



Rawalpindi Medical University Plantation Information

Sukh Chain

English Name:

Indian beech

Scientific Name:

Pongamia pinnata

Family:

Fabaceae

Origin:

Eastern and tropical Asia, Australia, and the Pacific islands

Importance:

The *Pongamia pinnata* is well-adapted to arid zones, and has many traditional uses. It is often used for landscaping as a windbreak or for shade due to the large canopy and showy, fragrant flowers. The flowers are used by gardeners as compost for plants. The bark may be used to make twine or rope, and it also yields a black gum that has historically been used to treat wounds caused by poisonous fish. The wood is said to be beautifully grained, but splits easily when sawn, thus relegating it to firewood, posts, and tool handles.

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