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BOTANICAL NAME *Acacia nilotica* (L.) Delile

COMMON NAME Gum Arabic Tree, Babul

FAMILY Leguminosae
SUB FAMILY Mimosoideae



DISTRIBUTION It is widely found in the Indian subcontinent. It is also found in areas of Africa, Asia and Australia.

FUN FACT Babul is a tree of medium size which is 20 to 25 m in height but it can remain a shrub too if there are unfavourable growing conditions

COMMON USES

- 1) *Acacia* has been used in medicines, tools and woodwork for centuries.
- 2) The tender leaves are beneficial for treating mouth ulcers.
- 3) It is also used as one of the baking ingredients.

However, it must be used under medical supervision for this purpose.

REFERENCES 1) <https://indiabiodiversity.org/species/show/31008>