

Extensive Cultivation of *Wedelia calendulacea* Less. (*Manjal Karisalai*) in CRIS Herbal Garden Madras

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Wedelia calendulacea Less. is a reputed drug in Indian system of medicine. It is commonly known as *Manjal Karisalai* in Tamil and *Pithabhringi* in Sanskrit. In the recent years, the drug has gained much importance over the drug *Eclipta alba* Hassk. both in quality and quantity and also economic point of view.

It was found that for this plant, soil condition of Madras is not suitable for normal cultivation as the soil is clayey. Water logging and total dryness in summer due to which the land cracks at places, kills the plant completely. The paper discusses ways and methods to create congenial condition for the cultivation of this plant.

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