

Flowering Trees



Annona reticulata L. (English: Bullock's heart; Hindi: Ramphal) of Annonaceae is a medium-size tree that is often cultivated, but generally grows wild and yields an edible fruit. The leaves are shiny and dark-green. The branches are dark-brown. Flowers are unimpressive, both sepals and petals being sepal-like. The fruit, looking like Bullock's heart, is 3-4 inches in diameter and reddish-brown when ripe. It is similar to custard apple in that the several ovaries of the flower become united with each other and with the floral axis or the receptacle forming a fleshy mass in which seeds are embedded. The fruit pulp, however, is not so sweet or tasty as that of custard apple.