



Flowering Trees

Hardwickia binata Roxb. (Indian Blackwood) of the family Fabaceae is a medium-sized gregarious tree found widely distributed in Peninsular India. Bark is reddish-brown when young turning silvery-grey, fissured, forming vertical cracks as the tree gets older; blaze is dark brown. Leaves are distichous, bilobed, rough with entire margin; each lobe is broadly ovate to obovate, truncate at base with 4 prominent nerves. Flowers arise in axillary or terminal panicles, small, yellowish-green. Fruit a characteristic trapezoid flat pod.

Wood is hard, durable, used as a valuable timber which also serves as firewood. Leaves are used as fodder.