

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

With a profound sense of gratitude I express my indebtedness and sincere thanks to my revered guide - Late Prof. A.R. Chavan - for his useful help, guidance and suggestions and granting facilities during the course of this investigation. I am much obliged to Prof. C.R. Pathak, Head, Department of Botany, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, who was kind enough to accept me as his student after the sudden death of Prof. Chavan in May, 1967, for his help, guidance, keen interest and encouragement during this investigation.

My grateful thanks are due to Prof. M.B. Raizada, F.N.I., for his help and guidance during my visits to Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun. I am also thankful to Dr. H. Santapau, Director, Botanical Survey of India and Prof. T.S. Mahabale, Head, Department of Botany, Poona University, Poona, for their valuable suggestions and for determination of some plants.

I very much appreciate the help rendered by the authorities of the Kew Gardens and Herbarium in the proper determination of a number of plants. I am thankful to the staff of various Indian Herbaria for the kind help in the confirmation of various specimens.

I must also thank the Forest Department, Gujarat State, for providing the services of their forest guards to survey these forests.

I am grateful to my host and guide, Mr. Himat Singh (Bapu), without whose help this work would have been impossible. I must also express my thanks to the various Bhils, their witch doctors 'Badavas' and Mr. Kanji of Pepargota and Mr. Punjala of Banvaro (Ratan Mal), Heads of Tribal Bhils, for their kind co-operation.

I am thankful to my colleagues, Messrs. R.P. Bhatt, S.D. Sabnis, S.N. Padate, M.C. Kulkarni and Dr. A.R. Mehta and other members of the departmental staff for their help.

Thanks are also due to Mr. P.T. Dindorkar  
for the photographic work and to Mr. V.F. Dhavsar  
and Mr. J.S. Kelkar for doing an excellent job  
of typing.

This work is very respectfully dedicated  
to the earlier botanical explorers who have inspired  
it.

B a r o d a,  
26th January, 1968.

*S. J. Bedi*  
(S.J. Bedi)