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## AN ETHNOBOTANICAL MEDICINAL PLANTS SURVEY IN PANDIYANKUPPAM VILLAGE, VILUPPURAM DISTRICT, TAMILNADU, INDIA

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### Abstract

An ethno botanical medicinal plants survey was carried out in pandiyankuppam village, viluppuram district, tamilnadu, india., medicinal plants a play important role of the world. Aromatic plants have been used as medicine, foods. And large number of tribal, rural and urban people, according these medicinal plant have surveyed. Traditional uses medicinal plants cure many diseases like cold, fever, dysentery, wounds, hysteria, diabetes, spleen animal and insect bite, birth control, stomach complaints etc. Traditionally used 46 medicinal plants and 24 families identified, with vernacular or tamil name, botanical name, use full parts, and used medicinal purposes.

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## INTRODUCTION

According to the plant are provided the world's oxygen and produce the biochemical compounds for all foods<sup>1</sup>. The use of medicinal plants as a source for relief from illness can be traced back over five millennia from written documents of the early civilization in India, China and Near east<sup>2</sup>. India has more than 427 tribal communities with rich diversity of indigenous tradition. However, traditional knowledge base and practices has been marginalized due to political and social – economical reasons, interest in traditional medicine has been increasing and ethano botanical studies has been initiated to explore the knowledge base from various tribal group across the country<sup>3,4</sup>. Plant have important source of medicine and food for thousands of years, Even today the WHO estimates that up to 80% of people still rely mainly on traditional remedies such as herbs for their medicine. It's civilization is very ancient and the country as a whole has long been known for it's rich source of medicinal plants, today, Ayurvedic, Homeopathy and Unani physicians utilize numerous species of medicinal plants that found their way a long time ago into the Hindu material media<sup>5</sup>. The last few decades has for increasing study of medicinal plant research and their traditional medicine using more then report<sup>6,7,8,9</sup>. Therefore, it is urgent to explore and document this unique and indigenous, traditional knowledge of the tribal community<sup>10</sup>,

The present work has been undertaken to record the plant, which are commonly used by ethnic people and other folklore medicine of this regions as a chief sources of food and medicine.

## MATERIALS METHODS

The study has been carried out in pandiyankuppam panchayat, villupuram district. Its situated on lantitude-13,09 °N. Longitude-80,29°E. Then here to , North 15 km kallakurichi, South 20 km kugaiur(more then kugai kovils available here). East 4 km chinnaalem. West 10 km kalvarayan hills. Kalvarayan hills is famous for 'seven hill' and 'periyar falls' and china 'thirupati temple' viluppuram district. Have been naturally irrigated by river water, here present some amount of valuable medicinal plants. Although periyar falls is usually the climate of kundiyatham

and surrounding village is generally healthy and moderate. The medicinal plants were identified using bentham & hooker classification and Gamble, J.S. Flora of the Presidency of Madras<sup>11</sup>.

## RESULT AND DISSCUTION

The present study was carried out by the pandiyankuppam village, viluppram district. All plant materials were documented as to family, botanical name, local name (Tamil), parts used and medicinal uses. Plant species collected were identified with the help of flora books were identified; herb, climber, Shrub, Under shrub, Trees and small trees. were identified as being used to various treatments. The result of present study have revealed 46 plant species belong to 24 families that are frequently used for treatment of more then 35 diseases and the tamil names identified with the help of local and rural peoples. This is because of rural peoples are maintaining ancient style of living.

### During study the following medicinal plants were reported : Table: 1

Botanical name	Tamil name	Family	Use full part	Used treatment
<i>Monocotyledonae</i>				
Cynodan dactylon. L	Arugampul	Poaceae	Juice	Ulcer
Saccharum officinarum, L	Karumbu	Poaceae	Stem juice	Jaundice, urinary diseases
Musa paradistica, L	Vaalai	Musaceae	Fruits, stem	Snake bite, urinary diseases
Oriza sativa, L	Nel	Poaceae	Seed	Pain relief
Agave Americana, L	Katralai	Agaveaceae	Stem	Pain killer
Cocos nucifera, L	Thennai	Arecaceae	Endosperm	Hair growth oil
Zea mays, L	Makka solam	Poaceae	Seed	Body health
Bambuza vulgaris, L	Moongil	poaceae	leaves	Un-digestion
<i>Dicotyledonae</i>				
Hibiscus asculantus, Roxb	Vendai	Malvaceae	Root	Kidney disorder
Phllanthus amarus S&T	Kilanelli	euphorbiaceaec	Leaves,stem	Jaundice,
Lycopericha esculandum, L	Thakkali		Fruit,root	Mussels pain killer
Eclipta prostrate, L	Karisalan kanni	Asteraceae	Leaves,stem	Ulcer
Vigno mungo, L	Ullunthu	papillionoidaceae	Seeds	Swelling
Tridax procumbence, L	Kinathubundu	Asreraceae	Leaves	Dysentery
Rosa damascena, L	Rose	Rosaceae	Flower	Heart diseases
Thespiian populnea, L	Puvarasu	Malvaceae	Flower, leaves	Skin,dysentery, piles

