

## Khirni - Plant



Manilkara hexandra tree is an evergreen tree native to India. In Ayurveda, its bark and fruits are used for treatment of wide range of diseases.

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Description

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Ceylon Iron Wood is a tree or a shrub, 3-12 m tall, with gray bark and smooth branchlets. Alternately arranged leaves are often closely clustered towards the end of branchlets, with conspicuous scars

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Mimusops Hexandra Khirni (1 K, Ceylon Iron Wood, milk tree, wedge leaved ape flower khirni, kshiri, rayan, karani, khirni, rajana, ranjana, rayan, rayani, Sapotaceae (Mahua family).	White or light yellow,	August-December.	3-12 meter	Easy to grow

### Planting and care

An accurate soil test will tell you where your pH currently stands. Acidic (sour) soil is counteracted by applying finely ground limestone, and alkaline (sweet) soil is treated with ground sulfur. If you order roses from a mail-order company, order early, in January or February (March at the latest). They are usually shipped in the spring as bare roots when plants are fully dormant, well before they have leafed out

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun to Partial Shade	well-drained soil	Medium	24°C to 33°C	Apply any organic fertilizer

### Caring for Khirni

- Start with pruning shears for smaller growth.
- Use loppers, which look like giant, long-handle shears, for growth that is more than half an inch thick.
- A small pruning saw is handy, as it cuts on both the push and the pull.

## Typical uses of Khirni

**Special features:** A handsome Indian evergreen tree often planted as an ornamental for its fragrant white flowers that yield a perfume; source of very heavy hardwood used for railroad ties. In olden time, the very hard timber was used for making lances.

**Culinary use:** Leaves

**Ornamental use:** The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

**Medicinal use:** The leaves are applied to the head in the form of a poultice for severe colds. Oil from the seeds is used for sores, scabies, wounds, and rheumatism. The root of this herb is often used as an antidote for snake poison. The dried flowers are used for bleeding hemorrhoids and dysentery with mucus. Fresh flowers are also prescribed for excessive thirst, excessive perspiration, cough, and for indigestion.

## References

- <http://www.flowersofindia.net/risearch/search.php?query=Khirni&stpos=0&stype=AND>