

Flora of the Indian Institute of Science campus

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Abstract

Floristic inventory of the Indian Institute of Science campus was undertaken to enumerate the biodiversity of the campus which harbors part of the natural vegetation of Bangalore city. The inventory yielded 112 species of woody (trees) and 265 species of nonwoody (shrubs/herbs/grasses) plants. Species were analysed for nativity and utility and were also enumerated. Analysis of woody species revealed that 44.5% of trees were native (indigenous) and 55.5% were exotic in origin. Family *Fabaceae* dominated the tree flora and *Poaceae* (grasses) dominated the nonwoody flora. Utilitarian aspects of herbaceous plants were also studied.

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1. Introduction

The most probable natural vegetation of Bangalore is tropical thorn scrub and dry deciduous forest type. The remnants of this past vegetation are found in Bannerghatta National Park. The deciduous forests are characterized by trees, which remain leafless during summer and have open canopy. *Anogeissus latifolia*, *Cochlospermum religiosum*, *Terminalia crenulata*, *Shorea roxburghii* and *Tectona grandis* are the common trees in these forests. Ground flora is seasonal. Stands of *Phoenix sylvestris* can be seen in the shallow valleys. However, constant anthropogenic pressure would reduce this forest formation to drier formation with plants having tiny leaves and spines as an adaptation to xeric condition. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) harbors a variety of habitats supporting distinct group of plant species, viz., 1. Remnants of natural vegetation, 2. Swamps, 3. Plantation and 4. Avenues.

The IISc campus ($13^{\circ} 2' N$ and $77^{\circ} 32' E$) is one of the richest zones of plant diversity in the city of Bangalore. The campus sprawls over 179.28 hectares in Malleswaram, the then outskirts of Bangalore city.

The remnants of the natural vegetation of Bangalore are still found on the campus, near the airstrip, close to the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS). The vegetation formation represents xeric formation of deciduous forest type. Many species have tiny leaflets and spines as an adaptation. This part of the campus is rich in thorny species like *Acacia* and *Ziziphus*. Species like *Phoenix* (Date palm), *Bauhinia* and *Santalum album* (sandalwood) are also found here along with species of grass typical to dry forests such as *Themeda triandra* and *Heteropogon contortus*. Yet another natural habitat on the campus is the swampy ground near the Centre for Electronics Design Technology (CEDT). Important species of the swamp are *Asteracantha*

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longifolia, *Polygonum chinensis*, *Eriocaulon* sp. and a typical plant of marshy areas, *Typha angustata*.

The only plantation on the campus is of *Acacia auriculiformis* and this is found in the Jubilee Garden area. There are several avenues on the campus named after trees, For example, Nilgiri Marg (*Eucalyptus* sp.), Mandara Marg (*Bauhinia* sp.), Silver Oak Marg (*Grevillea* sp.), etc. Other avenue trees in some of the important lanes of the campus are *Peltophorum pterocarpum* (copper pod tree), *Samanea saman* (rain tree), and *Delonix regia* (Gul Mohar).

2. Floristic analysis

IISc campus has rich assemblages of plant species. There are 112 species of trees belonging to 32 families and 265 species of herbs belonging to 52 families. Grasses alone, the most dominant family on the campus, account for 45 species. Thus, the species richness of the campus is comparable with other floristically rich centres of Bangalore. For example, Cubbon Park has an estimated richness of 300 species while Lalbagh has approximately 400 species, mostly exotics.

2.1. Exotics and indigenous (native) species

Many species on the campus are also exotics or introduced. Several of these species are trees and introduced for their attractive foliage or for their ornamental value. Species such as *Spathodea campanulata* (Indian tulip tree), *Millingtonia hortensis* (Indian cork tree) and shrubs like *Calliandra haematocephala* (powder puff) have been planted for their brightly coloured flowers while *Ficus benjamina* and *Tabebuia rosea* have been planted for their foliage. Along with the exotics, there are several indigenous species like *Cassia fistula* (Indian laburnum) and *Saraca asoca* (Ashoka tree).

