



Flowering Trees

Memecylon umbellatum Burm.f. is a member of family Melastomataceae (Melastome family) and is commonly known as the Ironwood tree. It is small evergreen tree with dark shining leaves commonly seen in secondary evergreen forests of Indian peninsula. In the summer season the whole tree transforms itself by producing a spectacular display of flowers. Flowers are tiny, purple colored and borne in dense clusters on old branches. Fruits can be seen during early monsoons. They are fleshy, deep purple when ripe and edible.