

Averrhoa bilimbi L

Family : Oxalidaceae

Parts Used : Fruit

Vernacular Names

English : Cucumber tree, Bilimbi

Malayalam : Irumpampuli, Vilimbi

Hindi : Kamaranga

Sanskrit : Brihaddala

Kannada : Kamarakshi

Tamil : Tamarattai



Distribution and habitat: Naturalized and wild in tropical parts of India, Bangladesh and Pakistan

Botany: A medium sized tree.

• **Leaves:** Alternate, petioled, paripinnate with 5-17 pairs of leaflets.

• **Flowers:** Small. Berries cucumber shaped, greenish yellow, 5-lobed, about 50 mm long, sour and juicy, few flattened seeded.

Uses: The fruit is astringent, stomachic, refrigerant. Fruit in the form of curry is useful in piles and scurvy.

Propagation: By seeds, stem cuttings