2.2. Common and rare species of the campus

Some of the common trees on the campus are *Polyalthia longifolia* (Avenue Ashoka), *Broussonetia papyrifera* (Paper mulberry), *Acacia auriculiformis* (Australian acacia) and *Santalum album* (Sandalwood tree). On the other hand, species like *Shorea roxburghii* (Dhoop) near the Civil Engineering Department, *Ceratonia siliqua* (St. John's bread) near basketball court and *Crescentia cujete* (Calabash tree) have only a single specimen or tree on the campus. Other rare species include *Filicium decipiens* (Fern tree), *Feronia elephantum* (Wood apple), *Mellettia peguensis*, *Dillenia indica* (Elephant apple), *Pseudobombax ellipticum* and *Chorisia speciosa* that are represented by a few individuals.

2.3. Species of utilitarian value

Some of the species of utility value (list not exhaustive) are: a) fruit-yielding *Mangifera indica* (Mango), *Anona squamosa* (Custard apple), *Artocarpus integrifolius* (Jackfruit) and *Syzygium cumini* (Jamun), b) ornamental: *Spathodea campanulata* (Indian tulip tree), *Lagerstroemia reginae*, *Michelia champaka* (Champak tree), *Tabebuia* sp., *Plumeria alba* and *P. rubra* (Temple tree), c) other utilities: *Bombax ceiba* (Silk cotton tree), *Saraca asoka* (Sacred tree), *Santa-*

lum album (Sandalwood), *Ficus* sp. ('Key stone species'), *Azadirachta indica* (Neem tree) and *Anthocephalus chinensis* which is a sacred tree.

3. Familial analysis of flora

Fabaceae is the most speciose family on the campus with 32 species. Other speciose families include *Bignoniaceae* (10 species), *Moraceae* (11 species), *Myrtaceae*, *Meliaceae* and *Palmae* with 5 species each. Analysis of the woody species reveals that a total of 44.5% species are indigenous and 55.5% are introduced. Families like *Fabaceae*, *Bignoniaceae* and *Moraceae* are represented by both introduced as well as indigenous species. On the other hand, families like *Proteaceae*, *Lecythidaceae*, *Casuarinaceae*, *Araliaceae*, *Musaceae*, *Moringaceae* and *Elaeocarpaceae* are represented only by exotic species. *Santalaceae*, *Sapindaceae*, *Lythraceae*, *Rutaceae*, *Magnoliaceae* and *Dipterocarpaceae* are families represented only by indigenous species.

Interestingly, *Elaeocarpaceae*, an arborescent family being represented by several species in the dense forests of Western Ghats, is represented on the campus by an introduced species, *Muntingia calabura*. In the same way, family *Araliaceae* represented by trees and stragglers in the Western Ghats and forming an association species of evergreen and montane forests is represented by an introduced species, *Brassia actinophylla* on the campus. Another interesting feature is the representation of the family *Euphorbiaceae*, one of the most speciose families of angiosperms in the world, being represented by an introduced species, *Aleurites fordii*.

Nonwoody flora (including shrubs, herbs and grasses) of the campus are also quite interesting. They have representation in all habitats existing within the campus. There are 60 species of shrubs (bushy plants), 165 species of herbs (small plants) and 45 species of grasses. Some of the larger families of herbaceous species are *Acanthaceae* (16 species), *Asteraceae* (15 species), *Euphorbiaceae* (22 species) and *Poaceae* (Graminae) (45 species) with ample representation on the campus. *Menispermaceae* (1 species), *Portulacaceae* (1 species) and *Plumbaginaceae* (2 species) are families with less representation. The common and rare species (refer to restricted distribution with fewer individuals) within the campus are given in Table I. Some of the exotic herbaceous species with their origin are listed in Table II.

Table I
Most common and rare species

Sl no.	Common species	Sl no.	Rare species
1.	<i>Peristrophe bicalyculata</i>	1.	<i>Thunbergia mysorensis</i>
2.	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	2.	<i>Euphorbia leucocephala</i>
3.	<i>Bidens biternata</i>	3.	<i>Entada pusaetha</i>
4.	<i>Eupatorium odoratum</i>	4.	<i>Withania somnifera</i>
5.	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	5.	<i>Clerodendrum calmitorum</i>
6.	<i>Wedelia biflora</i>		
7.	<i>Synedrella nodiflora</i>		
8.	<i>Ipomoea muricata</i>		
9.	<i>Euphorbia heterophylla</i>		
10.	<i>Lantana camara</i>		

