

## *Ocimum sanctum* L.



**Habit:** Herb

**Description:** Holy basil is an erect, many-branched subshrub, 30–60 cm (12–24 in) tall with hairy stems. Leaves are green or purple; they are simple, petioled, with an ovate blade up to 5 cm (2 in) long, which usually has a slightly toothed margin; they are strongly scented and have a decussate phyllotaxy. The purplish flowers are placed in close whorls on elongated racemes

**Taxonomy:**

<b>Kingdom</b>	Plantae
<b>Division</b>	Tracheophytes
<b>Class</b>	Angiosperms
<b>Order</b>	Lamiales
<b>Family</b>	Lamiaceae
<b>Genus</b>	Ocimum
<b>Species</b>	<i>Ocimum sanctum</i> L.

**Uses:** This plant has been recommended for the treatment of bronchitis, bronchial asthma, malaria, diarrhea, dysentery, skin diseases.

**Reference:** Indian Biodiversity Portal, NCBI