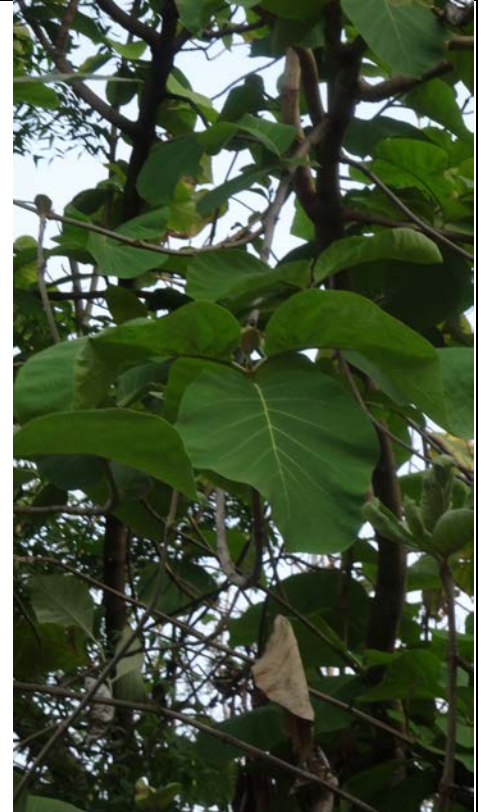


Teak

Common name: Teak

Botanical name: *Tectona grandis*; **Family:** Verbenaceae; **Name in Tamil:** Tekkumaram



Field identification: A large deciduous tree, upto 45 m or more. Bark light brown or grey, peeling off in thin flakes. Leaves opposite, broadly elliptical or obvate, 30-60 cm x 20-30 cm, rough sandpaper like above with greyish hairs below; blunt apex with narrow base, often escorting stalk to bottom like a wing. Flowers small, 1 m long erect terminal panicles. Fruit small hard stones covered with wool enclosed in a loose fitting papery jacket.

Location on campus: Scattered across campus. E.g. Institutional garden in front of Women's Hostel, Mary Varghese Campus

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