

Singapore Cherry

Common name: Singapore Cherry, Jamaica Cherry, Panama Cherry, Singapore Cherry, Strawberry tree, Jam tree, Cotton Candy berry, Calabura; **Botanical name:** *Muntingia calabura*

Family: Muntingiaceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Sarkarai Pala Maram, ten pazham*



Field identification: Tall shrub/small tree upto 12 m with spreading branches. Leaves alternate, oblong/lanceolate 4-15 cm x 1-6 cm with toothed margin. Flowers small, usually solitary, with 5 obvate white petals. Fruit edible berry, red when ripe 1.5 cm wide.

Location on campus: Scattered across campus. E.g. Mary Varghese campus, Eden

References:

1. Wikipedia. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muntingia>
2. Flowers of India. <http://www.flowersofindia.net>