## UILD FLOWER of Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra



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## Foreword





Watching wildflowers can be most enjoyable pursuit especially if you enjoy sunshine and walking. You can watch flowers at leisure, even while traveling Railway tracks and Road sides can be most productive.

Watching flowers could be rewarding in many ways. It is an incentive to be outdoors, and can be challenging as well as gratifying as you learn to identify flowers, especially some new once which you have never seen before.

More importantly, like some birds and animals, flowering plants could be monitored as indicators of the health of a habitat, according to their presence or absence.

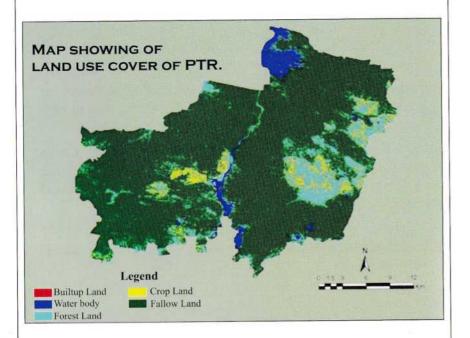
This was noticed by our young forest officers Ms. Geeta Nannaware and Mr. Atul Deokar, hence they had taken much efforts to click, collect and document the floral diversity in Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.

The result of their hard work is in our hand and I believe that this pictorial guide will prove helpful for all novices and curious minds.

All the best.



The Pench National Park came into being when the Government of Maharashtra declared its intention to constitute this area of 257.26 sq. km. vide gazette notification No. PGS 1375/121758-F I. Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1975. Later on Pench National Park has been declared as a 25th Tiger reserve of India vide Government of India letter F No. 1-1/96-PT, dated 18 February 1999 and Government of Maharashtra Resolution No. WLP-1095/CR-110/F-1, dated 23rd February 1999.



## Introduction

Flowering plants are the largest dominant group in the plant kingdom. It could be monitored as as indicators of the health of a habitat, according to their presence or absence. India, being a vast country with wide contrasts in physical features and climate, possesses one of the richest and the most varied flora in the world.

The National Park, in its Bio-geographic location is a true representative of the Central highland which comes under the Deccan Peninsula. The biogeography sub division or region which it represents is SatpudaMaikal division.

It inhabits in itself the rich bio-diversity with plenty of floral and faunal representative of this area. The conservation of this area ensures the sustainability of such ecological processes and bio-diversity, which definitely has a global significance. This area acts as lungs for this Nagpur and adjoining area.

The Park is located in the southern lower reaches of the Satpuda hill ranges, which form the catchments for river Pench. The Pench river flows almost through the centre of the Park in North - South direction. The folding and upheavals in the past resulted in formation of a series of hills and with major undulating portion lying in West Pench Range while East Pench Range is comparatively less undulating.

In West Pench range areas the land from river Pench gradually rises toward west forming a plateau between Lamandoh to Gawalighat. After gradually sloping down towards Narhar, the land again rises forming a series of undulating hills. Again the land rises and continues as a highly undulating plateau up to Totladoh. Most of the low lying lands on eastern side of river, Pench have come under submergence area of the Meghdoot Dam.

Terrain of whole of the West Pench range area has a slope on eastern side to form a major watershed for the Pench river. Whereas, nearly half of the East Pench range along North-South line slopes towards Pench river to West while the eastern fringes of the Park has slopes towards east.

The Pench National Park is very rich in floral diversity pertaining to this area. The forest type is "Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest" and is grouped as 5AC3 under revised classification of the forests by Champion and Seth. The diverse vegetation type ranges from such climax forests as Dry Teak forest and Southern dry deciduous mixed forests to edaphic types as Boswellia forest, Mowai forest, Garari forest and primary seral stages like dry tropical Riparian forest

## Peculiar characteristics of families enlisted

## 1) FAMILY-MENISPERMACEAE

Climbing or twining, rarely erect shrubs.

Leaves-alternate, usually palmi-nerved, often peltate, stipules Flowers-small, dioecious or polygamous. swpajs usually 6, outer three often minute. petals usually 6, sometimes wanting Fruits-generally drupaceous, seed enclosed in a woody or coriaceous endocarp, usually curved or horseshoe shape

## FAMILY-CAPPARIDACEAE.

Herb, shrub or trees, sometimes climbing

Leaves-simple or 6-9 foliolate, stipules mostly spinescent, in some genera wanting

Flowers-usually bisexual,often zygomarphic.sepals 4,free or connate,petals 4,sometimes 2 or none,imbricate or open in bud. stamens exserted,generally numerous.

Fruits-seeds without albumen, embryo incurved

## 3) FAMILY-MALVACEAE

Herbs,rarely arborescent, younger parts clothed with stellate hairs, wood light, soft.

Leav es-alternate, mostly stipulate, generally palmi-nerved Flowers- large, regular, bisexual. sepals generally 5, more or less connate. valvate in bud. petals 5, hypogynous, usually adnate to the base of staminal, column, in bud twisted or imbricate Fruits-a number of distinct carpels or a capsule, opening loculicidally. seeds generally without albumen.

