



*Feronia limonia* (L.) Swingle (B. Koet Bel) (English: Elephant- or Wood-apple; Hindi: Kaithbel, Kaitha, Kavitha) of Rutaceae is a medium-sized deciduous tree with thorny branches and compound leaves. Flowers are small and white. Fruits are large, globose, of the size of tennis balls with a hard and woody shell enclosing edible pulp. The fruit is considered tonic, refreshing, cardiacal, astringent when unripe and antiscorbutic. It is used in the treatment of diarrhoea and dysentery. The pulp is also used for affections of gums and throat and is applied externally in insect and snake bites. The branches are lopped for fodder. The leaves are aromatic, carminative and astringent. Gum that exudes from the trunk is used as an ingredient in writing inks and for dyeing and colouring. The wood is made into various articles such as agricultural implements and shoe patterns.