Table II
Common exotic species and their origin

Sl no.	Common name	Botanical name	Native (Origin)
1.	Golden bamboo	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	Java
2.	St. Augustine grass	<i>Stenotaphrum dimidiatum</i>	Tropical America
3.	Mascarene grass	<i>Zoysia tenuifolia</i>	Korea
4.	Japanese lawn grass	<i>Zoysia japonica</i>	Korea
5.	4'O clock plant	<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	Tropical America
6.	Morning glory	<i>Ipomoea purpurea</i>	Tropical America
7.	Lantana	<i>Lantana camera</i>	Tropical America
8.	Glory bower	<i>Clerodendrum thomsoniae</i>	West Africa
9.	Lady-of-the night	<i>Brunfelsia americana</i>	West Indies
10.	Coral plant	<i>Russelia equisetiformis</i>	Mexico
11.	Cardinal guard	<i>Pachystachys lutea</i>	West Indies
12.	Mexican clover	<i>Richardia scabra</i>	South America
13.	Parthenium	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Mexico
14.	Eupatorium	<i>Eupatorium odoratum</i>	Mexico

Based on their utility value, the herbaceous plants can be categorized into four groups, a) medicinal, b) domestic, c) ornamental and d) weeds.

There are many plants on the campus, which are used for curing common stomach ache to kidney disorder and venomous stings (Table III). The domestic use of some plants includes use of grasses such as *Cymbopogon* sp., *Pennisetum pedicellatum* and all lawn grasses as fodder and *Aristida setacea* and *Chrysopogon* sp. for making brooms. Some woody shrubs like *Lantana camara*, *Triumfetta rhomboidea*, *Solanum torvum* and *Hibiscus furcatus* are used as fuel-wood.

There are quite a good number of ornamental herbaceous plants which can be categorized as climbers (*Thunbergia mysorensis*, *Thunbergia grandiflora*, *Ipomoea purpurea*, *Ipomoea pinnata*, *Quisqualis indica*), hedges (*Clerodendrum inerme*, *Duranta repens*, *Plumbago rosea*, *Brunfelsia americana*) and lawns (*Zoysia tenuifolia*, *Zoysia japonica*, *Stenotaphrum dimidiatum*).

Species such as *Eupatorium odoratum* (Mexico), *Parthenium* (South America) and *Lantana camera* (South America) are termed as weeds due to their uncontrolled proliferation. Some of them are known to cause allergy. Their pollen is supposed to be allergenic, causing bronchial disorders.

Most species on the campus are insect-pollinated. Some like *Butea monosperma* (flame of the forest), *Erythrina stricta* (Coral tree) and *Bombax ceiba* have bright and showy flowers, flowering during the dry season when leaves are shed and are adapted for bird pollination. Figs (*Ficus* sp.) have specific pollinators (wasps); their biology 'fig-wasp association' is quite interesting. Most palms are wind-pollinated. Unisexual species like *Broussonetia papyrifera* release dust of pollen during flowering season which is wind-pollinated. Some hemi-parasitic families like *Loranthaceae* plants have species like *Dendrophthoe falcata* and depend on birds (sunbird) for their pollination and dispersal.

Table III
Medicinal plants

Sl no.	Common name	Botanical name	Medicinal use
1.	Prickley chaff-flower	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Stomach ache, boils, skin wounds
2.	Astmabayda	<i>Aerva lanata</i>	Diuretic
3.	King of bitter	<i>Andrographis paniculata</i>	Stomach ache, intermittent fever
4.	Shathaavari	<i>Asparagus racemosus</i>	Rheumatism, diarrhoea
5.	Spreading hogweed	<i>Boerhavia diffusa</i>	Oedema, anemia, eye diseases
6.	Gigantic swallow-wort	<i>Calotropis gigantea</i>	Achnes, piles, asthma
7.	Foetid cassia	<i>Cassia tora</i>	Leprosy, itches, inflammation
8.	Dog mustard	<i>Cleome viscosa</i>	Roundworms, ear ache
9.	Garden quinine	<i>Clerodendrum inerme</i>	Intermittent fevers, rheumatism
10.	Bermuda grass	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Cuts, dysentry, scorpion sting
11.	Thorn apple	<i>Datura metel</i>	Poisonous bites, ulcers
12.	Indian sarsaparilla	<i>Hemidesmus indicus</i>	Rheumatism, kidney disorders
13.	True indigo	<i>Indigofera tinctoria</i>	Venomous stings
14.	Ceylon lead wort	<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	Skin diseases

*Medicinal uses are listed from *Indian Materia Medica*.⁴

Being food plants of many butterflies is another important ecological role of these herbaceous plants (Table IV). The loss of some plants will lead to the disappearance of certain butterflies within the campus.

