

Buchanania lanzan

Botanical Name: *Buchanania lanzan*

Common Name: Charoli, Karaka

Morphological Characters:

Subdeciduous trees, to 18 m high, bark 10-12 mm thick, surface black or dark brown, rough, tessellate the cracks being deep and narrow, some what resembling crocodile hide; blaze red. Leaves simple, alternate, estipulate; petiole 12-22 mm, stout, glabrous; lamina 10-23.5 x 5-12 cm, broadly oblong, base round or acute, apex obtuse or emarginate, margin entire, glabrous above and densely tomentose beneath, coriaceous; lateral nerves 10-20 pairs, pinnate, prominent, pubescent, secondary laterals prominent, intercostae reticulate, prominent. Flowers bisexual, greenish-white.



Growing Season and Type:

1. Flowering and fruiting is from January-April.
2. Mostly found in Moist deciduous, dry deciduous and semi-evergreen forests.
3. It prefers yellow sandy loam soil.
4. It is a good species for afforesting bare hill slopes.
5. It avoids waterlogged areas.



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1) Flower image of *Buchanania lanzan*

2) Fruit image of *Buchanania lanzan*

3) Tree image of *Buchanania lanzan*

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