

# Pharmacognostic Study of *Jatropha* Stem Bark

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*Present communication deals with the diagnostic characters of bark drugs of *Jatropha gossypifolia* L. with Pharmacognostic evaluation (confirmation of active principles present therein) and compares with *J. curcas* L. with the view to check the probable adulterants. This study includes macro and micro-morphology, powder microscopy, U. V. fluorescence nature, histo-chemical colour reactions, determination of physical constants to characterise the authentic sample, so that the probable adulterants can be checked.*

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