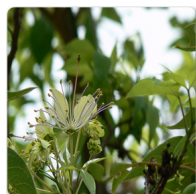


## Three Leaved Caper - Plant



Crataeva

Rating: Not Rated Yet

**Price**

Sales price R 123,456

Discount

[Ask a question about this product](#)

Description Caper is a spiny, trailing, deciduous shrub native to the Mediterranean. The Hebrew word for Caper is tapher which actually means desire. Capers are found in Jerusalem and around Nazareth and are offered as a sort of Hors d oeuvre to stimulate the appetite or to increase the desire to eat.

**Common name:** Crataeva

**Color:** white

**Bloom time:** April-December.

**Height:** 2 m

**Difficulty level:** easy to grow

**Planting & Care**

plant have long tap roots which need to stretch out so the plants prefer well-dug, loose, well-draining soil; in preparing a bed, dig down 2 feet in depth and about 3 feet across to ensure the soil isn't too compact.

**Sunlight:** Full Sun

**Soil:** well-drained soil

**Water:** Medium

**Temperature:** 40°C

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

**Care:**

- Feed plants only sparingly; overfertilization can cause stems to break in the fall.
- You can add diluted fertilizer into the water, though avoid getting the fertilizer near the plant's base; it may help to build a moat in a circle around the plant about 18 inches out.

**Special Feature:**

Fruits are ovoid or ellipsoid, apiculate, 3-3.5 x about 2 cm, smooth; seeds 8-10, 6.5-7 x about 6 mm; stalks thin. Travancore Caper is endemic to

Southern Western Ghats

Use

**Medicinal use:**

- Unverified information It is used in Indian Ayurvedic medicine.
- It has anti-inflammatory, diuretic, lithonriptic, demulcent and tonic properties.
- Bark yields ceryl alcohol, friedelin, lupeol, betulinic acid and diosgenin.
- It is useful in disorders of urinary organs, urinary tract infections, pain and burning micturition, renal and vesical calculi.
- A postal stamp was issued by the Indian Postal Department to commemorate this tree.
- 

**Ornamental use:**

- The plant is used for ornamental purpose.
- 

**Note:**

Downy mildew, rust, and powdery mildew can also affect the plants. If fungal diseases are spotted early, spray with a general garden fungicide.

**Reference:**

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/riresearch/search.php?query=Caper&stpos=0&stype=AND>