

Flowering Trees



Plumeria rubra L. Syn. *P. acutifolia* Poir. (Temple tree; Frangipani – common name; Gopurchampa – Sanskrit, Hindi) of Apocynaceae is an ornamental tree that is often cultivated in gardens and near temples. Both leaves and flowers are showy and contain milky latex. Flowers are in bunches, large and white with yellow centres; very fragrant. Root bark is bitter, acrid, astringent, carminative and laxative. It is also useful in treating ulcers and pruritus. The milky latex is used as rubefacient in rheumatism.