

Dalbergia Latifolia

Botanical Name: *Dalbergia Latifolia*

Common Name: Beete and Sitsal

Morphological Characteristics

Dalbergia latifolia is predominantly a single-stemmed deciduous tree with a dome shaped crown of lush green foliage, which on wet sites is not shed. The trees reach a height of 20-40 m with a girth of 1.5-2m. The bark is gray, thin with irregular short cracks, exfoliating in fibrous longitudinal flakes. Leaves are alternate, odd-pinnate with 5-7 unequal sized leaflets originating from the same rachis. Leaflets are broadly obtuse, dark green above and pale below. Flowers are white in axillary panicles, 0.5-1 cm long. The brown pods are oblong-lanceolate and pointed at both ends. They contain 1-4 smooth brown seeds and do not open at maturity.



Growing season and Type:

1. In drier natural habitats, *D. latifolia* sometimes sheds leaves by the end of January and fresh foliage appears in April-May.
2. Flowering begins by December and normally continues to March or rarely October.
3. In moist conditions, the trees remain evergreen throughout the year.
4. The species in the genus *Dalbergia* have developed wings and hairs and often air spaces within the seed coat or pericarp.



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- 1) Flower of *Dalbergia Latifolia*
- 2) Leaf of *Dalbergia Latifolia*
- 3) Tree of *Dalbergia Latifolia*