Devil's Tree

Alstonia scholaris (L.)R.Br.

Code: TREE-00060 **Category:** Trees **Local / Vernacular name:** kannada : □□□□ , □□□□ , tulu : kette da mara, paale

Botanical Details

Family: Apocyanaceae

Habit : Large trees; height to 30 m;

Stem : bark 10-15 mm thick, surface grey-brown, irregularly cracked and shallowly fissured, subverrucose, lenticellate; blaze creamy yellow, outer layer thin, corky, inner layer brittle; latex milky white; branchlets whorled.

Leaves: simple, whorled, estipulate; petiole 5-12 mm long, stout, glabrous; lamina 5-20 x 3-7 cm, obovate, oblanceolate or obovate-oblong; base cuneate or attenuate; apex obtuse or emarginate; margin entire, glabrous, subcoriaceous; lateral nerves many, slender, prominent, glabrous, parallel, looped near the margin forming intramarginal nerves; intercostae reticulate, obscure.

Flower : bisexual, 10-12 mm long, greenish-white in terminal umbellate cymes; calyx cupular, lobes 5, ovate, unequal, obtuse, puberulous, eglandular; corolla salver shaped, 4 mm across, lobes 5, obovate to orbicular, creamy yellow, spreading; stamens 5, included; anthers narrowly cordate; disc obscure; carpels 2, free, ovules many; style filiform; stigma obconic.

Fruit : two linear, narrow, pendulous follicular mericarps, green, 30-40 cm long.

seeds : 5-6 mm long, flat, commate at both ends.

Location

GPS: 12.87392300, 74.84639600

Directions: https://www.google.com/maps/dir/?api=1&travelmode=walking&destination=12.873923%2C74.846396