



Flowering Trees

Tipuana tipu (Benth.) Kuntze (ROSEWOOD) of Fabaceae is a large unarmed tree (up to 40 m) of Bolivian origin with a spreading crown. Bark is dark grey, furrowed and scaly. Leaves are alternate, pinnately compound bearing 7–10 pairs of oblong leaflets. Flowers are borne in axillary racemes, bisexual, golden-yellow, about 3 cm across and very attractive. The tree flowers in early summer. Fruit is single-seeded and winged.

T. tipu yields a high quality timber, which is the true rosewood.