

BOTANICAL NAMEDalbergia sissoo

ENGLISH NAME- indian rosewood, Bombay blackwood

HINDI NAME- shisham, sissai, tali

FAMILY- Papilionaceae

DESCRIPTION:

- Middle sized tree; deciduous
- Bark dark brown, rough, with vertical furrows.
- Leaves feather compound, with 3 or 5 broadly oval leaflets with long, pointed tips.
- Flowers inconspicuous, creamy yellow, in short clusters.
- Fruit thin, flat pods, green at first, turning pale brown, hanging together in bunches. Each pod contains one to four seed.

USES:

- ❖ It is the best known economic timber species of the rosewood genus sold internationally, but it is also used as fuel wood and for shade and shelter.
- The tree's seed oil and powdered wood are used in the treatment of skin ailments.
- Dalbergia sissoo may also have efficacy in the treatment of stomach and blood conditions.
- ❖ The juice of this plant is a potent ingredient for a mixture of wall plaster.
- its slender tree twigs (called datun) are first chewed as a toothbrush and then split as a tongue cleaner.