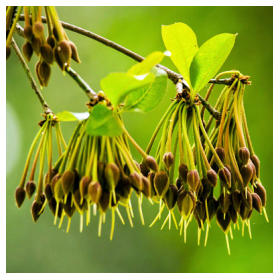


Madhuca longifoli, Mahua - 0.5 Kg Seeds



It is commonly known as mahua, mahwa, Iluppai.

Rating: Not Rated Yet

Price

Sales price R 1,335

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Description Note:: This seeds will be available in 3 weeks time.

Note: We do not provide germination guarantee in forestry, ornamental seeds & medicinal seeds. Proper germination instruction and plant care conditions must be followed by customer for expected results.

Mahua is a tropical deciduous fast-growing tree that grows to 20 meters in height and possesses evergreen or semi-evergreen foliage. It is cultivated in warm and humid regions for its oleaginous seeds, flowers and wood. The tree grows on a wide variety of soils but thrives best on sandy soil. The species is drought-resistant, strong light demander and readily suppressed under shade. It is not frost-hardy. It also grows on shallow, bouldery, clayey and calcareous soils.

Common name: Butter Tree, Mahua

Height: Grows to 20 meters in height

Difficulty level: Easy

Planting & Care

Sunlight: Requires a sunny position

Soil: Prefers a deep loamy or sandy-loam soil with good drainage. It also occurs on shallow bouldery, clayey and calcareous soils.

Special Feature:

A full grown tree can produce up to 90 kg of flowers in a year

Use

Medicinal use:

- Medicinally the tree is very valuable.
- The bark is used to cure leprosy and to heal wounds, the flowers are prepared to relieve coughs, biliousness and heart-trouble while the fruit is given in cases of consumption and blood diseases.

Culinary use:

- The fragrant fleshy flowers can be eaten raw or cooked.
- Rich in nectar, they are used as a sweetener and a source of sugar.
- They can also be dried for later use.
- The dried flowers can be powdered and added to flour.
- Excessive amounts can be intoxicating.
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Both the ripe and the unripe fruit can be eaten.

- The outer fruit coat is eaten as a vegetable, whilst the fleshy cotyledons are dried and ground into a meal.
- The yellow fruit is about 5cm long.
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An oil expressed from the seed is used both as a substitute for and an adulterant of ghee.

- The seeds are a source of illipe butter, used in making margarine and chocolate.
- The oil is of low quality.
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The leaves are edible.

Reference:

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