



## Flowering Trees

*Excoecaria crenulata* Wight of the family Euphorbiaceae is a moderate-sized evergreen tree native to the forests of Peninsular India and Sri Lanka. Bark is greyish-brown and cylindrical, bearing fleshy branches. Leaves are simple, opposite, dark green, glossy, smooth and margin toothed. Flowers are unisexual with male flowers on an axillary spike and female on axillary racemes. Fruit is a 3-lobed capsule.

Plant yields a milky latex which is highly toxic and causes blindness.