

Flowering Trees



Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam. (Jack fruit tree; Hindi: Kathal) of Moraceae, a large evergreen tree with milky latex occurs wild as well as cultivated for its fruit. The leaves are simple and bear two large stipules; The entire female inflorescence together with parts of individual flowers forms a large multiple fruit. The sepals and petals become fleshy and juicy to form the edible part of the fruit.

The timber is hard and durable and used for making various wooden articles. The leaves are used in skin diseases and as an antidote to snake bite. The root is used internally in diarrhoea. The ripe fruit is a laxative.