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*Ocimum viride*

[Synonyms : *Ocimum gratissimum*, *Ocimum guineense*, *Ocimum suave*]

**FEVER PLANT** is an annual or perennial. Native to western Africa it has small purple-tinged, greenish white flowers.

It is also known as African basil, *Banjere* (Punjabi), Dove basil, *Elumichantulasi* (Tamil), East Indian basil, Fever plant of Sierra Leone, *Fonbazen* (Creole), *Fond bazin* (French), Mosquito plant, *Onunum* (Twi), *Ostindisches Baumbasiliku* (German), *Ramatulasi* (Malayalam, Telugu), *Ramtulsi* (Bengali, Hindi), *Selaseh besar* (Malay), Shrubby basil, Tea bush, Tree basil, and *Vridhdhatulasi* (Sanskrit).

*Viride* is Latin (green).

In Java (now part of Indonesia) fever plant has been used in the ritual washing of corpses. It is also seen growing in graveyards in Indonesia and Malaysia.

Medicinally, leaves of the fever plant (as its name implies) have been taken in west Africa as a tea to ease fever, and the leaves have also been used in remedies for dysentery. The roots have provided an ingredient in a doubtful remedy for snake bites.