



Flowering Trees

Litsea floribunda (Blume) Gamble of the family Lauraceae is a medium-sized evergreen tree distributed in the forests of Western Ghats. Bark is dark-brown often with small openings called lenticels; young branches are brown and hairy; leaf is simple, alternate, elliptic and hairy beneath, reddish-brown when young turning dark green with age. Inflorescence is a raceme or an umbel with 6–7 creamy-white flowers. Fruit is an ovoid berry.

Inner surface of the bark is slightly sweet and smells of crushed mango leaves.