

## Indian Jujube

**Common name:** Indian Jujube, Ber,

**Botanical name:** *Zizyphus mauritiana*

**Family:** Rhamnaceae

**Name in Tamil:** *Elandhai*



### **Field identification:**

Medium-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

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