

## Flowering Trees



*Dalbergia sissoo* Roxb. (English: Sissoo; Hindi: Shisham or Sisam) of Leguminosae is a tall deciduous tree with a light crown and compound leaves. Flowers are pale yellow in branched inflorescence. Fruit pods are borne on long stalks. The tree yields good quality timber and is often planted on roadsides and as shade tree in tea plantations (the picture shows large area of the crown covered with brownish dry pods).

Leaves are bitter, digestive and anthelmintic and diuretic useful in treating dyspepsia, colic, diarrhoea and gonorrhoea. The bark and heartwood are astringent, acrid, bitter, thermogenic, depurative, anti-inflammatory, aphrodisiac, abortifacient, antipyretic and are useful in skin diseases, leprosy, leucoderma, ulcers, bronchitis, sciatica and intermittent fevers.