

## Quantitative Analyses of soil of some plants growing near Carpet Industries

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### Abstract

The present paper describes for the first time an account of quantitative analyses of soil of some important plants growing near carpet factories. A total of 20 species have been documented with brief notes on salient features of ecology, therapeutic uses and soil profile of each species and conservation.

**Key words:** quantitative, soil, carpet.

### Introduction

The soil exhibits spatial variation owing to anthropogenic land use patterns and physical, chemical and biological activity. Due to diverse geographical, physiological, and ecological diversity, India is regarded as one of the mega-biodiversity centers. The demand for herbal plants is rising as a result of the flourishing traditional medicine sector. Moreover, the use of high levels of chemical fertilizers decreases the medicinal plant nutrients uptake and induces either stagnation, or decrease in yields and environmental pollution. Accurately identifying suitable medicinal plant species based on specific soil conditions is crucial for agriculture, horticulture and environmental studies. Sustainable management of the natural habitat is an environmental issue concerning biodiversity protection and the welfare of local communities because of the diminishing availability of such herbal plants and the vanishing local traditional knowledge. The availability of nutrients and organic matter in the soil affects the plant growth.

### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The study was carried out in rural areas of Bhadohi district near carpet factories which includes Milkia, Kashipur, Bhadohi, Suriyawan, Gyanpur, Deegh, Abholi and Aurai. Local experienced persons and herbal practitioners were consulted to know about the use of various medicinal plants growing in their localities. Frequent field trips were made to the sites by one of the author (Saumya Mishra) and voucher specimens of plants identified as medicinally important were collected. Species identification was achieved by comparison with specimens of Indian herbarium, digital herbaria (e-Floras 2008, WCSP 2012, The Plant List 2013, POWO 2019,) and perusal of relevant literature. Medicinal values of these plants were compared with various studies especially from among the rural and tribal communities (Tiwari et al. 2012, Mishra et al. 2016, 2017, 2019,; Mishra & Mishra 2017, 2018a, b, 2019. The voucher specimens have been deposited in the herbarium of Department of Botany, KN Govt. PG College, Gyanpur, Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh. Soil solution was prepared and tested for various parameters using modern instruments & standard protocols.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

In the present investigation, 20 plant species belonging to 20 genera under 16 families were described from Bhadohi District, which have been enumerated here, along with their botanical name, vernacular name, family, habit, habitat and pharmacological uses. Paedological quantitative analyses of soil was also provided such as -available organic carbon, phosphorous, potash, copper, iron, manganese, zinc in soil of each species (Table-1).

Some of the important medicinal plants are described below:

**1 *Alternanthera sessile* (L.) DC. Khakhi weed Amaranthaceae**

Habit & habitat- Aquatic, herb, growing near semiaquatic areas, near ponds

**2 *Amaranthus spinosus* L. Katili chaurai Amaranthaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial,, herb growing near wastelands and roadside

**3 *Argemone maxicana* L. Satyanashi Papaveraceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, shrub, growing near wastelands, grasslands, soil alluvial, light yellowish

**4 *Barleria prionitis* L. kastira Acanthaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, shrub, occurs near wastelands, fields, soil clayish

**5 *Calotropis gigantia* (L.) R.Br. Safed madar Asclepiadaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, shrub, common in wastelands and grasslands, soil alluvial

**6 *Chenopodium album* L. bathua chenopodiaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, herb, occurs in waste places

**7 *Cissus quadrangularis* L. harjor vitaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, succulent twiner, shrub, growing as cultivated plant, occurs in hotter part of the country

**8 *Curcuma domestica* Roxb. Haldi zingiberaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, herb, grown as cultivated plant

**9 *Datura stramonium* L. dhatura solanaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, herb, growing near wastelands

**10 *Eclipta alba* (L.) Hassk. bhringraj asteraceae**

Habit & habitat- Semiaquatic plant, herb, growing near grasslands

**11 *Euphorbia hirta* L. Badhi duddhi euphorbiaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, herb, common in grasslands

**12 *Evolvulus nummularis* (L.) L. Safed shankpuspi convolvulaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, herb, growing in unused places, gardens

**13 *Madhuca indica* J.F. Gmel. mahua Sapotaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, tree, growing in cultivated gardens

**14 *Nicotiana tobaccum* L. tambakoo Solanaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, Herb, growing in grasslands, waste places, waste fields

**15 *Papaver somniferum* L. Apheem Papaveraceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, Herb, growing in grasslands, waste places

