

Prinsepia utilis Royle

Family: Rosaceae

Common names: Bhekhel, Dhatila, Bhikal

Part Used: Fruit, Seed



Fig. *Prinsepia utilis*

Description:

Prinsepia utilis is a shrub distributed throughout the Himalayas. Leaves are elliptic or lanceolate in shape. Flowers are yellowish-white in colour born on axillary racemes. Fruit is a drupe and purple to almost black in colour. Fruit include a single brown seed having thick oily cotyledons.

Utilization:

Seed oil is used for treating rheumatism and muscular pain. The oil is also used to treat cough and cold. The heated oil cake can also be used to treat stomach aches. The paste of seed cake is used as a poultice to treat ringworm or eczema.