

***Artocarpus heterophyllus* (Jackfruit)**

Classification

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Rosales

Family: Moraceae

Genus: Artocarpus

Species: heterophyllus



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Trunk: Straight, cylindrical, greyish -black growing up to 66 feet.

Leaves: Oval, thick, green, 4-8 inches long and 2-4 inches wide.

Fruit: Cylindrical, thick, fleshy, studded with small soft spines, greenish-yellow in colour.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT

Jackfruit is a tropical evergreen tree native to regions with warm temperature and high humidity. It is a native to Western Ghats of India and Southeast Asian countries.

CULTIVATION AND USES

Cultivated in tropical and subtropical regions. Wood is used for making furniture. It has a yellowish-gold colour. Leaves and fruit are used as fodder for livestock.

INTERESTING FACTS

Jackfruit is the largest tree-borne fruit in the world. It can produce up to 200 fruits per year.