

Jacaranda

**Common name:** Mimosa-leaved Jacaranda

**Botanical name:** *Jacaranda mimosifolia*

**Family:** Bignoniaceae

Name in Tamil: *Panaitteku*



**Field identification:** Tall tree, 50 feet. Finely cut foliage, fern like, symmetrical and elegant. Leaves alternate, almost opposite each with 9-16 pairs of pinnae each with 14-24 pairs of leaflets, oblong-rhomboid shaped. 8 inch pyramidal panicles, each with 40-90 blue-lilac flowers.

**Location on campus:** Few trees. E.g. Sunken garden, Big Bungalow

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