



## Flowering Trees

*Garuga pinnata* Roxb. (Grey Downy Balsam) of Burseraceae is a fairly tall deciduous tree. Leaves grow closely crowded at the ends of the branches. They are pinnately compound terminating in a leaflet. The leaflets are ovate-lanceolate and toothed. Inflorescences are clustered at the end of branches. Flowers in panicles are 1–1.2 cm long and 0.6–0.8 cm across, bell-shaped, both bisexual and unisexual flowers being found on the same tree. Stamens are ten with hairy filaments. Fruits resemble small grapes and are sometimes borne in great profusion becoming very conspicuous when the leaves fall. Some of the leaves turn orange or brilliant-crimson in rainy season. Fruits are eaten raw, cooked or pickled.