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BOTANICAL NAME *Bauhinia purpurea* L.

COMMON NAME Kachnar, Kaniar, Purple Bauhinia, Pink Butterfly Tree

FAMILY Fabaceae

SUB- FAMILY Caesalpiniaceae



DISTRIBUTION W. Pakistan, India, China, Africa and Australia.

FUN FACT The plant produces purple flowers during the spring season. It is also designated as the City Flower of Hong Kong, China.

COMMON USES

- 1) The leaves of the plant are sour in nature and are used in diverse cuisines.
- 2) The leaves are also used as wrapping to treat bruises, boils, swelling, and ulcers.
- 3) The leaves are also used to cure cough.
- 4) Its bark is used as an antitoxin
- 5) Its flowers have laxative properties

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

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