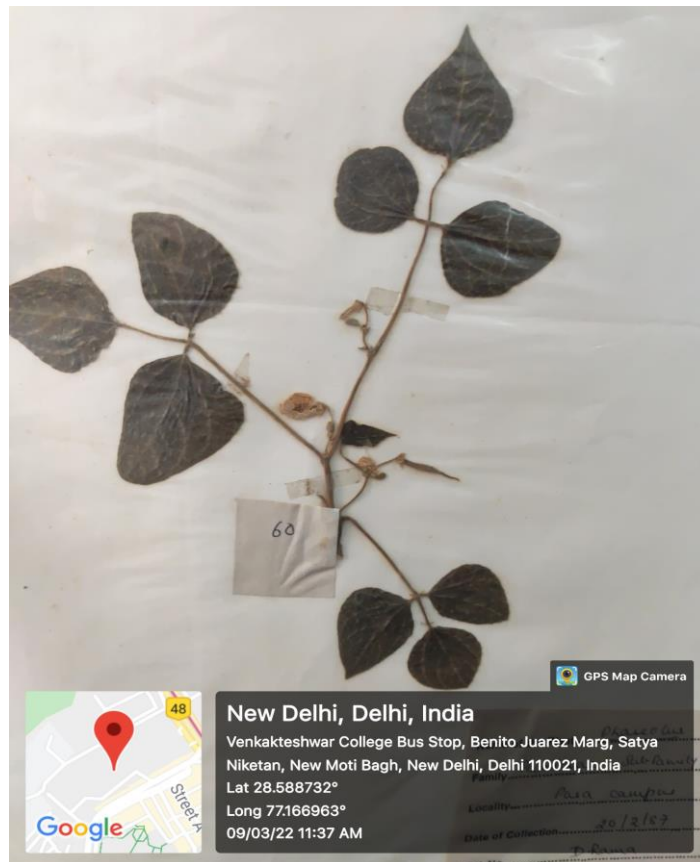


# *Phaseolus*



**Common Name:** Wild bean

**Scientific Name:** *Phaseolus*

**Family:** Fabaceae

It is a genus of herbaceous to woody annual and perennial vines containing about 70 plant species. It is one of the most important legumes in general. Five of the species have been domesticated for their beans. Most prominent is the common bean *Phaseolus vulgaris*.

**Economically Important Part:** Fruit

**Economic Importance:** Common bean is one of the most important crops worldwide and is considered an essential source of proteins, fibres and minerals in the daily diet of several countries. Fibre might help to prevent cholesterol absorption and increase the elimination of fat from the diet.