



*Codiaeum variegatum* (L) A. jass

**Family:** Euphorbiaceae

**Common name:** Garden Croton

**Vernacular name:** കോഴിവാലൻ

**Nativity:** Malaysia to Southwest Pacific

**Habit:** Tree

**Habitat:** Both Sunny and Shady places

**IUCN Status:** Least Concerned

**Keynotes:** It is a tropical, evergreen, monoecious shrub growing to 3 m tall and has large, thick, leathery, shiny evergreen leaves, alternately arranged, 5–30 cm long and 0.5–8 cm broad. The leaf blades can, for example, be ruler-lanceolate, oblong, elliptic, lanceolate, ovate inverted, ovate spatulate, or violin-shaped and coloured green, yellow, or purple in various patterns, depending on the variety

**Uses:** Most commonly, it was found that aqueous leaf extracts or decoctions of *C. variegatum* are used in traditional medicine to treat amoebic dysentery and stomach ache while a bath with root decoction or sap is applied in small quantities on skin related infections.



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