



## Flowering Trees

*Breynia vitis-idaea* (Burm.f.) Fischer (syn: *Breynia rhamnoides* Mill.Arg.) of the family Phyllanthaceae is a large shrub or a small tree of the Indo-Malayan origin.

Bark is greyish-brown to light grey in colour. Branches are reddish-brown, often in zig-zag arrangement. Leaves are alternate, smooth, elliptic with an acute tip, greenish above and greenish-grey below. Flowers are unisexual, male flowers in fascicles, yellow, 5-lobed and female flowers axillary, solitary, reddish, 5-6 lobed. Fruit is globose, pale reddish when ripe.

Common in open places of semi-evergreen to moist-deciduous forests. Leaves are used in medicine.