## 4) FAMILY-TILIACEAE

Trees or shrubs, some geners herbaceous

Leaves-alternate, simple, stipules-deciduous

Flowers-regular, generally bisexual and pentamerous sepals free or connate, valvate stamens numerous, free, sometimes in bundles

Fruits-seeds with or without albumen

## 5) FAMILY-LEGUMINOSAE

Leav es generally alternate, compound and stipulate Flowers-bisexuals, in panicles, racemes, spikes or heads. calyx more or less deeply divided into 5 segments. petals 5, rarely less, in the majority of genera unequal and zygomorphic. Fruits-pods generally dry, indehiscent, or separating into two halves along one or both sutures.

## 1-SUBFAMILY-PAPILIONACEAE

Calyx gamopetalous, petals free, unequal, imbricate, the posterior outside, stamens generally diadelphous

## 2-SUBFAMILY-CEASALPINIEAE

Calyx divided nearly to the base, petals free, mostly unequal, imbricate, the posterior inside, stamens free

## 2-SUBFAMILY-MIMOSAE

Calyx gamosepalous, petals more or less connate, equal, valvate, stamens free or monoadelphous

## 6) FAMILY-EUPHORBIACEAE

Herbs, shrubs or trees, milky sap in some genera

Leaves-alternate, undivided, usually stipulate

Flowers-mostly small, nearly always unisexual, perianth usually simple and calcyne, petals present in several genera, connective often thick and large.

Fruits-either a capsule of 2-valved,1-2- seeded cocci, usually separating from a persistent axis or a drupe.

## 7) FAMILY-RUBIACEAE

Trees, shrubs or herbs, rarely climbers

Leaves-opposite or whorled, stipules interpetiolar, sometimes

intrapetiolar

Flowers-corolla gamopetalous inserted round the epigynous disk, lobes usually 4-5, anthers dorsifixed

Fruits-embryo in a copious, rarely thin, fleshy or horny albumen.

## 8) FAMILY-COMPOSITAE

Herbs, rarely shrubs or trees

Leaves-with few exceptions alternate, stipules 0

Flowers-inflorescence a head of many small flowers, sessile on the receptacle enclosed in an involucre of whorled or imbricate bracts. Fruits-indehiscent, seed 1, albumen 0

## 9) FAMILY-OLEACEAE

A large deciduous shrub or small tree, branches quadrangular, rough all over with an uneven epidermis and stiff white hairs. Leaves-ovate, acuminate, entire or with a few large distant teeth. Flowers-sessile, in pedunculate bracteates fascicles of 3-5, arranged in short trichotomous cymes. calyx campanulate, indistinctly dentate, corolla-lobes 5-8, white, crenate or emarginate, contorted in bud.

Fruits-capsule chartaceous, flat, splitting into two 1-seeded cells, cotyledons flat, radicle inferior, albumen 0

## 10) FAMILY-APOCYNACEAE

Trees, shrubs, often twining, rarely perennial herbs, juice frequently milky.

Leaves-entirf, opposite or whorled, rarely alternate, stipules 0 orsmall gland-like, intra-or inter-petiolar.

Flowers-regular, bisexual, usually pentamerous. calyx free, divided nearly or quite to the base into 5 segments or sepals, generally imbricate in bud. corolla hypogynous, gamopetalous, lobes 5 Fruits-seeds often with a tuft of hairs, usually with scanty

albumen, embryo straight

## 11) FAMILY-ASCLEPIADACEAE

Perennial herbs or shrubs, frequently climbing.

Leaves-entire, with rare exceptions opposite, sometimes wanting, atipules 0.

Flowers-regular, bisexual, pentamerous, usually middle-sized or small, inflorescence axillary or interpetiolar, usually cymose. Fruits-follicle,seeds compressed, usually winged and surrounded by dense brush of hairs.

## 12) FAMILY-CONVOLVULACEAE

Herbs, rarely shrubs, often twining.

Leaves-alternats, stipules 0

Flowers- bisexual, regular, pentamerous, generaly large and showy. calyx of 5 distinct sepals, much imbricate in bud, persistent, often enlarged in fruit. corolla campanulate or funnel-shaped, limb 5-angled or 5 lobed, usually folded in bud.

Fruits-seeds with scanty mucilaginous albumen.

## 13) FAMILY-SCROPHULARIACEAE

Herbs, rarely shrubs or trees.

Leaves-usually opposite, stipules 0

Flowers-usually bisexual, pentamerous and zygomorphic. calyx inferior, corolla hypogynous, stamens usually 4, didynamous, with a rudimentary  $5^{th}$ .

Fruits-usually a capsule, seed as a rule numerous, albumen as a rule fleshy.

## 14) FAMILY-ACANTHACEAE

Mostly herbs, rarely shrubs or trees.

Leaves-opposite, rarely lobed, stipules 0.

Flowers-usually in the axils of bracts, each flower supported by 2 bracteolate, calyx usually 5-lobed or of 5 sepals, corolla as a rule 2-lipped or 5-lobed, lobes imbricate or contorted in bud. Fruits-capsules loculicidal, seeds often clothed with white elastic hairs.

## 15) FAMILY-VERBENACEAE

Herbs, shrubs or trees.

