

## Flowering Trees



*Mimosa elengi* L. (Bulletwood tree; Hindi: Bakul or Maulsari) of Sapotaceae is a handsome evergreen tree with milky latex and tender vegetative parts covered with brown hairs. The tree is often cultivated in parks and as an avenue tree. The fascicled flowers are small, white and sweet-scented. The ovoid berries are edible.

The bark is astringent, tonic and used in fevers. Leaves are an antidote to snake-bite. The pulp of the fruit is used in curing chronic dysentery. Powder of dried flowers is a brain tonic.