

Pueraria tuberosa (Bhuikakharu)



Botanical Name	<i>Pueraria tuberosa</i> (Willd.) (FABACEAE)
Vernacular Name	Bhuikakharu, Patal Kumuda
Description	It is a large spreading tuberous, deciduous climber or twining shrub with very large tuberous roots.. Leaves are pinnately compound, three foliolate with long petioles. Leaflets are broadly ovate or rhomboid, subcoriaceous, glabrescent above and densely clothed with silky hairs. Flowers appear in April. It is blue or purplish blue in color. It is leafless 15-27 cm long racemes.
Regional Distribution	Throughout Odisha
Global Distribution	India, Nepal
Elevation Range (m)	300-900 m
Part Used	Tuber
Action &Uses	Immunomodulatory, Nephroprotective, Anti-oxidant, Anti-diabetic, Anti-Stress, Anti-Inflammatory.
Folk Use	Dysuria, spermatorrhea
Threats	Lf, T, Tp, Hm.
INCU Threat Status (Odisha)	A2cd VU
Status in Other State	Vulnerable (VU)