

Mangifera indica Linn.



Common Name: Mango tree

Scientific Name: *Mangifera indica* Linn.

Family: Anacardiaceae

It is a large green tree, which can grow up to 15-30 meters tall and 30 meters wide with a trunk of up to 3.7 meters in girth. It grows best in well drained sandy loam soil.

The iconic fruit is an irregular, egg shaped fruit which is a fleshy drupe. They are typically 8-12 cm long and are green in colour, turning yellow as they ripe. They can be round, oval, heart shaped etc.

Cultural Significance: The leaves are used in various religious events as offerings to God and as decorative items. They are also important part of various religious customs.

Economically Important Part: Fruits and wood

Economic Importance: The plant is cultivated in orchards all over the world for its juicy and fleshy fruit.

Once the tree stops producing fruits, it may be used for obtaining lumbar to produce musical instruments.