

***Artabotrys hexapetalus* (L.f.) Bhandari****Family: Anonaceae**

A climbing shrub from the popular *Sitaphal* family, the plant is widely popular as the *Ylang Ylang* vine. It is visually conspicuous for its thorny hook-like peduncle and fragrant flower. Despite its thorny presence, the culinary documentation is less in comparison to the other wild edible flora. However, it has been uncovered that the scented flower (*Manoranjitham*) is used to make beverages like tea in the southern states of Tamil Nadu and Telangana. Fruits are also known to be edible but proper documentation is not well available, so difficult to answer how and when questions.



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