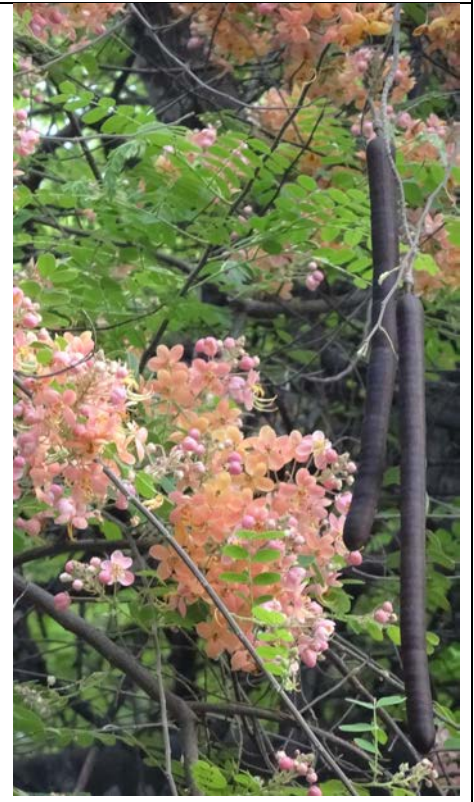


Java Cassia

Common name: Java Cassia, Pink Cassia, pink shower, apple blossom, rainbow shower

Botanical name: *Cassia javanica*; **Family:** Caesalpiniaceae; **Name in Tamil:** ?



Field identification: Medium-sized, deciduous tree with short, straight trunk, spreading crown with horizontal branches with numerous drooping feathery leaved branchlets. Smooth dark brown bark. Leaves 6-12 inches, 8-14 pairs of leaflets, short stalked, oblong with blunt tips. Flowers in bunches, rose-pink. Pods, tubular, 15-24 inches, dark brown. **Location on campus:** Scattered through out campus. E.g. Scudder Auditorium, Small Bungalow, Mental Health, etc **References:** (i) Blatter, E. & Millard, W.S. (1997) Some Beautiful Indian Trees. Mumbai: Bombay Natural History Society/ Oxford University Press. p 27-29. (ii) Randhawa M.S (1983) Flowering trees. New Delhi, National Book Trust. p120