

Rawalpindi Medical University Plantation Information



Sumbal

English Name:

Cotton Tree

Scientific Name:

Bombax ceiba

Family:

Malvaceae

Origin:

Asia

Importance:

This Asian tropical tree has a straight tall trunk and its leaves are deciduous in winter. Red flowers with 5 petals appear in the spring before the new foliage. It produces a capsule which, when ripe, contains white fibers like cotton. Its trunk bears spikes to deter attacks by animals. Although it's stout trunk suggests that it is useful for timber, its wood is too soft to be very useful.

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