

Clerodendrum serratum (Linn.) Moon

Syn. *Rothea serrata* (Linn.) Steane & Mabb.

Fam. Lamiaceae

Ayurvedic name	Bharangi
Unani name	Bharangi
Hindi name	Bharangi
English name	Blue-flowered Glory Tree,
Trade name	Bharangi
Parts used	Roots and Leaves



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Morphological Characteristics

It is a small shrub, 2-4 meter tall bearing opposite leaves and having woody rootstock. The plant has quadrangular, glabrous branches. Leaves are large and ovate or oblong, usually ternate whorled, coarsely and sharply serrate, glabrous and pale beneath with six pairs of lateral nerves.

Floral Characteristics

Flowers are large pinkish-white in colour and numerous appearing in May to August month. It has a stout deflexed compressed pedicel in lax, dichotomous, long terminal panicles. It has leafy bracts. Calyx is cup shaped 5 mm long. Corolla is pale to pinkish blue with tube about 6-7 mm long; the lower larger lip like lobe is sky blue in colour. Stamens are long, exerted, curved and bluish. The drupes are 1-4 lobed, bluish-black and glossy.

Distribution

The plant is distributed over scrub forests throughout the tropical and sub-tropical parts upto 1500 m particularly in Bengal, Orissa and peninsular India.

Climate and Soil

Light to medium, particularly in laterite or red loam soils. It grows all over tropical and sub tropical regions.

Propagation Material

Stem cuttings of semi hard wood.

