## Morindacitrifolia

Morindacitrifolia, commonly known as Noni, is a tropical fruit-bearing tree or shrub belonging to the Rubiaceae family. Native to Southeast Asia, Australia, and the Pacific islands, Noni has a long history of traditional use as a medicinal plant in Polynesian, Hawaiian, and other Pacific Island cultures. The fruit, leaves, roots, and bark of the Noni plant are utilized for various therapeutic purposes.



Kingdom: Plantae
Order: Gentianales
Family: Rubiaceae
Genus: Morinda
Species: M. citrifolia

## Name of Morindacitrifolia, in Indian language

Ach (आच) - Hindi name.

Noi (নই) - Bengali name.

Maddi (మడ్డి) - Telugu name.

Nonu (नोनु) - Marathi name.

Noni (नोनी) - Gujarati name.

Nonu (नोनू) - Punjabi name.

## Medicinal Properties of Morindacitrifolia (Noni)

- 1. Antioxidant Activity: Noni contains antioxidants such as flavonoids, anthraquinones, and iridoids, which help neutralize free radicals in the body and reduce oxidative stress. Antioxidants contribute to overall health and may help prevent chronic diseases.
- 2. Immune System Support: Noni is believed to have immunomodulatory effects, helping to strengthen the immune system and enhance the body's defense mechanisms against infections and diseases.
- 3. Anti-inflammatory Effects: Noni exhibits anti-inflammatory properties, which can help reduce inflammation and alleviate symptoms of inflammatory conditions such as arthritis, asthma, and inflammatory bowel diseases.

- 4. Analgesic Properties: Noni has traditionally been used to relieve pain and discomfort. It may help alleviate headaches, menstrual cramps, muscle pain, and joint pain.
- 5. Antibacterial and Antifungal Activity: Noni extracts have demonstrated antibacterial and antifungal activities against various pathogens. It may help prevent and treat bacterial and fungal infections.
- 6. Antiviral Properties: Some studies suggest that Noni possesses antiviral properties, which may help inhibit the replication of certain viruses and reduce the severity and duration of viral infections.
- 7. Cardioprotective Effects: Noni is believed to have cardioprotective properties, helping to lower blood pressure, reduce cholesterol levels, and improve cardiovascular health. It may support heart function and reduce the risk of heart disease.
- 8. Gastrointestinal Health: Noni has been used traditionally to promote gastrointestinal health. It may help alleviate symptoms of indigestion, bloating, and constipation. Noni juice is sometimes consumed for its laxative effects.
- 9. Skin Health: Noni is used topically to promote skin health and treat various skin conditions such as acne, eczema, and wounds. It may help soothe inflammation, reduce irritation, and promote wound healing.
- 10. Anticancer Potential: Some research suggests that Noni extracts may possess anticancer properties, inhibiting the growth and spread of cancer cells. It may help prevent certain types of cancer and enhance the effectiveness of conventional cancer treatments.

11. Liver Health: Noni is believed to support liver health and detoxification. It may help protect the liver from damage caused by toxins and promote the regeneration of liver cells.