

BOTANICAL NAMEPongamia pinnata

ENGLISH NAME- Indian
beech, karum tree

HINDI NAME – karanj, kanji
FAMILY- Papilionaceae

DESCRIPTION:

- Medium sized tree, deciduous
- Bark medium grey, not rough
- Leaves feather compound, with 2 3 pairs of broad leaflets and one solitary terminal leaflet.
- Flowers in short clusters, pea- like, white or pinkish
- Fruit flattened, oval, woody pods, beaked at both ends; yellowish grey when ripe.

USES:

- Medical uses Pongamia Pinnata whole plant can be used as emetic and pesticide.
- Garden use of Pongamia Pinnata can be used as a bank protection forest and street tree in coastal areas.
- The dense and beautiful wood of Pongamia Pinnata can be used to make all kinds of appliances. The seed oil of Pongamia Pinnata is used as fuel.