

## Flowering Trees



*Tamarindus indica* L. (English: the tamarind tree; Hindi: Imli) of Leguminosae is a medium-to large size tree with dense and characteristic canopy. Leaves are compound. Flowers are many on long inflorescence stalk, white and pink in colour. Fruits are long and constricted between seeds and are fleshy and indehiscent unlike other legume fruits.

Tamarind tree is largely cultivated for its fruits and also as an ornamental or avenue tree. The sour pulp of the fruit is eaten and also used for preparations of sauce and chutney. Fruits are digestive, carminative and laxative and are used in treating diseases caused by deranged bile.

Wood is hard and provides good firewood and charcoal.