

## Glycosmis albicarpa

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- Recently, a new species of 'Gin Berry' has been discovered in Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu. Its botanical name is Glycosmis albicarpa.
- The **unique feature of 'Gin Aroma'** is found in this berry. It is popular as an edible fruit.
- This species is endemic to the Southern Western Ghats, with distinctive large white fruits. This species belongs to the **orange family**, **Rutaceae**.
- Most of these plant species are collected from forests, which are used by the local people for their medicines and food.
- This is a small tree of evergreen species. It was found as a single population in the Tirunelveli semi-evergreen forests in the Panagudi forest section with an area of about 2 Sq km. This area require special protection at present.





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