

Commiphora myrrha



Myrrh, the hardened resin extracted from Commiphora myrrha

Commiphora myrrha, called **myrrh**,^[1] **African myrrh**,^[1] **herabol myrrh**,^[1] **Somali myrrhor**,^[1] **common myrrh**,^[3] or **gum myrrh** is a tree in the Burseraceae family. It is one of the primary trees used in the production of myrrh, a resin made from dried tree sap. The tree is native to the Arabian peninsula (Oman, Yemen) and to Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, Northeast Kenya).^[4]

1 Growth

Commiphora myrrha is very spiny and it grows to a height of about 4 m (13 ft). It grows at an altitude of between about 250 to 1,300 m (820 to 4,270 ft) with a yearly mean rainfall of about 23 to 30 cm (9.1 to 11.8 in). It does best in thin soil, primarily in areas with limestone.^[5]

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3 External links

- List of Chemicals Found in *Commiphora myrrha* (Dr. Duke's Databases)

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