



Flowering Trees

Elaeocarpus tuberculatus Roxb., known as Bhadraksha in vernacular is a relative of the Rudraksha tree (*Elaeocarpus ganitrus*). Unlike the latter which produces spherical seeds traditionally used as prayer beads by Hindus, this species produces large, oval but slightly flattened seeds. This majestic tree is characterized by its giant buttressed trunk and is commonly seen in evergreen forests of Western Ghats. It bears beautiful large white showy flowers and round fruits which are eaten by small mammals such as civets.