We also admit that this listing of plants may not be an exhaustive treatise as many students are active in greening the campus. A variety of saplings being planted under various eco-awareness programs might certainly have not been documented in this paper.

Table IV
Food plants of butterflies

Sl no.	Plants	Butterflies
1.	<i>Calotropis gigantea</i>	Plain tiger
2.	<i>Calotropis procera</i>	Plain tiger
3.	<i>Hemidesmus indicus</i>	Common Indian crow
4.	<i>Bambusa arundinacea</i>	Evening brown
5.	<i>Zizyphus jujuba</i>	Pierrot
6.	<i>Triumfetta rhomboidea</i>	Common sailor
7.	<i>Asteracantha longifolia</i>	Yellow pansy
8.	<i>Barleria</i> sp.	Peacock pansy
9.	<i>Sida rhombifolia</i>	Lemon pansy
10.	<i>Indigofera</i> sp.	Zebra blue
11.	<i>Cassia occidentalis</i>	Grass yellow
12.	<i>Cassia tora</i>	Grass yellow
13.	<i>Cassia auriculata</i>	Grass yellow
14.	<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	Common cerulean
15.	<i>Lantana camara</i>	Grass blue

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Check list of trees

ANACARDIACEAE

Mangifera indica L.
Spondias mangifera Willd.

ANNONACEAE

Anona squamosa L.
Anona reticulata L.
Cananga odorata Hook.f. & Thomson
Polyalthia longifolia (Sonnerat) Thwaites

APOCYANACEAE

Alstonia scholaris R. Br.
Nerium oleander L.
Plumeria alba L.
Plumeria rubra L.
Wrightia tinctoria (Roxb.) R. Br.

ARALIACEAE

Brassia actinophylla Endl.

BIGNONIACEAE

Crescentia cujete L.
Dolichodrone falcata (DC) Seem.
Jacaranda mimosifolia D. Don
Kigelia pinnata (Jacq.) DC.
Millingtonia hortensis L.f.
Spathodea campanulata Beauv.
Tabebuia rosea (Bertol.) DC.
Tabebuia argentea Britt.
Tabebuia avellanidae
Tecoma stans (L.) Kunth.

BIXACEAE

Bixa orellana L.
Cochlospermum religiosum (L.) Alston

BOMBACACEAE

Bombax ceiba L.
Ceiba pentandra (L.) Gaertner
Chorisia speciosa St-Hil.
Pseudobombax ellipticum (HBK) Dug.

CASUARINACEAE

Casuarina equisetifolia Forster & Forster f.

COMBRETACEAE

Terminalia catappa L.

DIPTEROCARPACEAE

Shorea roxburghii G. Don

DILLENIACEAE

Dillenia indica L.

ELAEOCARPACEAE

Muntungia calabura L.

EUPHORBIACEAE

Aleurites fordii Hemsl.

FABACEAE (includes all sub-families)

Acacia auriculiformis A. Cunn. ex Benth.
Acacia farnesiana (L.) Willd
Acacia polyacantha Willd
Acacia sinuata (Lour.) Merrill
Adenanthera pavoniana L.
Albizia lebbeck (L.) Benth
Bauhinia purpurea L.
Bauhinia tomentosa L.
Bauhinia variegata L.
Butea monosperma (Lam.) Taubert
Calliandra haematocephala
Cassia auriculata L.
Cassia fistula L.
Cassia javanica L.
Cassia roxburghii DC.
Cassia spectabilis DC.
Castanospermum australe Cunn.
Caesalpinia bonduc (L.) Roxb.
Caesalpinia pulcherrima (L.) Sw.
Ceratonia siliqua L.
Delonix regia (W.Hook) Raf.
Erythrina stricta Roxb.
Gliricidia sepium (Jacq.) Kunth ex Walp.
Leucaena leucocephala (Lam.) de Wit.
Parkia biglandulosa Wight & Arn.
Peltophorum pterocarpum Backer.
Pithecellobium dulce (Roxb.) Benth.
Pongamia pinnata (L.) Pierre.
Samanea saman (Jacq.) Merr.
Saraca asoca (Roxb.) de Wilde
Tamarindus indica L.

