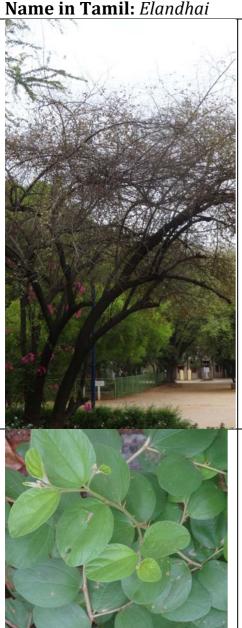
Indian Jujube

Common name: Indian Jujube, Ber, **Botanical name:** *Zizyphus mauritiana*

Family: Rhamnaceae Name in Tamil: Elandhai









Field identification:

Mmedium-sized tree, 10-12 m tall, trunk 30 cm diameter. Wide-spreading, with drooping thorny branches, zigzag branchlets, thornless or set with short, sharp straight or hooked spines. Leaves, 2.5-3.2 cm x 1.8-3.8 cm, alternate, ovate, rounded apex, 3 depressed veins, fine tooth at margin. Leaves dark-green, glossy on the upper side and pale-green to grey-green on the lower side. Evergreen or deciduous depending on climate. Tiny flowers, whitish- green. Fruits green turning to orange or brown, 2-3 cm, white pulp and seed.

Location on campus: Widespread in campus. E.g. New Exam Hall, Eden **References:** i) Sahni, K.C. (1998) The Book of Indian Trees. Mumbai: Bombay Natural History Society/Oxford University Press. p59-61. (ii) Flowers of India. http://www.fllowersofindia.net