



## Flowering Trees

*Milusa tomentosa* (Roxb.) J. Sinclair is a moderate size deciduous tree distributed in the moist and dry deciduous forests of the Indo-Himalayan region.

Bark is blackish-brown and fissured. Leaves are light green when young, thick, leathery and softly-hairy beneath. Leaf blade is ovate to elliptic with a rounded base. Flowers are solitary, leaf opposed or in terminal clusters with a long stalk. Sepals are green, linear-lanceolate and slightly hairy. Petals are in two whorls of 3+3, the outer ones are sepal-like, linear and the inner ones are oblong and maroon red. Fruitlets are stalked, globose, hairy and reddish-purple when ripe.

Ripe fruits are edible and their seeds are dispersed by mammals including humans. Leaf extracts are known to have essential oils with analgesic properties.