

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 much-branched 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.



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1) Flower image of *Berrya cordifolia*

2) Leaf image of *Berrya cordifolia*

3) Tree image of *Berrya cordifolia*

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