

BOTANICAL NAMESenna siamea

ENGLISH NAME- Yellow cassia, ironwood tree,
Bombay blackwood

HINDI NAME- kassod

FAMILY- Caesalpiniaceae

## **DESCRIPTION:**

- Middle sized tree, deciduous.
- ❖ Bark light grey. Becoming cracked and rough.
- Leaves feather-compound, with up to 14 pairs of dark green leaflets with blunt tips.
- Flowers pale yellow in large clusters at branch ends; 5 unequal petals; 10 stamens of different sizes.
- Fruit a flattish, narrow pod up to 30 cm long.

## **USES:**

- Senna siamea wood is used for furniture, poles, small timber, and fuelwood.
- ❖ It is hard, with specific gravity of 0.6-0.8. The sapwood is whitish, and the heartwood is dark brown to nearly black, with stripes of dark and light.
- The fuelwood and charcoal are highly regarded, but the wood produces a lot of smoke.