

Indian Gooseberry

Common name: Indian Gooseberry

Botanical name: *Phyllanthus emblica*

Family: Phyllanthaceae

Name in Tamil: *Nelli*



Field identification: Small to medium sized deciduous tree, with spreading branches. Bark thin, grey, flaky to expose yellow brown underbark. Leaves simple, stalkless and close to slender branches often mistaken for leaflets of pinnate leaves. Flowers small, greenish yellow or pink. Fruit nearly spherical, greenish yellow, hard, smooth with 6 vertical stripes or furrows.

Location on campus: 751, Allai Road. **References:** (i) Krishen P. (2006) Trees of Delhi: A field guide. Dorling Kindersley, New Delhi. p184. (ii) Flowers of India. <http://www.flowersofindia.net>