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Artabotrys hexapetalus

[Synonyms : *Annona hexapetala*, *Anona uncinata*, *Artabotrys odoratissimus*, *Artabotrys uncatus*, *Artabotrys uncinatus*, *Uvaria esculenta*, *Uvaria odoratissima*, *Uvaria uncata*]

CLIMBING YLANG-YLANG is an evergreen shrub or vine. Native to India and Sri Lanka it has aromatic smelling pale yellow flowers with many stamens.

It is also known as *Bunga pisang* (Malay), *Harachampaka* (Sanskrit), *Hirva champa* (Marathi), *Kadang-nga chin* (Thai), *Katchampa* (Bengali), *Manoranjidam* (Tamil), *Manoranjidamu* (Telugu), Tail-grape, and Ylang-ylang.

The flowers' aromatic smell is especially noticeable in the evening.

An essential oil is extracted from the flowers.

Hexapetalus is derived from Greek *hexa-* (six) and Latin *petalum* (petal) components.

Locally the flowers are used to make a stimulating drink.

Essential oil is employed as an ingredient by the perfumery industry.

Medicinally, a decoction of the leaves has been used locally to treat cholera.