

Sapota

Common name: Sapota, Chikku

Botanical name: *Manilkara zapota*; **Family:** Sapotaceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Sappota*



Field identification: height usually 9- 15 m, trunk diameter less than 50 cm. Bark has a white, gummy latex. Leaves green and glossy, alternate, elliptic to ovate, 7-15 cm with an entire margin. Flowers white, inconspicuous, bell-like, with a six-lobed corolla. Fruit, large berry, 4-8 cm, flesh pale yellow to brown color. Seeds hard, glossy, black, resembling beans.

Location on campus: In many residential gardens. E.g Scudder crescent.

References:

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