



Desmodium motorium (Houtt.) Merr.

Family: Fabaceae

Vernacular names: Ramanamapacha, Thozhukanni, രാമനാമപച്ച,
തൊഴുകുണ്ണി (Malayalam), Indian telegraphic plant (English), Tozhuganni
(Tamil)

Distribution: India to Malesia and Australia

Description: Under shrubs. Leaves trifoliate, leaflets elliptic-oblong.
Raceme long, axillary and terminal. Flowers shortly pedicelled, pink.
Pods oblong, slightly curved, 6-8 jointed, minutely pubescent.

Habit: Shrub

Habitat: Moist deciduous forests

Flowering & Fruiting: October-January

Parts used: Whole plant

Properties & Uses: Whole plant is used in healing wounds and
snakebite. Root is used for asthma and cough. Leaves used as a
vermifuge.

Systems of Medicines: Folk,

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