

Alstonia Scholaris, Dita Tree, Saptaparni - Plant



Alstonia scholaris, commonly known as the dita tree, is an evergreen that may grow up to 100 feet tall.

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Description

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It has rough, grey bark and large leaves that grow in clusters of seven. The flowers are small and greenish-yellow in color. The fruits are thin pods that can grow up to 20 inches long. The sap of the tree is sticky and bitter.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Dita tree, devil tree.	The fragrant flowers are greenish white	Early winter.	100 feet.	Easy.

Planting and care

It has been extensively planted in India. Also seems to grow well in hot dry regions.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun.	Fertile, moist, but well-drained soil.	Keep the soil moist.	Annual temperature in the range 12 - 32C.	-

Caring for Alstonia Scholaris

- The tree came to have "Scholaris"™ as its species name because its bark was used to make writing slates.
- It grows better under moist, warm climate but cannot stand water logging.
- Recommended for planting in parks, gardens and inside lawns. Suitable for avenue planting.

Typical uses of Alstonia Scholaris

Special features: In Ayurveda it is used as a bitter and as an astringent herb for treating skin disorders, malarial fever, urticaria, chronic dysentery, diarrhea, in snake bite and for upper purification process of Panchakarma .

Culinary use: The latex provides a good quality chewing gum.

Medicinal use: It is used to treat bowel complaints, abdominal pains, fevers and irregular menstruation, and has proved a valuable remedy for chronic diarrhoea and the advanced stages of dysentery. A decoction is applied as a wash for skin diseases, and as a gargle.

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