<u>Indian Almond</u> **Common name:** Indian Almond; **Botanical name**: *Terminalia catappa* **Family:** Combretaceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Nattuvadumai, Vadumai*



Field identification: Medium sized tree, upright, up to 35 m, symmetrical crown with horizontal branches, arranged in tiers. Bark brown, smooth turning rough and fissured with age. Leaves large, 15-25 cm x 10-14 cm, broad, ovoid, glossy dark green and leathery. Deciduous, leaves turn pinkish, reddish, yellow-brown before falling. Inconspicuous flowers. Fruit, drupe (stone fruit) 5-7 cm green and turns yellow then red when ripe. Single edible seed. **Location on campus:** Scattered across campus. E.g. Eden, Anatomy department, Wesley House on Ring Road. **References:** (i) Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terminalia_catappa (ii) Flowers of India. http://www.flowersofindia.net