

## 11 *Capparis decidua* (Forsk.) Edgew. (Karira)

Drug consists of dried fruit of *Capparis decidua* (Forsk.) Edgew. (syn. *C. aphylla* Roth) (Plate 11.1 A, B, C & D); Fam. Capparaceae. The plant is a large, climbing, thorny shrub, growing wild in Western Ghats, Rajasthan and Gujarat.



A. Plant



B. Flowering twig

C. Fruiting twig

D. Dried fruits

### Chemical Constituents

#### *Major*

An isothiocyanate glucoside, glucocapparin, stachydrine, *n*-triacontane,  $\beta$ -carotene,  $\beta$ -sitosterol.