Leaves-opposite, whorled, rarely alternate, stipules 0. Flowers-zygomorphic, rarely regular, 4-or 5-merous. calyx usually gamosepalous, persistent, often enlarged in fruits. corolla gamopetalous, hypogynous, lobes imbricate in bud. Fruits-Embryo straight, cotyledons thick, radicle inferior.

## 16) FAMILY-POLYGONACEAE

Herbs, rarely shrubs or trees.

Leaves-alternate, simple, stipulate, stipules usually sheathing. Flowers-small, usually bisexual, jointed on the pedicel. perianth of 3-6 free or connate persistent sepals, imbricate in bud. Fruits-nut hard, usually enclosed in the calyx, seed erect, radicle superior, albumen mealy or horny.

## 17) FAMILY-ARISTOLOCHIACEAE

Herbs or shrubs often clmbing

Leaves - alternate entire or 3 - 5 lobed, stipules 0

Flowers – bisexual, often large. Perianth superior, regular or zygomorphic 3-lobed or tubular.

Fruits -capsular or baccate, seeds numerous, embryo minute in a copious, fleshy albumen.

## 18) FAMILY-AMARANTHACEAE

Mostly herbs

Leaves -opposite or alternate, stipules 0

Flowers – supported by bracts or bracteoles, in terminal simple or panicled spikes, perianth of 5 sepals useually scarious or rigid, persistent, imbricate in bud.

Fruits -seed 1 , erect, comprest, testa crustaceous, embryo horseshoe -shaped or annular, surrounding a mealy albumen.

## 19) FAMILY-STERCULIACEAE

Trees, shrubs, climbers or herbs, frequently tomentos with stellate hairs

Leaves - alternate, mostly stipulate

Flowers-regular, rarely zygomorphic, bisexual or unisexual.calyx more or less deeply divided into 5, rarely less. petals 5 or none. stamens commonly monoadelphous, with 5,10 or 15. Fruits-carpels either distinct or united into loculicidaly dehiscent capsules

## 20) FAMILY-VITACEAE

Herbs or shrubs, erect or climbing

Leaves-alternate

Flowers-regular, inflorescence cymose, generally leaf-opposed. calyx small, 4-5dentate or entire, petals 4-5, valvate in bud Fruits-berry, seeds with a stony or crustaceous testa, embryo small, in a copious generally hard albumen.

## 21) FAMILY-BORAGINACEAE

As a rule herbs, trees and shrubs in a few genera only. Leaves-alternate, rarely opposite, usually undivided, stipules 0. Flowers-bisexual, as a rule regular, mostly pentamerous, in unilateral spikes or racemes, calyx free, persistent, lobes valvate in

bud. corolla hypogynous, gamopetalous, stamens inserted in the tube, alternating with lobes

Fruits-embryo straight, radicle short, superior, albumen none or scanty.

## 22) FAMILY-SOLANACEAE

Mostly herbaceous, some genera comprise shrubs and softwooded trees.

Leaves-as a rule alternate, stipules 0.

Flowers-usually bisexual, regular pentamerous. calyx free, usually gamosepalous, corolla-lobes induplicate, imbricate or valvate in bud.

Fruits-an indehiscent berry, rarely a capsule. embryo curved or spiral, albumen fleshy.

## 23) FAMILY-LAMIACEAE

Herbs, rarely shrubs, usually aromatic. essential oil is secreted in hairs with glandular heads or in sessile glands. branshes usually four-sided.

Leaves-opposite or whorled, stipules 0

Flowers-zygomorphic, calyx persistent, 4- or 5-toothed or cleft or 2-lipped. corolla hypogyous, gamopetalous, 2-lipped, sometimes regularly 4-5 lobed, lobes imbricate in bud.

Fruits-one seeded nutlets.

## 24) FAMILY-LILIACEAE

Perennial herbs with creeping rootstock, bulbs or fibrous roots. shrubs or trees in a few genera.

Flowers-bisexual, perianth usually 6-merous in 2 series, imbricate in bud.

Fruits-embryo small, surrounded by the horny or fleshy albumen.

## 25) FAMILY-COMMELINACEAE

succulent herbs gregerious, mainly annuals.

Leaves-Lanceolate sheath inflated

Flowers-usually surrounded by boat shape bract. some bears underground flowers, beside their normal blue flowers.

## 26) FAMILY-ORCHIDACEAE

Perennial flowering plants ,grow on land and on trees, epiphytes, have swollen stems called pseudobulbs.

Leaves-Plicate or Lorate

Flower-highly specialized to attract pollinators.

Fruits-very small seeds, require symbiotic fungi to germinate.

## 27) FAMILY-ZINGIBERACEAE

Herbs with fleshy and aromatic, underground rhizome.

Leaves-Large, distichous, sessile, lanceolate.

Flowers-borne either at the tip of the stem or on separate flowering shoots that grow next to the plant.

