

Glossary

Aamer Mukul: Buds of mango flowers which are extremely fragrant. These flowers bloom in bunches in spring to produce the fruit in summer. Its color is light green. Botanic name is *Mangifera indica*.

Bakul: Tiny little star-like white flowers bloom throughout the spring in abundance. The tree could be up to 30 feet tall. These flowers are so fragrant that even after they dry, fragrance does not die. Its Botanic name is *Mimusops elengi*.

Benu: Bamboo. It is a plant with long hollow stem up to 120 feet long.

Champak: Champak is an extremely fragrant flower with pale yellow color. The tree is bushy one about 30 meter or 100 feet high. It blooms from spring to late summer. Its Botanic name is *Michelia Champaca*.

Kaamini: Kamini is a small white flower which blooms in bunches in night. The plant is moderately tall, about 3 meter high, of bushy shape. Its Botanic name is *Murraya paniculata*.

Krishna-churha: Krishna-churha flowers are very colorful but without sweet smell. The trees are umbrella shaped, about 10 to 12 meters (30 to 40 feet) high. It blooms in summer when it does not have much leaves. Its Botanic name is *Delonix regia*.

Palaash: Palaash flowers are of bright red or orange color but without fragrance. They are called as the Flame of the Forest. They bloom in bunches in late spring after the tree sheds its leaves. The trees are of medium height about 5 to 8 meter high. Its Botanic name is *Butea monosperma*.

Parul: Parul is a spring flower with white color and gently sweet smell.

Shaal: Shaal is a large tree about 30 meter or 100 feet tall. It blooms in early spring. The color of the flowers is light green.

Shimul: Simul like Palaash, blooms in end of spring in leafless branches. It is also bright red without fragrance, but much more red than Palaash. The trees are also taller about 30 meters or 100 feet. They are also called Red Silk Cotton Tree or Indian Kapok. Its Botanic name is *Salmalia malabarica*.

Shirish: Shirish is hairy yellowish green petals with faint sweet smell and looks like a powder puff. The trees are about 25 meter or more tall and grows very fast. Its Botanic name is *Albizia lebbek*. There are another kind of flower with reddish hairy petals, but those are of different family. These trees are shorter and their Botanic name is *Calliandra haemalocephala*.