

Indian Spurge

**Common name:** Indian Spurge, Hedge Euphorbia, Oleander spurge

**Botanical name:** *Euphorbia neriifolia*

**Family:** Castor

**Name in Tamil:** ?



**Field Identification:** Spiny succulent bush or small deciduous tree. Old main stems are grey and cracked. Spirally arranged spines, sharp, black, in divergent pairs, conical, seated on small corky knobs. Leaves few, fleshy near ends of branches, apex broad with tiny point and tapering towards base. Flowers yellowish-green heads. Fruit smooth 3 lobed capsule, often absent.

**Location on campus:** 644, Janatha Road

**References:** (i) Krishen, P. (2006) Trees of Delhi: a field guide. Dorling Kindersley, New Delhi. p 135.  
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