

## *Mellingtonia Hortensis*

**Botanical Name:** *Mellingtonia Hortensis*

**Common Name:** Indian Cork Tree, Tree Jasmine

### **Morphological Characters:**

It is a fine tree, fast growing, but with brittle wood, liable to be damaged by storms. In favourable positions it can grow to 24 m tall. The ashy bark is cracked and furrowed and the numerous fissures make removal of the cork an easy matter. It is used as an inferior substitute for true cork. Upright open clusters with arching blooms terminate every branchlet. Each flower is a tiny bell-shaped calyx, a long slender tube of palest green dividing into four waxy, white petals and several conspicuous yellow anthered stamens. Many flowers are delicately tinted with rose.



### **Growing Season and Type:**

1. From April until the rains and again in November and December, a profusion of silvery-white, delightfully fragrant flowers crown the foliage.
2. Between January and March the leaves are shed and renewed during April and May, although the tree is never quite naked.
3. As the flowers are short-lived, the flower sprays mostly consist largely of long whitish buds, while the ground below is spangled with innumerable little stars.



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1) Flower Image of *Mellingtonia hortensis*

2) Leaf image of *Mellingtonia hortensis*

3) Tree Image of *Mellingtonia hortensis*

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