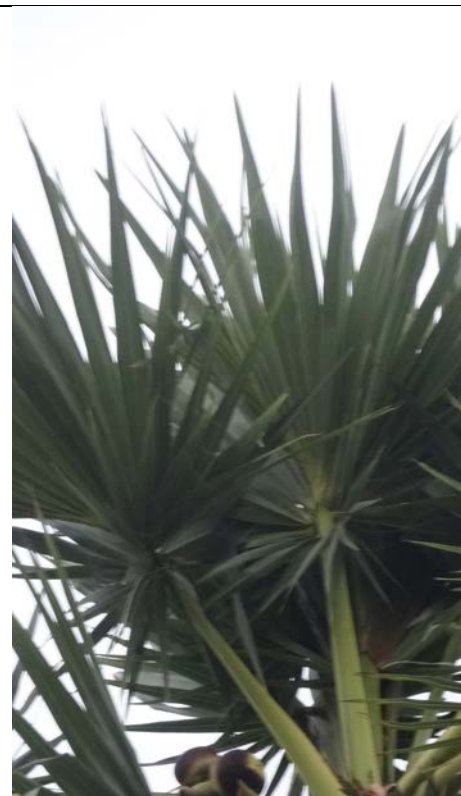


Palmyra Palm

Common name: Palmyra Palm, Toddy Palm, Indian Fan Palm

Botanical name: *Borassus flabellifer*

Family: Arecaceae; **Name in Tamil:** Panai



Field identification: Tall, erect columnar palm up to 30 m in height and 60 cm in diameter. Trunk grey/almost black with terminal crown of fan-shaped leaves 0.9-1.4 m in diameter, shining dark green divided into lance shaped segments, folded along midrib. Flowers male and female on separate trees. Fruit, 15-20 cm in diameter, reddish black when ripe.

Location on campus: Scattered across campus, E.g. South Road

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