

Terminalia tomentosa

Botanical Name: *Terminalia tomentosa*

Common Name: Asan, Indian Laurel, Silver grey wood

Morphological Characters:

Deciduous trees, to 30 m high; bark 15-20 mm thick, surface grey-black, very rough, deeply vertically fissured, horizontally cracked, forming tessellated, thick flakes; blaze red. Leaves simple, opposite to subopposite, exstipulate; petiole 10-20 mm long, stout, grooved above, glabrous; lamina 13-20 x 5-13 cm, oblong, oblong-ovate, elliptic-oblong or elliptic-ovate; base oblique; apex acute, round, or obtuse, margin entire or crenulate, glabrous, coriaceous, midrib with 2 stalked glands near the base beneath; lateral nerves 10-20 pairs, parallel, prominent, intercostae scalariform, prominent. Flowers bisexual and dull yellow in colour. It is casually known as Crocodile Bark tree due to the characteristic bark pattern.



Growing Season and Type:

1. Flowering and fruiting period of *Terminalia tomentosa* is from April-May.
2. It is mostly suitable for Moist and dry deciduous forests.
3. As the tree stands bare during winter (November to February), it can only be identified by its scissored and cracked bark and for this reason is sometimes known as crocodile bark tree.



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- 1) Flower image of *Terminalia tomentosa*
- 2) Scissored and Cracked bark of *Terminalia tomentosa*
- 3) Water storage in *Terminalia tomentosa*

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