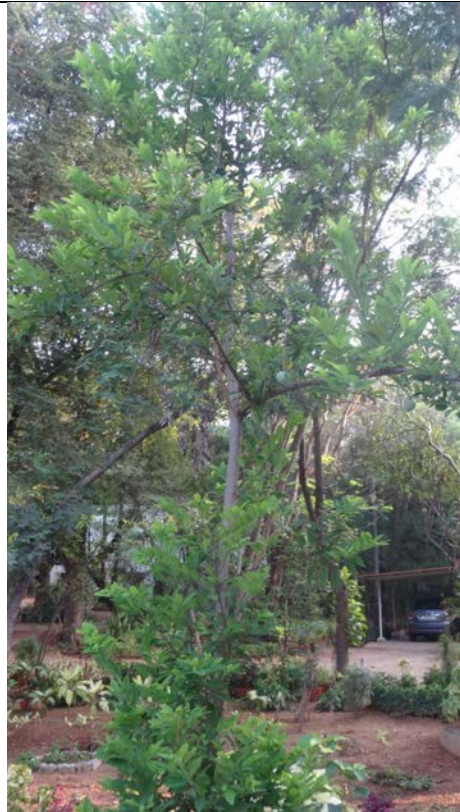


Custard Apple

Common name: Custard Apple, Sugar Apple

Botanical name: *Annona squamosa*

Family: Annonaceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Sitappalam*



Field identification: Large shrub/ small tree, deciduous, with narrow, grey/brown bark, not very rough. Leaves dull green on top, pale beneath, blunt-tipped, 10-20 cm x 2-7 cm. Flowers small, on drooping stalks, only 3 outer petals visible, thick and fleshy, yellow-green outside, pale-yellow inside. Fruit spherical/conical, pale green-bluish green colour with thick rind composed of knobby segments. Flesh creamy white. Seeds hard, shiny, black-brown colour.

Location on campus: Scattered throughout campus. E.g. South Road

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