

Castanopsis indica

Botanical Name: *Castanopsis indica*

Common Name: Chestnut, Hinguri

Morphological Characters:

Leaf margin distinctly and sharply toothed except near the base. Fruits are densely clustered and completely covered by long slender straight sharp spines of different lengths. Evergreen tree attain up to 20 m height. Branches are ascending, young shoots densely orange-brown hairy. Bole straight. Bark brown or silvery grey, more or less fissured, inner bark fibrous, pale orange soon darkening. Twigs terete and tomentously-hairy when young, becoming glabrous. Leaves simple, alternate, 11 -15 by 3.5 - 7 cm, elliptic - oblong, tip acute, base acute, margin distinctly and quite sharply dentate except near base, glabrous and shiny above, densely hairy with minute creamy-orange hairs below. Midrib flat above, primary vein single, secondary veins oblique to the midrib, widely parallel, tertiary veins oblique. Stipules deciduous.



Growth Season and Type:

1. Flowers are unisexual and are found on the same tree.
2. Flowering period of this tree is from April –May
3. Fruiting time is from October-December.



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- 1) Flower of *Castanopsis indica*
- 2) Leaf of *Castanopsis indica*
- 3) *Castanopsis indica* tree

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