

ETHNO-BOTANY OF *GENUS* *SESBANIA* FROM INDIA

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Genus Sesbania Scop. is distributed throughout the tropics with about 40 species. They are herbs, shrubs or soft-wooded trees. They bear pinnate leaves, showy flowers in axillary racemes and long, cylindric pods. In India this genus is represented by S. bispinosa (Jacq.) W. F. Wight, S. cannabina Pers., S. grandiflora (L.) Poir., S. procumbens W. & A., S. roxburghii Merrill, S. sesban (L.) Merr. and S. speciosa Taub. ex Engl. All the species have value in one way or other as medicinal, edible, fodder, fuel, fiber, insect repellent, shelter & support, for making toys, colouring, green manure etc. In this communication ethnobotanical information on seven species of Sesbania are given.

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