

## Nagkeshar, Mesua Ferrea - Plant



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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. It is a small to medium-sized evergreen tree up to 13 m tall, often buttressed at the base with a trunk up to 90 cm in diameter.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Nagkeshar, Mesua Ferrea,Cobra saffron, Ceylon ironwood, Indian rose chestnut	white	March to July	30m	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	well-drained soil	Medium	10 C and above	Apply any organic fertilizer

### Caring for Nagkeshar

- 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 Nagkeshar

**Special features:** It has simple, narrow, oblong, dark green leaves 7-15 cm long, with a whitish underside; the emerging young leaves are red to yellowish pink and drooping.

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

**Medicinal use:** Unverified information 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.

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## References

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