



*Cordia dichotoma* Forst. f. Syn. *C. obliqua* Willd. (English: *Sebesten plum*; Hindi: **Lasūrā** or *Lasora*) of *Boraginaceae* is a medium-sized tree with a short crooked trunk and simple leaves. Flowers are small, white and are borne on small branched inflorescences. Fruits are yellowish brown or pink and when ripe, nearly black with a viscid sweetish transparent pulp surrounding a central hard part.

Fruits are eaten raw or pickled. Spiritous liquors are prepared from the fruit. Wood is used for boat-building, tea chests, agricultural implements, cart building and combs. Bark yields a fibre used for making ropes, cordage and paper pulp.

The fruit is an astringent and is used in affections of urinary passages, diseases of lungs and spleen. The decoction of bark is used in fevers. The kernels are used in treating ring-worm. The leaves are used in treating ulcers and headache. The plant is used as an antidote to snake-bite.