

Melliosma simplisifolia

Botanical Name: *Melliosma simplisifolia*

Common Name: Chengoini, Chenthanam

Morphological Characters:

Trees, are upto to 15 m high; bark greyish-yellow, smooth; branchlets glabrescent. Leaves simple, alternate, 9-40 x 2.5-15 cm, obovate-oblong to obovate, lanceolate, oblanceolate or oblong-lanceolate, apex acute, base cuneate or acute, margin entire, sometimes more or less dentate, glabrous, very rarely sparsely puberulous or pubescent on the midrib above especially in young leaves, sometimes sparsely pubescent beneath, often with domatia, coriaceous; petiole 15-50 mm, stout, puberulent, grooved above; lateral nerves 8-23 pairs, pinnate, ascending, intercostae reticulate, prominent. Flowers are bisexual.



Growing Season and Type:

1. Flowering in *Melliosma simplisifolia* occurs in the season of march-june.
2. *Meliosma simplicifolia* is a very variable species, found in a range of habitats and environments from the subtropics to the tropics at elevations from sea level to 3,000 metre.
3. Propagation is through seeds.
4. Mostly found in the evergreen forests.



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1) Flower image of *Melliosma simplisifolia*

2) Leaf image of *Melliosma simplisifolia*

3) Tree image of *Melliosma simplisifolia*

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