LECYTHIDACEAE

Couroupita guianensis Al.

LYTHRACEAE

Lagerstroemia reginae Roxb.
Lawsonia inermis L.

MALVACEAE

Thespesia populeana (L.) Sol. ex Corr.

MAGNOLIACEAE

Michelia champaka L.

MELIACEAE

Azadirachta indica A. Juss.

Melia azadirachta L.

Melia dubia Cav.

Swietenia macrophylla King

Cederella toona Roxb.

MORACEAE

Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam.

Artocarpus hirsutus Lam.

Broussonetia papyrifera

Ficus benghalensis L.

Ficus benjamina L.

Ficus carica L.

Ficus elastica Roxb.

Ficus mysorensis Heyne.

Ficus racemosa L.

Ficus religiosa L.

Morus sp.

MORINGACEAE

Moringa oleifera Lam.

MUSACEAE

Ravenala madagascariensis

MYRTACEAE

Callistemon speciosus (Sims) DC.

Eucalyptus citriodora Hook

Psidium guajava L.

Syzygium cumini (L.) Skeels

Syzygium hemisphericum (Wight) Alston

PALMAE

Arecastrum romanzoffianum Becc.

Cocos nucifera L.

Caryota urens L.

Phoenix sylvestris (L.) Roxb.

Roystonea regia

PROTEACEAE

Grevillea robusta A. Cunn ex R. Br.

RUBIACEAE

Anthocephalus chinensis

RUTACEAE

Citrus decumana Murr.

Feronia elephantum Corr.

SAPINDACEAE

Filicium decipiens (Wight & Arn.)

SAPOTACEAE

Manilkara zapota (L.) Royen

Mimusops elengii L.

SANTALACEAE

Santalum album L.

STERCULIACEAE

Firmiana colorata (Roxb.) R. Br.

Pterospermum acerifolium Willd.

Guazuma ulmifolia Lam.

VERBENACEAE

Callicarpa tomentosa (L.) Murray

Tectona grandis L.

Vitex altissima L.F.

Check list of non-trees
(includes herbs, shrubs and grasses)

