

## Flowering Trees



*Cordia Sebestena* L. (Geiger Tree) of Boraginaceae, a coast plant of Peninsular India, is a small evergreen tree. It is also occasionally found in cultivation in gardens of plains as an ornamental tree. The leaves are large (4-8in. long), dark-green, elliptic and are covered with rough hairs. Flowers are grouped in attractive large open terminal clusters. They are 1-2 in. long, orange or orange-scarlet in colour with the corolla lobes looking crumpled. Stamens are as many as corolla lobes or often more. Fruit is about 0.75 in. long, white and is enclosed in the hazel-like husk that is formed by the persistent calyx.