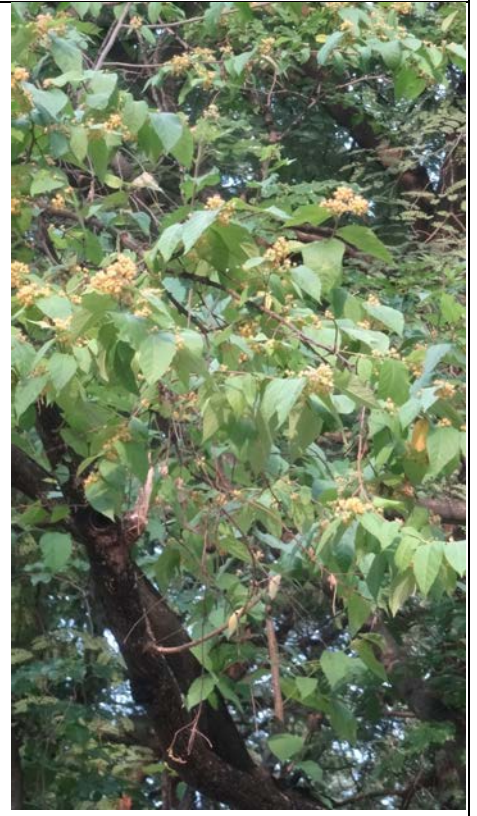


## Rudraksh

**Common name:** Rudraksh, Utrasum Bead Tree

**Botanical name:** *Elaeocarpus augustifolius*

**Family:** Elaeocarpaceae; **Name in Tamil:** Aakkam



**Field identification:** Medium sized tree, partly deciduous, up to 18 m, buttressed. Leaves lance-shaped, minutely saw-toothed, old leaf may turn red before falling. Flowers, small, on sprays on twigs behind leaves. Fruit 2.25 cm wide, round, green pulp enclosing a tubercled hard brown stone with 5 vertical grooves.

**Location on campus:** Scattered. E.g. Alumni House, Haukeland House, Eden

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