



Flowering Trees

Diospyros melanoxylon Roxb. (East Indian Ebony) of the family Ebenaceae is a moderate-sized deciduous tree native to India and Sri Lanka. Bark is greyish-black with clefts in rectangular plates. Leaves are alternate or sub-opposite, elliptic and narrowed at both ends. Flowers are unisexual with male and female flowers on separate plants. Male flowers are in axillary clusters whereas female flowers are solitary on old branches. Flowers are creamish-white. Fruit is yellow, fleshy and covered with hairs.

Wood is used as valuable timber. Leaves are used to roll bidees.