

# *Tephrosia purpurea*



**Common Name:** Sarphonk, Wild indigo

**Scientific Name:** *Tephrosia purpurea*

**Family:** Fabaceae

It is a species of flowering plant that has a pantropical distribution. It is a common wasteland weed. In many parts, it is under cultivation as a green manure crop. It is found throughout India and Sri Lanka in poor soils.

**Economically Important Part:** Leaves, Roots

**Economic Importance:** It is used as a fish poison for fishing, its leaves and seed contain tephrosin which paralyzes fish. It is used in the treatment of leprosy, ulcers, asthma and tumours, as well as diseases of the liver, spleen, heart and blood. It is used as fodder for animals such as goats.