

Coriandrum sativum



Common name: Coriander

Scientific name: *Coriandrum sativum*

Family: Apiaceae

Important part used: Leaves and fruit

Coriander is a small aromatic annual herb, indigenous to the Mediterranean region of the world. When used freshly it is called cilantro and when dried it is used as a spice i.e., coriander.

Economic importance: Leaves are used for garnishing dishes, flavouring curries, soups, curd and making chutneys. The fruits are powdered and used in curry powders and other spice mixtures. The fruit which contains all the volatile oil is used to extract the essential oil. This coriander oil is used in many industries and also as a medicine. The residue left after extraction is used locally as cattle feed.