

## Senegalia Catechu, Khair - 0.5 Kg Seeds



Deciduous, thorny tree famous in India with the name kher.

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Description

### Description for Senegalia Catechu, Khair

Acacia Nilotica, also known as Acacia Arabica, gum arabic tree, Babul can be found in tropical and subtropical Africa and Asia. Acacia Nilotica is a tree of 5â€²20 m high. Babul tree is a drought tolerant tree but will tolerate only light frost. The crown is low and can be flattened or a rounded umbrella-shape. It is also know for its medicinal uses.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Babul, Cachu, Catechu, Koir, Kheriya Baval, Kher Kagli, Khair, Sandra, Cutch Tree, black catechu	White to pale yellow	July to August	Up to 15 m	Easy

### Planting and care

Acacia catechu leaves are shed around February and new leaves appear near the end of April or May. The flowers appear when the new leaves appear and flowering continues until July or August. Pods rapidly develop and are full-size by September or October. They ripen from November to early January.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full, Seedlings are shade intolerant.	Tolerates a wide range of soil types, thriving in alluvial	Adapted to annual rainfall of 300 to 2,200 mm. Vigorous	18 to 28 degrees C. Tolerates extremes of	Use any organic fertilizer

and heavy clay soils with pH 5 to 9. When used in land reclamation, *A. nilotica* can be planted onto degraded saline/alkaline soils with a soluble salt content below 3%.

in seasonally flooded environments.

temperature (minus 1 to 50 degrees C) when established, but is frost sensitive as a seedling.

## Caring for Senegalia Catechu

After about six months in a nursery, the seedlings can be planted in the field.

## Typical uses of Senegalia Catechu

**Special features:** Can be established readily from seed. Extremely drought tolerant. Leaves and pods have high CP content. Kachu (obtained after boiling the heart wood) is high in phenolics and used for chewing with betel leaf.

**Culinary use:** The tree is often planted for use as firewood and charcoal and its wood is highly valued for furniture and tools.

**Ornamental use:** NA

**Medicinal use:** *Acacia arabica* is reported to possess many beneficial properties. It is reported for In vitro antibacterial activity, antimicrobial and immuno modulatory activities. Flavonoids, triterpenoids, alkaloids and phenolics are known to be bioactive anti diabetic principles present in *Acacia arabica*.

*Acacia Arabica* is used in traditional Indian medicine to treat diabetes mellitus. The hypoglycemic effect of aqueous extract and hydroalcoholic extract of *Acacia arabica* was investigated and proved scientifically.

Oral administration of aqueous extract of *Acacia arabica* bark to diabetic and normal rats resulted in significant reduction of blood glucose, cholesterol and triglycerides. The aqueous extract of *Acacia arabica* was found to reduce blood glucose level to its normal level with in seven days.

Histological studies of the  $\beta$ -cells show its action on pancreas.

Phenolics present in *Acacia arabica* are found to be effective as anti hyperglycemic agents.

The gum of *Acacia arabica* is described in the British pharmacopoeia as a source of useful medicaments. *Acacia arabica* is a good antibacterial agent.

In a clinical trial report implies the presence of substances in *Acacia* gum which, compared with ordinary gum, primarily inhibit the early deposition of plaque.

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