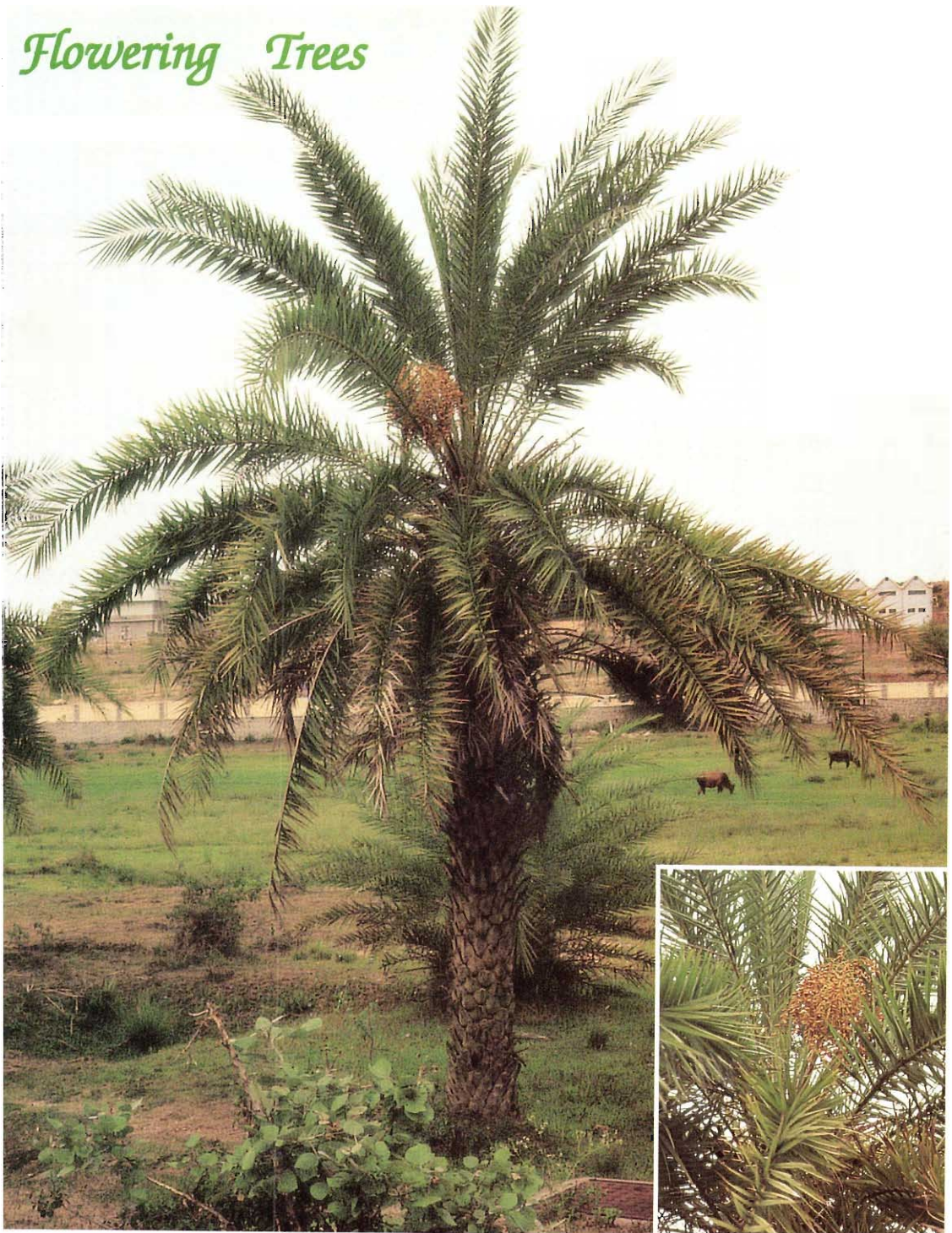


Flowering Trees



Phoenix sylvestris Roxb. of *Palnaceae* is a tall palm bearing long compound leaves in terminal cluster forming the crown. The large inflorescence carries small and unisexual flowers and the fruit which is a one-seeded berry is edible when ripe. Stem as well as the young inflorescence are tapped for a exudate that is rich in sugars and vitamins (toddy). By boiling, this exudate yields jaggery (palm jaggery). The wood is also used for building purposes. Date-palm is another species of *Phoenix*.