

SOME FOLKLORE MEDICINAL CLAIMS ON RARE PLANTS OF SIRUMALAI HILLS, DINDIGUL DISTRICT, TAMILNADU, INDIA

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Ethnobotanical survey of the forest people of Sirumalai hills was carried out during the year 1996-1997. Sixteen rare species of plants belonging to 12 families used by these people to cure different ailments were collected and reported. The rare folklore medicinal plants are *Alstonia venenata*, *Ardisia solanacea*, *Canavalia virosa*, *Chomelia asiatica*, *Cayratia roxburghii*, *Erythroxylon obtusifolium*, *Evodia Iunu-ankenta*, *Grewia abutilifolia*, *Gymnema elegans*, *Habenaria rarifolia*, *Knoxia smatrensis*, *Memexylonumbellatum*, *Ochna obtusata*, *Sarcostemma intermedium*, *Tylophora zeylanica* and *Wendlandia tinctoria*.

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