

Caryota urens L., Host of *Ficus religiosa* L.

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Ficus religiosa L., commonly known as pipal tree, either planted or self growing is known to occur along the road sides, in waste lands and near religious places. When it grows on walls and terraces of buildings, it causes serious damages. Further it is said to be epiphytic (Cooke, 1958).

Recently, in the month of January 2009, authors noticed *Ficus religiosa* L., growing on the main branch of *Caryota urens* L., in the forest of Dharampur in Valsad District, Gujarat. The present finding confirms the earlier records published by Cooke (1958) but *Caryota urens* L. is listed for the first as a host for *Ficus religiosa* L. from Valsad, Gujarat (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1. *Caryota urens* L., host of *Ficus religiosa* L.

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