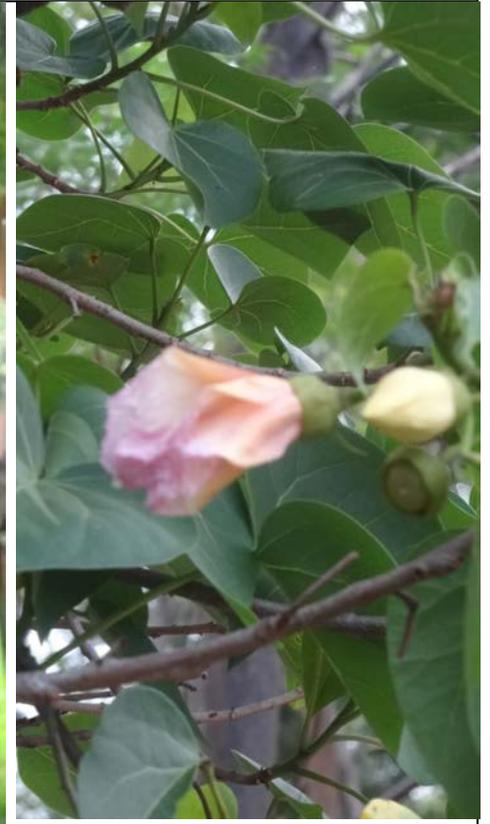


## Indian Tulip Tree

**Common name:** Indian Tulip Tree, Umbrella Tree, Portia Tree, Bhendi Tree

**Botanical name:** *Thespesia populnea*

**Family:** Malveceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Poovarasam Kallai, Pupparutti, Piram, Kallal*



**Field Identification:** Small tree with umbrella shaped crown, up to 12 m Bark grey. Leaves heart shaped, entire, pointed at tip. Flowers yellow with purple centre, solitary or two together, bell shaped 5-7.5 cm. Fruit globose capsule 2.5-4 cm across, black when ripe.

**Location on campus:** Stem cell Centre, Mary Varghese Campus

**References:** (i) Sahni, K.C. (1998) The Book of Indian Trees. Mumbai: Bombay Natural History Society/ Oxford University Press. p36-37 (ii) Blatter, E. & Millard, W.S. (1997) Some Beautiful Indian Trees. Mumbai: Bombay Natural History Society/ Oxford University Press. p141-144.