

Flowering Trees



Muntingia calabura L. (Singapore cherry) of Elaeocarpaceae is a medium size handsome ever-green tree. Leaves are simple and alternate with sticky hairs. Flowers are bisexual, bear numerous stamens, white in colour and arise in the leaf axils. Fruit is a berry, edible with several small seeds embedded in a fleshy pulp when ripe.

Muntingia is cultivated widely as an ornamental tree. Fruits with characteristic sweet aroma are edible, and attract birds.