

## *Bergera koenigii*

**Botanical Name:** *Bergera koenigii*

**Common Name:** Curry leaf

### **Morphological Characters:**

Curry Leaf tree is a small or medium sized tree, most famous for its aromatic leaves that provide curry spice. Curry leaves are extensively used in Southern India and Sri Lanka (and are absolutely necessary for the authentic flavour), but are also of some importance in Northern India. It is a small tree, growing 4-6 m tall, with a trunk up to 40 cm diameter. The leaves are pinnate, with 11-21 leaflets, each leaflet 2-4 cm long and 1-2 cm broad. They are highly aromatic.



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

1. Flowering starts from the middle of April and ends in the middle of May.
2. The fruiting season was observed to continue from the middle of July to the end of August. The peak fruiting season, however, was found to continue from the last week of July to the 1st week of August.
3. The best growing conditions for curry leaf tree are in full sun to light shade and it's not at all fussy about soil type or even too particular about drainage.
4. The major part of the fruit is occupied by the seed and the edible portion is only 49.4 per cent of the whole fruit. The fruits are very sweet and are eaten fresh. They have a characteristic odour which make them slightly unpleasant. The overall fruit quality is fair.



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1) Flower image of *Bergera koenigii*

2) Leaf image of *Bergera koenigii*

3) Tree image *Bergera koenigii*

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