## List of Wild flowers

Sr.No	Botanical name	Family
1	Abelmoschus moschatus	Malvaceae
2	Abrus precatorius	Leguminosae
3	Acalypha ciliata	Euphorbiaceae
4	Achyranthes aspera	Amaranthaceae
5	Alternanthera tenella	Amaranthaceae
6	Alysicarpus bupleurifolius	Leguminosae
7	Alysicarpus hamosus	Leguminosae
8	Alysicarpus sp.	Leguminosae
9	Ammannia bacciflora	Lythraceae
10	Amorphophyllus sp.	Araceae
11	Ampelocissus latifolia	Vitaceae
12	Andrographis echioides	Acanthaceae
13	Anisochilus acemela	Lamiaceae
14	Anisochilus carnosus	Lamiaceae
15	Anisomeleus indica	Lamiaceae
16	Antigonon leptopus	Polygonaceae
17	Argyreia sericea	Convolvulaceae
18	Aristolochia indica	Aristolochiaceae
19	Asparagus racemosus	Asparagaceae
20	Aspedopterys cordata	Malpighiaceae
21	Bacopa monnieri	Scrophulariaceae
22	Barleria cristata	Acanthaceae
23	Biophytum reinwadtii	Oxalidaceae
24	Biophytum sensitivum	Oxalidaceae
25	Blepharis maderaspatensis	Acanthaceae
26	Borreria articularis	Boraginaceae
27	Borreria pusilla	Boraginaceae
28	Boerhavia diffusa	Nyctaginaceae
29	Caesulia axillaris	Asteraceae

30	Cassia absus	Leguminosae
31	Cassia tora	Leguminosae
32	Cassia mimosoides	Leguminosae
33	Celosia argentea	Amaranthaceae
34	Ceropegia hirsuta	Apocynaceae
35	Chirita hamosa	Gesneriaceae
36	Cissampelos pareira	Menispermaceae
37	Cleome chelonoides	Cleomaceae
38	Cleome viscosa	Cleomaceae
39	Clerodendron serratum	Verbenaceae
40	Commeliana attunata	Commelinaceae
41	Commelina benghalensis	Commelinaceae
42	Commelina hassakarlii	Commelinaceae
43	Conscora decurrens	Gentianaceae
44	Conscora decussata	Gentianaceae
45	Corchorus capsularis	Malvaceae
46	Corchorus tridens	Malvaceae
47	Cosmos bipinnatus	Asteraceae
48	Crinum latifolium	Amaryllidaceae
49	Crinum vivipa <del>r</del> um	Amaryllidaceae
50	Crotolaria montana	Leguminosae
51	Cucumis melo	Cucurbitaceae
52	Curculigo orchioides	Hypoxidaceae
53	Curcurma pseudomontana	Zingiberaceae
54	Cyanotis cristata	Commelinaceae
55	Datura metel	Solanaceae
56	Depteracanthus sp.	Acanthaceae
57	Desmodium triflorum	Leguminosae
58	Dioscorea bulbifera	Dioscoreaceae
59	Dioscorea pentaphylla	Dioscoreaceae

50	Diplocyclos palmatus	Cucubitaceae
51	Dopatrium junceum	Scrophulariaceae
62	Eclipta alba	Asteraceae
63	Elephantopus scaber	Asteraceae
64	Euphorbia hirta	Euphorbiaceae
65	Evolvulus alsinoides	Convolvulaceae
66	Evolvulus nummularius	Convolvulaceae
67	Gomphrena serrata	Amaranthaceae
68	Gardenia resinifera	Rubiaceae
69	Gloriosa superba	Liliaceae
70	Glossocardia bosvallea	Asteraceae
71	Grangea maderaspatana	Asteraceae
72	Habenaria commelinifolia	Orchidaceae
73	Habenaria roxburghii	Orchidaceae
74	Helicteres isora	Sterculiaceae
75	Heliotropium indicum	Boraginaceae
76	Hibiscus hirtus	Malvaceae
77	Hibiscus lobatus	Malvaceae
78	Hybanthus enneaspermus	Acanthaceae
79	Hyptis suaveolens	Lamiaceae
80	Icnocarpus frutescens	Lamiaceae
81	Impatiens balsamina	Balsaminaceae
82	Indigofera glabra	Leguminosae
83	Indigofera linnaei	Leguminosae
84	Ipomoea chinensis	Convolvulaceae
85	Ipomoea carnea	Convolvulaceae
86	Ipomoea hederifolia	Convolvulaceae
87	Ipomoea pes-tigridis	Convolvulaceae
88	Ipomoea triloba	Convolvulaceae
89	Ipomoea laxiflora	Convolvulaceae

