



Flowering Trees

Lophopetalum wightianum Arn., of the family Celastraceae is a tall evergreen tree of Indo-Malayan origin and grows in the wet evergreen forests upto 900 m of Western Ghats, usually along streams.

It is a tall buttressed tree. Bark is smooth with reddish blaze. Branchlets are cylindrical. Leaves are simple, entire, usually opposite and sometimes alternate. Flowers are in panicles with showy petals, yellowish with a maroon-red central disc. Fruit is a capsule with many winged seeds. Tree yields timber of commercial value.