

Temple Tree/ Pagoda Tree/ White Frangipani

Common name: Pagoda Tree, Temple Tree, White Frangipani

Botanical name: *Plumeria obtusa* (*Plumeria rubra acutifolia*)

Family: Apocynaceae

Name in Tamil: *Ilattalari, Kallimandarai, Kuppiyalari, Navillavalari, Perungalli*



Field identification: Grows to 15-20 feet height. Grey coloured, rough and scaly bark. Leaves grow in crowded spirals at tips of branches. Leaves over one foot long, tapers at ends with parallel veins. Large, waxy white flowers with distinctive golden centre, funnel shaped with 5 spreading petals.

Location on campus: Scattered on campus. E.g. Sunken garden, Carman Block garden, Nambikai Nilayam

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