90	Justicia betonica	Acanthaceae
91	Justicia procumbens	Acanthaceae
92	Justicia simplex	Acanthaceae
93	Lagascea mollis	Compositae
94	Lantana camara	Verbenaceae
95	Lavendula bipinnata	Asteraceae
96	Leea asiatica	Leeaceae
97	Lenotis nepetifolia	Lamiaceae
98	Lepidagathis cristata	Acanthaceae
99	Leucas aspera	Lamiaceae
100	Leucas biflora	Lamiaceae
102	Lindernia antipoda	Scrophulariaceae
103	Lindernia sp.	Scrophulariaceae
104	Ludwigia perennis	Onagraceae
105	Luffa cylindrica	Cucurbitaceae
106	Martynia annua	Martyniaceae
107	Melochia corchorifolia	Sterculiaceae
108	Mimosa hamata	Leguminosae
109	Momordica charantia	Cucurbitaceae
110	Monocaria vaginalis	Pontederiaceae
111	Mucuna pruriens	Leguminosae
112	Murdannia spirata	Commelinaceae
113	Murdannia semiteres	Commelinaceae
114	Nyctanthes arbor-tristis	Oleaceae
115	Nymphaea nouchali	Nymphaeaceae
116	Nymphoides hydrophylla	Menyanthaceae
117	Orthosiphon rubicundus	Lamiaceae
118	Oxystelma esculentum	Apocynaceae
119	Passiflora foetida	Passifloraceae
120	Pavonia zeylanica	Malvaceae

121	Phyla nodiflora	Lamiaceae
122	Phyllanthus debilis	Phyllanthaceae
123	Plumbago zeylanica	Plumginaceae
126	Polygala erioptera	Polygalaceae
127	Polygonum glabrum	Polygalaceae
128	Pupalia lappaceae	Amaranthaceae
129	Scoparia dulcis	Scrophulariaceae
130	Seasamum orientale	Pedaliaceae
132	Senecio grahami	Compositae
133	Sesbania sesban	Leguminosae
134	Sida acuta	Malvaceae
135	Sida cordata	Malvaceae
136	Sida rhombifolia	Malvaceae
137	Smithia conferta	Leguminosae
138	Sollanum surattense	Leguminosae
139	Sonerilla tenra	Melastomataceae
140	Sopubia delphinifolia	Orobanchaceae
141	Spermacoce articularis	Rubiaceae
142	Spilanthes paniculata	Asteraceae
143	Spigelia anthelmia	Spigeliaceae
144	Striga densiflora	Orobanchaceae
145	Tephrosia purpurea	Leguminosae
146	Thespesia lampas	Malvaceae
147	Trichodesma indicum	Boraginaceae
148	Trichodesma lobata	Boraginaceae
149	Triumfetta rhomboidea	Tiliaceae
150	Trichosanthes cucumerina	Cucurbitaceae
151	Uraria picta	Leguminosae
152	Urena lobata	Malvaceae
153	Vanda tessellata	Orchidaceae

154	Verbascum chinensis,	Scrophulariaceae
155	Vernonia cinerea	Asteraceae
156	Vicoa indica	Compositae
157	Vigna radiata	Leguminosae
158	Vigna sp.	Leguminosae
159	Vigna vexilata	Leguminosae
160	Vitex negundo	Verbenaceae
161	Withania somnifera	Solanaceae
162	Zingiber capitatum	Zingiberaceae
163	Zingiber roseum	Zingiberaceae
164	Zinnia sp.	Asteraceae
164	Zornia diphylla	Leguminosae





