Berrya cordifolia

Botanical Name: Berrya cordifolia

Common Name: Trincomalee Wood, Halmilla tree, Saraladevadaru

Morphological Characters:

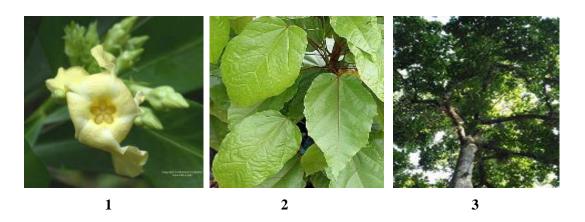
Berrya cordifolia is a tree growing up to 18–27 m tall, with a trunk girth 2–1½ m. The bole, 9–11 m long, is clean and carries a muchbranched deciduous crown. Leaves are ovate, deeply heart-shaped at base, often long-pointed, hairy when young. Leaf blade is 6–25 cm long, carried on a 2–10 cm long stalk. Buds are spherical. Inflorescence is a congested panicle, at end of end of branches or in leaf axils.



Flowers are tiny, about 8 mm across. Sepal cup is 4 mm long, irregularly splitting, often 3-lobed. Petals are usually 4 or 5, narrowly oblong, about 7 mm long, white or pale pink.

Growing Season and Type:

- 1. It grows best in areas where annual daytime temperatures are within the range 26 32°c, but can tolerate 20 34°c
- **2.** It prefers a mean annual rainfall in the range 2,700 3,300mm, but tolerates 2,500 3,500mm and a distinct dry season
- 3. Grows best in a sunny position or in light shade in a fertile, medium to heavy soil.
- **4.** The tree requires partial shade, especially in the seedling stage; solitary trees in full sun grow poorly.
- **5.** Flowers appear in July-August and the capsules ripen from December to March.



- 1) Flower image of Berrya cordifolia
- 2) Leaf image of Berrya cordifolia
- 3) Tree image of Berrya cordifolia

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