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Medicinal Plant Resources of Rudrakod Sacred Grove in Nallamalais, Andhra Pradesh, India

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ABSTRACT Rudrakod sacred grove, located in Nallamalai hill ranges of Southern Andhra Pradesh harbour rich plant diversity. The Chenchu tribal communities living in and around the sacred groves are endowed with rich traditional botanical knowledge pertaining to medicinal values of plant species. In the present study, we documented 69 vascular plant species of medicinal value used by the tribes. The paper deals with the systematic enumeration of the species with brief description, their distribution, phenology, local names, and medicinal uses along with mode of administration. Over-exploitation and unscientific collection of some medicinal plants threatening the resource and warrants sustainable harvesting by the local communities.