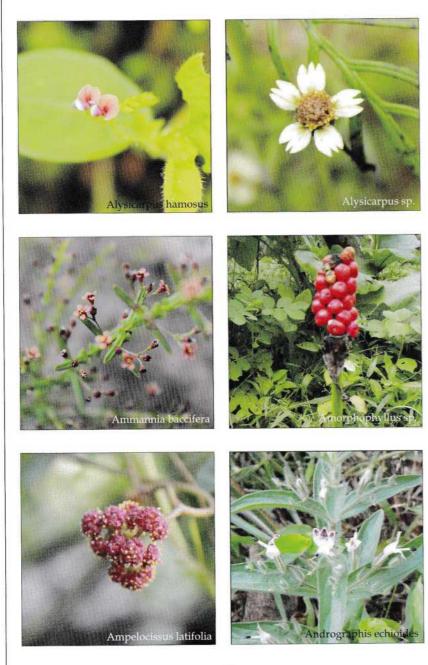


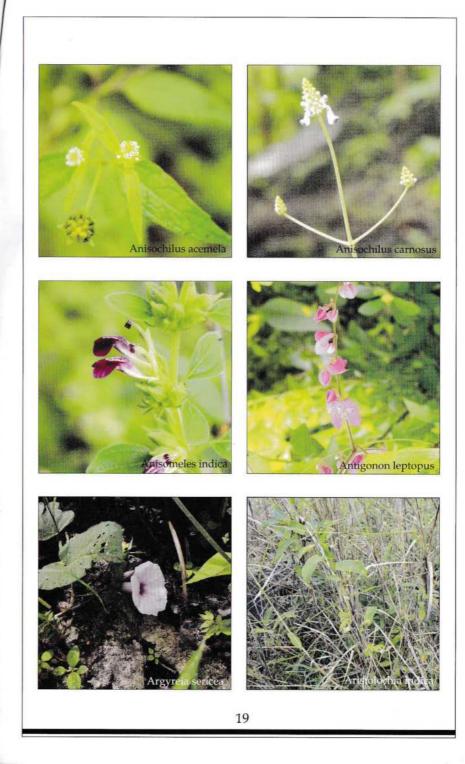


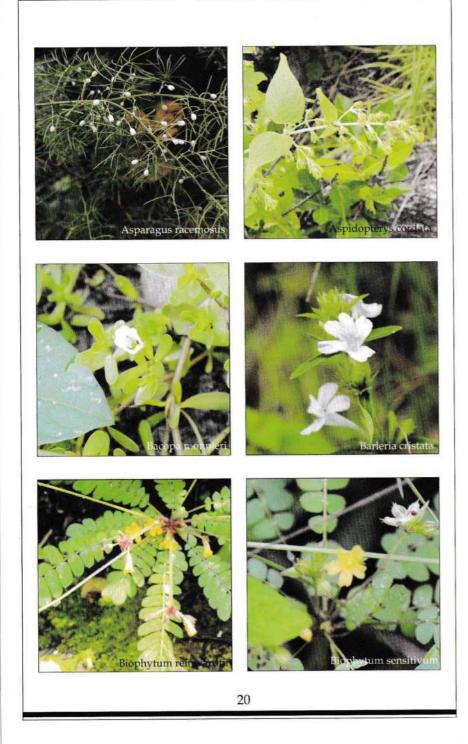


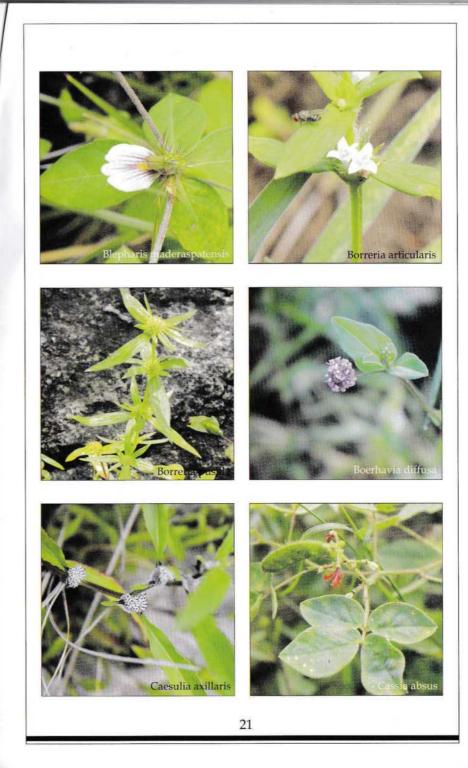




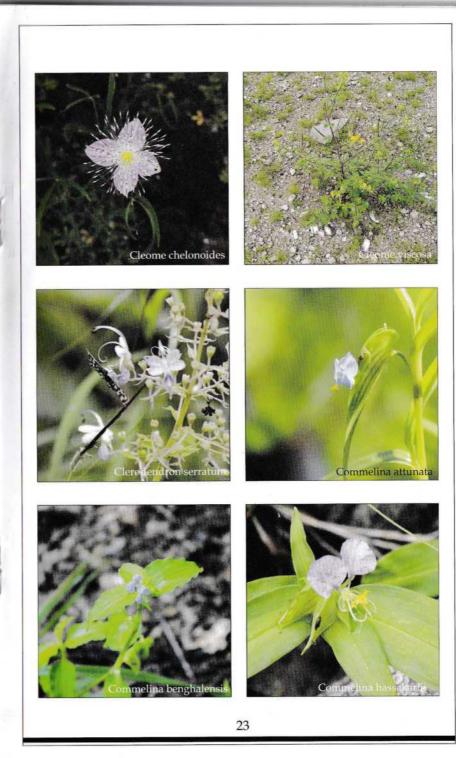


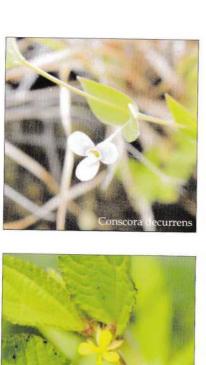


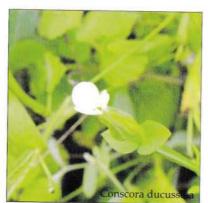


























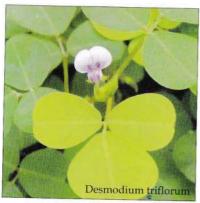






