



Flowering Trees

Canthium dicoccum (Gaertn.) Teys. & Binn. of the family Rubiaceae is a moderate-sized evergreen tree upto 12 m tall, native to southern Tropical Asia.

Bark is greyish and smooth when young, gradually turning brown and flaky when mature; branches are light green in colour, smooth and quadrangular. Leaves are simple, opposite, somewhat variable in shape, from ovate to elliptic; domatia (glandular chambers present along the midrib, for symbiosis with ants) are present along the secondary nerves. Flowers in axillary umbels; they are white in colour, fragrant, with slender long stalks. Fruit is an ovoid drupe.

Wood is used for light constructions. Bark and root extracts are used in native medicine.