sorrel or sleeping beauty, is a somewhat delicate-appearing, low-growing herbaceous plant. It has a narrow, creeping stem that readily roots at the nodes. The trifoliate leaves are subdivided into three rounded leaflets and resemble a clover in shape. The leaves have inconspicuous stipules at the base of each petiole. Fruit is capsule.

Medicinal uses

The entire plant is rich in vitamin C. Oxalis is best herb rich in vitamin-C and it is best used in the treatment of scurvy. This herb is very beneficial for treating influenza. External paste of leaves is used as antidote for the poisoning caused by snake bites. It is used in the treatment of influenza, fever, urinary tract infections, enteritis, diarrhoea, traumatic injuries, and sprains.