<i>Cucurbita maxima</i> , L	Parangi	Cucurbitaceae	Leaves,fruits	Cough,asthma
<i>Solanum nigrum</i> , L	Manathakkali	Solanaceae	Leaves,fruits	Ulcer
<i>Cissus quadrangularis</i> , L	Pirandai	Vitaceae	Stem	Piles,dyspepsia Asthma
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> , L	Naidulsi	Lamiaceae	Leaves	Rhininitis, Anorexia
<i>Hibiscus cannabinus</i> , Griff	Pulichakkalai	Malvaceae	Leaves	Eye diseases
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i> , L	Sudukattu malli	Apocynaceae	Whole plant	Cancer
<i>Gossypium herbaceum</i> , L	Paruthi	Malvaceae	Seeds	Anaemia
<i>Solanum melongena</i> , L	Kathari	Solanaceae	Fruits,leaves	Vomiting,fever
<i>Cassia auriculata</i> , L	Avaram	caesalpiniaceae	Leaves,flower Roots	Eczema diabetes
<i>Aragis hyphogaea</i> , L	Kadalai	Papilionaceae	Seed,flower	Fats increasing
<i>Mangifera indica</i> , L	Maa maram	Anacardiaceae	Bark,	Cattle fever
<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> , L	Nelli	Euphorbiaceae	Fruits	Emaciation, Anorexia
<i>Moringa oleifera</i> , L	Murungai	Moringaceae	Fruits, vegetable	thyroid,spleen
<i>Ricinus communis</i> , L	Amanakku	Euphorbiaceae	Seeds,flower	Headache,piles
<i>Capsicum frutescens</i> , L	Milagai	Solanaceae	Leaves,fruits	Food material
<i>Laplace pupurensis</i> , L	Avarai	papilionoidaceae	Leaves,seed	Face pimples
<i>Jasminum sambac</i> , L	Malli	Oleaceae	Whole plant	Astringent, Anthelmintic
<i>Morinda coreia</i> , Smith	Nuna	Rubiaceae	Root,fruit Leaves	Haemorrhoidal pains,piles
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> , L	Semparuthi	Malvaceae	Flower,leaves	Alopecia diabetes
<i>Solanum torreyana</i> , L	Sundai	Rubiaceae	Fruits,leaves	Asthma, influenza
<i>Delonix elata</i> , L	Vatha narayanan	caesalpinioideae	Leaves	Swelling
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> , L	Suriyakandhi	Asteraceae	Leaves,flowers	Ulcer,fever

<i>Calotropis gigantean</i> , L	Erukan	Asclepiadaceae	Leaves,flower	Skin diseases, poison pruitus
<i>Acalypha indica</i> , L	Kuppaimeni	Euphobiaceae	Whole plant	Headache, cold
<i>Murraya koengii</i> , L	Karuveppilai	Rutaceae	Leaves	Digestive
<i>Occimum santum</i> , L	Thulasi	Lamiaceae	Leaves	Cough
<i>Manihot utilissima</i> , L	Maravalli	Vitaceae	Roots,leaves	Hysteria
<i>Azadirachta indica</i> , L	Vembu	Meliaceae	Whole plant	Skin and eye disease
<i>Carica papaya</i> , L	Pappali	Cariaceae	Fruits	Abatation
<i>Withaniya somnifera</i> , L	Amukura kilangu	Solanaceae	Leaves,seed	Stomac problem

### NUMBER OF CLASES

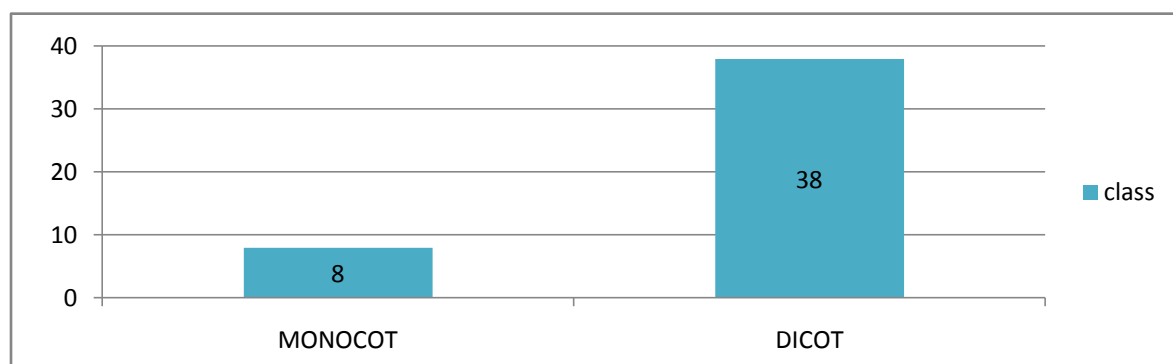


Figure:1 Present study was investigated seed plants, monocot and dicot such as familys

