

and Etymology provides the starting point for better access to data on plants used around the world in medicine, food, and cultural practices. The material found in the five volumes has been painstakingly gathered from papers of general interest, reports and records, taxonomic revisions, field studies, herbaria and herbarium collections, notes, monographs, pamphlets, botanical literature, and literature tout court. It includes sources available at various natural history libraries, floras and standard flora works, local floras and local histories, nomenclatural histories, and the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature. Much more than a dictionary, the book provides the names of thousands of genera and species of economically important plants, concise summaries of plant properties, and appropriate observations about medicinal uses. Drawing from a tremendous range of primary and secondary sources, it is an indispensable time-saving guide for all those involved with botany, herbal medicine, pharmacognosy, toxicology, medicinal and natural product chemistry, and agriculture.

The creeper in this picture is in full blossom, The many colourfull flowers are its proof. Love is also like this creeper. Love is not just the lust or desire inevitable at the young age. I do not consider desire as valueless, actually it supports the living all over. When this very desire is combined with feelings from the base of your heart then it takes the form of love and it becomes divine and resembles the nectar. The creeper then delivers compassion, blossoms into friendship. To understand the meaning of love we will have to become one with the world outside. We will have to break the tough selfishness. We will have to overcome the "Me". To understand the world outside we will need absolute involvement with it, then we will understand the diversity it has. The world is a combination of pleasant and dreadful nature, good and bad people, arts from literature to music and places of pilgrimages like the scientific inventions to nursing the patients suffering with leprocy. But if this love is selfcentered then...? If it starts worshipping only the soul within it then...? Such person becomes the enemy of others and of himself. The vine then bears poisonous flowers. Papers from a conference held in Oct. 2001- at the Convento da Arrabida, near Setubal, Portugal.

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In the year 1961 Goa was taken from Portuguese who ruled it for 450 years. State of Goa has scenic beauty, and visited by many Indians and foreigners of whom several are interested in Wild plants. There is need, therefore, of a complete modern forest flora of Goa. After extensive and intensive field -work carried by the authors the present flora is an attempt to meet this need. In this work 496 species of plants belonging to 291 genera are arranged. Beside that 82 exotic woody species introduced have also been mentioned. Each species carries its latest nomenclature with Synonyms, English/ Trade names, Local and Portuguese names and also its name in the book Hortus malabaricus. Description, phenology, general distribution and uses of Plants have been provided. Outside India many books have been published with beautiful illustrations. In India few such books are available. Considering this aspects 132 beautiful line drawings have been provided for easy identification.

