

Flowering Trees



Guazuma tomentosa Kunth. of Sterculiaceae is a medium size evergreen tree that bears simple leaves and small (3-4mm across) golden-yellow flowers in clusters. Tender parts of the plant are covered with rusty brown star-shaped hairs. Petals are hooded with bifurcated appendages. Stamens are ten of which five are fertile and the rest sterile. They are fused into a hollow cup-like structure. Fruit is dry, indehiscent and is hard and dark when ripe.

Bark is used in treating skin diseases and elephantiasis.