

Species code: 13-1A

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Calacanthus grandiflorus (Dalzell) Radlk.

Botanical name: Calacanthus grandiflorus (Dalzell) Radlk.

(=Lepidagathis grandiflora Dalz., Calcacanthus dalzelliana T. Anders. Ex Bth. & Hook.)

Vernacular name: -

Family: Acanthaceae

Threatened category: Low risk (Gaikwad & Yadav, 2004)

Key characters: Corolla two lipped, lobes twisted to the left in bud. Stamens-4, anthers not spurred at the base. Ovules two in each cell. Capsule -4 seeded, seeds supported on a hard, upward curved retinacula.

Description: Shrubs, 1-2 m high, gregarious; stems quadrangular. Leaves 12-20 X 5-7.8 cm, elliptic, base tapering, apex acuminate, entire slightly ciliate. Flowers bluish-purple, in 3-15 cm long terminal spikes from upper axils. Capsules 1.5-2 X 0.8 cm, obovoid, compressed, base narrowed, apex acute, pubescent. Seeds about 0.7 cm across, hairy, yellowish.

Flowering and fruiting: September-June.

Distribution: India – Endemic to Peninsular and central India.

Reported Localities: Pune, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Satara, Sindhudurg, Thane.

Ecology: Occasional along beds of dried streamlets and shady areas of higher ghats, between 500-1000m altitude.

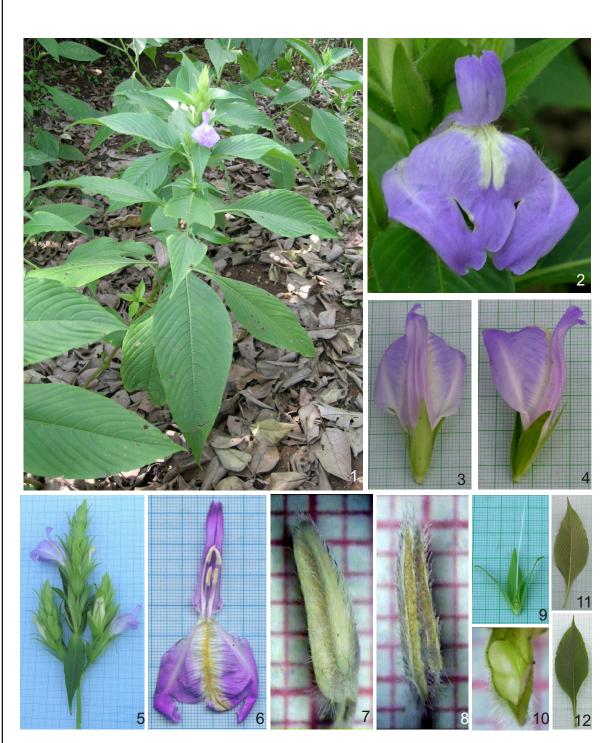
Association: No specific plant association is observed.

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Haritarium



1. Habit, 2., 3., & 4. Single flower, 5. Inflorescence, 6. Dissected flower, 7. & 8. Anthers, 9. Gynoecium, 10. Capsule, 11. Leaf- Dorsal view, 12. Leaf- Ventral view.



Species code: <u>13</u>- 1C

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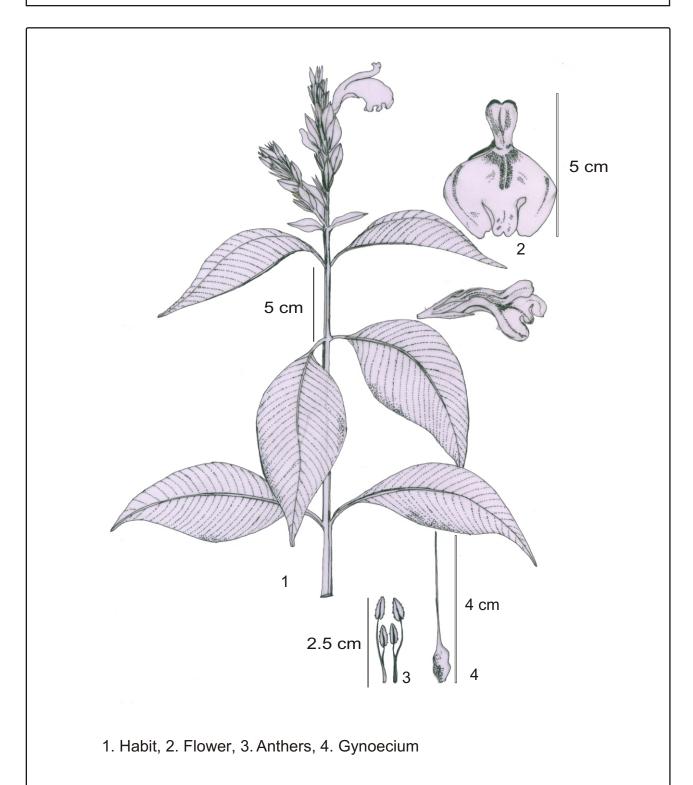




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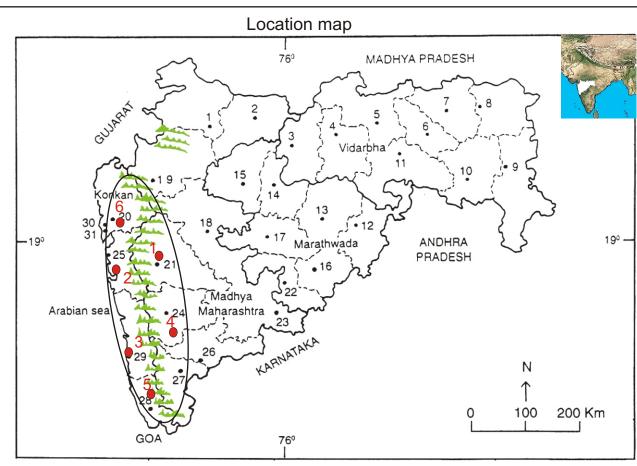




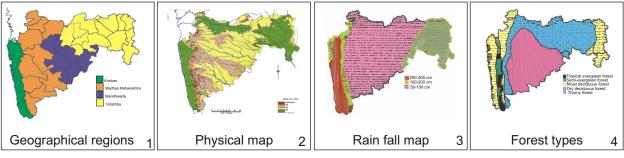
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Distribution districts:-

1.Pune, 2.Raigad, 3.Ratnagiri, 4.Satara, 5.Sindhudurg, 6.Thane

Geographical distribution in Maharashtra:

Latitude (DMS): Between 19° 11'-16° 49' N & Longitude (DMS): 72° 52'-74° E.



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