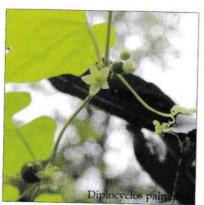












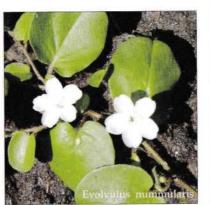


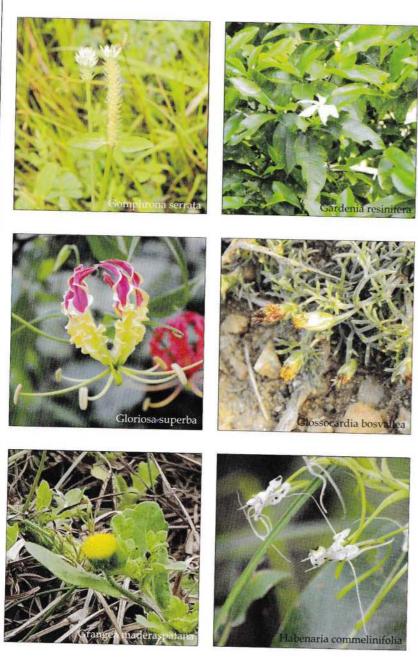


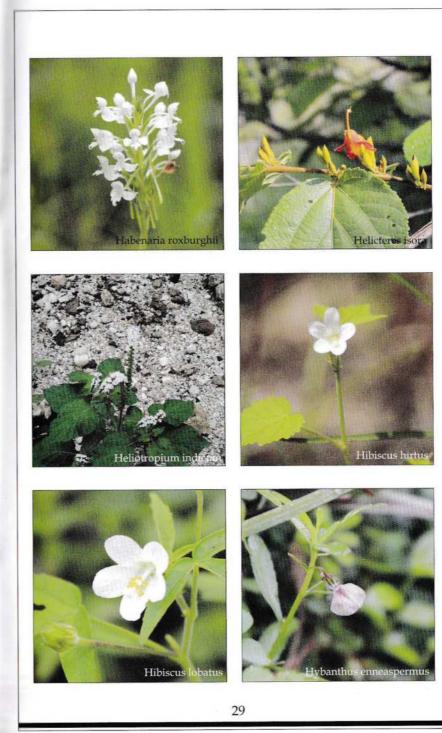


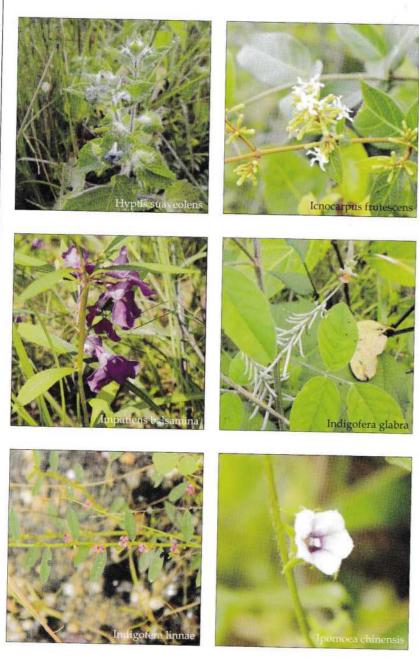


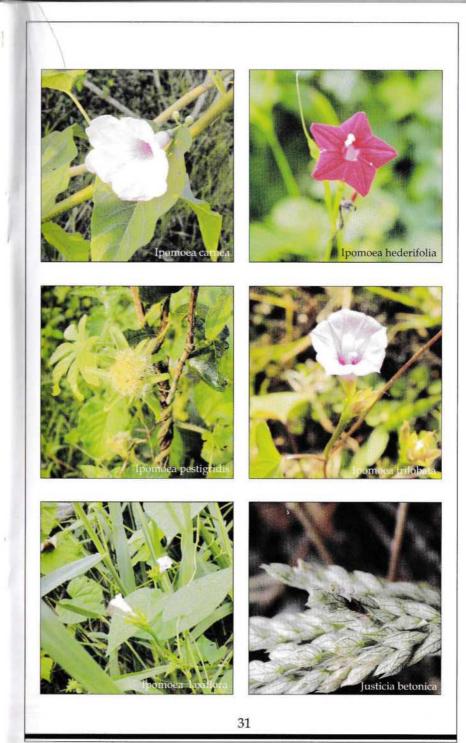


















































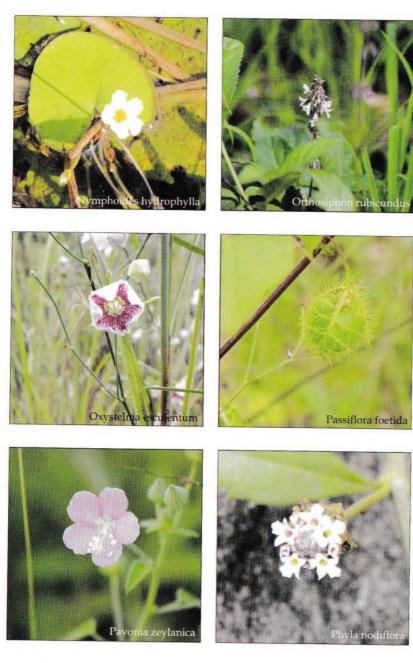


