

Mast Tree

Common name: Mast Tree, False Ashok, Ashok

Botanical name: *Polyalthia longifolia*

Family: Annonaceae

Name in Tamil: *Asoothi, Vansulam*



Field identification: Tall evergreen tree with straight trunk and a pyramidal crown reaching height of 15-18 m. Leaves 8.8-23 x 2-3.8 cm lance shaped, tapering with wavy margin. Flowers, yellowish green, hidden in dense foliage. Fruit grape sized clusters from common stalk, green turning purple.

Location on campus: Scattered across campus. E.g. Rehabilitation Institute, Scudder Auditorium, New Examination Hall

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