



**“RIGHT PLACE FOR BRIGHT FUTURE”**  
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**PLANT MORPHOLOGY**



**Botanical Name** :- *Abrus precatorius* L.

**Family** :- Fabaceae

**Local Name** :- Gunj

**Morphology** :-

*Abrus precatorius* twining, woody twining, woody vine which grows to a height of 10 to 20 feet when supported by other plants. Root is woody, tortuous and much branched, with a sweet taste. Leaves are alternate compound, feather-like, pinnately divided, with small oblong leaflets. The flowers are numerous and appear in the leaf axils along the stem. They are small oblong leaflets. The flowers are numerous and appear in the leaf axils along the stems. They are small and occur in clusters 1 to 3 inches long, usually red to purple, or occasionally white. The fruit is a legume (pea shaped pod) about 3 cm long containing hard ovoid seeds. Seeds are red with a black spot covering one end.

**Flowering & Fruiting:** - September to January

**Uses** :-

The leaves of the herb are used to cure fever, cough and cold. Paste of roots is administered to cure abdominal pains, tumours.

