

FLOWERS THE TALL TREES RESORTS



Blood Flower - *Asclepias curassavica*

A garden escape, which has successfully naturalised in India. Seen along moist places, more common on hills. Food plant of the Plain Tiger butterfly. Flowers attract butterflies. Flowering : January-December.



Common Leucas - *Leucas aspera*

An erect, slender, fragrant annual, which grows gregariously, and is seen commonly in harvested fields and on roadsides. Bees pollinate the flowers. Leaves are used in traditional medicine. Used as pot herb. Flowering: July - November.



Common Lantana - *Lantana camara*

Widespread invader, this plant has taken over large tracts of land. A scrambling, evergreen, strong smelling shrub with stout re-curved prickles. Flowers attract butterflies and moths. Used in traditional medicine. Flowering: January - December.



Blue Fountain Bush - *Clerodendrum serratum*

Prefers hilly forested terrain up to 1,600 m, where it occurs as small or large shrubs. Flowers attract butterflies. Roots and leaves are used in traditional medicine. Flowers eaten locally as vegetable. Flowering: August - September.



Blue Dawn Glory- *Ipomoea nil*

A hairy, annual twiner seen commonly during the latter half of the monsoon along roads and hedges. Flowers open around sunrise and fade before 10 am. Seeds are used in traditional medicine. Flowering: August-December.



Railway Glory - *Ipomoea cairica*

Extensively spreading, perennial climbing vine with tuberous roots. Seen on fences and over shrubs and trees, which it covers aggressively. White flowers are also seen. Commonly planted in gardens and around houses for insulation against summer heat. Flowering: January- December.

Goat Weed - *Ageratum conyzoides*

Annual, intruder in gardens and orchards, common name from its goat-like odour. Flower-heads may be pale blue. Flowering : January-December.



Butterfly Bean - *Clitoria ternatea*

A slender vine commonly seen on wayside hedges, thickets, hills and scrub forest. Often cultivated in gardens. Flowers are occasionally white. Roots and seeds are used in traditional medicine. Flowering : June - January.

Common Purple Mallow - *Urena lobata*

An erect perennial, with angled, lobed and toothed leaves. Seen along roadsides on the hills. Seed capsule covered with bristles, which catch on to animal fur to help in seed dispersal. Cultivated for termite-and water-resistant fibre used in making fishing line, rope and binding cord. Roots and flowers used in traditional medicine. Flowering : January-December.



Candle Cassia - *Cassia alata*

A robust shrub, planted in gardens and backyards for decorative and medicinal purposes, seen frequently near roadsides and along watercourses. Flowers lack nectar. Caterpillars of Emigrant butterflies feed on this plant. Leaves are used in traditional medicine. Flowering : October-June.



Jamaican Bluespike - *Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*

Gregarious and common along stream banks, roadsides and degraded habitats. Prefers forests on the plains and on hills up to 1400 m. Flowers are very attractive to butterflies. Flowering : October-April.

Bearded Commelina - *Commelina forskalaei*

A slender branching herb, more common in drier regions. Grows erect in gregarious, sheltered situations. It roots at nodes and produces several underground flowers on leafless basal branches. Spathes having long spreading hairs, give its common name. Flowering : August-November.

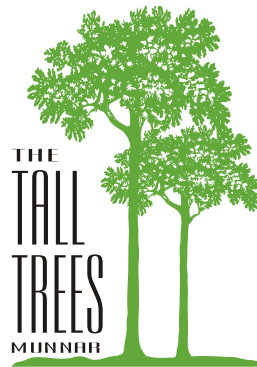


Greater Cat Ears - *Cyanotis tuberosa*

This stocky, succulent herb is seen among the rocks in gravelly or sandy soil. Grows on the plains in scub forest, but prefers hills up to 800 m. Roots are used for traditional medicines. Flowering: August - September.

Glory Lily - *Gloriosa superba*

Annual climber with leaf tips extending into tendrils.
Seen in well-wooded regions up to 500 m on the hills.
Flowers change colour. Used in traditional medicines.
Flowering: August - September.



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