

## LeadWort - Plant



Ceratostigma plumbaginoides

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Description Chitrak is a herb that grows wild in India and has been used by rural and tribal people for hundreds of years as a traditional system of medicine. Chitrak is native to SE Asia. It is a much branched, evergreen shrub that reaches about 6 feet in nature. Dark green leaves are ovate to 6 inches long by half as wide

**Common name:** Ceratostigma plumbaginoides

**Color:** White

**Bloom time:** July to September

**Height:** 0.75 to 1.00 feet

**Difficulty level:** easy to grow

### Planting & Care

Position in a full sun / dappled sun location and remember to water moderately. Use Zone 8 - Zone 11 as your guideline for the appropriate climate for this plant. Keep in mind when planting that Cape Leadwort is thought of as hardy, so this plant will survive close to or on freezing temperatures.

These estimates for how long Cape Leadwort takes to sprout, grow and harvest are from real observations from real gardeners, right around the world.

**Sunlight:** Full sun to part shade

**Soil:** well-drained soil

**Water:** Medium

**Temperature:** 60°F

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

### Care:

- Blue plumbago (Plumbago auriculata) is an evergreen shrub that is native to South Africa, but grows in U.
- S.
- Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zones 8 through 11.

- With long, thin stems and pale blue flowers, it's prized as a shrub, climber, potted plant and groundcover.
- Blue plumbago is relatively easy to grow, and blooms all year in climates with mild winters.
- Although this shrub has few special needs, it does have specific requirements for ideal growth.

**Special Feature:**

ground cover, plumbago would probably be as extensively planted as vinca, pachysandra or English ivy, except for the fact that it lacks their evergreen foliage.

Use

**Medicinal use:**

- Chitrak is used in treating intestinal troubles, dysentery, leucoderma, inflammation, piles, bronchitis, itching, diseases of the liver, and consumption.
- The leaves of this herb work well for treating laryngitis, rheumatism, diseases of the spleen, ring worm, scabies, and it acts as an aphrodisiac.
- A tincture of the root bark is used as an anti-periodic.
- Chitrak root helps improve digestion and it stimulates the appetite.
- Chitrak root is also an acro-narcotic poison that can cause an abortion.
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**Ornamental use:**

- Late, long-flowering plant serves as excellent ground cover for sunny to partly shaded areas in the landscape.
- A good plant for interplanting with spring bulbs because foliage emerges late as the bulb foliage is dying back.

**Note:**

please consult appropriate doctor / physician before use.

**Reference:**

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=b960>

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