

Jamun

Common name: Jamun, java Plum, Black Plum

Botanical name: *Syzygium cumini*

Family: Myrtaceae

Name in Tamil: *Nereda*



Field identification: Medium sized to large evergreen tree with dense shady, much branched crown. Bark thick, smooth, light grey. Leaves opposite, gland-dotted, aromatic, smooth, leathery, shining, 7-15 cm. Flowers small, greenish white, stalkless. Fruit globose-oblong, purplish-black with juicy edible pulp.

Location on campus: Scattered across campus. Rehabilitation Institute, Stem Cell Centre, Mary Varghese Campus, The Oval

References: (i) Sahni, K.C. (1998) The Book of Indian Trees. Mumbai: Bombay Natural History Society/ Oxford University Press. p109-110. (ii) Flowers of India. <http://www.flowersofindia.net>