



Flowering Trees

Lophopetalum wightianum Arn. is a lofty tree which attains a height of upto 40 meters. It belongs to the family Celastraceae. It is normally seen growing in marshy or water-logged areas along forest streams and rivers. The disc-shaped flowers which appear in bunches at the end of the branches are cream colored when fresh but turn scarlet red after maturity. The fruit of this tree is a three-valved dehiscent capsule which is tightly packed with numerous winged seeds. These are then carried by wind over long distances.