Flowering Trees

*Barringtonia asiatica* (L.) Kurz. of Lecythidaceae is a large evergreen tree with lush green handsome canopy. Leaves are simple, large (25-35 cm long; 12-14 cm broad) thick, leathery, broad at the apex and narrow towards base. Flowers are large and attractive, but emit unpleasant foetid smell. They appear in small numbers on erect terminal clusters and open at night. Stamens are numerous, pink or white. Style is slender and long, terminating in a small stigma. Fruit is green, ovoid and indistinctly lobed.