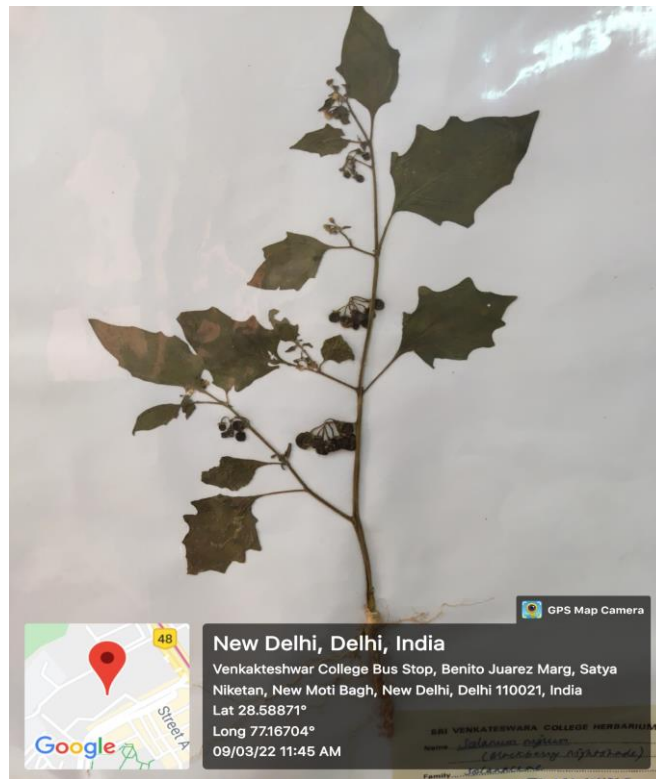


Solanum nigrum



Common Name: Black nightshade

Scientific Name: *Solanum nigrum*

Family: Solanaceae

It is a common herb or short-lived perennial shrub, found in many wooded areas as well as distributed habitats. It reaches a height of 30cm to 120 cm tall. Leaves are ovate to heart-shaped with wavy or large-toothed edges, both surfaces hairy or hairless. The flowers have petals greenish to whitish, recurved when aged and surrounded with prominent bright yellow anthers. The berry is dull- black or purple-black.

Economically Important Part: Fruit, Leaves

Economic Importance: It is used as food (ripe berries and boiled leaves of edible strains are eaten). Infusions are used in dysentery, stomach complaints, and fever. The juice of plants is used on ulcers and skin diseases. The fruits are used for treating asthma and 'excessive thirst'.