

ETHNO-BOTANY OF SOME USEFUL FOREST TREES OF NARENDRA NAGAR BLOCK, TEHRI GARHWAL (UTTARAKHAND), INDIA.

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Abstract : An ethno-botanical study was carried-out in order to document the folk uses of forest trees in the Narendra Nagar Block, District Tehri Garhwal, (Uttarakhand). The population of the region primarily depends upon plant resources for their domestic needs. A wide variety of tree species are present in the study area but this paper includes only those species whose common use is either known locally or they are in daily use for various purposes. Although the authors observed only 20 tree species are utilized for multiple purposes in the study area. Most of these tree species are also used for medicinal purposes. The informative data on ethno-botanical plants were conducted with the local inhabitants and selected informants. The ethno-medicinal data was gathered from the tribal medicine men, villagers and vaidhyas. Questionnaires were adopted during the surveys in order to get qualitative and participatory approach about the plant resources and their utilization by the local people. Questions concerning the utility of different plants, quantity of plants used, rate of consumption, availability, economics/ market value and fuel wood / fodder head loads had been asked.

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