

Pipal

Common name: Pipal, Bodhi, Bo Tree

Botanical name: *Ficus religiosa*

Family: Moraceae

Name in Tamil: *Arasamaram*



Field identification: Large tree without aerial roots. Leaves heart shaped 11-17 x 7.5-12 cm, shiny on upper surface, apex drawn into a tail like tip. Figs, globular and stalkless

Location on campus: Scattered across campus. E.g. College Store, Pharmacology department, Scudder Crescent, 750, Allai Road, 613 Brook Road, on drive to Men's Hostel

References:

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2. Menon, S., Bagla, P. (1999) Trees of India. New Delhi, Timeless Books. p105-107

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