

Sandpaper Tree

Common name: Sandpaper Tree

Botanical name: *Ehretia Anucua*; **Family:** Boraginaceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Kalvirasu, kurripila, kuttippirai, parayan, pasuna*



Field identification: Medium tree, partially evergreen, up to 20–45 ft and one foot in diameter often producing suckers or multiple trunks. Bark reddish-brown to gray with narrow furrows and peeling scales. Dark green leaves are 3–8 cm and 2–4 cm wide and elliptical or ovate; their upper surfaces are remarkably rough, feeling like low-grade sandpaper, finely toothed. Abundant white flowers form in panicles or cymes. Fruits spherical drupes 8 mm in diameter, yellowish-orange.

Location on campus: Western side of Big Bungalow and Eastern side of Alumni House, Mental Health Centre

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