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KARANJ

Marathi:

Botanical name:

Synonyms:

Family:

Common name:

Description:

Karanj

Pongamia pinnata

Millettia pinnata, *Pongamia glabra*, *Derris indica*, *Cytisuspinnatus*

Fabaceae (Pea family)

Pongam Tree, Indian Beech Tree

A fast-growing deciduous tree up to 20 metres tall that is thought to have originated in India and is found throughout Asia. It is a deciduous tree that grows to about 15-25 meters in height with a large canopy that spreads equally wide. The leaves are a soft, shiny burgundy in early summer and mature to a glossy, deep green as the season progresses. Small clusters of white, purple, and pink flowers blossom on their branches throughout the year, maturing into brown seed pods. The tree is well suited to intense heat and sunlight and its dense network of lateral roots and its thick, long taproot make it drought tolerant. Flowering: March-April.

Attributes:

Rasa- Tikta, Katu Veerya- Ushna Vipak- katu Guna- Laghu, Tiksha.

Medicinal uses:

A thick brownish oil can be extracted from the large seeds, and is used industrially and in medicine, notably for the treatment of rheumatism.