ACANTHACEAE

Andrographis paniculata

Asteracantha longifolia

Asystasia gangetica

Barleria prionitis

Crossandra undulæfolia

Eranthemum bicolor

Justicia betonica

Justicia montana

Justicia simplex

Pachystachys lutea

Peristrophe bicalyculata

Rungia parviflora

Thunbergia alata

Thunbergia erecta

Thunbergia grandiflora

Thunbergia mysorensis

AGAVACEAE

Agave americana

AIZOACEAE

Mollugo pentaphylla

AMARANTHACEAE

Achyranthes aspera

Aerva lanata

Alternanthera sessilis

Amaranthus spinosus

<i>Amaranthus viridis</i>	<i>Tagetes erecta</i>
<i>Celosia argentia</i>	<i>Tridax procumbens</i>
<i>Celosia cristata</i>	<i>Vernonia cinerea</i>
<i>Cyathula prostrata</i>	<i>Wedelia biflora</i>
<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>	<i>Zinnia elegans</i>
AMARYLIDACEAE	BALSAMNACEAE
<i>Crinum asiaticum</i>	<i>Impatiens chinensis</i>
<i>Haemanthus katherinae</i>	<i>Impatiens kleinii</i>
ANTIGONACEAE	BEGONIACEAE
<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>	<i>Begonia valdensium</i>
APIACEAE	BROMELIACEAE
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	<i>Ananas sativus</i>
APOCYNACEAE	CACTACEAE
<i>Allamanda cathartica</i>	<i>Cereus hexagonus</i>
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	<i>Opuntia dillenii</i>
<i>Ervatamia coronaria</i>	CANNACEAE
<i>Ervatamia heyneana</i>	<i>Canna generalis</i>
<i>Hemidesmus indicus</i>	<i>Canna indica</i>
<i>Nerium odoratum</i>	COMBRETACEAE
ARACEAE	<i>Combretum coccineum</i>
<i>Alocasia indica</i>	<i>Quisqualis indica</i>
<i>Alocasia lowii</i>	COMELINACEAE
<i>Amorphophallus campanulatus</i>	<i>Aneilema paniculatum</i>
<i>Amorphophallus dubius</i>	CONVOLVULACEAE
<i>Amorphophallus mysorensis</i>	<i>Ipomoea grandiflora</i>
<i>Anthurium andracorarum</i>	<i>Ipomoea muricata</i>
<i>Caladium hortulanum</i>	<i>Ipomoea palmata</i>
<i>Caladium humboldtii</i>	<i>Ipomoea purpurea</i>
<i>Epipremnum pinnatum</i>	<i>Ipomoea quamoclit</i>
<i>Monstera pertusa</i>	<i>Merremia hastata</i>
<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>	<i>Merremia tridentata</i>
ARALIACEAE	CRASSULACEAE
<i>Polyscias crispatum</i>	<i>Kalanchoe blossfeldiana</i>
<i>Calotropis gigantea</i>	<i>Kalanchoe pinnata</i>
<i>Ceropegia tuberosa</i>	CUCURBITACEAE
<i>Marsdenia volubilis</i>	<i>Diplocyclos palmatus</i>
<i>Tylophora indica</i>	<i>Melothria heterophylla</i>
ASTERACEAE	<i>Trichosanthus palmata</i>
<i>Acanthospermum hispidum</i>	<i>Lycopersicum esculentum</i>
<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i>	<i>Momordica charantia</i>
<i>Bidens biternata</i>	ERIOCAULACEAE
<i>Blumea lacera</i>	<i>Eriocaulon xeranthemum</i>
<i>Chrysanthemum indicum</i>	EUPHORBIACEAE
<i>Emilia sonchifolia</i>	<i>Acalypha hispida</i>
<i>Eupatorium odoratum</i>	<i>Acalypha indica</i>
<i>Lagasca mollis</i>	<i>Acalypha wilkesiana</i>
<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	
<i>Synedrella nodiflora</i>	

*Breynia nivosa**Breynia rhamnoides**Euphorbia acaulis**Euphorbia antiquorum**Euphorbia erythroclada**Euphorbia heterophylla**Euphorbia hirta**Euphorbia laeta**Euphorbia leucocephala**Euphorbia pulcherrima**Euphorbia tirucalli**Jatropha curcas**Manihot esculenta**Pedilanthus tithymaloides**Phyllanthus amarus**Phyllanthus debilis**Phyllanthus urinaria**Synadenium grantii**Tragia involucrata***FABACEAE***Abrus precatorius**Alysicarpus bupleurifolius**Cassia alata**Cassia tora**Clitoria ternatea**Crotalaria juncea**Crotalaria retusa**Desmodium laxiflorum**Desmodium triflorum**Entada pusaetha**Indigofera linnaei**Indigofera tinctoria**Mimosa pudica**Prosopis cineraria**Tephrosia purpurea***GENTIANACEAE***Canscora diffusa***GESNERIACEAE***Chrysothemis pulchella**Episcia cupreata***HUGONIACEAE***Hugonia mystax***LAMIACEAE***Coleus rehnelianus**Leucas aspera**Leucas biflora**Ocimum basilicum**Ocimum americanum**Ocimum sanctum**Pogostemon patchouly***LILIACEAE***Allium cepa**Aloe vera**Asparagus densiflorus**Asparagus officinalis**Asparagus racemosus**Asparagus setaceus**Chlorophytum capense**Cordyline terminalis**Dracaena concinna**Dracaena marginata**Sansevieria cylindrica**Sansevieria roxburghiana***LORANTHACEAE***Dendrophthoe falcata**Helicanthes elastica***MALVACEAE***Abelmoschus esculentus**Abelmoschus moschatus**Hibiscus aculeatus**Hibiscus mutabilis**Hibiscus rosa-sinensis**Sida acuta**Sida glutinosa**Sida rhombifolia***MARANTACEAE***Calathea zebrina***MENISPERMACEAE***Cyclea peltata***MUSACEAE***Heliconia rostrata**Musa paradisiaca***NYCTAGINACEAE***Boerhavia diffusa**Boerhavia chinensis**Mirabilis jalapa***OLEACEAE***Jasminum grandiflorum**Jasminum officinale**Jasminum sambac***OXALIDACEAE***Biophytum sensitivum**Oxalis brasiliensis**Oxalis corniculata***PALMACEAE***Phoenix acaulis**Syagrus weddelliana**Licuala grandis***PASSIFLORACEAE***Passiflora foetida***PLUMBAGINACEAE***Plumbago rosea*

