

?Sausage Tree

Common name: Sausage Tree

Botanical name: *Kigelia africana*

Family: Bignoniaceae; **Name in Tamil:** ?



Field identification: Tall tree, 20 m, ?deciduous. Bark grey, smooth, peeling in older trees. Leaves opposite/whorls of 3, 30-50 cm long, pinnate with 6-10 oval leaflets 20 x 6 cm. Flowers hang from long flexible stems, panicles, blood red, bell shaped nectar rich flowers. Sausage shaped large, hanging fruits.

Location on campus:
Rehabilitation Institute

References (i) Wikipedia. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kigelia> **(ii)** Flowers of India. www.flowersofindia.net

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