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*Myristica malabarica*

**BOMBAY MACE** is an evergreen tree. It is native to southern India.

It is also known as *Adavijajikaya* (Telugu), Bombay nutmeg, Indian nutmeg, *Kamuka* (Sanskrit), *Kattuchadi* (Tamil), *Kattu-jathika* (Malayalam), Nut meg, *Rampatri* (Hindi), Wild mace, and Wild nutmeg.

*Malabarica* means ‘of the Malabar coast (southern India)’.

Bombay mace has fruit that are only slightly aromatic and are of no commercial value although they have been used as a spice locally. However bombay mace is sometimes used to adulterate the recognized nutmeg and mace obtained from *Myristica fragrans*.

Locally the seed oil is used for illumination.

The reddish-grey wood has been used for general construction

Medicinally, the seed oil is used locally.