

Pomegranate

**Common name:** Pomegranate

**Botanical name:** *Punica granatum*

**Family:** Punicaceae

**Name in Tamil:** *Madulai*



**Field identification:** Tall shrub or small tree with multiple stems, up to 15 feet. Slender branches start up right then droop gracefully. Leaves opposite/sub-opposite, glossy, oval with pointed tips, wrinkled. Flowers bright orange, trumpet shaped with ruffled petals. Fruit hard outer pericarp, ball turning yellow/red with edible seeds with glistening white/red pulp,

**Location on campus:** In some residential compounds E.g. 751 Allai Road

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