

**Botanic Name :** *Sida rhombifolia* L.

**Common name :** Paddy's Lucerne, jelly leaf, kurumtholli (in ayurvedic medicine)

**Habitat :** Terrestrial

**Family :** Malvaceae

**Distribution :** Native to new world tropical and subtropical zone

**Description :** Annual erect herb; leaf entire (untoothed), free-lateral spiny stipules at petiole base, cymose inflorescence, flowers yellow, monadelphous stamens, fruit capsule

**Phytochemicals:** Saponin, ephedrine and also alkaloids like choline, pseudoephedrine, beta-phenethylamine (roots)

**Medicinal/Economic uses:** Leaves used in relieve swelling, fruit in headache, root used to treat rheumatism. Also used in healing of burns, chicken pox, snake bites, scorpion sting, eczema, wasp sting, herpes, warts, stomach pain, gastritis, diarrhea, constipation, paralysis, toothache etc. It is used as antibiotic, appetizer, anti-inflammatory, anti-diabetic, and as febrifuge.