

Pongamia pinnata, Linn.



Family: Fabaceae

Common name: Indian beech tree

Key Characters: A medium-sized evergreen tree and broad crown of spreading or drooping branches. Bark grey-brown, smooth. Leaves alternate, imparipinnate with long slender leafstalk, hairless. Leaflets 5-9, paired except at end, Short-stalked, ovate elliptical or

Uses: Applied as crude drug for the treatment of tumors, piles, skin diseases, and ulcers. The root is effective for treating gonorrhea, cleaning gums, teeth, and ulcers, and is used in vaginal and skin diseases.