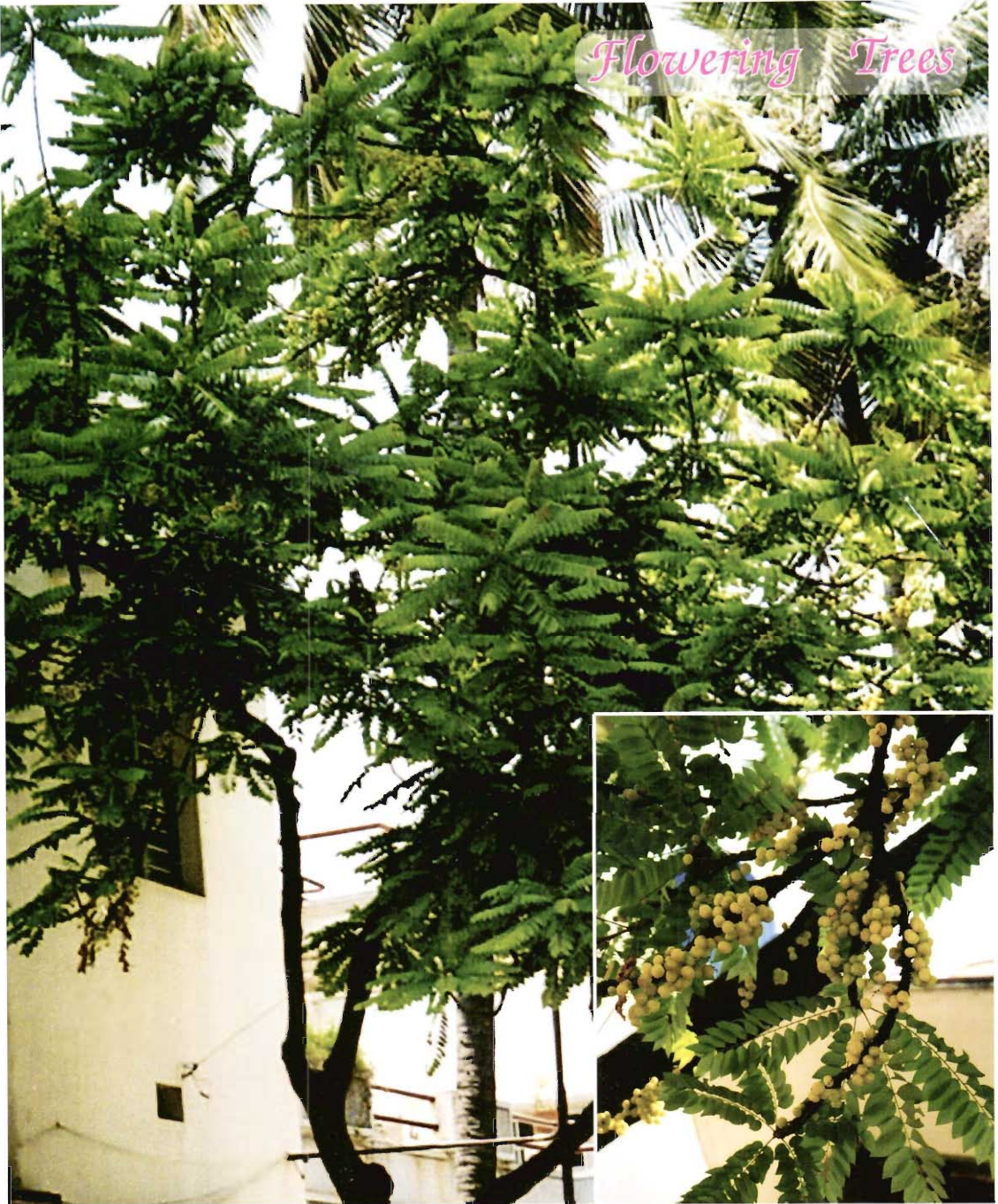


Flowering Trees



Cicca disticha L. Syn. *C. Acida* Merr. (English: Gooseberry-tree or Otaheite - gooseberry) of Euphorbiaceae is a medium-size tree, which is often cultivated for its fruits. Older branches show large scars where foliage branches have fallen. Latex which is present in the plants of Euphorbiaceae is absent in *C. disticha*. Flowers are small, reddish-green, unisexual (male and female) and are borne on branched inflorescences that arise on older parts of the stem below the foliage.

Fruit is a depressed globose berry, lobed with fleshy outer and hard inner portions. The fleshy edible part of the fruit is sour and is pickled.