



Flowering Trees

Boswellia serrata Roxb. ex Colebr. (Indian Frankincense tree) of Burseraceae is a large-sized deciduous tree that is native to India. Bark is thin, greenish-ash-coloured that exfoliates into smooth papery flakes. Stem exudes pinkish resin when cut. Leaves are once compound and are crowded at the branch ends; leaflets many. Flowers are small, white and occur in fascicled racemes. Stamens are 10–12 and inserted at the base of a red annular disk. Fruit is a three-valved capsule.

A green gum-resin exudes from the inner bark when cut that is used as incense.