



***Bauhinia vahlii* Wight & Arn.**

**Family:** Cesalpinoaceae

**Common names:** Bauhinia climber, Mahul, Taur



**Description:**

*Bauhinia vahlii* is a small, deciduous tree goes up to 15 m tall. Bark is rough and black. The branches are spreading, zigzag, slender and glabrous. Leaf blade is broadly circular, leathery with cordate base. Inflorescence is a lateral or terminal raceme, with short peduncle. Flower buds are egg shaped, apex is sticking out. Legume is linear- Cylindrical, valves woody and glabrous. Seeds are 12-20, dark brownish, ellipsoid, and 8-10 mm in diameter.

**Utilization:**

It is economically important for fibre, fodder, food, medicine, and thatching. Its bark provides good quality fibre and leaves are used for fodder, making container for foodstuffs, and tobacco wrapping. Villagers stitches 3 or 4 leaves together and make Pattals, and these Pattals are used to serve food in the feasts. Its tender leaves are cooked as vegetables and seeds are eaten raw, roasted or dried and fried. A paste of the seeds is applied to boils and given to children suffering from indigestion (Manandhar, 2002).

Part	Uses
Dried Plant extract	Anti-inflammatory, Anti Diabetic,
Stem bark	Anti-microbial

**References:**

Manandhar N. P; (2002) Plants and People of Nepal. Timber Press, Portland, Oregon, USA. p. 106.

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