

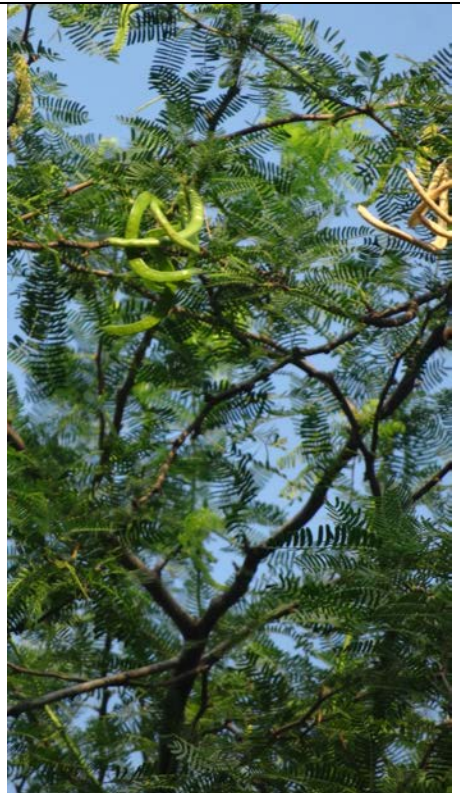
Indian Mesquite

**Common name:** Indian Mesquite, Kikar

**Botanical name:** *Prosopis juliflora*

**Family:** Fabaceae

**Name in Tamil:** *Seemai karuvelan*



**Field identification:** Medium sized tree, deciduous, up to 12 m, trunk up to 1.2m, flattened crown. Trunk brown, fissured. Leaves feathery, bipinnate, light green turning darker, compound with 12-20 leaflets. Flowers 5-10 cm green-yellow cylindrical spikes, cluster at ends of branches. Pods 20-30 cm green turning yellow.

**Location on campus:**

Widespread, many recently cut after government order. E.g. Behind CHAD Hospital, The Oval

**References:**

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