

## Neem

**Common names:** Neem, Margosa Tree

**Botanical name:** *Azadirachta indica*

**Family:** Meliaceae

**Name in Tamil:** *Vepu maram*



**Field identification:** Moderate sized fast growing tree with dense crown. Fissured bark. Feathery foliage 20-37 cm long, leaflets toothed, in 4-7 pairs, 2-8 x 1.3 cm with terminal leaflet. Small, cream coloured flowers, 0.5 cm. Fruit 1-2 cm long, egg-shaped, yellow when ripe with hard stone enclosing 1-2 seeds.

**Location on campus:** Widespread. E.g. Near Second Gate, New Exam Hall

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