

Copper pod

Common name: Copper pod, Rusty shield bearer, Yellow Poinciana

Botanical name: *Peltophorum pterocarpum*

Family: Fabaceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Ivalvagai, perungondrai*



Field identification: Large, deciduous tree, up to 40-80 feet with spreading branches. Grey bark. Leaves feathery, up to one foot long, compound, bi-pinnate, with 6-20 pinnae with 20-30 stalk-less oblong leaflets, notched at apex, unequal at base. Flowers cupped in a coppery-red downy calyx with wavy yellow petals. Pods, rusty brown, oblong, flat, thin, narrowed at both ends.

Location on campus: Scattered across campus. E.g. Avenue tree along Ring Road, Carman Block

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