

# *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

