



Flowering Trees

Colebrookea oppositifolia J. E. Smith (commonly known as Indian Squirrel Tail) of the family Lamiaceae is a large shrub or a small evergreen tree upto 5m tall distributed in the forests of south- and south-east Asia.

Bark is light-brown in colour. Branches are angled, covered with soft woolly hairs. Leaves are opposite, densely hairy, greenish-grey in colour, elliptic to elliptic-lanceolate with crenate margin. Flowers are white in colour, arranged in axillary and terminal spikes. Fruit is a nutlet.

Extracts of leaves and roots are used in native medicine for wound-healing, bruises and in the treatment of epilepsy.