<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	<i>Lantana camara</i>
POLYGONACEAE	<i>Petrea volubilis</i>
<i>Polygonum chinense</i>	<i>Scoparia dulcis</i>
PORTULACACEAE	<i>Stachytarpheta indica</i>
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	<i>Verbena venosa</i>
RHAMNACEAE	<i>Vitex negundo</i>
<i>Zizyphus jujuba</i>	
<i>Zizyphus oenoplia</i>	
ROSACEAE	
<i>Rosa indica</i>	
RUBIACEAE	
<i>Gardenia jasminoides</i>	GRAMINAE (POACEAE)
<i>Hamelia patens</i>	<i>Apluda mutica</i>
<i>Ixora macrothyrsa</i>	<i>Aristida setacea</i>
<i>Mussaenda erythrophylla</i>	<i>Arthraxon sp</i>
<i>Mussaenda laxa</i>	<i>Arundinella metzii</i>
<i>Oldenlandia corymbosa</i>	<i>Arundinella purpurea</i>
<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>
<i>Richardia scabra</i>	<i>Brachiaria milliformis</i>
SAXIFRAGACEAE	<i>Centotheeca latifolia</i>
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i>	<i>Chloris barbata</i>
SCROPHULARIACEAE	<i>Chloris mutica</i>
<i>Angelonia grandiflora</i>	<i>Chrysopogon aciculatus</i>
SOLANACEAE	<i>Cymbopogon citratus</i>
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	<i>Cymbopogon martinii</i>
<i>Cestrum elegans</i>	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>
<i>Datura metel</i>	<i>Digitaria bicornis</i>
<i>Lycianthes laevis</i>	<i>Dimeria ornithopoda</i>
<i>Physalis minima</i>	<i>Eleusine coracana</i>
<i>Solanum stramonifolium</i>	<i>Eleusine indica</i>
<i>Solanum violaceum</i>	<i>Eragrostila bifaria</i>
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	<i>Eragrostis tenuifolia</i>
<i>Solanum saeforthianum</i>	<i>Eragrostis unioloides</i>
<i>Solanum torvum</i>	<i>Eulalia trispicata</i>
<i>Withania somnifera</i>	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i>
TELIACEAE	<i>Isachne globosa</i>
<i>Corchorus capsularis</i>	<i>Ischaemum indicum</i>
<i>Triumfetta rhomboidea</i>	<i>Jansnella grifathiana</i>
URTICACEAE	<i>Oplismenus burmanii</i>
<i>Pilea microphylla</i>	<i>Oplismenus compositus</i>
VERBENACEAE	<i>Panicum flavidum</i>
<i>Clerodendrum calamitosum</i>	<i>Panicum notatum</i>
<i>Clerodendrum inerme</i>	<i>Paspalum compactum</i>
<i>Clerodendrum thomsoniae</i>	<i>Pennisetum pedicellatum</i>
<i>Duranta repens</i>	<i>Pennisetum polystachyon</i>
<i>Holmskioldia sanguinea</i>	<i>Perotis indica</i>
	<i>Pseudanthistiria hispida</i>
	<i>Rynchelytrum repens</i>
	<i>Saccharum spontaneum</i>
	<i>Sacciolepis indica</i>
	<i>Setaria intermedia</i>
	<i>Setaria pallide-fusca</i>
	<i>Sporobolus diander</i>
	<i>Stenotaphrum dimidiatum</i>
	<i>Themeda tremula</i>
	<i>Themeda triandra</i>
	<i>Zoysia tenuifolia</i>

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