

DWINDLING STATE OF MEDICINAL PLANTS IN RAJASTHAN (INDIA) AND THEIR CONSERVATION

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The present paper is an outcome of the field studies of the author carried out in several districts of Rajasthan for over past two decades (1973-1993). It presents an account of twenty five (25) medicinal species which are fast depleting in the area and need immediate attention for their conservation and protection. The information is based on first hand field observations of the author. Some of the medicinal plants besides many others, facing threat are Guggulu, Shatawari, Ashwagandha, Gorakh-mundi, Bhringaraj, Shallaki, widely used in Ayurvedic system of medicine.

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