

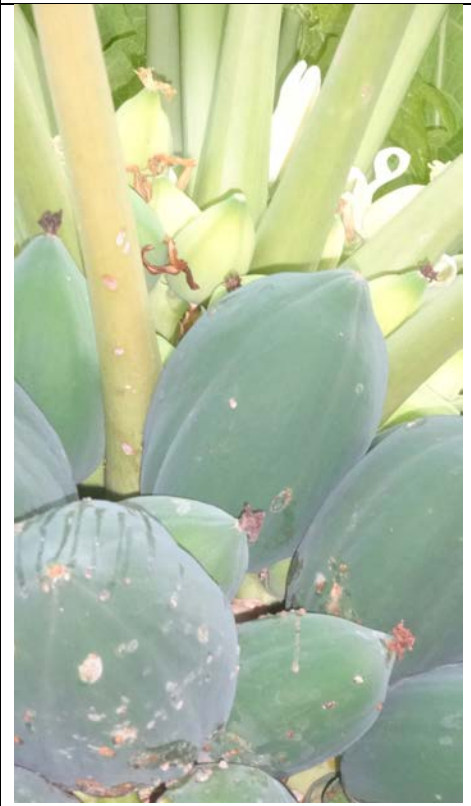
Papaya

Common names: Papaya, pawpaw

Botanical name: *Carica papaya*

Family: Caricaceae

Name in Tamil: *Papali*



Field identification: Small, 5-10m, single stem, soft wood, sparsely branched tree. Trunk scarred, bears fruit. Leaves spirally arranged, large, 50-70 cm diameter, deeply palmately lobed with 7 lobes. Fruit large berry 15-45 cm x 10-30 cm, green skin turns yellow/orange when ripe. Fleshy with soft seeds. **Location on campus:** in many residential compounds. Off Ring Road. **References:** (i) Menon, S., Bagla, P. (1999) Trees of India. New Delhi, Timeless Books.p136. (ii) Flowers of India. <http://www.flowersofindia.net>