

Flowering Trees



Terminalia arjuna (Roxb. ex DC.) Wight & Arn. of Combretaceae is a large evergreen tree with buttressed trunk and smooth bark which is grey outside and flesh coloured inside. Leaves are simple and leathery in texture. Flowers are small, white and borne on branched inflorescences. Fruit is ovoid with 5-7 angles or wings. Bark is astringent, sweet, acrid, cooling, aphrodisiac, demulcent, cardiotonic, antidiarrhetic, urinary astringent, expectorant, alexiteric and tonic. It is useful in ulcers, urethrorrhea, leucorrhoea, diabetes, anaemia, cardiopathy, cirrhosis of the liver and hypertension.