**16 *Rauwolfia serpentine* (L.) Benth. ex. Kurz. Sarpagandha Apocynaceae**

Habit & habitat- Terrestrial, shrub, growing grasslands and wasteland

**17 *Solanum nigrum* L.Makoiya Solanaceae**

**Habit& habitat-** Terrestrial, herb, grasslands, waste places, fields

**18 *Strychnos nux-vomica* L.Kuchla Loganiaceae**

**Habit& habitat-** Terrestrial. Tree, occurs in waste places, cultivated in gardens

**19 *Tinospora cordifolia* (Willd.) Hook. F.& Thomas. Gurach Menispermaceae**

**Habit& habitat-** Terrestrial, climber, herb, growing near waste lands, grasslands

**20 *Vitex nigundo* L.Nirgund Verbenaceae**

**Habit& habitat-** Terrestrial, shrub, growing in grasslands, wastefield

**Conclusion:**

The unscientific disposal of hazardous waste generated during carpet manufacturing processes, containing residual dyes, mordants, synthetic chemicals, microfibrils, aniline dyes, perfluorinated chemicals, antimicrobial and moth proofing chemicals are harmful for an flora and fauna of ecosystem, crop plants, river streams, soil profile, growth of plants, causing various diseases like dermatitis, respiratory issues, carcinogenic effects, neurological problems, endocrine problems etc, in the soil, water streams poses great threat to local peoples of bhadohi district.

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**Table- 1: Quantitative analyses of soil of medicinal plants growing near carpet industries of Bhadohi district, Uttar Pradesh**

S.No	Botanical name	Organic carbon	Available phosphorus	potash	copper	iron	manganese	Zinc ppm
1	<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i>	0.18%	15 kg/hect	14 kg/hect	2.58 ppm	5.62 ppm	1.95 ppm	2.54
2	<i>Amaranthus spinosus</i>	0.65%	14 kg/hect	249 kg/hect	2.69 ppm	5.69 ppm	7.45 ppm	1.65
3	<i>Argemone maxicana</i>	0.45%	12 kg/hect	184 kg/hect	2.59 ppm	7.11 ppm	1.92 ppm	1.61
4	<i>Barleria prionitis</i>	0.67 %	19 kg/hect	119 kg/hect	1.49 ppm	8.37 ppm	5.09 ppm	1.27
5	<i>Calotropis gigantea</i>	0.65 %	15 kg/hect	265 kg/hect	1.57 ppm	11.92 ppm	6.51 ppm	1.37
6	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	0.67 %	16 kg/hect	217 kg/hect	2.92 ppm	1.65 ppm	7.11 ppm	2.07
7	<i>Cissus quadrangularis</i>	0.65%	14 kg/hect	217 kg/hect	2.05 ppm	2.0 ppm	7.12 ppm	2.06
8	<i>Curcuma domestica</i>	0.26 %	14 kg/hect	15 kg/hect	1.59 ppm	5.65 ppm	1.59 ppm	3.55
9	<i>Datura stramonium</i>	0.65%	15 kg/hect	217 kg/hect	2.06 ppm	2.05 ppm	7.19 ppm	2.06
10	<i>Eclipta alba</i>	0.46%	25 kg/hect	189 kg/hect	3.07 ppm	1.52 ppm	1.16 ppm	1.07
11	<i>Euphorbia hirta</i>	0.37%	16 kg/hect	249 kg/hect	1.07 ppm	3.64 ppm	5.28 ppm	3.08

12	<i>Evolvulus nummularis</i>	0.44 %	14 kg/hect	185 kg/hect	0.24 ppm	7.19 ppm	1.94 ppm	1.69
13	<i>Madhuca indica</i>	0.76 %	11 kg/hect	264 kg/hect	1.76 ppm	9.75 ppm	5.71 ppm	1.22
14	<i>Nicotiana tobaccum</i>	0.11 %	19 kg/hect	14 kg/hect	0.25 ppm	6.69 ppm	1.04 ppm	1.05
15	<i>Papaver somnifera</i>	0.15 %	15 kg/hect	15 kg/hect	2.57 ppm	5.64 ppm	4.47 ppm	1.62
16	<i>Rauwolfia serpentina</i>	0.99 %	22 kg/hect	15 kg/hect	0.52 ppm	8.06 ppm	1.14 ppm	3.54
17	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	0.65 %	14 kg/hect	264 kg/hect	1.54 ppm	11.19 ppm	3.55 ppm	1.24
18	<i>Strchnos nux-vomica</i>	0.65 %	14 kg/hect	261 kg/hect	1.87 ppm	10.25 ppm	4.92 ppm	1.34
19	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>	0.65 %	14 kg/hect	265 kg/hect	1.55 ppm	11.17 ppm	1.79 ppm	2.54
20	<i>Vitex nigundo</i>	0.62 %	15 kg/hect	107 kg/hect	1.7 ppm	7.15 ppm	5.9 ppm	1.26