

Subabul

Common name: Subabul, Wild tamarind, White Babool, Leucaena, Lead tree

Botanical name: *Leucaena leucocephala*

Family: Fabaceae

Name in Tamil: *Soundal*



Field identification: Medium sized tree, 15-20 m. Numerous slender branches result in an elongated crown. Bark smooth, greyish. Leaves compound, 4-8 pinnae, each with 10-15 pairs of leaflets, small, bright, green and oblong. Flowers small, creamy-white round heads of florets. Fruit strap shaped pods in bunches, filled with small, flat polished seeds.

Location on campus: Wide spread, invasive species seen across campus.

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