

## eFlora of India...

### Key to species of *Phyllanthus* (Family: Euphorbiaceae)

1a	Trees or shrubs.....	2
1b	Herbs or subshrubs .....	6
2a	Tepals 5; fruits berries, bluish black.....	<i>Phyllanthus reticulatus</i>
2b	Tepals 6; fruits drupes or capsules, other than bluish black.....	3
3a	Tepals oblanceolate; fruits drupes .....	4
3b	Tepals ovate; fruits capsules.....	5
4a	Leaves less than 5 mm wide, more than 60 per branchlet.....	<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>
4b	Leaves more than 5 mm wide, less than 40 per branchlet.....	<i>Phyllanthus indofischeri</i>
5a	Leaves ovate-elliptic to suborbicular, more than 1 cm wide, glaucous beneath.....	<i>Phyllanthus pinnatus</i>
5b	Leaves oblong, less than 0.6 cm wide, not glaucous beneath.....	<i>Phyllanthus polyphyllus</i>
6a	Tepals 5.....	<i>Phyllanthus amarus</i>
6b	Tepals 6 .....	7
7a	Leaves obovate; seeds vertically muriculate.....	<i>Phyllanthus maderaspatensis</i>
7b	Leaves other than obovate; seeds other than the above.....	8
8a	Capsules smooth; seeds longitudinally striate.....	9
8b	Capsules verrucose or warty; seeds not striate.....	11
9a	Leaves narrowly elliptic-oblong, < 5 mm wide, green beneath.....	<i>Phyllanthus debilis</i>
9b	Leaves broadly elliptic-ovate, > 8 mm wide, glaucous beneath.....	10
10a	Leaves papery; female calyx-lobes with wide scarious margins.....	<i>Phyllanthus kozhikodanus</i>
10b	Leaves subfleshy; female calyx-lobes with narrow scarious margins.....	<i>Phyllanthus rheedii</i>
11a	Leaves oblong; capsules verrucose; seeds transversely ridged.....	<i>Phyllanthus urinaria</i>
11b	Leaves oblong-lanceolate; capsules warty; seeds tuberculate.....	<i>Phyllanthus virgatus</i>

#### List of species included:

1. *Phyllanthus amarus*
2. *Phyllanthus debilis*
3. *Phyllanthus emblica*
4. *Phyllanthus indofischeri*
5. *Phyllanthus kozhikodanus*
6. *Phyllanthus maderaspatensis*
7. *Phyllanthus pinnatus*
8. *Phyllanthus polyphyllus*
9. *Phyllanthus reticulatus*
10. *Phyllanthus rheedii*
11. *Phyllanthus urinaria*
12. *Phyllanthus virgatus*