

Star Gooseberry

Common name: Star Gooseberry, Starberry, West India gooseberry, Gooseberry

Botanical name: *Phyllanthus acidus*

Family: Phyllantaceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Aranelli*



Field identification: Small deciduous tree, up to 25-30 feet. Trunk has dense, bushy crown of thick branches that end in cluster of compound leaves, greenish, 14-25 inches. Leaflets alternate 1-5-3,5 x 1-1.5 inches, ovate. Flowers dense pinkish clusters. Fruits greenish-yellow, round flattened at poles, 5 ribs, fleshy, sour with stone (seed).

Location on Campus: Loop Road, 754 Allai Road, 714 Edward Gault Drive

References:

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