

The Floristic Studies on Narande Sacred Grove Narande, Dist. Kolhapur, Maharashtra

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Abstract: Sacred groves are virgin forest pockets dedicated to local deities and preserve remarkable treasure troves not seen in the neighborhood. This is due to many myths and ductile to the tribal villagers, which forbid their exploitation for personal benefits. Sacred groves dedicated to the gods. The practice of dedicating groves to deities is common in India. While try to provide a haven for birds & animals; they also preserve many species of plants which would otherwise have become extinct. These deities are generally of timely primitive nature; mother goddesses in the form of unshaped stone lumps smeared red paint, lying open to the sky, Kalkai in Konkan, a Jogmaya in the Aravallis or a Kenchanmama in southern Kanara the present investigation is important to the student of plant taxonomy, pharmacognosy, ethno botany, environmental botany etc. In study area narander sacred grove innarande. During observation I was found that herb is 55%, shrub is 26% under shrub 6%. climbers 11%. Trees In this paper there are 95 plant species out of these 71 plants species belongs to Class- Dicotyledone and 16 plants species belongs to Class-Monocotyledone and 5 from pteridophytes. There are 35 families 60 genera and 64 species are from Angiosperms and 4 families 5 genera and 5 species from pteridophytes.

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