

Screw Pine

Common name: Screw Pine, Keora

Botanical name: *Pandanus odoratissimus*

Family: Pandanaceae

Name in Tamil: *Tilai*



Field identification: Palm like tree or shrub on stilt roots. Evergreen, up to 6 m high. Leaves sword shaped, up to 1.5 m, with spines on margins and on the midrib beneath. Fruit oblong 15-25 cm diameter, drooping pineapple-like.

Location on campus: 751, Allai Road, Mental Health Centre Garden

References:

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