

Flowering Trees



Anthocephalus cadamba (Roxb.) Miq. (English: Kadam; Hindi: Kadamb) of Rubiaceae is a beautiful deciduous tree with horizontal branches and characteristic large leaves (tree in the picture is a young specimen). Flowers are yellow or orange in colour and aggregated into globose head inflorescence. Fruits are globose and yellow when ripe.

The bark is bitter, astringent, acrid, antiinflammatory, carminative, diuretic and expectorant. It is useful in fever, strangury, cough, diarrhoea, vomiting and burning sensation. A decoction of leaves is good for curing ulcers, wounds and metrorrhoea. The fruits are used in gastric irritability and fever.