



## **Unusual Flowers of Tamil Nadu**

SharonPly proudly presents a unique calendar series, **Unusual Wild Flowers of Tamil Nadu**, celebrating the rare and mesmerizing flora of this vibrant region. Featuring twelve stunning photographs, this collection offers a glimpse into the rich bio-diversity of Tamil Nadu's forests, showcasing flowers with extraordinary shapes, colors, and characteristics that most of us wouldn't have seen. Some of these species, long hidden in remote wildernesses, have only recently been rediscovered, underscoring their rarity and ecological importance. Through this initiative, SharonPly seeks to raise awareness of **Tamil Nadu's botanical treasures** and inspire collective efforts to preserve these delicate wonders for future generations. This calendar is a humble tribute to the countless, often unseen, blooms that adorn Tamil Nadu's landscape.

SharonPly extends its heartfelt gratitude to **Ms. Paulmathi** and **Mr. Vinod** of the **Kanniyakumari Nature Foundation**, whose dedication to documenting and conserving wildflowers made this project possible. All photographs in the series are their incredible contributions, reflecting years of their exploration and study.



*Gloriosa superba* (செங்காந்தள் - Chengandal)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
JAN				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2025	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31								

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This is the state flower of Tamil Nadu and the national flower of Zimbabwe. Despite being toxic, it is used in traditional medicine to treat gout, arthritis, and skin diseases.



*Caralluma adscendens* (கல்முளையான் - Kalmulayyan)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
FEB							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2025	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28								

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யானைபரின் வலிமை

Known as "famine food," the plant suppresses appetite, boosts stamina, and was used by tribesmen during long hunting expeditions. It is traditionally consumed raw, cooked, or pickled.



*Christisonia tubulosa* (மெஜந்தா ஒட்டுண்ணி - Mejanta Ottunni)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
MAR							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2025	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					

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This rare plant without leaves and chlorophyll that depends on grasses for nutrients was rediscovered near Pollachi after 90 years. It is nearly impossible to spot it without its striking flowers that stand out among other plants.



*Neonauclea purpurea* (மஞ்சளீர் கடம்பு - Manjaneer Kadambu)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
APR			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2025	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30										

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Also known as cheese-wood, has flaky bark used to make a yellow dye and is a traditional remedy for Type-2 Diabetes. Recently, it gained attention for its flowers, which resemble the shape of the dreaded coronavirus.



*Ceropegia juncea* (இலையற்ற விளக்கு பூ - Ilaiyatra Vilakku Poo)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
MAY					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2025	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							

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This is a slender plant with tubular, lantern-shaped flowers that attract and trap flies for pollination. Though appearing leafless, it has minute leaves and was used in Somayaga ritual across ancient India and for medicinal purposes.



*Corynandra chelidonii* (சிலந்தி பூ - Cilanti Poo)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
JUN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2025	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30												

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This plant features vibrant pink flowers with long yellow stamens, create a striking spider-like appearance. Its pungent seeds are used by locals as a mustard substitute in curries.



*Memecylon umbellatum* (காயா மலர் - Kaya Malar)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
JUL			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2025	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31									

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It is also called ironwood, is prized for its dense wood used in sculpture and boat-making. Its vibrant blue flowers light up scrublands in full bloom.





*Ochna obtusata* (கல்குருவி - Kalkuruvi)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>AUG</b>						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2025	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						

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This plant has black berries surrounded by red sepals, resembling Mickey Mouse's face. This unique appearance occurs after the yellow petals fall off, leaving the berries (ears) and red sepals (face).



Zingiber zerumbet (தேன்கூடு இஞ்சி - Thenkoodu Inji)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
SEP		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2025	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30											

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As the flower heads mature, they gradually fill with an aromatic, slimy liquid and turn a brighter red colour. The clear fragrant juice present in the mature flower is used as shampoo for the hair.



*Dichrostachys cinerea* (விடத்தலை - Vidathalai)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
OCT				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2025	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31								

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This plant features dual-colored flowers that resemble a lantern. As a leguminous plant, it enriches soil fertility by fixing atmospheric nitrogen, making it valuable for land reclamation and agroforestry.



*Impatiens levingei* (லெவங்கி கன்னி பூ - Levanki Kanni Poo)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
NOV							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2025	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30						

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This plant is a small herb endemic to the Western Ghats, thriving on wet rocks in dense forests. Its explosive seed pods burst upon touch, aiding in seed dispersal.



*Eulophia epidendrea* (அநீக முழரிக்கிழங்கு - Aneega Muzhari Kilangu)

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DEC		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2025	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31										

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In a recent study, it was found that this terrestrial orchid hosts the vibrant Nilgiri Tit Butterfly (*Hypolycaena nilgirica*). Its starch-rich tubers are valued in traditional medicine for their therapeutic properties.

As a leader in sustainable practices, **SharonPly** has consistently championed environmental protection through several green initiatives such as **planting thousands of saplings** and installing **reverse vending machines** for plastic recycling. This calendar continues our commitment to environmental stewardship, blending art with advocacy. We invite you to celebrate this glimpse of Tamil Nadu's **botanical wealth**, and we welcome your thoughts and suggestions. You could also request **additional calendars** for those who would cherish them by contacting us through **WhatsApp** at **+91 89255 11414** or email us at **help@sharonply.com**. Together, let us honour and protect the natural heritage of Tamil Nadu.

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