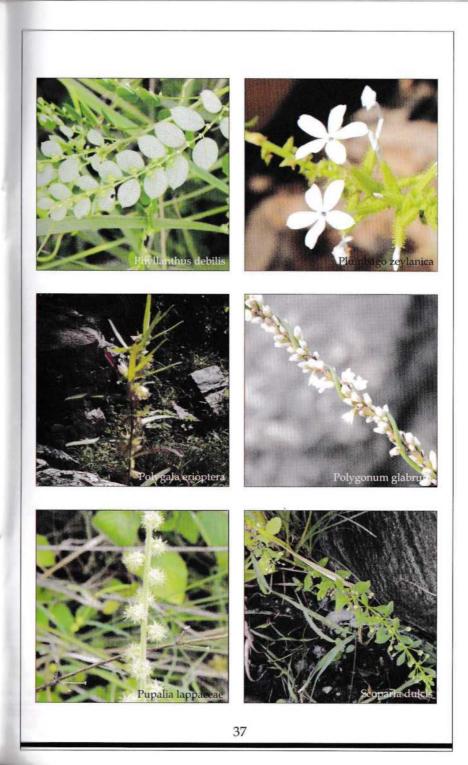


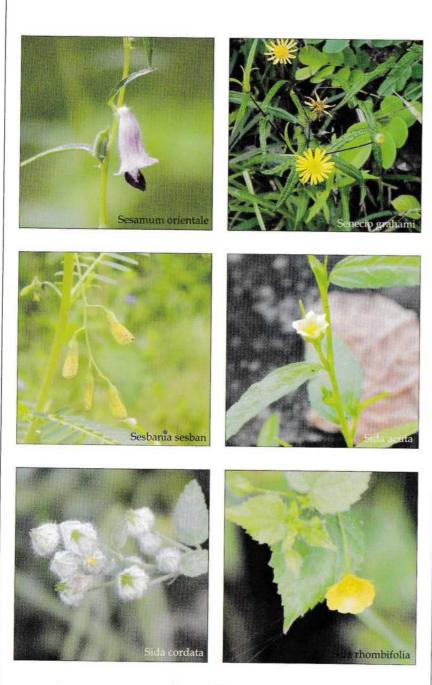


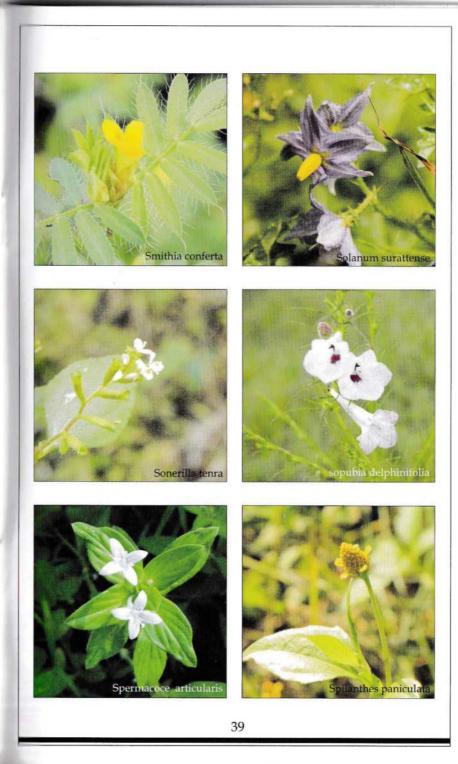


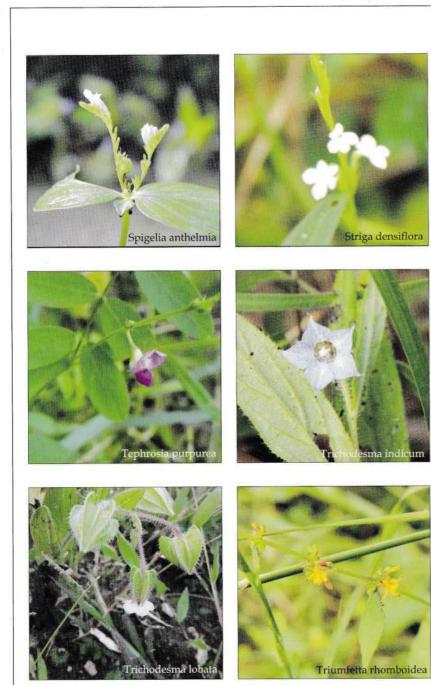


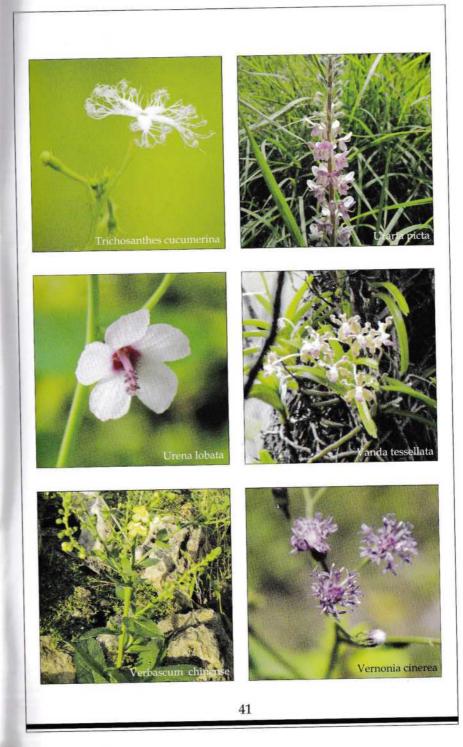




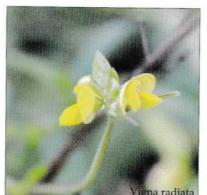










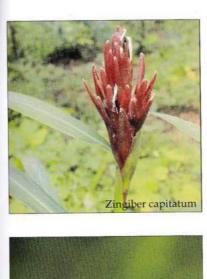


















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