



Flowering Trees

Sterculia guttata Roxb. of the family Sterculiaceae is a common large tree of wet deciduous to semi-evergreen forests of South India. The bark is brownish-white and fairly smooth. Leaves are simple. Flowers (1.3 cm across) are reddish-pink and borne on branched inflorescence. Fruits is a group of 2-5 scarlet-coloured hairy follicles each of which bearing many black, smooth seeds. Fibre from the bark is very strong. Seeds are roasted and eaten.