

Flowering Trees



Lawsonia inermis L. Syn. *L. alba* LamK. (Mehndi or Henna Hindi) of Lythraceae is a small-sized and much branched tree which is largely cultivated and groomed in the form of hedges. Flowers are white or rose-coloured, fragrant and borne on pyramidal bunches. Fruits bear numerous seeds. Hair dye is prepared from the leaves. The powdered leaf is the cosmetic henna which is used to stain the finger nails. Decoction of leaves is used as a gargle for sore throat. The bark is given for jaundice and enlargement of spleen.