

Purple Bauhinia

Common name: Purple Bauhinia

Botanical name: *Bauhinia purpurea*; **Family:** Fabaceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Kalavilaichi, Mandarai, Nilattiruvatti, Perivatti, Segappumandarai*



Field identification: Medium sized tree, deciduous, with ashy brown bark, smooth in young trees. Leaves, on stalk, 3-6 inches, cleft into two lobes, typical "camel hoof". Flowers large, rose-pink/ lilac/purple with 5 petals. Seeds dark brown, flattened, pods, smooth.

Location on campus: Scattered across campus. E.g. Gault Library, South Road, Modale Hostel, Mental Health.

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