



# ***Rauvolfia serpentina* (L.) Benth. ex Kurz**

**Family:** Apocynaceae

**Common name:** Indian snake root,

**Local name:** Sarpgandha (Hindi),  
Sappgndhi (Dogri)

**Importance:**

- Roots are source of reserpine, an alkaloid which is used to treat hypertension.
- Also useful in insomnia.