

## Flowering Trees



*Saraca asoca* (Roxb.) de Wilde Syn. *Saraca indica* L. (English: Ashoka; Hindi: Asok) of Caesalpinaceae is a medium sized extremely ornamental evergreen tree with numerous spreading and drooping branches, compound leaves and orange-yellow flowers in clusters. Fruits are black, leathery pods with compressed seeds. Decoction of bark is used as a remedy for menstrual disorders of woman. Bark is also useful in dyspepsia, fever, colic, ulcers and pimples. The leaves are depurative and flowers are considered to be uterine tonic. Dried flowers are used in diabetes and haemorrhagic dysentery.