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Berberis asiatica

INDIAN BARBERRY is an evergreen shrub. Native to India and particularly Nepal, it has yellow flowers.

It is also known as Barberry, *Chitra* (Nepalese), and *Sumlu* (Hindi).

Asiatica means 'of or from Asia'.

Like other species in this genus Indian barberry is a host plant for black or wheat rust.

A yellow dye can be obtained from the roots and the stems.

Medicinally, an extract from the wood or roots (which has a bitter, astringent taste) has been used locally for treating jaundice, fevers, leucorrhoea and ulcers.