

Oriental Arborvitae

**Common name:** Oriental Arborvitae

**Botanical name:** *Platycladus orientalis*

**Family:** Cupressaceae

**Name in Tamil: ?**



**Field identification:** Large bush/small tree, evergreen conifer, up to 10-15 m. Trunk slender with many branches beginning low off the ground, rusty brown, fibrous. Branches erect resulting in cone shaped, tightly packed bush. Ascending branches spread out in flat vertical planes. Leaves dark green, like needles with scaly covers. Cones, small 1.5-2.5 cm fleshy, ovoid, green turning reddish brown.

**Location on campus:** Men's Hostel, Scudder Auditorium., Carman Block Garden

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