

Syzygium cumini



Common Name: Jamun tree or Malabar Plum

Scientific Name: *Syzygium cumini*

Family: Myrtaceae

It is an evergreen, tropical tree that can reach up to 30 meters and can live more than 100 years. It is native to the Indian subcontinent. It is a rapidly growing tree with dense foliage.

The leaves which have an aroma similar to turpentine, are pinkish when young, changing to a leathery, glossy dark green with a yellow midrib as they mature. It is generally grown in tropical and sub-tropical areas, as it is a sun and heat loving plant. The fruit is oblong, ovoid. It is green in colour and changes to purple as it ripens. The fruit has a combination of sweet, mildly sour and astringent flavours.

Economically Important Part: Fruit and Timber

Economic Importance: Its wood is sometimes used to produce cheap furniture. It is widely cultivated for its seeds which are eaten by humans, small mammals etc. The leaves are used as food for livestock, as they have good nutritional value.