

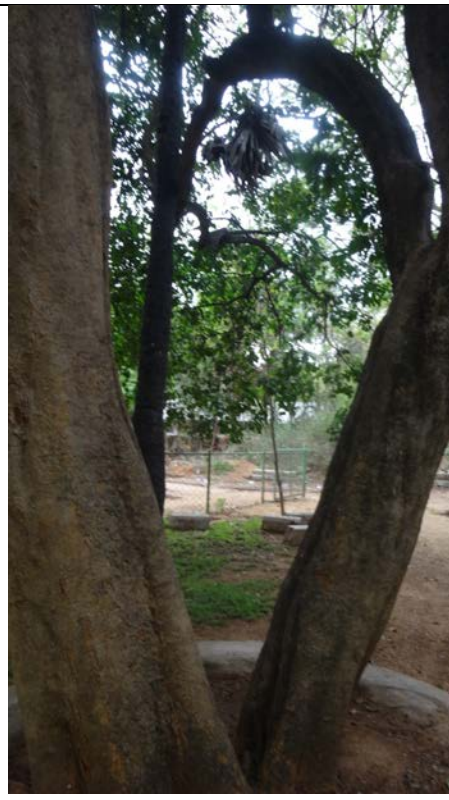
Strychnine Tree

**Common names:** Strychnine Tree, Nux-Vomica Tree, Poison Nut Tree, Snake Wood

**Botanical name:** *Strychnos nux-vomica*

**Family:** Apocynaceae

**Name in Tamil:** *Yetti*



**Field identification:** A small-moderate sized or large handsome evergreen or deciduous tree. Bark yellowish grey to blackish grey, thin, smooth, covered with minute warts. Branches opposite, often converted into woody spines. Leaves opposite, broadly elliptic, 5-12.5 cm shining, 5-nerved from base, 3 central nerves prominent, leaf stalk 0.6-1.2 cm. Flowers white, 1.2 cm, corolla 5 lobed with corolla tube. Fruit hard, globose.

**Location on campus:** Few. College Hill Nursery School garden, Mental Health.

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