

Tabernaemontana divaricata



Common Name: Pinwheel flower, East Indian rosebay

Scientific Name: *Tabernaemontana divaricata*

Family: Apocynaceae

The plant generally grows to a height of 1.5–1.8 metres and is dichotomously branched. The large shiny leaves are deep green and about 15 cm in length and 5 cm in width.

The plant blooms in spring but flowers appear sporadically all year. The flowers have a pleasing fragrance.

Economic Importance: The root is used to treat hypertension, headaches, scabies, and toothaches. The roots, leaves, and flowers are all used to treat snake and scorpion poisoning. Non-medical uses include using the wood as incense and perfume or using the pulp around the seed to make red dyes.