

Scarlet Cordia

Common name: Scarlet Cordia, Geiger Tree

Botanical name: *Cordia Sebastena*; **Family:** Boraginaceae

Name in Tamil: *Aechinaruvihli, Ponnaruvihli*



Field identification: Tall evergreen shrub or small tree, 15-30 feet. Leaves verdant green colour of new leaves; alternate, 4-6 inches, large, ova or elliptic and blunt at tip, rough to touch, wrinkled and furrowed above and heavily ribbed below. Flowers showy orange-red in large open clusters at end of branches, funnel shaped with tubular portion enclosed in calyx, petals 6, rounded, wrinkled. Fruit white berry, enclosed in calyx husk.

Location on campus:
Institutional garden opposite
Archives, College Chapel

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