**PLANT USED PART**

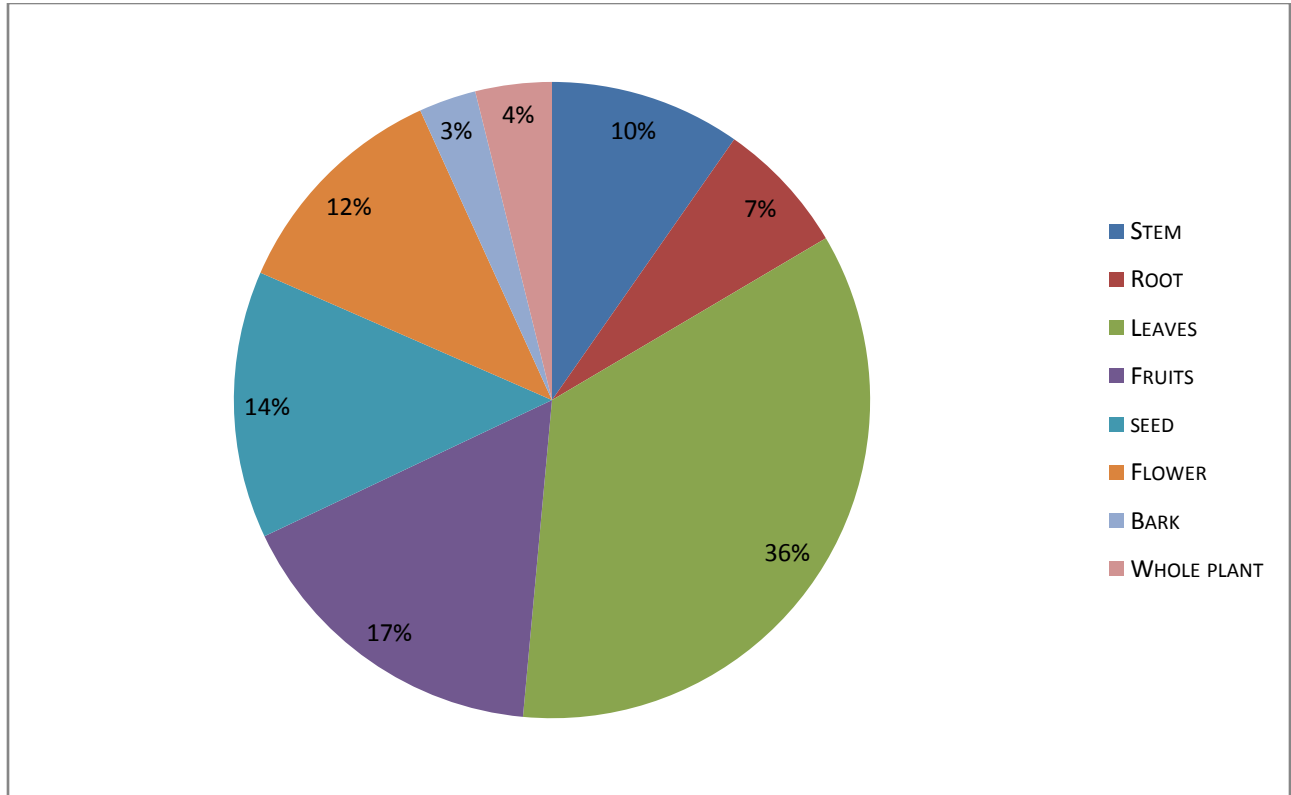


Figure:2 Number of plants parts reported by the present study

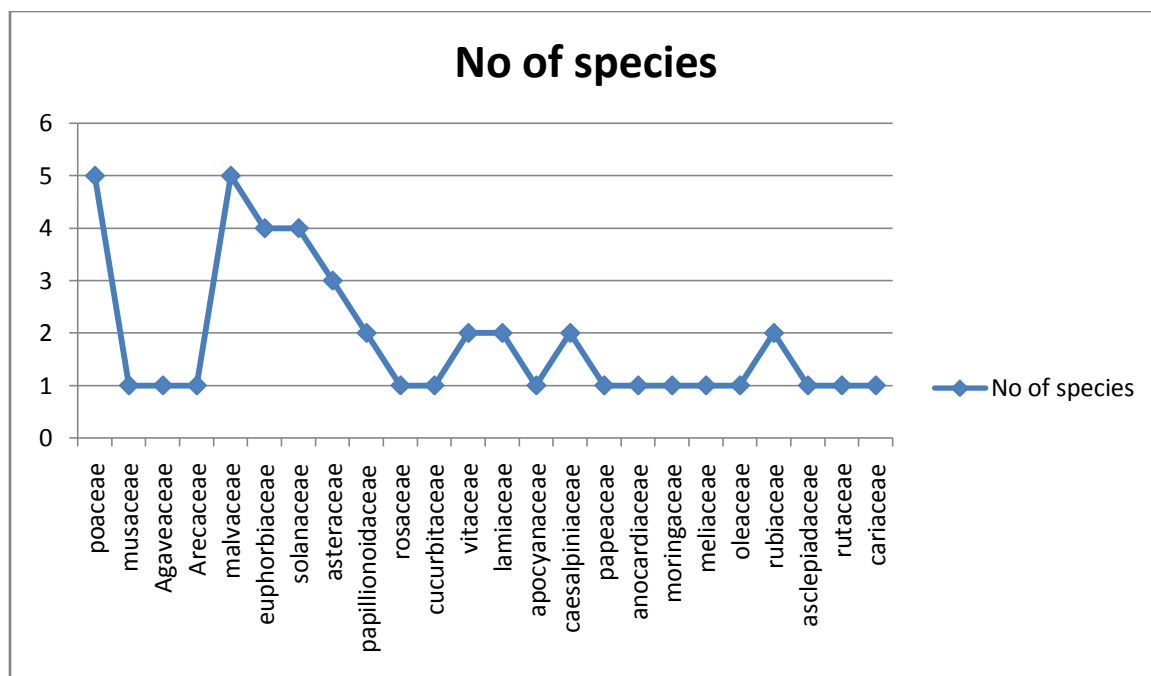


Figure: 3  
Number of the family reported by the present study

Among these monocot plants totally 8 species and dicot plants totally as 38 (figure 1). Therefore 24 families such as *poaceae* (5 species), *musaceae*, *agaveaceae*, *arecaceae*, *malvaceae* (5 species), *euphorbiaceae* (4 species), *solanaceae* (4 species), *asteraceae* (3 species), *papilionoidaceae* (2 species), *rosaceae*, *cucurbitaceae*, *vitaceae* (2 species), *lamiaceae* (2 species), *apocyanaceae*, *caesalpiniaceae* (2 species), *papeaceae*, *anocardiaceae*, *moringaceae*, *meliaceae*, *oleaceae*, *rubiaceae* (2 species), *asclepiadaceae*, *rutaceae*, *cariaceae* (figure 3). Few plants only more species, other family plants are single. Most of the plant tribal people use for daily uses in food and medicine. Percentage for plant part used as: Stem 10%, root 7%, leaves 35%, fruits 16%, seed 13%, flower 12%, bark 3%, whole plant 4% (figure 2).

Traditional healers are commonly using the plants to treat more number of diseases following as: ulcer, jaundice, urinary diseases, snake bite, urinary diseases, Pain relief, Body health, dandruff, Un-digestion, Kidney disorder, Mussels pain killer, Swelling, Dysentery, Heart diseases, Skin, dysentery, piles, Cough, asthma, dyspepsia, asthma, Rhininitis, anorexia, Cancer, Anaemia, Vomiting, fever, Eczema, diabetes, Fats increasing, Cattle fever, Emaciation, anorexia, thyroid, spleen, Headache, Astringent, Face pimples, anthelmintic, Haemorrhoidal, influenza, cold, Hysteria, poison pruitusa, abatement, stomach problem etc.

Ethnobotanical observation on wild medicinal plants includes the indigenous beliefs, knowledge, skills, methods and practices pertaining to the health care of human being. Medicinal plants species are traditionally used daily purpose<sup>13</sup>. Traditional healers use their eyes, ear, nose and hands to diagnose the diseases, this way diagnosis is exclusive because they live in their areas and lack modern scientific equipment for treatment they however treat diseases using medicinal plants<sup>14</sup>.

## CONCLUSION

The knowledge of traditional healers in the treatment of infections has been highly supported by the literature. Present medicinal plant survey provides the platform into the study of traditional used medicinal plants as herbal medicine to cure various human and animal diseases in Pandiyankuppam village, Viluppuram district, Tamilnadu. These medicinal plants cure various diseases like cold, fever, dysentery, wound, burns and cuts, bone

fracture, joint pains, abatement, skin, eye diseases, hysteria, cough, digestive, headache, poison pruritus, ulcer, swelling, asthma, influenza, alopecia, diabetes, haemorrhoidal pains, piles, astringent, anthelmintic, face pimples, stomach complaints etc. There are 45 plants identified in the study area. The present study was undertaken to survey the medicinal plants, identification and their uses were recorded.

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