

Gul mohur

Common name: Gul mohur, Flamboyant; **Botanical name:** *Delonix regia*; **Family:** Fabaceae;

Name in Tamil: *Mayirkondrai, Mayirgondrai, Mayuram, Panjadi, Perumayirgondrai, Vadanarayanan*



Field identification: A large deciduous tree, up to 40-50 feet, with spreading branches. Trunk light brown, older trees buttressed. Leaves feathery, compound, up to 2 feet, with 11-18 pinnae along midriff, each with 20-30 pair of small oblong leaflets. Flowers, brilliant mass of scarlet, red, or dark orange blooms in loose clusters. Flat green pods, turn dark brown, woody with age and remain on tree. **Location on campus:** Scattered throughout campus. E.g. South Road, Carman Block, Mary Varghese Campus. **References:** (i) Blatter, E. & Millard, W.S. (1997) Some Beautiful Indian Trees. Mumbai: Bombay Natural History Society/ Oxford University Press. p52-57. (ii) Menon S, Bagla P. (1999) Trees of India. New Delhi, Timeless Books. p73-75