

Flowering Trees



Wrightia tinctoria (Roxb.) R. Br. (English: Ivory wood; Hindi: Duddhi or Khirni) of Apocynaceae is a small deciduous tree with irregularly-shaped trunk, greyish-white scaly bark and milky latex. Leaves in opposite pairs are simple, oblong and whitish beneath. Flowers that occur in branched inflorescence are white, 2–3cm across and fragrant. Calyx is glandular inside. Petals bear numerous linear white scales, the corollary corona. A pair of 15–50cm long slender hanging fruits is formed from each flower.

The leaves yield an indigo-like dye. Wood is eminently suited for turnery, carvings and for toy-making.