

Medicinal Plant Images

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Figure 1: *Adansonia digitata* (L.) Kuntze (commonly known as baobab) is widespread throughout the African continent, particularly in hot, dry sub-Saharan savannah environments. The tree has traditionally been used as a source of food, water and health remedies. In Southern Africa, the fruit pulp (or sometimes the bark) is mixed with water and used to treat fevers, diarrhoea and haemoptysis.^{1,2} In Western Africa, the bark and leaves have further uses as anti-inflammatory and diaphoretic agents.³ They also have uses as traditional remedies of urinary tract infections and diarrhoea.¹ This photograph was taken in the northern part of Limpopo province, South Africa by Dr Ian Cock in January 2015.



Figure 2: Eucalyptus are iconic Australian medicinal plants and are possibly the most useful Australian plants commercially for their medicinal properties (including antimicrobial, insect repellent, pesticidal, anticough and decongestant bioactivities.^{4,5,6}) Eucalyptus is a diverse genus of trees in the family Myrtaceae. Of the more than 700 species that comprise this genus, most are endemic to Australia. A smaller number are also native to New Guinea, Indonesia and the Philippines. Photograph taken in Brisbane, Australia by Dr Ian Cock.

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