

## *Ceiba pentandra*

**Botanical Name:** *Ceiba pentandra*

**Common Name:** Safed simal, Katan, Kapok

### **Morphological Characters:**

*Ceiba pentandra* is a tall, deciduous tree bearing short, sharp prickles all along the trunk and branches; supported by pronounced buttresses at the base. It has a light crown and is leafless for a long period. The leaf is glabrous and digitate, being composed of 5, 7 or 9 leaflets. Leaves are alternate with slender green petioles. There are usually 5 leaflets in a mature form. The leaflets hang down on short stalks; short pointed at the base and apex, not toothed on edges, thin, bright to dark green above and dull green beneath. Great quantities of flowers are in lateral clusters near the ends of the twigs.



### **Growing Season And type:**

1. *Ceiba pentandra* is a fast growing tree and is briefly deciduous in winters.
2. Flowering Months are mostly from February to early March .
3. The Light Requirements are high, with wide nutritional requirements .
4. It is only medium drought tolerant.



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1) Flower image of *Ceiba pentandra*

2) Leaf image of *Ceiba pentandra*

3) Tree image of *Ceiba pentandra*

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